

# Fundamentele Informatica 3

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- 10. Computable Functions
- 10.2. Quantification, Minimalization, and  $\mu$ -Recursive Functions

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## Exercise 7.37.

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

## 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  $q_0, q_1, \dots, q_{m-1}$  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  $\{0, 1\}$ .

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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

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

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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  $k \geq 0$ .

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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

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

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A slide from lecture 12:

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

*characteristic function*  $X_P$  defined by

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

We say  $P$  is primitive recursive. . .

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**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...**

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A slide from lecture 12:

**Theorem 10.7.**

Suppose  $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_k$  are primitive recursive functions from  $\mathbb{N}^m$  to  $\mathbb{N}_k$ .

$P_1, P_2, \dots, P_k$  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

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

is primitive recursive.

**Proof...**

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**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.

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A slide from lecture 12:

**Theorem 10.4.**

Every primitive recursive function is total and computable.

PR: Turing-computable functions:  
total and computable not necessarily total

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**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

$E_P(X, k) \equiv$  (there exists  $y$  with  $0 \leq y \leq k$  such that  $P(X, y)$  is true)

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

$A_P(X, k) \equiv$  (for every  $y$  satisfying  $0 \leq y \leq k$ ,  $P(X, y)$  is true)

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## 10.2. Quantification, Minimalization, and $\mu$ -Recursive Functions

**Unbounded quantification**

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

$H(x, y) \equiv T_n$  stopt na precies  $y$  stappen voor invoer  $s_x$

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**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  $\mu$  is often used for the minimalization operator, and we sometimes write

$$m_P(X, k) = \mu_y [P(X, y)]$$

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  $f$ .

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**Example 10.13.** The  $n$ th Prime Number

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Let

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

Then

$$\begin{aligned} PRNo(0) &= 2 \\ PRNo(k + 1) &= m_P(PRNo(k), (PRNo(k))i + 1) \end{aligned}$$

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

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

**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.