



Computability Theory

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Outline

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- 2. Normal Form Theorem**
- 3. Undecidability**
- 4. s-m-n or Parameterization Theorem**
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Theorem

class **R** of recursive functions is smallest class of total functions that contains all projection functions, addition and multiplication, characteristic function $\chi_=_$ of equality predicate, and is closed under composition and minimization

Definition

$$\beta(a, i) = \pi_1(a) \text{ mod } (1 + (i + 1)\pi_2(a))$$

Gödel's β function

Definition

class **PA** of **partial recursive functions** is smallest class of **partial** functions that contains all initial functions and is closed under composition, primitive recursion and unbounded minimization:

$$(\mu i) (f(i, \vec{y}) = 0) = \min \{i \mid f(i, \vec{y}) = 0 \text{ and } f(j, \vec{y}) > 0 \text{ for all } j < i\}$$

belongs to PA whenever $f: \mathbb{N}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ belongs to PA

Definition

function $f: \mathbb{N}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ is **WHILE computable** if \exists WHILE program $P(x_1, \dots, x_n; y)$ such that $y = f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ after execution of P

Theorem

function φ is partial recursive $\iff \varphi$ is WHILE computable

Definition

index f $\in \mathbb{N}$ of derivation of partial recursive function f is defined inductively:

- $\ulcorner z \urcorner = \langle 0 \rangle$ $\ulcorner s \urcorner = \langle 1 \rangle$ $\ulcorner \pi_i^n \urcorner = \langle 2, n, i \rangle$
 - $\ulcorner f \urcorner = \langle 3, \ulcorner g \urcorner, \ulcorner h_1 \urcorner, \dots, \ulcorner h_m \urcorner \rangle$ if f is obtained by composing g and h_1, \dots, h_m
 - $\ulcorner f \urcorner = \langle 4, \ulcorner g \urcorner, \ulcorner h \urcorner \rangle$ if f is obtained by primitive recursion from g and h
 - $\ulcorner f \urcorner = \langle 5, \ulcorner g \urcorner \rangle$ if f is obtained by minimizing g

Kleene's Normal Form Theorem

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Corollary

partial recursiveness and recursiveness coincide for **total** functions

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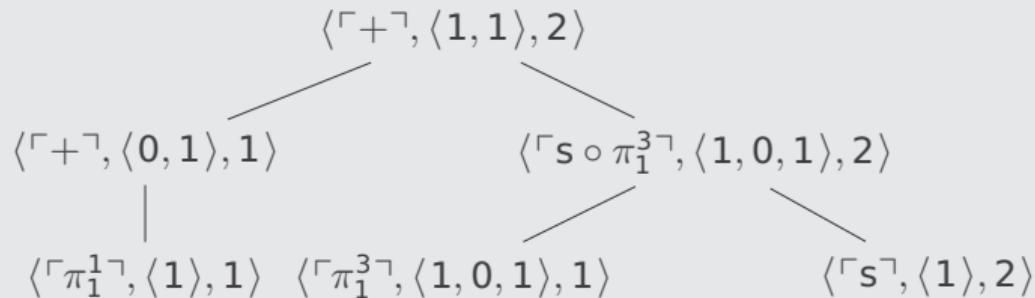
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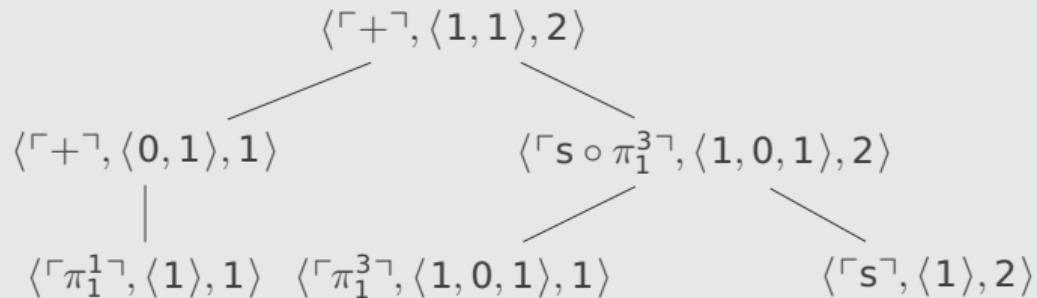


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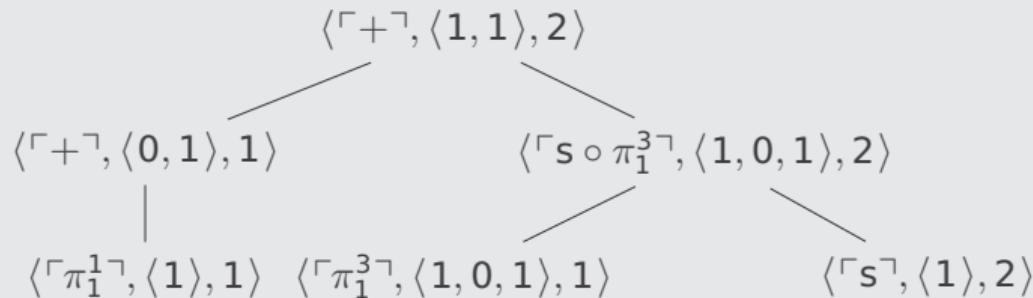
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Notation

$$\text{triple}(x) = (\text{seq}(x) \wedge \text{len}(x) = 3)$$

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Theorem

following problem is undecidable:

instance: natural number x

question: is $\varphi_x(x)$ defined ?

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