

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

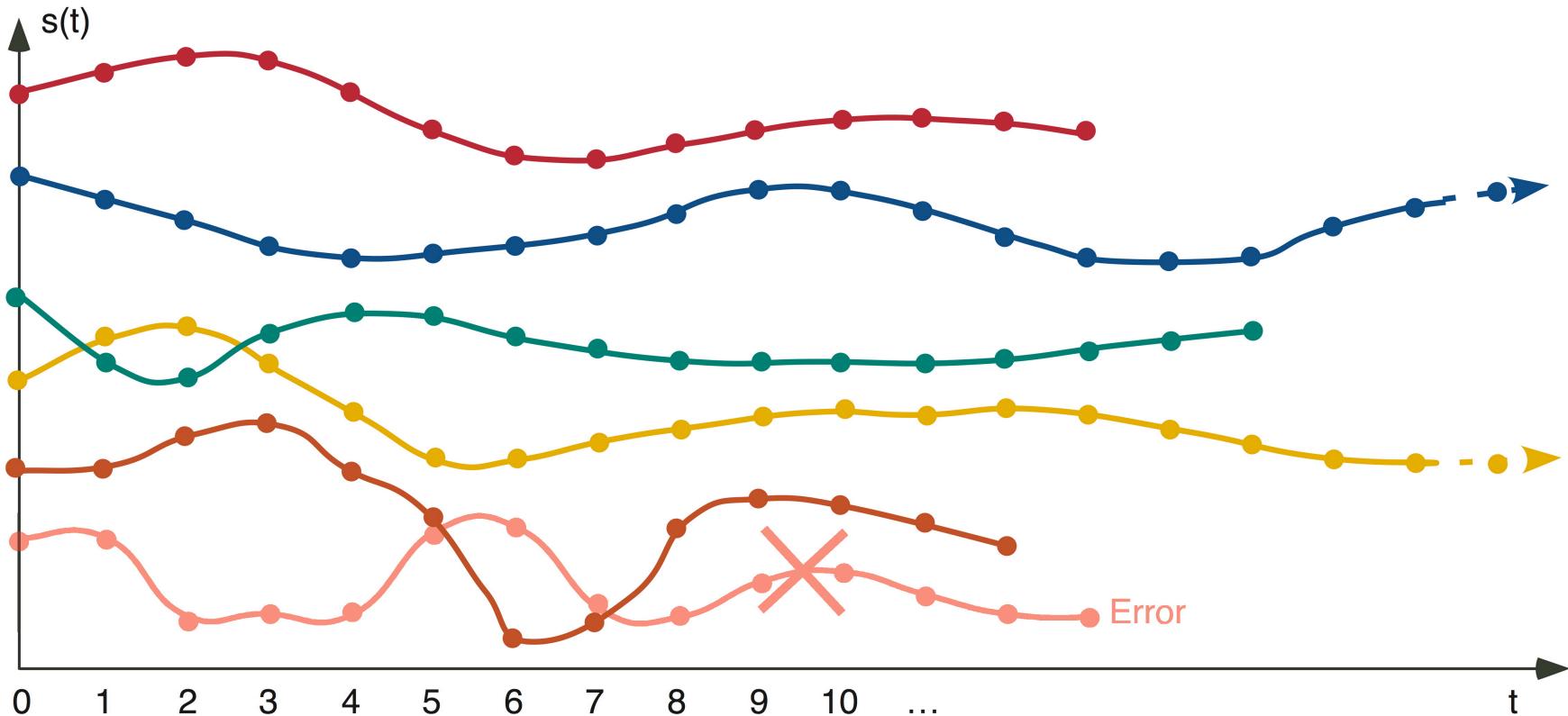
- We look for a formalism to **specify abstract semantics**
- Handling uniformly the many **different styles of presentations** found in the literature (rules, fixpoints, equations, constraints, . . .)
- A ***non-monotone generalization*** of inductive definitions from sets to posets seems adequate
-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

