

Sets and Basic Numbers

Notation	Meaning
\mathbb{N}	Natural numbers (including 0)
\mathbb{N}^+	Positive natural numbers
\mathbb{N}^k	k-tuples of natural numbers
\emptyset	Empty set
\in	Set membership
\subseteq	Subset relation
\cup	Set union
\cap	Set intersection
\setminus	Set difference
\bar{A}	Complement of set A

Function Notation

General Functions

Notation	Meaning
$f:A\rightarrow B$	Function from A to B
$\text{dom}(f)$	Domain of function f
$\text{cod}(f)$	Codomain of function f
$\text{img}(f)$	Image of function f
f^{-1}	Inverse function of f
$f\circ g$	Function composition
$f\subseteq g$	f is a subfunction of g

Computability-Specific

Notation	Meaning
φ_x	x-th partial recursive function

Notation	Meaning
Wx	Domain of φx
Ex	Image of φx
$\varphi x(y) \downarrow$	$\varphi x(y)$ is defined/converges
$\varphi x(y) \uparrow$	$\varphi x(y)$ is undefined/diverges
$\varphi^{(k)}_e$	k-ary partial recursive function with index e

Special Functions

Basic Functions

Notation	Meaning
$z(x)$	Zero function
$s(x)$	Successor function
U^i_k	k-ary i-th projection
χ_A	Characteristic function of set A
$sg(x)$	Sign function
$s\bar{g}(x)$	Complement sign function
$x \dot{-} y$	Monus (truncated subtraction)

Operators

Notation	Meaning
$\mu y.f(x,y)$	Unbounded minimalization
$\mu y < z.f(x,y)$	Bounded minimalization
$\Sigma y < z f(x,y)$	Bounded sum
$\Pi y < z f(x,y)$	Bounded product

Vector Notation

Notation	Meaning
\bar{x}	Vector (x_1, \dots, x_n)

Notation	Meaning
$(x)_i$	i-th component of x
$\langle x, y \rangle$	Pairing function
π_1, π_2	Projection functions for pairs

URM Machine

Notation	Meaning
$Z(n)$	Zero instruction
$S(n)$	Successor instruction
$T(m, n)$	Transfer instruction
$J(m, n, t)$	Jump instruction
R_n	n-th register
r_n	Content of n-th register

Classes of Functions

Notation	Meaning
C	URM-computable functions
$C^{(k)}$	k-ary URM-computable functions
PR	Primitive recursive functions
R	Partial recursive functions

Important Sets

Notation	Meaning
K	Halting set $\{x \in \mathbb{N} : x \in W_x\}$
\bar{K}	Complement of halting set
Tot	$\{x \in \mathbb{N} : \varphi_x \text{ is total}\}$
Fin	$\{x \in \mathbb{N} : W_x \text{ is finite}\}$

Reducibility and Equivalence

Notation	Meaning
$A \leq_m B$	A many-one reduces to B
$A \equiv_m B$	A and B are many-one equivalent
$A \leq_t B$	A Turing reduces to B

Formal Logic

Notation	Meaning
\forall	Universal quantifier
\exists	Existential quantifier
\wedge	Logical AND
\vee	Logical OR
\neg	Logical NOT
\rightarrow	Implication
\leftrightarrow	Equivalence

Program Properties

Notation	Meaning
$\ell(P)$	Length of program P
$\rho(P)$	Maximum register used in P
$P(\bar{x})\downarrow$	Program P halts on input \bar{x}
$P(\bar{x})\uparrow$	Program P diverges on input \bar{x}