

PPL Assignment 1

Part 1 - Theoretical Questions

1. 3 Dimension of variability:
 - a. Control Flow: how the execution of the program takes place - for example; using branches, concurrency threads, reactive manner etc.
 - b. Performance: how fast the code runs and how much is it scalable. good performance can be obtained by using less pc resources.
 - c. Coupling and Reuse: how easily same sections of code can be reused along the program.
2. a. $(x: \text{number}, y: \text{number}) : \text{number} \Rightarrow x + y$
b. $(x: \text{any}) : \text{any} \Rightarrow x[0]$
c. $(x: \text{boolean}, y: \text{number}) : \text{number} \Rightarrow : x ? y : -y$
3. Shortcut Semantics is a programming concept where a certain function stops and returns a result immediately when one of its predicate is sufficed, without checking the rest of its predicates.
Example:
'Every' function in JS returns true only if all of its predicates are True, and False otherwise. Therefore, when encountering the first False predicate - it immediately returns false without going over the remaining predicates.