

MPRI 2012-13 Cours 2-7-1

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2:30 hours.

1 Warm-up

A fellow student claims to have written terms of the following types in type theory. For each case, tell whether this is possible.

p_1	: $\Pi n : nat. \Sigma m : nat. m = n + n$	Possible
p_2	: $\Pi n : nat. \Sigma m : nat. n = m + m$	Impossible
p_3	: $\Sigma x : nat. S(x + x) = 11$	Possible

what is the normal form of $\pi_1(p_3)$? *It is 5*

2 Impredicative encoding

Given two natural numbers x and y , we say that $R(x, y)$ if and only if there exists a natural number i such that $x = 2^i \cdot y$.

We want to represent the relation R in Higher-Order Logic (HOL, aka Church's simple type theory).

a) What is a natural type for R in HOL ?

It is $R : \iota \rightarrow \iota \rightarrow o$

b) Give a possible definition for R in HOL.

$$R \equiv \lambda x^t. \lambda y^t. \forall P : \iota \rightarrow o. (P x) \Rightarrow (\forall z : \iota. (P z) \Rightarrow (P 2.z)) \Rightarrow (P x)$$

c) Give a proof of $R(12, 3)$ is your encoding.

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d) What is the asymptotic size of a proof of $R(a \cdot 2^i, a)$ in your encoding ?

We see that the full writing the integer as $2.2.2 \dots 2.a$ is of size $O(i \cdot a)$. Because of the i uses of the assumption, the proof is of size $O(i^2 \cdot a)$.

3 Computational encoding

a) In Martin-Löf's type theory, define a function D for double, such that : $D : nat \rightarrow nat$ and $(D\ n)$ computes $2 \cdot n$.

$$D \equiv \lambda x : nat. R(x, 0, \lambda p. \lambda r. S(S\ r))$$

b) Define the relation R in Martin-Löf's type theory.

We also define the exponentiation function:

$$DD \equiv \lambda x : nat.R(x, 1, \lambda p.\lambda r.(D r))$$

then

$$R \equiv \lambda x.\lambda y.\Sigma i : nat.x = y.(DD i).$$

c) Give a proof-term of $R(12, 3)$ for this encoding in type theory.

$$(2, refl(12))$$

d) What is the asymptotic size of a proof of $R(a \cdot 2^i, a)$ in this setting ?

The size of the representation of a , that is a even if we are not too careful (it can be squeezed to $\log(a)$ if we need to make it small.)

4 Simply typed λ -terms

We are considering simple types, where $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \dots$ are distinct atomic types.

What are the closed λ -terms of type $\alpha \rightarrow \alpha$?

only $\lambda x^\alpha.x^\alpha$

What are the closed λ -terms of type $\alpha \rightarrow (\alpha \rightarrow \alpha) \rightarrow \alpha$?

The Church numerals, that is the terms of the form : $\lambda x^\alpha.\lambda f^{\alpha \rightarrow \alpha}.(f \dots (f x) \dots)$

Are there terms of the following type ? which ones ?

$\alpha \rightarrow \beta$

No

$\alpha \rightarrow (\alpha \rightarrow \gamma) \rightarrow \gamma$

Yes : $\lambda x^\alpha.\lambda f^{\alpha \rightarrow \gamma}.(f x)$

$\alpha \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow (\alpha \rightarrow \gamma) \rightarrow (\beta \rightarrow \gamma) \rightarrow \gamma$

Yes : $\lambda x^\alpha.\lambda y^\beta.\lambda f^{\alpha \rightarrow \gamma}.\lambda g^{\beta \rightarrow \gamma}.(f x)$ and $\lambda x^\alpha.\lambda y^\beta.\lambda f^{\alpha \rightarrow \gamma}.\lambda g^{\beta \rightarrow \gamma}.(g y)$

5 Terms in system F

Are there closed normal terms of the following types in system F ? If so, which ones ?

$\forall \alpha.\alpha \rightarrow \alpha$

$\Lambda \alpha.\lambda x : \alpha.x$

$\forall \alpha.\alpha \rightarrow \alpha \rightarrow \alpha$

$\Lambda \alpha.\lambda x : \alpha.\lambda y : \alpha.x$ and $\Lambda \alpha.\lambda x : \alpha.\lambda y : \alpha.y$

$\forall \alpha.\alpha$

Nothing : this is the empty type

$\forall \alpha.(T \rightarrow \alpha) \rightarrow \alpha$ (where T is some closed type; the answer may depend upon T).

Only when T is inhabited (by closed terms). If $t : T$ then we have $\Lambda \alpha.\lambda f : T \rightarrow \alpha.(f t)$

6 Well-foundedness

We work in Higher-Order Logic. We have some given type T and a binary relation over it $R : T \rightarrow T \rightarrow o$.

We are given the following definition :

$$A : T \rightarrow o$$

$$A \equiv \lambda z : T.\forall P : T \rightarrow o, (\forall x : T, (\forall y : T, R x y \rightarrow P y) \rightarrow P x) \rightarrow P z.$$

We want to understand this definition.

a) Show that when $\forall y : T, \neg(R z y)$ holds, then $(A z)$ holds.

Since we have $\forall y : T, \neg(R z y)$, we also have $(\forall y : T, R z y \rightarrow P y)$. So :

$$(\forall x : T, (\forall y : T, R x y \rightarrow P y) \rightarrow P x)$$

implies

$$(\forall y : T, R z y \rightarrow P y) \rightarrow P z$$

which allows us to deduce $P z$.

b) Show that when $(R z z)$ holds, then $(A z)$ is false.

This one is a little tricky and tedious. Here is one possible way.

We have $(R z z)$ and $(A z)$ and need to show \perp . We instantiate $(A z)$ on the property $\lambda x.(R x x) \Rightarrow \perp$. This gives us :

$$(\forall x.(\forall y.R y x \Rightarrow \neg R y y) \Rightarrow \neg R x x) \Rightarrow \neg R z z$$

So we can conclude, if we prove :

$$\forall x.(\forall y.R y x \Rightarrow \neg R y y) \Rightarrow \neg R x x$$

This means we need to prove \perp given : $x, R x x$ and $\forall y.R y x \Rightarrow \neg R y y$.

We do this by using the last assumption, where we take x for y .

c) We have an infinite sequence $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, \dots$ such that $(R x_i x_{i+1})$ holds. Explain why $(A x_1)$ should not be true. Can you describe how this argument can be formalized (without excessive detail though).

It works by taking a sequence $u : \text{nat} \rightarrow \text{nat}$, but is a little tedious indeed. I will give a Coq encoding.

d) A friend explains that $(A z)$ means there is no infinite sequence starting from z such that $z > x_1 > x_2 > \dots > x_n \dots$ where $x > y$ stands for $(R y x)$.

Does this seem true to you ? Can you comment or elaborate ?

Indeed, the property A is the standard way to express that a relation is well-founded. $A(x)$ is the impredicative way to define the inductive property given by :

$A(x)$ holds iff any y “smaller” than x verifies $A(y)$.

Which is the same as defining: “a term t is strongly normalizing iff all its reducts are strongly normalizing.”