

Exercises below are your homework; they will be discussed during exercise classes. Problems marked with a (*) are more challenging.

WEEK 5

1. Prove that (1 p)
 - a) if sets A and B are countable then $A \times B$ is countable;
 - b) \mathbb{N}_0^k is countable for any $k \in \mathbb{N}$;
 - c) the set of all subsets of natural numbers is not countable;
 - d) the set of all real numbers is not countable.
2. Show that following are primitive recursive (1 p)
 - a) Functions $\min(x, y)$ and $\max(x, y)$.
 - b) Function $|x - y|$.
3. Show that for a primitive recursive function f , the functions of *bounded sum* and *bounded product* of f , respectively given by

$$\text{bsum}_f(x_0, \dots, x_{k-1}, y) := \sum_{i=0}^y f(x_0, \dots, x_{k-1}, i)$$

and

$$\text{bprod}_f(x_0, \dots, x_{k-1}, y) := \prod_{i=0}^y f(x_0, \dots, x_{k-1}, i)$$

are also primitive recursive.

4. In the lecture, up to notation, we gave following examples of primitive recursive functions
 - addition:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{add}(x, 0) &= x, \\ \text{add}(x, y + 1) &= s(\text{add}(x, y)); \end{aligned}$$

- multiplication:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{mult}(x, 0) &= 0, \\ \text{mult}(x, y + 1) &= \text{add}(x, \text{mult}(x, y)). \end{aligned}$$

However, the definition of primitive recursion operation takes as arguments a k -ary function¹ g , a $k + 2$ -ary function h , and returns a $k + 1$ -ary function f defined as follows

$$\begin{aligned} f(x_0, \dots, x_{k-1}, 0) &= g(x_0, \dots, x_{k-1}), \\ f(x_0, \dots, x_{k-1}, y + 1) &= h(x_0, \dots, x_{k-1}, y, f(x_0, \dots, x_{k-1}, y)). \end{aligned}$$

The definition of multiplication and addition does not fit the format of this definition. Why? Provide the definition of add and mult so that it fits this format. (1 p)

¹By k -ary function g we mean a function $g: \mathbb{N}_0^k \rightarrow \mathbb{N}_0$.