

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

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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:

$$f0x_2 \dots x_n = g(x_2, \dots, x_n)$$

$$f(Sn)x_2 \dots x_n = h(x, fnx_2 \dots x_n, x_2, \dots, x_n)$$

Non-dependent recursors

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Inductive nat := 0 : nat | S : nat -> nat.
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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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| leaf : A -> tree A  
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    r (tree_srecA,α f1 f2 f3 f4 r)  
tree_srecA,α f1 f2 f3 f4 (nodeN h) →t  
    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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        P 0 nil ->
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            forall (n : nat) (v : vector A n), P n v
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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.

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NOTE:

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NOTE:

`(fix F (x : A) : τ := b) ≡ (fix F : A -> τ := fun x => b)`

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

Definition `F (x : A) : τ := b.`

`≡`

Definition `F : A -> τ := fun x => b.`

The `match` expressions

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nat_elim : forall P : nat -> Set,
          P 0 -> (forall n, P n -> P (S n)) -> forall n, P n
nat_elim P a f 0 →t a
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end →l b[n/y]
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match l as x in list _ return P x with
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| cons x l' => b
end

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  end
```

The match expressions

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  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
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end

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

```
vector_elim A P f1 f2 :=
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i.e., the declared type of c_j with quantification over the parameters prepended.

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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>.

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

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

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because the inferred implicit indices for `Type` are:

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Large inductive types either are in Prop or they are in Type_i with the universes quantified over in declared constructor types all in Type_i .

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- $t : I q_1 \dots q_k a_1 \dots a_m$.
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- The motive P has type $\forall(i_1 : A'_1) \dots (i_m : A'_m). I q_1 \dots q_k i_1 \dots i_m \rightarrow U'$ where $A'_j = A_j[q_1/p_1] \dots [q_k/p_k]$.

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Note: $\text{bool} : \text{Set}$, $\text{Set} : \text{Type}_1$ and $\text{Prop} : \text{Type}_1$, so in both examples $\mathcal{U} = \text{Set}$ and $\mathcal{U}' = \text{Type}_1$.

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