

2.1.2 Monotonic and Continuous Functions (Part 1)

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Semantics of a function symbol of Haskell is a certain function between domains. But we don't need all of these functions for the semantics.

For the semantics, we only use "total" functions, whose argument or result can also be \perp . This allows us to express non-strict functions that return a result $\neq \perp$ even if their argument is \perp . (Slide 30)

Def 2.1.6 (Extension and Strictness of Functions)

Let $f: A \rightarrow B$ be a function. Every function $f': A_{\perp} \rightarrow B$ is called an extension of f iff $A_{\perp} = A \cup \{\perp_{A_1}\}$ and $f(d) = f'(d)$ for all $d \in A$.

A function $g: D_1 \times \dots \times D_n \rightarrow D$ for domains D_1, \dots, D_n is strict iff $g(d_1, \dots, d_n) = \perp_D$ whenever $d_i = \perp_{D_i}$ for some i .

Ex: $one :: Int \rightarrow Int$
 $one \ x = 1$

This corresponds to a function f that maps numbers from \mathbb{Z} to 1. But the semantics of "one" should be a function f' that is an extension of f .

There are several possible extensions:

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(a) $f_1'(x) = 1$ for all $x \in \mathbb{Z}$, $f_1'(\perp) = 1$ ← This is the semantics of "one" in Haskell.

(b) $f_2'(x) = 1$ — " —, $f_2'(\perp) = \perp$ ← This semantics would be used in languages with eager (innermost) evaluation.

(c) $f_3'(x) = 1$ — " —, $f_3'(\perp) = 0$

Depending on whether its argument is defined or not, this fct. returns 1 or 0.

→ This function solves the halting problem! So f_3' is not computable and it should not be contained in our function domain.

Functions g where $g(\perp) \neq \perp$ and $g(d) \neq g(\perp)$ for some $d \neq \perp$

are not computable. \Rightarrow Such functions should be excluded from the function domain.

\Rightarrow We restrict ourselves to monotonic functions.

Def. 2.1.7 (Monotonic Functions)

Let \sqsubseteq_{D_1} , \sqsubseteq_{D_2} be partial orders on D_1 and D_2 , resp.

A function $f: D_1 \rightarrow D_2$ is monotonic iff

$d \sqsubseteq_{D_1} d'$ implies $f(d) \sqsubseteq_{D_2} f(d')$.

So: if the argument gets more defined, then the result of f also gets more defined (or remains

equal).

In our example, f_1' and f_2' are monotonic.

But f_3' is not monotonic.

All computable functions are monotonic!

More examples:

$id :: Int \rightarrow Int$

$id\ x = x$

The semantics of id should be the function $f: \mathbb{Z}_\perp \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_\perp$ with $f(x) = x$ for $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $f(\perp) = \perp$.

(Otherwise, f would not be monotonic).

Here, f is strict.

In fact, strictness implies monotonicity.

Lemma 2.1.8 (Strictness implies Monotonicity)

Let D_1, \dots, D_n, D be domains, where D_1, \dots, D_n are flat. If $f: D_1 \times \dots \times D_n \rightarrow D$ is strict, then f is also monotonic.

Proof: Let $(d_1, \dots, d_n) \sqsubseteq (d_1', \dots, d_n')$.

To show: $f(d_1, \dots, d_n) \sqsubseteq f(d_1', \dots, d_n')$.

If $(d_1, \dots, d_n) = (d_1', \dots, d_n')$, then this is trivial by reflexivity of \sqsubseteq .

Otherwise, there must be some $1 \leq i \leq n$ where $d_i = \perp$

(since D_1, \dots, D_n are flat).

Thus: $f(d_1, \dots, \underbrace{d_i}_{\perp}, \dots, d_n) \stackrel{\text{strict}}{=} \perp \sqsubseteq f(d_1', \dots, d_n')$. □

\perp since f is strict

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But since Haskell uses lazy evaluation, we also need non-strict functions for the semantics.

$$\text{cond} :: (\text{Bool}, \text{Int}, \text{Int}) \rightarrow \text{Int}$$

$$\text{cond} (\text{True}, x, y) = x$$

$$\text{cond} (\text{False}, x, y) = y$$

The semantics of `cond` should be a function $f: \mathbb{B}_{\perp} \times \mathbb{Z}_{\perp} \times \mathbb{Z}_{\perp} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{\perp}$

$$\text{where } f(b, x, y) = \begin{cases} x & , \text{ if } b = \text{True} \\ y & , \text{ if } b = \text{False} \\ \perp_{\mathbb{Z}_{\perp}} & , \text{ if } b = \perp_{\mathbb{B}_{\perp}} \end{cases}$$

This function is monotonic, but not strict:

$$f(\text{True}, 2, \perp) = 2.$$

How does the step from a Haskell declaration of a function to the semantics of that function work in general?

