

# ***Topic 4***

## Scott Induction

Consider a continuous function  $f: D \rightarrow D$   
for  $D$  a domain.

For a subset  $S \subseteq D$ , representing a  
property of interest, we wish to show  
that the element

$$\underline{\text{fix}}(f) \in D$$

recursively defined as the least such that

$$f(\underline{\text{fix}}(f)) = \underline{\text{fix}}(f)$$

satisfies the property; i.e.  $\underline{\text{fix}}(f) \in S$ .

Suppose that

$$(A1) \perp \in S$$

and

(I)  $f$  has the property  
 $\forall d \in D. d \in S \Rightarrow f(d) \in S$

In other words,

THE PROPERTY  $S$  IS INVARIANT  
UNDER  $f$ .

Then, by induction,

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, f^n(\perp) \in S.$$

Suppose further that

(A2) for every chain

$$d_0 \in d_1 \in \dots \in d_n \in \dots \quad (n \in \mathbb{N})$$

in  $S$

we also have

$$\left( \bigcup_n d_n \right) \in S$$

Then,

$$\underline{\text{fix}}(f) = \bigcup_n f^n(\perp) \in S.$$

For  $S \subseteq D$  satisfying (A1) and (A2)  
we have

$$\frac{\forall d \in D. d \in S \Rightarrow f(d) \in S}{\text{fix } f \in S} \quad (S \text{ admissible})$$

## Scott's Fixed Point Induction Principle

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Let  $f : D \rightarrow D$  be a continuous function on a domain  $D$ .

For any admissible subset  $S \subseteq D$ , to prove that the least fixed point of  $f$  is in  $S$ , *i.e.* that

$$\text{fix}(f) \in S ,$$

it suffices to prove

$$\forall d \in D (d \in S \Rightarrow f(d) \in S) .$$

## Chain-closed and admissible subsets

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Let  $D$  be a cpo. A subset  $S \subseteq D$  is called **chain-closed** iff for all chains  $d_0 \sqsubseteq d_1 \sqsubseteq d_2 \sqsubseteq \dots$  in  $D$

$$(\forall n \geq 0 . d_n \in S) \Rightarrow \left( \bigsqcup_{n \geq 0} d_n \right) \in S$$

If  $D$  is a domain,  $S \subseteq D$  is called **admissible** iff it is a chain-closed subset of  $D$  and  $\perp \in S$ .

## Building chain-closed subsets (I)

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Let  $D, E$  be cpos.

**Basic relations:**

- For every  $d \in D$ , the subset

$$\downarrow(d) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{x \in D \mid x \sqsubseteq d\}$$

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- The subsets

$$\{(x, y) \in D \times D \mid x \sqsubseteq y\}$$

and

$$\{(x, y) \in D \times D \mid x = y\}$$

of  $D \times D$  are chain-closed.

## Example (I): Least pre-fixed point property

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Let  $D$  be a domain and let  $f : D \rightarrow D$  be a continuous function.

$$\forall d \in D. f(d) \sqsubseteq d \implies \text{fix}(f) \sqsubseteq d$$

$$f(d) \sqsubseteq d$$

$$x \sqsubseteq d \implies f(x) \sqsubseteq f(d)$$

$f$  monotone



$$f(x) \sqsubseteq d$$

$$\frac{\forall x \in D. x \sqsubseteq d \implies f(x) \sqsubseteq d}{\text{fix}(f) \sqsubseteq d} \quad (\downarrow d \text{ admissible})$$

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Let  $D$  be a domain and let  $f : D \rightarrow D$  be a continuous function.

$$\forall d \in D. f(d) \sqsubseteq d \implies \text{fix}(f) \sqsubseteq d$$

Proof by Scott induction.

Let  $d \in D$  be a pre-fixed point of  $f$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} x \in \downarrow(d) &\implies x \sqsubseteq d \\ &\implies f(x) \sqsubseteq f(d) \\ &\implies f(x) \sqsubseteq d \\ &\implies f(x) \in \downarrow(d) \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\text{fix}(f) \in \downarrow(d) .$$

The property of an admissible subset  $S$  of a domain that

$$d_0 \in d_1 \in \dots \in d_n \in \dots \text{ (new) in } S$$

implies

$$\left( \bigcup_n d_n \right) \text{ on } S$$

is called CHAIN-CLOSURE.