2. Abstraction

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Bifinitary Trace Semantics

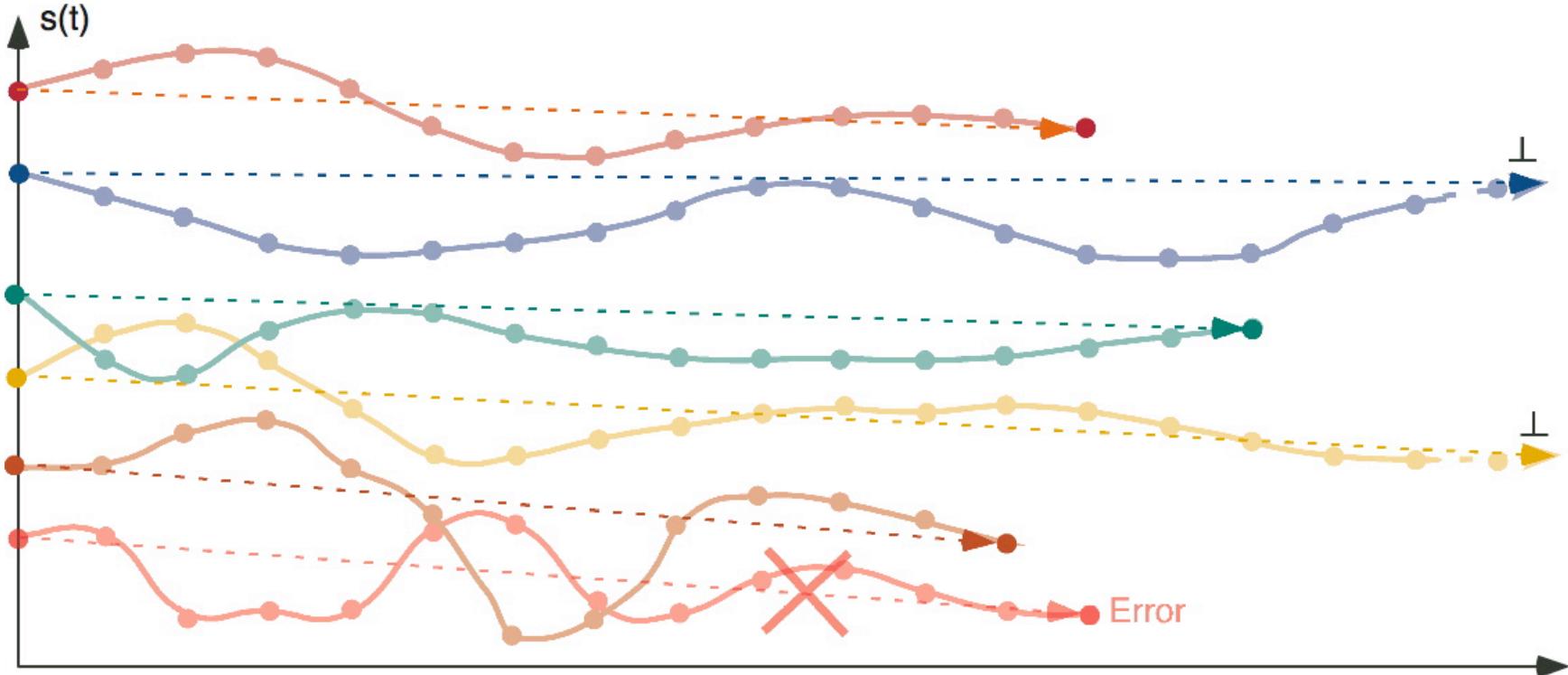


Traces

- \mathbb{T} of states (e.g. terms)
- \mathbb{T}^+ , set of nonempty finite sequences of states
- \mathbb{T}^ω , set of infinite sequences of states
- $\mathbb{T}^\infty \triangleq \mathbb{T}^+ \cup \mathbb{T}^\omega$, nonempty finite or infinite sequences
- ϵ is the empty sequence $\epsilon \bullet \sigma = \sigma \bullet \epsilon = \sigma$
- $|\sigma| \in N \cup \{\omega\}$ is the length of σ 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 = α (Trace Semantics)



