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Such that:

**Compositionality:**  $\llbracket t \rrbracket = \llbracket t' \rrbracket \Rightarrow \llbracket c[t] \rrbracket = \llbracket c[t'] \rrbracket$ .

**Soundness:** for any type  $\tau$ ,  $t \Downarrow_{\tau} v \Rightarrow \llbracket t \rrbracket = \llbracket v \rrbracket$ .

**Adequacy:** for  $\gamma = \text{bool}$  or  $\text{nat}$ , if  $t \in \text{PCF}_{\gamma}$  and  $\llbracket t \rrbracket = \llbracket v \rrbracket$  then  $t \Downarrow_{\gamma} v$ .

# DENOTATIONAL SEMANTICS FOR PCF TERMS

To every typing judgement

$$\Gamma \vdash t : \tau$$

we associate a continuous function

$$\llbracket \Gamma \vdash t : \tau \rrbracket : \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket \rightarrow \llbracket \tau \rrbracket$$

between domains. In other words,

$$\llbracket - \rrbracket : \text{PCF}_{\Gamma, \tau} \rightarrow \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket \rightarrow \llbracket \tau \rrbracket$$

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$\text{pred} : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$   
 $0 \mapsto \text{undefined}$   
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$\text{zero?} : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{B}$   
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$$\llbracket \text{succ}(t) \rrbracket = \text{succ}_\perp \circ \llbracket t \rrbracket$$



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# DENOTATION OF THE $\lambda$ -CALCULUS OPERATIONS

$$\frac{(x:\bar{\tau}) \in \Gamma}{\Gamma \vdash x:\bar{\tau}}$$

$$[[\Gamma]] = \prod_{x \in \text{dom}(\Gamma)} [[\Gamma(x)]]$$

$$[[x]](\rho) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \rho(x) \in [[\Gamma(x)]]$$

$$[[x]](\rho) = \pi_x(\rho)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \llbracket x \rrbracket (\rho) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \rho(x) && \in \llbracket \Gamma(x) \rrbracket \\ \llbracket t_1 t_2 \rrbracket (\rho) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\llbracket t_1 \rrbracket (\rho)) (\llbracket t_2 \rrbracket (\rho)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\llbracket t_1 t_2 \rrbracket = \text{eval} \circ \langle \llbracket t_1 \rrbracket, \llbracket t_2 \rrbracket \rangle$$

$$\text{eval} : (\mathbb{D} \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{E}}) \times \mathbb{1} \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{E}}$$

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$$\frac{\Gamma, x:\tau \vdash t:\sigma}{\Gamma \vdash \text{fun } x:\tau. t:\tau \rightarrow \sigma}$$

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$$\llbracket \text{fun } x:\tau. t \rrbracket = \text{cur}(\llbracket t \rrbracket)$$

cur:  $(D \times D') \rightarrow E \rightarrow D \rightarrow D' \rightarrow E$

$$\begin{aligned} &(\llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket \times \llbracket \tau \rrbracket \rightarrow \llbracket \sigma \rrbracket) \rightarrow \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket \rightarrow \llbracket \tau \rrbracket \rightarrow \llbracket \sigma \rrbracket \\ &\llbracket \Gamma, x:\tau \rrbracket \rightarrow \llbracket \sigma \rrbracket \rightarrow \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket \rightarrow \llbracket \tau \rightarrow \sigma \rrbracket \end{aligned}$$

$D: \llbracket \sigma \rrbracket$      $D': \llbracket \tau \rrbracket$   
 $\tau: \tau \rightarrow \sigma$

$$\llbracket \text{fix } f \rrbracket (\rho) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{fix}(\llbracket f \rrbracket (\rho))$$

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If  $t \in \text{PCF}_\tau$ :  $\llbracket t \rrbracket \in \llbracket \cdot \rrbracket \rightarrow \llbracket \tau \rrbracket = \mathbb{1} \rightarrow \llbracket \tau \rrbracket \cong \llbracket \tau \rrbracket$

*•  $\vdash t : \tau$*

# DENOTATIONAL SEMANTICS FOR PCF

## COMPOSITIONALITY



Suppose  $t, u \in \text{PCF}_{\Gamma, \tau}$ , such that

$$\llbracket t \rrbracket = \llbracket u \rrbracket : \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket \rightarrow \llbracket \tau \rrbracket$$

Suppose moreover that  $\mathcal{C}[-]$  is a PCF context such that  $\Gamma' \vdash_{\Gamma, \tau} \mathcal{C} : \tau'$ . Then

$$\llbracket \mathcal{C}[t] \rrbracket = \llbracket \mathcal{C}[u] \rrbracket : \llbracket \Gamma' \rrbracket \rightarrow \llbracket \tau' \rrbracket .$$

## A DENOTATION FOR EVALUATION CONTEXTS

If  $\Gamma \vdash_{\Delta, \sigma} C : \tau$ , then define  $\llbracket C \rrbracket$  such that

