

COMPUTABILITY (30/10/2023)

* Class of partial recursive functions \mathcal{R}

least rich class of functions i.e. least class of functions

→ including the BASIC FUNCTIONS

→ closed under

1. COMPOSITION

2. PRIMITIVE RECURSION

3. UNBOUNDED MINIMALISATION

Theorem : $\mathcal{R} = \mathcal{C}$

proof

$(\mathcal{R} \subseteq \mathcal{C})$ \mathcal{C} is rich

$(\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{R})$

Let $f : \mathbb{N}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ be a function in \mathcal{C}

and let P a URM-program for f

Define

$$\begin{cases} C_P^1 : \mathbb{N}^{k+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \\ C_P^1(\vec{x}, t) = \text{content of register } R_1 \text{ after } t \text{ steps of } P(\vec{x}) \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} J_P : \mathbb{N}^{k+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \\ J_P(\vec{x}, t) = \begin{cases} \text{instruction to be executed after } t \text{ steps of } P(\vec{x}) \\ 0 \quad \text{if } P(\vec{x}) \text{ halts in } t \text{ or fewer steps} \end{cases} \end{cases}$$

Then

$$f(\vec{x}) = C_P^1(\vec{x}, \mu t. J_P(\vec{x}, t))$$

We conclude by proving $C_P^1, J_P \in \mathcal{R}$

program P (std form) for f

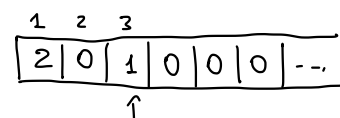
$\rightarrow I_1$
 $\rightarrow I_2$
 \vdots
 I_s

memory



$$C = \prod_{i=1}^m p_i^{r_i} = \prod_{i=1}^m p_i^{x_i}$$

$$r_i = (C)_i$$



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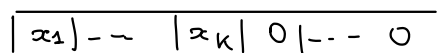
$$C = p_1^2 \cdot p_2^0 \cdot p_3^1 \cdot p_4^0 \cdot p_5^0 = 2^2 \cdot 3^0 \cdot 5^1 = 20$$

$$\begin{cases} C_P : \mathbb{N}^{k+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \\ C_P(\vec{x}, t) = \text{content of memory after } t \text{ steps of } P(\vec{x}) \end{cases}$$

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we define J_P, C_P by primitive recursion

$$\begin{cases} C_P(\vec{x}, 0) = \prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{x_i} \\ J_P(\vec{x}, 0) = 1 \end{cases}$$



recursion cases

we define

$$C_P(\vec{x}, t+1)$$

$$J_P(\vec{x}, t+1)$$

using

$$C_P(\vec{x}, t) = C$$

$$J_P(\vec{x}, t) = J$$

↑ NOTATION

$$C_P(\vec{x}, t+1) = \begin{cases} qt(p_m^{(c)m}, c) \\ p_m \cdot c \\ p_m^{(c)m} \cdot qt(p_m^{(c)m}, c) \\ c \end{cases}$$

$$\text{if } 1 \leq j \leq e(P) \\ \text{and } I_j = Z(m)$$

$$\text{if } 1 \leq j \leq e(P) \\ \text{and } I_j = S(m)$$

$$\text{if } 1 \leq j \leq e(P) \\ \text{and } I_j = T(m, m)$$

otherwise

$$(j=0 \text{ or } 1 \leq j \leq e(P) \\ \text{and } I_j = J(m, m, u))$$

$$\begin{array}{c} c \\ \downarrow \\ p_1^{r_1} \dots p_m^{r_m} \dots \end{array}$$

$\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ |r_1| \dots |r_m| \\ \text{---} \end{array}$

$$r_m = (c)_m$$

$$J_P(\vec{x}, t) = \begin{cases} j+1 \\ u \\ 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{if } 1 \leq j < e(P) \\ \text{and } I_j = S(m), Z(m), T(m, m) \\ \text{or } \left(\begin{array}{l} I_j = J(m, m, u) \\ (c)_m \neq (c)_m \end{array} \right)$$

$$\text{if } 1 \leq j \leq e(P) \\ \text{and } I_j = J(m, m, u) \\ \text{and } (c)_m = (c)_m \\ \text{and } u \leq e(P)$$

otherwise

Hence $J_P, C_P \in \mathbb{R}$

and thus

$$f(\vec{x}) = \left(C_P(\vec{x}, \mu t, J_P(\vec{x}, t)) \right)_1$$

therefore $f \in \mathbb{R}$

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* Primitive Recursive Functions

