

# CS 476 Homework #4 Due 10:45am on 9/22

**Note:** Answers to the exercises listed below (in typewritten form, preferably using Latex) as well as the Maude code for Problem 2, should be emailed by the above deadline to `nishant2@illinois.edu`.

1. The addition function on the natural numbers:

$$+_{\mathbb{N}} : \mathbb{N}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$$

is a relation, and therefore a subset  $+_{\mathbb{N}} \subset \mathbb{N}^2 \times \mathbb{N}$ . In decimal notation this subset *cannot be explicitly described* without invoking the *decimal addition algorithm* to specify the set defined by this function. However, a nice feature of the Peano representation of the naturals is that  $+_{\mathbb{N}}$  *can* be explicitly described as a set. It is the set:

$$+_{\mathbb{N}} = \{((n, 0), n) \in \mathbb{N}^2 \times \mathbb{N} \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\} \cup \{((n, s(m)), s^{s(m)}(n)) \in \mathbb{N}^2 \times \mathbb{N} \mid n, m \in \mathbb{N}\}.$$

where, by definition,  $s^{s(0)}(n) = s(n)$ , and  $s^{s(m)}(n) = s(s^m(n))$ , for  $m > s(0)$ .

Consider now the following Maude functional module (in prefix notation):

```
fmod NATURAL is
  sort Nat .
  op 0 : -> Nat [ctor] .
  op s : Nat -> Nat [ctor] .
  op + : Nat Nat -> Nat .
  vars N M : Nat .
  eq +(N,0) = N .
  eq +(N,s(M)) = s(+ (N,M)) .
endfm
```

Adopting the Peano notation, any natural number  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  is *exactly* a constructor term in the above module, i.e.,  $n$  is either 0, or has the form  $s^k(0)$  for some  $k \geq 1$ .

You are asked to do two things:

- (A). Prove the following theorem:

**Theorem.** For any  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$  in Peano notation, the term  $+(n, m)$  has a unique *terminating* sequence of equality steps:

$$+(n, m) = t_1 = t_2 = \dots = u$$

such that each step in the sequence is obtained by applying one of the two equations in **NATURAL** from left to right as a simplification rule.<sup>1</sup> Furthermore, the term  $u$  in which the sequence terminates is precisely the constructor term  $+_{\mathbb{N}}(n, m) \in \mathbb{N}$ , where  $+_{\mathbb{N}}$  is the addition function on natural numbers in Peano notation specified set-theoretically above as a binary relation  $+_{\mathbb{N}} \subset \mathbb{N}^2 \times \mathbb{N}$ .

**Hint.** Use induction!

- (B). Use the above theorem [plus the (correct) assumption that **NATURAL** satisfies all the executability conditions needed for it to define a canonical term algebra] to show that for  $(\Sigma, E)$  the equational theory specified by the above module **NATURAL**, its canonical term algebra  $\mathbb{C}_{\Sigma/E}$  is *exactly* what one would expect: the algebra of the natural numbers  $\mathbb{N}$  in Peano notation, with the *standard* interpretation for the symbols  $\{0, s, +\}$  in  $\mathbb{N}$ .

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<sup>1</sup>What this means is intuitively obvious: we have seen various examples. But, in any case, this process of left-to-right simplification has been formally defined as *term rewriting* with the rules  $+(N, 0) \rightarrow N$  and  $+(N, s(M)) \rightarrow s(+ (N, M))$  in Lecture 5.

2. This exercise is about using lists of naturals to represent sets of naturals [in an obviously *non-unique* way, since lists can have repeated elements, and, even if they do not, list elements may appear in different orders]. Specifically, you are asked to define functions:

- `insert` to insert a number into a set.
- a predicate `_in_` to test whether a number belongs to a set.
- `_U_` to compute the union of two sets.
- `simplify` to obtain a list representation of a set that has no repeated elements.
- `_/\_` to compute the intersection of two sets.
- `_-\_` to compute the difference of two sets.
- `equal-sets` to test whether or not two lists represent the same set.

You can do so by adding the needed equations defining such functions [plus those for any other auxiliary functions that you may need] to the module below, which imports NAT, the built-in naturals. This ensures that you have various functions, such as `if_then_else_fi`, order comparison between numbers, Boolean operations, and the built-in equality predicate `_==_` (for both numbers and lists) already available to you.

```
fmod LIST-REPRESENTATION-OF-SETS is
  protecting NAT .
  sort List .
  op nil : -> List [ctor] .
  op _;_ : Nat List -> List [ctor] .

  vars N M : Nat .  vars L L1 L2 : List .

  op insert : Nat List -> List .  *** inserts a number into a list viewed as a "set"

  *** add your equations here

  op _in_ : Nat List -> Bool .  *** checks if a number is in the list viewed as a "set"

  *** add your equations here

  op _U_ : List List -> List .  *** computes a list representing "set" union

  *** add your equations here

  op simplify : List -> List .  *** returns a list representing the set with no repetitions

  *** add your equations here

  op _/\_ : List List -> List .  *** computes a list representing "set" intersection

  *** add your equations here

  op _-\_ : List List -> List .  *** computes a list representing "set" difference

  *** add your equations here

  op equal-sets : List List -> Bool .  *** checks if two lists represent the same set

  *** add your equations here

endfm
```

Since many different lists can represent the *same* set, there are of course *different* ways of defining the above functions. For example, both `2;3;3;1;nil` and `2;3;1;nil` are correct representations of the set union of the “sets” `2;3;nil` and `3;1;nil`. You just need to make sure that your definition of each function corresponds to *one* of the possible ways of correctly representing that set-theoretic function.

You can retrieve from the course web page this module as a “skeleton” on which to give your answer. Also, send a file with your module and tests cases to `nishant2@illinois.edu`.