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Tik-79.148 Introduction to Theoretical Computer Science Tutorial 11 Exercises

Ordinary exercises: Let the function $odd : \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{N}$ be defined as follows:

$$odd(n) = \begin{cases} 0 & ,n \text{ is even} \\ 1 & ,n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

Show that odd(n) is primitive recursive.

1. Let $f : \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{N}$ be a primitive recursive function. Show that the function $F : \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{N}$:

$$F(n) = f(f(f(\cdots f(n) \cdots))),$$

where f is composed with itself n times, is primitive recursive.

2. Show that the function:

$$prime(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & , n \text{ is prime} \\ 0 & , \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

is μ -recursive.

The following functions that are known to be primitive recursive may help you in the proof:

$$iszero(n) = \begin{cases} 0 & , n > 0 \\ 1 & , n = 0 \end{cases}$$
 $n \sim m = \begin{cases} n - m & , n > m \\ 0 & , n \le m \end{cases}$

Additionally the addition, multiplication and comparison of two natural numbers are all primitive recursive.

Demonstration exercises:

- 3. Show that the function f is primitive recursive when f(n) is the *n*th odd natural number.
- 4. Define the remainder of two natural numbers as a μ -recursive function. Use bounded minimization in your answer.
- 5. Let $\Delta = \{a, b, c\}, \beta = 4$ and

$$d_1 = a, \quad d_2 = b, \quad d_3 = c$$

- a) What is the Gödel number of the string *abc* in this system.
- b) What string corresponds to the Gödel number 19.
- 6. (difficult) The kernel of a directed graph G = (V, E) is a set $K \subseteq V$ of nodes such that:
 - (a) For all $v, u \in K$, the edge $(u, v) \notin E$ and
 - (b) For all $v \notin K$ there exists $u \in K$ such that $(u, v) \in E$.

Prove that the problem of finding a kernel is NP-complete.