

308 Suppose variable declaration with initialization is defined as

**new**  $x: T := e \cdot P = \mathbf{new} \ x: T \ x := e \cdot P$

In what way does this differ from the definition given in Subsection 5.0.0?

After trying the question, scroll down to the solution.

§ According to Subsection 5.0.0,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbf{new} \ x: T := e \cdot P \\
= & \exists x: e \cdot \exists x': T \cdot P \\
= & (\text{for } x \text{ substitute } e \text{ in } \exists x': T \cdot P) && \text{assuming } T \text{ cannot mention } x \\
& && \text{and } e \text{ cannot mention } x' \\
= & \exists x': T \cdot (\text{for } x \text{ substitute } e \text{ in } P) && \text{assuming } e \text{ cannot mention } x \\
= & \exists x: T \cdot \exists x': T \cdot (\text{for } x \text{ substitute } e \text{ in } P) && \text{substitution law} \\
= & \exists x, x': T \cdot (x := e \cdot P) \\
= & \mathbf{new} \ x: T \cdot x := e \cdot P
\end{aligned}$$

With the three assumptions, there's no difference. So let's violate those assumptions. First, let  $T = x+1$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbf{new} \ x: x+1 \cdot x := e \cdot P \\
= & \exists x, x': x+1 \cdot (x := e \cdot P) \\
= & \exists \langle x: x+1 \cdot \exists x': x+1 \cdot (x := e \cdot P) \rangle
\end{aligned}$$

Section 3.0 defines a function by saying “Let  $v$  be a name, and let  $D$  be a bunch of items (possibly using previously introduced names but not using  $v$ ), ...”. We do not have a definition of  $\langle x: x+1 \cdot \dots \rangle$ .

Next, suppose  $e = x+1$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbf{new} \ x: T := x+1 \cdot P \\
= & \exists x: x+1 \cdot \exists x': T \cdot P \\
= & \exists \langle x: x+1 \cdot \exists x': T \cdot P \rangle
\end{aligned}$$

So again we do not have a definition of  $\langle x: x+1 \cdot \dots \rangle$ .

Last, suppose  $e = x'+1$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbf{new} \ x: T := x'+1 \cdot P \\
= & \exists x: x'+1 \cdot \exists x': T \cdot P
\end{aligned}$$

The  $x'$  appearing first is not the same variable as the  $x'$  appearing second.