

Q1

Bounded minimalization

Show that $\mu j ((g(j, \underline{n}) \mid 0 \leq j \leq J)) := \text{the minimum value of } j \text{ for which the predicate } g(j, \underline{n}) \text{ is true, is a PRF.}$

Solution:

If $g(j, \underline{n})$ is a primitive recursive (which is true because it is a predicate function) then

$f(j, \underline{n}) = \mu j ((g(j, \underline{n}) \mid 0 \leq j \leq J))$ which $f(j, \underline{n}) = 0$ else $f(j, \underline{n}) = j$ is also a primitive recursive function.

The given function is a PRF because it is a bounded minimalization function and it is created with the composition of PRFs.

Q2.

- 4.6.1. (a) Give a derivation of the string $aaabbbccc$ in the grammar of Example 4.6.2.
(b) Prove carefully that the grammar in Example 4.6.2 generates the language $L = \{a^n b^n c^n : n \geq 1\}$.

Example 4.6.2: The following grammar G generates the language $\{a^n b^n c^n : n \geq 1\}$. $G = (V, \Sigma, R, S)$, where

$$\begin{aligned} V &= \{S, a, b, c, A, B, C, T_a, T_b, T_c\}, \\ \Sigma &= \{a, b, c\}, \text{ and} \\ R &= \{S \rightarrow ABCS, \\ &\quad S \rightarrow T_c, \\ &\quad CA \rightarrow AC, \\ &\quad BA \rightarrow AB, \\ &\quad CB \rightarrow BC, \\ &\quad CT_c \rightarrow T_c c, \\ &\quad CT_c \rightarrow T_b c, \\ &\quad BT_b \rightarrow T_b b, \\ &\quad BT_b \rightarrow T_a b, \\ &\quad AT_a \rightarrow T_a a, \\ &\quad T_a \rightarrow e\}. \end{aligned}$$

The first three rules generate a string of the form $(ABC)^n T_c$. Then the next three rules allow the A 's, B 's, and C 's in the string to "sort out" themselves correctly, so that the string becomes $A^n B^n C^n T_c$. Finally, the remaining rules allow the T_c to "migrate" to the left, transforming all C 's to c 's, and then becoming T_b . In turn, T_b migrates to the left, transforming all B 's into b 's and becoming T_a , and finally T_a transforms all A 's into a 's and then is erased.

It is rather obvious that any string of the form $a^n b^n c^n$ can be produced this way. Of course, many more strings that contain nonterminals can be produced; however, it is not hard to see that the only way to erase all nonterminals is to follow the procedure outlined above. Thus, the only strings in $\{a, b, c\}^*$ that can be generated by G are those in $\{a^n b^n c^n : n \geq 1\}$. \diamond

Solution:

- a) We can generate the wanted string by applying the rules starting from S .

→ ABCS
 → ABCABCS
 → ABCABCABCS
 → ABCABCABCT_c
 → ABCABACBCT_c
 → ABCABABCCT_c
 → ABACBABCCT_c
 → ABABCABCCT_c
 → ABABACBCCT_c
 → ABABABCCCT_c
 → ABAABBCCT_c
 → AABABBCCT_c
 → AAABBBCCCT_c
 → AAABBBCT_c c
 → AAABBBT_c cc
 → AAABBT_b ccc
 → AAABT_b bccc
 → AAAT_a bbbccc
 → AAT_a abbbccc
 → AT_a aabbbccc
 → T_a aaabbbccc
 → aaabbbccc

b) We need to show two cases to prove that the given grammar generates the language $L = \{ a^n b^n c^n, n \geq 1 \}$. First, we need to show that if $w \in L$ then we are able to generate w starting from S with only given rules. Second case is if the w does not belong to L then there is no way that we can generate w starting from S with only given rules.

