

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

WEEK 6

1. Show that Predicate $x \mid y$, that is a function $\mid : \mathbb{N}_0 \times \mathbb{N}_0 \rightarrow \{\text{true}, \text{false}\}$, given by $x \mid y = \text{true}$ if and only if x divides y is primitive recursive.
2. In the Exercise for Week 5, you showed that a primitive recursive function f , the functions of *bounded sum* and *bounded product* of f , respectively given by

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

are also primitive recursive.

Now, conclude (by proving) that primitive recursive predicates are closed under *bounded quantification*. That is, show that if P on \mathbb{N}_0^{k+1} is a primitive recursive predicate, then so are the predicates $\forall z \leq y (P(x_0, \dots, x_{k-1}, z) = \text{true})$ and $\exists z \leq y (P(x_0, \dots, x_{k-1}, z) = \text{true})$.¹

3. (*) In the lecture we sketched a proof that not every computable function is primitive recursive.
 - a) Where does this proof fail for μ -recursive functions?
 - b) Where does this proof fail if we only consider total (defined everywhere) μ -recursive functions?

Note that the set of μ -recursive functions, as well as its proper subset of total μ -recursive function are countably infinite.

4. What follows are the exercises from the lecture on Turing Machine. See the mentioned lecture for precise definitions.

Construct a Turing machine for

- (a) “decrementing binary numbers.” That is, given an input of a binary number $\text{bin}(n)$, it gives an output $\text{bin}(n - 1)$;
- (b) “concatenating tape inscriptions.” That is two machines, one giving $\text{tape1} = \text{tape1} \# \text{tape2}$ and the other $\text{tape1} = \text{tape2} \# \text{tape1}$.
- (c) “head and tail of tapes.” That machines giving $\text{tape2} = \text{head}(\text{tape1})$ and $\text{tape2} = \text{tail}(\text{tape1})$.

¹Here, $\forall z \leq y (P(x_0, \dots, x_{k-1}, z) = \text{true})$ is an \mathbb{N}_0^{k+1} predicate which is true for $(a_0, \dots, a_{k-1}, a_k)$ if and only if $P(a_0, \dots, a_{k-1}, a_k) = \text{true}$ for all $a_k \leq y$; and $\exists z \leq y (P(x_0, \dots, x_{k-1}, z) = \text{true})$ is an \mathbb{N}_0^{k+1} predicate which is true for $(a_0, \dots, a_{k-1}, a_k)$ if and only if $P(a_0, \dots, a_{k-1}, a_k) = \text{true}$ for some $a_k \leq y$.