

Semantics and Domain theory

Exercises 7

1. Show that, if $Q \Downarrow_{\tau} V$, then $(\mathbf{fn} x : \tau. \mathbf{fn} y : \tau.y)PQ \Downarrow V$. (NB. V denotes an arbitrary *value*.)

Answer:
 Suppose we have a derivation of $Q \Downarrow_{\tau} V$. Then we have the following derivation of $(\mathbf{fn} x : \tau. \mathbf{fn} y : \tau.y)PQ \Downarrow V$, where we write F for $\mathbf{fn} x : \tau. \mathbf{fn} y : \tau.y$.

$$\frac{\frac{F \Downarrow \mathbf{fn} x : \tau. \mathbf{fn} y : \tau.y \quad (\mathbf{fn} y : \tau.y)[P/x] \Downarrow \mathbf{fn} y : \tau.y}{FP \Downarrow \mathbf{fn} y : \tau.y} \Downarrow_{\text{app}} \quad y[Q/y] \Downarrow V}{FPQ \Downarrow V} \Downarrow_{\text{app}}$$

End answer

2. To prove that PCF evaluation is deterministic, we prove (in Proposition 5.4.1) that the following set is closed under the rules of Fig.3

$$\{(M, \tau, V) \mid M \Downarrow_{\tau} V \wedge \forall V'(M \Downarrow_{\tau} V' \Rightarrow V = V')\}$$

Show this for the cases of the rules $(\Downarrow_{\text{if1}})$ and $(\Downarrow_{\text{cbn}})$.
 (An alternative way of looking at this is to prove the following:

$$M \Downarrow_{\tau} V \Rightarrow \forall V'(M \Downarrow_{\tau} V' \Rightarrow V = V')$$

by induction on the derivation of $M \Downarrow_{\tau} V$. Do only the cases when the last applied rule is $(\Downarrow_{\text{if1}})$ or $(\Downarrow_{\text{cbn}})$.)

Answer:

The case for \Downarrow_{if1} :

$$\frac{M \Downarrow \mathbf{true} \quad N \Downarrow V}{\mathbf{if} M \mathbf{then} N \mathbf{else} P \Downarrow V} \Downarrow_{\text{if1}}$$

We have the induction hypothesis for $M \Downarrow \mathbf{true}$ and for $N \Downarrow V$.
 If we have a derivation of $\mathbf{if} M \mathbf{then} N \mathbf{else} P \Downarrow V'$, then the last applied rules must be \Downarrow_{if1} or \Downarrow_{if2} . As $M \Downarrow \mathbf{true}$, it follows from (IH) that $M \not\Downarrow \mathbf{false}$. So the last rule has been \Downarrow_{if1} and we have

$$\frac{M \Downarrow \mathbf{true} \quad N \Downarrow V'}{\mathbf{if} M \mathbf{then} N \mathbf{else} P \Downarrow V'} \Downarrow_{\text{if1}}$$

Now, (IH) for $N \Downarrow V$ says that $V = V'$ and we are done.

The case for \Downarrow_{cbn} :

$$\frac{M \Downarrow \mathbf{fn} x : \tau. N \quad N[Q/x] \Downarrow V}{MQ \Downarrow V} \Downarrow_{\text{cbn}}$$

We have the induction hypothesis for $M \Downarrow \mathbf{fn} x : \tau. N$ and for $N[Q/x] \Downarrow V$. If we have a derivation of $M Q \Downarrow V'$, then the last applied rules must be \Downarrow_{cbn} . So we have

$$\frac{M \Downarrow \mathbf{fn} y : \tau'. N' \quad N'[Q/y] \Downarrow V'}{M Q \Downarrow V'} \Downarrow_{\text{cbn}}$$

Now, (IH) for $M \Downarrow \mathbf{fn} x : \tau. N$ says that $\mathbf{fn} x : \tau. N = \mathbf{fn} y : \tau'. N'$ and so $N[Q/x] = N'[Q/y]$. We are done by the (IH) for $N[Q/x] \Downarrow V$.

End answer

3. Prove that the following terms M and N are not contextually equivalent.

(a) $M = \mathbf{if} x \mathbf{ then } 0 \mathbf{ else } 1$ and $N = \mathbf{if} y \mathbf{ then } 0 \mathbf{ else } 1$.