(i) Given w in the form of $a^n b^n c^n$ ($w \in L$):

- Apply the rule $S \rightarrow ABCS$ n times.
- Sort the ABCs by with the rules $CA \rightarrow AC$, $BA \rightarrow AB$, and $CB \rightarrow BC$. These rules should be applied $n*(n-1)/2$ times for each to get $A^n B^n C^n T_c$ form. Since there is every binary permutation of A, B, and C it is certain that we can create the wanted form.
- Push the T_c and change the type of T along the way from left to right and convert the non-terminals to the matching terminals.
- After the last T_a nonterminal, we created the w which belongs to L .

(ii) $w \in \Sigma^*$ if w does not belong to L , it can be on two different forms. Either it can have different number of as, bs, or cs, or it can have the wrong order.

- First let's examine the case of inequality between the number of letters.
- Without loss of generality, suppose there is a string ' w ' with a different number of 'a's (and 'A's) and 'b's (and 'B's).
- Define a function $f(w)$ that calculates the difference between the counts of 'a's (and 'A's) and 'b's (and 'B's) in ' w '.
- Observe that in the given context-free grammar G , every production rule (of the form $A \rightarrow a$) has the property that $f(A) = f(a)$. In other words, the difference between 'a's and 'b's is preserved across production rules.
- If there is a derivation of a string from u to v in the grammar (denoted $u \Rightarrow^* v$), it implies that $f(u) = f(v)$, since each production rule maintains the difference.
- Now, consider the starting symbol S . Since the language $L(G)$ consists of strings with equal numbers of 'a's and 'b's, $s(S) = 0$.
- Thus, for any string ' w ' that belongs to $L(G)$, we must have $s(w) = 0$, since it is derived from S and all production rules maintain the difference.
- The contrapositive of this statement is: if $s(w)$ is not equal to 0, then ' w ' does not belong to $L(G)$.

- Now, let's examine the case of wrong order of letters.
- The goal is to show that if a string ' w ' contains an ordering problem, it does not belong to the language $L(G)$. Without loss of generality, assume ' w ' has a 'b' preceding an 'a'.
- If the starting symbol S derives a string ' uTv ' (where T is one of the non-terminal symbols $\{T_a, T_b, T_c\}$, and both ' u ' and ' v ' are strings of non-terminal and terminal symbols), then ' u ' consists of only non-terminal symbols and ' v ' consists of terminal symbols.
- Now, consider the point in the derivation where the misplaced 'a' is produced. The string at this point must have the form ' $uTaav$ ' for some ' u ' (only non-terminal symbols) and ' v ' (terminal symbols).
- However, there are no production rules in the grammar that can transform ' Ta ' into a string containing ' Tb '. Therefore, we cannot derive any string that includes ' Tb ' from ' $uTaav$ '.
- If there are no 'B's left in ' u ', all the 'b's are to the right of the misplaced 'a', which contradicts our assumption that ' w ' has a 'b' preceding an 'a'.
- If there are 'B's remaining in ' u ', we cannot apply any production rules to convert them into terminal symbols. As a result, we cannot derive a string containing only terminal symbols from ' $uTaav$ ', contradicting our assumption that ' w ' consists of terminal symbols only.

- Consequently, the assumptions that $S \Rightarrow^* w$, w belongs to Σ^* (the set of all strings of terminal symbols), and ' w ' contains no ordering problem are collectively inconsistent. This means that any string with an ordering problem cannot be a part of the language $L(G)$.

Thus, we proved that the given grammar generates the given language L .

