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10. Computable Functions

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

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A slide from lecture 11:

### 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 11:

**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 11:

**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  $\chi_P$  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:

**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.



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

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

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

A slide from lecture 12:

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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

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

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.

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

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

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

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...**

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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  $m_P(x, k) \dots$

and

$$\text{PrNo}(0) = 2$$

$$\text{PrNo}(k + 1) = m_P(\text{PrNo}(k), (\text{PrNo}(k))! + 1)$$

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

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

Computable?

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**Definition 10.14.** Unbounded Minimalization

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

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The notation  $\mu y[P(X, y)]$  is also used for  $M_P(X)$ .

In the special case in which  $P(X, y) = (f(X, y) = 0)$ , we write  $M_P = M_f$  and refer to this function as the unbounded minimalization of  $f$ .

## Definition 10.15. $\mu$ -Recursive Functions

The set  $\mathcal{M}$  of  $\mu$ -recursive, or simply *recursive*, **partial** functions is defined as follows.

1. Every initial function is an element of  $\mathcal{M}$ .
2. Every function obtained from elements of  $\mathcal{M}$  by composition or primitive recursion is an element of  $\mathcal{M}$ .
3. For every  $n \geq 0$  and every **total** function  $f : \mathbb{N}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  in  $\mathcal{M}$ , the function  $M_f : \mathbb{N}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  defined by

$$M_f(X) = \mu y[f(X, y) = 0]$$

is an element of  $\mathcal{M}$ .



## Example.

Let

$$f(x, k) = p_1^2(x, k) - C_1^2(x, k)$$

$M_f(x) \dots$

## Exercise.

- a. Give an example of a non-total function  $f$  and another function  $g$ , such that the composition of  $f$  and  $g$  is total.
  
- b. Can you also find an example of a non-total function  $f$  and another function  $g$ , such that the composition of  $g$  and  $f$  is total?

## **Theorem 10.16.**

All  $\mu$ -recursive partial functions are computable.

**Proof...**

## 10.3. Gödel Numbering

**Definition 10.17.**

The Gödel Number of a Sequence of Natural Numbers

For every  $n \geq 1$  and every finite sequence  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}$  of  $n$  natural numbers, the *Gödel number* of the sequence is the number

$$gn(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) = 2^{x_0} 3^{x_1} 5^{x_2} \dots (PrNo(n-1))^{x_{n-1}}$$

where  $PrNo(i)$  is the  $i$ th prime (Example 10.13).

An exercise from exercise class 11:

**Exercise 10.16.**

Show that for any  $n \geq 1$ , the functions  $Add_n$  and  $Mult_n$  from  $\mathbb{N}^n$  to  $\mathbb{N}$ , defined by

$$\begin{aligned} Add_n(x_1, \dots, x_n) &= x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n \\ Mult_n(x_1, \dots, x_n) &= x_1 * x_2 * \dots * x_n \end{aligned}$$

respectively, are both primitive recursive.