1. is **primitive recursion**:

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In our case, is .

When ,

which is equivalent to

Say there’s a projection function

(which is of course primitive recursive), then

QED.

1. This is a 2-parameter function. Let’s call it We will do induction on .

Base case:

Which is a projection function, which we know is primitive recursive.

Inductive case. Assuming is primitive recursive, prove is also primitive recursive:

Which equals

And we just proved that is primitive recursive. This is a composition schema. QED.

1. We define

Because if is the min, then , and ; similarly, if is the min, then , so it will also return correctly. is thus primitive recursive by composition. QED.

1. can be done via an algorithm similar to mergesort:

As one can see, this is recursive. The base case is projection of one variable onto the variable itself (which is primitive recursive), and the inductive case is primitive recursive by composition. QED.

1. We define

Because if is the max, then , and it returns ; similarly, if is the max, then , and , which is correct. is thus primitive recursive by composition of and .

1. Same as question 4, but just change to .
2. We define

Because only when does it return . All other cases will make it return . This function is thus primitive recursive by composition of of two other primitive recursive functions: a constant function and a projection function .

1. We define

Because , which is the case when ; and , as is the case when . is thus primitive recursive by composition of of two other primitive recursive functions: a constant function and , which we already proved to be primitive recursive. QED.

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Because at least one of and is . The bigger value will be the absolute difference between and . This function is thus primitive recursive because it is the composition schema by of two primitive recursive functions.

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Because when goes up by , so does the remainder, unless the remainder is , in which case increasing by makes it divisible by .

We now define again:

where is the indicator function, which we now will prove is also primitive recursive:

claim:

Is primitive recursive.

Proof:

We can define it as

Because if , then , and of that is ; similarly, when they aren’t equal, , which will return .

Thus, is primitive recursive because it is a composition of primitive recursive functions , , , , and . QED.