4.6.2. Find grammars that generate the following languages:

(a) $\{ww : w \in \{a, b\}^*\}$

(b) $\{a^{2^n} : n \geq 0\}$

(c) $\{a^{n^2} : n \geq 0\}$

Solution:

a)

$$G = (V, T, R, S)$$

$$T = \{a, b\}$$

b)

$$G = (V, T, R, S)$$

$$V = \{a, S, L, M, \$\}$$

$$T = \{a\}$$

$$V - T = \{S, L, M, \$\}$$

$$R = \{ S \rightarrow La$, $, L \rightarrow LM, L \rightarrow e, Ma \rightarrow aaM, M\$ \rightarrow \$, \$ \rightarrow e \}$$

An example generation can be formed like this:

$$w = a^8 \text{ where } n = 3$$

S

$$\rightarrow La\$$$

$$\rightarrow LMa\$$$

$$\rightarrow LMMa\$$$

$$\rightarrow LMMM\$$$

$$\rightarrow MMMa\$$$

$$\rightarrow MMaaM\$$$

$$\rightarrow MaaMaM\$$$

$$\rightarrow MaaaaMM\$$$

$$\rightarrow aaMaaaaMM\$$$

$\rightarrow aaaaMaaMM\$$
 $\rightarrow aaaaaaMaMM\$$
 $\rightarrow aaaaaaaaMMM\$$
 $\rightarrow aaaaaaaaMM\$$
 $\rightarrow aaaaaaaaM\$$
 $\rightarrow aaaaaaaa\$$
 $\rightarrow aaaaaaaa$

c)

$G = (V, T, R, S)$

$V = \{a, S, L, A, Y, R\}$

$T = \{a\}$

$R = \{S \rightarrow LAYR, ZA \rightarrow aAZ, Za \rightarrow aZ, ZR \rightarrow AAYR, aY \rightarrow Ya, AY \rightarrow YA, LY \rightarrow LZ, YR \rightarrow X, aX \rightarrow Xa, AX \rightarrow Xa$
 $LX \rightarrow e\}$

An example generation can be formed like this:

$w = a^4$ where $n = 2$

$S \rightarrow$

$\rightarrow LAYR$

$\rightarrow LYAR$

$\rightarrow LZAR$

$\rightarrow LaAZR$

$\rightarrow LaAAAYR$

$\rightarrow LaAAAX$

$\rightarrow LaAAXa$

$\rightarrow LaAXaa$

$\rightarrow LaXaaa$

$\rightarrow LXaaaa$

$\rightarrow aaaa$

4.6.3. Show that any grammar can be converted into an equivalent grammar with rules of the form $uAv \rightarrow uvw$, with $A \in V - \Sigma$, and $u, v, w \in V^*$.

For each terminal $a \in \Sigma$ add the rule $A \rightarrow a$ along with the new nonterminal A . Now we need to convert the other rules to the wanted format.

To achieve for all $A_i \in V$ and $w \in V^*$ we need to remove each grammar rule of the form $A_1 A_2 \dots A_n \rightarrow w$, where $n \geq 2$, then add these new rules:

$A_1 A_2 \dots A_n \rightarrow R_1 A_1 A_2 \dots A_n$ (where A_1 goes to $R_1 A_1$)

Also, to achieve that $A_i \rightarrow e$ we need to add:

- $R_i A_i A_{i+1} \dots A_n \rightarrow R_{i+1} A_{i+1}$ for each $i \leq n$

Lastly we need to add:

- $R_{n+1} \rightarrow w$

The resulting grammar will generate the same language L . We showed that it is possible to have the form of $uAv \rightarrow uvw$ for $u, v, w \in V^*$ and $A \in V - \Sigma$ for each rule of the grammar.

4.7.1. Let $f : \mathbb{N} \mapsto \mathbb{N}$ be a primitive recursive function, and define $F : \mathbb{N} \mapsto \mathbb{N}$ by

$$F(n) = f(f(f(\dots f(n) \dots))),$$

where there are n function compositions. Show that F is primitive recursive.

Solution:

$f.f.f.\dots.f(n)$

$$F(n) = f \bullet f \bullet f \bullet \dots \bullet f(n)$$

This means that $F(n)$ is the composition of finite number of f functions. f is a primitive recursive function, and the composition of primitive recursive functions are also primitive recursive functions. Hence $F(n)$ is a primitive recursive function.

