

Homework 2 Solutions

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- *Discussions*

I have discussed with the following people regarding the solutions given below. This might be a cause of similarity in our solutions.

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• Proofs for functions used as intermediate steps

1. rem

$rem(x, y)$ = remainder when x is divided by y .

$$rem(0, y) = 0$$

$$rem(n + 1, y) = h(rem(n, y), n, y)$$

where,

$$h(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \times(sg(\div(\div(P_3^3(x_1, x_2, x_3), 1)P_3^1(x_1, x_2, x_3))), S(P_3^1(x_1, x_2, x_3)))$$

Therefore rem is primitive recursive.

2. sg

$$sg(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$sg(0) = 0$$

$$sg(n + 1) = h(sg(n), n)$$

where,

$$h(x_1, x_2) = S(Z(P_2^2(x_1, x_2)))$$

Therefore sg is primitive recursive.

3. sg

$$\overline{sg}(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x = 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\overline{sg}(0) = 1$$

$$\overline{sg}(n + 1) = h(\overline{sg}(n), n)$$

where,

$$h(x_1, x_2) = Z(P_2^2(x_1, x_2))$$

Therefore \overline{sg} is primitive recursive.

4. odd

$$odd(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \text{ is odd} \\ 0 & \text{if } x \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

We will prove that these functions are primitive recursive.

$$odd(0) = 0$$

$$odd(n+1) = h_1(odd(n), n)$$

where

$$h_1(x_1, x_2) = \overline{sg}(P_2^1(x_1, x_2))$$

Therefore *odd* is primitive recursive.

5. even

$$even(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \text{ is even} \\ 0 & \text{if } x \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

$$even(0) = 1$$

$$even(n+1) = h_2(even(n), n)$$

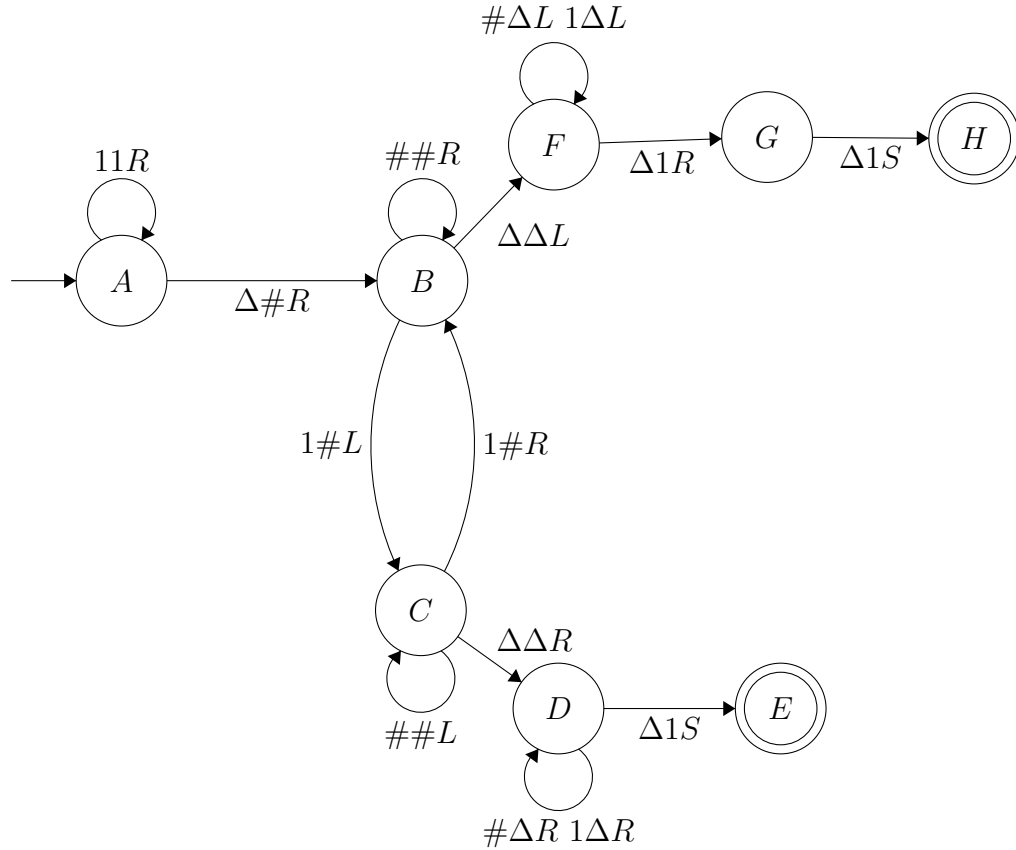
where

$$h_2(x_1, x_2) = \overline{sg}(P_2^1(x_1, x_2))$$

Therefore *even* is primitive recursive.

• Solution 1.)

Assuming x and y are in unary notation and are separated by a Δ .



First we replace the Δ in between x and y to a $\#$. Then we go to the first 1 in y and convert it to a $\#$. Then we go to the last 1 in x and convert it to a $\#$ and so on. If x becomes all $\#$'s first then it is less than y and we clear all the $\#$'s and 1's and write one 1 denoting 0, else if y becomes all $\#$'s then we clear all $\#$'s and 1's and write two 1's denoting 1.

