

The Environment

- syntactic domain `Identifier`
- semantic domain `Bindable` \equiv Denotable of "nameable values"
- `Bindable` contains \perp
- identifiers can be *unbound*
- environments exist even if no notion of store or assignment
- *env*: a mapping from identifiers (names) to values

`Environ` = `Identifier` \rightarrow (*bound* `Bindable` + *unbound*)

injection maps for tagged union:

bound : `Bindable` \rightarrow (*bound* `Bindable` + *unbound*)

unbound : (*bound* `Bindable` + *unbound*)

Auxiliary Functions

empty – environ : Environ
bind : Identifier × Bindable → Environ
overlay : Environ × Environ → Environ
find : Environ × Identifier → Bindable

empty – environ = $\lambda I . \text{unbound}$

bind (*I*, *bdbble*) =
 $\lambda J . \text{if } I = J \text{ then bound } bdbble \text{ else unbound}$

overlay(*env_{new}*, *env*) =
 $\lambda I . \text{if } env_{new}(I) \neq \text{unbound} \text{ then } env_{new}(I) \text{ else } env(I)$
— second argument *env* overridden by
first argument *env_{new}*

find(*env*, *I*) =
let *bound – value*(*bound bdbble*) = *bdbble*
bound – value(*unbound*) = \perp
in
bound – value(*env*(*I*))

Abstract Grammar - EXP

Program ::= Expression

Expression ::= Numeral

| Expression + Expression

...

| Identifier

| **let** Declaration **in** Expression

Declaration ::= **val** Identifier = Expression

- simple expression language EXP (Watt)

EXP Semantics

- Specify semantic domains
 - only integers are denotable in EXP
 - Bindable = Integer
- Specify semantic functions
 - expressions are *evaluated* in an environment
 - produce an *expressible value*

$evaluate : \text{Expression} \rightarrow (\text{Environ} \rightarrow \text{Integer})$

- syntactic metavariables are $N : \text{Numeral}$, $E : \text{Expression}$, $I : \text{Identifier}$

$evaluate \llbracket N \rrbracket env =$
 $valuation\ N$

$evaluate \llbracket E_1 + E_2 \rrbracket env =$
 $evaluate \llbracket E_1 \rrbracket env + evaluate \llbracket E_2 \rrbracket env$

$evaluate \llbracket E_1 * E_2 \rrbracket env =$
 $evaluate \llbracket E_1 \rrbracket env \cdot evaluate \llbracket E_2 \rrbracket env$

EXP Semantics (cont'd)

evaluate $\llbracket I \rrbracket env =$
find(*env*, *I*)

evaluate $\llbracket \mathbf{let} D \mathbf{in} E \rrbracket env =$
let *env*₁ = *elaborate* $\llbracket D \rrbracket env$
in
evaluate $\llbracket E \rrbracket (overlay(env_1, env))$

EXP Semantics (cont'd)

- declarations are *elaborated* in an environment
- produce another environment

elaborate :

Declaration \rightarrow (Environ \rightarrow Environ)

- only one kind of declaration: "const"
- syntactic metavariables are E : Expression, I : Identifier, D : Declaration.

elaborate **[[val $I = E$]]** env =
 bind (I , *evaluate* **[[E]]** env)

Example

- evaluate the expression

let val x=3 in (let val x=x*2 in x * x) * x

in the surrounding environment e_1 :

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{evaluate} \llbracket \text{let val } x=3 \text{ in (let val } x=x*2 \text{ in } x * x \text{) * x} \rrbracket e_1 \\
 &= \text{let } e_2 = \text{elaborate} \llbracket \text{val } x=3 \rrbracket e_1 \\
 & \quad \text{in evaluate} \llbracket (\text{let val } x=x*2 \text{ in } x * x \text{) * x} \rrbracket (\text{overlay}(e_2, e_1)) \\
 &= \text{let } e_2 = \text{bind}(x, \text{evaluate} \llbracket 3 \rrbracket e_1) \\
 & \quad \text{in evaluate} \llbracket (\text{let val } x=x*2 \text{ in } x * x \text{) * x} \rrbracket (\text{overlay}(e_2, e_1)) \\
 & \quad \dots \\
 &= \text{let } e_2 = \text{bind}(x, 3) \\
 & \quad \text{in evaluate} \llbracket (\text{let val } x=x*2 \text{ in } x * x \text{) * x} \rrbracket (\text{overlay}(e_2, e_1)) \\
 &= \text{evaluate} \llbracket (\text{let val } x=x*2 \text{ in } x * x \text{) * x} \rrbracket \\
 & \quad (\text{overlay}(e_1[x \mapsto 3], e_1)) \\
 &= \text{evaluate} \llbracket (\text{let val } x=x*2 \text{ in } x * x \text{) * x} \rrbracket e_1[x \mapsto 3] \\
 &= \text{evaluate} \llbracket \text{let val } x=x*2 \text{ in } x * x \rrbracket e_1[x \mapsto 3] \\
 & \quad \cdot \text{evaluate} \llbracket x \rrbracket e_1[x \mapsto 3] \\
 & \quad \dots \\
 &= \text{evaluate} \llbracket x * x \rrbracket e_1[x \mapsto 6] \cdot \text{find}(e_1[x \mapsto 3], x) \\
 & \quad \dots \\
 &= 36 \cdot 3 = 108
 \end{aligned}$$