

Declarative Programming and (Co)Induction

Prolog exercises

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Easy exercises Consider natural numbers defined by the functors $z/0$ and $s/1$, and list defined by the standard Prolog functors.

Define the Horn clauses for the following predicates.

1. $is_nat/1$ s.t. $is_nat(t)$ holds iff t is a natural number defined either inductively or coinductively. The same definition should work for both interpretations. Verify that the query $I = s(I), is_nat(I)$ does not terminate, whereas the query $cosld((I = s(I), is_nat(I)))$ (**beware** of the initial double parentheses!) succeeds.
2. $geq/2$ s.t. $geq(t_1, t_2)$ holds iff t_1 is a natural number greater or equal than the natural number t_2 . The predicate must not hold if t_1 or t_2 is not a natural number. The same definition should work for the inductive and coinductive interpretation. Verify that the query $I = s(I), geq(I, s(z))$ does not terminate, whereas the query $cosld((I = s(I), geq(I, s(z))))$ succeeds.
3. Same as point 2, but with the predicate $leq/2$ (less or equal than).
4. $gth/2$ s.t. $gth(t_1, t_2)$ holds iff t_1 is a natural number greater than the natural number t_2 (only in the inductive case). The predicate must not hold if t_1 or t_2 is not a natural number.
Change the definition to accommodate the coinductive case.
5. Same as point 4, but with predicate $lth/2$ (less than).
6. $eq/2$ s.t. $eq(t_1, t_2)$ holds iff t_1 is a natural number equal to the natural number t_2 . Try to define the predicate directly, without using other predicates. The predicate must not hold if t_1 or t_2 is not a natural number. The same definition should work for the inductive and coinductive interpretation.
7. $odd/1$ s.t. $odd(t)$ holds iff t is an odd natural number (only for the inductive case).
Change the definition to accommodate the coinductive case.
8. $even/1$ s.t. $even(t)$ holds iff t is an even natural number (only for the inductive case).
Change the definition to accommodate the coinductive case.
9. $parent/2$ s.t. $parent(t_1, t_2)$ holds iff t_1 is the parent node of t_2 ; assume that there is a predefined predicate $child/2$ s.t. $child(t_1, t_2)$ holds iff t_1 is a child node of t_2 .
Compare the inductive and coinductive interpretations for the same definition.
10. $eq_list/2$ s.t. $eq_list(t_1, t_2)$ holds iff t_1 and t_2 are two identical lists. The same definition should work for the inductive and coinductive interpretation.
11. $all_even/1$ s.t. $all_even(t_1)$ holds iff t_1 is a list containing just even natural numbers.
The same definition should work for the inductive and coinductive interpretation. For instance, the query $cosld((L = [z, s(z)|L], all_even(L))$ must succeed. Verify that in Haskell you cannot easily define such a predicate by using the built-in all function if you want it to work correctly on infinite regular lists.
12. $is_in/2$ s.t. $is_in(t_1, t_2)$ holds iff t_1 is an element of the list t_2 .
Verify that such a definition works properly only for the inductive case.

Less easy exercises

1. *descendant*/2 which is the transitive closure of *child*/2; assume that there is a predefined predicate *child*/2 s.t. $child(t_1, t_2)$ holds iff t_1 is a child node of t_2 .
Compare the inductive and coinductive interpretations for the same definition.
2. *ancestor*/2 which is the transitive closure of *parent*/2; assume that there is a predefined predicate *parent*/2 s.t. $parent(t_1, t_2)$ holds iff t_1 is the parent node of t_2 .
Compare the inductive and coinductive interpretations for the same definition.
3. *div*/2 s.t. $div(t_1, t_2)$ holds iff the natural number t_1 divides the natural number t_2 (only for the inductive case).
Hint: define first the predicate *sub*/3 s.t. $sub(t_1, t_2, t_3)$ holds iff t_1, t_2 , and t_3 are natural numbers s.t. $t_3 = t_1 - t_2$.