

# Calculational Design of Semantics of the Eager Lambda-Calculus by Abstract Interpretation

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## 1. Motivation and Objective

## Motivation

- **Static analysis** requires the definition of the **semantics** of programming languages (i.e. models of runtime computations of programs) at various **levels of abstraction**:
  - finite — erroneous — infinite computations
  - traces — sets of states — input/output relations
  - small-step — big-step

## Objective

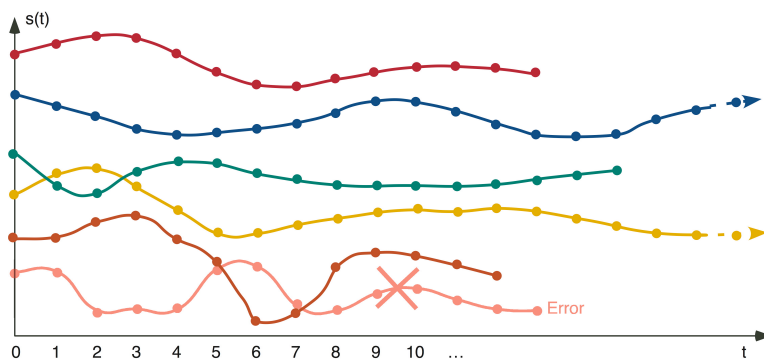
- We look for a formalism to specify abstract semantics
- Handling uniformly the many different styles of presentations found in the literature (rules, fixpoints, equations, constraints, ...)
- A *non-monotone* generalization of inductive definitions from sets to posets seems adequate
- Illustrated on the eager  $\lambda$ -calculus

## 2. Abstraction

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## Bifinitary Trace Semantics

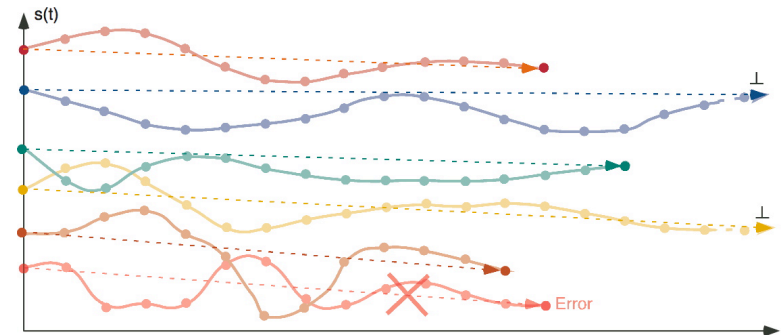


## Traces

- $\mathbb{T}$  of states (e.g. terms)
- $\mathbb{T}^+$ , set of nonempty finite sequences of states
- $\mathbb{T}^\omega$ , set of infinite sequences of states
- $\mathbb{T}^\infty \triangleq \mathbb{T}^+ \cup \mathbb{T}^\omega$ , nonempty finite or infinite sequences
- $\epsilon$  is the empty sequence  $\epsilon \bullet \sigma = \sigma \bullet \epsilon = \sigma$
- $|\sigma| \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{\omega\}$  is the length of  $\sigma$  with  $|\epsilon| = 0$
- If  $\sigma \in \mathbb{T}^+$  then  $|\sigma| > 0$  and  $\sigma = \sigma_0 \bullet \sigma_1 \bullet \dots \bullet \sigma_{|\sigma|-1}$
- If  $\sigma \in \mathbb{T}^\omega$  then  $|\sigma| = \omega$  and  $\sigma = \sigma_0 \bullet \dots \bullet \sigma_n \bullet \dots$

# Trace to Bifinitary Relational Semantics Abstraction

## Bifinitary Relational Semantics = $\alpha$ (Trace Semantics)



## Abstraction to the Bifinitary Relational Semantics

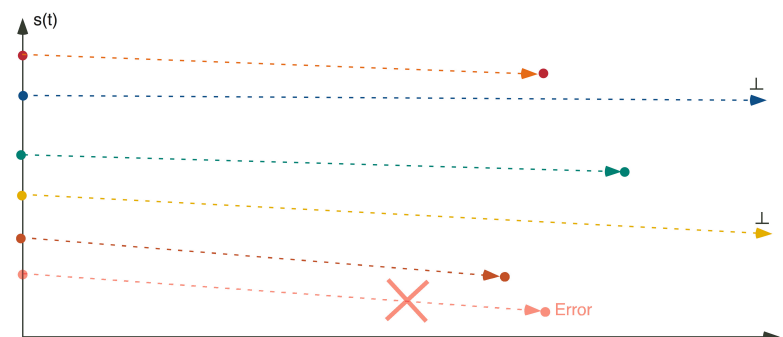
remember the input/output behaviors,  
forget about the intermediate computation steps

