

Semantics and Domain theory

Exercises 8

1. (Exercise 6.5.2. of Pitts' notes) Define $\Omega_\tau = \mathbf{fix}(\mathbf{fn} x : \tau.x)$

(a) Show that $\llbracket \Omega_\tau \rrbracket$ is the least element of the domain $\llbracket \tau \rrbracket$.

Answer:

$$\llbracket \Omega_\tau \rrbracket = \llbracket \mathbf{fix}(\mathbf{fn} x : \tau.x) \rrbracket = \mathbf{fix}(\lambda d \in \llbracket \tau \rrbracket . d) = \sqcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} (\perp_{\llbracket \tau \rrbracket}) = \perp_{\llbracket \tau \rrbracket}.$$

End answer

(b) Deduce that $\llbracket \mathbf{fn} x : \tau. \Omega_\tau \rrbracket = \llbracket \Omega_{\tau \rightarrow \tau} \rrbracket$.

Answer:

$$\llbracket \mathbf{fn} x : \tau. \Omega_\tau \rrbracket = \lambda y \in \llbracket \tau \rrbracket . \llbracket \Omega_\tau \rrbracket = \lambda y \in \llbracket \tau \rrbracket . \perp_{\llbracket \tau \rrbracket} = \perp_{\llbracket \tau \rightarrow \tau \rrbracket} = \llbracket \Omega_{\tau \rightarrow \tau} \rrbracket.$$

End answer

2. (a) Compute the denotational semantics of

$$M = \mathbf{fn} x : \mathbf{bool}. \mathbf{fn} y : \mathbf{nat}. \mathbf{if} x \mathbf{then} y \mathbf{else} y.$$

Answer:

$$\llbracket M \rrbracket = \lambda b \in \mathbb{B}_\perp . \lambda c \in \mathbb{N}_\perp . \mathbf{if}(b, c, c) =$$

$$\begin{cases} \perp & \text{if } b = \perp \\ c & \text{if } b \neq \perp \end{cases}$$

End answer

(b) Define a term P such that $\llbracket M \rrbracket \sqsubseteq \llbracket P \rrbracket$ but $\llbracket M \rrbracket \neq \llbracket P \rrbracket$.

Answer:

$$P := \mathbf{fn} x : \mathbf{bool}. \mathbf{fn} y : \mathbf{nat}. y. \text{ Then } \llbracket \mathbf{fn} x : \mathbf{bool}. \mathbf{fn} y : \mathbf{nat}. y \rrbracket = \lambda b \in \mathbb{B}_\perp . \lambda c \in \mathbb{N}_\perp . c \text{ and } \llbracket M \rrbracket \sqsubseteq \llbracket P \rrbracket, \llbracket M \rrbracket \neq \llbracket P \rrbracket.$$

End answer

(c) Define a term N such that $\llbracket M \rrbracket = \llbracket N \rrbracket$ but $N \not\Downarrow M$.

Answer:

$$N = \mathbf{fn} x : \mathbf{bool}. \mathbf{fn} y : \mathbf{nat}. \mathbf{if} x \mathbf{then} y \mathbf{else} (\mathbf{if} x \mathbf{then} y \mathbf{else} y). \text{ Then } M \text{ and } N \text{ are both values, so } N \not\Downarrow M \text{ and } M \not\Downarrow N. \text{ On the other hand, } \llbracket N \rrbracket = \llbracket M \rrbracket.$$

End answer

3. Define terms $M, N : \mathbf{nat} \rightarrow \mathbf{nat}$ with $\llbracket M \rrbracket \sqsubseteq \llbracket N \rrbracket$ and $\llbracket M \rrbracket \neq \llbracket N \rrbracket$.

Answer:

$$N = \mathbf{fn} y : \mathbf{nat}. y \text{ and } M = \mathbf{fn} y : \mathbf{nat}. \mathbf{succ}(\mathbf{pred}(y)). \text{ Then}$$

$$\llbracket M \rrbracket = \lambda d \in \mathbb{N}_\perp \begin{cases} \perp & \text{if } d = \perp, 0 \\ d & \text{if } d \neq \perp, 0 \end{cases}$$

So $\llbracket M \rrbracket \sqsubseteq \llbracket N \rrbracket$ and $\llbracket M \rrbracket \neq \llbracket N \rrbracket$.

End answer

4. Verify that $\llbracket (\mathbf{fn} x : \sigma. M)N \rrbracket(\rho) = \llbracket M[N/x] \rrbracket(\rho)$ for M, N with $\Gamma \vdash N : \sigma$ and $\Gamma, x : \sigma \vdash M : \tau$ and $\rho \in \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket$. (Use the result on Slide 62, the Substitution Lemma.)

Answer:

$$\begin{aligned}
\llbracket (\mathbf{fn} \ x : \sigma.M)N \rrbracket(\rho) &= \llbracket \mathbf{fn} \ x : \sigma.M \rrbracket(\rho) \llbracket N \rrbracket(\rho) \\
&= (\lambda d \in \llbracket \sigma \rrbracket. \llbracket M \rrbracket(\rho[x \mapsto d])) \llbracket N \rrbracket(\rho) \\
&= \llbracket M \rrbracket(\rho[x \mapsto \llbracket N \rrbracket(\rho)]) \\
&= \llbracket M[N/x] \rrbracket(\rho)
\end{aligned}$$

End answer

5. Prove Soundness of the operational semantics (Theorem 6.4.1) for the inductive cases \Downarrow_{pred} and \Downarrow_{if1} .

Remember that Theorem 6.4.1 states that for all closed expressions M and V and type τ , if $M \Downarrow_{\tau} V$, then $\llbracket M \rrbracket = \llbracket V \rrbracket$. It is proved by induction on the derivation of $M \Downarrow_{\tau} V$.

