

Lecture 20

Topics

1. Problem Set 3 – two problems presented today.
 2. Motivation for “equational reasoning” in type theory, *new results*.
 3. Goodstein approach – some philosophy and history, online with lecture notes.
 4. Goodstein recursive arithmetic.
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1. Problem Set 3

(a)

We have used primitive recursion with simple types,

e.g. $add : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$

$$\begin{cases} add\ 0\ y = y \\ add\ S(x)\ y = S(add\ x\ y) \end{cases}$$

Prove that add and $mult$ as defined before are total functions on $\mathbb{N}$, e.g. have type $\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$. We could also define the type $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ of ordered pairs of numbers, $\langle n, m \rangle$. In this case we could assign the type $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$

(b)

We can define *higher-order* primitive recursion as follows:

$$R\ a\ b\ 0 = a$$

$$R\ a\ b\ S(n) = b\ n\ (R\ a\ b\ n)$$

Where $a \in \alpha$, $b \in \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \alpha \rightarrow \alpha$, $0 \in \mathbb{N}$, $S : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$

$$R : \alpha \rightarrow (\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \alpha \rightarrow \alpha) \rightarrow (\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \alpha)$$

Define $\sum_{i=0}^n f(i)$ with higher-order primitive recursions.

Give the types. Prove that functions defined by higher order recursion from (total) computable functions are total. Take α to be $\mathbb{N}$ for the proof.

2. Motivation for equational reasoning.

A great deal of reasoning in type theory is equational over equations of the type $t_1 = t_2 \in T$ for various types T and for various notions of equality, such as:

$$\begin{array}{ll} t_1 \sim t_2 & \text{in Base} \\ t_1 \sim t_2 & \text{in } \bar{\mathbb{N}} \text{ (over partial types)} \\ t_1 = t_2 & \text{in } \mathbb{N} \text{ (over total types)} \end{array}$$

Abhishek and Dr. Rahli gave us a deeper account for partial types in Nuprl. The line of research came from CS6110 in 2012.

A simple example of this style of reasoning goes back to Skolem in 1934 – that’s why logic is strong in Sweden. We examine the 1957 approach of R.L. Goodstein for numbers and recursive number theory.

He uses only primitive recursion and *double recursion*.

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} G(0, n) \text{ is a given function, say } f(n) \\ G(m+1, 0) = a(m, G(m, b(m))) \\ G(m+1, n+1) = c(m, n, G(m, d(m, n, G(m+1, n))), G(m+1, n)) \end{array} \right.$$

Goodstein starts with a very cogent account of how he conceives of the type $\mathbb{N}$. We discuss this a bit. You are urged to read the account included with these notes.

Expressing mathematics in a programming language

We use *add*, *mult*, and these functions to define logic:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{pred}(0) = 0 & \text{monus}(x, 0) = x \\ \text{pred}(S(x)) = x & \text{monus}(x, S(y)) = \text{pred}(\text{monus}(x, y)) \end{array}$$

Let $x \dot{-} y$ abbreviate $\text{monus}(x, y)$.

Define the positive difference $|x, y|$ by $|x, y| = (x \dot{-} y) + (y \dot{-} x)$.

Define $a = b$ for a and b numbers to be a true proposition iff $|a, b| = 0$.

Goodstein defines $\alpha(|a, b|)$ as the *number* of the proposition $a = b$.

We can define the logical operators on propositions as follows.

Let p and q be propositions $a = b$ and $c = d$ respectively. Then

$$\begin{array}{ll} \sim p & \text{is } (1 \dot{-} |a, b|) = 0 \\ p \& q & \text{is } (|a, b| + |c, d|) = 0 \\ p \vee q & \text{is } (|a, b| \cdot |c, d|) = 0 \\ p \rightarrow q & \text{is } \sim p \vee q \\ p \leftrightarrow q & \text{is } (p \rightarrow q) \& (q \rightarrow p) \end{array}$$

Goodstein defines these “quantifiers”:

$$\begin{array}{lll} A_x^n(f(x) = 0) & \text{for all } x \text{ from } 0 \text{ to } n & f(x) = 0 \\ E_x^n(f(x) = 0) & \text{for some } x \text{ from } 0 \text{ to } n & f(x) = 0 \\ L_x^n(f(x) = 0) & \text{the least } x \text{ from } 0 \text{ to } n & f(x) = 0 \end{array}$$

We can validate *mathematical induction*:

$$[p(0) \ \& \ A_x^n(p(x) \rightarrow p(x + 1))] \rightarrow p(n)$$