$$\alpha(T) \triangleq \{\alpha(\sigma) \mid \sigma \in T\}$$

$$\alpha(\sigma_0 \bullet \sigma_1 \bullet \dots \bullet \sigma_n) \triangleq \sigma_0 \Rightarrow \sigma_n$$

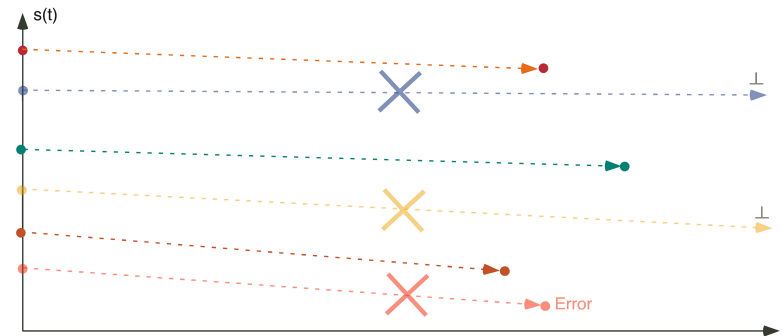
$$\alpha(\sigma_0 \bullet \dots \bullet \sigma_n \bullet \dots) \triangleq \sigma_0 \Rightarrow \perp$$

## Bifinitary Relational Semantics



## Bifinitary to Finitary Relational Semantics Abstraction

Finitary Relational Semantics =  $\alpha$ (Relational Semantics)



### Abstraction to the Finitary Relational Semantics

remember the finite input/output behaviors,  
forget about non-termination

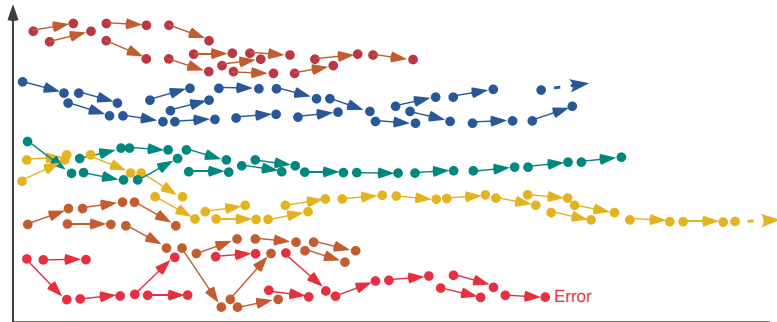
$$\alpha(T) \triangleq \bigcup \{ \alpha(\sigma) \mid \sigma \in T \}$$

$$\alpha(\sigma_0 \Rightarrow \sigma_n) \triangleq \{ \sigma_0 \Rightarrow \sigma_n \}$$

$$\alpha(\sigma_0 \Rightarrow \perp) \triangleq \emptyset$$

## Trace to Small-Step Operational Semantics Abstraction

### Transition Semantics = $\alpha$ (Trace Semantics)



### Abstraction to the Transition Semantics

remember execution steps,  
forget about their sequencing

$$\alpha(T) \triangleq \bigcup \{ \alpha(\sigma) \mid \sigma \in T \}$$

$$\alpha(\sigma_0 \cdot \sigma_1 \cdot \dots \cdot \sigma_n) \triangleq \{ \sigma_i \rightarrow \sigma_{i+1} \mid 0 \leq i < n \}$$

$$\alpha(\sigma_0 \cdot \dots \cdot \sigma_n \cdot \dots) \triangleq \{ \sigma_i \rightarrow \sigma_{i+1} \mid i \geq 0 \}$$

## 3. Bi-inductive Structural Definitions

Over-simplified for the presentation!

