

Landin's SECD Machine

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States   s ::= nil | (S, E, C) :: s
Stacks   S ::= nil | v :: S      (value list)
Control   C ::= nil | ce :: C
Control element ce ::= e | Prim(op) | App | If

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Initial State (for expression e): $(nil, empty, e :: nil) :: nil$

Final States: $(v :: nil, empty, nil) :: nil$, where v is the result value.

Analyze

$$(S, E, op(e_1, e_2) :: C) :: D \mapsto (S, E, e_1 :: e_2 :: \text{Prim}(op) :: C) :: D \quad (1)$$

$$(S, E, \text{apply}(e_1, e_2) :: C) :: D \mapsto (S, E, e_1 :: e_2 :: \text{App} :: C) :: D \quad (2)$$

$$(S, E, \text{if}(e, e_1, e_2) :: C) :: D \mapsto (S, E, e :: \text{If} :: e_1 :: e_2 :: C) :: D \quad (3)$$

Value Expressions

$$(S, E, n :: C) :: D \mapsto (n :: S, E, C) :: D \quad (4)$$

$$(S, E, b :: C) :: D \mapsto (b :: S, E, C) :: D \quad (5)$$

$$(S, E, x :: C) :: D \mapsto (E(x) :: S, E, C) :: D \quad (6)$$

$$(S, E, (\text{fun } f(x) \text{ is } e) :: C) :: D \mapsto ([\text{fun } f(x) \text{ is } e; E] :: S, E, C) :: D \quad (7)$$

Function Call

$$(v_2 :: v_1 :: S, E, \text{App} :: C) :: D \mapsto \\ (nil, E'[f \mapsto v_1][x \mapsto v_2], e :: nil) :: (S, E, C) :: D \quad (8)$$

where $v_1 = [\text{fun } f(x) \text{ is } e; E']$.

Function Return

$$(v :: S, E, nil) :: (S', E', C') :: D \mapsto (v :: S', E', C') :: D \quad (9)$$

Consume values

$$(v_2 :: v_1 :: S, E, \text{Prim}(op) :: C) :: D \mapsto ((v_1 op v_2) :: S, E, C) :: D \quad (10)$$

$$(true :: S, E, \text{If} :: e_1 :: e_2 :: C) :: D \mapsto (S, E, e_1 :: C) :: D \quad (11)$$

$$(false :: S, E, \text{If} :: e_1 :: e_2 :: C) :: D \mapsto (S, E, e_2 :: C) :: D \quad (12)$$