Lecture 16 – First-Class Continuations

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For example, Scala supports **first-class functions**.

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def inc(n: Int): Int = n + 1
// 1. We can assign a function to a variable.
val f: Int => Int = inc
// 2. We can pass a function as an argument to a function.
List(1, 2, 3).map(inc)                    // List(2, 3, 4)
// 3. We can return a function from a function.
def addN(n: Int): Int => Int = m => n + m
val add3: Int => Int = addN(3)
add3(5)                                   // 3 + 5 = 8
```

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Similarly, a **first-class continuation** means that a continuation is treated as a **value**. For example, `Racket` supports `let/cc` to create a first-class continuation.

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It means that

- The step 2 defines the continuation of 2 – 7 as a value in `k`.
- The step 6 replaces the continuation with k with the result of 5.

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Some functional languages support **first-class continuations**.

- Racket

```
(* 2 (let/cc k (+ 3 (k 5))))              ; 2 * 5 = 10
```

- Ruby

```
2 * (callcc { |k| 3 + k.call(5)})         # 2 * 5 = 10
```

- Haskell

```
do
  x <- callCC $ \k -> do
    y <- k 5
    return $ 3 + y
  return $ 2 * x                          -- 2 * 5 = 10
```

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  val f = {
    vcc exit;      // exit = x => val f = x; f(3) * 5
    2 * done(1 + {
      vcc k;       // k    = x => val f = { 2 * done(1 + x) }; f(3) * 5
      exit(k)
    })
  };
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and the **abstract syntax** of FAE as follows:

$$\text{Expressions} \quad \mathbb{E} \ni e ::= \ldots \mid \texttt{vcc}\ x;\ e \qquad (\texttt{Vcc})$$

```
enum Expr:
  ...
  // first-class continuations
  case Vcc(name: String, body: Expr)
```

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In the previous lecture, we have defined the **first-order representation** of **continuations** with **value stack**:

```
enum Cont:
  case EmptyK
  case EvalK(env: Env, expr: Expr, k: Cont)
  case AddK(k: Cont)
  case MulK(k: Cont)
  case AppK(k: Cont)

type Stack = List[Value]
```

Continuations	$\mathbb{K} \ni \kappa ::= \square$		(EmptyK)
	$\mid (\sigma \vdash e) :: \kappa$		(EvalK)
	$\mid (+) :: \kappa$		(AddK)
	$\mid (\times) :: \kappa$		(MulK)
	$\mid (@) :: \kappa$		(AppK)
Value Stacks	$\mathbb{S} \ni s ::= \blacksquare \mid v :: s$		(List[Value])

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And the `eval` function **iteratively reduces** the state until it reaches the empty continuation $\square$ and returns the single value in the value stack:

```
def eval(str: String): String =
  import Cont.*
  def aux(k: Cont, s: Stack): Value = reduce(k, s) match
    case (EmptyK, List(v)) => v
    case (k, s) => aux(k, s)
  aux(EvalK(Map.empty, Expr(str), EmptyK), List.empty).str
```

$$\langle (\varnothing \vdash e) :: \square \mid\mid \blacksquare \rangle \rightarrow^* \langle \square \mid\mid v :: \blacksquare \rangle$$

Interpreter and Reduction Semantics for KFAE

Now, let's extend the interpreter and reduction semantics for FAE to KFAE by adding the **first-class continuations**.

First, we need to extend the values of FAE with **continuation values** consisting of pairs of continuations and value stacks:

```scala
// values
enum Value:
  case NumV(number: BigInt)
  case CloV(param: String, body: Expr, env: Env)
  case ContV(cont: Cont, stack: Stack)
```

$$
\begin{array}{llll}
\text{Values} & \mathbb{V} \ni v ::= n & & (\texttt{NumV}) \\
& \quad\mid \langle \lambda x.e, \sigma \rangle & & (\texttt{CloV}) \\
& \quad\mid \langle \kappa \mid\mid s \rangle & & (\texttt{ContV})
\end{array}
$$

Then, let's fill out the missing cases in the `reduce` function and reduction rules for $\rightarrow$ in the reduction semantics of KFAE.

First-Class Continuations

```
def reduce(k: Cont, s: Stack): (Cont, Stack) = (k, s) match
  case (EvalK(env, expr, k), s) => expr match
    ...
    case Vcc(x, b) => (EvalK(env + (x -> ContV(k, s)), b, k), s)
```

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$$\texttt{Vcc} \quad \langle (\sigma \vdash \texttt{vcc}\ x;\ e) :: \kappa \mid\mid s \rangle \quad \rightarrow \quad \langle (\sigma[x \mapsto \langle \kappa \mid\mid s \rangle] \vdash e) :: \kappa \mid\mid s \rangle$$

It defines a new immutable binding x in the environment σ that maps to a **continuation value** $\langle \kappa \mid\mid s \rangle$, and then evaluates the body expression e in the extended environment $\sigma[x \mapsto \langle \kappa \mid\mid s \rangle]$.

Function Application

