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# Language Engineering

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# Question 1

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The semantic function  $S_{ds}$  is a *total* function as it maps each and every statement  $S$  to some state transformer  $g$ .

The state transformer  $g$ , however, is a *partial* function as it is undefined on some states (i.e. those which would cause the program to loop infinitely) .

# Question 3

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Proove there is at most lfp of a function  $f$  wrt. partial order  $\leq$  on a set  $X$ :

Let  $a$  and  $b$  denote any two lfps of  $f$  wrt  $\leq$  on  $X$

Recall that

$$0. \text{fix}(f) = \{x \in X \mid f(x) = x\}$$

Since  $a$  is an lfp

$$1. a \in \text{fix}(f)$$

$$2. a \leq x \text{ for all } x \in \text{fix}(f)$$

Since  $b$  is an lfp

$$3. b \in \text{fix}(f)$$

$$4. b \leq x \text{ for all } x \in \text{fix}(f)$$

Since  $\leq$  is a partial order (i.e. reflexive, transitive and antisymmetric)

$$5. x \leq x \text{ for all } x \in X$$

$$6. \text{if } x \leq y \text{ and } y \leq z \text{ then } x \leq z \text{ for all } \{x, y, z\} \subseteq X$$

$$7. \text{if } x \leq y \text{ and } y \leq x \text{ then } x = y \text{ for all } \{x, y\} \subseteq X$$

Hence

$$8. a \leq b \quad \text{using 3 to set } x=b \text{ in 2}$$

$$9. b \leq a \quad \text{using 1 to set } x=a \text{ in 4}$$

$$10. a = b \quad \text{using 8 and 9 to set } x=a \text{ and } y=b \text{ in 7}$$

# Question 4

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Let  $f = (\text{square} \circ \text{half} \circ \text{inc}) = \lambda x. ((x+1)/2)^2$

Then  $\text{fix } f = \{x \mid x = ((x+1)/2)^2\} = \{x \mid 4x = x^2 + 2x + 1\} = \{x \mid x^2 - 2x + 1 = 0\}$   
 $= \{2/2 + \sqrt{(4-4)}/2, 2/2 - \sqrt{(4-4)}/2\}$   
 $= \{1\}$

Thus  $\text{lfp } f = 1$  (wrt any partial order)

# Discussion 5(a)

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$[[\text{while } \neg(x=0) \text{ do skip}]] = \text{FIX } F \text{ where}$

$$F \ g \ s = \text{cond} (\mathcal{B}[\neg(x=0)], g \circ S_{\text{ds}}[[\text{skip}]], \text{id}) \ s$$

$$= \text{cond} (\mathcal{B}[\neg(x=0)], g \circ \text{id}, \text{id}) \ s$$

$$= \text{cond} (\mathcal{B}[\neg(x=0)], g, \text{id}) \ s$$

$$= \begin{cases} g \ s & \text{if } \mathcal{B}[\neg(x=0)] \ s = \text{tt} \\ \text{id} \ s & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$= \begin{cases} g \ s & \text{if } \mathcal{B}[x=0] \ s = \text{ff} \\ s & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$= \begin{cases} g \ s & \text{if } \mathcal{A}[x] \ s \neq \mathcal{A}[0] \ s \\ s & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$= \begin{cases} g \ s & \text{if } s \ x \neq \mathcal{N}[0] \\ s & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$= \begin{cases} g \ s & \text{if } s \ x \neq 0 \\ s & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

# Discussion 5(a)

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{fix } F &= \left\{ g \in \text{State} \hookrightarrow \text{State} \mid g \, s = \begin{cases} g \, s & \text{if } s \, x \neq 0 \\ s & \text{if } s \, x = 0 \end{cases} \text{ for all } s \in \text{State} \right\} \\
 &= \left\{ g \in \text{State} \hookrightarrow \text{State} \mid g \, s = s \text{ if } s \, x = 0 \text{ for all } s \in \text{State} \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

(as  $g \, s = g \, s$  is trivially satisfied in case that  $x$  is non-zero)

Each of the following is a fixpoint of  $F_1$

$g = \text{id}$

$g \, s = s$  if  $s \, x = 0$  and  $s_0$  otherwise (where  $s_0$  maps every variable to 0)

$g \, s = s$  if  $s \, x = 0$  and undef otherwise

Only the last of these is least with respect to definedness (subset inclusion)