### Inductive definitions

Set-theoretic [Acz77]

$$\langle \wp(\mathcal{U}), \subseteq \rangle$$

universe

$$\frac{P}{c} \in \mathcal{R} \quad (P \in \wp(\mathcal{U}), c \in \mathcal{U})$$

rules

$$F(X) \triangleq \{ c \mid \exists \frac{P}{c} \in \mathcal{R} : P \subseteq X \}$$

transformer

$$\text{lfp}^{\subseteq} F \in \wp(\mathcal{U})$$

fixpoint def.

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Existence of  $F(\bigsqcup)$  and  $\text{lfp}^{\sqsubseteq} F$  ?

## 4. Semantics of the Eager/Call by value $\lambda$ -calculus

## Syntax

## Syntax of the Eager $\lambda$ -calculus

$x, y, z, \dots \in \mathbb{X}$	variables
$c \in \mathbb{C}$	constants ( $\mathbb{X} \cap \mathbb{C} = \emptyset$ )
$c ::= 0 \mid 1 \mid \dots$	
$f \in \mathbb{F}$	function values
$f ::= \lambda x \cdot a$	
$v \in \mathbb{V}$	values
$v ::= c \mid f$	
$e \in \mathbb{E}$	errors
$e ::= c a \mid e a \mid a e$	
$a, a', a_1, \dots, b, \dots \in \mathbb{T}$	terms
$a ::= x \mid v \mid a a'$	

## Small-Step Operational Semantics

## Transition Semantics of the Eager $\lambda$ -calculus [Plo81]

$$((\lambda x \cdot a) v) \rightarrow a[x \leftarrow v]^1, \quad v \in \mathbb{V}$$

$$\frac{a_0 \rightarrow a_1}{a_0 b \rightarrow a_1 b} \subseteq$$

$$\frac{b_0 \rightarrow b_1}{f b_0 \rightarrow f b_1} \subseteq, \quad f \in \mathbb{F}.$$

<sup>1</sup> Note:  $a[x \leftarrow b]$  is the capture-avoiding substitution of  $b$  for all free occurrences of  $x$  within  $a$ . We let  $\text{FV}(a)$  be the free variables of  $a$ . We define the call-by-value semantics of closed terms (without free variables)  $\overline{\mathbb{T}} \triangleq \{a \in \mathbb{T} \mid \text{FV}(a) = \emptyset\}$ .

## Example I: Finite Computation

	<b>function</b>	<b>argument</b>	
	$((\lambda x \cdot x x)$	$(\lambda y \cdot y))$	$((\lambda z \cdot z) 0)$
$\rightarrow$			evaluate function
	$((\lambda y \cdot y)$	$(\lambda y \cdot y))$	$((\lambda z \cdot z) 0)$
$\rightarrow$			evaluate function, cont'd
	$(\lambda y \cdot y)$	$((\lambda z \cdot z) 0)$	
$\rightarrow$			evaluate argument
	$(\lambda y \cdot y)$	$0$	
$\rightarrow$			apply function to argument
	$0$	<i>a value!</i>	

### Example II: Infinite Computation

function argument  
( $\lambda x \cdot x x$ ) ( $\lambda x \cdot x x$ )  
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→ apply function to argument  
... *non-termination!*

### Example III: Erroneous Computation

function argument  
( $\lambda x \cdot x x$ ) ( $\lambda z \cdot z 0$ )  
→ evaluate argument  
( $\lambda x \cdot x x$ ) 0  
→ apply function to argument  
(0 0)  
*a runtime error!*

### Fixpoint Transition Semantics of the Eager $\lambda$ -calculus

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(X) \triangleq & \{((\lambda x \cdot a) v) \rightarrow a[x \leftarrow v] \mid v \in \mathbb{V}\} \\ & \cup \{a_0 b \rightarrow a_1 b \mid a_0 \rightarrow a_1 \in X\} \\ & \cup \{f b_0 \rightarrow f b_1 \mid f \in \mathbb{F} \wedge b_0 \rightarrow b_1 \in X\}. \end{aligned}$$

- $\Phi$  is  $\subseteq$ -monotonic on the complete lattice  $\langle \wp(\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{T}), \subseteq \rangle$
- So the transition semantics  $\text{lfp}^{\subseteq} \Phi$  is well-defined.

