

TD9: ω -CPOs

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We recall that a ω -cpo is a (partial) order (A, \leq) such that every increasing sequence $x_1 \leq \dots \leq x_n \leq \dots$ has a least upper bound that we write $\sup(x_n)_n$ and A has a least element written \perp_A . A Scott-continuous function f between ω -CPOS (A, \leq) and (B, \leq) is a monotone function such that for every increasing sequence we have:

$$f(\sup(x_n)_n) = \sup(f(x_n))_n$$

This makes sense because $(f(x_n))_n$ is an increasing sequence of B .

Exercise 1 (Warmup). — 1. Let X be a set. Show that $\{\perp\} \cup X$ equipped with the order generated by $\perp \leq x$ is a ω -CPO written X_\perp .

2. Let D, D' be ω -CPOs. Show that the set of Scott-continuous functions from D to D' (with an order to be determined) is an ω -CPO $[D \rightarrow D']$.
3. Let X, Y be sets. Show that the ω -CPO $[(X, =) \rightarrow Y_\perp]$ correspond to partial functions from X to Y ordered by graph inclusion.
4. Show that $\text{eval} : [A \rightarrow B] \times A \rightarrow B$ is a continuous function.

Exercise 2 (Scott topology). — Let (X, \leq) be an ω -CPO.

1. Construct a topology \mathcal{T}_α on X whose open sets are the subsets of X upward closed ($x \in U \& x \leq y \Rightarrow y \in U$), Show its specialization order is \leq .
2. Show that a monotone function $f : (X, \leq) \rightarrow (Y, \leq)$ is continuous for the induced topologies on X and Y via Question 1.
3. Show that the set of subsets \mathcal{O} of X satisfying
 - (a) \mathcal{O} is upward closed ($x \leq y$ and $x \in \mathcal{O}$ implies $y \in \mathcal{O}$)
 - (b) If $\sup(x_n)_n \in \mathcal{O}$ then there exists $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $x_n \in \mathcal{O}$

forms a topology on X whose specialization preorder is \leq called **the Scott topology**.

4. Compare the topologies of Question 1 and the Scott topology.
5. Let $x \in X$. Show that $\{a \in X \mid \neg(a \leq x)\}$ is an open of the Scott topology on X
6. Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a functions between two ω -CPOs. Show that f is Scott-continuous if and only if f is continuous for the Scott topologies on X and Y .

Exercise 3 (The Scott model of the pure λ -calculus). — Let (S, \leq) be an order on a countable set S . We consider $I(S)$ the set of down-closed subsets of S .

1. Show $(I(S), \subseteq)$ is a ω -CPO.

2. Let $f : I(S) \rightarrow I(S)$ be a Scott-continuous function. We associate to f the set $tr(f)$ defined by

$$tr(f) = \{(u, b) \mid b \in f(\downarrow u) \& u \in \mathcal{P}_f(S)\}$$

where $\downarrow u$ is the downclosure of u .

Show the injectivity of the mapping $f \mapsto tr(f)$.

3. Can you find an ω -CPO D such that there exists a continuous injection $[D \Rightarrow D] \rightarrow D$ and D has strictly more than one element?