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10. Computable Functions

10.2. Quantification, Minimalization, and μ -Recursive
Functions

Exercise 7.37.

Show that if there is TM T computing the function $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$, then there is another one, T' , whose tape alphabet is $\{1\}$.

Exercise.

How many Turing machines are there having n nonhalting states q_0, q_1, \dots, q_{n-1} and tape alphabet $\{0, 1\}$?

Exercise 10.2.

The *busy-beaver function* $b : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ is defined as follows.

The value $b(0)$ is 0.

For $n > 0$, there are only a finite number of Turing machines having n nonhalting states q_0, q_1, \dots, q_{n-1} and tape alphabet $\{0, 1\}$. Let T_0, T_1, \dots, T_m be the TMs of this type that eventually halt on input 1^n , and for each i , let n_i be the number of 1's that T_i leaves on its tape when it halts after processing the input string 1^n . The number $b(n)$ is defined to be the maximum of the numbers n_0, n_1, \dots, n_m .

Show that the total function $b : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ is not computable.

Suggestion: Suppose for the sake of contradiction that T_b is a TM that computes b . Then we can assume without loss of generality that T_b has tape-alphabet $\{0, 1\}$.

A slide from lecture 12:

Definition 10.1. Initial Functions

The initial functions are the following:

1. *Constant* functions: For each $k \geq 0$ and each $a \geq 0$, the constant function $C_a^k : \mathbb{N}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ is defined by the formula

$$C_a^k(X) = a \quad \text{for every } X \in \mathbb{N}^k$$

2. The *successor* function $s : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ is defined by the formula

$$s(x) = x + 1$$

3. *Projection* functions: For each $k \geq 1$ and each i with $1 \leq i \leq k$, the projection function $p_i^k : \mathbb{N}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ is defined by the formula

$$p_i^k(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k) = x_i$$

A slide from lecture 12:

Definition 10.2. The Operations of Composition and Primitive Recursion

1. Suppose f is a partial function from \mathbb{N}^k to \mathbb{N} , and for each i with $1 \leq i \leq k$, g_i is a partial function from \mathbb{N}^m to \mathbb{N} .

The partial function obtained from f and g_1, g_2, \dots, g_k by composition is the partial function h from \mathbb{N}^m to \mathbb{N} defined by the formula

$$h(X) = f(g_1(X), g_2(X), \dots, g_k(X)) \text{ for every } X \in \mathbb{N}^m$$

A slide from lecture 12:

Definition 10.2. The Operations of Composition and Primitive Recursion (continued)

2. Suppose $n \geq 0$ and g and h are functions of n and $n + 2$ variables, respectively. (By “a function of 0 variables,” we mean simply a constant.)

The function obtained from g and h by the operation of *primitive recursion* is the function $f : \mathbb{N}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ defined by the formulas

$$\begin{aligned} f(X, 0) &= g(X) \\ f(X, k + 1) &= h(X, k, f(X, k)) \end{aligned}$$

for every $X \in \mathbb{N}^n$ and every $k \geq 0$.

A slide from lecture 12:

n-place predicate P is function from \mathbb{N}^n to $\{\text{true}, \text{false}\}$

characteristic function χ_P defined by

$$\chi_P(X) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } P(X) \text{ is true} \\ 0 & \text{if } P(X) \text{ is false} \end{cases}$$

We say P is primitive recursive. . .

A slide from lecture 12:

Theorem 10.6.

The two-place predicates LT , EQ , GT , LE , GE , and NE are primitive recursive.

(LT stands for “less than,” and the other five have similarly intuitive abbreviations.)

If P and Q are any primitive recursive n -place predicates, then $P \wedge Q$, $P \vee Q$ and $\neg P$ are primitive recursive.

Proof...

A slide from lecture 12:

Theorem 10.7.

Suppose f_1, f_2, \dots, f_k are primitive recursive functions from \mathbb{N}^n to \mathbb{N} ,

P_1, P_2, \dots, P_k are primitive recursive n -place predicates, and for every $X \in \mathbb{N}^n$,

exactly one of the conditions $P_1(X), P_2(X), \dots, P_k(X)$ is true.