To this end: regard chains of elements that become more and more defined.

Def 2.1.9 (Chain)

Let \sqsubseteq be a partial ordering on a set D . A non-empty subset $\{d_1, d_2, \dots\}$ of D is called a chain

iff $d_1 \sqsubseteq d_2 \sqsubseteq d_3 \sqsubseteq \dots$

Chain on \mathbb{Z}_1 : $\{1, 5\}$, because $1 \sqsubseteq_{\mathbb{Z}_1} 5$.

Chain on $\mathbb{Z}_1 \times \mathbb{Z}_1$: $\{ \underset{\mathbb{Z}_1 \times \mathbb{Z}_1}{1}, (5, 1), (5, 8) \}$, because

$$\underbrace{(1, 1)}_{\perp_{\mathbb{Z}_1 \times \mathbb{Z}_1}} \sqsubseteq (5, 1) \sqsubseteq (5, 8)$$

Chain on $\mathbb{Z}_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_1$: $\{ \text{fact}_0, \text{fact}_1, \text{fact}_2, \dots \}$ (Slide 31)

$\text{fact}_1(x)$ computes the factorial function for $x < 1$

$\text{fact}_2(x)$ ———— " ———— $x < 2$
⋮

$\text{fact}_0 \sqsubseteq \text{fact}_1 \sqsubseteq \text{fact}_2 \sqsubseteq \text{fact}_3 \sqsubseteq \dots$

Chains can be used to define the semantics of functions.
The "limes" of the chain $\text{fact}_0 \sqsubseteq \text{fact}_1 \sqsubseteq \dots$ is the factorial function.
↑ More precisely, we look for least upper bound of such chains.

Def 2.1.10 (Least Upper Bound)

Let \sqsubseteq be a partial ordering on a set D , let $S \subseteq D$.

Then $d \in D$ is an upper bound of S iff $d' \sqsubseteq d$ for all $d' \in S$

The element d is the least upper bound of S ("supremum") iff moreover $d \sqsubseteq e$ holds for all other upper bounds e of S . We denote the lub of S by $\sqcup S$.

lub of $\{\perp, 5\}$ is 5 .

lub of $\{\perp, (5, \perp), (5, 8)\}$ is $(5, 8)$.

Here, $(5, 8)$ is the only upper bound of the chain.

lub of $\{fact_0, fact_1, \dots\}$ is $fact$.

This chain has infinitely many upper bounds: they are like $fact$ for arguments from \mathbb{Z} , but can return arbitrary results for argument \perp . The smallest of these upper bounds is $fact$, because it returns the result \perp if the argument is \perp .

For base domains, it is trivial to compute lub's of chains. The following lemma shows how to compute lub's for product and function domains.

Lemma 2.1.11 (lub's for Product and Function Domains)

Let D_1, \dots, D_n, D, D' be domains.

(a) Let $S \subseteq D_1 \times \dots \times D_n$. For all $1 \leq i \leq n$, let

$S_i = \{d_i \mid \text{there exists } (d_1, \dots, d_i, \dots, d_n) \in S\}$

• $\sqcup S$ exists iff $\sqcup S_i$ exists for all $1 \leq i \leq n$

if
 $S = \{(\perp, \perp), (5, \perp), (5, 8)\}$
 then
 $S_i = \{\perp, 5\}$

• LS exists iff LS_i exists for all $1 \leq i \leq n$

$$S_1 = \{1, 5\}$$

• If LS exists, then $\text{LS} = (\text{LS}_1, \dots, \text{LS}_n)$.

$$S_2 = \{1, 8\}$$

(b) Let S be a set of functions from $D \rightarrow D'$. For all $i \in D$, let $S_i = \{f(i) \mid f \in S\}$ ($\subseteq D'$).

• LS exists iff LS_i exists for all $i \in D$

• If LS exists, then $(\text{LS})(i) = \text{LS}_i$ for all $i \in D$.

Proof of (a): (Proof of (b) is analogous.)

" \Leftarrow ": To show: If all LS_i exist, then $(\text{LS}_1, \dots, \text{LS}_n)$ is the lub of S .

We first show that $(\text{LS}_1, \dots, \text{LS}_n)$ is an upper bound of S .

Let $(d_1, \dots, d_n) \in S$. Then $d_1 \in S_1, \dots, d_n \in S_n$. Hence: $d_1 \in \text{LS}_1, \dots, d_n \in \text{LS}_n$.

