

6 Denotational Semantics (mpf23)

- (a) For a poset (P, \sqsubseteq) , the *join* of $x, y \in P$ is defined to be the element $x \sqcup y \in P$ such that

$$\forall p \in P. x \sqcup y \sqsubseteq p \iff (x \sqsubseteq p \wedge y \sqsubseteq p)$$

A poset is said to be *join complete* if every pair of elements in it has a join.

For a join-complete cpo D , show that the function $\sqcup : D \times D \rightarrow D$ mapping $(x, y) \in D \times D$ to $x \sqcup y \in D$ is continuous. [8 marks]

- (b) Let (D, \sqsubseteq) be a domain.

- (i) For a continuous function $f : D \rightarrow D$, prove that the subset of D

$$\hat{f} = \{x \in D \mid f(x) \sqsubseteq x\}$$

ordered by \sqsubseteq is a domain. [6 marks]

- (ii) For $d \in D$, let $\uparrow(d) = \{x \in D \mid d \sqsubseteq x\}$.

For a continuous function $g : D \rightarrow D$, prove that if (D, \sqsubseteq) is join complete then, for all $d \in D$, the subset of D

$$\uparrow(d) \cap \hat{g}$$

ordered by \sqsubseteq is a domain. [6 marks]