## Building chain-closed subsets (II)

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### Inverse image:

Let  $f : D \rightarrow E$  be a continuous function.

If  $S$  is a chain-closed subset of  $E$  then the inverse image

$$f^{-1}S = \{x \in D \mid f(x) \in S\}$$

is an chain-closed subset of  $D$ .

If  $(*) d_0 \subseteq d_1 \subseteq \dots \subseteq d_n \subseteq \dots$  ( $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ) in  $f^{-1}(S)$

Then  $\bigcup_n d_n$  is in  $f^{-1}(S)$

$(*) f(d_0) \subseteq f(d_1) \subseteq \dots \subseteq f(d_n) \subseteq \dots$  ( $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ) in  $S$

$\Rightarrow \left. \begin{array}{l} \bigcup_n f(d_n) \in S \\ \parallel \\ f(\bigcup_n d_n) \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \left( \bigcup_n d_n \right) \in f^{-1}(S)$

## Example (II)

Let  $D$  be a domain and let  $f, g : D \rightarrow D$  be continuous functions such that  $f \circ g \sqsubseteq g \circ f$ . Then,

$$f(\perp) \sqsubseteq g(\perp) \implies \text{fix}(f) \sqsubseteq \text{fix}(g).$$

ADMISSIBLE?

$$f \circ g \sqsubseteq g \circ f$$

$$f(\perp) \sqsubseteq g(\perp)$$

$$\text{fix}(g) \in \{d \in D \mid f(d) \sqsubseteq g(d)\}$$

$$f(\text{fix}(g)) \sqsubseteq g(\text{fix}(g))$$

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$S = \{d \in D \mid f(d) \leq g(d)\}$  admissible

$\perp \in S \Leftrightarrow f(\perp) \leq g(\perp)$  ~ assumption

Define  $\langle f, g \rangle: D \rightarrow D \times D$   
"  $\lambda d. (f(d), g(d))$

Observe

$$S = \langle f, g \rangle^{-1}(\leq)$$



$$f(d) \subseteq g(d)$$

$$g(fd) \subseteq g(gd)$$

$$f(gd) \subseteq g(fd)$$

$$f \circ g \subseteq g \circ f$$

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$$f(gd) \subseteq g(gd)$$

$$\forall d \in D. f(d) \subseteq g(d) \Rightarrow f(gd) \subseteq g(gd)$$

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$$f(\text{fix}(g)) \subseteq g(\text{fix}(g))$$

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Proof by Scott induction.

Consider the admissible property  $\Phi(x) \equiv (f(x) \sqsubseteq g(x))$  of  $D$ .

Since

$$f(x) \sqsubseteq g(x) \implies g(f(x)) \sqsubseteq g(g(x)) \implies f(g(x)) \sqsubseteq g(g(x))$$

we have that

$$f(\text{fix}(g)) \sqsubseteq g(\text{fix}(g)) .$$

## Building chain-closed subsets (III)

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### Logical operations:

- If  $S, T \subseteq D$  are chain-closed subsets of  $D$  then

$$S \cup T \quad \text{and} \quad S \cap T$$

are chain-closed subsets of  $D$ .

- If  $\{S_i\}_{i \in I}$  is a family of chain-closed subsets of  $D$  indexed by a set  $I$ , then  $\bigcap_{i \in I} S_i$  is a chain-closed subset of  $D$ .
- If a property  $P(x, y)$  determines a chain-closed subset of  $D \times E$ , then the property  $\forall x \in D. P(x, y)$  determines a chain-closed subset of  $E$ .

If  $S$  and  $T$  are closed then  $S \cup T$  is SUT

Consider  $d_0 \in d_1 \in \dots \in d_n \in \dots (n \in \mathbb{N})$  in  $S \cup T$ .

