

# Computability Theory VII

S-M-N Theorem

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## Problem Index

# Motivation

By Church-Turing Thesis one may study computability theory using any of the computation models.

It is much more instructive however to carry out the study in a model independent manner.

The first step is to assign index to computable function.

## Review Tips

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$$\gamma(P) = \tau(\beta(I_1), \dots, \beta(I_s))$$

The value  $\gamma(P)$  is called the **Gödel number** of  $P$ .

# Synopsis

- ① Gödel Index
- ② S-m-n Theorem

## Gödel Index



# Basic Idea

We see a number as an index for a problem/function if it is the Gödel number of a programme that solves/calculates the problem/function.

# Definition

Suppose  $a \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $n \geq 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_a^{(n)} &= \text{the } n \text{ ary function computed by } P_a \\ &= f_{P_a}^{(n)},\end{aligned}$$

$$W_a^{(n)} = \text{the domain of } \phi_a^{(n)} = \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \mid P_a(x_1, \dots, x_n) \downarrow\},$$

$$E_a^{(n)} = \text{the range of } \phi_a^{(n)}.$$

The super script  $(n)$  is omitted when  $n = 1$ .

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# Gödel Index for Computable Function

Suppose  $f$  is an  $n$ -ary computable function..

A number  $a$  is an **index** for  $f$  if  $f = \phi_a^{(n)}$ .

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Systematically add useless instructions to  $P_x$ .



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We may list for example all the elements of  $\mathcal{C}_n$  as  $\phi_0^{(n)}, \phi_1^{(n)}, \phi_2^{(n)}, \dots$

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Is the following function computable?

$$f(n) \simeq \begin{cases} \phi_n(n) + 1, & \text{if } \phi_n(n) \text{ is defined,} \\ \uparrow, & \text{if } \phi_n(n) \text{ is undefined.} \end{cases}$$

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Suppose there is a sequence  $f_0, f_1, \dots, f_n, \dots$

Diagonalize out of  $f_0, f_1, \dots$  by making  $f$  differ from  $f_n$  at  $n$ .

## S-m-n Theorem

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*How do different indexing systems relate?*



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S-m-n Theorem states that the index  $e$  can be computed from  $a$ .

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## Fact

Suppose that  $f(x, y)$  is a computable function. There is a primitive recursive function  $k(x)$  such that

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Let  $k(a)$  be the **Gödel number** of the above program. It can be effectively computed from the above program.



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**S-m-n Theorem** is also called **Parameter Theorem**.

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The **injectivity** is achieved by padding enough useless instructions.



# Exercise I

Show that there is a total computable function  $k$  such that for each  $n$ ,  $k(n)$  is an index of the function  $\lceil \sqrt[n]{x} \rceil$ .

# Exercise II

Show that there is a total computable function  $k$  such that for each  $n$ ,  $W_k(n)$  = the set of perfect  $n$ th power.

# Exercise III

Show that there is a total computable function  $k$  such that

$$W_{k(n)}^{(m)} = \{(y_1, \dots, y_m) : y_1 + y_2 + \dots + y_m = n\}$$

suppose  $m \geq 1$ .