

Exercises 3, Applied Logic

CLTT refers to the March 2004 version of the handout *Constructive Logic and Type Theory*, by Erik Palmgren. (Available on the webpage of the course.)

1. * Exercise 1.1 in CLTT.
2. The following lemma is an example of a non-constructive result which is often used (implicitly) in mathematical analysis (and in computer science!) when reasoning about infinite processes.

(König's lemma). A finite string over the alphabet $\{l, r\}$ is regarded as describing a path in a binary tree, starting from the root. Suppose that P is an infinite set of such paths. Show that there is an infinite string

$$d_1 d_2 d_3 \cdots$$

such that for every n , the string $d_1 d_2 \cdots d_n$ is an initial segment of some path in P .

Suppose that there is an algorithm which decides whether a finite path $s \in \{l, r\}^*$ is in P . Is there any hope to find an algorithm which for each index i computes the value of $d_i \in \{l, r\}$? Discuss.

3. Exercise 2.1 in CLTT.
4. Exercise 2.2 in CLTT.
5. * The *Ackermann function* $\text{ack} : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ can be defined by the following recursion equations

$$\begin{aligned}\text{ack}(0)(n) &= S(n) \\ \text{ack}(S(m))(0) &= \text{ack}(m)(S(0)) \\ \text{ack}(S(m))(S(n)) &= \text{ack}(m)(\text{ack}(S(m))(n))\end{aligned}$$

It can be shown that the Ackermann function grows faster than any primitive recursive function. Show that it nevertheless may be defined

in Gödel's system \mathbb{T} (or the typed lambda calculus described in Chapter 2 of CLTT) with the help of the recursion operator rec . [Hint: expand the third line of the definition.]

6. Exercises 3.1 (a-c,e) in CLTT.
7. Exercises 3.1 (h,j) in CLTT.
8. * Exercises 3.1 (d,f,i,k) in CLTT.
9. * Exercise 3.2 in CLTT.
10. Exercise 3.3.(a)
11. Do selected parts of Exercise 4.1 in CLTT (compare with Ex 3.1).
12. Three variants of the induction scheme for natural numbers:

$$(\text{IND}) \quad A(0) \wedge (\forall x)(A(x) \rightarrow A(\mathbf{S}(x))) \rightarrow (\forall x)A(x)$$

$$(\text{C-IND}) \quad (\forall x)[(\forall y)(y < x \rightarrow B(y)) \rightarrow B(x)] \rightarrow (\forall x)B(x)$$

$$(\text{LNP}) \quad \neg(\forall x)C(x) \rightarrow (\exists x)[\neg C(x) \wedge (\forall y)(y < x \rightarrow C(y))]$$

Here $y < x$ is defined as the formula $(\exists z)(y + \mathbf{S}(z) = x)$. These induction principles are all equivalent in Peano arithmetic with classical logic.

- (a) Prove (C-IND) from (IND) using only intuitionistic logic and the assumptions

$$(\text{H1}) \quad (\forall y)\neg(y < 0),$$

$$(\text{H2}) \quad (\forall x)(\forall y)(y < \mathbf{S}(x) \leftrightarrow y = x \vee y < x),$$

$$(\text{H3}) \quad (\forall x)(x < \mathbf{S}(x)),$$

$$(\text{H4}) \quad (\forall x)(\forall y)(x = y \wedge P(x) \rightarrow P(y)), \text{ where } P(\cdot) \text{ is a formula.}$$

Hint: consider some $A(x)$ of the form $(\forall y)(y < x \rightarrow \dots)$.

- (b) Prove the Least Number Principle (LNP) from (C-IND) using only classical logic.

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