Answer:

Take $C[-] = (\mathbf{fn} x : \mathbf{bool}. \mathbf{fn} y : \mathbf{bool}. -) \mathbf{false} \mathbf{ true}$. Then $C[M] \Downarrow 1$ and $C[N] \Downarrow 0$. The derivation of the first, writing

F for $\mathbf{fn} x : \mathbf{bool}. \mathbf{fn} y : \mathbf{bool}. \mathbf{if} x \mathbf{ then } 0 \mathbf{ else } 1$ and

G for $\mathbf{fn} y : \mathbf{bool}. \mathbf{if} \mathbf{false} \mathbf{ then } 0 \mathbf{ else } 1$ and

$$\frac{F \Downarrow F \quad \mathbf{fn} y : \mathbf{bool}. \mathbf{if} x \mathbf{ then } 0 \mathbf{ else } 1[\mathbf{false}/x] \Downarrow G}{F \mathbf{false} \Downarrow G} \quad \frac{\mathbf{false} \Downarrow \mathbf{false} \quad 1 \Downarrow 1}{\mathbf{if} \mathbf{false} \mathbf{ then } 0 \mathbf{ else } 1 \Downarrow 1}$$

$$F \mathbf{false} \mathbf{true} \Downarrow 1$$

Also, one could take $C[-] = (\mathbf{fn} x : \mathbf{bool}. \mathbf{fn} y : \mathbf{bool}. -) \Omega_{\mathbf{bool}} \mathbf{true}$. Then $C[M] \Downarrow$ and $C[N] \Downarrow 0$.

End answer

(b) $M = \mathbf{fn} x : \mathbf{nat}. \mathbf{succ}(\mathbf{pred} x)$ and $N = \mathbf{fn} x : \mathbf{nat}. x$.

Answer:

Take $C[-] = -0$. Then $C[M] \Downarrow$ and $C[N] \Downarrow 0$. The derivation of the second is easy, and we don't give it. For the first, suppose it has a derivation. Then show that this derivation should contain a subderivation of $\mathbf{pred} 0 \Downarrow V$ for some value V , but that derivation doesn't exist.

End answer

4. (a) Give a type τ , a term M , values V, V' and a context $C[-]$ such that $M \Downarrow_{\tau} V$ but $C[M] \Downarrow_{\tau} V' \neq C[V]$.

Answer:

(So $M \Downarrow_{\tau} V \not\Downarrow_{\tau} C[M] \Downarrow_{\tau} C[V]$.)

A simple example is $M = \mathbf{pred}(\mathbf{succ} 0)$, $C[-] = \mathbf{fn} x : \mathbf{nat}. -$, because we have $M \Downarrow 0$ and $C[M] = \mathbf{fn} x : \mathbf{nat}. \mathbf{pred}(\mathbf{succ} 0) \Downarrow \mathbf{fn} x : \mathbf{nat}. \mathbf{pred}(\mathbf{succ} 0) \neq \mathbf{fn} x : \mathbf{nat}. 0 = C[0]$.

NB. We don't give the derivations, but in an exam you should give them.

End answer

(b) Give a type τ , a term M , a value V and a context $C[-]$ such that $M \Downarrow_{\tau} V$ but $C[M] \Downarrow_{\tau}$ ($C[M]$ has no value.)

Answer:

(So $M \Downarrow_{\tau} V \not\Rightarrow \exists V'(C[M] \Downarrow_{\tau} V')$.)

A very simple example is $M = 0$, $C[-] = \mathbf{pred}(-)$, because we have $M \Downarrow 0$ and $C[M] = \mathbf{pred}(0) \not\Downarrow$. A different example is $M = 0$, $C[-] = \mathbf{if\ zero}(-) \mathbf{then\ } \Omega_{\mathbf{nat}} \mathbf{else\ } -$, because we have $M \Downarrow 0$ and $C[M] = \mathbf{if\ zero}(0) \mathbf{then\ } \Omega_{\mathbf{nat}} \mathbf{else\ } 0 \not\Downarrow$.

NB. We don't give the derivations, but in an exam you should give them.

End answer

- (c) Give a type τ , a term M , a value V and a context $C[-]$ such that $M \not\Downarrow_{\tau}$ but $C[M] \Downarrow_{\tau} V$

Answer:

(So $M \not\Downarrow_{\tau} \not\Rightarrow C[M] \Downarrow_{\tau}$.)

