



Worksheet 4 (Solved)

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1 (★)

We define the standard finite types $\mathbf{Fin} : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{Type}$ inductively with constructors

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{pt} &: \prod_{n:\mathbb{N}} \mathbf{Fin}(\mathbf{succ}(n)) \\ \mathbf{i} &: \prod_{n:\mathbb{N}} \mathbf{Fin}(n) \rightarrow \mathbf{Fin}(\mathbf{succ}(n)). \end{aligned}$$

Spell out all elements of $\mathbf{Fin}(3)$.

The elements are

$$\begin{aligned} &\mathbf{pt}(2), \\ &\mathbf{i}(2, \mathbf{pt}(1)), \\ &\mathbf{i}(2, \mathbf{i}(1, \mathbf{pt}(0))). \end{aligned}$$

It is common practice to leave the argument n of the constructors implicit. Then the induction principle states that a dependent function

$$f : \prod_{n:\mathbb{N}} \prod_{x:\mathbf{Fin}(n)} P_n(x)$$

is determined by

$$g_n : \prod_{x:\mathbf{Fin}(n)} P_n(x) \rightarrow P_{\mathbf{succ}(n)}(\mathbf{i}(x))$$

and

$$p_n : P_{\mathbf{succ}(n)}(\mathbf{pt}).$$

The function f satisfies the judgemental equalities

$$\begin{aligned} f_{\mathbf{succ}(n)}(\mathbf{i}(x)) &\doteq g_n(x, f_n(x)) \\ f_{\mathbf{succ}(n)}(\mathbf{pt}) &\doteq p_n. \end{aligned}$$

2 (★ ★ ★)

It is also possible to define the standard finite types $\mathbf{Fin}' : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{Type}$ recursively as a type family over \mathbb{N} ,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{Fin}'(0) &\doteq \emptyset \\ \mathbf{Fin}'(\mathbf{suc}(n)) &\doteq \mathbf{Fin}'(n) + \mathbb{1}.\end{aligned}$$

We suggestively use the notation $\mathbf{i}' : \mathbf{Fin}'_n \rightarrow \mathbf{Fin}'_{\mathbf{suc}(n)}$ and $\mathbf{pt}' : \mathbf{Fin}'_{\mathbf{suc}(n)}$ for the inclusions \mathbf{inl} and \mathbf{inr} into the coproduct $\mathbf{Fin}'(n) + \mathbb{1}$. Formulate the induction principle of \mathbf{Fin}' .

The induction principle given to \mathbf{Fin}' is exactly (the primed version of) the induction principle carried by \mathbf{Fin} , described above.

3 (★★)

Choose your favourite version of the finite types. Use pattern matching to define two different inclusions $\iota, \hat{\iota} : \prod_{n:\mathbb{N}} \mathbf{Fin}(n) \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$, such that the images of $\iota_{\mathbf{suc}(n)}$ and $\hat{\iota}_{\mathbf{suc}(n)}$ are the first $n + 1$ natural numbers.

We define

$$\begin{aligned}\iota_{\mathbf{suc}(n)}(\mathbf{i}(x)) &\doteq \iota_n(x) \\ \iota_{\mathbf{suc}(n)}(\mathbf{pt}) &\doteq n \\ \hat{\iota}_{\mathbf{suc}(n)}(\mathbf{i}(x)) &\doteq \mathbf{suc}(\iota'(x)) \\ \hat{\iota}_{\mathbf{suc}(n)}(\mathbf{pt}) &\doteq 0.\end{aligned}$$

It is not necessary to define ι_0 because $\mathbf{Fin}(0)$ is empty.

4 (★)

Give a recursive definition of the ordering relation $\leq : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{Type}$.

Using induction on \mathbb{N} twice we may define

$$\begin{aligned}0 \leq 0 &\doteq \mathbb{1} \\ m +_{\mathbb{N}} 1 \leq 0 &\doteq \emptyset \\ 0 \leq n +_{\mathbb{N}} 1 &\doteq \mathbb{1} \\ m +_{\mathbb{N}} 1 \leq n +_{\mathbb{N}} 1 &\doteq m \leq n\end{aligned}$$

5 (★★)

Define `is-prime` : $\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \text{Type}$.

There are various ways of defining this property. The one implemented in the repository is

$$\text{is-prime}(n) \doteq (2 \leq n) \times (\prod_{x,y:\mathbb{N}} (x *_{\mathbb{N}} y = n) \rightarrow (x = 1) + (x = n)).$$

Egbert's book uses

$$\text{is-prime}'(n) \doteq \prod_{d:\mathbb{N}} ((d \neq n) \times (d \mid n)) \leftrightarrow (d = 1).$$

6 (★★)

State the twin prime conjecture and Goldbach's conjecture in HoTT.

The twin prime conjecture is

$$\prod_{n:\mathbb{N}} \sum_{p:\mathbb{N}} ((n \leq p) \times \text{is-prime}(p) \times \text{is-prime}(p +_{\mathbb{N}} 2)).$$

Goldbach's conjecture can be phrased

$$\prod_{n:\mathbb{N}} (4 \leq n) \rightarrow \sum_{p,q:\mathbb{N}} (\text{is-prime}(p) \times \text{is-prime}(q) \times (n = p +_{\mathbb{N}} q)).$$

7 (★★)

Suppose we had constructed a proof

$$\text{infinitude-of-primes} : \prod_{n:\mathbb{N}} \sum_{p:\mathbb{N}} (\text{is-prime}(p) \times (n \leq p)).$$

Further assume that the prime p returned by this program is the least prime above n . A definition of such a term can be found in the Agda UniMath library¹. Construct a function `prime` : $\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ which computes the n -th prime.