### Finitary Relational Semantics



## Finitary Relational Semantics

- Finite behaviors
- No infinite behavior
- No erroneous behavior
- Relation: **term**  $\Rightarrow$  **result**
- Can be presented in **small-step** [Plø81] or **big-step** [Kah88] style

## Small-Step Finitary Semantics of the Eager $\lambda$ -calculus

$$v \Rightarrow v, \quad v \in \mathbb{V}$$

$$\frac{b \Rightarrow v}{a \Rightarrow v} \subseteq, \quad a \rightarrow b$$

- $f(X) \triangleq \{v \Rightarrow v \mid v \in \mathbb{V}\} \cup \{a \Rightarrow v \mid b \Rightarrow v \in X \wedge a \rightarrow b\}$  is  $\subseteq$ -monotonic on the complete lattice  $\langle \wp(\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{V}), \subseteq \rangle$
- so  $\text{lfp} \subseteq f$  does exist

## Big-Step Finitary Semantics of the Eager $\lambda$ -calculus

$$v \Rightarrow v, \quad v \in \mathbb{V}$$

$$\frac{a[x \leftarrow v] \Rightarrow r}{(\lambda x \cdot a) v \Rightarrow r} \subseteq, \quad v, r \in \mathbb{V}$$

$$\frac{b \Rightarrow v, \quad f v \Rightarrow r}{f b \Rightarrow r} \subseteq, \quad f, v, r \in \mathbb{V}$$

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Left-to-right: the function is evaluated before the value parameter.

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- $F$  is  $\subseteq$ -monotonic on the complete lattice  $\langle \wp(\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{V}), \subseteq \rangle$
- so  $\text{lfp}^{\subseteq} F$  does exist.

Adding divergence: Bifinitary relational semantics

## Bifinitary Relational Semantics

- Finite behaviors
- Infinite behaviors
- No erroneous behavior
- Relation:  $\text{term} \Rightarrow \text{result}$  or  $\text{term} \Rightarrow \perp$
- Can be presented in **small-step** or **big-step** style

## The Computational Ordering [CC92]

- The semantic domain  $\wp(\mathbb{T} \times (\mathbb{V} \cup \{\perp\}))$  is partitioned into finite  $\wp(\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{V})$  and infinite  $\wp(\mathbb{T} \times \{\perp\})$  behaviors
- $X^+ \triangleq X \cap (\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{V})$  finite behaviors in  $X$
- $X^\omega \triangleq X \cap (\mathbb{T} \times \{\perp\})$  infinite behaviors in  $X$
- $X \sqsubseteq Y \triangleq (X^+ \subseteq Y^+) \wedge (X^\omega \supseteq Y^\omega)$   
computational ordering<sup>2</sup>
- $(\wp(\mathbb{T} \times (\mathbb{V} \cup \{\perp\})), \sqsubseteq)$  is a complete lattice<sup>3</sup>

<sup>2</sup> more finite behaviors and less infinite behaviors, so induction for finite behaviors and co-induction for infinite behaviors

<sup>3</sup> with lub  $\bigsqcup_{i \in \Delta} X_i \triangleq \bigcup_{i \in \Delta} X_i^+ \cup \bigcap_{i \in \Delta} X_i^\omega$

## Small-Step Bifinitary Relational Semantics of the Eager $\lambda$ -Calculus

$$v \Rightarrow v, \quad v \in \mathbb{V}$$

$$\frac{b \Rightarrow r}{a \Rightarrow r} \sqsubseteq, \quad a \rightarrow b, \quad r \in \mathbb{V} \cup \{\perp\}$$

- $f(X) \triangleq \{v \Rightarrow v \mid v \in \mathbb{V}\} \cup \{a \Rightarrow v \mid b \Rightarrow v \in X \wedge a \rightarrow b\}$  is  $\sqsubseteq$ -monotonic on the complete lattice  $(\wp(\mathbb{T} \times (\mathbb{V} \cup \{\perp\})), \sqsubseteq)$
- so  $\text{lfp}^{\sqsubseteq} f$  does exist

