## 1. Unbounded Minimalization

#### **Definition**

For  $f:N^{k+1} \rightarrow N$ :

```
h(\bar{x}) = \mu y.f(\bar{x},y) = \{ least z such that: f(\bar{x},z) = 0 \text{ AND} f(\bar{x},z') \text{ is defined for all } z' < z \tag{undefined} otherwise}
```

# **Key Properties**

- 1. Unlike bounded minimalization:
  - Search has no upper bound
  - May never terminate if:
    - No solution exists
    - f(x̄,y) is undefined for some y
- 2. Equivalent to while loops
- 3. Can produce partial functions even from total functions

## **Example: Perfect Square Root**

```
μy.|x-y²| = {
      √x if x is a perfect square
      ↑ otherwise
}
```

# 2. Inverse Functions

# **Computability of Inverses**

For f:N→N computable and injective:

```
f-¹(x) = {
    y if f(y)=x
    ↑ if ∄y.f(y)=x
}
```

is computable via:

```
f^{-1}(x) = \mu y. |f(y)-x|
```

## **Key Properties**

- 1. If f is total and injective, f<sup>-1</sup> is computable
- 2. Domain of f<sup>-1</sup> is image of f
- 3. Computability preserved even if f not total

#### 3. Finite Functions

#### **Definition**

A function  $\theta: N \rightarrow N$  is finite if  $dom(\theta)$  is finite

## Computability

All finite functions are computable. For  $\theta = \{(x_1, y_1), ..., (x_n, y_n)\}$ :

```
\theta(x) = \Sigma_{i=1}^{n} y_{i} \cdot sg(|x-x_{i}|) + \mu z.(\Pi_{i=1}^{n} |x-x_{i}|)
```

# 4. Partial Recursive Functions (Class R)

#### **Definition**

R is the least class containing:

- 1. Basic Functions:
  - Zero: z(x) = 0
  - Successor: s(x) = x+1
  - Projections:  $U_k^i(x_1,...,x_k) = x_i$
- 2. Closed under:
  - Composition
  - Primitive recursion

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### **Fundamental Properties**

- 1. Totalness:
  - Composition of total functions → total
  - Primitive recursion of total functions → total
  - Minimalization may produce partial functions
- 2. Relationship with URM:
  - R = C (Class of URM-computable functions)
  - Provides alternative characterization of computability

### Proof Structure (R = C)

- 1. R ⊆ C:
  - C is rich (contains basic functions and closed under operations)
  - R is minimal such class
- 2. C ⊆ R:
  - For f∈C, exists program P computing f
  - Show register contents and instruction counter are in R
  - Use encoding of configurations and program steps

# 5. Applications

#### **Program Properties**

- 1. Functions computing:
  - Program inputs
  - Program outputs
  - Computation steps

## **Common Examples**

- 1. Square root function
- 2. Division with remainder
- 3. Fibonacci function (using pair encoding)
- 4. Functions with finite domain

#### **Important Notes**

- 1. Unbounded minimalization is essential for:
  - Expressing while loops
  - Computing partial functions
  - Inverse functions
- 2. Key Differences from Bounded Operations:
  - May not terminate
  - Can produce partial functions
  - More expressive power
- 3. Practical Implications:
  - · Not all computations guaranteed to halt
  - Need careful handling of undefined cases
  - Balance between expressiveness and totality