

7 Denotational Semantics (mpf23)

(a) (i) Define the notion of admissible subset of a domain and state Scott’s fixed point induction principle. [4 marks]

(ii) Let (D, \sqsubseteq_D) and (E, \sqsubseteq_E) be domains and let $f : D \rightarrow E$ and $g : E \rightarrow D$ be continuous functions.

Using Scott’s fixed point induction principle prove

(A) $\text{fix}(f \circ g) \sqsubseteq_E f(\text{fix}(g \circ f))$

(B) $f(\text{fix}(g \circ f)) \sqsubseteq_E \text{fix}(f \circ g)$

[8 marks]

(b) (i) Define the contextual-equivalence relation $P_1 \cong_{\text{ctx}} P_2 : \tau$ for pairs of closed PCF expressions P_1, P_2 and a PCF type τ . [2 marks]

(ii) Prove or disprove the following statement.

For every pair of PCF types σ, τ and every pair of closed PCF expressions M of type $\sigma \rightarrow \tau$ and N of type $\tau \rightarrow \sigma$,

$$\mathbf{fix}(\mathbf{fn} y : \tau. M(N(y))) \cong_{\text{ctx}} M(\mathbf{fix}(\mathbf{fn} x : \sigma. N(M(x)))) : \tau$$

[6 marks]