Abstraction to the Bifinite Relational Semantics

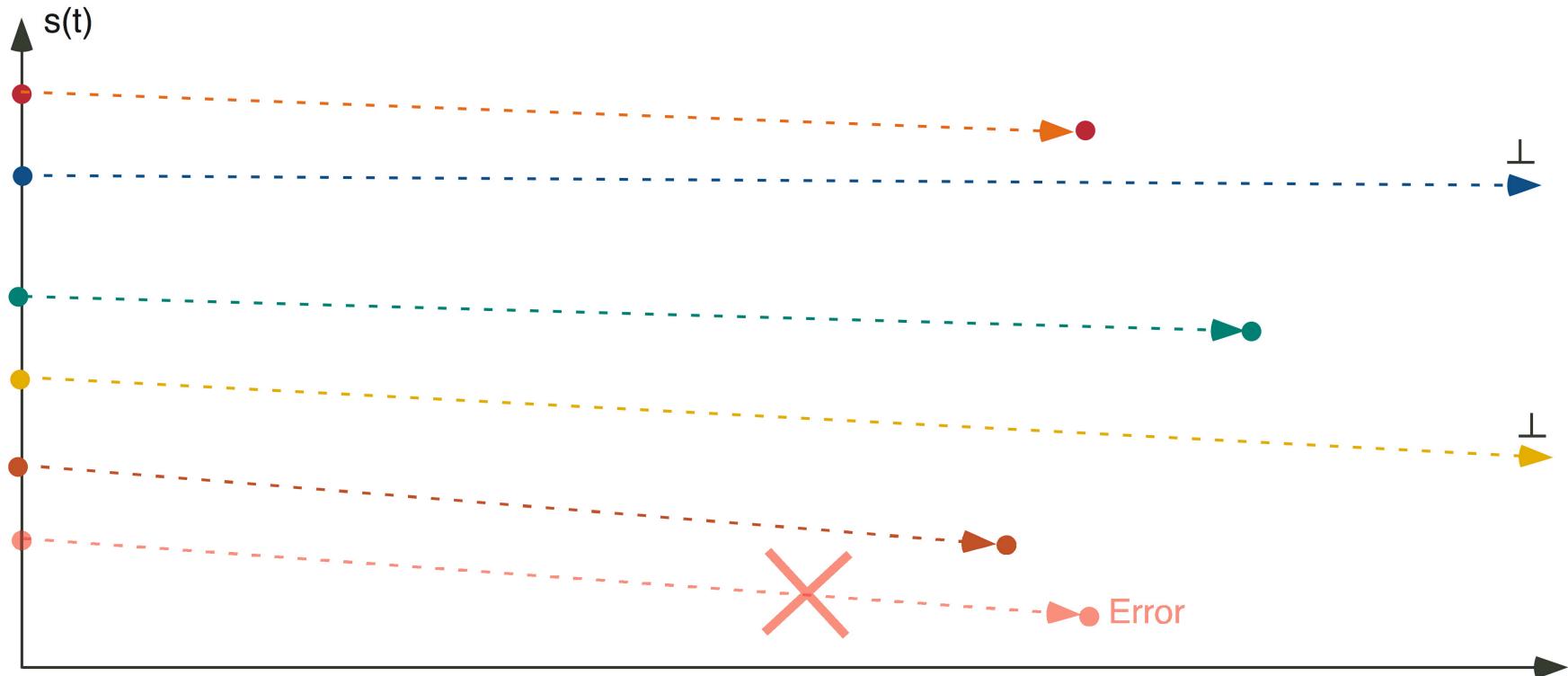
remember the input/output behaviors,
forget about the intermediate computation steps

