

# $\mu$ — *recursive functions*

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# Abstract I



**Figure 1:** Alice and Bob <https://goo.gl/gRrDGH>

## Abstract II

A function  $f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  is computable if there exists an algorithm  $A(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  following given rules, that solves  $f$  in its domain and gives no output otherwise.

$$(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in D_f \implies A(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$$

$$(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \notin D_f \implies A(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \mathbf{ENDLESS\ LOOP}$$

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## $\mu$ - recursive functions

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- initial functions
  - constant function
  - successor function
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- composition
- primitive recursion
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tupels are not sets!

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$$f \hat{=} \text{total function} \implies L1 = \text{true} \wedge L2 = \text{true}$$

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## Constant function

A function  $N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  is a constant function if:

$$N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = c \quad \begin{matrix} n, c \in \mathbb{N} \\ x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in \mathbb{N} \end{matrix}$$

A function  $S(x_1)$  is a successor function if:

$$S(x_1) = x_1 + 1 \qquad x_1 \in \mathbb{N}$$

## Projection function

A function  $P_m^n(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  is a projection function if:

$$\begin{aligned} n, m &\in \mathbb{N} \\ P_m^n(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m, \dots, x_n) &= x_m & x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n &\in \mathbb{N} \\ 1 &\leq m \leq n \end{aligned}$$

# Composition function

A function  $C(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  is a composition function if:

$$f_n = f_n(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$$

$$f_{m,k} = f_{m,k}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m)$$

$$\begin{aligned} C &= f_n \circ (f_{m,1}, f_{m,2}, \dots, f_{m,n}) \\ &= f_n(f_{m,1}(x_{1,1}, x_{1,2}, \dots, x_{1,m}), \dots, f_{m,n}(x_{n,1}, x_{n,2}, \dots, x_{n,m})) \end{aligned}$$

$$n, m, x_{k,l} \in \mathbb{N}$$

# Primitive recursion function

A function  $R(X_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  is primitive recursive if:

$$X_0 = 0 \implies R(X_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = f(y_1, \dots, y_m)$$

$$X_0 \neq 0 \implies R(X_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = g(R(X_0 - 1, x_1, \dots, x_n), z_1, \dots, z_l)$$

$$x_k, y_k, z_k, n, m, l \in \mathbb{N}$$

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$$= \text{sub}(\text{mult}(\text{mult}(P_1^3(x, y, z), P_2^3(x, y, z))), \\ \text{mult}(P_1^3(x, y, z), P_2^3(x, y, z))), P_3^3(x, y, z))$$

A function  $\mu(f(Y_0, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n), x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  is  $\mu$  minimizing if:

$$0 = f(z, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$$

$$\wedge 0 < f(i, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) \qquad 0 \leq i < z$$

$$\iff n = \mu(f(Y_0, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n), x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$$

$$n, z, i_k, y_k \in \mathbb{N}$$

Example:

$$Z_f = \text{undef}, \text{undef}, \text{undef}, 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = \begin{cases} \text{undef} & |x| \leq 2 \\ x - 3 & |x| \geq 3 \end{cases}$$



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$$\begin{aligned} 3sub(z, x) &= sub(sub(z, 3), x) \\ &= z - 3 - x \end{aligned}$$

$\implies \mu(3sub(z, x)) = \text{smallest natural } x \text{ with given } z,$

for that  $3sub(z, x) = 0 \implies$

$$z = 0 \leftrightarrow \text{undef}, z = 1 \leftrightarrow \text{undef},$$

$$z = 2 \leftrightarrow \text{undef}, z = 3 \leftrightarrow 0, z = 4 \leftrightarrow 1, \dots$$

$$\implies f(x)$$

## **Appendix: computability**

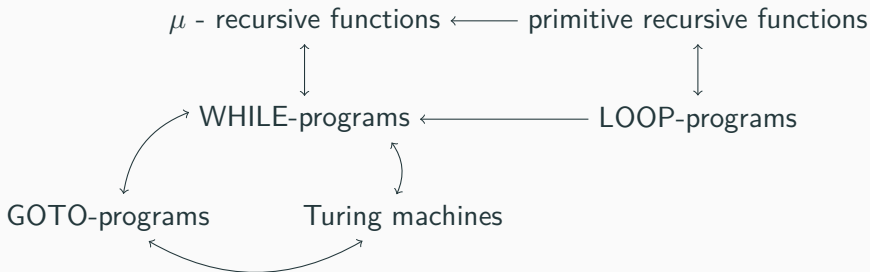
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## Abstract IV

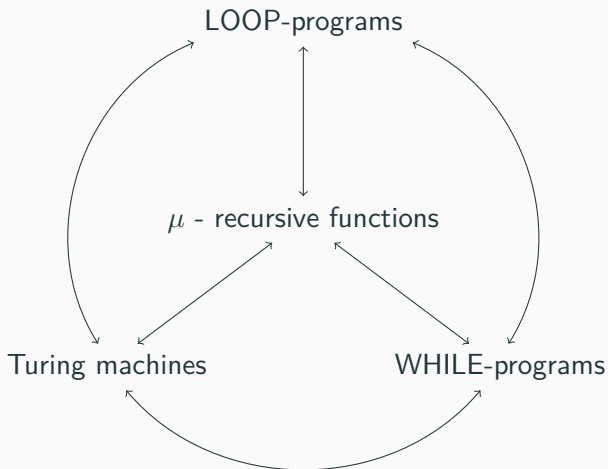
class relations between the different complete computability models:



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## Abstract V

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The picture in the introduction

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Explanations of subtopics of  $\mu$ -recursion

URL: <https://goo.gl/yWvinS>

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