A very simple example is $M = \Omega_{\mathbf{nat}}$, $C[-] = \mathbf{if\ false\ then\ } - \mathbf{else\ } 0$, because we have $M \not\Downarrow$ and $C[M] = \mathbf{if\ false\ then\ } \Omega_{\mathbf{nat}} \mathbf{else\ } 0 \Downarrow$.

NB. We don't give the derivations, but in an exam you should give them.

End answer

5. Given the definition of plus (Exercise 5.6.3.)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{plus} &= \mathbf{fix}(\mathbf{fn\ } p : \mathbf{nat} \rightarrow \mathbf{nat} \rightarrow \mathbf{nat. fn\ } x : \mathbf{nat. fn\ } y : \mathbf{nat.} \\ &\quad \mathbf{if\ zero}(y) \mathbf{then\ } x \mathbf{else\ succ}(p\ x\ \mathbf{pred}(y))) \end{aligned}$$

Prove (by induction) that

$$\forall m, n (\text{plus } \mathbf{succ}^m(0) \ \mathbf{succ}^n(0) \Downarrow_{\mathbf{nat}} \ \mathbf{succ}^{m+n}(0))$$

NB. First identify the proper statement that you need and that you can prove relatively easily by induction.

Answer:

We introduce some abbreviations

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{n} &:= \mathbf{succ}^n(0), \text{ for } n \in \mathbb{N} \\ A(p, x, y) &:= \mathbf{if\ zero}(y) \mathbf{then\ } x \mathbf{else\ succ}(p\ x\ \mathbf{pred}(y)) \\ B(p) &:= \mathbf{fn\ } x : \mathbf{nat. fn\ } y : \mathbf{nat.} A(p, x, y) \\ H &:= \mathbf{fn\ } p : \mathbf{nat} \rightarrow \mathbf{nat} \rightarrow \mathbf{nat.} B(p) \\ T(y) &:= A(\text{plus}, \underline{m}, y) \end{aligned}$$

We prove, by induction on n , for all Q ,

$$Q \Downarrow \underline{n} \implies T(Q) \Downarrow \underline{m+n}.$$

So, $T(Q)$ is $\mathbf{if\ zero}(Q) \mathbf{then\ } \underline{m} \mathbf{else\ succ}(\text{plus } \underline{m} \ \mathbf{pred}(Q))$ and plus is defined as $\mathbf{fix\ } H$.

Case $n = 0$: immediate by one application of ($\Downarrow_{\mathbf{if1}}$).

Case $n + 1$: The IH is $\forall Q. (Q \Downarrow \underline{n} \implies T(Q) \Downarrow \underline{m+n})$. Now, suppose that $Q \Downarrow \underline{n+1}$ we need to prove $T(Q) \Downarrow \underline{m+n+1}$.

We use the fact that, if $Q \Downarrow n+1$, then $\mathbf{pred}(Q) \Downarrow n$.

The derivation is as follows: (You have to fill in the dots yourself and the double line requires two steps.)

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \dots \\
 \frac{H \text{ plus } \Downarrow B(\text{plus})}{\text{plus } \Downarrow B(\text{plus})} \quad \frac{\text{IH}}{T(\mathbf{pred}(Q)) \Downarrow \underline{m+n}} \\
 \hline
 \text{plus } \underline{m} \mathbf{pred}(Q) \Downarrow \underline{m+n} \\
 \dots \quad \frac{\mathbf{succ}(\text{plus } \underline{m} \mathbf{pred}(Q)) \Downarrow \underline{m+n+1}}{T(Q) \Downarrow \underline{m+n+1}}
 \end{array}$$

Now, the result, $\text{plus } \underline{m} \underline{n} \Downarrow \underline{m+n}$, follows immediately:

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \dots \\
 \frac{H \text{ plus } \Downarrow B(\text{plus})}{\text{plus } \Downarrow B(\text{plus})} \quad \frac{\text{property about } T}{A(\text{plus}, \underline{m}, \underline{n}) \Downarrow \underline{m+n}} \\
 \hline
 \text{plus } \underline{m} \underline{n} \Downarrow \underline{m+n}
 \end{array}$$

End answer