4.7.2. Show that the following functions are primitive recursive:

- $\text{factorial}(n) = n!$.
- $\text{gcd}(m, n)$, the greatest common divisor of m and n .
- $\text{prime}(n)$, the predicate that is 1 if n is a prime number.
- $p(n)$, the n th prime number, where $p(0) = 2$, $p(1) = 3$, and so on.
- The function \log defined in the text.

Solution:

- $\text{factorial}(n) = n * \text{factorial}(n-1)$, is PR
 $\text{factorial}(0) = \text{succ} \bullet \text{zero}_1(0) = 1$
 $\text{factorial}(n+1) = h(n, \text{factorial}(n)) = (n+1) * \text{factorial}(n)$ where:
 $h(n, k) = \text{mult}(n, k)$

- $\text{gcd}(m, n)$ can be written as a partial function.
 $\text{gcd}(m, n) = \begin{cases} & \text{if } \text{rem}(m, n) = 0 : n \\ & \text{else} \end{cases} : \text{gcd}(n, \text{rem}(m, n))$

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$$\text{rem}(n, 0) = \text{zero}_1(n) = 0$$

$$\text{rem}(n, m+1) = \text{rem}(n, m) + 1 \text{ if } \text{rem}(n, m) < n-1$$

$$= 0 \text{ if } \text{rem}(n, m) = n-1$$

$$\text{rem}(n, m+1) = \text{mult}((\text{succ}(\text{rem}(n, m)), \{\text{rem}(n, m) < \text{pred}(n)\})) = h(n, m, \text{rem}(n, m))$$

$$h(n, m, k) = (\text{mult} \bullet ((\text{succ} \bullet \text{id}_3, 3), \{\text{id}_3, 3 < (\text{pred} \bullet \text{id}_3, 1)\})) (n, m, k) = \text{mult}((k+1), \{k < n-1\})$$

This shows that $\text{rem}(n, m)$ is PR. We will use this function inside the composite function $\text{gcd}(m, n)$.

$$\text{gcd}(m, 0) = \text{zero}_1(n) = 0$$

$$\text{gcd}(m, n+1) = n ; \text{ if } \text{rem}(m, n+1) = 0$$

$$= \text{gcd}(n+1, \text{rem}(m, n+1)) ; \text{ if } \text{rem}(n+1, m) \neq 0$$

$$\text{gcd}(m, n+1) = \text{plus}(\text{mult}(n, \{\text{rem}(n+1, m) == 0\}), \text{mult}(\text{gcd}(n+1, \text{rem}(m, n+1)), \{\text{rem}(n+1, m) == 0\}))$$

Since gcd is a composition of primitive recursive functions and it can be recursively defined it is a primitive recursive function.

$$\text{c) } \text{prime}(n) = \{x > 1 \ \& \ (\forall t) \leq x [t = 1 \vee t = x \vee \sim (t \mid x)]\}.$$

Since $y \mid x$ is a primitive recursive function $\text{prime}(n)$ is also a PR because it is the bounded minimalization of the composite function of divisibility and predicate functions. We can show that divisibility function is a primitive recursive function like this:

$$y \mid x \Leftrightarrow (\exists t) \leq x (y \cdot t = x)$$

$$\text{d) } p(0) = 0, p(1) = 2, p(3) = 5 \text{ etc.}$$

We can define p_n recursively:

$$p(0) = 0$$

$$p(n+1) = \min(t \leq p(n)! + 1) [\text{Prime}(t) \ \& \ t > p_n]$$

We used the bounded minimalization and primitive recursion to show that $p(n)$ is a pr function.

$$\text{e) } \text{We can use the bounded minimalization to show that } \log \text{ is primitive recursive function.}$$

$$\log(m, n) = \log_m(n)$$

Assume that $m, n > 0$

$$\log(m, 1) = 0$$

$$\log(m, n+1) = h(m, n, \log(m, n))$$

We can use the bounded minimalization to show that \log is primitive recursive function.

$$\log(m, n+1) = \min(x < n) [m^x \leq n]$$