

Definition of AUTOMATH

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I.1 Syntax

Basic symbols are

a countable set of constants: $A = \{a, b, c, a_1, b_1, c_1, a_2, b_2, c_2, \dots\}$

a countable set of variables: $X = \{x, y, z, x_1, y_1, z_1, x_2, y_2, z_2, \dots\}$

a countable set of dummies: $S = \{s, t, u, s_1, t_1, u_1, s_2, t_2, u_2, \dots\}$

and more over

$\dagger \mid * \mid := \mid \text{PN} \mid \equiv \text{B} \mid \text{type} \mid \mid (\mid) \mid \{ \mid \} \mid [\mid]$

$\langle \text{book} \rangle ::= \mid \langle \text{book} \rangle \dagger \langle \text{line} \rangle$

$\langle \text{line} \rangle ::= \langle \text{indicator string} \rangle * \langle \text{definitional part} \rangle * \langle \text{category} \rangle$

$\langle \text{indicator string} \rangle ::= \mid \langle \text{indicator string} \rangle , \langle \text{variable} \rangle$

$\langle \text{variable} \rangle ::= x \mid y \mid z \mid x_1 \mid y_1 \mid z_1 \mid x_2 \mid y_2 \mid z_2 \mid \dots$

$\langle \text{definitional part} \rangle ::= \langle \text{constant} \rangle := \langle \text{expression} \rangle \mid \langle \text{constant} \rangle := \text{PN} \mid \langle \text{variable} \rangle := \text{EB}$

$\langle \text{constant} \rangle ::= a \mid b \mid c \mid a_1 \mid b_1 \mid c_1 \mid a_2 \mid b_2 \mid c_2 \mid \dots$

$\langle \text{category} \rangle ::= \text{type} \mid \langle \text{expression} \rangle$

$\langle \text{expression string} \rangle ::= \langle \text{expression} \rangle \mid \langle \text{expression string} \rangle , \langle \text{expression} \rangle$

$\langle \text{expression} \rangle ::= \langle \text{constant} \rangle \mid \langle \text{variable} \rangle \mid \langle \text{constant} \rangle (\langle \text{expression string} \rangle)$

$\mid \langle \text{dummy} \rangle \mid \{ \langle \text{expression} \rangle \} \langle \text{expression} \rangle \mid [\langle \text{dummy} \rangle , \langle \text{expression} \rangle]$

$\langle \text{expression} \rangle$

$\langle \text{dummy} \rangle ::= s \mid t \mid u \mid s_1 \mid t_1 \mid u_1 \mid s_2 \mid t_2 \mid u_2 \mid \dots$

Remark The part of the syntax above the dotted line is the syntax of PAL (cf [2]).

The constant resp. variable occurring before $:=$ in the definitional part of a line is called the identifier of that line.

I.2 Free and bound dummies.

Let Σ be an expression string

$A(\Sigma)$ is the set of constants occurring in Σ

$X(\Sigma)$ is the set of variables occurring in Σ

$S(\Sigma)$ is the set of dummies occurring in Σ

Let Σ be an expression string and s a dummy.

We define a function $P(\Sigma, s)$ with values in {free, bound, fraudulent, absent} by recursion as follows

IF Σ is an expression then

if $\Sigma \in A$ then $P(\Sigma, s) = \text{absent}$

if $\Sigma \in X$ then $P(\Sigma, s) = \text{absent}$

if $\Sigma = a(\Sigma_1)$ where Σ_1 is an expression string then $P(\Sigma, s) = P(\Sigma_1, s)$

if $\Sigma \in S, \Sigma \neq s$ then $P(\Sigma, s) = \text{absent}$

if $\Sigma = s$ then $P(\Sigma, s) = \text{free}$

if $\Sigma = \{\Sigma_1\} \Sigma_2, \Sigma_1$ and Σ_2 expressions then $P(\Sigma, s)$ is as given in Table I

if $\Sigma = [\Sigma_1, \Sigma_2], \Sigma_1$ and Σ_2 expressions and $u \neq s$ then $P(\Sigma, s)$ is as given in Table I

if $\Sigma = [s, \Sigma_1], \Sigma_1$ and Σ_2 expressions then $P(\Sigma, s)$ is as given in Table II

IF Σ is not an expression,

$\Sigma = \Sigma_1, \Sigma_2$ where Σ_1 is an expression string, Σ_2 an expression then $P(\Sigma, s)$ is as given in Table I

