

COMPUTABILITY (04/11/2024)

* Class of partial recursive functions \mathcal{R}

least rich class of functions i.e. least class of functions

→ including the BASIC FUNCTIONS

→ closed under

1. COMPOSITION

2. PRIMITIVE RECURSION

3. UNBOUNDED MINIMALISATION

Theorem : $\mathcal{R} = \mathcal{C}$

proof

($\mathcal{R} \subseteq \mathcal{C}$) \mathcal{C} is rich

($\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{R}$)

Let $f : \mathbb{N}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ be a function in \mathcal{C}

and let P a URM-program for f

Define

$$\begin{cases} C_P^1 : \mathbb{N}^{k+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \\ C_P^1(\vec{x}, t) = \text{content of register } R_1 \text{ after } t \text{ steps of } P(\vec{x}) \end{cases}$$

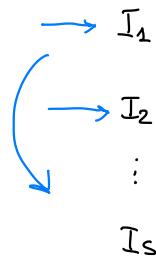
$$\begin{cases} J_P : \mathbb{N}^{k+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \\ J_P(\vec{x}, t) = \begin{cases} \text{instruction to be executed after } t \text{ steps of } P(\vec{x}) \\ 0 & \text{if } P(\vec{x}) \text{ halts in } t \text{ or fewer steps} \end{cases} \end{cases}$$

Then

$$f(\vec{x}) = C_P^1(\vec{x}, \mu t. J_P(\vec{x}, t))$$

We conclude by proving $C_P^1, J_P \in \mathcal{R}$

program P (in std form)



memory

r_2	r_2	r_3	---	r_m	0	...	0
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$$C = \prod_{i=1}^m p_i^{r_i} = \prod_{i=1}^m p_i^{r_i}$$

$$r_i = (C)_i$$

1	2	3	4				
2	0	1	0	0	...		

$$\begin{aligned} C &= p_1^2 \cdot p_2^0 \cdot p_3^1 \cdot \underbrace{p_4^0}_{1} \cdot p_5^0 \cdots \\ &= 2^2 \cdot 3^0 \cdot 5^1 = 20 \end{aligned}$$

$$(20)_3 = 1$$

$$\begin{cases} C_p : \mathbb{N}^{k+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \\ C_p(\vec{x}, t) = \text{content of the memory after } t \text{ steps of } P(\vec{x}) \end{cases}$$

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we define C_p, J_p by primitive recursion

$$\begin{cases} C_p(\vec{x}, 0) = \prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{x_i} \\ J_p(\vec{x}, 0) = 1 \end{cases}$$

1	---	k	
x_1	---	x_k	0 ..

recursion cases

we define $C_p(\vec{x}, t+1)$
 $J_p(\vec{x}, t+1)$

by using $C_p(\vec{x}, t) \rightsquigarrow c$
 $J_p(\vec{x}, t) \rightsquigarrow j$

$$c_p(\vec{x}, t+1) = \begin{cases} qt(p_m^{(c)_m}, c) & \text{if } 1 \leq j \leq l(p) \\ & \text{and } I_j = Z(m) \\ p_m \cdot c & \text{if } 1 \leq j \leq l(p) \\ & \text{and } I_j = S(m) \\ p_m^{(c)_m} \cdot qt(p_m^{(c)_m}, c) & \text{if } 1 \leq j \leq l(p) \\ & \text{and } I_j = T(m_1, m) \\ c & \text{otherwise} \\ & (j=0 \text{ or } 1 \leq j \leq l(p) \\ & \text{and } I_j = J(m_1, m, u)) \end{cases}$$



