

# Lab03-Recursive Function

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1. Show that the following functions are primitive recursive:

$$(a) \text{ half}(n) = \begin{cases} \frac{n}{2}, & \text{if } n \text{ is even,} \\ \frac{n-1}{2}, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

$$(b) \max\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\} = \text{the maximum of } x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n.$$

$$(c) f(x) = \text{the sum of all prime divisors of } x.$$

$$(d) g(x) = x^x.$$

2. Show the computability of the following functions by minimalisation.

$$(a) f^{-1}(x), \text{ if } f(x) \text{ is a total injective computable function.}$$

$$(b) f(a) = \begin{cases} \text{the least non-negative integral root of } p(x) - a \text{ (} a \in \mathbb{N}\text{),} \\ \text{undefined if there's no such root,} \end{cases}$$

where  $p(x)$  is a polynomial with integer coefficients.

$$(c) f(x, y) = \begin{cases} x/y & \text{if } y \neq 0 \text{ and } y|x, \\ \text{undefined} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

3. Let  $\pi(x, y) = 2^x(2y + 1) - 1$ . Show that  $\pi$  is a computable bijection from  $\mathbb{N}^2$  to  $\mathbb{N}$ , and that the functions  $\pi_1, \pi_2$  such that  $\pi(\pi_1(z), \pi_2(z)) = z$  for all  $z$  are computable.

4. Show that the following function is primitive recursive (with the help of  $\pi(x, y)$ , perhaps):

$$\begin{aligned} f(0) &= 1, \\ f(1) &= 1, \\ f(n+2) &= f(n) + f(n+1). \end{aligned}$$

5. Coding Technology.

Any number  $x \in \mathbb{N}$  has a unique expression as

$$(1) x = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \alpha_i 2^i, \text{ with } \alpha_i = 0 \text{ or } 1, \text{ for all } i.$$

Hence, if  $x > 0$ , there are unique expressions for  $x$  in the forms

$$(2) x = 2^{b_1} + 2^{b_2} + \dots + 2^{b_l}, \text{ with } 0 \leq b_1 < b_2 < \dots < b_l \text{ and } l \geq 1, \text{ and}$$

$$(3) x = 2^{a_1} + 2^{a_1+a_2+1} + \dots + 2^{a_1+a_2+\dots+a_k+k-1}. \text{ (The expression (3) is a way of regarding } x \text{ as coding the sequence } (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_l) \text{ of numbers)}$$

Show that each of the functions  $\alpha, l, b, a$  defined below is computable.

$$(a) \alpha(i, x) = \alpha_i \text{ as in the expression (1);}$$

$$(b) l(x) = \begin{cases} l \text{ as in (2),} & \text{if } x > 0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise;} \end{cases}$$

$$(c) b(x) = \begin{cases} b_i \text{ as in (2),} & \text{if } x > 0 \text{ and } 1 \leq i \leq l, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise;} \end{cases}$$

$$(d) a(i, x) = \begin{cases} a_i \text{ as in (3),} & \text{if } x > 0 \text{ and } 1 \leq i \leq l, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise;} \end{cases}$$