

# PRIMITIVE RECURSIVE FUNCTIONS

BASE FUNCTIONS ARE PRFS

$$C_a(\vec{x}) = a$$

CONSTANTS

$$I_i^n(x_1, \dots, x_n) = x_i$$

PROJECTIONS  
(IDENTITY)

$$S(x) = x + 1$$

SUCCESSOR  
(INCREMENT)

BUILD MORE VIA

$$F(\vec{x}) = H(G_1(\vec{x}), \dots, G_k(\vec{x}))$$

PRFS

COMPOSITION

$$F(\vec{x}, 0) = G(\vec{x})$$

$$F(\vec{x}, y+1) = H(\vec{x}, y, F(\vec{x}, y))$$

PRFS

INDUCTION

(PRIMITIVE RECURSION)

# BUILDING NEW PRFs

ADDITION: FORMAL

$$+(x, 0) = I_1(x)$$

$$+(x, y+1) = S(\underbrace{I_3^3(x, y, +(x, y))}_{\text{COMPOSITION}})$$

ADDITION: LESS FORMAL

$$x + 0 = x$$

$$x + (y+1) = (x+y) + 1$$

MULTIPLICATION: FORMAL

$$*(x, 0) = C_0(x)$$

$$*(x, y+1) = H(x, y, *(x, y))$$

$$H(x, y, z) = +(\underbrace{I_1^3(x, y, z)}_{I_1(x, y, z)}, \underbrace{I_3^3(x, y, z)}_{I_3(x, y, z)})$$

MULTIPLICATION: LESS FORMAL

$$x * 0 = 0$$

$$x * (y+1) = x * y + x$$

# MORE-BASIC ARITHMETIC

PREDECESSOR: (LIMITED)

$$0 - 1 = 0$$

$$(x+1) - 1 = x$$

SUBTRACTION: (LIMITED)

$$x - 0 = x$$

$$x - (y+1) = (x-y) - 1$$

FACTORIAL:

$$0! = 1$$

$$(x+1)! = x! * (x+1)$$

# RELATIONS

IS ZERO:

$$0 == 0 = 1$$

$$(x+1) == 0 = 0$$

EQUALITY AND ONE OTHER:

$$x == y = ((x-y) + (y-x)) == 0$$

$$x \leq y = (x-y) \leq 0$$

## BOOLEANS

NEGATION

$$\sim x = x == 0$$

AND

$$x \&\& y = (x * y)$$

OR

$$x || y = \sim((x == 0) \&\& (y == 0))$$

## BOUNDED MINIMIZATION

$$f(x) = \mu z (z \leq x) [P(z)] \text{ IF } \exists \text{ SUCH } z \\ = x+1 \text{ OTHERWISE}$$

$$f(0) = 1 - P(0)$$

$$f(x+1) = (f(x) * (f(x) \leq x)) \\ + ((x+2 - P(x+1)) * \sim (f(x) \leq x))$$

$$f(x) = \mu z (z < x) [P(z)] \text{ IF } \exists \text{ SUCH } z \\ = x \text{ OTHERWISE}$$

$$f(0) = 0$$

$$f(x+1) = \mu z (z \leq x) [P(z)]$$

# DIVISION & DIVISIBILITY

DIVISION:

$$x // 0 = 0$$

NEED A VALUE

$$x // (y+1) = \mu z (z \leq x) [(z+1) * (y+1) > x]$$

DIVISIBILITY

$$x | y = ((y // x) * x) == y$$

## EXPONENTS

POWER

$$x \wedge 0 = 1$$

$$x \wedge (y+1) = x * (x \wedge y)$$

ABBREVIATE  
 $x^y$

## PRIMALITY

$$\text{FIRSTFACTOR}(x) = \mu z (2 \leq z \leq x) [z | x]$$

0 IF NONE

$$\text{ISPRIME}(x) = \text{FIRSTFACTOR}(x) = x \ \&\& \ (x > 1)$$

$$\text{PRIME}(0) = 2$$

$$\text{PRIME}(x+1) = \mu z (\text{PRIME}(x) < z \leq \text{PRIME}(x) + 1) [\text{ISPRIME}(z)]$$