```scala
def reduce(k: Cont, s: Stack): (Cont, Stack) = (k, s) match
  case (EvalK(env, expr, k), s) => expr match
    ...
    case App(f, e) => (EvalK(env, f, EvalK(env, e, AppK(k))), s)
  ...
  case (AppK(k), a :: f :: s) => f match
    case CloV(p, b, fenv) => (EvalK(fenv + (p -> a), b, k), s)
    case ContV(k1, s1)    => (k1, a :: s1)
    case v                => error(s"not a function: ${v.str}")
```

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$\texttt{App}_1$	$\langle (\sigma \vdash e_1(e_2)) :: \kappa \mid\mid s \rangle$	$\rightarrow$	$\langle (\sigma \vdash e_1) :: (\sigma \vdash e_2) :: (@) :: \kappa \mid\mid s \rangle$
$\texttt{App}_{2,\lambda}$	$\langle (@) :: \kappa \mid\mid v_2 :: \langle \lambda x.e, \sigma \rangle :: s \rangle$	$\rightarrow$	$\langle (\sigma[x \mapsto v_2] \vdash e) :: \kappa \mid\mid s \rangle$
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The new $\texttt{App}_{2,\kappa}$ rule handles when the function expression evaluates to a continuation value $\langle \kappa' \mid\mid s' \rangle$. It changes the control flow to the continuation κ' with the given argument value v_2 and the value stack s'.

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\xrightarrow{(\texttt{Mul}_1)} & \langle\ (\varnothing \vdash 2) :: (\varnothing \vdash (\texttt{vcc}\ k;\ (3 + k(5)))) :: (\times) :: \square & \| \ \blacksquare \ \rangle \\
\xrightarrow{(\texttt{Num})} & \langle\ (\varnothing \vdash (\texttt{vcc}\ k;\ (3 + k(5)))) :: (\times) :: \square & \| \ 2 :: \blacksquare \ \rangle \\
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\xrightarrow{(\texttt{Add}_1)} & \langle\ (\sigma_0 \vdash 3) :: (\sigma_0 \vdash k(5)) :: (+) :: (\times) :: \square & \| \ 2 :: \blacksquare \ \rangle \\
\xrightarrow{(\texttt{Num})} & \langle\ (\sigma_0 \vdash k(5)) :: (+) :: (\times) :: \square & \| \ 3 :: 2 :: \blacksquare \ \rangle \\
\xrightarrow{(\texttt{App}_1)} & \langle\ (\sigma_0 \vdash k) :: (\sigma_0 \vdash 5) :: (@) :: (+) :: (\times) :: \square & \| \ 3 :: 2 :: \blacksquare \ \rangle \\
\xrightarrow{(\texttt{Id})} & \langle\ (\sigma_0 \vdash 5) :: (@) :: (+) :: (\times) :: \square & \| \ \langle \kappa_0 \ \| \ s_0 \rangle :: 3 :: 2 :: \blacksquare \ \rangle \\
\xrightarrow{(\texttt{Num})} & \langle\ (@) :: (+) :: (\times) :: \square & \| \ 5 :: \langle \kappa_0 \ \| \ s_0 \rangle :: 3 :: 2 :: \blacksquare \ \rangle \\
\xrightarrow{(\texttt{App}_{2,\kappa})} & \langle\ (\times) :: \square & \| \ 5 :: 2 :: \blacksquare \ \rangle \\
\xrightarrow{(\texttt{Mul}_2)} & \langle\ \square & \| \ 10 :: \blacksquare \ \rangle
\end{array}
$$

$$
\text{where} \begin{cases} \sigma_0 = [k \mapsto \langle \kappa_0 \ \| \ s_0 \rangle] \\ \kappa_0 = (\times) :: \square \\ s_0 = 2 :: \blacksquare \end{cases}
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```
int sumEvenUntilZero(int xs[], int len) {
  if (len <= 0) return 0;          // directly return 0 if len <= 0
  int sum = 0;
  for (int i = 0; i < len; i++) {
    if (xs[i] == 0) break;         // stop the loop if xs[i] == 0
    if (xs[i] % 2 == 1) continue;  // skip the rest if xs[i] is odd
    sum += xs[i];
  }
  return sum;                      // finally return the sum
}
int xs[] = {4, 1, 3, 2, 0, 6, 5, 8};
sumEvenUntilZero(xs, 8);           // 4 + 2 = 6
```

Let's represent them using **first-class continuations**!

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  while (cond) { vcc continue;
    body // continue(e)/break(e) jumps to the next/end of the loop
  }
}
```

Control Statements

We can represent other control statements similarly, but think for yourself!

- `exception` in `Python`

```
try:
    x = y / z
except ZeroDivisionError:
    x = 0
```

- `generator` in `JavaScript`

```
const foo = function* () { yield 'a'; yield 'b'; yield 'c'; };
let str = '';
for (const c of foo()) { str = str + c; }
str // 'abc'
```

- coroutines in `Kotlin`
- async/await in `C#`
- ...

Summary

Exercise #9

- Please see this document[1] on GitHub.
  - Implement `reduce` function.
- It is just an exercise, and you **don't need to submit** anything.
- However, some exam questions might be related to this exercise.

[1] https://github.com/ku-plrg-classroom/docs/tree/main/cose212/kfae.

Next Lecture

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