

Example — exponential function

Taylor series:

$$e^x = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^i}{i!} \quad (40)$$

Computing finite approximation (n terms)

$$e^x \ n = \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{x^i}{i!} \quad (41)$$

takes quadratic time. Wishing to calculate a linear-time algorithm from this mathematical definition, we first head for an inductive definition:

$$\begin{aligned} e^x \ 0 &= 1 \\ e^x \ (n+1) &= \underbrace{\frac{x^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}}_{h_x \ n} + \underbrace{\sum_{i=0}^n \frac{x^i}{i!}}_{e^x \ n} \end{aligned}$$

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We thus get primitive recursive definition

$$\begin{aligned} e^x 0 &= 1 \\ e^x (n+1) &= h_x n + e^x n \end{aligned}$$

where $h_x n$ unfolds to $\frac{x^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} = \frac{x}{n+1} \frac{x^n}{n!}$. Therefore:

$$\begin{aligned} h_x 0 &= x \\ h_x (n+1) &= \frac{x}{n+2} (h_x n) \end{aligned}$$

Introducing $s2\ n = n + 2$, we derive:

$$\begin{aligned} s2\ 0 &= 2 \\ s2(n+1) &= 1 + s2\ n \end{aligned}$$

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We can thus put e^x , $s2$ and h_x together in a system of three mutually recursive functions e^x , $s2_x$ and h_x over the naturals, which PF-transform to

$$\begin{aligned} e^x \cdot in &= \underbrace{[\underline{1}, (+) \cdot \langle \pi_1, \pi_2 \cdot \pi_2 \rangle]}_r \cdot F\langle e^x, \langle s2_x, h_x \rangle \rangle \\ s2_x \cdot in &= \underbrace{[\underline{2}, suc \cdot \pi_1 \cdot \pi_2]}_s \cdot F\langle e^x, \langle s2_x, h_x \rangle \rangle \\ h_x \cdot in &= \underbrace{[\underline{x}, (*) \cdot ((x/) \times id) \cdot \pi_2]}_t \cdot F\langle e^x, \langle s2_x, h_x \rangle \rangle \end{aligned}$$

respectively, for

$$\begin{aligned} in &= [\underline{0}, suc] \\ F X &= id + X \end{aligned}$$

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Next we apply the exchange law (30) to $\langle r, \langle s, t \rangle \rangle$ (twice):

$$\langle r, \langle s, t \rangle \rangle = [\langle \underline{1}, \langle \underline{2}, \underline{x} \rangle \rangle, \langle (+) \cdot \langle \pi_1, \pi_2 \cdot \pi_2 \rangle, \langle \text{suc} \cdot \pi_1 \cdot \pi_2, u \rangle \rangle]$$

Thanks to universal properties (32) and (23) ² we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \text{aux}_x \cdot \underline{0} &= \langle \underline{1}, \langle \underline{2}, \underline{x} \rangle \rangle \\ \text{aux}_x \cdot \text{suc} &= \langle (+) \cdot \langle \pi_1, \pi_2 \cdot \pi_2 \rangle, \langle \text{suc} \cdot \pi_1 \cdot \pi_2, u \rangle \rangle \cdot \text{aux}_x \\ e^x &= \pi_1 \cdot \text{aux}_x \end{aligned}$$

that is, we have calculated linear implementation

²For functions.

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exp x n = let (e,b,c) = aux x n
          in e where
            aux x 0 = (1,2,x)
            aux x (i+1) = let (e,s,h) = aux x i
                          in (e+h,s+1,(x/s)*h)
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which can be identified as the denotational semantics of a while loop, encoded below in the C programming language:

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float exp(float x, int n)
{
    float e=1; int s=2; float h=x; int i;
    for (i=0;i<n+1;i++) {e=e+h;h=(x/s)*h;s++;}
    return e;
};
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