

Proof assistants

TD 2- Specifics of the Calculus of Constructions

1 Inductive Predicates

A- Give an inductive definition `even : nat -> Prop` for the predicate “to be even”.

B- Characterize with an inductive definition a relation `exp : nat -> nat -> nat -> Prop` with two constructors corresponding to the graph of the function $n^p = q$ on natural numbers.

2 Recursive types

A- Propose in COQ an inductive definition with parameter corresponding to the ML type of polymorphic lists:

```
type 'a list = nil | cons of 'a * 'a list
```

B- COQ library defines the binary product, the unit type and the type of natural numbers:

```
Inductive prod (A B : Type) : Type := pair : A -> B -> prod A B.
```

```
Inductive unit : Type := tt : unit.
```

```
Inductive nat : Type := O : nat | S : nat -> nat.
```

Construct an expression `prodn` in CCI of type `Type -> nat -> Type` which builds the n -ary product of a given type A : (i.e. `prodn A n` is $A \times \dots \times A$ (n times)). The definition will be by recursion on n .

Give an expression `length` of type $\forall A. \text{list } A \rightarrow \text{nat}$ which computes the length of a list.

Give an expression `embed` of type $\forall A. \forall l : \text{list } A. \text{prodn } A (\text{length } l)$ which translates a list into a n -uple.

3 Termination of fixpoints

Are the following fixpoints well-founded in CCI? explain why?

```
Fixpoint leq (n p: nat) {struct n} : bool :=  
  match n with  
  | O => true  
  | S n' => match p with O => false | S p' => leq n' p' end  
end.
```

```
Definition exp (p: nat) :=  
  (fix f (n: nat) : nat :=  
  match leq p n with | true => S 0 | false => f (S n) + f (S n) end)  
  0.
```

```
Definition ackermann := fix f (n: nat) : nat -> nat := match n with  
  | O => S  
  | S n' => fix g (m: nat) : nat := match m with  
    | O => f n' (S O)  
    | S m' => f n' (g m')  
  end
```

```
end.
```

4 Strong elimination

Let t_1 and t_2 be two arbitrary terms of type T_1 and T_2 . Is the following function typable ?

Definition $g (b:\text{bool}) := \text{match } b \text{ with true} \Rightarrow t_1 \mid \text{false} \Rightarrow t_2 \text{ end}$.

If yes, give the corresponding return clause.

5 Restrictions on sorts in eliminations

A- We introduce the following definition of the true proposition:

Inductive $\text{True} : \text{Prop} := \text{I} : \text{True}$.

Write a function from `unit` to `True` which is one-to-one.

B- We now introduce

Inductive $\text{BOOL} : \text{Prop} := \text{TRUE} : \text{BOOL} \mid \text{FALSE} : \text{BOOL}$.

Can we show the equivalence between `bool` and `BOOL` ? Show that such an equivalence gives a proof of the negation of the principle of $\lambda\lambda$ proof-irrelevance $\lambda\lambda$ in `Prop`, i. e. $\forall P : \text{Prop} \forall p q : P. p = q$.

6 The type W of well-founded trees (exam 2008)

The type W of well-founded trees is parameterised by a type A and a family of types $B : A \rightarrow \text{Type}$. It has only one constructor and is defined by :

Inductive $W (A:\text{Type}) (B:A \rightarrow \text{Type}) : \text{Type} :=$
 $\text{node} : \text{forall } (a:A), (B a \rightarrow W A B) \rightarrow W A B$.

The type A is used to parameterised the nodes and the type $B a$ give the arity of the node parameterised by a .

1. Give the type of dependent elimination for type W on sort `Type`.
2. In order to encode the type `nat` of natural numbers with `0` and `S`, we need two types of nodes. We take $A = \text{bool}$. The constructor `0` corresponds to $a = \text{false}$, it does not expect any argument so we take $B \text{false} = \text{empty}$. The constructor `S` corresponds to $a = \text{true}$, it takes one argument, we define $B \text{true} = \text{unit}$. Using this encoding, give the terms corresponding to `nat`, `0` et `S`.
3. Propose an encoding using W for the type `tree` of binary trees parameterised by a type of values V , which means that we have a constructor `leaf` of type $(\text{tree } V)$ and a constructor `bin` of type $\text{tree } V \rightarrow V \rightarrow \text{tree } V \rightarrow \text{tree } V$. Define the type and its constructors using this encoding.
4. Given a variable n of type `nat`, build two functions f_1 and f_2 of type `unit` \rightarrow `nat` such that $\forall x : \text{unit}, f_i x = n$ is provable but such that f_1 and f_2 are not convertible.
5. Which consequence does it have on the encoding of `nat` using W ? Propose an equality on the type W which solves this problem.