

Indexed natural numbers

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The standard essential details of syntax, operational semantics, and typing for indexed natural numbers.

Type syntax

$$\begin{aligned} N &::= \mathbb{N} \mid N + N' \mid N * N' \mid \alpha && \text{(type-level naturals)} \\ \tau &::= \mathbf{Nat} \ N \mid \alpha \mid \dots && \text{(types)} \end{aligned}$$

Term syntax

$$e ::= \text{zero} \mid \text{succ}(e) \mid \text{ind}(e, \text{zero} \mapsto e', (\text{succ}(x), y) \mapsto e'')$$

The first two are constructors. The last construct is the induction principle for eliminating natural numbers.

Operational semantics

$$\text{ind}(\text{zero}, \text{zero} \mapsto e_0, (\text{succ}(x), y) \mapsto e_1) \rightsquigarrow e_0$$

$$\text{ind}(\text{succ}(n), \text{zero} \mapsto e_0, (\text{succ}(x), y) \mapsto e_1) \rightsquigarrow e_1[n/x][\text{ind}(n, \text{zero} \mapsto e_0, (\text{succ}(x), y) \mapsto e_1)]/y]$$

$$\frac{e \rightsquigarrow e'}{\text{ind}(e, \text{zero} \mapsto e_0, (\text{succ}(x), y) \mapsto e_1) \rightsquigarrow \text{ind}(e', \text{zero} \mapsto e_0, (\text{succ}(x), y) \mapsto e_1)}$$

Typing rules

$$\overline{\emptyset \vdash \text{zero} : \mathbf{Nat} \ 0}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e : \mathbf{Nat} \ n}{\emptyset \vdash \text{succ}(e) : \mathbf{Nat} \ (n + 1)}$$

$$\frac{\begin{array}{l} \Gamma \vdash e : \mathbf{Nat} \ n \\ \Gamma \vdash e_0 : \tau[0/\alpha] \\ \Gamma, x : \mathbf{Nat} \ m, y : \tau[m/\alpha] \vdash e_1 : \tau[(m + 1)/\alpha] \end{array}}{\Gamma \vdash \text{ind}(e, \text{zero} \mapsto e_0, (\text{succ}(x), y) \mapsto e_1) : \tau[n/\alpha]}$$