
Static Program Analysis
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Solution Sheet 7

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Definitions

$t ::=$	<i>terms :</i>
x	<i>variable</i>
$\lambda x.t$	<i>abstraction</i>
$t t$	<i>application</i>

Figure 1: Syntactic forms of the lambda calculus

- Let \mathcal{V} be a countable set of variable names. The set of terms is the smallest set \mathcal{T} such that
 - $x \in \mathcal{T}$ for every $x \in \mathcal{V}$
 - if $t_1 \in \mathcal{T}$ and $x \in \mathcal{V}$, then $\lambda x.t_1 \in \mathcal{T}$;
 - if $t_1 \in \mathcal{T}$ and $t_2 \in \mathcal{T}$, then $t_1 t_2 \in \mathcal{T}$;

- The *size* of a term is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \text{size}(x) &= 1 \\ \text{size}(\lambda x.t_1) &= \text{size}(t_1) + 1 \\ \text{size}(t_1 t_2) &= \text{size}(t_1) + \text{size}(t_2) + 1 \end{aligned}$$

- The set of *free variables* of a term t , written $\text{FV}(t)$, is defined inductively as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{FV}(x) &= x \\ \text{FV}(\lambda x.t_1) &= \text{FV}(t_1) \setminus x \\ \text{FV}(t_1 t_2) &= \text{FV}(t_1) \cup \text{FV}(t_2) \end{aligned}$$

- The set of *bound variables* of a term t , written $\text{BV}(t)$, is defined inductively as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{BV}(x) &= \emptyset \\ \text{BV}(\lambda x.t_1) &= x \cup \text{BV}(t_1) \\ \text{BV}(t_1 t_2) &= \text{BV}(t_1) \cup \text{BV}(t_2) \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 1 (Properties of FV)

- Give a proof that $|\text{FV}(t)| \leq \text{size}(t)$ for every term t .
- Provide an example for a term t such that $\text{FV}(t) \cap \text{BV}(t) \neq \emptyset$.

Solution

1. *Proof.* By induction on the size of \mathfrak{t} . Assuming the desired property for terms smaller than \mathfrak{t} , we must prove it for \mathfrak{t} itself; if we succeed, we may conclude that the property holds for all \mathfrak{t} . There are three cases to consider:

Case $\mathfrak{t} = x$:

$$|\text{FV}(\mathfrak{t})| = |\{x\}| = 1 = \text{size}(\mathfrak{t}).$$

Case $\mathfrak{t} = \lambda x. \mathfrak{t}_1$:

By IH we have that $|\text{FV}(\mathfrak{t}_1)| \leq \text{size}(\mathfrak{t}_1)$. Now we can show that $|\text{FV}(\mathfrak{t})| = |\text{FV}(\mathfrak{t}_1 \setminus x)| \leq |\text{FV}(\mathfrak{t}_1)| \leq \text{size}(\mathfrak{t}_1) < \text{size}(\mathfrak{t})$.

Case $\mathfrak{t} = \mathfrak{t}_1 \mathfrak{t}_2$:

By IH we have that $|\text{FV}(\mathfrak{t}_1)| \leq \text{size}(\mathfrak{t}_1)$ and $|\text{FV}(\mathfrak{t}_2)| \leq \text{size}(\mathfrak{t}_2)$. Thus, $|\text{FV}(\mathfrak{t})| = |\text{FV}(\mathfrak{t}_1) \cup \text{FV}(\mathfrak{t}_2)| \leq |\text{FV}(\mathfrak{t}_1)| + |\text{FV}(\mathfrak{t}_2)| \leq \text{size}(\mathfrak{t}_1) + \text{size}(\mathfrak{t}_2) < \text{size}(\mathfrak{t})$. \square

2. $\lambda x. x x$

Exercise 2 (Equality on traces)

We are now looking at a universe $\mathcal{U} = \mathbf{Trace} \times \mathbf{Trace}$, where $\mathbf{Trace} = \Sigma^*$ is just the set of all finite traces over the alphabet $\Sigma = (\mathbf{Var} \times \mathbf{Lab})$. Let EQ be the equality relation on Σ^* :

$$EQ = \{(v, v) \mid v \in \Sigma^*\}$$

Given the monotone function $F : \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U})$:

$$F(R) = \{(\epsilon, \epsilon)\} \cup \{(av, aw) \mid a \in \Sigma \text{ and } (v, w) \in R\}$$

- What is $\text{gfp } F$?
- Prove equality is the least fixpoint of F :

$$\text{lfp } F \stackrel{?}{=} EQ$$

Hint: Considers the definitions of F -consistent (post-fixpoint), F -closed (pre-fixpoint), and the Knaster-Tarski-Theorem. In particular, you can use the principle of induction: if X is F -closed, then $\text{lfp } F \subseteq X$. You can also use Lemma 1.