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## Big-Step Bifinitary Relational Semantics of the Eager $\lambda$ -calculus

$$v \Rightarrow v, \quad v \in \mathbb{V}$$

$$\frac{a \Rightarrow \perp}{a b \Rightarrow \perp} \sqsubseteq \qquad \frac{b \Rightarrow \perp}{f b \Rightarrow \perp} \sqsubseteq, \quad f \in \mathbb{V}$$

$$\frac{a[x \leftarrow v] \Rightarrow r}{(\lambda x. a) v \Rightarrow r} \sqsubseteq, \quad v \in \mathbb{V}, r \in \mathbb{V} \cup \{\perp\}$$

$$\frac{b \Rightarrow v, \quad f v \Rightarrow r}{f b \Rightarrow r} \sqsubseteq, \quad f, v \in \mathbb{V}, r \in \mathbb{V} \cup \{\perp\}$$

$$\frac{a \Rightarrow f, \quad f b \Rightarrow r}{a b \Rightarrow r} \sqsubseteq, \quad f \in \mathbb{V}, r \in \mathbb{V} \cup \{\perp\}.$$

## Fixpoint Big-Step Bifinitary Semantics of the Eager $\lambda$ -calculus

$$\begin{aligned}
 F(X) \triangleq & \{v \Rightarrow v \mid v \in \mathbb{V}\} \\
 & \cup \{a \ b \Rightarrow \perp \mid a \Rightarrow \perp \vee b \Rightarrow \perp\} \\
 & \cup \{(\lambda x \cdot a) \ v \Rightarrow r \mid a[x \leftarrow v] \Rightarrow r \wedge \\
 & \quad v \in \mathbb{V} \wedge r \in \mathbb{V} \cup \{\perp\}\} \\
 & \cup \{f \ b \Rightarrow r \mid b \Rightarrow v \wedge f \ v \Rightarrow f \wedge \\
 & \quad v \in \mathbb{V} \wedge r \in \mathbb{V} \cup \{\perp\}\} \\
 & \cup \{a \ b \Rightarrow r \mid a \Rightarrow f \wedge f \ b \Rightarrow r \wedge \\
 & \quad f \in \mathbb{V} \wedge r \in \mathbb{V} \cup \{\perp\}\}
 \end{aligned}$$

## Which Order for Which Fixpoint?

- $F$  is  $\subseteq$ -monotonic on  $\langle \wp(\mathbb{T} \times (\mathbb{V} \cup \{\perp\})), \subseteq \rangle$ .
- However **the definition is problematic**, because:
  - $\text{lfp}^{\subseteq} F$  exists, but induction yields only finite behaviors!
  - $\text{gfp}^{\subseteq} F$  exists, but co-induction yields spurious finite behaviors!
  - $F$  is not monotonic for the computational ordering  $\sqsubseteq$ , so *the existence of  $\text{lfp}^{\sqsubseteq} F$  is questionable!*

## Induction Yields Only Finite Behaviors!

- $F^0 = \emptyset$  contains only finite behaviors
- by induction hypothesis  $F^\delta$  hence  $F^{\delta+1} \triangleq F(F^\delta)$  contain only finite behaviors
- by induction hypothesis  $F^\delta$ ,  $\delta < \lambda$  hence  $F^\lambda \triangleq \bigcup_{\delta < \lambda} F^\delta$  contain only finite behaviors
- so  $\text{lfp}^{\subseteq} F = F^\epsilon$  contains only finite behaviors!

## Co-Induction Yields Spurious Finite Behaviors!

- For  $\theta \triangleq \lambda x \cdot (x \ x)$ ,  $(x \ x)[x \leftarrow \theta] = \theta \ \theta$  so  $(\theta \ \theta) \rightarrow (\theta \ \theta)$
- $F^0 = \mathbb{T} \times (\mathbb{V} \cup \{\perp\})$  contains the behavior  $(\theta \ \theta) \Rightarrow 0$
- if, by co-induction hypothesis,  $(\theta \ \theta) \Rightarrow 0 \in F^\delta$  then  $F^{\delta+1} \triangleq F(F^\delta)$  contains  $(\theta \ \theta) \Rightarrow 0$  by  $\frac{a[x \leftarrow v] \Rightarrow r}{(\lambda x \cdot a) \ v \Rightarrow r} \supseteq$
- if, by co-induction hypothesis,  $(\theta \ \theta) \Rightarrow 0 \in F^\delta$ ,  $\delta < \lambda$  then  $F^\lambda \triangleq \bigcap_{\delta < \lambda} F^\delta$  contains  $(\theta \ \theta) \Rightarrow 0$
- so  $\text{gfp}^{\subseteq} F = F^\epsilon$  contains  $(\theta \ \theta) \Rightarrow 0!$

This is a **spurious finite behavior** since  $(\theta \ \theta)$  always diverges:  $(\theta \ \theta) \Rightarrow \perp$ .

