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We dealt with this issue by converting the polynomial to the representation that is easiest for the current task, we would then perform the functions using this representation and if necessary, we would change it back to the original representation before returning the value. You can see this demonstrated through add, when it encounters multiple sparse, it will convert these sparse to dense, it will then take the answer it got from the calculation and convert that to sparse before returning it to the user.

A brief explanation of the implementation of all functions

**Is-sparse?(Polynomial)**

Polynomial is the polynomial you want to see if it is sparse.

It works by first checking if the list representation of the polynomial is an empty list. If so it returns false, meaning its not sparse.

Next it checks if the first item in the list is also a list, if it is it will return true (the list is sparse), if the first item in the list is not a list it returns false (the list is not sparse).

**Make-sparse(polynomial index)**

Polynomial is the list representation of the polynomial that you want to make sparse (list given must be dense). Index should be set to 0 and is used for recursion

It works by first checking if the list is empty, if it is it will just return ()

If the list is not empty it will then check if the next item in the list is 0, if it is 0 it will not add it to the new sparse list, it will then run make\_sparse((cdr polynomial) (add1 index)) in order to check the next item in the list with the corresponding index

if the next item in the list is not 0 it will add a small list consisting of the current number and the index or coeficent of that number to the new list and use recursion make\_sparse((cdr polynomial) (add1 index)) in order to check the next item in the list with the corresponding index

after the list is empty it will return the newly created list.

**To-sparse(Polynomial, index)**

Polynomial is the polynomial you want to change to sparse index is set to 0 for recursion

It will first use is\_sparse?(polynomial) to check if the polynomial is already sparse If it is sparse it will return the polynomial given to it, if it is not it will run make\_sparse(polynomial index) to make it sparse

**Is-dense?(x)**

x is the polynomial you want to see if it is dense.

checks if the first item in the list is also a list, if it is it will return false (the list is not dense), if the first item in the list is not a list it returns true (the list is dense).

**Make-dense(x y)**

X is the polynomial you want to make dense (list given must be sparse), y is set to 0 and used for recursion

First it will check if the list is empty, if it is it will return null

If the list is not empty it will check if y is equal to the second item present int the first list of the sparse list, if they are equal then it will add the first item of the first list to the new list , it will then run make\_dense((cdr x) (+ 1 y)) in order to check the next item in the list with the corresponding y.

If y is not equal to the second item of the first list in sparse then it will add 0 to the new list, it will then run make\_dense(( x) (+ 1 y)) in order to keep y updated to the correct index.

**To-dense(x, y)**

x is the polynomial you want to change to sparse y is set to 0 for recursion

It will first use is\_dense?(x) to check if the polynomial is already sparse If it is dense it will return the polynomial given to it, if it is not it will run make\_dense(x y) to make it dense

**Is-zero?(polynomial)**

Polynomial is the polynomial you want to check if zero, works with both sparse and dense.

First checks if the list is empty, returns true if it is, If the list is not empty, it checks if the list is sparse, if it is sparse it will check the first item in the first list to see if its zero, if it is return true, if not return false.

If the list is not sparse, it just checks if the first item in the list is zero and returns true if it is, false if it is not

**Coeff(x y)**

X is the polynomial you want to check y is the power of x that the coefficient you want to check is connected to. Note it can take in sparse ore dense but will convert both to sparse before calculation, -y should never occur, if it does happen this will loop forever.

First it will check if the list is empty, if it is then return 0

If the list is not empty check if its sparse, if it is sparse then check the second item in the first list, if it equal to y then return the first item of the first list. If y is not equal to the second item in the first list than return coeff((cdr x) y), making it check the next item in the list.

If the list is not sparse than return (coeff (to-sparse x 0) y), which the polynomial to sparse and runs the function again.

**Degree(polynomial)**

Polynomial is the polynomial you want the degree of, note it can take in dense or sparse but will convert to sparse, polynomials with degree 0 will return -inf.0

First it checks if the polynomial is 0, if it is returns -inf.0 if it is not 0 then check if it is sparse. If it is sparse then returns the last item of the last list, this will be the degree.

If it is not sparse then returns (degree (to-sparse polynomial 0)) which converts the polynomial to sparse and runs the function again