Practical Foundations for Programming Languages (Second Edition)

Errors and Corrections

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Corrections

The following errors in the second edition have been called to my attention.

- Back cover: Andrew Pitts’s affiliation is printed as “University of Cambridge University Press” rather than “University of Cambridge.” (This is the only mistake that is not under my control!)

- Page 4: In the description of abt’s, operators with no children should also be deemed “leaves.”

- Page 16, Lemma 2.1: The proof could be simplified to a case analysis, requiring no appeal to the inductive hypothesis. Or else “b nat” in the conclusion should read succ(b) nat.

- Page 23, after displayed formula (3.6), “even from rules (2.2)” should read “even from rules (2.8)”.

- Page 38, footnote: “do not [necessarily] validate weakening.”


- Page 82, Section 10.3: the definition of the recursor should be

\[
\text{iter}\{\langle z, e_0 \rangle; \langle x', s(x' \cdot 1), [x' \cdot 1, x' \cdot r/x, y]e_1 \rangle\}(e).
\]

- Page 75, Exercise 9.6: “then e is also hereditarily terminating …” should be “then e’ is also hereditarily terminating …”.

- Page 82, last line: the type of the bound variable n is given as nat x nat, but should be nat.
• Page 88, first paragraph: replace “induction” by “inductive”.

• Page 90, “which” in the abstract syntax should be “ifnull”, consistently with the concrete syntax.

• Page 107, $u_1, \ldots, u_n$ should be $u_1, \ldots, u_m$.

• Page 128 et seq.: Rules (15.2d), (15.4f), (15.6d), (15.9d), and (15.9h) lack premises to require that the principal argument be a value as a condition on taking a step.

• Page 128, Rule (15.2a): add an optional premise $e \text{~val}$, and an optional rule to evaluate $e$ if the introduction form is to be eager.

• Page 129, Rule (15.4a): add an optional premise $e \text{~val}$, and an optional rule to evaluate $e$ if the generator is to be eager.

• Page 129, Rule (15.6a): add an optional premise $e_2 \text{~val}$ and a corresponding rule to evaluate $e_2$ if the introduction form is to be eager.

• Page 140, Rule (16.4a): the type label on the $\lambda$ should be $\tau_1$, not $\tau$.

• Page 147, line 13: “identification convention”, not “identification covnen- tion”.

• Page 154, and Exercise 1: the type of $\text{emp}$ should be $\forall t : T.q[t]$.

• Page 152, line -8: $\langle bs, f s' \rangle$ should be $\text{just}(\langle f, \langle bs, f s' \rangle \rangle)$.

• Page 162, line 3: “In other words $e$ is defined to be …” should be “In other words $f$ is defined to be ….”

• Page 165, Section 9.3: “using recursive functions” should be “using fixed points.”

• Page 171: “fucntion” should be “function.”

• Page 191, dynamics of application: either a by-name or by-value interpretation is possible.

• Page 191, Rule (22.4h): 0 should be $z$.

• Page 191, Rule (22.4i): $n + 1$ should be $s(n)$.

• Page 193, Section 22.2: “berepresented” should be “be represented”.

• Page 219, paragraph 2: should read: “serve as behavioral specifications”.

• Page 221, second paragraph: “entails any refinement all” should read “entails any refinement at all.”

• Page 228, Section 25.3: “$\Phi_\Gamma \vdash a \in_\tau \phi$” should be “$\Phi_\Gamma \vdash e \in_\tau \phi$.”
• Page 261, Rule (29.3a): Conclusion should be $e \triangleright e$ initial.

• Page 265, Exercises 29.4 and 29.5 are orphaned: the modal formulation of exceptions is no longer presented in the text.

• Page 267, Section 30.1: $\tau \text{ cont cont}$ should be $\tau' \text{ cont cont}$.

• Page 268, rule 30.2: the premise should read “$k \div \tau$.”

• Page 283, Exercise 31.4: There is no reason to specify the associated type of a symbol to be sexpr. For “pure” symbols the associated type would be unit, indicating no associated information. Alternatively, the associated type could be a product of attributes, including, for example, the “print name” (a string) associated with the symbol.

• Page 288, Section 32.5: “…the name of the fluid…”

• Page 291, Section 33.1: “A dynamic class is a symbol that is generated …”

• Page 292, last paragraph: Revised per online edition to clarify discussion of disequality of names.

• Page 294, line 11: $\text{isin}[a](e;e_1;e_2)$ should be $\text{isin}[a](e;y.e_1;e_2)$ to align the variable name $y$ with its definition to follow.

• Page 298, Exercise 33.3 and 33.4 depend on Exercises 29.4 and 29.5, which rely on the modal formulation of exceptions.

• Page 314, first display equation: the printed edition inexplicably has $\tau \text{ cap} \equiv \tau \text{ cmd} \times (\text{nat} \rightarrow \text{nat cmd})$ which instead should be $\tau \text{ cap} \equiv \tau \text{ cmd} \times (\tau \rightarrow \tau \text{ cmd})$.

• Page 344, start of paragraph 2: should read: “finite mapping of the task names”.

