

4 Denotational Semantics (MPF)

(a) (i) State carefully, without proof, the compositionality, soundness, and adequacy results for PCF. [6 marks]

(ii) Define the notion of contextual equivalence in PCF. [2 marks]

(You need not describe the syntax and the operational and denotational semantics of PCF.)

(b) Show that for all types τ and closed terms M and M' of type τ , if $\llbracket M \rrbracket$ and $\llbracket M' \rrbracket$ are equal elements of the domain $\llbracket \tau \rrbracket$ then M and M' are contextually equivalent. [4 marks]

(c) Consider the following closed PCF terms of type $nat \rightarrow bool \rightarrow nat$:

$$F_0 = \mathbf{fn} \ x : nat. \mathbf{fn} \ y : bool. x$$

$$F_1 = \mathbf{fix} \left(\mathbf{fn} \ f : nat \rightarrow bool \rightarrow nat. \mathbf{fn} \ x : nat. \mathbf{fn} \ y : bool. \right. \\ \left. \mathbf{if} \ \mathbf{zero}(x) \ \mathbf{then} \ \mathbf{0} \right. \\ \left. \mathbf{else} \ \mathbf{succ}(f(\mathbf{pred} \ x) \ y) \right)$$

$$F_2 = \mathbf{fn} \ x : nat. \mathbf{fn} \ y : bool. \mathbf{if} \ y \ \mathbf{then} \ x \ \mathbf{else} \ x$$

State whether or not F_1 and F_2 are contextually equivalent to F_0 . Justify your answers. [4 marks each]