(1) If  $\{d_n | n \in \mathbb{N}\} \cap S$  infinite then

$$\bigcup_n d_n = \left( \bigcup \{d_n | n \in \mathbb{N}\} \cap S \right) \in S \subseteq S \cup T.$$

(2) If  $\{d_n | n \in \mathbb{N}\} \cap T$  infinite then

$$\bigcup_n d_n = \left( \bigcup \{d_n | n \in \mathbb{N}\} \cap T \right) \in T \subseteq S \cup T.$$

(3) If  $\{d_n | n \in \mathbb{N}\} \cap S$  and  $\{d_n | n \in \mathbb{N}\} \cap T$  finite then  $\bigcup_n d_n = d_N$  for  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  and

therefore it is either in  $S$  or  $T$ .



Admissible subsets need not be closed under infinite unions.

$$\bar{\omega} = (0 \in 1 \in \dots \in n \in \dots \in \infty)$$

$(n \in \mathbb{N})$

We have that, for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$\downarrow(i)$  is admissible

However,  $\bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \downarrow(i)$  is not admissible.

- Convention: For  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we write  $[X \mapsto x, Y \mapsto y]$  or simply  $(x, y)$  for the state function from  $\mathbb{L} = \{X, Y\}$  to  $\mathbb{Z}$  mapping  $X$  to  $x$  and  $Y$  to  $y$ .
- Example (III): Partial correctness**
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Let  $\mathcal{F} : \text{State} \rightarrow \text{State}$  be the denotation of

**while**  $X > 0$  **do**  $(Y := X * Y; X := X - 1)$  .

For all  $x, y \geq 0$ ,

$$\mathcal{F}[X \mapsto x, Y \mapsto y] \downarrow$$

$$\implies \mathcal{F}[X \mapsto x, Y \mapsto y] = [X \mapsto 0, Y \mapsto x! \cdot y].$$

Recall that

$$\mathcal{F} = \text{fix}(f)$$

where  $f : (\text{State} \rightarrow \text{State}) \rightarrow (\text{State} \rightarrow \text{State})$  is given by

$$f(w) = \lambda(x, y) \in \text{State}. \begin{cases} (x, y) & \text{if } x \leq 0 \\ w(x - 1, x \cdot y) & \text{if } x > 0 \end{cases}$$

Proof by Scott induction.

We consider the admissible subset of  $(State \rightarrow State)$  given by

$$S = \left\{ w \mid \begin{array}{l} \forall x, y \geq 0. \\ w[X \mapsto x, Y \mapsto y] \downarrow \\ \Rightarrow w[X \mapsto x, Y \mapsto y] = [X \mapsto 0, Y \mapsto x! \cdot y] \end{array} \right\}$$

and show that

$$w \in S \implies f(w) \in S .$$



## Admissibility of $S$

- $\perp \in S$  trivially

- Consider  $w_0 \in w_1 \in \dots \in w_n \in \dots (n \in \omega)$  in  $S$

Say  $w = \bigcup_n w_n$

Suppose  $w [X \mapsto x, Y \mapsto y] \downarrow$

Then there exists  $n \in \omega$  such that  $w_n [X \mapsto x, Y \mapsto y] \downarrow$  and equals  $[X \mapsto 0, Y \mapsto x!y]$ .

More over as  $w [X \mapsto x, Y \mapsto y] = w_n [X \mapsto x, Y \mapsto y]$

We are done.



Assume  $w \in S$  (\*)

RTP:  $f(w) \in S$

"  $\lambda(x, y)$ . If  $(x \leq 0, (x, y), w(x-1, x \cdot y))$

Let  $x, y \geq 0$ .

$f(w)(x, y) \downarrow \Leftrightarrow \sqrt{f(x \leq 0, (x, y), w(x-1, x \cdot y))} \downarrow$

CASE  $x > 0$

$$f(w)(x, y) = w(x-1, x \cdot y) \downarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{by (*) } w(x-1, x \cdot y) = (0, (x-1)! \cdot x \cdot y)$$

$$= (0, x! \cdot y)$$

CASE  $x = 0$

$$f(w)(0, y) = (0, y) = (0, 0! \cdot y)$$