### Non-monotonicity for the Computational Ordering $\sqsubseteq$

$F$  is **not**  $\sqsubseteq$ -monotonic on the complete lattice  $\langle \wp(\mathbb{T} \times (\mathbb{V} \cup \{\perp\})), \sqsubseteq \rangle$

- Let  $\theta \triangleq \lambda x \cdot (x \ x)$  such that  $(\theta \ \theta) \Rightarrow \perp$
- $X \triangleq \{(\theta \ \theta) \Rightarrow \perp\}$
- $Y \triangleq \{(\lambda x \cdot x \ \theta) \Rightarrow \theta, (\theta \ \theta) \Rightarrow \perp\}$
- $X \sqsubseteq Y$
- $((\lambda x \cdot x \ \theta) \ \theta) \Rightarrow \perp \in F(Y)$  by  $\frac{(\lambda x \cdot x \ \theta) \Rightarrow \theta, \ \theta \ \theta \Rightarrow \perp}{(\lambda x \cdot x \ \theta) \ \theta \Rightarrow \perp} \sqsubseteq$
- $((\lambda x \cdot x \ \theta) \ \theta) \Rightarrow \perp \notin F(X)$
- so  $F(X) \not\sqsubseteq F(Y)$

Classical fixpoint theorems are inapplicable.

### Existence of $\text{lfp}^{\sqsubseteq} F$ ?

- $\text{lfp}^{\sqsubseteq} \lambda X \cdot (F(X^+))^+$  is the set of finite computations
- $\text{gfp}^{\sqsubseteq} \lambda Y \cdot (F(X^+ \cup Y^\omega))^\omega$  is the set of infinite computations built out of given finite computations in  $X^+$
- The set of finite and infinite computations is

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{lfp}^{\sqsubseteq} \lambda X \cdot (F(X^+))^+ \cup \\ & \text{gfp}^{\sqsubseteq} \lambda Y \cdot (F(\text{lfp}^{\sqsubseteq} \lambda X \cdot (F(X^+))^+ \cup Y^\omega))^\omega \\ & = \text{lfp}^{\sqsubseteq} F \end{aligned}$$

- so  $\text{lfp}^{\sqsubseteq} F$  does exist

### Adequacy of the Small-Step $\text{lfp}^{\sqsubseteq} f$ and Big-Step $\text{lfp}^{\sqsubseteq} F$ Bifinitary Relational Semantics

- The small-step  $\text{lfp}^{\sqsubseteq} f$  and big-step  $\text{lfp}^{\sqsubseteq} F$  bifinitary relational semantics are the abstraction of corresponding small-step  $\text{lfp}^{\sqsubseteq} \vec{f}$  and big-step  $\text{lfp}^{\sqsubseteq} \vec{F}$  bifinitary trace semantics
- Both small-step  $\text{lfp}^{\sqsubseteq} \vec{f}$  and big-step  $\text{lfp}^{\sqsubseteq} \vec{F}$  trace semantics coincide with the traces generated by the transitional semantics

### Bifinitary Trace Semantics

## The Computational Ordering for Traces

Given  $X, Y \in \wp(\mathbb{T}^\infty)$ , we define

- $X^+ \triangleq X \cap \mathbb{T}^+$  finite traces
- $X^\omega \triangleq X \cap \mathbb{T}^\omega$  infinite traces
- $X \sqsubseteq Y \triangleq X^+ \subseteq Y^+ \wedge X^\omega \supseteq Y^\omega$  computational order
- $\langle \wp(\mathbb{T}^\infty), \sqsubseteq, \mathbb{T}^\omega, \mathbb{T}^+, \sqcup, \cap \rangle$  is a complete lattice [3]

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## Small-Step Bifinitary Trace Semantics

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$$\frac{b \cdot \sigma}{a \cdot b \cdot \sigma} \sqsubseteq, \quad a \rightarrow b$$