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

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

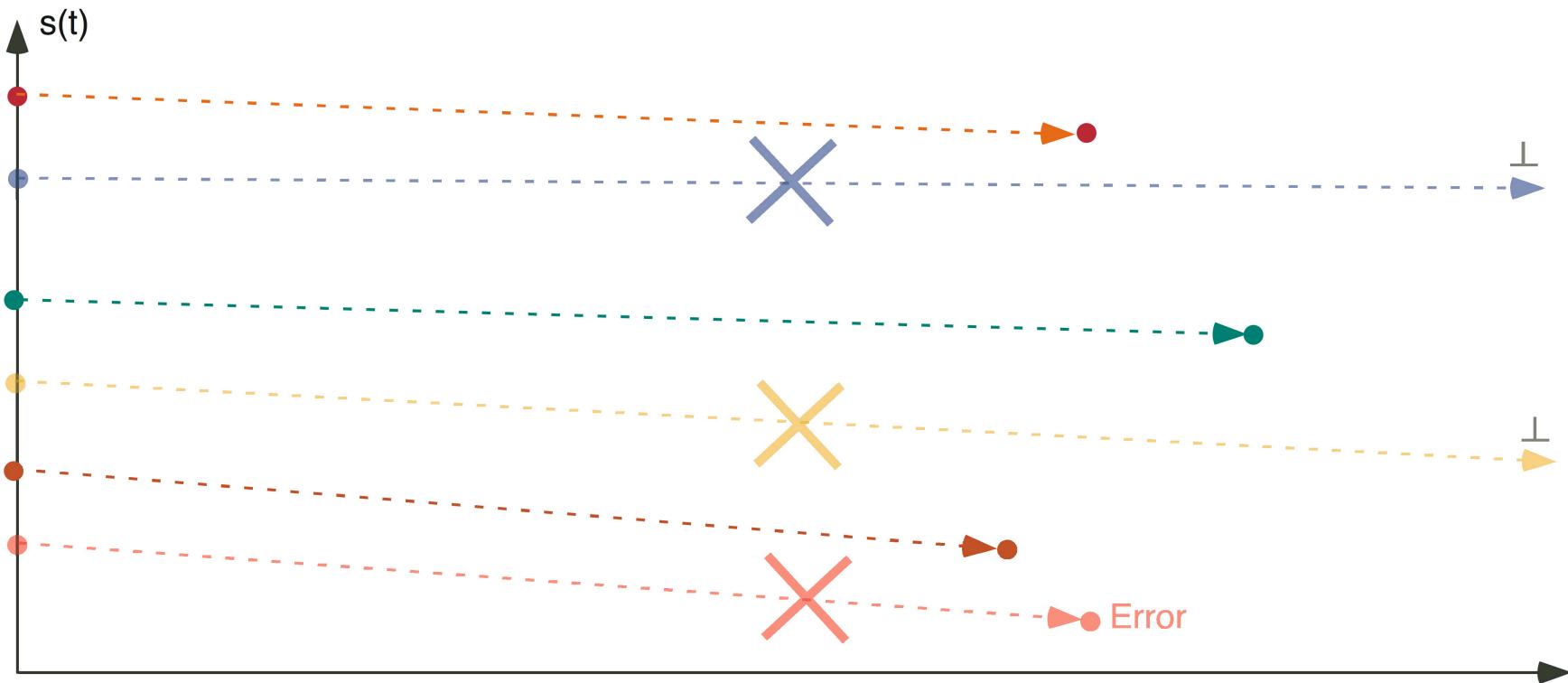
$$\alpha(\sigma_0 \bullet \dots \bullet \sigma_n \bullet \dots) \triangleq \sigma_0 \Rightarrow \perp$$

