

$$\begin{aligned}
sc_A(x) &= \mathbf{1}(\mu w.(S(x, (w)_1, (w)_2, (w)_3) \wedge (w)_2 \in Y)) \\
&= \mathbf{1}(\mu w.(|\chi_S(x, (w)_1, (w)_2, (w)_3) * \chi_Y((w)_2) - 1|))
\end{aligned}$$

The -1 in this formula serves a specific computational purpose in checking set membership. Here's why it exists:

The formula uses the characteristic functions χ_S and χ_Y , which return either 0 or 1. When testing if $(w)_2 \in Y$, we want:

- If $(w)_2 \in Y$: $\chi_S(x, (w)_1, (w)_2, (w)_3) * \chi_Y((w)_2) = 1 * 1 = 1$
- If $(w)_2 \notin Y$: $\chi_S(x, (w)_1, (w)_2, (w)_3) * \chi_Y((w)_2) = 1 * 0 = 0$

The -1 operation combined with the absolute value ($|\dots|$) transforms this result:

- When result is 1: $|1 - 1| = 0$, causing μw to continue searching
- When result is 0: $|0 - 1| = 1$, causing μw to stop searching

This creates a mechanism where the minimalization operator μw continues until it finds a tuple $(w)_1, (w)_2, (w)_3$ where both:

1. The program halts (S predicate)
2. The output is in set Y (χ_Y function)

The -1 operation is therefore essential for implementing this search behavior through minimalization.