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## 5 Computability

In this case: we use

- recursive functions
- while-type imperative programming language
  - with  $\begin{cases} \text{if } \dots \text{ then } \dots \text{ else } \dots \\ \text{for } \\ \text{while } \end{cases}$

### 5.1 Primitive Recursive Function

We'll be talking about functions

$$f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$$

→ Why  $\mathbb{N}$  ?

$$\left\{ \text{finite words over finite alphabet } \Sigma \right\} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{N}$$

Primitive recursive function(PR)

$\implies$  function computable in C without while.

$$\rightarrow \begin{cases} \text{if} & \text{OK.} \\ \text{for} & \end{cases}$$

### Def5.1

The class of PR functions is inductively defined as follows.

$$\left( \{ \text{PR functions} \} \subseteq \{ f : \mathbb{N}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \text{ for some } m \} \right)$$

- $\text{zero}() = 0 : \mathbb{N}^0 \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  is PR.
- $\text{suc}(x) = x + 1 : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  is PR.
- $\text{proj}_j^n(x_1, \dots, x_n) = x_i : \mathbb{N}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  is PR.
- (Composition)  
 $g : \mathbb{N}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  is PR.  
 $g_1, g_2, \dots, g_m : \mathbb{N}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  is PR.  
 $g(g_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n), g_2(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n), \dots, g_m(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n))$  is PR.
- (Primitive Recursion)  
Let  $\begin{cases} g : \mathbb{N}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \\ h : \mathbb{N}^{n+2} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \end{cases}$  be PR.  
Then the function  $f : \mathbb{N}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  def by

$$\begin{cases} f(\vec{x}, 0) &= g(\vec{x}) \\ f(\vec{x}, y + 1) &= h(\vec{x}, y, f(\vec{x}, y)) \end{cases}$$

is PR.

### Example 5.2

- Identity function

$$\text{proj}_1^1(x) = x : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$$

- factorial

$$\begin{cases} \text{fact}(x) = x! \\ \text{fact}(0) = \text{suc}(\text{zero}()) \\ \text{fact}(x + 1) = \text{suc}(x) \cdot \text{fact}(x) \end{cases}$$

### Lem5.3

If  $g, g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n$  are PR

then

$$\begin{aligned} f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) &= g(g_1(x_{i_{11}}, x_{i_{12}}, \dots, x_{i_{1k_1}}) \\ &\quad g_2(x_{i_{21}}, x_{i_{22}}, \dots, x_{i_{2k_2}}) \\ &\quad \vdots \\ &\quad g_m(x_{i_{m1}}, x_{i_{m2}}, \dots, x_{i_{mk_m}})) \end{aligned}$$

is PR.

Example 5.4

$add : \mathbb{N}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  is PR

$$\begin{cases} add(x, 0) &= x \\ add(x, suc(y)) &= suc(add(x, y)) \end{cases}$$

$sub : \mathbb{N}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  is PR

$$\begin{cases} sub(x, y) &= x - y (x \geq y) \\ sub(x, y) &= 0 (x < y) \end{cases} \text{ (Normalized Subtraction)}$$

$pred : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} : x \mapsto x - 1$  or  $0 (x = 0)$

$$\begin{cases} pred(0) &= zero() \\ pred(suc(x)) &= x \end{cases}$$

So,

$$\begin{cases} sub(x, 0) &= x \\ sub(x, suc(y)) &= pred(sub(x, y)) \end{cases}$$

$\{add, pred, sub, mult, exp, fact, max, min\}$  is PR.

Lem5.5

$f : \mathbb{N}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  is PR.

Then  $\left. \sum_{z < y} f(\vec{x}, z) \atop \prod_{z < y} f(\vec{x}, z) \right\} : \mathbb{N}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  are PR.

Proof

$$\begin{cases} \sum_{z < 0} f(\vec{x}, z) &= zero() \\ \sum_{z < y+1} f(\vec{x}, z) &= add \left( \sum_{z < y} f(\vec{x}, z), f(\vec{x}, y) \right) \end{cases}$$

Rem5.6

- PR functions are all total  $f : \mathbb{N}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$

We also talk about PR predicates.

### Def5.7

An n-ary predicate is a subset  $P \subseteq \mathbb{N}^n$ .

We sometimes write  $P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  for  $P$ .

### Def5.8(Characteristics function)

The characteristic functions of a predicate  $P \subseteq \mathbb{N}^n$  is the function.

$$\chi_P(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in P \\ 1 & \text{if } (x_1, \dots, x_n) \notin P \end{cases}$$

### Def5.9

A predicate  $P \in \mathbb{N}^n$  is said to be primitive recursive if  $\chi_P : \mathbb{N}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  is PR.

### Expl 5.10

·  $(\_ = 0) \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ , 1-ary pred is PR.

∴

$$\chi_{(\_ = 0)}(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } (x = 0) \\ 1 & \text{if } (x \neq 0) \end{cases}$$

$$\hookrightarrow \chi_{(\_ = 0)}(x) = 1 - (1 - x) \quad ((-) \text{ is normalized subtraction})$$

·  $\lambda x \lambda y. (x = y) \subseteq \mathbb{N}^2$  is PR.

∴

$$\chi_{(\_1 = \_2)}(x, y) = \chi_{(\_ = 0)}((x - y) + (y - x))$$

·  $x \leq y \subseteq \mathbb{N}^2$  is PR.

