

# CS 476 Homework #6 Due 10:45am on 10/6

**Note:** Answers to the exercises listed below and the code solution for Exercise 2 should be emailed in *typewritten form* (latex formatting preferred) by the deadline mentioned above to `nishant2@illinois.edu`.

- Note that we can think of a relation  $R \subseteq A \times B$  as a “nondeterministic function from  $A$  to  $B$ .” That is, given an element  $a \in A$ , we can think of the result of applying  $R$  to  $a$ , let us denote it  $R\{a\}$ , as the set of all  $b$ 's such that  $(a, b) \in R$ . Unlike for functions, the set  $R\{a\}$  may be empty, or may have more than one element.

Note that the powerset  $\mathcal{P}(B)$  allows us to view the “non-deterministic mapping”  $a \mapsto R\{a\}$  as a normal *function* from  $A$  to  $\mathcal{P}(B)$ . More precisely, we can define<sup>1</sup>  $R\{-}$  as the function:

$$R\{-} : A \ni a \mapsto \{b \in B \mid (a, b) \in R\} \in \mathcal{P}(B).$$

But since this can be done for any relation  $R \subseteq A \times B$ , the mapping  $R \mapsto R\{-}$  is itself a function:

$$\{-} : \mathcal{P}(A \times B) \ni R \mapsto R\{-} \in [A \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(B)].$$

One can now ask an obvious question: are the notions of a relation  $R \in \mathcal{P}(A \times B)$  and of a function  $f \in [A \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(B)]$  *essentially the same*? That is, can we go *back and forth* between these two supposedly equivalent representations of a relation? But note that the idea of “going back and forth” between two equivalent representations is precisely the idea of a *bijection*.

Prove that the function  $\{-} : \mathcal{P}(A \times B) \ni R \mapsto R\{-} \in [A \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(B)]$  is bijective.

- This problem is a good example of the motto:

*Declarative Programming = Mathematical Modeling*

Specifically, of how you can model *discrete mathematics* in a computable way by functional programs in Maude, so that what you get is a *computable mathematical model* of discrete mathematics. Furthermore, it will allow you to obtain a *computable mathematical model of arrays and array lookup* as a special case of your model.

Recall the function:

$$\{-} : \mathcal{P}(A \times B) \ni R \mapsto R\{-} \in [A \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(B)]$$

from Problem 1 above. Note that we then also have a function:

$$\{-} : \mathcal{P}(A \times B) \times A \ni (R, a) \mapsto R\{a\} \in \mathcal{P}(B)$$

that applies the function  $R\{-}$  to an element  $a \in A$  to get its image set under  $R$ .

**Define** this latter function in Maude for  $A = \mathbf{N}$  the set of natural numbers, and  $B = \mathbf{Q}$  the set of rational numbers, and for *finite* relations  $R \subset \mathbf{N} \times \mathbf{Q}$  by giving recursive equations for it in the functional module below.

**Define** also in the same functional module the auxiliary functions: `dom`, which assigns to each finite relation  $R \subset \mathbf{N} \times \mathbf{Q}$  the set  $\text{dom}(R) = \{n \in \mathbf{N} \mid \exists(n, r) \in R\}$ , and the predicate `pfun`, which tests whether a relation  $f \subset \mathbf{N} \times \mathbf{Q}$  is a *partial function*. That is, whether  $f$  satisfies the uniqueness condition:

$$(\forall n \in \mathbf{N}) (\forall p, q \in \mathbf{R}) [(n, p) \in f \wedge (n, q) \in f] \Rightarrow p = q.$$

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<sup>1</sup>Note that the function  $R\{-}$  is *closely related* to the function

$$R[\_] : \mathcal{P}(A) \ni A' \mapsto \{b \in B \mid a \in A' \wedge (a, b) \in R\} \in \mathcal{P}(B)$$

defined in STACS, namely, by the equation:  $R\{a\} = R[\{a\}]$ . We are using a different notation ( $R\{-}$  and  $R[\_]$ ) to distinguish them.

In Computer Science a *finite* partial function  $f \subset \mathbf{N} \times \mathbf{Q}$  is called an *array* of rational numbers, or sometimes a *map*. Note that when  $f$  is an array, the result  $f\{n\}$  is either a single rational number, or, if  $f$  is not defined for the index  $n$ , then `mt`. That is,  $f\{n\}$  is *exactly* array lookup, which usually would be denoted  $f[n]$  instead. In summary, the function `_[_]` that you will define includes as a special case the *array lookup* function for arrays of rational numbers of arbitrary size.

**Note:** Notice Maude's built-in module `RAT` contains `NAT` as a submodule, and has a subsort relation `Nat < Rat`. You can use the automatically imported module `BOOL` and its built-in equality predicate `==` and if-then-else `if_then_else_fi` as auxiliary functions.

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fmod RELATION-APPLICATION is protecting RAT .
  sorts Pair NatSet RatSet Rel .
  subsort Pair < Rel .
  subsort Nat < NatSet < RatSet .
  subsort Rat < RatSet .
  op [_,_] : Nat Rat -> Pair [ctor] .          *** Pair is cartesian product Nat x Rat
  op mt : -> NatSet [ctor] .                  *** empty set of naturals
  op null : -> Rel [ctor] .                   *** empty relation
  op _,_ : NatSet NatSet -> NatSet [ctor assoc comm id: mt] . *** union
  op _,_ : RatSet RatSet -> RatSet [ctor assoc comm id: mt] . *** union
  op _,_ : Rel Rel -> Rel [ctor assoc comm id: null] .       *** union
  op _in_ : Nat NatSet -> Bool .              *** membership
  op _[_] : Rel Nat -> RatSet .              *** relation application to a number
  op dom : Rel -> NatSet .                   *** domain of a relation
  op pfun : Rel -> Bool .                    *** partial function predicate
  vars n m : Nat . var r : Rat . var P : Pair . var S : NatSet . var R : Rel .
  eq n,n = n .                               *** idempotency
  eq P,P = P .                               *** idempotency
  eq n in mt = false .                       *** membership

  eq n in (m,S) = (n == m) or n in S .      *** membership

  *** your equations defining the functions _[_], dom, and pfun here
  *** if you need to declare any other variables or auxiliary
  *** functions besides those above, you can also do so

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