

Semantics and Domain theory

Exercises 1

At the lecture, we gave a denotational semantics for the language \mathcal{L} given by the grammar

$$\begin{aligned} b : \text{bit} & ::= \mathbf{0} \mid \mathbf{1} \\ n : \text{bin} & ::= b \mid n b \end{aligned}$$

NB $\mathbf{0}$ and $\mathbf{1}$ are symbols, not the numbers.

The semantics is given by the model \mathbb{N} , the natural numbers, and the interpretation

$$\begin{aligned} \llbracket \mathbf{0} \rrbracket & := 0 \\ \llbracket \mathbf{1} \rrbracket & := 1 \\ \llbracket n b \rrbracket & := 2 * \llbracket n \rrbracket + \llbracket b \rrbracket \end{aligned}$$

In the lecture, we have recursively defined the operation $P(n)$, which prefixes a binary numeral n with a leading $\mathbf{0}$ as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} P(\mathbf{0}) & := \mathbf{00} \\ P(\mathbf{1}) & := \mathbf{01} \\ P(n b) & := P(n) b \end{aligned}$$

We have given an operational semantics \xRightarrow{P} via the rules

$$\frac{}{\mathbf{0} \xRightarrow{P} \mathbf{00}} \quad \frac{}{\mathbf{1} \xRightarrow{P} \mathbf{01}} \quad \frac{n \xRightarrow{P} m}{n b \xRightarrow{P} m b}$$

Exercises:

- Define the operation $S(n)$, which computes the binary numeral which is the successor of n .

Answer:

$$\begin{aligned} S(\mathbf{0}) & := \mathbf{1} \\ S(\mathbf{1}) & := \mathbf{10} \\ S(n\mathbf{0}) & := n\mathbf{1} \\ S(n\mathbf{1}) & := S(n)\mathbf{0} \end{aligned}$$

End answer

- (a) Give an operational semantics for $S(n)$, in the form of a relation $n \xRightarrow{S} m$ such that $S(n) = m$ iff $n \xRightarrow{S} m$

Answer:

$$\frac{}{\mathbf{0} \xRightarrow{S} \mathbf{1}} \quad \frac{}{\mathbf{1} \xRightarrow{S} \mathbf{10}} \quad \frac{}{n\mathbf{0} \xRightarrow{S} n\mathbf{1}} \quad \frac{n \xRightarrow{S} m}{n\mathbf{1} \xRightarrow{S} m\mathbf{0}}$$

End answer

(b) Prove that $S(n) = m$ iff $n \xrightarrow{S} m$

Answer:

We prove

(1) (\Rightarrow): $n \xrightarrow{S} S(n)$ by induction on n .

(2) (\Leftarrow): if $n \xrightarrow{S} m$, then $S(n) = m$ by induction on the derivation of $n \xrightarrow{S} m$.

(1)

- cases **0** and **1**: immediate
- case $m\mathbf{0}$: $m\mathbf{0} \xrightarrow{S} m\mathbf{1} = S(m)$, done
- case $m\mathbf{1}$: IH: $m \xrightarrow{S} S(m)$, so by the fourth rule for \xrightarrow{S} , we conclude that $m\mathbf{1} \xrightarrow{S} S(m)\mathbf{0}$. We have $S(m\mathbf{1}) = S(m)\mathbf{0}$, so done.

(2)

- the cases for the first two rules, for **0** and **1** are immediate.
- case of the 3d rule: $m\mathbf{0} \xrightarrow{S} m\mathbf{1}$: $S(m\mathbf{0}) = m\mathbf{1}$, so done.
- case of the 4th rule:

$$\frac{m \xrightarrow{S} p}{m\mathbf{1} \xrightarrow{S} p\mathbf{0}}$$

IH: $S(m) = p$. To prove: $S(m\mathbf{1}) = p\mathbf{0}$. We have $S(m\mathbf{1}) = S(m)\mathbf{0} \stackrel{IH}{=} p\mathbf{0}$, so done.

End answer

3. Prove $\llbracket S(n) \rrbracket = \llbracket n \rrbracket + 1$ for all n .

Answer:

By induction on n

- $\llbracket S(\mathbf{0}) \rrbracket = \llbracket \mathbf{1} \rrbracket = 1 = \llbracket \mathbf{0} \rrbracket + 1$.
- $\llbracket S(\mathbf{1}) \rrbracket = \llbracket \mathbf{10} \rrbracket = 2 = \llbracket \mathbf{1} \rrbracket + 1$.
- $\llbracket S(m\mathbf{0}) \rrbracket = \llbracket m\mathbf{1} \rrbracket = 2\llbracket m \rrbracket + 1 = 2\llbracket m \rrbracket + 0 + 1 = \llbracket m\mathbf{0} \rrbracket + 1$.
- $\llbracket S(m\mathbf{1}) \rrbracket = \llbracket S(m)\mathbf{0} \rrbracket = 2\llbracket S(m) \rrbracket + 0 \stackrel{IH}{=} 2(\llbracket m \rrbracket + 1) = 2\llbracket m \rrbracket + 1 + 1 = \llbracket m\mathbf{1} \rrbracket + 1$.

End answer

4. (a) Compute the denotational semantics of $S_1 \equiv x := x + 1; y := x + x$

Answer:

$$\begin{aligned} \llbracket S_1 \rrbracket &= \lambda s : \text{State}. \llbracket y := x + x \rrbracket (\llbracket x := x + 1 \rrbracket (s)) \\ &= \lambda s : \text{State}. \llbracket y := x + x \rrbracket (s[x \mapsto s(x) + 1]) \\ &= \lambda s : \text{State}. s[x \mapsto s(x) + 1, y \mapsto s(x) + 1 + s(x) + 1] \\ &= \lambda s : \text{State}. s[x \mapsto s(x) + 1, y \mapsto 2s(x) + 2] \end{aligned}$$

End answer

(b) Compute the denotational semantics of $S_2 \equiv \text{if } x > 0 \text{ then } x := 1 \text{ else } x := -1$

Answer:

$$\llbracket S_2 \rrbracket = \lambda s : \text{State}. \begin{cases} s[x \mapsto 1] & \text{if } s(x) > 0 \\ s[x \mapsto -1] & \text{if } s(x) \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

End answer

NB Your answer should be a "state transformers", i.e. an element of $\text{State} \rightarrow \text{State}$, the set of partial functions from State to State . For us a state is a function from locations (variables) to integers, $r : \mathbb{L} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$.