

Lecture 5: Inductive types

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The total recursive functions are those partial recursive functions which happen to be total. These are exactly the computable functions on natural numbers.

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If $h : \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ and $g \in \mathbb{N}$ then the unique function $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ satisfying

$$\begin{aligned}f(0) &= g \\f(S(x)) &= h(x, f(x))\end{aligned}$$

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Using this generalised `nat_srec` and higher-order functions it is possible to define the (non-primitive-recursive) Ackermann function.

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The function $f : \mathbb{N}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ defined from g and

$$h'(x, y) = \lambda x_2 \dots x_n. h(x, y(x_2, \dots, x_n), x_2, \dots, x_n)$$

by primitive recursion into type $\mathbb{N}^{n-1} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$, satisfies:

$$\begin{aligned} f 0 x_2 \dots x_n &= g(x_2, \dots, x_n) \\ f(Sn) x_2 \dots x_n &= h(x, f n x_2 \dots x_n, x_2, \dots, x_n) \end{aligned}$$

Non-dependent recursors

Inductive `nat` := 0 : nat | S : nat -> nat.

`nat_srec α` : $\alpha \rightarrow (\text{nat} \rightarrow \alpha \rightarrow \alpha) \rightarrow \text{nat} \rightarrow \alpha$

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```
List.fold_right : (A -> α -> α) -> α -> list A -> α
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List.fold_right f a = list_srec a (fun x _ acc => f x acc)
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```
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```
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```

```
tree_srecA,α f1 f2 f3 f4 (node2 x l r) →ℓ  
  f3 x l (tree_srecA,α f1 f2 f3 f4 l)  
  r (tree_srecA,α f1 f2 f3 f4 r)
```

```
tree_srecA,α f1 f2 f3 f4 (nodeN h) →ℓ  
  f4 h (fun n => (tree_srecA,α f1 f2 f3 f4 (h n)))
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Recall the higher-order encoding of disjunction:

$$\varphi \vee \psi := \forall P. (\varphi \rightarrow P) \rightarrow (\psi \rightarrow P) \rightarrow P$$

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  forall n, vector A n -> α  
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Inductive Even : nat -> Prop :=  
| Even_0 : Even 0  
| Even_1 : forall n, Even n -> Even (S (S n)).  
  
Even_rec : forall P : nat -> Prop,  
  P 0 -> (forall n, Even n -> P n -> P (S (S n))) ->  
  forall n, Even n -> P n  
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Dependent elimination

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| Even_1 : forall n, Even n -> Even (S (S n)).  
  
Even_elim : forall P : forall n, Even n -> Prop,  
  P 0 Even_0 ->  
  (forall n (e : Even n),  
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  (forall (f : nat -> tree A),  
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- `match` implements the “reasoning by cases” aspect of an eliminator.

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- For precise definitions see: Giménez, “Codifying guarded definitions with recursive schemes”, TYPES 1994.

Reduction of fixpoints

$$\begin{aligned} &(\text{fix } F : \tau := b) \ a_1 \ \dots \ a_k \rightarrow_{\iota} \\ &\quad b[(\text{fix } F : \tau := b)/F] \ a_1 \ \dots \ a_k \end{aligned}$$

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BTW, this “argument shifting” also works for **Definition**, **Lemma**, etc.:

Definition $F \ (x : A) : \tau := b$.

\equiv

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  fix F (n : nat) : P n := match n as x return P x with  
    | 0 => a  
    | S n => f n (F n)  
  end
```

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$P : \text{nat} \rightarrow \text{Set}$

$a : P\ 0$

$(\text{fun } y \Rightarrow b) : \text{forall } y, P\ (S\ y)$

The type of the entire match expression is $P\ n$.

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| S y => b
end
```

$P : \text{nat} \rightarrow \text{Set}$

$a : P\ 0$

$(\text{fun } y \Rightarrow b) : \text{forall } y, P\ (S\ y)$

The type of the entire match expression is $P\ n$.

