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RECURSIVE DEFINITIONS

- $f(0) = a$
- $f(n+1) = \text{SOME FUNCTION OF } f(0), f(1), \dots, f(n)$

EXAMPLES 1. $\begin{cases} f(0) = 0 \\ f(n+1) = f(n) + (n+1) \end{cases}$

$$f(0) = 0; f(1) = 0+1, f(2) = 0+1+2, \dots, f(n) = 1+2+\dots+n$$

$$2. \begin{cases} p(0) = 1 \\ p(n+1) = p(n) \cdot (n+1) \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} p(1) = 1, p(2) = 1 \cdot 2, p(3) = 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3, \dots \\ p(n) = 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot \dots \cdot n = n! \end{cases}$$

$$3. \begin{cases} a(0) = a_0 \\ a(n+1) = a(n) + d \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} a_0 = a_0, a(1) = a_0 + d, a(2) = a_0 + 2d, \dots \\ a_n = a_0 + n \cdot d \end{cases}$$

↑ RECURSIVE DEFINITION OF ARITHMETICAL PROGRESSION

$$4. \begin{cases} f(0) = 1 \\ f(n+1) = f(n) \cdot a \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} f(0) = 1, f(1) = a, f(2) = a \cdot a, \dots \\ f(n) = a^n \end{cases}$$

↑ RECURSIVE DEFINITION OF x^n FOR NONNEGATIVE INTEGERS n

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Th. LET $\alpha := \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$. THEN $f_n > \alpha^{n-2}$ WHENEVER $n \geq 3$.

PROOF. BY THE SECOND PRINCIPLE OF MATHEMATICAL INDUCTION

$$\begin{aligned} \text{BASE: } n=3, n=4, f_3 &= 2, f_4 = 3. \quad \begin{cases} \sqrt{5} < 3 \\ 1+\sqrt{5} < 1+3 = 4 \\ \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} < \frac{4}{2} = 2 = f_3 \end{cases} \\ f_4 &= 3, \alpha^2 = \frac{1}{4}(1+\sqrt{5})^2 = \\ &= \frac{1}{4}(1+2\sqrt{5}+5) = \frac{1}{4}(6+2\sqrt{5}) = \\ &= \frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{2} < \frac{3+3}{2} = 3 = f_4 \end{aligned}$$

STEP. INDUCTION HYPOTHESIS: $f_3 > \alpha$, $f_4 > \alpha^2$, ..., $f_n > \alpha^{n-2}$

$$f_{n+1} = f_n + f_{n-1} \quad + \begin{cases} f_n > \alpha^{n-2} \\ f_{n-1} > \alpha^{n-3} \end{cases}$$

NOTE: $\alpha^2 = \frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{2} = \alpha + 1$

$$f_n + f_{n-1} > \alpha^{n-2} + \alpha^{n-3} = \alpha^{n-3}(\alpha + 1) = \alpha^{n-3} \cdot \alpha^2 = \alpha^{n-1}$$

THEREFORE $f_{n+1} > \alpha^{n-1}$

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$$5. \begin{cases} x \cdot 0 = 0 \\ x \cdot (y+1) = x \cdot y + x \end{cases} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{RECURSIVE DEFINITION OF} \\ \text{MULTIPLICATION VIA ADDITION} \\ x \cdot 0 = 0; x \cdot 1 = x \cdot (0+1) = x \cdot 0 + x = x \end{array}$$

$$x \cdot 2 = x \cdot (1+1) = x \cdot 1 + x = x + x$$

$$x \cdot 3 = x \cdot (2+1) = x \cdot 2 + x = (x+x)+x, \text{ etc.}$$

6. $a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, \dots$ A SEQUENCE

$$\begin{cases} S(0) = 0 \\ S(n+1) = S(n) + a_{n+1} \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} P(0) = 1 \\ P(n+1) = P(n) \cdot a_{n+1} \end{cases}$$

$$S(n) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i \quad P(n) = \prod_{i=0}^n a_i$$

↑ RECURSIVE DEFINITIONS OF SUM AND PRODUCT OF A SEQUENCE

$$7. \text{ FIBONACCI NUMBERS } \begin{cases} f_0 = 0, f_1 = 1 \\ f_n = f_{n-1} + f_{n-2} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} f_0 = 0 \\ f(n+1) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } n=0 \\ f(n) + f(n-1) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \end{cases} \quad 0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, \dots$$

A MORE STANDARD RECURSIVE REPRESENTATION

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Th. LAMÉ'S THEOREM. LET $a > b > 0$ BE INTEGERS THEN THE NUMBER OF DIVISIONS USED BY THE EUCLIDEAN ALGORITHM TO FIND $\gcd(a, b)$ IS $\leq 5 \times$ THE NUMBER OF DECIMAL DIGITS IN b .