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$$\overline{\Gamma \vdash_{\Delta, \sigma} C : \tau}$$

$$\llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket \rightarrow \llbracket \tau \rrbracket$$



$$\llbracket - \rrbracket (d) = \textcircled{d}$$

$$\llbracket C t \rrbracket (d)(\rho) = (\llbracket C \rrbracket (d)(\rho))(\llbracket t \rrbracket (\rho))$$

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$$\llbracket \llbracket C t \rrbracket \rrbracket = \llbracket t \rrbracket = \llbracket - \rrbracket (\llbracket t \rrbracket)$$

If  $\Gamma \vdash_{\Delta, \sigma} C : \tau$  and  $\Delta \vdash t : \sigma$ , then

$$\llbracket C[t] \rrbracket = \llbracket C \rrbracket (\llbracket t \rrbracket)$$

Assume  $\llbracket \epsilon \rrbracket = \llbracket u \rrbracket \in \llbracket \Delta \rrbracket \rightarrow \llbracket \sigma \rrbracket$        $\tau, u \in \text{PCF}_{\Delta, \sigma}$

And  $\Gamma_{\Delta, \sigma}^{\tau} \vdash \tau$

$$\begin{aligned}\llbracket \tau \llbracket \epsilon \rrbracket \rrbracket &= \llbracket \tau \rrbracket (\llbracket \epsilon \rrbracket) \\ &= \llbracket \tau \rrbracket (\llbracket u \rrbracket) \\ &= \llbracket \tau \llbracket u \rrbracket \rrbracket\end{aligned}$$

# SUBSTITUTION PROPERTY OF THE SEMANTIC FUNCTION

Assume

$$\begin{array}{l} \Gamma \vdash u : \sigma \\ \Gamma, x : \sigma \vdash t : \tau \end{array} \quad \Gamma \vdash t[u/x] : \tau$$

Then for all  $\rho \in \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket$

$$\llbracket t[u/x] \rrbracket (\rho) = \llbracket t \rrbracket (\rho[x \mapsto \llbracket u \rrbracket (\rho)]).$$

In particular when  $\Gamma = \cdot$ ,  $\llbracket t \rrbracket : \llbracket \sigma \rrbracket \rightarrow \llbracket \tau \rrbracket$  and

$$\llbracket t[u/x] \rrbracket = \llbracket t \rrbracket (\llbracket u \rrbracket)$$

$$\llbracket t \rrbracket : \begin{array}{l} \llbracket x : \sigma \rrbracket \\ \llbracket \sigma \rrbracket \end{array} \Rightarrow \llbracket \tau \rrbracket$$

# DENOTATIONAL SEMANTICS FOR PCF

## SOUNDNESS

For all PCF types  $\tau$  and all closed terms  $t, v \in \text{PCF}_\tau$  with  $v$  a value, if  $t \Downarrow_\tau v$  is derivable, then

$$\llbracket t \rrbracket = \llbracket v \rrbracket \in \llbracket \tau \rrbracket$$

Prove rule induction on  $t \Downarrow_\tau v$  ✓



$$\underline{\text{succ}}: \quad \frac{t \Downarrow_{\text{nat}} v}{\text{succ}(t) \Downarrow_{\text{nat}} \text{succ}(v)}$$

$$\text{IH: } \llbracket t \rrbracket = \llbracket v \rrbracket \in \llbracket \text{nat} \rrbracket = \mathbb{N}_{\perp}$$

$$\llbracket \text{succ}(t) \rrbracket = \text{succ}_{\perp}(\llbracket t \rrbracket) = \text{succ}_{\perp}(\llbracket v \rrbracket) = \llbracket \text{succ}(v) \rrbracket$$

Fun:  $t \Downarrow_{\sigma \rightarrow \tau} \text{fun } \alpha : \sigma . t' \quad t'[\alpha/x] \Downarrow_{\tau} v$

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$t \ u \Downarrow_{\tau} v$

Prf:  $\llbracket t \rrbracket = \llbracket \text{fun } \alpha : \sigma . t' \rrbracket = \lambda d . \llbracket t' \rrbracket (\llbracket \alpha \mapsto d \rrbracket)$   
 $\llbracket t' \rrbracket (d)$

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$$\frac{\text{Fix: } t(\text{fix } t) \Downarrow_c v}{\text{fix } t \Downarrow_c v}$$

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## RELATING DENOTATIONAL AND OPERATIONAL SEMANTICS

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For any **closed** PCF term  $t$  and value  $v$  of **ground** type  $\gamma \in \{\text{nat}, \text{bool}\}$

$m$

$$\llbracket t \rrbracket = \llbracket v \rrbracket \in \llbracket \gamma \rrbracket \Rightarrow t \Downarrow_{\gamma} v$$

$$\text{true} = \llbracket \text{true} \rrbracket$$

$$\llbracket \mathbb{F} \rrbracket = \underset{\mathbb{N}}{m} \Rightarrow t \Downarrow_{\text{nat}} \underset{\mathbb{N}}{m}$$

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but

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# RELATING DENOTATIONAL AND OPERATIONAL SEMANTICS

## FORMAL APPROXIMATION RELATION



## HOW TO PROVE ADEQUACY

$$R : \llbracket \tau \rrbracket \rightarrow \text{PCF}_{\tau} \rightarrow \text{PCF}_{\tau}$$

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