

Exercises on Lecture 10

Higher order logic and the Calculus of Constructions

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NB All exercises can also be made with Coq. Please look at the web site for the .v file. You can create a new file under your proofweb login and work with it.

1. Definition in CC (for $t, q : A$):

$$t =_A q := \Pi P : A \rightarrow *. (Pt \rightarrow Pq)$$

- (basic) Prove that this equality is reflexive and transitive by giving terms of the types $\Pi x : A. x =_A x$ and of $\Pi x, y, z : A. x =_A y \rightarrow y =_A z \rightarrow x =_A z$

ANSWER:

$$\text{refl} := \lambda x : A. \lambda P : A \rightarrow *. \lambda h : P x. h$$

$$: \Pi x : A. x =_A x$$

$$\lambda x, y, z : A. \lambda f : x =_A y. \lambda g : y =_A z. \lambda P : A \rightarrow *. \lambda h : P x. g (f P h)$$

$$: \Pi x, y, z : A. x =_A y \rightarrow y =_A z \rightarrow x =_A z$$

- (advanced) Prove that this equality is symmetric by giving a term of the type $\Pi x, y : A. x =_A y \rightarrow y =_A x$.

ANSWER: (Here are three answers. Check for yourself that each of these terms is well-typed.)

$$\lambda x, y : A. \lambda f : x =_A y. f (\lambda z : A. z =_A x) (\text{refl } x)$$

$$: \Pi x, y, z : A. x =_A y \rightarrow y =_A x$$

$$\lambda x, y : A. \lambda f : x =_A y. \lambda P : A \rightarrow *. f (\lambda z : A. P z \rightarrow P x) (\lambda q : P x. q)$$

$$: \Pi x, y, z : A. x =_A y \rightarrow y =_A x$$

$$\lambda x, y : A. \lambda f : x =_A y. \lambda P : A \rightarrow *. \lambda h : P y. f (\lambda z : A. P z \rightarrow P x) (\lambda q : P x. q) h$$

$$: \Pi x, y, z : A. x =_A y \rightarrow y =_A x$$

2. The transitive closure of a binary relation R on A has been defined as follows.

$$\text{trclos } R := \lambda x, y : A.$$

$$(\forall Q : A \rightarrow A \rightarrow *. (\text{trans}(Q) \rightarrow (R \subseteq Q) \rightarrow (Q x y))).$$

- (basic) Prove that the transitive closure of R contains R .

ANSWER: See the Coq file `Exercise10.inCoq.v`

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fun (R : A -> A -> Prop) (x y : A) (H : R x y) (Q : A -> A -> Prop)
  (_ : trans Q) (Hsub : subset R Q) => Hsub x y H
  : forall R : A -> A -> Prop, subset R (transclos R)
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- (medium) Prove that the transitive closure is transitive.

3. The existential quantifier has been defined by

$$\exists x:\sigma.\phi := \forall\alpha:*. (\forall x:\sigma.\phi \rightarrow \alpha) \rightarrow \alpha$$

- (medium) Given $t : \sigma$ and $q : P t$, give a term M such that $M : \exists x:\sigma.P x$
- (medium) Given $q : \exists x:\sigma.P x$ and $h : \forall y:\sigma.P y \rightarrow C$ with $y \notin \text{FV}(C)$, give a term N of type C .