- $\vec{f}(X) \triangleq \{v \mid v \in \mathbb{V}\} \cup \{a \cdot b \cdot \sigma \mid a \rightarrow b \wedge b \cdot \sigma \in X\}$
- $\vec{f}$  is  $\sqsubseteq$ -monotonic on the complete lattice  $\langle \wp(\mathbb{T}^\infty), \sqsubseteq \rangle$
- $\text{lfp}^{\sqsubseteq} \vec{f}$  does exist

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## Big-Step Bifinitary Trace Semantics

## Operations on Traces

- For  $a \in \mathbb{T}$  and  $\sigma \in \mathbb{T}^\infty$ , we define  $a@ \sigma$  to be  $\sigma' \in \mathbb{T}^\infty$  such that  $\forall i < |\sigma| : \sigma'_i = a \sigma_i$
- The application  $a@ \sigma$  of term  $a$  to trace  $\sigma$  is

$$\begin{array}{l} \sigma = \quad \sigma_0 \quad \sigma_1 \quad \sigma_2 \quad \sigma_3 \quad \dots \quad \sigma_i \quad \dots \\ \quad \bullet \quad \bullet \quad \bullet \quad \bullet \quad \dots \quad \bullet \quad \dots \\ a@ \sigma = \quad a \sigma_0 \quad a \sigma_1 \quad a \sigma_2 \quad a \sigma_3 \quad \dots \quad a \sigma_i \quad \dots \\ \quad \bullet \quad \bullet \quad \bullet \quad \bullet \quad \dots \quad \bullet \quad \dots \end{array}$$

## Operations on Traces (Cont'd)

- Similarly for  $a \in \mathbb{T}$  and  $\sigma \in \mathbb{T}^\infty$ ,  $\sigma@a$  is  $\sigma'$  where  $\forall i < |\sigma| : \sigma'_i = \sigma_i a$
- The application  $\sigma@a$  trace  $\sigma$  to term  $a$  is

$$\begin{array}{l} \sigma = \quad \sigma_0 \quad \sigma_1 \quad \sigma_2 \quad \sigma_3 \quad \dots \quad \sigma_i \quad \dots \\ \quad \bullet \quad \bullet \quad \bullet \quad \bullet \quad \dots \quad \bullet \quad \dots \\ \sigma@a = \quad \sigma_0 a \quad \sigma_1 a \quad \sigma_2 a \quad \sigma_3 a \quad \dots \quad \sigma_i a \quad \dots \\ \quad \bullet \quad \bullet \quad \bullet \quad \bullet \quad \dots \quad \bullet \quad \dots \end{array}$$

## Big-Step Bifinitary Trace Semantics $\vec{\mathbb{S}}$ of the Eager $\lambda$ -calculus

$$\begin{array}{l} v \in \vec{\mathbb{S}}, v \in \mathbb{V} \\ \frac{\sigma \in \vec{\mathbb{S}}^\omega}{f@ \sigma \in \vec{\mathbb{S}}} \sqsubseteq, f \in \mathbb{V} \\ \frac{\sigma \in \vec{\mathbb{S}}^\omega}{\sigma@b \in \vec{\mathbb{S}}} \sqsubseteq \\ \frac{a[x \leftarrow v] \cdot \sigma \in \vec{\mathbb{S}}}{(\lambda x \cdot a) v \cdot a[x \leftarrow v] \cdot \sigma \in \vec{\mathbb{S}}} \sqsubseteq, v \in \mathbb{V} \\ \frac{\sigma \cdot v \in \vec{\mathbb{S}}^+, (f v) \cdot \sigma' \in \vec{\mathbb{S}}}{(f@ \sigma) \cdot (f v) \cdot \sigma' \in \vec{\mathbb{S}}} \sqsubseteq, f, v \in \mathbb{V} \\ \frac{\sigma \cdot f \in \vec{\mathbb{S}}^+, (f b) \cdot \sigma' \in \vec{\mathbb{S}}}{(\sigma@b) \cdot (f b) \cdot \sigma' \in \vec{\mathbb{S}}} \sqsubseteq, f \in \mathbb{V} \end{array}$$

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## Fixpoint Big-Step Bifinitary Trace Semantics

