



Worksheet 2 (Solved)

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1 (★)

The type **suit** is a type generated by four constructors:

Hearts : suit	Diamonds : suit
Clubs : suit	Spades : suit

Suppose we had a type family $s : \mathbf{suit} \vdash P(s)$ type. What data do we need to supply in order to define a term of the following type?

$$\prod_{s:\mathbf{suit}} P(s)$$

Four terms:

- **pHearts** : $P(\mathbf{Hearts})$
- **pDiamonds** : $P(\mathbf{Diamonds})$
- **pClubs** : $P(\mathbf{Clubs})$
- **pSpades** : $P(\mathbf{Spades})$

2 (★★)

Here's an informal description of a type:

$\mathbb{1}$ is a type generated by one constructor term, $\star : \mathbb{1}$.

Express this description formally as two inference rules, a 'Formation' rule, and an 'Introduction' rule (analogously to how we introduced **bool** in lecture).

$$\frac{}{\vdash \mathbb{1} \text{ type}} \quad \frac{}{\vdash \star : \mathbb{1}}$$

Now, write the induction principle for $\mathbb{1}$, where $x : \mathbb{1} \vdash D$ type is some type family.

We have a term

$$\mathbf{ind}_{\mathbb{1}} : D(\star) \rightarrow \prod_{x:\mathbb{1}} D(x)$$

satisfying the computation rule:

$$\mathbf{ind}_{\mathbb{1}}(d, \star) \doteq d.$$

As inference rules:

$$\frac{\Gamma, x : \mathbb{1} \vdash D \text{ type} \quad \Gamma \vdash d : D[\star/x]}{\Gamma, x : \mathbb{1} \vdash \mathbf{ind}_{\mathbb{1}}(d, x) : D} \mathbb{1}\text{-Elim}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, x : \mathbb{1} \vdash D \text{ type} \quad \Gamma \vdash d : D[\star/x]}{\Gamma \vdash \mathbf{ind}_{\mathbb{1}}(d, \star) \doteq d} \mathbb{1}\text{-Comp}$$

Instantiate this for the constant type family, i.e. D doesn't depend on $x : \mathbb{1}$ and is always a fixed type D . What do the elimination and computation rules for $\mathbb{1}$ say?

If d is some term of type D , then

$$\mathbf{ind}_{\mathbb{1}}(d) : \mathbb{1} \rightarrow D$$

is a term, and

$$\mathbf{ind}_{\mathbb{1}}(d, \star) \doteq d : D$$

3 (★★)

Define a boolean-valued 'less than' operation on natural numbers:

$$<_2 : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{bool}$$

so that $(m <_2 n) \doteq \mathbf{true}$ when m is less than n , and \mathbf{false} otherwise.

By the induction principle, we need to supply

$$0 <_2 - : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{bool}$$

and, assuming some $m : \mathbb{N}$,

$$s(m) <_2 - : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{bool}$$

We'll do each of these by induction, giving the four cases:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 <_2 0 &\doteq \mathbf{false} \\ 0 <_2 s(n) &\doteq \mathbf{true} \\ s(m) <_2 0 &\doteq \mathbf{false} \\ s(m) <_2 s(n) &\doteq (m <_2 n). \end{aligned}$$

This is adequate to define $<_2$.

Using this definition of **add**,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{add} \ 0 \quad n &\doteq n \\ \mathbf{add} \ s(m) \ n &\doteq s(\mathbf{add} \ m \ n) \end{aligned}$$

Compute the term

$$(\mathbf{add} \ s(s(0)) \ s(s(0))) <_2 (\mathbf{add} \ s(0) \ s(0))$$

to either **true** or **false**.

$$\begin{aligned} &(\mathbf{add} \ s(s(0)) \ s(s(0))) <_2 (\mathbf{add} \ s(0) \ s(0)) \\ &\doteq s(\mathbf{add} \ s(0) \ s(s(0))) <_2 (\mathbf{add} \ s(0) \ s(0)) \\ &\doteq s(s(\mathbf{add} \ 0 \ s(s(0)))) <_2 (\mathbf{add} \ s(0) \ s(0)) \\ &\doteq s(s(s(s(0)))) <_2 (\mathbf{add} \ s(0) \ s(0)) \\ &\doteq s(s(s(s(0)))) <_2 s(\mathbf{add} \ 0 \ s(0)) \\ &\doteq s(s(s(s(0)))) <_2 s(s(0)) \\ &\doteq s(s(s(0))) <_2 s(0) \\ &\doteq s(s(0)) <_2 0 \\ &\doteq \mathbf{false} \end{aligned}$$

4 (★★)

Fix some type X , and some type family $x : X, x' : X \vdash P(x, x')$ type. Write a term of type

$$\sum_{b:X} \prod_{a:X} P(a, b) \rightarrow \prod_{a:X} \sum_{b:X} P(a, b)$$

$$\lambda(b, f). \lambda a. (b, f a)$$

Here, f has type $\prod_{a:X} P(a, b)$.

What does this say, under our logical interpretation?

If there exists a b such that, for all a , $P(a, b)$ holds, then, for all a there exists a b such that $P(a, b)$ holds.

5 (★★★)

\emptyset is the *empty type*: there are no terms of type \emptyset . It has the following induction principle:

For any type family $x : \emptyset \vdash Q(x)$ type, we have a term $\text{ind}_{\emptyset} : \prod_{x:\emptyset} Q(x)$.

What does this say when $Q(x)$ is a fixed type Q ?

For any type Q , there is a term $\text{ind}_{\emptyset} : \emptyset \rightarrow Q$

Remember that we interpret types to be logical propositions, and terms/inhabitants to be proofs or witnesses of those propositions. What proposition does \emptyset represent?

A false proposition: there are no proofs of \emptyset .

If P is some proposition, what is the logical meaning of $P \rightarrow \emptyset$?

P implies false, or P leads to absurdity: if there was a proof of P , we would have a proof of falsity.

We write $\neg P$ as an abbreviation for $P \rightarrow \emptyset$

Write a term of type $\neg\neg\mathbb{1}$.

$$\lambda f. f \star : (\mathbb{1} \rightarrow \emptyset) \rightarrow \emptyset$$

Is there a term of type $\neg\neg\emptyset$? Why or why not?

There is no such term. Suppose we had such a term,

$$\mathbf{absurd} : (\emptyset \rightarrow \emptyset) \rightarrow \emptyset$$

Then we can form the term

$$\mathbf{ind}_{\emptyset} : \emptyset \rightarrow \emptyset$$

and apply **absurd** to it:

$$\mathbf{absurd}(\mathbf{ind}_{\emptyset}) \quad : \quad \emptyset$$

so we've constructed a term of type \emptyset , which is impossible.

Let P and Q be types. We will write $P \leftrightarrow Q$ for the type $(P \rightarrow Q) \times (Q \rightarrow P)$. Use the fact that $\neg P$ is defined as the type $P \rightarrow \emptyset$ of functions from P to the empty type to give type theoretic proofs of the constructive tautologies

$$(i) \quad \neg(P \times \neg P)$$

$$(ii) \quad \neg(P \leftrightarrow \neg P)$$

$$(i) \quad \lambda((p, np) : P \times \neg P). np \, p$$

$$(ii) \quad \lambda((ltr, rtl) : (P \rightarrow \neg P) \times (\neg P \rightarrow P)). ltr \, \phi \, \phi, \text{ where } \phi \doteq rtl(\lambda(p : P). ltr \, p \, p)$$