# Mandatory 1 Revisited

• Make an interpreter for the ROBOL language



• Any questions?

## Problem 1 – Virtual methods





### Problem 2 – call by name

```
integer procedure Jensen(x, i, n);
    name x, i, n; integer x, i, n;
 begin
    integer index, sum;
    for index := 1 step 1 until n do
     begin
       i := index;
        sum := sum + x;
    end:
    Jensen := sum;
  end Jensen;
  integer ix, res1, res2, res3; integer array a(1:5);
  a(1) := 7; a(2) := -1; a(3) := 11; a(4) := 8; a(5) := 4;
  res1 := Jensen(ix*ix, ix, 10);
  res2 := Jensen(a(ix), ix, 5);
  res3 := Jensen(if Rem(a(ix), 2) <>0 then 1 else 0, ix, 5);
end
```

### Problem 2 – call by name; res1



res1 = 1\*1 + 2\*2 + 3\*3 + ... 10\*10

### Problem 2 – call by name; res2



res2 = 7+(-1)+11+8+4

### Problem 2 – call by name; res3



res3 = 1+1+1+0+0

# Problem 3 – function parameters



## Problem 4 – Scope in ML

Fill in the missing information in the following illustration of the run-time stack after the call to h inside the body of g. Remember that function values are represented by closures and that a closure is a pair consisting of an environment (pointer to an activation record) and compiled code.

result = 5+7-2 = 10

#### Activation records



# Problem 5

- Can the L-value of a variable be accessed *only* when its name is visible (i.e. within scope)? If YES, why, and if NO, why and how?
- NO! For instance reference parameters, pointers, closures etc. Example:

```
{ -- block that does not contain i
    void f(ref int j) { ... j= ... }
...
{
    int i;
    f(i)
  }
}
```

# Problem 6 - Determinism

- Parameters to procedures are often used in order to parameterize the computation, so that procedures called with different actual values perform different computations.
  - In which cases will a procedure without parameters not perform the same computation every time it is called?

### • For instance

- When it reads an external value (network, keyboard, pseudorandom generator, etc)
- When it uses global variables
- When it uses undefined operations in the language (e.g. in C)
- Etc

## Problem 7 - Call by ref vs value-result

• By-reference and by-value-result have in most cases the same effect. Consider this small example:

```
int x;
void p(int i) {
    i=i+1;
    x=x+1;
};
x=1;
p(x);
```

Will the call p(x) have the same or different effect when the parameter i is by-reference and by-value-result?

Call by ref: x = 1 +1 = 2; x = 2 + 1 = 3; Call by value-result: i = 1 + 1 = 2; x = 1 + 1 = 2; x = 2;

### Problem 8 – Functions vs call by name

- It was indicated at the lecture that functions as parameters and name parameters are similar in that the actual parameters have to maintain their environment.
- Indicate a way in which some of the properties of name parameters can be achieved by means of functions as parameters. Which property cannot be achieved in this way?
  - When the name parameter is an expression that is just used for its R-value, then a function will work in the same way
  - When the name parameter is assigned to, this will (obviously) not work.

### Call by name Variable evaluated every time it is used

What does this code give when using by-value and by-name?

int i = 10;	By value: value of i is evaluated when calling the function. Giving us i = i + 10;
<pre>void f(int a) {    for() {         i = i + a;       } } f(i):</pre>	By name: nothing is evaluated when calling the function. a is evaluated every time it is used. Giving us the current value of i. Giving us i = i + i;
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Call by need Variables evaluated first time only Gives the same value back every following use

# Problem 9 – Parameters in Java

- a) Java does not have call-by-reference parameters, while C# has. How would you in Java get the effect of p(a), where a is a variable and the formal parameter is a call-by-reference parameter?
   a = p(a); BUT, only for single-threaded programs!
- b) Java does not have call by value result parameters. How would you in Java get the effect of p(a), where a is a variable and the formal parameter is a call-by-value-result parameter.
   a = p(a)
- c) What about p(a,b), where both are call-by-value-result parameters?
  - You create an object with values for a and b, and pass this in.