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{F}(X) \triangleq & \{v \in \overline{\mathbb{T}}^\infty \mid v \in \mathbb{V}\} \cup \\ & \{(\lambda x \cdot a) v \cdot a[x \leftarrow v] \cdot \sigma \mid v \in \mathbb{V} \wedge a[x \leftarrow v] \cdot \sigma \in X\} \cup \\ & \{\sigma @ b \mid \sigma \in X^\omega\} \cup \\ & \{(\sigma @ b) \cdot (f b) \cdot \sigma' \mid \sigma \neq \epsilon \wedge \sigma \cdot f \in X^+ \wedge f \in \mathbb{V} \wedge \\ & \quad (f b) \cdot \sigma' \in X\} \cup \\ & \{f @ \sigma \mid f \in \mathbb{V} \wedge \sigma \in X^\omega\} \cup \\ & \{(f @ \sigma) \cdot (f v) \cdot \sigma' \mid f, v \in \mathbb{V} \wedge \sigma \neq \epsilon \wedge \sigma \cdot v \in X^+ \wedge \\ & \quad (f v) \cdot \sigma' \in X\}. \end{aligned}$$

$\vec{F}$  is  $\sqsubseteq$ -monotonic on  $\wp(\overline{\mathbb{T}}^\infty)$ .

## Existence of the Fixpoint $\text{lfp}^{\sqsubseteq} \vec{F}$

- $\text{lfp}^{\sqsubseteq} \vec{F}$  (finite traces) and  $\text{gfp}^{\sqsubseteq} \vec{F}$  (spurious finite traces) are inadequate
- $\vec{F}$  is **not**  $\sqsubseteq$ -monotonic
- Nevertheless  $\text{lfp}^{\sqsubseteq} \vec{F}$  does exist
- So the big-step bifinitary trace semantics can be well-defined as

$$\text{lfp}^{\sqsubseteq} \vec{F}$$

## Characterization of the Small-Step & Big-Step Bifinitary Trace Semantics

### Characterization of the Fixpoint Small-Step and Big-Step Bifinitary Trace Semantics

- $\text{lfp}^{\sqsubseteq} \vec{f}$  collects the **finite and infinite traces** generated by the transitional semantics [5]

$$\text{lfp}^{\sqsubseteq} \vec{f} = \{ \sigma_0 \cdot \sigma_1 \cdot \dots \cdot \sigma_n \in \mathbb{T}^+ \mid \forall i \in [0, n-1] : \sigma_i \rightarrow \sigma_{i+1} \wedge \sigma_n \in \mathbb{V} \}$$

$$\cup \{ \sigma_0 \cdot \sigma_1 \cdot \dots \cdot \sigma_i \cdot \dots \in \mathbb{T}^\omega \mid \forall i \geq 0 : \sigma_i \rightarrow \sigma_{i+1} \}$$

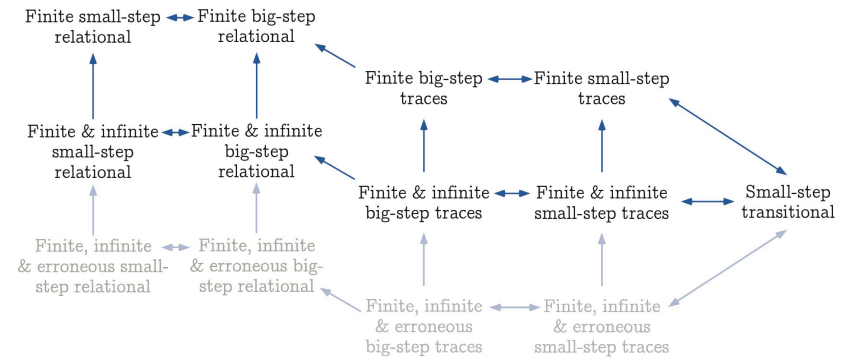
- $\text{lfp}^{\sqsubseteq} \vec{f} = \text{lfp}^{\sqsubseteq} \vec{F}$

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## 5. Conclusion

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## Conclusion

- In **proofs** [CC85, CC87] and **static analysis** (e.g. strictness, [Myc80], typing [Cou97, Ler06]), both **finite and infinite behaviors** have to be taken into account
- Such proof methods and static analyzes must be proved correct with respect to a semantics chosen at **various levels of abstraction** (small-step/big-step – finitary/bifinitary – relational/trace)
- Static analyzes use various **equivalent presentations** (fixpoints, equational, constraints and inference rules)
- The **SOS bifinitary extension** should satisfy these needs.

The End

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