ABBREVIATE  $\text{PRIME}(i)$  AS  $P_i$

# Pairing Functions

- $\text{pair}(x,y) = \langle x,y \rangle = 2^x (2y + 1) - 1$
- with inverses
  - $\langle z \rangle_1 = \text{exp}(z+1,0)$
  - $\langle z \rangle_2 = (((z + 1) // 2 \langle z \rangle_1) - 1) // 2$
- These are very useful and can be extended to encode  $n$ -tuples
  - $\langle x,y,z \rangle = \langle x, \langle y,z \rangle \rangle$  (note: stack analogy)

# Pairing Function is 1-1 Onto

Prove that the pairing function  $\langle x, y \rangle = 2^x(2y + 1) - 1$  is 1-1 onto the natural numbers.

**Approach 1:**

We will look at two cases, where we use the following modification of the pairing function,  $\langle x, y \rangle + 1$ , which implies the problem of mapping the pairing function to  $\mathbb{Z}^+$ .

# Case 1 (x=0)

## Case 1:

For  $x = 0$ ,  $\langle 0, y \rangle + 1 = 2^0(2y+1) = 2y+1$ . But every odd number is by definition one of the form  $2y+1$ , where  $y \geq 0$ ; moreover, a particular value of  $y$  is uniquely associated with each such odd number and no odd number is produced by  $2^x(2y+1)$  when  $x > 0$ . Thus,  $\langle 0, y \rangle + 1$  is 1-1 onto the odd natural numbers.

# Case 2 ( $x > 0$ )

## Case 2:

For  $x > 0$ ,  $\langle x, y \rangle + 1 = 2^x(2y+1)$ , where  $2y+1$  ranges over all odd number and is uniquely associated with one based on the value of  $y$  (we saw that in case 1).  $2^x$  must be even, since it has a factor of 2 and hence  $2^x(2y+1)$  is also even. Moreover, from elementary number theory, we know that every even number except zero is of the form  $2^xz$ , where  $x > 0$ ,  $z$  is an odd number and this pair  $x, z$  is unique. Thus,  $\langle x, y \rangle + 1$  is 1-1 onto the even natural numbers, when  $x > 0$ .

The above shows that  $\langle x, y \rangle + 1$  is 1-1 onto  $Z^+$ , but then  $\langle x, y \rangle$  is 1-1 onto  $N$ , as was desired.

# **$\mu$ Recursive**

**4<sup>th</sup> Model**

**A Simple Extension to Primitive  
Recursive**

# $\mu$ Recursive Concepts

- All primitive recursive functions are algorithms since the only iterator is bounded. That's a clear limitation.
- There are algorithms like Ackerman's function that cannot be represented by the class of primitive recursive functions.
- The class of recursive functions adds one more iterator, the minimization operator ( $\mu$ ), read "the least value such that."

# Ackermann's Function

- $A(1, j) = 2j$  for  $j \geq 1$
- $A(i, 1) = A(i-1, 2)$  for  $i \geq 2$
- $A(i, j) = A(i-1, A(i, j-1))$  for  $i, j \geq 2$
- Wilhelm Ackermann observed in 1928 that this is not a primitive recursive function.
- Ackermann's function grows too fast to have a for-loop implementation.
- The inverse of Ackermann's function is important to analyze Union/Find algorithm. Note:  $A(4,4)$  is a super exponential number involving six levels of exponentiation.  $\alpha(n) = A^{-1}(n, n)$  grows so slowly that it is less than 5 for any value of  $n$  that can be written using the number of atoms in our universe.

# Union/Find

- Start with a collection **S** of unrelated elements – singleton equivalence classes
- **Union(x,y)**, **x** and **y** are in **S**, merges the class containing **x** (**[x]**) with that containing **y** (**[y]**)
- **Find(x)** returns the canonical element of **[x]**
- Can see if **x≡y**, by seeing if **Find(x)==Find(y)**
- How do we represent the classes?
- You should have learned that in CS2

# The $\mu$ Operator

- Minimization:

If **G** is already known to be recursive, then so is **F**, where

$$F(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \mu y (G(y, x_1, \dots, x_n) \neq 1)$$

- We also allow other predicates besides testing for one. In fact any predicate that is recursive can be used as the stopping condition.

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