

The K- Language*

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1 Syntax

The syntax of K- is:

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 $E \rightarrow$  num | true | false | unit  
| x  
| call f(E) | call f<x>  
| E + E | E - E | E * E | E / E  
| E = E | E < E | not E  
| x := E  
| E ; E  
| if E then E else E end | if E then E end  
| while E do E end | for x := E to E do E end  
| read x | write E  
| let x := E in E end | let procedure f(x) = E in E end  
| {x1 := E1, x2 := E2}1 | E.x | E.x := E  
| malloc(E) | &x | *E | E := E
```

1.1 Numbers

Numbers are integers, optionally prefixed with - for negative integer: -?[0-9]+.

1.2 Identifiers

Alpha-numeric identifiers are [a-zA-Z][a-zA-Z0-9_]*'. Identifiers are case sensitive: z and Z are different. The reserved words cannot be used as identifiers: **true false call not if then else end while do for to read write let in procedure malloc unit**

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¹For the sake of concision, we assume that a record has only two fields.

1.3 Precedence / Associativity

In parsing K- program text, the precedence of the K- constructs in decreasing order is as follows. Symbols in the same set have identical precedence. Symbols with subscript L (respectively R) are left (respectively right) associative.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \{ \cdot \}_L, \\
 & \{ \text{not}, \&, * \}_R, \\
 & \{ *, / \}_L, \\
 & \{ +, - \}_L, \\
 & \{ < \}_L, \\
 & \{ = \}_L, \\
 & \{ := \}_R, \\
 & \{ \text{write} \}, \\
 & \{ ; \}_L
 \end{aligned}$$

Rule of thumb: for your test programs, if your programs are hard to read (hence can be parsed not as you expected) then put parentheses around.

1.4 Comments

A comment is any character sequence within the comment block `/* */`. The comment block can be nested.

2 Dynamic Semantics

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sigma & \in Env & = Id \xrightarrow{\text{fin}} (Loc + Procedure) \\
 x, y, f & \in Id \\
 \langle b, o \rangle, l & \in Loc & = Base \times Offset \\
 & Offset & = \mathbb{Z} \\
 \langle x, E, \sigma \rangle & \in Procedure & = Id \times E \times Env \\
 M & \in Mem & = Loc \xrightarrow{\text{fin}} Val \\
 v & \in Val & = \mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{B} + Record + Loc + \{ \cdot \} + \{ \perp \} \\
 n & \in \mathbb{Z} \\
 tf & \in \mathbb{B} & = \{ T, F \} \\
 \{ x_1 \mapsto l_1, x_2 \mapsto l_2 \}, r & \in Record & = Id \xrightarrow{\text{fin}} Loc
 \end{aligned}$$

Notation:

- We write $\{x_1 \mapsto v_1, \dots, x_n \mapsto v_n\}$ for a finite function f . The domain $dom(f)$ is $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$.
- We write $f(x)$ for v if $x \mapsto v \in f$. If $x \mapsto v \notin f$ then $f(x)$ is not defined.
- We write $f[v/x]$ for

$$\begin{aligned}
 & f \cup \{x \mapsto v\} \quad \text{if } x \notin dom(f) \\
 & (f \setminus \{x \mapsto f(x)\}) \cup \{x \mapsto v\} \quad \text{if } x \in dom(f).
 \end{aligned}$$

The semantics rules precisely defines how relations of the form

$$\sigma, M \vdash E \Downarrow v, M'$$

to be inferred. The relation is read “expression E computes value v and memory M' under environment σ and memory M .”

Definition 1 (Program’s Semantics). *A program E ’s semantics is defined to be the inference tree of relation $\emptyset, \emptyset \vdash E \Downarrow v, M$ for some v and M . If there is no such v and M , then the expression has no meaning.*

$$\frac{}{\sigma, M \vdash \mathbf{n} \Downarrow n, M} \qquad \frac{}{\sigma, M \vdash \mathbf{unit} \Downarrow \cdot, M}$$