PR = least class of functions which

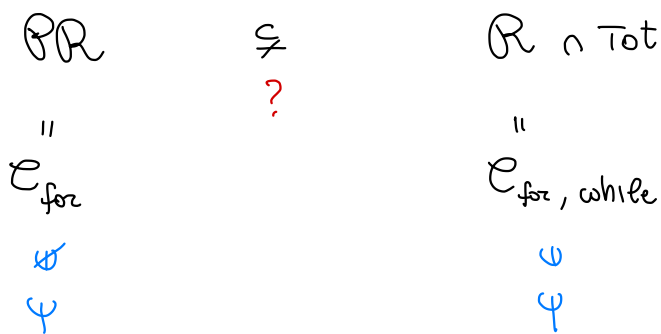
→ includes the basic functions

→ closed under

① composition

② primitive recursion ← for loop

③ ~~minimisation~~ ← while loop



Ackermann's Function

$$\psi: \mathbb{N}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$$

$$\begin{cases} \psi(0, y) = y + 1 \\ \psi(x+1, 0) = \psi(x, 1) \\ \psi(x+1, y+1) = \psi(x, \underbrace{\psi(x+1, y)}_u) \end{cases}$$

$(x+1, 0) \geq_{\text{lex}} (x, 1)$
 $(x+1, y+1) >_{\text{lex}} (x+1, y)$
 $(x+1, y+1) >_{\text{lex}} (x, u)$

$$(\mathbb{N}^2, \leq_{\text{lex}}) \quad (x, y) \leq_{\text{lex}} (x', y') \quad \text{if} \quad \begin{matrix} x < x' & \text{or} \\ (x = x') & \text{and } (y \leq y') \end{matrix}$$

$$(1000, 1000000) <_{\text{lex}} (1001, 0)$$

$$(1000, 1000000) >_{\text{lex}} (1000, 0)$$

$$f: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$$

$$f(z) = \begin{cases} 0 & z \geq 0 \\ f(z-1) & z < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{matrix} f(-1) \\ \text{"} \\ f(-2) \\ \text{"} \\ f(-3) \\ \vdots \end{matrix}$$

* partially ordered set (poset)

(D, \leq)

\leq reflexive
antisymmetric
transitive

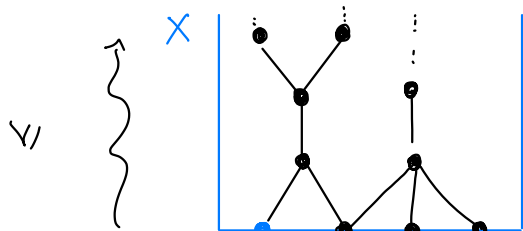
$$x \leq x$$

$$x \leq y \text{ and } y \leq x \Rightarrow x = y$$

$$x \leq y \text{ and } y \leq z \Rightarrow x \leq z$$

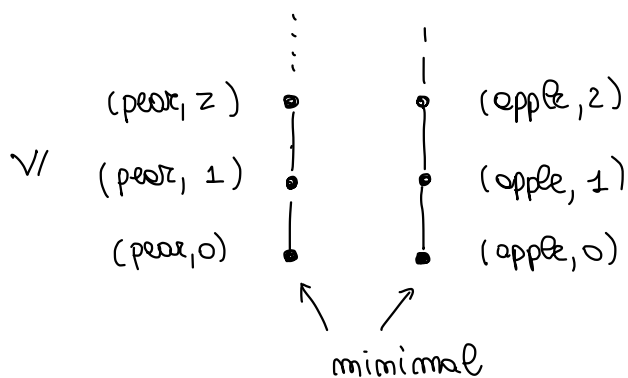
* well founded posets

(D, \leq) is well-founded if $\forall X \subseteq D \ X \neq \emptyset$ has a minimal element



$d \in X$
minimal s.t. if $d' \leq d$ then $d' = d$

$$D = \{ (\text{pear}, m), (\text{apple}, m) \mid m \in \mathbb{N} \}$$



$$(x, y) \leq (x', y')$$

$$\text{if } (x = x') \text{ and } (y \leq y')$$

\mathbb{Z} well-founded? NO

\mathbb{N} " " ? YES

NOTE: (D, \leq) well-founded if and only if there is no infinite descending chain in D
 $d_0 > d_1 > d_2 > \dots$