		$P(\Sigma_2, s)$			
		free	bound	fraudulent	absent
$P(\Sigma_1, s)$	free	free	fraudulent	fraudulent	free
	bound	fraudulent	fraudulent	fraudulent	bound
	fraudulent	fraudulent	fraudulent	fraudulent	fraudulent
	absent	free	bound	fraudulent	absent

		$P(\Sigma_2, s)$			
		free	bound	fraudulent	absent
$P(\Sigma_1, s)$	free	fraudulent	fraudulent	fraudulent	fraudulent
	bound	fraudulent	fraudulent	fraudulent	fraudulent
	fraudulent	fraudulent	fraudulent	fraudulent	fraudulent
	absent	bound	fraudulent	fraudulent	bound

Let Σ be an expression string

$F(\Sigma)$ is the collection of free dummies occurring in Σ

$B(\Sigma)$ is the collection of bound dummies occurring in Σ .

I₃ Substitution

Let Λ be an expression string, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n expressions, $\{x_i \in X \cup S (i=1..n), x_i \neq x_j (i \neq j), i, j = 1..n\}$

We will define $\text{Subst}_{x_1 \rightarrow \Sigma_1, \dots, x_n \rightarrow \Sigma_n} \Lambda$ (or briefly $\text{Subst} \Lambda$) by recursion:

IF Λ is an expression then

- If $\Lambda \in A$ then $\text{subst} \Lambda = \Lambda$
- If $\Lambda = x_i$ for a certain i then $\text{Subst} \Lambda = \Sigma_i$
- If $\Lambda \in X, \Lambda \neq x_i (i=1..n)$ then $\text{Subst} \Lambda = \Lambda$
- If $\Lambda = a(\Lambda_1)$, a an expression string then $\text{Subst} \Lambda = a(\text{Subst} \Lambda_1)$
- If $\Lambda \in S, \Lambda \neq x_i (i=1..n)$ then $\text{Subst} \Lambda = \Lambda$
- If $\Lambda = \{ \Lambda_1, \Lambda_2 \}$, Λ_1 and Λ_2 expressions, then $\text{Subst} \Lambda = \{ \text{Subst} \Lambda_1, \text{Subst} \Lambda_2 \}$
- If $\Lambda = [s, \Lambda_1] \Lambda_2$, s , Λ_1 and Λ_2 expressions, then $\text{Subst} \Lambda = [\text{Subst} s, \text{Subst} \Lambda_1] \text{Subst} \Lambda_2$

IF Λ is not an expression then

$\Lambda = \Lambda_1, \Lambda_2$ where Λ_1 an expression string, Λ_2 an expression and $\text{Subst} \Lambda = \text{Subst} \Lambda_1, \text{Subst} \Lambda_2$

Two expressions ~~...~~ Σ and Σ^* are said to be congruent if there exist a 1-1 mapping $\varphi: B(\Sigma) \rightarrow B(\Sigma^*)$ such that if $B(\Sigma) = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$
 $\text{Subst}_{x_1 \rightarrow \varphi(x_1), \dots, x_n \rightarrow \varphi(x_n)} \Sigma = \Sigma^*$

For expression strings we define congruence by recursion:

Let Σ and Σ^* be expression strings and not expressions.

Then $\Sigma = \Sigma_1, \Sigma_2$ and $\Sigma^* = \Sigma_1^*, \Sigma_2^*$ where Σ_1 and Σ_1^* are expression strings, Σ_2 and Σ_2^* are expressions

Σ and Σ^* are called congruent if Σ_1 and Σ_1^* are congruent and Σ_2 and Σ_2^* are congruent.

Lemma Congruence is an equivalence relation

proof by recursion.

Lemma 2 Let Σ be an expression string, $T \subset S, T$ finite.

Then there exists an expression string Σ^* congruent Σ such that $B(\Sigma^*) \cap T = \emptyset$

Moreover, if $S(\Sigma) = B(\Sigma) \cup F(\Sigma)$, i.e. if Σ does not contain franklin's divides, then the same is true for Σ^*

proof Let $T \cap B(\Sigma) = \{t_1, \dots, t_n\}$ Choose n different elements u_1, \dots, u_n from $S \setminus (S(\Sigma) \cup T)$. Then the expression $\Sigma^* = \text{Subst}_{t_1 \rightarrow u_1, \dots, t_n \rightarrow u_n} \Sigma$ has the required properties.