• Pages 344-5: Rule 37.10(b) should have a premise $\neg(e_2 \text{ val})$ to prevent needless repetition. Rule 37.10(c) should associate $a_1$ to $e_1(e_2)$ in the result state. There should also be an analogous rule for the join point corresponding to the function position of the application.

• Page 366, Section 39.4, displayed example at end of section should be $\left( v \circ (V_0 \otimes V_1) \right) \otimes U \rightarrow (\sum v.V_1 \otimes V_2) \otimes U \equiv v \circ (V_1 \otimes V_2 \otimes U)$.

• Page 380, displayed program has a missing use of cmd, should be $$\text{fix loop}: \tau \text{ cmd is cmd}\{x \leftarrow \text{acc}; \text{match } x \text{ as } a \cdot y \leftarrow \text{ret y ow } \leftarrow \text{emit}(x); \text{do loop}\}$$
• Page 381, Rules 4.10. There is no execution rule for \texttt{sync(never)}), so
that the intended, but unstated, progress theorem fails. A solution is to
introduce a new action, say \#, representing synchronization on the never-
occurring event, and to add the execution rule

\[
\text{sync(never)} \quad \# \quad \text{sync(never)}.
\]

The same correction applies to \texttt{DA}, which also has a null event.

• Page 387, Rule 41.2(b): Premise \(\Gamma \vdash e_1 : \tau_1 \texttt{cmd} @ w\) should be \(\Gamma \vdash e_1 : \texttt{cmd}[w](\tau_1) @ w\).

• Page 389, Rule 41.6a: The process “\texttt{run}(m)” should be “\texttt{run(at}[w](m))”
to record the site of the spawned process.

• Page 390, Theorems 41.2 and 41.3, the transition judgments should be
\(p \xrightarrow{\Delta @ w} p';\) the “\(w\)” should be above the transition arrow, not below it.

• Page 437, last paragraph: strike “obviously reflexive.” Reflexivity is ex-
actly Theorem 46.13.

• Page 438, Section 46.1, definition of a congruence: require only that the
relations be \textit{partial} equivalence relations (symmetric and transitive, not
necessarily reflexive).

• Page 442, proof of Lemma 46.16: Add “By Definition 46.8 and \textbf{Lemma 46.11}
…..” for clarity.

• Page 447, Section 47.3, “the following rule”.

• Page 448, Section 47.3, should be “…it is enough to show that \(\hat{\gamma}(e_1) \sim_t \hat{\gamma}(e'_1), \ldots\)”

• Page 456, Section 48.2, statement and proof of Lemma 48.3, \(\Delta, t\) should be
\(\Delta, t\) type.

• Page 459, Section 48.3, proof of Lemma 48.8: second \(\rho\) should be \(\rho'\):
\[
d'[\rho'] \equiv_{[\rho'/t]} \hat{\gamma}(t_2) e'[^{[\rho']}].
\]

• Page 462, line 8: the second occurrence of \(\rho\) should be \(\rho'\).

\section*{Improvements}

The following changes improve the presentation in the text.

• Various places: ensure uniform use of “statics” and “dynamics” rather
than “static semantics” and “dynamic semantics.”
• Change rules (5.10a) and (5.10i) to have typing premises so that it is possible to prove the newly inserted Exercise 5.4 by induction on Rules (5.10).

• Chapter 6, Section 6.2: The statement and proof of the canonical forms lemma could be improved as follows:

Lemma 1 (Canonical Forms).

1. If \( e : \text{num} \) and \( e \text{ val} \), then \( e = n \) for some number \( n \).
2. If \( e : \text{str} \) and \( e \text{ val} \), then \( e = "s" \) for some string \( s \).

Proof. Each case is proved by induction on typing, making use of the definition of \( e \text{ val} \).

• Chapter 11 and elsewhere: replace \( \text{abort}(e) \) by \( \text{case } e \{ \} \) to avoid the implication that “abort” causes a run-time fault, which it does not (and can not!).

• Page 130, the dynamics is specified to be lazy, though it is possible to specify both eager and lazy semantics using optional premises and rules. The rules given in Figure 1 do so.

• Chapter 33, Section 2: It would be preferable, and consistent with later chapters, to rename the operator \( \text{isof} \) to \( \text{isinref} \).

• Chapter 40 Concurrent Algol. The dynamics specifies \textit{synchronous} communication, in which an emit of a message does not terminate until the message has been received. An \textit{asynchronous} dynamics may be specified by making the alterations given in Figure 2. These rules define an asynchronous send process, and re-define the dynamics of emit to create such a process.

• Section 33.2. It would be more suggestive to write \( \text{isinref}(e_1;e_2) \) in place of \( \text{mk}(e_1;e_2) \) to stress its role as the dynamic analogue of \( \text{in}[a](e) \), much as \( \text{getref}(e) \) is the dynamic analogue of \( \text{get}[a] \) for assignables.

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Figure 1: Eager-or-Lazy Dynamics for Inductive and Coinductive Types

Figure 2: Asynchronous Dynamics for Concurrent Algol

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