Answer:

The case for \Downarrow_{pred} :

$$\frac{M \Downarrow \mathbf{succ}(V)}{\mathbf{pred}(M) \Downarrow V} \Downarrow_{\text{pred}}$$

$\mathbf{succ}(V) : \mathbf{nat}$, so $V = \mathbf{succ}^p(0)$ for some $p \in \mathbb{N}$. We have the induction hypothesis for $M \Downarrow \mathbf{succ}(V)$, so for all ρ , $\llbracket M \rrbracket(\rho) = \llbracket \mathbf{succ}(V) \rrbracket(\rho) = \llbracket \mathbf{succ}(\mathbf{succ}^p(0)) \rrbracket(\rho) = p + 1$. Then $\llbracket \mathbf{pred}(M) \rrbracket(\rho) = p = \llbracket V \rrbracket(\rho)$ (for all ρ).

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 $N \Downarrow V$, so for all ρ , $\llbracket M \rrbracket(\rho) = \text{tt}$ and $\llbracket N \rrbracket(\rho) = \llbracket V \rrbracket(\rho)$. Then, by definition of $\llbracket - \rrbracket$ and IH: $\llbracket \mathbf{if} \ M \ \mathbf{then} \ N \ \mathbf{else} \ P \rrbracket(\rho) = \llbracket N \rrbracket(\rho) = \llbracket V \rrbracket(\rho)$ (for all ρ).

End answer

6. Let

$$P := \mathbf{fix}(\mathbf{fn} \ p : \mathbf{nat} \rightarrow \mathbf{bool}. \mathbf{fn} \ x : \mathbf{nat}. \mathbf{if} \ (\mathbf{zero} \ x) \ \mathbf{then} \ \mathbf{true} \ \mathbf{else} \ p(\mathbf{pred}(\mathbf{pred} \ x))).$$

Compute $\llbracket P \rrbracket$.

Answer:

Define $H := \mathbf{fn} \ p : \mathbf{nat} \rightarrow \mathbf{bool}. \mathbf{fn} \ x : \mathbf{nat}. \mathbf{if} \ (\mathbf{zero} \ x) \ \mathbf{then} \ \mathbf{true} \ \mathbf{else} \ p(\mathbf{pred}(\mathbf{pred} \ x))$.

We define $h := \llbracket H \rrbracket = \lambda f \in \mathbb{N}_{\perp} \rightarrow \mathbb{B}_{\perp}. \lambda d \in \mathbb{N}_{\perp}. \mathbf{if}(d = 0, \text{tt}, f(d \ominus 2))$, where $d \ominus 2$ is defined as \perp if $d = \perp, 0, 1$ and $d - 2$ if $d \geq 2$.

$$\begin{aligned}
\llbracket P \rrbracket &= \mathbf{fix} \llbracket H \rrbracket \\
&= \sqcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} h^i(\perp_{\mathbb{N}_{\perp} \rightarrow \mathbb{B}_{\perp}}) \\
&\stackrel{*}{=} \lambda d \in \mathbb{N}_{\perp}. \begin{cases} \text{tt} & \text{if } d \in \mathbb{N} \text{ is even} \\ \perp & \text{if } d = \perp \text{ or } d \in \mathbb{N} \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}
\end{aligned}$$

The proof of \equiv^* is by showing that for $g_i := h^i(\perp_{\mathbb{N}_\perp \rightarrow \mathbb{B}_\perp})$ we have $g_i(2d) = \text{tt}$ if $d \in \mathbb{N}$ with $d < i$ and $g_i(d) = \perp$ otherwise. (Proof by induction on i .)

End answer

7. We give PCF-terms that define the “or” function, taking partiality into account. A PCF-term M defines the domain-theoretic function f if $\llbracket M \rrbracket = f$.

(a) Give a PCF-term that defines the function $f : \mathbb{B}_\perp \rightarrow \mathbb{B}_\perp \rightarrow \mathbb{B}_\perp$ given by

$$f(x)(y) := \begin{cases} \perp & \text{if } x = \perp \text{ or } (x = \text{ff} \text{ and } y = \perp) \\ \text{tt} & \text{if } x = \text{tt} \text{ or } (x = \text{ff} \text{ and } y = \text{tt}) \\ \text{ff} & \text{if } x = \text{ff} \text{ and } y = \text{ff} \end{cases}$$

Answer:

Take $M := \mathbf{fn} \ x : \mathbf{bool}. \mathbf{fn} \ y : \mathbf{bool}. \mathbf{if} \ x \ \mathbf{then} \ \mathbf{true} \ \mathbf{else} \ y$. Compute for yourself $\llbracket M \rrbracket$ and observe that $\llbracket M \rrbracket = f$.

End answer

(b) Give a PCF-terms that defines the function $g : \mathbb{B}_\perp \rightarrow \mathbb{B}_\perp \rightarrow \mathbb{B}_\perp$ given by

$$g(x)(y) := \begin{cases} \perp & \text{if } x = \perp \text{ or } y = \perp \\ \text{tt} & \text{if } x, y \neq \perp \text{ and } (x = \text{tt} \text{ or } y = \text{tt}) \\ \text{ff} & \text{if } x = \text{ff} \text{ and } y = \text{ff} \end{cases}$$

Answer:

Take $N :=$

$\mathbf{fn} \ x : \mathbf{bool}. \mathbf{fn} \ y : \mathbf{bool}. \mathbf{if} \ x \ \mathbf{then} \ (\mathbf{if} \ y \ \mathbf{then} \ \mathbf{true} \ \mathbf{else} \ \mathbf{true}) \ \mathbf{else} \ y$.
Compute for yourself $\llbracket N \rrbracket$ and observe that $\llbracket N \rrbracket = g$.

End answer