

Knuth's Exercise in Technical Writing in ForTheL (L^AT_EXVersion)

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Preliminaries on Sets (Types)

Signature 1. *A type is a set. Let A, B, C stand for sets. Let T stand for a type. Let $a : t$ stand for a is an element of t . Let $a \in t$ stand for a is an element of t .*

Let $x \neq y$ stand for $x! = y$.

Signature 2. *The empty set is a set that has no elements. Let \emptyset stand for the empty set.*

Definition 1. *A subset of B is a set A such that every element of A is an element of B . Let $A \subseteq B$ stand for A is a subset of B . Let A is contained in B stand for A is a subset of B . Let B contains A stand for A is a subset of B .*

Preliminaries on Natural Numbers

[synonym number/numbers]

Signature 3. *A natural number is a notion.*

Definition 2. \mathbb{N} is the set of natural numbers. Let i, j, k, l, m denote natural numbers.

Signature 4. 0 is a natural number.

Signature 5. 1 is a natural number.

Signature 6. $k + l$ is a natural number.

Signature 7. $k * l$ is a natural number.

Axiom 1. $k- < -k + 1$.

Axiom 2. If $k \neq 0$ then there is l such that $k = l + 1$.

Axiom 3. $k + 0 = k$.

Axiom 4. $0 * l = 0$.

Axiom 5. $(k + 1) * l = (k * l) + l$.

Signature 8. $k \leq l$ is an atom.

Axiom 6. $k \leq k$.

Axiom 7. If $i \leq j \leq k$ then $i \leq k$.

Axiom 8. If not $l \leq m$ then $m + 1 \leq l$.

Axiom 9. If $i \leq j$ and $k \leq l$ then $i + k \leq j + l$.

Axiom 10. If $i \leq j$ and $k \leq l$ then $i * k \leq j * l$.

Axiom 11. (Archimedean Property) Assume that for every $k \in \mathbb{N}$ $i + (k * l) \leq j + (k * m)$. Then $l \leq m$.

0.0.1 Preliminaries on Functions and Sequences

Axiom 12 (Functional Extensionality). Let f, g be functions such that $\text{Dom}(f) = \text{Dom}(g)$. If $f[i] = g[i]$ for all $i \in \text{Dom}(f)$ then $f = g$.

Definition 3. A sequence of length l is a function a such that $\text{Dom}(a) = \{i \in \mathbb{N} \mid 1 \leq i \leq l\}$.

Definition 4. $\mathbb{N}^l = \{a \mid a \text{ is a sequence of length } l \text{ such that } a[i] \in \mathbb{N} \text{ for all } i \in \text{Dom}(a)\}$.

We fix a dimension or length:

Signature 9. n is a natural number. Let a, b, c, p denote elements of \mathbb{N}^n .

Signature 10. $a ++ b$ is a sequence of length n such that

$$(a ++ b)[i] = a[i] + b[i]$$

for all $i \in \text{Dom}(a)$.

Signature 11. 0^n is a sequence of length n such that $0^n[i] = 0$ for all $i \in \text{Dom}(0^n)$.

Lemma 1. $c ++ 0^n$ is a sequence of length n and $c = c ++ (0^n)$.

Proof. For all $i \in \text{Dom}(c)$ $c[i] = (c ++ 0^n)[i]$. $\text{Dom}(c) = \text{Dom}(c ++ 0^n)$. \square

Signature 12. $k ** a$ is a sequence of length n such that $(k ** a)[i] = k * a[i]$ for all $i \in \text{Dom}(a)$.

Lemma 2. $(l + 1) ** p = (l ** p) ++ p$.

Proof. $(l ** p) ++ p \in \mathbb{N}^n$. Let us show that for all elements $i \in \text{Dom}(p)$ we have

$$((l + 1) ** p)[i] = ((l ** p) ++ p)[i].$$

end. \square

Preliminaries on Special Subsets of \mathbb{N}^n

Signature 13. A submonoid is a subset Q of \mathbb{N}^n such that $0^n \in Q$ and $a ++ b \in Q$ for all $a, b \in Q$.

Lemma 3. Let Q be a submonoid and $p \in Q$. Then for all natural numbers k $k ** p \in Q$.

Proof. (Proof by induction) Let k be a natural number.

(1) Case $k = 0$. Then $k ** p = 0^n \in Q$. end.

(2) Case $k \neq 0$. Take l such that $k = l + 1$. $l ** p \in Q$. Then $k ** p = (l + 1) ** p = (l ** p) ++ p \in Q$. end. \square

Definition 5. $A(n) = \{a \in \mathbb{N}^n \mid \text{for all } i, j \text{ (if } 1 \leq i \leq j \leq n \text{ then } a[i] \leq a[j])\}$.

Signature 14. Let $P \subseteq \mathbb{N}^n$. The submonoid generated by P is a submonoid Q such that P is contained in Q and Q is contained in every submonoid that contains P . Let P^* stand for the submonoid generated by P .

Definition 6. Let $A, B \subseteq \mathbb{N}^n$. $A +++ B = \{a ++ b \mid a \in A \text{ and } b \in B\}$.

The Lemma

Lemma 4. *Let $P, C \subseteq \mathbb{N}^n$. Let $C \neq \emptyset$ and $C + + + (P^*) \subseteq A(n)$. Then we have $C, P \subseteq A(n)$.*

Proof. We have $C \subseteq A(n)$. Indeed for all $c \in C$

$$c = c + + 0^n \in (C + + + (P^*)) \subseteq A(n).$$

Let us show that $P \subseteq A(n)$. Let $p \in P$. Let i, j be natural numbers such that $1 \leq i \leq j \leq n$. Take $c \in C$. For all $k \in \mathbb{N}$ we have

$$c + + (k * * p) \in C + + + (P^*) \subseteq A(n)$$

and

$$c[i] + (k * p[i]) \leq c[j] + (k * p[j]).$$

$p[i] \leq p[j]$ [using the Archimedean Property]. end. □