 $c = p_1^{r_1} \dots \underset{\text{---}}{\dots} \underset{\text{---}}{\dots} p_m^{r_m}$
 $r_m = (c)_m$

$$j_p(\vec{x}, t+1) = \begin{cases} j+1 & \text{if } 1 \leq j < l(p) \\ & \text{and } I_j = S(m), Z(m), T(m_1, m) \\ & \text{or } I_j = J(m_1, m, u) \text{ & } (c)_m \neq (c)_m \\ u & \text{if } 1 \leq j \leq l(p) \text{ and} \\ & I_j = J(m_1, m, u) \text{ and } (c)_m = (c)_m \\ & \text{and } u \leq l(p) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Hence $c_p, j_p \in R$ (obtained by composition / primitive recursion from functions in R)

and

$$f(\vec{x}) = (c_p(\vec{x}, \mu t. j_p(\vec{x}, t)))_1$$

hence $f \in R$

□

Primitive Recursive Functions

PR = least class of functions which

→ includes basic functions

→ closed under

① composition

② primitive recursion

↔ for loop

③ ~~minimisation~~

↔ while loop

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{PR} & \subseteq & \mathcal{R} \cap \text{Tot} \\ \parallel & ? & \parallel \\ \mathcal{C}_{\text{for}} & & \mathcal{C}_{\text{for, while}} \end{array}$$

Ackermann's Function

$$\psi: \mathbb{N}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$$

$$\psi$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} (1) \quad \psi \in \text{Tot} \\ (2) \quad \psi \in \mathcal{R} \\ (3) \quad \psi \notin \text{PR} \end{array} \right)$$

$$\begin{cases} \psi(0, y) = y+1 \\ \psi(x+1, 0) = \psi(x, 1) \\ \psi(x+1, y+1) = \psi(x, \underbrace{\psi(x+1, y)}_{\omega}) \end{cases} \quad \begin{aligned} (x+1, 0) &>_{\text{ex}} (x, 1) \\ (x+1, y+1) &\geq_{\text{ex}} (x+1, y) \\ &>_{\text{ex}} (x, y) \end{aligned}$$

$$(\mathbb{N}^2, \leq_{\text{ex}}) \quad (x, y) \leq_{\text{ex}} (x', y') \quad \text{if} \quad (x < x') \quad \text{or} \quad (x = x' \text{ and } y \leq y')$$

$$(1000000, 1000000000) <_{\text{ex}} (1000000, 0)$$

$$(1000000, 1000000000) >_{\text{ex}} (1000000, 0)$$

$$f: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$$

$$f(z) = \begin{cases} 0 & z \geq 0 \\ f(z-1) & z < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{matrix} f(-1) \\ \parallel \\ f(-2) \end{matrix}$$

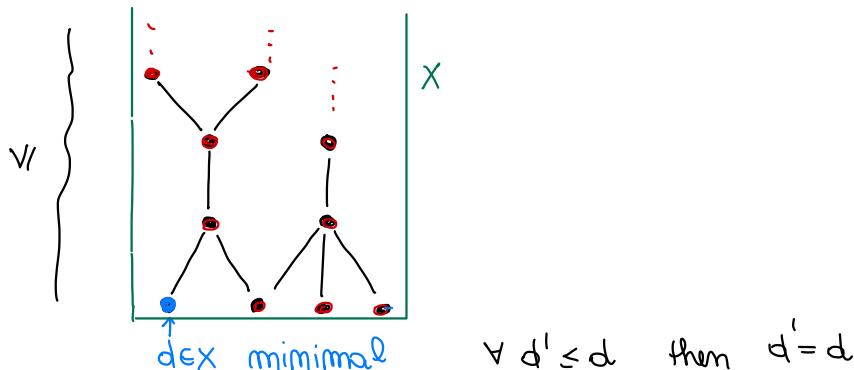
$$\begin{matrix} f(-3) \\ \parallel \\ \vdots \end{matrix}$$

* partially ordered set (poset)