We inductively define

$$\begin{aligned} \text{prime}(0) &\doteq 2 \\ \text{prime}(\text{suc}(n)) &\doteq \text{pr}_1(\text{infinitude-of-primes}(\text{prime}(n))). \end{aligned}$$

¹<https://unimath.github.io/agda-unimath/elementary-number-theory.infinitude-of-primes.html>

8 (★★)

We define the predicate

$$\text{is-decidable}(A) \doteq A + \neg A$$

for an arbitrary type A . Do we expect

$$\prod_{n:\mathbb{N}} \text{is-decidable}(\text{is-prime}(n))$$

to be true (inhabited)? Why or why not?

We expect this to be true because it's easy to write down an algorithm which checks if a number is prime on paper. In fact, a proof in Agda is referenced on the same UniMath docs page.

9 (★★★)

Suppose we had a proof

$$\text{is-decidable-is-prime} : \prod_{n:\mathbb{N}} \text{is-decidable}(\text{is-prime}(n)).$$

Construct a function

$$\text{prime-counting} : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$$

which computes the number of primes less than or equal to its input.

As usual, we define this function inductively. We put

$$\text{prime-counting}(0) \doteq 0.$$

For the inductive step, `is-decidable-is-prime` allows us to proceed by case analysis on whether or not $n + 1$ is a prime number. In other words, we may define

$$\begin{aligned} \text{if-prime} &: \text{is-decidable}(\text{is-prime}(\text{suc}(n))) \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \\ \text{if-prime}(\text{inl}(x)) &\doteq \text{suc}(\text{prime-counting}(n)) \\ \text{if-prime}(\text{inr}(x)) &\doteq \text{prime-counting}(n) \end{aligned}$$

and put

$$\text{prime-counting}(\text{suc}(n)) \doteq \text{if-prime}(\text{is-decidable-is-prime}(\text{suc}(n))).$$

10 $(\star \star \star)$

Show that adding k is an injective function which respects equality, i.e. that

$$(m = n) \leftrightarrow (m +_{\mathbb{N}} k = n +_{\mathbb{N}} k)$$

for all $m, n, k : \mathbb{N}$.

A proof of $(m = n) \rightarrow (m +_{\mathbb{N}} k = n +_{\mathbb{N}} k)$ is given by the action of the function

$$\lambda x. x +_{\mathbb{N}} k : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$$

on paths $p : (m = n)$.

For the converse direction we induct on k . In the base case we need to show that $(m +_{\mathbb{N}} 0 = n +_{\mathbb{N}} 0) \rightarrow (m = n)$. Assume we have $p : m +_{\mathbb{N}} 0 = n +_{\mathbb{N}} 0$. By two applications of

$$\text{concat} : \Pi_{x,y,z:A} (x = y) \rightarrow ((y = z) \rightarrow (x = z)),$$

a sequence of identifications

$$m = (m +_{\mathbb{N}} 0) = (n +_{\mathbb{N}} 0) = n$$

implies $m = n$. The identification in the middle is proved by p . Since addition was defined by induction on the right argument, the outer identities hold judgementally. If $+$ had been defined by induction on the first argument, $m = m +_{\mathbb{N}} 0$ can be proved inductively.

In the inductive step we need to prove

$$((m +_{\mathbb{N}} \text{succ}(k)) = (n +_{\mathbb{N}} \text{succ}(k))) \rightarrow (m = n).$$

The induction hypothesis is of type

$$((m +_{\mathbb{N}} k) = (n +_{\mathbb{N}} k)) \rightarrow (m = n),$$

so by function composition it suffices to construct a proof of

$$((m +_{\mathbb{N}} \text{succ}(k)) = (n +_{\mathbb{N}} \text{succ}(k))) \rightarrow ((m +_{\mathbb{N}} k) = (n +_{\mathbb{N}} k)).$$

Application of the predecessor function proves that succ is injective. This gives us a function of type

$$(\text{succ}(m +_{\mathbb{N}} k) = \text{succ}(n +_{\mathbb{N}} k)) \rightarrow ((m +_{\mathbb{N}} k) = (n +_{\mathbb{N}} k)).$$

Again, by function application, we have reduced our goal to

$$((m +_{\mathbb{N}} \mathbf{suc}(k)) = (n +_{\mathbb{N}} \mathbf{suc}(k))) \rightarrow (\mathbf{suc}(m +_{\mathbb{N}} k) = \mathbf{suc}(n +_{\mathbb{N}} k)).$$

Assuming $q : ((m +_{\mathbb{N}} \mathbf{suc}(k)) = (n +_{\mathbb{N}} \mathbf{suc}(k)))$, we can form a sequence of identifications

$$\mathbf{suc}(m +_{\mathbb{N}} k) = m +_{\mathbb{N}} \mathbf{suc}(k) = n +_{\mathbb{N}} \mathbf{suc}(k) = \mathbf{suc}(n +_{\mathbb{N}} k),$$

where the outer equalities are judgemental.

Remark: These two proofs are formalized and in the course repository. They're called plus-on-paths and plus-is-injective in the module natural-numbers-functions.