* $(\mathbb{N}^2, \leq_{lex})$ is well founded

let $X \subseteq \mathbb{N}^2 \ X \neq \emptyset$

$$x_0 = \min \{ x \mid \exists y. (x, y) \in X \}$$

$$y_0 = \min \{ y \mid (x_0, y) \in X \}$$

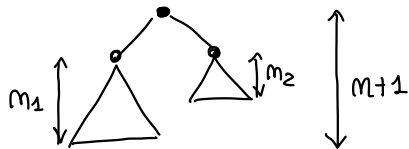
$$\Rightarrow (x_0, y_0) = \min X$$

* Induction $P(m)$ $m \in \mathbb{N}$

$P(0)$ and assuming $P(m)$ you can deduce $P(m+1)$
 \Downarrow
 $P(m)$ holds for all m

- A binary tree with height n has at most $2^{n+1} - 1$ nodes
 $(n=0)$ • number of nodes $= 1 \leq 2^{0+1} - 1 = 2 - 1 = 1$

$(n \rightarrow n+1)$



$$m_1, m_2 < n+1$$

the inductive hyp. is only on $n \dots$

you "can't" conclude

- Complete induction

to prove that $P(m)$ holds for all $m \in \mathbb{N}$
 \Uparrow

show

for all n , assuming $P(m')$ for all $m' < n$ then $P(n)$

- Well-founded induction

(D, \leq) well-founded order

$P(x)$ property over D

if for all $d \in D$, assuming $\forall d' < d$ $P(d')$

I can conclude $P(d)$

\Downarrow
 $\forall d \in D$ $P(d)$

① ψ is total

$$\forall (x, y) \in \mathbb{N}^2 \quad \psi(x, y) \downarrow$$

proceed by well-founded induction on $(\mathbb{N}^2, \leq_{lex})$

proof

Let $(x, y) \in \mathbb{N}^2$, assume $\forall (x', y') <_{\text{lex}} (x, y) \quad \varphi(x', y') \downarrow$

we want to show $\psi(x, y) \downarrow$

$$\begin{cases} \psi(0, y) = y + 1 \\ \psi(x+1, 0) = \psi(x, 1) \\ \psi(x+1, y+1) = \psi(x, \underbrace{\psi(x+1, y)}_w) \end{cases}$$

3 cases

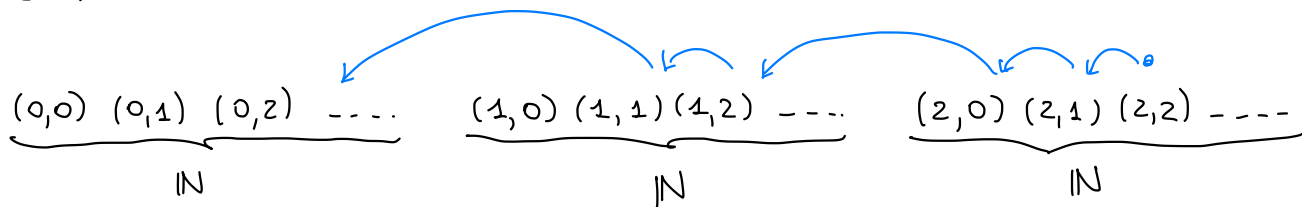
$$(x=0) \quad \psi(x,y) = \psi(0,y) = y+1 \downarrow$$

$$(x > 0, y = 0) \quad \psi(x, 0) = \psi(x-1, 1) \downarrow$$

$(x-1, 1) \in \text{ex}(x, y)$ hence $\varphi(x-1, 1) \downarrow$ by ind. hyp.

$$(x > 0, y > 0) \quad \psi(x, y) = \psi(x-1, \underbrace{\psi(x, y-1)}) = \psi(x-1, u) \downarrow \begin{matrix} \text{by ind.} \\ \text{hyp.} \end{matrix}$$

$$\underbrace{\psi(x, y)}_{\text{ind. hyp.}} \rightsquigarrow \psi(x, y-1) \downarrow = u$$

$$(N^2, \leq_{ex})$$


② $\psi \in \mathcal{R} = \mathcal{C}$

$$\psi(1,1) = \psi(0, \underbrace{\psi(1,0)}_{\psi(0,1)}) = \psi(0,2) = 3$$

$$(1, 1, 3) \quad (0, 2, 3) \quad (1, 0, 2) \quad , \quad (0, 1, 2)$$

valid set of triples : informally

$$(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{N}^3$$

$$\rightarrow z = \psi(x, y)$$

$\rightarrow S$ contains all triples needed to compute $\psi(x, y)$

formally $S \subseteq \mathbb{N}^3$ valid if

$$\begin{cases} \psi(0, y) = y+1 \\ \psi(x+1, 0) = \psi(x, 1) \\ \psi(x+1, y+1) = \psi(x, \underbrace{\psi(x+1, y)}_u) \end{cases}$$