Say, $x = 2, y = 1$. Then the tape will be as follows,

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\end{aligned}$$

• Solution 2.)

$$\begin{aligned}
geq(0, y) &= \overline{sg}(y) \\
geq(n+1, y) &= h(geq(x, n), n, y)
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$h(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \overline{sg}(\div(P_3^3(x_1, x_2, x_3), +(P_3^2(x_1, x_2, x_3), 1)))$$

and hence, geq is primitive recursive.

• Solution 3.a.)

For given function, $f(0) = -1$ as we can't have negative numbers, we keep the base case as 1.

$$\begin{aligned}
f(1) &= 3 \\
f(n+1) &= h_3(f(n), n)
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
h_3(x_1, x_2) &= \\
&+ (\times (+ (\times (2, S(P_2^2(x_1, x_2))), 1), odd(S(P_2^2(x_1, x_2)))), \\
&\times (- (\times (2, S(P_2^2(x_1, x_2))), 1), even(S(P_2^2(x_1, x_2)))))
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore the function f is primitive recursive.

- Solution 3.b.)

g is an already known primitive recursive function, there primitive recursive definition of f can be,

$$f(0) = sg(\dot{-}(g(1), g(0)))$$

$$f(n+1) = h(f(n), n)$$

where,

$$h(x_1, x_2) = \times(sg(\dot{-}(g(+ (P_2^2(x_1, x_2), 2)), g(S(P_2^2(x_1, x_2))))), P_2^1(x_1, x_2))$$

therefore, f is a primitive recursive function.

- Solution 4.a.)

$$f(0) = 0$$

$$f(n+1) = h(f(n), n)$$

where,

$$h(x_1, x_2) = +(exp(S(P_2^2(x_1, x_2)), 7), \times(12, exp(S(P_2^2(x_1, x_2)), 5)))$$

therefore f is primitive recursive.

- Solution 4.b.)

Assuming the length of the vector is fixed as k . We define our function as follows,

$$f(\vec{x}, n) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \text{ where } n \leq k$$

So now,

$$f(\vec{x}, 0) = 0$$

$$f(\vec{x}, n+1) = h(f(\vec{x}, n), n, \vec{x})$$

where,

$$h(x_1, x_2, x_3) = +(P_3^1(x_1, x_2, x_3), P_k^{S(P_3^2(x_1, x_2, x_3))}(P_3^3(x_1, x_2, x_3)))$$

Therefore f is primitive recursive.

- Solution 4.c.)

Assuming the length of the vector is fixed as k . We define our function as follows,

$$f(\vec{x}, n) = \prod_{i=1}^n x_i \text{ where } n \leq k$$

So now,

$$f(\vec{x}, 0) = 0$$

$$f(\vec{x}, n+1) = h(f(\vec{x}, n), n, \vec{x})$$

where,

$$h(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \times(P_3^1(x_1, x_2, x_3), P_k^{S(P_3^2(x_1, x_2, x_3))}(P_3^3(x_1, x_2, x_3)))$$

Therefore f is primitive recursive.

- Solution 4.d.)

$$f(0) = 1$$

$$f(n+1) = h(f(n), n)$$

where,

$$h(x_1, x_2) = \overline{sg}(rem(S(P_2^2(x_1, x_2)), 3))$$

Hence f is primitive recursive.

- Solution 5.)

First we show that the number of primitive recursive definitions of a primitive recursive function f are infinite.

Say h is a primitive recursive definition of f , then we can construct infinitely many primitive recursive definitions of f as follows,

$$h' = +(h, 0)$$

Therefore, there exist infinite primitive recursive definitions of f .

Now say the set of all primitive recursive definitions defined in the above way be C . We can define a one to one map from C to natural numbers as the number of times we do an addition with 0. And we know the set of natural numbers is countably infinite therefore C is countably infinite.

Now the set of all primitive recursive definitions of f be B . Clearly $C \subseteq B$.

Now let the set of all strings be A . Clearly $B \subseteq A$.

Now we know that set of all strings (A) is countably infinite and also C is countably infinite and $A \supseteq B \supseteq C$.

Therefore B is countably infinite, that is the number of primitive recursive definitions of f is countably infinite.

• Solution 6.)

To Prove: $f(x) = \bigwedge_{i=0}^x g(i)$ is a primitive recursive function.

Proof: We will give a primitive recursive definition for f .

$$f(0) = g(0)$$

$$f(n+1) = h(f(n), n)$$

where,

$$h(x_1, x_2) = \neg(P_2^1(x_1, x_2), \neg(P_2^1(x_1, x_2), g(S(P_2^2(x_1, x_2))))))$$

Therefore f is a primitive recursive function.

• Solution 7.)

To Prove: The set of all natural numbers not divisible by 10 is primitive recursive.