Bifinitary Relational Semantics



Bifinitary to Finitary Relational Semantics Abstraction

Finitary Relational Semantics = α (Relational Semantics)



Abstraction to the Finitary Relational Semantics

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

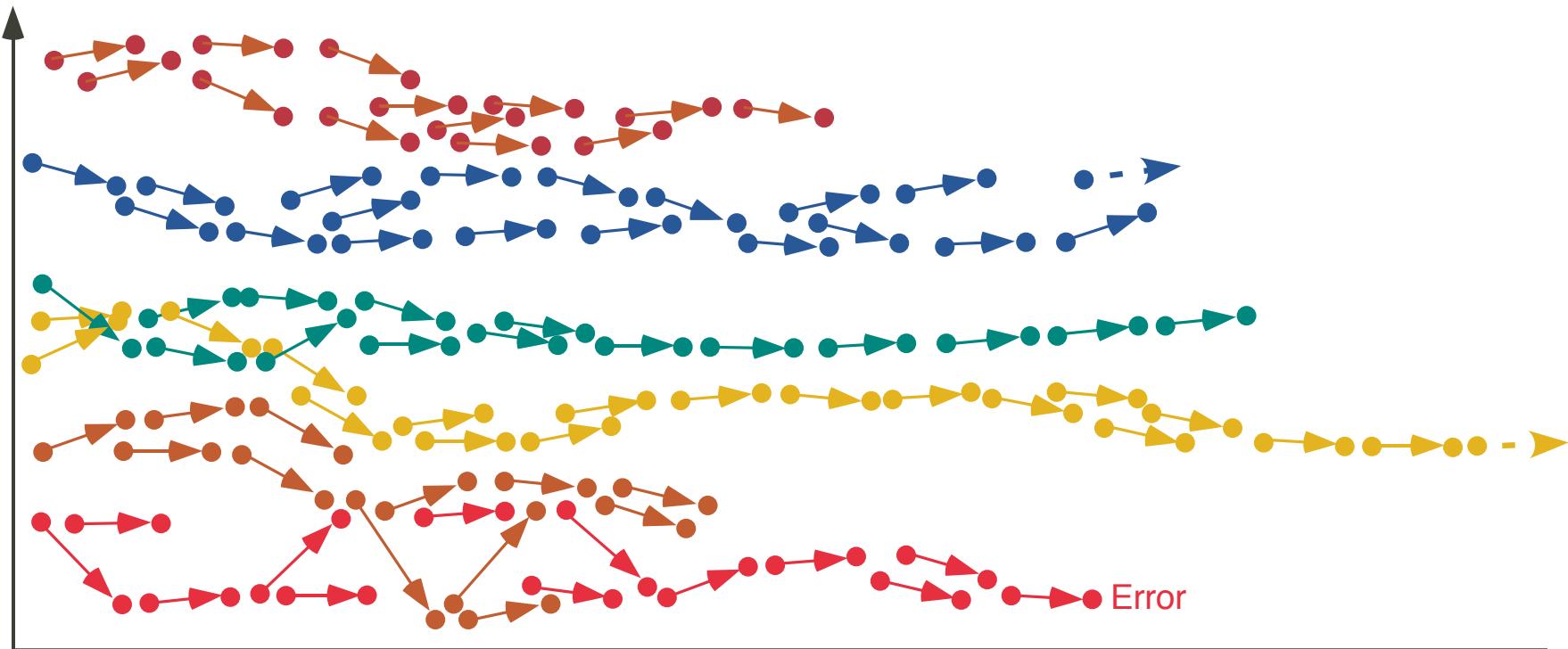
$$\alpha(T) \triangleq \bigcup\{\alpha(\sigma) \mid \sigma \in T\}$$

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

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

Trace to Small-Step Operational Semantics Abstraction

Transition Semantics = α (Trace Semantics)



Abstraction to the Transition Semantics

remember execution steps,
forget about their sequencing

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

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

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

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

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

transformer

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

fixpoint def.