PROOF.

$$a = b q_1 + r_1 \quad r_1 < b \quad b \geq r_1 + r_2 \geq f_n + f_{n-1} = f_{n+1}$$

$$b = r_1 q_2 + r_2 \quad r_2 < r_1 \quad r_2 \geq r_2 + r_3 \geq f_{n-1} + f_{n-2} = f_n$$

$$\dots \dots \dots \quad \dots \dots \dots \quad \dots \dots \dots \quad f_4$$

$$r_{n-2} = r_{n-1} q_{n-1} + r_n \quad r_n < r_{n-1} \quad r_{n-2} \geq r_{n-1} + r_n \geq f_{n-1} + f_n = f_{n+1}$$

$$r_{n-1} = r_n q_n \quad \Rightarrow \quad r_{n-1} \geq 2 \cdot r_n \geq 2 f_n = f_{n+1}$$

$$q_n \geq 2, \text{ SINCE } r_n < r_{n-1} \quad r_n \geq 1 = f_2$$

$$r_n = \gcd(a, b)$$

$$b \geq f_{n+1} > \alpha^{n-1} \quad \log_{10} \alpha \sim 0.209 > 1/5$$

$$\log_{10} b > (n-1) \cdot \log_{10} \alpha > \frac{n-1}{5}$$

$$n-1 < 5 \cdot \log_{10} b; \quad \text{IF } b < 10^k \text{ (k DIGITS)}$$

$$n-1 < 5 \cdot k; \quad \boxed{n \leq 5 \cdot k}$$

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RECURSIVELY DEFINED SETS

EXAMPLE 1. S IS DEFINED BY

A. $2 \in S$

INITIAL COLLECTION

B. $x \in S, y \in S \rightarrow x+y \in S$ GENERATING RULES

DEFAULT: THERE IS NOTHING ELSE IN S

S = SET OF ALL EVEN POSITIVE INTEGERS

INDUCTION ON A RECURSIVE DEFINITION OF A SET.

A. THE INITIAL ELEMENTS SATISFY P

B. GENERATING RULES PRESERVE P

THEN ALL ELEMENTS OF S SATISFY P .

ALL ELEMENTS OF S FROM EXAMPLE 1 ARE EVEN POSITIVE INTEGERS. INDEED, A) 2 IS POSITIVE EVEN
B) IF x, y ARE POSITIVE EVEN, THEN $x+y$ ALSO IS.

EXAMPLE 2. WELL-FORMED PROPOSITIONS

A. $T, F, p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n, \dots$ ARE W-FP
PROPOSITIONAL VARIABLES

B. IF G, H ARE W-FP THEN $(\neg G), (G \wedge H), (G \vee H), (G \rightarrow H), (G \leftrightarrow H)$ ARE ALSO W-FP.

$((\neg(p_1 \rightarrow p_2)) \vee (p_2 \leftrightarrow p_3)), (\neg(p_1)), (T \rightarrow p_1) \leftrightarrow p_1)$

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THE EACH W-FP HAS EQUAL NUMBERS OF $(,)$

INDUCTION ON THE DEFINITION OF W-FP.

BASIS: T, F, p_i HAVE NO $(,)$ AT ALL

INDUCTIVE STEP. HYPOTHESIS: G, H HAVE ZERO BALANCE OF $(,)$. THEN $(\neg G), (G \wedge H), (G \vee H), (G \rightarrow H), (G \leftrightarrow H)$ ALSO HAVE ZERO BALANCE OF $(,)$.

COROLLARY NO PROPER INITIAL PART OF A W-FP IS ITSELF A W-FP

INDEED, EVERY W-FP IS EITHER ATOMIC OR ENDS WITH $)$. IN THE FIRST CASE THERE ARE NO NONTRIVIAL INITIAL PARTS AT ALL. IN THE SECOND CASE THE BALANCE OF $(,)$ IN EVERY INITIAL PART IS POSITIVE.

SET OF STRINGS OVER THE ALPHABET Σ .

A. $\lambda \in \Sigma^*$ (λ IS THE EMPTY STRING)

B. $w \in \Sigma^*, x \in \Sigma \Rightarrow wx \in \Sigma^*$

LENGTH $l(w)$ OF THE STRING w :

A. $l(\lambda) = 0$; B. $l(wx) = l(w) + 1$

TH. $l(xy) = l(x) + l(y)$ FOR ALL $x, y \in \Sigma^*$

INDUCTION ON THE RECURSIVE DEFINITION OF Σ^*

BASIS $y = \lambda, l(x\lambda) = l(x) = l(x) + 0 = l(x) + l(\lambda)$

STEP. $l(xy) = l(x) + l(y), a \in \Sigma. l(xya) = l(xy) + 1 = l(x) + l(y) + 1 = l(x) + l(ya)$

IND. HYPOTHESIS

HW 3.3: 6b, d 16 32

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