

X5.4 Expressions should not have side-effects. But some programming languages have expressions with side-effects. Suppose the assignment

$x := x + ((x := x+1, y := y+2) \text{ value } x+y) + y$

is in a language with side effects. Translate these side-effect into main effects so that we can reason mathematically.

After trying the question, scroll down to the solution.

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