

**Decomposition of mappings
on finite sets.**

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ABSTRACT

We are going to present a single mapping that enables to define every mappings on finite sets.

This mapping just uses the elementary arithmetical bricks :

- the constant 0
- the successor function
- the equality predicate
- ~~the natural order predicate~~

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$$\# : \mathbb{N}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$$

$$x \# y = \begin{cases} x+1 & \text{if } x = y \\ 0 & \text{if } x \neq y \end{cases}$$

THEOREM

$\forall S$ finite subset of \mathbb{N}

$\forall k$ integer > 0

Every $F : S^k \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$

is a finite composition

of the commutative operation $\#$

This result is effective

In $\mathbb{Z}/10\mathbb{Z}$, one obtains decompositions of
addition , product

with **426247** **357982** symbols $\#$

a) **Reduction to Relations** : $\text{Im}(F) \subseteq \{0,1\}$

Assume that $\text{Im}(F)$ contains some integer >1 .

Let

$$F_0(X) = \begin{cases} F(X)-1 & \text{if } F(X) > 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } F(X) = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$F_1(X) = \begin{cases} F(X)-1 & \text{if } F(X) > 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } F(X) = 0 \end{cases}$$

By construction : $F = F_0 \# F_1$

By induction, it is sufficient to prove
the result for mappings $F : S^k \rightarrow \{0,1\}$

b) Constants

Every integer m is definable :

$$[0] = x \# (x \# x) = x \# (x+1)$$

and for the expression $[m]$ of m :

$$[m+1] = [m] \# [m]$$

c) Test of equality

For every integer i , the function

$$IS(x,i) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x=i \\ 0 & \text{if } x \neq i \end{cases}$$

is definable :

$$IS(x,i) = [0] \# ([0] \# (x \# [i]))$$

d) Logical OR function

The function OR

$$\text{OR}(0,0)=0$$

$$\text{OR}(0,1)=1$$

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is definable :

$$\text{OR}(x,y) = [0] \# ([1] \# (x \# y))$$

e) Logical AND function

The function AND

$$\text{AND}(0,0)=0$$

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is definable :

$$\text{AND}(x,y) = ([0] \# x) \# ([1] \# (y \# y))$$

f) Final decomposition

Assume that $\text{Im}(F) \subseteq \{0,1\}$.

Let $U = F^{-1}(1)$. Induction on $\text{card}(U)$:

- If $U = \emptyset$ then $F = x_1 \# (x_1 \# x_1)$ (i.e. [0])
- If $I = (i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k) \in U$ then define for $X = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k)$:

$$F_I(X) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } X=I \\ F(X) & \text{if } X \neq I \end{cases}$$

$G_I = \text{AND}(IS(x_1, i_1), IS(x_2, i_2), \dots, IS(x_k, i_k))$

$$G_I(X) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } X=I \\ 0 & \text{if } X \neq I \end{cases}$$

$$F = \text{OR}(F_I, G_I)$$

What about infinite mappings ?

Negative Result

The mapping $F : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$

$$F(x) = 2x$$

**is NOT a finite composition
of the operation #**

Proof :

**a term T on # and x of height h
can only represent a mapping F
where $F(x) \leq x+h$ since
 $A \# B \leq \max(A,B)+1$**

POSITIVE RESULT

\forall enumerable set $T = \{ t_0, t_1, t_2, \dots \}$

$\forall k$ integer > 0

$\forall S$ finite subset of T^k

Every $F : S \rightarrow T$

is a finite composition

of the commutative operation

$\# : T^2 \rightarrow T$

$$x \# y = \begin{cases} t_{i+1} & \text{if } x = y = t_i \\ t_0 & \text{if } x \neq y \end{cases}$$

THANKS !