$$\frac{}{\sigma, M \vdash \mathbf{true} \Downarrow T, M} \qquad \frac{}{\sigma, M \vdash \mathbf{false} \Downarrow F, M}$$

$$\frac{M(\sigma(x)) = v}{\sigma, M \vdash x \Downarrow v, M}$$

$$\frac{\sigma(f) = \langle x, E_1, \sigma_1 \rangle \quad \sigma, M \vdash E \Downarrow v_1, M_1 \quad l \notin M_1 \quad \sigma_1[l/x][\langle x, E_1, \sigma_1 \rangle / f], M_1[v_1/l] \vdash E_1 \Downarrow v_2, M_2}{\sigma, M \vdash \mathbf{call} \ f(E) \Downarrow v_2, M_2}$$

$$\frac{\sigma(f) = \langle y, E_1, \sigma_1 \rangle \quad \sigma_1[\sigma(x)/y][\langle y, E_1, \sigma_1 \rangle / f], M \vdash E_1 \Downarrow v_1, M_1}{\sigma, M \vdash \mathbf{call} \ f\langle x \rangle \Downarrow v_1, M_1}$$

$$\frac{\sigma, M \vdash E_1 \Downarrow v_1, M_1 \quad \sigma, M_1 \vdash E_2 \Downarrow v_2, M_2 \quad \mathit{plus}(v_1, v_2) = v}{\sigma, M \vdash E_1 + E_2 \Downarrow v, M_2}$$

$$\frac{\sigma, M \vdash E_1 \Downarrow v_1, M_1 \quad \sigma, M_1 \vdash E_2 \Downarrow v_2, M_2 \quad \mathit{minus}(v_1, v_2) = v}{\sigma, M \vdash E_1 - E_2 \Downarrow v, M_2}$$

$$\frac{\sigma, M \vdash E_1 \Downarrow n_1, M_1 \quad \sigma, M_1 \vdash E_2 \Downarrow n_2, M_2}{\sigma, M \vdash E_1 * E_2 \Downarrow n_1 \times n_2, M_2}$$

$$\frac{\sigma, M \vdash E_1 \Downarrow n_1, M_1 \quad \sigma, M_1 \vdash E_2 \Downarrow n_2, M_2}{\sigma, M \vdash E_1 / E_2 \Downarrow n_1 \mathit{div} \ n_2, M_2}$$

$$\frac{\sigma, M \vdash E_1 \Downarrow v_1, M_1 \quad \sigma, M_1 \vdash E_2 \Downarrow v_2, M_2 \quad \mathit{equal}(v_1, v_2) = \mathit{tf}}{\sigma, M \vdash E_1 = E_2 \Downarrow \mathit{tf}, M_2}$$

$$\frac{\sigma, M \vdash E_1 \Downarrow v_1, M_1 \quad \sigma, M_1 \vdash E_2 \Downarrow v_2, M_2 \quad \mathit{less}(v_1, v_2) = \mathit{tf}}{\sigma, M \vdash E_1 < E_2 \Downarrow \mathit{tf}, M_2}$$

$$\frac{\sigma, M \vdash E \Downarrow \mathit{tf}, M_1}{\sigma, M \vdash \mathbf{not} \ E \Downarrow \mathit{not} \ \mathit{tf}, M_1}$$

$$\frac{\sigma(x) = l \quad \sigma, M \vdash E \Downarrow v, M_1}{\sigma, M \vdash x := E \Downarrow \cdot, M_1[v/l]}$$

$$\frac{\sigma, M \vdash E_1 \Downarrow v_1, M_1 \quad \sigma, M_1 \vdash E_2 \Downarrow v_2, M_2}{\sigma, M \vdash E_1 ; E_2 \Downarrow v_2, M_2}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
\frac{\sigma, M \vdash E_1 \Downarrow T, M_1 \quad \sigma, M_1 \vdash E_2 \Downarrow v, M_2}{\sigma, M \vdash \text{if } E_1 \text{ then } E_2 \text{ else } E_3 \text{ end } \Downarrow \cdot, M_2} \\
\\
\frac{\sigma, M \vdash E_1 \Downarrow F, M_1 \quad \sigma, M_1 \vdash E_3 \Downarrow v, M_2}{\sigma, M \vdash \text{if } E_1 \text{ then } E_2 \text{ else } E_3 \text{ end } \Downarrow \cdot, M_2} \\
\\
\frac{\sigma, M \vdash E_1 \Downarrow T, M_1 \quad \sigma, M_1 \vdash E_2 \Downarrow v, M_2}{\sigma, M \vdash \text{if } E_1 \text{ then } E_2 \text{ end } \Downarrow \cdot, M_2} \\
\\
\frac{\sigma, M \vdash E_1 \Downarrow F, M_1}{\sigma, M \vdash \text{if } E_1 \text{ then } E_2 \text{ end } \Downarrow \cdot, M_1} \\
\\
\frac{\sigma, M \vdash E_1 \Downarrow T, M_1 \quad \sigma, M_1 \vdash E_2 \Downarrow v, M_2 \quad \sigma, M_2 \vdash \text{while } E_1 \text{ do } E_2 \text{ end } \Downarrow \cdot, M_3}{\sigma, M \vdash \text{while } E_1 \text{ do } E_2 \text{ end } \Downarrow \cdot, M_3} \\
\\
\frac{\sigma, M \vdash E_1 \Downarrow F, M_1}{\sigma, M \vdash \text{while } E_1 \text{ do } E_2 \text{ end } \Downarrow \cdot, M_1} \\
\\