This implies $(d_1, \dots, d_n) \in (\text{LS}_1, \dots, \text{LS}_n)$.

Now we show that $(\text{LS}_1, \dots, \text{LS}_n) \in (e_1, \dots, e_n)$ holds for any upper bound (e_1, \dots, e_n) of S .

If (e_1, \dots, e_n) is an upper bound of S , then e_1 is an upper bound of S_1 ,
 \dots , e_n is an upper bound of S_n . Hence: $\text{LS}_1 \in e_1, \dots, \text{LS}_n \in e_n$.

This implies $(\text{LS}_1, \dots, \text{LS}_n) \in (e_1, \dots, e_n)$.

" \Rightarrow ": Now we assume that $\text{LS} = (u_1, \dots, u_n)$ exists.

We have to show that u_1 is lub of S_1, \dots, u_n is lub of S_n .

We first show that u_i is an upper bound of S_i (for any $1 \leq i \leq n$).

Let $d_i \in S_i$ \leadsto there exists $(d_1, \dots, d_i, \dots, d_n) \in S$.

As $(u_1, \dots, u_i, \dots, u_n)$ is an upper bound of S , we have

$(d_1, \dots, d_i, \dots, d_n) \in (u_1, \dots, u_i, \dots, u_n)$. Hence: $d_i \in u_i$.

Now we show that $u_i \in e_i$ for any upper bound e_i of S_i .

If e_i is an upper bound of S_i , then

$(\mu_1, \dots, e_i, \dots, \mu_n)$ is an upper bound of S .

Since $(\mu_1, \dots, \mu_i, \dots, \mu_n)$ is the least upper bound of S , we have $(\mu_1, \dots, \mu_i, \dots, \mu_n) \sqsubseteq (\mu_1, \dots, e_i, \dots, \mu_n)$, which implies $\mu_i \sqsubseteq e_i$.

□

The essential property that we need for domains^D is that \sqsubseteq_D must be complete.

Def 2.1.12 (Complete Partial Order, cpo)

A reflexive partial order \sqsubseteq on a set D is complete iff

(1) D has a smallest element (denoted \perp_D)

(2) Every chain $S \subseteq D$ has a lub $\text{lub } S \in D$.

The domains^D that we regarded up to now are indeed complete (i.e., \sqsubseteq_D is a cpo).

Thm 2.1.13 (Completeness of Domains)

Let D_1, \dots, D_n be domains.

(a) Every reflexive partial order that has a smallest element and where all chains are finite is a cpo. Thus, the flat base domains $\mathbb{N}_\perp, \mathbb{B}_\perp, \mathbb{C}_\perp, \mathbb{F}_\perp$ are cpo's.

(b) If $\sqsubseteq_{D_1}, \dots, \sqsubseteq_{D_n}$ are cpo's, then $\sqsubseteq_{D_1 \times \dots \times D_n}$ is also a cpo on $D_1 \times \dots \times D_n$.

(c) If \sqsubseteq_{D_2} is a cpo, then $\sqsubseteq_{D_1 \rightarrow D_2}$ is also a cpo on $D_1 \rightarrow D_2$.

Proof of (a) and (b): (c) is analogous to (b)

(a) If $S = \{d_1, \dots, d_n\}$ is a finite chain with $d_1 \sqsubseteq d_2 \sqsubseteq \dots \sqsubseteq d_n$ then the lub of S is d_n .

($d_i \sqsubseteq d_n$ holds by transitivity $\leadsto d_n$ is an upper bound

For any other upper bound e of S , we also have $d_n \sqsubseteq e$.)

(b) The smallest element of $D_1 \times \dots \times D_n$ is $(\perp_{D_1}, \dots, \perp_{D_n})$.

Let $S \subseteq D_1 \times \dots \times D_n$ be a chain, i.e.,

$S = \{ (d_1^1, \dots, d_n^1), (d_1^2, \dots, d_n^2), \dots \}$ where

$(d_1^1, \dots, d_n^1) \sqsubseteq (d_1^2, \dots, d_n^2) \sqsubseteq \dots$

Hence: $d_i^1 \sqsubseteq d_i^2 \sqsubseteq \dots$,

i.e., $S_i = \{ d_i \mid \text{there exists } (d_1, \dots, d_i, \dots, d_n) \in S \}$

is also a chain for all $1 \leq i \leq n$.

Since \sqsubseteq_{D_i} is a cpo for all $1 \leq i \leq n$,

the lub of S_i exists.

By Lemma 2.1.11 (a): $\text{Lub } S = (\text{Lub } S_1, \dots, \text{Lub } S_n)$ exists as well. \square