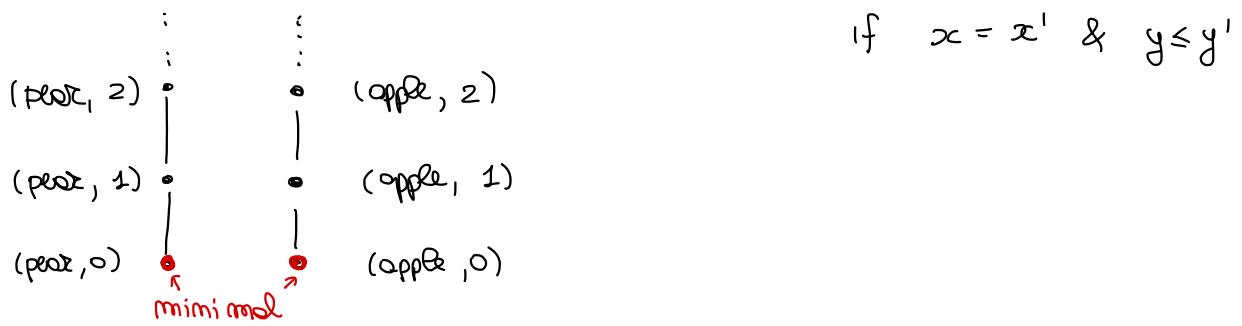
(D, \leq)	\leq	reflexive antisymmetric transitive	$x \leq x$ $x \leq y \text{ & } y \leq x \Rightarrow x = y$ $x \leq y \text{ & } y \leq z \Rightarrow x \leq z$
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* Well-founded poset

(D, \leq) is well-founded if $\forall X \subseteq D \quad X \neq \emptyset \quad X$ has a minimal element



$$D = \{ (\text{pear}, m), (\text{apple}, m) \mid m \in \mathbb{N} \} \quad (x, y) \leq (x', y')$$



Z not well founded

N well founded

NOTE : (D, \leq) well-founded iff there is no infinite descending chain

↑
up to
foundational
“details”

$$d_0 > d_1 > d_2 > \dots$$

* $(\mathbb{N}^2, \leq_{\text{lex}})$ well-founded

Let $X \subseteq \mathbb{N}^2 \quad X \neq \emptyset$

$$x_0 = \min \{x \mid \exists y \quad (x, y) \in X\}$$

$$y_0 = \min \{y \mid (x_0, y) \in X\}$$

↳ $(x_0, y_0) = \min X$

* Induction

$P(m) \quad m \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^m i = \frac{(m+1)m}{2} \right)$$

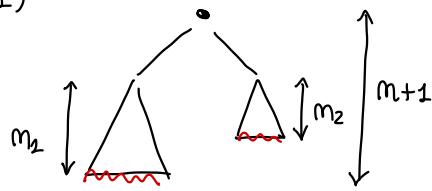
$P(0)$ and assuming $P(m)$ you prove $P(m+1)$

↓
 $P(m)$ for all m

A binary tree with height m has at most 2^m leaves

$(m=0)$ • number of leaves = 1 $\leq 2^0$

$(m \rightarrow m+1)$



$$m_1, m_2 \leq m$$

one needs the inductive hypothesis on m_1 & m_2

* Complete induction

$P(m) \quad m \in \mathbb{N}$

if for all $m \in \mathbb{N}$, assuming $P(m')$ for all $m' < m$
I can deduce $P(m)$



for all $m \in \mathbb{N} \quad P(m) \quad \text{holds}$

• Well-founded induction

(D, \leq) well-founded order

$P(x)$ property of $x \in D$

if for all $d \in D$, assuming $\forall d' < d \quad P(d')$

I can conclude $P(d)$



$\forall d \in D \quad P(d)$

① ψ is total

$$\forall (x,y) \in \mathbb{N}^2 \quad \psi(x,y) \downarrow$$

by well-founded induction on $(\mathbb{N}^2, \leq_{lex})$

proof

Let $(x, y) \in \mathbb{N}^2$, assume $\forall (x', y') <_{\text{lex}} (x, y)$ $\psi(x', y') \downarrow$

we want to show $\psi(x, y) \downarrow$

$$\begin{cases} \psi(0,y) = y+1 \\ \psi(x+1,0) = \psi(x,1) \\ \psi(x+1,y+1) = \psi(x, \psi(x+1,y)) \end{cases}$$