Lemma 1.

$$\forall j \in \mathbb{N} : F^{(j)}(\emptyset) \subseteq \text{lfp } F.$$

Solution

- By construction of F , any post-fixpoint of F has to be a set of pairs of equal traces. Otherwise we have $F(R_{\neq}) \not\subseteq R_{\neq} \wedge F(R_{\neq}) \not\supseteq R_{\neq}$. We shall show both parts separately.

Case $F(R) \not\subseteq R$:

It is easy to see that for all R there exist a word $av_1 \cdots v_n \in F(R)$ where $v_1 \cdots v_n$ is the longest word in R that is not in R which gives us $F(R) \not\subseteq R$

Case $F(R_{\neq}) \not\supseteq R_{\neq}$:

We cannot construct any set containing an unequal pair of traces R_{\neq} such that $F(R_{\neq}) \supseteq R_{\neq}$ because for R_{\neq} being a post-fixpoint of F all proper suffix pairs have to be in R_{\neq} and all nonempty suffix pairs have to begin with the same

symbol in Σ to be in $F(R)$, which is, however, not possible for an unequal pair of traces and we get $F(R_{\neq}) \not\subseteq R_{\neq}$.

For a set of pairs of equal traces that are not suffix-closed, e.g. $\{(\epsilon, \epsilon), (aa, aa)\}$ a similar argumentation can be used. All other (suffix-closed) sets of pairs of equal traces are post-fixpoints. By construction of F , each such pair $(v_1 \cdots v_n, v_1 \cdots v_n)$ is in $F^{(n+1)}(\emptyset)$ such that the union of all post-fixpoints is the same as $\bigsqcup_{n \geq 0} F^{(n)}(\emptyset)$.

According to Knaster-Tarski we obtain,

$$\bigsqcup_{n \geq 0} F^{(n)}(\emptyset)$$

is the gfp F . As proved earlier we have that $\bigsqcup_{n \geq 0} F^{(n)}(\emptyset) \subseteq \text{lfp } F$. Because we know that $\bigsqcup_{n \geq 0} F^{(n)}(\emptyset)$ is a fixpoint, we have that

$$\bigsqcup_{n \geq 0} F^{(n)}(\emptyset)$$

is also the lfp F . Thus $\text{lfp } F = \text{gfp } F$ is the unique fixpoint of F .

The set EQ is a fixpoint, and there is no bigger fixpoint in $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U})$. Thus, $\text{gfp } F = \Sigma^* \times \Sigma^*$.

- *Proof.* To show that $\text{lfp } F \stackrel{?}{=} EQ$ holds, we show $\text{lfp } F \subseteq EQ$ and $\text{lfp } F \supseteq EQ$.
 1. To show that $\text{lfp } F \subseteq EQ$ by the principle of induction it is sufficient to show that EQ is F -closed.

$$\begin{aligned} & F(EQ) \\ &= \{(av, aw) \mid a \in \Sigma \text{ and } (v, w) \in EQ\} \cup \{(\epsilon, \epsilon)\} \\ &= \{(av, av) \mid a \in \Sigma \text{ and } (v, v) \in \{(w, w) \mid w \in \Sigma^*\}\} \cup \{(\epsilon, \epsilon)\} \\ &= \{(av, av) \mid a \in \Sigma \text{ and } (v, v) \in (\Sigma^* \times \Sigma^*)\} \cup \{(\epsilon, \epsilon)\} \\ &= \{(av, av) \mid a \in \Sigma \text{ and } v \in \Sigma^*\} \cup \{(\epsilon, \epsilon)\} \\ &= \{(v, v) \mid v \in \Sigma^+\} \cup \{(\epsilon, \epsilon)\} \\ &= \{(v, v) \mid v \in \Sigma^*\} \\ &= EQ \end{aligned}$$

By the principle of induction, we conclude $\text{lfp } F \subseteq EQ$.

2. It remains to show that $\text{lfp } F \supseteq EQ$. Suppose that $(v_1 \cdots v_n, v_1 \cdots v_n) \in EQ \setminus \text{lfp } F$, i.e., $\text{lfp } F \supseteq EQ$ does not hold. In particular, $(v_1 \cdots v_n, v_1 \cdots v_n) \notin \text{lfp } F$.

By construction of F , $(v_1 \cdots v_n, v_1 \cdots v_n) \in F^{(n+1)}(\emptyset)$, too. But using Lemma 1 we know that $F^{(j)}(\emptyset) \subseteq \text{lfp } F$. It follows that $(v_1 \cdots v_n, v_1 \cdots v_n) \in \text{lfp } F$ which contradicts our assumption.

Finally we obtain $\text{lfp } F = EQ$. □