∴

$$\chi_{(\_1 \leq \_2)}(x, y) = \chi_{(\_ = 0)}(x - y)$$

### Lem5.11

Given that  $P, Q, R$  are PR.

$$\left. \begin{array}{c} \neg P, P \wedge Q, P \vee Q \\ \forall z < y. R(\vec{x}, z) \\ \exists z < y. R(\vec{x}, z) \\ R(f_1(\vec{x}), \dots, f_n(\vec{x})) \end{array} \right\} \text{are all PR.}$$

Proof

$$\begin{aligned}
\chi_{\neg P} &= 1 - \chi_P \\
\chi_{P \wedge Q} &= \chi_{(\cdot=0)}(\chi_P + \chi_Q) \\
\chi_{P \vee Q} &= \chi_P \cdot \chi_Q \\
\chi_{\forall z < y. R(\vec{x}, z)} &= \chi_{(\cdot=0)} \left( \sum_{z < y} (\vec{x}, z) \right) \\
\chi_{\exists z < y. R(\vec{x}, z)} &= \chi_{(\cdot=0)} \left( \prod_{z < y} (\vec{x}, z) \right)
\end{aligned}$$

Lem5.12

$$\begin{aligned}
g_1, \dots, g_n : \mathbb{N}^m &\rightarrow \mathbb{N}, PR \\
P_1, \dots, P_n &\subseteq \mathbb{N}^m, PR
\end{aligned}$$

Assume for each  $\vec{x} \subseteq \mathbb{N}^m$ , exactly one of  $P_1(\vec{x}), \dots, P_n(\vec{x})$  is true.

Then

$$f(\vec{x}) = \begin{cases} g_1(\vec{x}) & \text{if } P_1(\vec{x}) \text{ is true} \\ g_2(\vec{x}) & \text{if } P_2(\vec{x}) \text{ is true} \\ \vdots & \\ g_n(\vec{x}) & \text{if } P_n(\vec{x}) \text{ is true} \end{cases}$$

is PR.

$\therefore$ )

$$f(\vec{x}) = \sum_{y < n} g_{y+1}(\vec{x}) \cdot (1 - \chi_{P_y+1}(\vec{x}))$$

Lem5.13(Bounded least solution)

$$P \subseteq \mathbb{N}^{n+1}, PR$$

Then

$$\mu_{z < y} P(\vec{x}, y) = \begin{cases} z_0 & (\text{if } P(\vec{x}, 0), P(\vec{x}, 1), \dots, P(\vec{x}, z_0 - 1) \text{ are false, } P(\vec{x}, z_0) \text{ is true}) \\ y & (\text{if } P(\vec{x}, 0), P(\vec{x}, 1), \dots, P(\vec{x}, y - 1) \text{ are false}) \end{cases}$$

is PR. Proof

$$\mu_{z < y} P(\vec{x}, y) = \sum_{z < y} \chi_{(\cdot=0)} \left( \prod_{u < z+1} \chi_P(\vec{x}, u) \right)$$

### Cor5.14

$x \div y$  is PR.

$\therefore$ )

$$x \div y = \mu_{z < y} (x < y \times (z + 1))$$

### Lem5.15

$f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$

$f^\# : \mathbb{N}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  is defined by

$$f^\#(x, 0) = x$$

$$f^\#(x, (n + 1)) = f(f^\#(x, n))$$

then  $f^\#$  is PR.

Proof obvious from primitive recursion.

### Lem5.16

$pr : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ ,  $pr(x) = (\text{the } (x + 1) \text{ th smallest prime number})$  is PR.

Proof(Exercise)

Hint:  $prime(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & (x \text{ is prime number}) \\ 1 & (x \text{ is not prime number}) \end{cases}$

Hint2:  $pr(x + 1)$  is not bigger than  $pr(x)! + 1$

## 5.2 Recursive function

### Def5.17

A partial function  $f : \mathbb{N}^n \dashrightarrow \mathbb{N}$  is recursive if it is constructed in the following way.

- $0, suc, proj_j^n$  are rec.
- composition
- primitive recursion
- least solution operator :  $g : \mathbb{N}^{n+1} \dashrightarrow \mathbb{N}$   
 $\mu y. (g(\vec{x}, y) = 0 \wedge \forall y' < y. g(\vec{x}, y') \text{ is defined}) : \mathbb{N}^n \dashrightarrow \mathbb{N}$  is rec.  
 $(\mu y : \text{the least } y \text{ such that } \dots)$

### Rem5.18

In this lecture	in some literature
recursive func $N^n \dashrightarrow \mathbb{N}$	partial recursive func $N^n \dashrightarrow \mathbb{N}$
total recursive func $N^n \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$	recursive func $N^n \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$

### Def5.19

A predicate  $P \subseteq \mathbb{N}^n$  is recursive

$\stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff}$  its characteristic func  $\chi_P$  is  $\begin{cases} - \text{ total} \\ - \text{ recursive} \end{cases}$

### Note

this is different from

$$\chi_P(\vec{x}) = 0 \iff P(\vec{x}) = \text{true}$$

it is possible that  $P(\vec{x}) = \text{false}$  and  $\chi_p(\vec{x}) = \text{undefined}$ .

### Lem5.20(Case distinction)

$$f(\vec{x}) = \begin{cases} g_1(\vec{x}) & \text{if } P_1(\vec{x}) \text{ is true} \\ \vdots \\ g_n(\vec{x}) & \text{if } P_n(\vec{x}) \text{ is true} \end{cases}$$

where

$g_i(\vec{x})$ : recursive functions

$P_i(\vec{x})$ : recursive predicates

This  $f$  is recursive.