$$\textcircled{1} (0, y, z) \in S \Rightarrow z = y+1$$

$$\textcircled{2} (x+1, 0, z) \in S \Rightarrow (x, 1, z) \in S$$

$$\textcircled{3} (x+1, y+1, z) \in S \Rightarrow \exists u. \begin{matrix} (x+1, y, u) \in S \\ \wedge \\ (x, u, z) \in S \end{matrix}$$

you can prove that $\forall (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{N}^3$

$\psi(x, y) = z$ iff $\exists S \subseteq \mathbb{N}^3$ a valid **finite** set of triples
s.t. $(x, y, z) \in S$

then

$$\psi(x, y) = \underbrace{\mu(S, z)}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{encode as a number}}} \left(S \subseteq \mathbb{N}^3 \text{ valid finite set of triples} \right) \wedge (x, y, z) \in S$$

$$S = \{(x_1, y_1, z_1), (x_2, y_2, z_2), \dots, (x_m, y_m, z_m)\}$$

$$\{ \pi(\pi(x_1, y_1), z_1), \dots, \pi(\pi(x_m, y_m), z_m) \}$$

$$k_1 \quad \dots \quad$$

$$k_m$$

$$\prod_{i=1}^m p_i^{k_i}$$

$$\leadsto \psi \in \mathbb{R} = \mathbb{C}$$

③ $\psi \notin PR$

successor

$$x + y$$

$$x + 0 = x$$

$$x + (y+1) = (x+y) + 1$$

$$x \times y$$

$$x \times 0 = 0$$

$$x \times (y+1) = (x \times y) + x$$

$$x^y$$

$$x^0 = 1$$

$$x^{y+1} = (x^y) \times x$$

⋮



nesting primitive recursion

idea: ψ brings the above to the limit

$$\begin{cases} \psi(0, y) = y + 1 \\ \psi(x+1, 0) = \psi(x, 1) \\ \psi(x+1, y+1) = \psi(x, \underbrace{\psi(x+1, y)}_?) \end{cases}$$

consider x as a "fixed" parameter

$$\psi(x, y) = \psi_x(y)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_{x+1}(y) &= \psi_x(\psi_{x+1}(y-1)) \\ &= \psi_x(\psi_x(\psi_{x+1}(y-2))) \\ &\vdots \\ &= \underbrace{\psi_x \psi_x \dots \psi_x}_y \underbrace{\psi_{x+1}(0)}_{\psi_x(1)} \\ &= \psi_x^{y+1}(1) \end{aligned}$$

roughly: increasing x to $x+1$ requires iterating the function ψ_x
 \rightarrow increases the number of nested primitive recursion

→ the full function would require infinitely many
nested primitive recursions

Some more ideas....

concretely:

$$\psi_0(y) = y + 1$$

$$\psi_1(y) = \psi_0^{y+1}(1) = y + 2$$

$$\psi_2(y) = \psi_1^{y+1}(1) = 2(y+1) + 1 = 2y + 3 \approx 2y$$

$$\psi_3(y) = \psi_2^{y+1}(1) \approx 2^y$$

$$\psi_4(y) = \psi_3^{y+1}(1) \approx 2^{2^{2^{\dots^2}} y}$$

$$\text{e.g.: } \psi_0(1) = 2$$

$$\psi_2(1) = 5$$

$$\psi_3(1) = 13$$

$$\psi_4(1) \approx 2^{16}$$

$$\psi_4(2) \approx 2^{2^{16}} \approx 10^{6400}$$

ONE CAN PROVE: Given a function $f: \mathbb{N}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \in \mathcal{PR}$ and a program P
computing f using only "for-loops" (primitive recursion)
if J is the maximum level of nesting of for-loops

$$f(\vec{x}) < \psi_{J+1}(\max\{x_i\})$$

Now, assume $\psi \in \mathcal{PR}$, let J be the level of nesting of
for-loops (of primitive recursive defs)
for computing ψ

$$\forall (x, y)$$

$$\psi(x, y) < \psi_{J+1}(\max\{x, y\})$$

$$\text{let } x = y = j+1$$

$$\psi(j+1, j+1) < \psi_{j+1}(j+1) = \psi(j+1, j+1)$$

contradiction

$$\Rightarrow \psi \notin \mathcal{PR}$$