3 cases

$$(x=0) \quad \psi(0,y) = y+1 \quad \downarrow$$

$$(x > 0, y=0) \quad \psi(x+1,0) = \psi(x,1) \downarrow$$

$$(x, 1) <_{\text{lex}} (x+1, 0) \quad \text{by (ind.)} \\ \Rightarrow \psi(x, 1) \downarrow \quad \text{hyp}$$

$$(x, y > 0) \quad \psi(x, y) = \psi(x-1, \underbrace{\psi(x, y-1)}_{\leq ex(x, y)}) = \underbrace{\psi(x-1, u)}_{\leq ex(x, y)} \downarrow$$

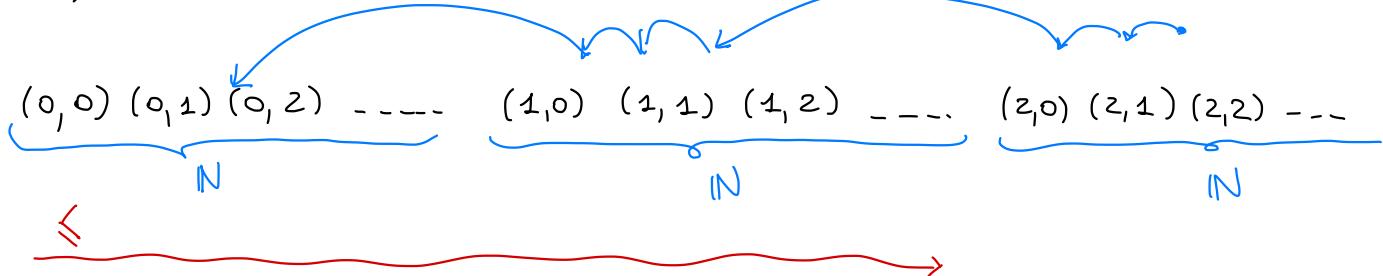
by ind.
hyp

$$\Rightarrow \psi(x, y-1) \downarrow = u$$

by ind.
hyp

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$$(N^2, \leq_{\text{lex}})$$



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$$\psi \in \mathbb{R} = c$$

$$\psi(1,1) = \psi(0, \underbrace{\psi(1,0)}_{\psi(0,1)}) = \psi(0,2) = 3$$

$$(1, 1, 3) \quad (0, 2, 3) \quad (1, 0, 2) \quad (0, 1, 2)$$

valid set of triples S: informally

$$(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{N}^3 \rightarrow z = \psi(x, y)$$

$\rightarrow S$ includes all triples needed to compute ψ on (x, y)

formally: $S \subseteq \mathbb{N}^3$ valid if

$$\begin{cases} \psi(0, y) = y+1 \\ \psi(x+1, 0) = \psi(x, 1) \\ \psi(x+1, y+1) = \underbrace{\psi(x, \psi(x+1, y))}_u \end{cases}$$

$$① (0, y, z) \in S \Rightarrow z = y+1$$

$$② (x+1, 0, z) \in S \Rightarrow (x, 1, z) \in S$$

$$③ (x+1, y+1, z) \in S \Rightarrow \exists u \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } (x+1, y, u) \in S \\ (x, u, z) \in S$$

you can prove $\forall (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{N}^3$

$\psi(x, y) = z$ iff $\exists S \subseteq \mathbb{N}^3$ a finite valid set of triples s.t.
 $(x, y, z) \in S$

then

$$\psi(x, y) = " \underbrace{\mu(S, z)}_{\text{encode as a number}} . \left(\begin{array}{l} S \subseteq \mathbb{N}^3 \text{ valid finite set of triples} \\ \wedge (x, y, z) \in S \end{array} \right) "$$