```
match 0 as x in nat return P x with
| 0 => a
| S y => b
end  $\rightarrow_\iota a$ 
```

```
match S n as x in nat return P x with
| 0 => a
| S y => b
end  $\rightarrow_\iota b[n/y]$ 
```

The match expressions

```
Inductive list (A : Set) : Set :=  
| nil : list A  
| cons : A -> list A -> list A.
```

```
list_elim : forall A (P : list A -> Set),  
  P nil -> (forall x l, P l -> P (cons x l)) ->  
    forall l, P l  
list_elim A P a f nil →ℓ a  
list_elim A P a f (cons x l) →ℓ f x l (list_elim A P a f l)
```

```
match l as x in list _ return P x with  
| nil => a  
| cons x l' => b  
end
```

```
P : list A -> Set  
a : P nil  
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```
list_elim A P a f :=  
  fix F (l : list A) : P l :=  
    match l as x return P x with  
    | nil => a  
    | cons x l' => f x l' (F l')  
  end
```


The match expressions

```
Inductive vector (A : Set) : nat -> Set :=  
| nil : vector A 0  
| cons : A -> forall n, vector A n -> vector A (S n).
```

```
vector_elim : forall (A : Set),  
  forall (P : forall n : nat, vector A n -> Set),  
  P 0 nil ->  
  (forall x n (v : vector A n),  
    P n v -> P (S n) (cons x n v)) ->  
  forall (n : nat) (v : vector A n), P n v
```

```
match v as x in vector _ m return P m x with  
| nil => a  
| cons x y u => b  
end
```

```
P : forall n, vector A n -> Set  
a : P 0 nil  
(fun x y u => b) : forall x y (u : vector A y), P (S y) (cons x y u)
```

If the actual type of v is $\text{vector } A \ n$, then the type of the entire match expression is $P \ n \ v$.

The match expressions

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Inductive vector (A : Set) : nat -> Set :=  
| nil : vector A 0  
| cons : A -> forall n, vector A n -> vector A (S n).
```

```
vector_elim : forall (A : Set),  
  forall (P : forall n : nat, vector A n -> Set),  
  P 0 nil ->  
  (forall x n (v : vector A n),  
    P n v -> P (S n) (cons x n v)) ->  
  forall (n : nat) (v : vector A n), P n v  
vector_elim A P f1 f2 0 nil →ℓ f1  
vector_elim A P f1 f2 (S n) (cons x n v) →ℓ  
  f2 x n v (vector_elim A P f1 f2 n v)
```

```
vector_elim A P f1 f2 :=  
  fix F (n : nat) (v : vector A n) {struct v} : P n v :=  
    match v as x in vector _ m return P m x with  
    | nil => f1  
    | cons x y u => f2 x y u (F y u)  
  end
```

General form of an inductive definition

```
Inductive I ( $p_1 : \rho_1$ ) ... ( $p_k : \rho_k$ ) :  
  forall ( $i_1 : A_1$ ) ... ( $i_m : A_m$ ),  $\mathcal{U} :=$   
|  $c_1 : \text{forall } (x_{1,1} : \tau_{1,1}) \dots (x_{1,l_1} : \tau_{1,l_1}), \text{ I } p_1 \dots p_k \ u_{1,1} \dots u_{1,m}$   
...  
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 forall $(x_{1,1} : \tau_{1,1}) \dots (x_{1,l_1} : \tau_{1,l_1}),$
 $\mathbf{I} p_1 \dots p_k u_{1,1} \dots u_{1,m}$

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- The type of constructor c_j is actually

forall $(p_1 : \rho_1) \dots (p_k : \rho_k),$
forall $(x_{1,1} : \tau_{1,1}) \dots (x_{1,l_1} : \tau_{1,l_1}),$
 $\mathbf{I} p_1 \dots p_k u_{1,1} \dots u_{1,m}$

i.e., the declared type of c_j with quantification over the parameters prepended.

The strict positivity restriction

Inductive $\mathbb{I} (p_1 : \rho_1) \dots (p_k : \rho_k) :$
 forall $(i_1 : A_1) \dots (i_m : A_m), \mathcal{U} :=$
| $c_1 : \text{forall } (x_{1,1} : \tau_{1,1}) \dots (x_{1,l_1} : \tau_{1,l_1}), \mathbb{I} p_1 \dots p_k \ u_{1,1} \dots u_{1,m}$
...
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The declared type of each constructor c_j

forall $(x_{j,1} : \tau_{j,1}) \dots (x_{j,l_j} : \tau_{j,l_j}), \mathbf{I} p_1 \dots p_k \ u_{j,1} \dots u_{j,m} .$

is required to satisfy the positivity condition, meaning that:

- I does not occur in any of $p_1, \dots, p_k, u_{j,1}, \dots, u_{j,m}$; and
- I may occur only strictly positively in each $\tau_{j,i}$ for $i = 1, \dots, l_j$, i.e., either I does not occur in $\tau_{j,i}$ at all or $\tau_{j,i}$ has the form:

forall $(y_1 : \sigma_1) \dots (y_r : \sigma_r), \mathbf{I} p_1 \dots p_k \ w_1 \dots w_m .$

where I does not occur in $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_r, p_1, \dots, p_k, w_1, \dots, w_m$.

The strict positivity restriction