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Order-theoretic [CC92]

$$\langle \mathcal{D}, \sqsubseteq \rangle$$

$$\frac{P}{C} \in \mathcal{R} \quad (P, C \in \mathcal{D})$$

$$F(X) \triangleq \bigsqcup \left\{ C \mid \exists \frac{P}{C} \in \mathcal{R} : P \sqsubseteq X \right\}$$

$$\text{Ifp}^{\sqsubseteq} F \in \mathcal{D}$$

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

4. Semantics of the Eager/Call by value λ -calculus

Syntax

Syntax of the Eager λ -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 λ -calculus [Plo81]

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

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

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

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

Example I: Finite Computation

function	argument	
$((\lambda x \cdot x \ x) \ (\lambda y \cdot y))$	$((\lambda z \cdot z) \ 0)$	
→		evaluate function
	$((\lambda y \cdot y) \ (\lambda y \cdot y)) \ ((\lambda z \cdot z) \ 0)$	
→		evaluate function, cont'd
	$(\lambda y \cdot y) \ ((\lambda z \cdot z) \ 0)$	
→		evaluate argument
	$(\lambda y \cdot y) \ 0$	
→		apply function to argument
0	a value!	

Example II: Infinite Computation

function argument

$(\lambda x \cdot x x) (\lambda x \cdot x x)$

→ apply function to argument

$(\lambda x \cdot x x) (\lambda x \cdot x x)$

→ apply function to argument

$(\lambda x \cdot x x) (\lambda x \cdot x x)$

→ 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 λ -calculus

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

- Φ is \subseteq -monotonic on the complete lattice $\langle \wp(T \times T), \subseteq \rangle$
- 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 [Plo81] or big-step [Kah88] style

Small-Step Finitary Semantics of the Eager λ -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 λ -calculus

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

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

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

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

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

Big-Step Finitary Semantics of the Eager λ -calculus

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

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

Adding divergence: Bifinitary relational semantics

Bifinitary Relational Semantics

- Finite behaviors
- Infinite behaviors
- No erroneous behavior
- Relation: term \Rightarrow result or 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 partitionned 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 ordering²
- $\langle \wp(\mathbb{T} \times (\mathbb{V} \cup \{\perp\})), \sqsubseteq \rangle$ is a complete lattice³

² more finite behaviors and less infinite behaviors, so induction for finite behaviors and co-induction for infinite behaviors

³ 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 λ -Calculus

$$v \Rightarrow v, \quad v \in V$$

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

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

Reference

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Big-Step Bifinitary Relational Semantics of the Eager λ -calculus

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

$$\frac{a \Rightarrow \perp}{a \ b \Rightarrow \perp} \sqsubseteq$$

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

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

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

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

Fixpoint Big-Step Bifinitary Semantics of the Eager λ -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 $\text{lfp}^{\subseteq} F$ is questionable!*

Induction Yields Only Finite Behaviors!

- $F^0 = \emptyset$ contains only finite behaviors
- by induction hypothesis F^δ hence $F^{\delta+1} \triangleq F(F^\delta)$ contain only finite behaviors
- by induction hypothesis F^δ , $\delta < \lambda$ hence $F^\lambda \triangleq \bigcup_{\delta < \lambda} F^\delta$ contain only finite behaviors
- so $\text{Ifp}^\subseteq F = F^\epsilon$ 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
$$\frac{(\lambda x \cdot x \theta) \Rightarrow \theta, \quad \theta \theta \Rightarrow \perp}{(\lambda x \cdot x \theta) \theta \Rightarrow \perp} \sqsubseteq$$
- $((\lambda x \cdot x \theta) \theta) \Rightarrow \perp \notin F(X)$
- 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 $\text{Ifp}^{\sqsubseteq} f$ and Big-Step $\text{Ifp}^{\sqsubseteq} F$ Bifinitary Relational Semantics