↑

encode as a number

$$S = \{(x_1, y_1, z_1), (x_2, y_2, z_2), \dots, (x_m, y_m, z_m)\}$$

$$\{ \pi(\pi(x_1, y_1), z_1), \dots, \pi(\pi(x_m, y_m), z_m) \}$$

$$K_1 \dots - - \quad \quad \quad K_m$$

$\searrow \swarrow$

$\prod_{i=1}^m p_i^{k_i}$

$$\rightsquigarrow \psi \in R = C$$

(3)

 $\psi \in \text{PR}$

successor

$$\begin{cases} x+0 = x \\ x+(y+1) = (x+y)+1 \end{cases} \quad \leftarrow \text{successor iterated } y \text{ times}$$

$$\begin{cases} x \times 0 = 0 \\ x \times (y+1) = (x \times y) + x \end{cases} \quad \leftarrow \text{"+ } x \text{" iterated } y \text{ times}$$

$$\begin{cases} x^0 = 1 \\ x^{y+1} = x^y \times x \end{cases} \quad \leftarrow \text{"} \times x \text{" iterated } y \text{ times}$$

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Idea: ψ brings the above to the "limit"

$$\begin{cases} \psi(0, y) &= y+1 \\ \psi(x+1, 0) &= \psi(x, 1) \\ \psi(x+1, y+1) &= \psi(x, \psi(x+1, y)) \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \psi_0(y) = y+1 \\ \psi_{x+1}(0) = \psi_x(1) \\ \psi_{x+1}(y+1) = \psi_x(\psi_{x+1}(y)) \end{cases}$$

consider x as fixed parameter

$$\psi_x(y) = \psi(x, y)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_{x+1}(y+1) &= \psi_x(\psi_{x+1}(y)) \\ &= \psi_x \psi_x (\psi_{x+1}(y-1)) \\ &= \psi_x \psi_x \psi_x (\psi_{x+1}(y-2) \dots) \end{aligned}$$

⋮

$$= \underbrace{\psi_x \dots \psi_x}_{y+1 \text{ times}} \underbrace{\psi_{x+1}(0)}_{\psi_x(z)}$$

$$= \psi_x^{y+2}(0)$$

roughly: increasing x to $x+1$ requires iterating the function ψ_x
 \Rightarrow increases the number of nested primitive recursion

→ the full function would require infinitely many nested primitive recursions

Some more ideas...

concretely:

$$\psi_0(y) = y + 1$$

$$\psi_1(y) = \psi_0^{y+1}(1) = y + 2$$

$$\psi_2(y) = \psi_1^{y+1}(1) = 2(y+1) + 1 = 2y + 3 \approx 2y$$

$$\psi_3(y) = \psi_2^{y+1}(1) \approx 2^y$$

$$\psi_4(y) = \psi_3^{y+1}(1) \approx 2^{2^y} \approx 2^y$$

$$\text{so: } \psi_0(1) = 2$$

$$\psi_1(1) = 5$$

$$\psi_2(1) = 13$$

$$\psi_3(1) \approx 2^{16}$$

$$\psi_4(2) \approx 2^{2^{16}} \approx 10^{6400}$$

ONE CAN PROVE: Given a function $f: \mathbb{N}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \in \text{PR}$ and a program P computing f using only "for-loops" (primitive recursion)
if J is the maximum level of nesting of for-loops

$$f(\vec{x}) < \psi_{J+1}(\max\{x_i\})$$

Now, assume $\psi \in \text{PR}$, let J be the level of nesting of for-loops (of primitive recursive defns) for computing ψ
 $\forall(x,y)$

$$\psi(x,y) < \psi_{J+1}(\max\{x,y\})$$

let $x = y = j+1$

$$\psi(j+1, j+1) < \psi_{j+1}(j+1) = \psi(j+1, j+1)$$

contradiction

$$\Rightarrow \psi \notin \text{PR}$$