```
Inductive I (p1 : ρ1) ... (pk : ρk) :  
  forall (i1 : A1) ... (im : Am), U :=  
  | c1 : forall (x1,1 : τ1,1) ... (x1,l1 : τ1,l1), I p1 ... pk u1,1 ... u1,m  
  ...  
  | cn : forall (xn,1 : τn,1) ... (xn,ln : τn,ln), I p1 ... pk un,1 ... un,m.
```

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```
forall (xj,1 : τj,1) ... (xj,lj : τj,lj), I p1 ... pk uj,1 ... uj,m.
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```
forall (y1 : σ1) ... (yr : σr), I p1 ... pk w1 ... wm.
```

where I does not occur in $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_r, p_1, \dots, p_k, w_1, \dots, w_m$.

Actually, in Coq the strict positivity condition is slightly more liberal than described above, with I allowed to occur, under certain restrictions, in the parameters of another inductive type in the target of a constructor type. See the Coq reference manual for details: <https://coq.inria.fr/distrib/current/refman/language/cic.html#inductive-definitions>.

The strict positivity restriction

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forall $(x_{j,1} : \tau_{j,1}) \dots (x_{j,l_j} : \tau_{j,l_j}), \text{ I } p_1 \dots p_k \ u_{j,1} \dots u_{j,m}.$

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This is valid:

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Relaxing the strict positivity restriction may result in undecidability of type checking or even inconsistency!

Universe constraints

Inductive $\mathbf{I} (p_1 : \rho_1) \dots (p_k : \rho_k) :$
 $\mathbf{forall} (i_1 : A_1) \dots (i_m : A_m), \mathcal{U} :=$
| $c_1 : \mathbf{forall} (x_{1,1} : \tau_{1,1}) \dots (x_{1,l_1} : \tau_{1,l_1}), \mathbf{I} p_1 \dots p_k u_{1,1} \dots u_{1,m}$
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The declared type of each constructor needs to be in \mathcal{U} :

$$\Gamma, p_1 : \rho_1, \dots, p_k : \rho_k, I : \forall (i_1 : A_1) \dots (i_m : A_m). \mathcal{U} \vdash \\ (\forall (x_{j,1} : \tau_{j,1}) \dots (x_{j,l_j} : \tau_{j,l_j}). I p_1 \dots p_k u_{j,1} \dots u_{j,m}) : \mathcal{U}$$

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This is valid:

Inductive $\mathbf{I} \ (A : \mathbf{Set}) : \mathbf{Set} := \mathbf{cI} : \mathbf{I} \ A.$

because $A : \mathbf{Set}, I : \mathbf{Set} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set} \vdash IA : \mathbf{Set}.$

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This is valid:

Inductive I (A : Set) : Set := cI : I A.

because $A : \text{Set}, I : \text{Set} \rightarrow \text{Set} \vdash IA : \text{Set}$.

This is not valid:

Inductive I : Set \rightarrow Set := cI : forall A : Set, I A.

because **forall** A : Set, I A is in Type_1 but not in Set.

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This is valid:

Inductive I : **Prop** := cI : **forall** A : **Prop**, A -> I.

because **Prop** is impredicative.

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because `Prop` is impredicative.

This is valid:

`Inductive I : Type := cI : forall A : Type, A -> I.`

because the inferred implicit indices for `Type` are:

`Inductive I : Typei+1 := cI : forall A : Typei, A -> I.`

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