

4 Denotational Semantics (mgapb2)

In all parts of this question, you are allowed to use theorems from the course, provided you state them precisely beforehand.

Define the *smash product* $D \otimes E$ of two domains D and E to be the set

$$\{(x, y) \in D \times E \mid x \neq \perp_D \wedge y \neq \perp_E\} \cup \{\perp_{D \otimes E}\}$$

where $\perp_{D \otimes E}$ is a new element which is not a pair. This set is equipped with the order $\sqsubseteq_{D \otimes E}$ such that $\perp_{D \otimes E} \sqsubseteq_{D \otimes E} z$ for any z , and $(x, y) \sqsubseteq_{D \otimes E} (x', y')$ if and only if $x \sqsubseteq_D x'$ and $y \sqsubseteq_E y'$.

(a) Show that the smash product of two domains is a domain. [4 marks]

(b) Given three domains D , E and F , we call a function $f \in D \times E \rightarrow F$ *bistrict* if for any $x \in D$ and $y \in E$, $f(\perp, y) = \perp$ and $f(x, \perp) = \perp$.

Show that not all strict functions are bistrict. [3 marks]

(c) Let D , E and F be domains, and $f : D \times E \rightarrow F$ a function. Give a condition on the currying $\text{cur}(f) : D \rightarrow (E \rightarrow F)$ of f that is necessary and sufficient for f to be bistrict. [4 marks]

(d) We define the function smash as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{smash} : D \times E &\rightarrow D \otimes E \\ (x, y) &\mapsto (x, y) \quad \text{if } x \neq \perp \text{ and } y \neq \perp \\ (x, y) &\mapsto \perp_{D \otimes E} \quad \text{otherwise} \end{aligned}$$

Show that if $f : D \times E \rightarrow F$ is continuous and bistrict, then there exists a unique $\tilde{f} : D \otimes E \rightarrow F$ that is strict and continuous and such that $f = \tilde{f} \circ \text{smash}$.

[4 marks]

(e) Give the definition of X_\perp , the flat domain on a set X . [1 mark]

Given two sets S and T , show that the domains $(S \times T)_\perp$ and $S_\perp \otimes T_\perp$ are isomorphic, *i.e.* that there exist strict continuous functions $f : (S \times T)_\perp \rightarrow S_\perp \otimes T_\perp$ and $g : S_\perp \otimes T_\perp \rightarrow (S \times T)_\perp$ such that $f \circ g = \text{id}$ and $g \circ f = \text{id}$.

[4 marks]