\frac{\sigma(x) = l \quad \sigma, M \vdash E_1 \Downarrow n_1, M_1 \quad \sigma, M_1 \vdash E_2 \Downarrow n_2, M_2 \quad n_1 \leq n_2 \quad \sigma, M_2[n_1/l] \vdash E_3 \Downarrow v, M_3 \quad \sigma, M_3 \vdash \text{for } x := n_1 + 1 \text{ to } E_2 \text{ do } E_3 \text{ end } \Downarrow \cdot, M_4}{\sigma, M \vdash \text{for } x := E_1 \text{ to } E_2 \text{ do } E_3 \text{ end } \Downarrow \cdot, M_4} \\
\\
\frac{\sigma(x) = l \quad \sigma, M \vdash E_1 \Downarrow n_1, M_1 \quad \sigma, M_1 \vdash E_2 \Downarrow n_2, M_2 \quad n_1 > n_2}{\sigma, M \vdash \text{for } x := E_1 \text{ to } E_2 \text{ do } E_3 \text{ end } \Downarrow \cdot, M_2[n_1/l]} \\
\\
\frac{\sigma(x) = l \quad \text{read } n}{\sigma, M \vdash \text{read } x \Downarrow \cdot, M[n/l]} \quad \frac{}{\text{read } n} \\
\\
\frac{\sigma, M \vdash E \Downarrow n, M_1 \quad \text{write } n}{\sigma, M \vdash \text{write } E \Downarrow \cdot, M_1} \quad \frac{}{\text{write } n} \\
\\
\frac{\sigma, M \vdash E_1 \Downarrow v_1, M_1 \quad l \notin \text{dom}(M_1) \quad \sigma[l/x], M_1[v_1/l] \vdash E_2 \Downarrow v_2, M_2}{\sigma, M \vdash \text{let } x := E_1 \text{ in } E_2 \text{ end } \Downarrow v_2, M_2} \\
\\
\frac{\sigma[\langle x, E_1, \sigma \rangle / f], M \vdash E_2 \Downarrow v, M_1}{\sigma, M \vdash \text{let procedure } f(x) = E_1 \text{ in } E_2 \text{ end } \Downarrow v, M_1} \\
\\
\frac{\sigma, M \vdash E_1 \Downarrow v_1, M_1 \quad \sigma, M_1 \vdash E_2 \Downarrow v_2, M_2 \quad x_1 \neq x_2 \quad l_1, l_2 \notin \text{dom}(M_2) \quad l_1 \neq l_2}{\sigma, M \vdash \{x_1 := E_1, x_2 := E_2\} \Downarrow \{x_1 \mapsto l_1, x_2 \mapsto l_2\}, M_2[v_1/l_1][v_2/l_2]} \\
\\
\frac{\sigma, M \vdash E \Downarrow r, M_1}{\sigma, M \vdash E.x \Downarrow M_1(r(x)), M_1} \\
\\
\frac{\sigma, M \vdash E_1 \Downarrow r, M_1 \quad r(x) = l \quad \sigma, M_1 \vdash E_2 \Downarrow v, M_2}{\sigma, M \vdash E_1.x := E_2 \Downarrow \cdot, M_2[v/l]}
\end{array}$$

$$\frac{\sigma, M \vdash E \Downarrow n, M_1 \quad \langle b, 0 \rangle, \dots, \langle b, n-1 \rangle \notin \text{dom}(M_1)}{\sigma, M \vdash \text{malloc}(E) \Downarrow \langle b, 0 \rangle, M_1[\perp/\langle b, 0 \rangle, \dots, \perp/\langle b, n-1 \rangle]}$$

$$\frac{}{\sigma, M \vdash \&x \Downarrow \sigma(x), M} \quad \frac{\sigma, M \vdash E \Downarrow l, M_1}{\sigma, M \vdash *E \Downarrow M_1(l), M_1}$$

$$\frac{\sigma, M \vdash E_1 \Downarrow l, M_1 \quad l \in \text{dom}(M_1) \quad \sigma, M_1 \vdash E_2 \Downarrow v, M_2 \quad E_1 \neq x}{\sigma, M \vdash E_1 := E_2 \Downarrow v, M_2[v/l]} \quad E_1 \neq E.x$$

$$\begin{array}{llll} \text{plus}(n_1, n_2) & \doteq^2 & n_1 + n_2 & \text{minus}(n_1, n_2) & \doteq & n_1 - n_2 \\ \text{plus}(\langle b, o \rangle, n) & \doteq & \langle b, o + n \rangle & \text{minus}(\langle b, o \rangle, n) & \doteq & \langle b, o - n \rangle \\ \text{plus}(n, \langle b, o \rangle) & \doteq & \langle b, o + n \rangle & \text{minus}(\langle b, o_1 \rangle, \langle b, o_2 \rangle) & \doteq & o_1 - o_2 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{less}(n_1, n_2) & \doteq \quad n_1 < n_2 \\ \text{less}(\langle b, o_1 \rangle, \langle b, o_2 \rangle) & \doteq \quad o_1 < o_2 \\ \text{less}(\cdot, \cdot) & \doteq \quad F \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{equal}(n_1, n_2) & \doteq \quad n_1 = n_2 \\ \text{equal}(tf_1, tf_2) & \doteq \quad tf_1 = tf_2 \\ \text{equal}(\langle b_1, o_1 \rangle, \langle b_2, o_2 \rangle) & \doteq \quad (b_1 = b_2) \wedge (o_1 = o_2) \\ \text{equal}(r_1, r_2) & \doteq \quad \text{dom}(r_1) = \text{dom}(r_2) \wedge \forall x \in \text{dom}(r_1). \text{equal}(r_1(x), r_2(x)) = T \\ \text{equal}(\cdot, \cdot) & \doteq \quad T \end{array}$$

²means “defined by”