Then the function $f : \mathbb{N}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ defined by

$$f(X) = \begin{cases} f_1(X) & \text{if } P_1(X) \text{ is true} \\ f_2(X) & \text{if } P_2(X) \text{ is true} \\ \dots & \\ f_k(X) & \text{if } P_k(X) \text{ is true} \end{cases}$$

is primitive recursive.

Proof...

Exercise.

Let $f : \mathbb{N}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ be a primitive recursive function.

Show that the predicate $P : \mathbb{N}^{n+1} \rightarrow \{\text{true}, \text{false}\}$ defined by

$$P(X, y) = (f(X, y) = 0)$$

is primitive recursive.

10.2. Quantification, Minimalization, and μ -Recursive Functions

A slide from lecture 12:

Theorem 10.4.

Every primitive recursive function is total and computable.

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total and computable

Turing-computable functions:
not necessarily total

Unbounded quantification

$$Sq(x, y) = (y^2 = x)$$

$$H(x, y) = T_u \text{ stopt na precies } y \text{ stappen voor invoer } s_x$$

Definition 10.9. Bounded Quantifications

Let P be an $(n + 1)$ -place predicate. The *bounded existential quantification* of P is the $(n + 1)$ -place predicate E_P defined by

$$E_P(X, k) = (\text{there exists } y \text{ with } 0 \leq y \leq k \text{ such that } P(X, y) \text{ is true})$$

The *bounded universal quantification* of P is the $(n + 1)$ -place predicate A_P defined by

$$A_P(X, k) = (\text{for every } y \text{ satisfying } 0 \leq y \leq k, P(X, y) \text{ is true})$$

Theorem 10.10.

If P is a primitive recursive $(n + 1)$ -place predicate, both the predicates E_P and A_P are also primitive recursive.

Proof...

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Definition 10.11. Bounded Minimalization

For an $(n + 1)$ -place predicate P , the *bounded minimalization* of P is the function $m_p : \mathbb{N}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ defined by

$$m_p(X, k) = \begin{cases} \min\{y \mid 0 \leq y \leq k \text{ and } P(X, y)\} & \text{if this set is not empty} \\ k + 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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The symbol μ is often used for the minimalization operator, and we sometimes write

$$m_P(X, k) = \overset{k}{\mu} y [P(X, y)]$$

An important special case is that in which $P(X, y)$ is $(f(X, y) = 0)$, for some $f : \mathbb{N}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$. In this case m_P is written m_f and referred to as the bounded minimalization of f .

Theorem 10.12.

If P is a primitive recursive $(n + 1)$ -place predicate, its bounded minimalization m_P is a primitive recursive function.

Proof...

Example 10.13. The n th Prime Number

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$$Prime(n) = (n \geq 2) \wedge \neg(\text{there exists } y \text{ such that } y \geq 2 \wedge y \leq n - 1 \wedge Mod(n, y) = 0)$$

Example 10.13. The n th Prime Number

Let

$$P(x, y) = (y > x \wedge \text{Prime}(y))$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \text{PrNo}(0) &= 2 \\ \text{PrNo}(k + 1) &= m_P(\text{PrNo}(k), (\text{PrNo}(k))! + 1) \end{aligned}$$

is primitive recursive, with $h(x_1, x_2) = \dots$

Exercise 10.19.

Show that each of the following functions is primitive recursive.

b. $f : \mathbb{N}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ defined by $f(x, y) = \min\{x, y\}$

c. $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ defined by $f(x) = \lfloor \sqrt{x} \rfloor$
(the largest natural number less than or equal to \sqrt{x})

d. $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ defined by $f(x) = \lfloor \log_2(x + 1) \rfloor$

Exercise 10.23.

In addition to the bounded minimalization of a predicate, we might define the bounded maximalization of a predicate P to be the function m^P defined by

$$m^P(X, k) = \begin{cases} \max\{y \leq k \mid P(x, y) \text{ is true}\} & \text{if this set is not empty} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- a.** Show m^P is primitive recursive by finding two primitive recursive functions from which it can be obtained by primitive recursion.
- b.** Show m^P is primitive recursive by using bounded minimalization.