

# Semantics and Domain theory

## Exercises 11

Recall the following terms in untyped  $\lambda$ -calculus

- $c_n$  denotes the  $n$ -th Church numeral, so in particular  $c_0 = \lambda f x.x$ ,  $c_1 = \lambda f x.f x$  and in general  $c_n = \lambda f x.f^n(x)$ .
- $\mathbf{K} = \lambda x y.x$ ,  $\mathbf{I} = \lambda x.x$

1. (a) Prove that the equation  $c_0 = c_1$  is inconsistent in untyped  $\lambda$  calculus.  
 (b) (More challenging) Prove that  $c_0 = c_{n+1}$  is inconsistent for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and conclude that  $c_n = c_m$  is inconsistent for any  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $n \neq m$ .
2. The applicative structure  $(A, \mathbf{App})$ , with  $A = \mathbb{N}$  (the natural numbers) and  $\mathbf{App} = *$  (multiplication) cannot be made into a (consistent) model of the untyped  $\lambda$ -calculus. We prove this in the following steps:

Consider  $(\mathbb{N}, *)$  and assume that there is an interpretation  $\llbracket - \rrbracket$  satisfying the definition that we have given in the lecture (see Definition 59 of Berline). Now:

- (a) Show that  $\llbracket \mathbf{K I} \rrbracket = \llbracket \mathbf{I K} \rrbracket$ .
- (b) Conclude that  $d = e$  for all  $d, e \in \mathbb{N}$ .

So: contradiction.

3. We consider the model definition as explained in the lecture. (See Definition 57 of Berline; so we assume that the interpretation  $\llbracket - \rrbracket$  is well-defined.) Assume  $G \circ A = \text{id}_M$ . Show that the  $\eta$ -rule holds in the model. ( $\lambda x.N x = N$  for all  $N$  with  $x \notin \text{FV}(N)$ .)
4. Prove that the theory that equates all  $\lambda$ -terms that don't have a normal form is inconsistent by showing that the following equation is inconsistent in untyped  $\lambda$  calculus:

$$\lambda x y.x y \Omega = \lambda x y.y x \Omega.$$

5. Which of the following sets are complete lattices.
  - (a) The set of flat natural numbers  $\mathbb{N}_\perp$ .
  - (b) The set  $\mathcal{P}_{\text{fin}}(\mathbb{N})$  of *finite subsets* of  $\mathbb{N}$ .
  - (c) The set  $\Omega (= \mathbb{N} \cup \{\omega\})$ , with the ordering we have seen before).
  - (d) The set of monotone functions from  $\mathbb{B}_\perp^\top$  to  $\mathbb{B}_\perp^\top$ .  
 (Remember that the set of flat booleans with a top element added,  $\mathbb{B}_\perp^\top$ , is a complete lattice.)

6. Complete the proof of Proposition 3.1.7.  
 That is, show that in a complete lattice  $(D, \sqsubseteq)$ , if we define

$$\bigsqcap X := \bigsqcup \{y \in D \mid y \sqsubseteq X\},$$

then  $\bigsqcap X$  is indeed the *greatest lower bound* (also called the *inf*) of  $X$ .