We define the characteristic function C_f for our given condition f .

$$C_f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \text{ is not divisible by 10} \\ 0 & \text{if } x \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$$

We prove that C_f is primitive recursive as follows,

$$\begin{aligned} C_f(0) &= 0 \\ C_f(n+1) &= h(C_f(n), n) \end{aligned}$$

where,

$$h(x_1, x_2) = sg(rem(S(P_2^2(x_1, x_2)), 10))$$

Therefore C_f is recursive implying that the set of all numbers not divisible by 10 is primitive recursive.

• Solution 8.)

To Prove: The predicate that is true of all natural numbers divisible by 6 is primitive recursive.

We define the characteristic function C_p for our given predicate p .

$$C_p(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \text{ is divisible by 6} \\ 0 & \text{if } x \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$$

We prove that C_p is primitive recursive as follows,

$$\begin{aligned} C_p(0) &= 0 \\ C_p(n+1) &= h(C_p(n), n) \end{aligned}$$

where,

$$h(x_1, x_2) = \overline{sg}(rem(S(P_2^2(x_1, x_2)), 6))$$

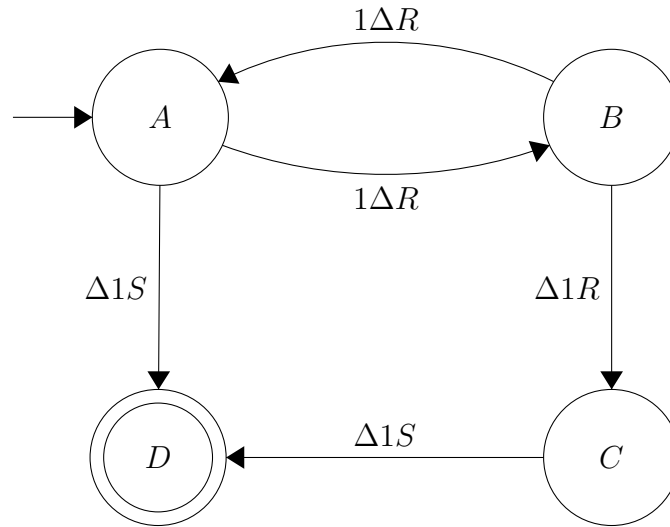
Therefore C_p is recursive implying that the predicate that is true of all natural numbers divisible by 6 is primitive recursive.

• Solution 9.)

The characteristic function of the set of all even numbers is follows,

$$C_f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \text{ is even} \\ 0 & \text{if } x \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$$

TM:



• Solution 10.a.)

Let this problem be decidable. Say there exists a TM as follows,

$$M''(M) = \begin{cases} Y & \text{if } M \text{ halts only on non palindromic inputs.} \\ N & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Let us define a new TM M' that takes M_w and any string y as input as follows,

$$M'(M_w, y) = \begin{cases} \text{Halts} & \text{if } M_w \text{ halts} \\ \text{Does not halt} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Here M_w denotes a TM M which is run on a given string w .

Now we define M''' as,

$$M''' = \begin{cases} Y & \text{if } M'' \text{ run with } M' \text{ as input gives } N \\ N & \text{if } M'' \text{ run with } M' \text{ as input gives } Y \end{cases}$$

Now We claim that M''' is a halting tester.

If M halts on w , M' halts on every input string y and when passed to M'' , it will output N as M' will halt on palindromic strings as well. Therefore M''' will output Y .

If M does not halt on w , M' does not halt on any input string y and when passed to M'' , it will output Y as M' will not halt on any palindromic string which is equivalent to halting only on non-palindromic strings. Therefore M'' will output Y and M''' will output N .

M''' will output Y if M halts on w and N otherwise. We have constructed a halting tester from M'' which we know cannot exist, therefore M'' cannot exist. And hence the given problem is undecidable.

• Solution 10.b.)

Let this problem be decidable. Say there exists a TM as follows,

$$M''(A, B) = \begin{cases} Y & \text{if } L(A) \setminus L(B) = \emptyset \\ N & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Let us define a new TM M' that takes M_w and any string y as input as follows,

$$M'(M_w, y) = \begin{cases} \text{Accepts} & \text{if } M_w \text{ halts} \\ \text{Does not accept} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Here M_w denotes a TM M which is run on a given string w .

Now we define E as a TM that accepts nothing ie. $L(E) = \emptyset$

Now we define M''' as,

$$M''' = \begin{cases} Y & \text{if } M'' \text{ accepts when run with input } M' \text{ and } E \\ \text{Does not accept} & \text{if } M'' \text{ does not accept when run with input } M' \text{ and } E \end{cases}$$

We claim that M''' is a halting tester.

If M halts on w , M' accepts everything, so when you pass M' and E to M'' , it gives Y and therefore M''' gives Y as $L(M') \setminus L(E) \neq \emptyset$.

If M does not halt on w , M' accepts nothing, so when you pass M' and E to M'' , it gives N and therefore M''' gives N as $L(M') \setminus L(E) = \emptyset$.

M''' will output Y if M halts on w and N otherwise. We have constructed a halting tester from M'' which we know cannot exist, therefore M'' cannot exist. And hence the given problem is undecidable.