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

Bifinitary Trace Semantics

The Computational Ordering for Traces

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

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

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Small-Step Bifinitary Trace Semantics

Small-Step Bifinitary Trace Semantics

$$\textcolor{blue}{v}, \quad v \in \mathbb{V}$$

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

- $\vec{f}(X) \triangleq \{v \mid v \in \mathbb{V}\} \cup \{a \bullet b \bullet \sigma \mid a \rightarrow b \wedge b \bullet \sigma \in X\}$
- \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

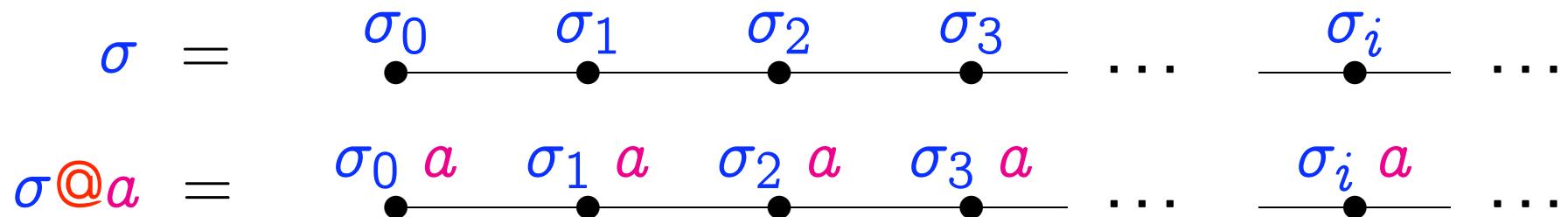
Operations on Traces

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

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

Operations on Traces (Cont'd)

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



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

$$v \in \vec{\mathbb{S}}, v \in V$$

$$\frac{a[x \leftarrow v] \bullet \sigma \in \vec{\mathbb{S}}}{(\lambda x \cdot a) v \bullet a[x \leftarrow v] \bullet \sigma \in \vec{\mathbb{S}}} \sqsubseteq, v \in V$$

$$\frac{\sigma \in \vec{\mathbb{S}}^\omega}{f @ \sigma \in \vec{\mathbb{S}}} \sqsubseteq, f \in V$$

$$\frac{\sigma \bullet v \in \vec{\mathbb{S}}^+, (f v) \bullet \sigma' \in \vec{\mathbb{S}}}{(f @ \sigma) \bullet (f v) \bullet \sigma' \in \vec{\mathbb{S}}} \sqsubseteq, f, v \in V$$

$$\frac{\sigma \in \vec{\mathbb{S}}^\omega}{\sigma @ b \in \vec{\mathbb{S}}} \sqsubseteq$$

$$\frac{\sigma \bullet f \in \vec{\mathbb{S}}^+, (f b) \bullet \sigma' \in \vec{\mathbb{S}}}{(\sigma @ b) \bullet (f b) \bullet \sigma' \in \vec{\mathbb{S}}} \sqsubseteq, f \in V$$

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$$v \in \vec{\mathbb{S}}, v \in V$$

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$$\frac{\sigma \in \vec{\mathbb{S}}^\omega}{f @ \sigma \in \vec{\mathbb{S}}} \sqsubseteq, f \in V$$

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$$\frac{\sigma \in \vec{\mathbb{S}}^\omega}{\sigma @ b \in \vec{\mathbb{S}}} \sqsubseteq$$

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Fixpoint Big-Step Bifinitary Trace Semantics

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

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

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

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

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

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]

$$\begin{aligned}\text{lfp}^{\sqsubseteq} \vec{f} = & \quad \{\sigma_0 \bullet \sigma_1 \bullet \dots \bullet \sigma_n \in \mathbb{T}^+ \mid \forall i \in [0, n-1] : \sigma_i \rightarrow \sigma_{i+1} \\ & \quad \wedge \sigma_n \in \mathbb{V}\} \\ & \cup \{\sigma_0 \bullet \sigma_1 \bullet \dots \bullet \sigma_i \bullet \dots \in \mathbb{T}^\omega \mid \forall i \geq 0 : \sigma_i \rightarrow \sigma_{i+1}\}\end{aligned}$$

