

## 2IF55 Semantics and computational models

Iteration—a non-uniform language with continuation semantics

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- Chapter 1: Recursion and Iterations
  - Section 1.1: Recursion
  - Section 1.2: Iteration

**circular reasoning  
works because**

## §1.2.1 Syntax and operational semantics

# syntax of $\mathcal{L}_{wh}$

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characteristic equivalence

$\mathbf{while } e \mathbf{ do } s \mathbf{ od} = \mathbf{if } e \mathbf{ then } (s; \mathbf{while } e \mathbf{ do } s \mathbf{ od}) \mathbf{ else skip fi}$

# states in $\Sigma$ and valuation $\mathcal{V}$

$\alpha \in \text{Val}$  values  $\text{tt}, \text{ff} \in \text{Val}$

$\sigma \in \Sigma = \text{IVar} \rightarrow \text{Val}$  states

variant of  $\sigma$  with  $\alpha$  for  $v$ :  $\sigma\{\alpha/v\}(v') = \begin{cases} \alpha & \text{if } v = v' \\ \sigma(v') & \text{if } v \neq v' \end{cases}$

$\mathcal{V}: \text{Exp} \rightarrow \Sigma \rightarrow \text{Val}$  evaluation function

$r \in Res ::= E \mid s : r$  resumptions

$[r_1, \sigma_1] \rightarrow_0 [r_2, \sigma_2]$  short for  $\frac{[r_2, \sigma_2] \rightarrow [r, \sigma]}{[r_1, \sigma_1] \rightarrow [r, \sigma]}$



- $[(v := e) : r, \sigma] \rightarrow [r, \sigma\{\alpha/v\}]$       where  $\alpha = \mathcal{V}(e)(\sigma)$
- $[\text{skip} : r, \sigma] \rightarrow [r, \sigma]$
- $[(s_1; s_2) : r, \sigma] \rightarrow_0 [s_1 : (s_2 : r), \sigma]$
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fixed point transformation  $\Phi: \text{Sem}_O \rightarrow \text{Sem}_O$

where  $\text{Sem}_O = \text{Res} \times \Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma^\infty$

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi(S)(E) &= \epsilon \\ \Phi(S)(s : r, \sigma) &= \sigma' \cdot S(r', \sigma') \quad \text{if } [s : r, \sigma] \rightarrow [r', \sigma']\end{aligned}$$

operational semantics  $\mathcal{O}$  and  $\mathcal{O}[\cdot]$

$\mathcal{O}: \text{Res} \times \Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma^\infty$  given by  $\mathcal{O} = \text{fix}(\Phi)$

$\mathcal{O}[\cdot]: \mathcal{L}_{wh} \rightarrow \Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma^\infty$  given by  $\mathcal{O}[s](\sigma) = \mathcal{O}(s : E, \sigma)$

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# fixed point characterization of $\mathcal{D}$

$\Psi: \text{Sem}_D \rightarrow \text{Sem}_D$  where  $\text{Sem}_D = \text{Stat} \rightarrow \text{Cont} \xrightarrow{1/2} \Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma^\infty$

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extended semantics  $\mathcal{E}: \text{Res} \rightarrow \Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma^\infty$

$$\mathcal{E}(E) = \gamma_\epsilon$$

$$\mathcal{E}(s:r) = \mathcal{D}(s)(\mathcal{E}(r))$$

extended semantics  $\mathcal{E}^*: \text{Res} \times \Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma^\infty$  such that

$$\mathcal{E}^*(r, \sigma) = \mathcal{E}(r)(\sigma)$$

**lemma 1.65**       $\Phi(\mathcal{E}^*) = \mathcal{E}^*$

**theorem 1.67**     $\mathcal{O}[\pi] = \mathcal{D}[\pi]$  for  $\pi \in \mathcal{L}_{wh}$