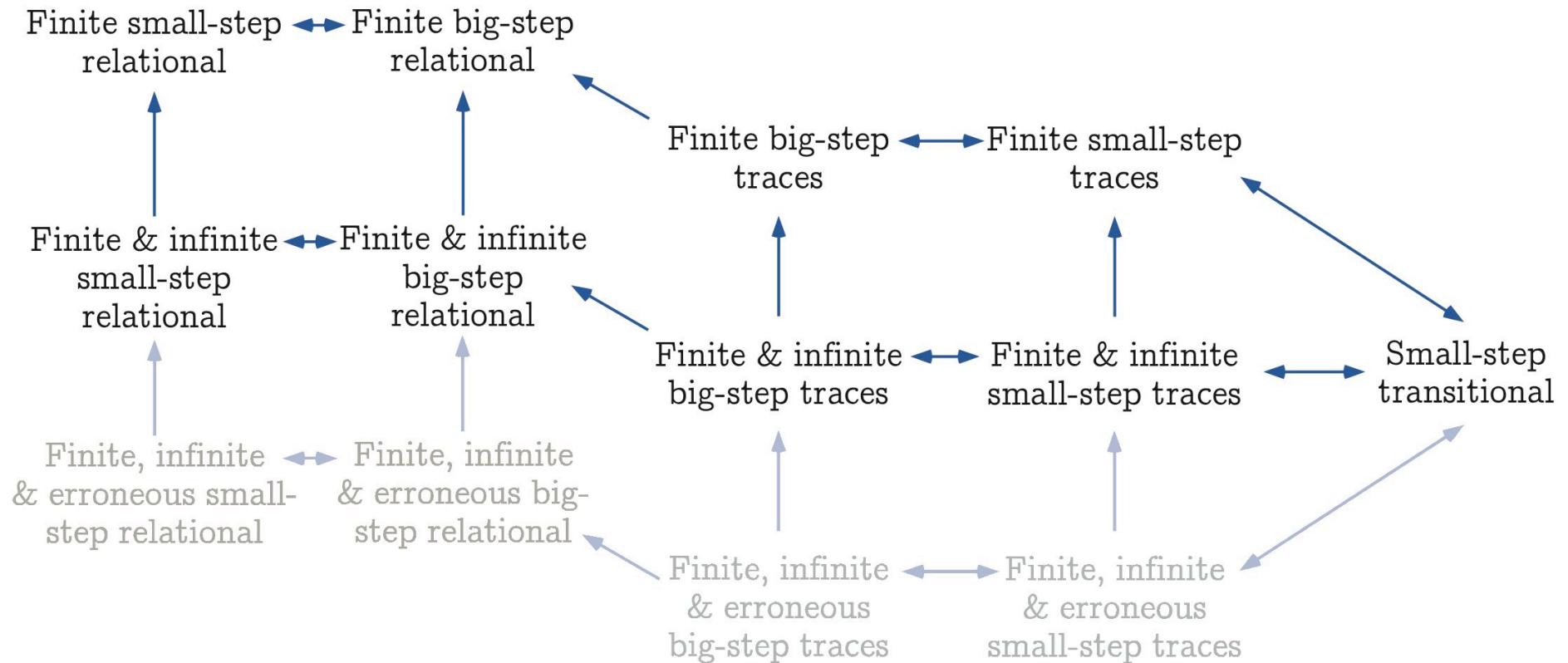
- $\text{lfp}^{\sqsubseteq} \vec{f} = \text{lfp}^{\sqsubseteq} \vec{F}$

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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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