# Recursive Definitions 

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#### Abstract

Summary. The text contains some schemes which allow elimination of definitions by recursion.


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The articles [6], [5], [8], [7], [1], [9], [3], [2], and [4] provide the notation and terminology for this paper.

We use the following convention: $n, k$ denote natural numbers, $x, y, z, y_{1}, y_{2}$ denote sets, and $p$ denotes a finite sequence.

Let $D$ be a set, let $p$ be a partial function from $D$ to $\mathbb{N}$, and let $n$ be an element of $D$. Then $p(n)$ is a natural number.

In this article we present several logical schemes. The scheme $\operatorname{Rec} E x$ deals with a set $\mathcal{A}$ and a ternary predicate $\mathcal{P}$, and states that:

There exists a function $f$ such that $\operatorname{dom} f=\mathbb{N}$ and $f(0)=\mathcal{A}$ and for every element $n$ of $\mathbb{N}$ holds $\mathscr{P}[n, f(n), f(n+1)]$
provided the parameters meet the following requirements:

- For every natural number $n$ and for every set $x$ there exists a set $y$ such that $\mathcal{P}[n, x, y]$, and
- For every natural number $n$ and for all sets $x, y_{1}, y_{2}$ such that $\mathcal{P}\left[n, x, y_{1}\right]$ and $\mathscr{P}\left[n, x, y_{2}\right]$ holds $y_{1}=y_{2}$.
The scheme $\operatorname{RecEx} D$ deals with a non empty set $\mathcal{A}$, an element $\mathcal{B}$ of $\mathcal{A}$, and a ternary predicate $\mathcal{P}$, and states that:

There exists a function $f$ from $\mathbb{N}$ into $\mathcal{A}$ such that $f(0)=\mathcal{B}$ and for every element $n$ of $\mathbb{N}$ holds $\mathscr{P}[n, f(n), f(n+1)]$
provided the parameters have the following property:

- For every natural number $n$ and for every element $x$ of $\mathcal{A}$ there exists an element $y$ of $\mathcal{A}$ such that $\mathcal{P}[n, x, y]$.
The scheme LambdaRecEx deals with a set $\mathcal{A}$ and a binary functor $\mathcal{F}$ yielding a set, and states that:

There exists a function $f$ such that $\operatorname{dom} f=\mathbb{N}$ and $f(0)=\mathcal{A}$ and for every element $n$ of $\mathbb{N}$ holds $f(n+1)=\mathcal{F}(n, f(n))$
for all values of the parameters.
The scheme LambdaRecExD deals with a non empty set $\mathcal{A}$, an element $\mathcal{B}$ of $\mathcal{A}$, and a binary functor $\mathcal{F}$ yielding an element of $\mathcal{A}$, and states that:

There exists a function $f$ from $\mathbb{N}$ into $\mathcal{A}$ such that $f(0)=\mathcal{B}$ and for every element $n$ of $\mathbb{N}$ holds $f(n+1)=\mathcal{F}(n, f(n))$
for all values of the parameters.
The scheme FinRecEx deals with a set $\mathcal{A}$, a natural number $\mathcal{B}$, and a ternary predicate $\mathcal{P}$, and states that:

There exists a finite sequence $p$ such that len $p=\mathcal{B}$ but $p(1)=\mathcal{A}$ or $\mathcal{B}=0$ but for every $n$ such that $1 \leq n$ and $n<\mathcal{B}$ holds $\mathcal{P}[n, p(n), p(n+1)]$
provided the parameters meet the following conditions:

- For every natural number $n$ such that $1 \leq n$ and $n<\mathcal{B}$ and for every set $x$ there exists a set $y$ such that $\mathscr{P}[n, x, y]$, and
- For every natural number $n$ such that $1 \leq n$ and $n<\mathcal{B}$ and for all sets $x, y_{1}, y_{2}$ such that $\mathcal{P}\left[n, x, y_{1}\right]$ and $\mathcal{P}\left[n, x, y_{2}\right]$ holds $y_{1}=y_{2}$.
The scheme FinRecExD deals with a non empty set $\mathcal{A}$, an element $\mathcal{B}$ of $\mathcal{A}$, a natural number $\mathcal{C}$, and a ternary predicate $\mathcal{P}$, and states that:

There exists a finite sequence $p$ of elements of $\mathcal{A}$ such that len $p=\mathcal{C}$ but $p(1)=\mathcal{B}$ or $\mathcal{C}=0$ but for every $n$ such that $1 \leq n$ and $n<\mathcal{C}$ holds $\mathcal{P}[n, p(n), p(n+1)]$ provided the parameters have the following property:

- Let $n$ be a natural number. Suppose $1 \leq n$ and $n<\mathcal{C}$. Let $x$ be an element of $\mathcal{A}$. Then there exists an element $y$ of $\mathcal{A}$ such that $\mathcal{P}[n, x, y]$.
The scheme SeqBinOpEx deals with a finite sequence $\mathcal{A}$ and a ternary predicate $\mathcal{P}$, and states that:

There exists $x$ and there exists a finite sequence $p$ such that $x=p(\operatorname{len} p)$ and len $p=$ len $\mathcal{A}$ and $p(1)=\mathcal{A}(1)$ and for every $k$ such that $1 \leq k$ and $k<$ len $\mathcal{A}$ holds $\mathcal{P}[\mathcal{A}(k+$ 1), $p(k), p(k+1)]$
provided the following conditions are met:

- For all $k, x$ such that $1 \leq k$ and $k<\operatorname{len} \mathcal{A}$ there exists $y$ such that $\mathcal{P}[\mathcal{A}(k+1), x, y]$, and
- For all $k, x, y_{1}, y_{2}, z$ such that $1 \leq k$ and $k<\operatorname{len} \mathcal{A}$ and $z=\mathcal{A}(k+1)$ and $\mathcal{P}\left[z, x, y_{1}\right]$ and $\mathcal{P}\left[z, x, y_{2}\right]$ holds $y_{1}=y_{2}$.
The scheme LambdaSeqBinOpEx deals with a finite sequence $\mathcal{A}$ and a binary functor $\mathcal{F}$ yielding a set, and states that:

There exists $x$ and there exists a finite sequence $p$ such that $x=p(\operatorname{len} p)$ and len $p=$ len $\mathcal{A}$ and $p(1)=\mathcal{A}(1)$ and for every $k$ such that $1 \leq k$ and $k<\operatorname{len} \mathcal{A}$ holds $p(k+1)=$ $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{A}(k+1), p(k))$
for all values of the parameters.
The scheme $\operatorname{Rec} U n$ deals with a set $\mathcal{A}$, functions $\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C}$, and a ternary predicate $\mathcal{P}$, and states that:

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\mathcal{B}=\mathcal{C}
$$

provided the parameters satisfy the following conditions:

- $\operatorname{dom} \mathcal{B}=\mathbb{N}$ and $\mathcal{B}(0)=\mathcal{A}$ and for every $n$ holds $\mathcal{P}[n, \mathcal{B}(n), \mathcal{B}(n+1)]$,
- $\operatorname{dom} \mathcal{C}=\mathbb{N}$ and $\mathcal{C}(0)=\mathcal{A}$ and for every $n$ holds $\mathcal{P}[n, \mathcal{C}(n), \mathcal{C}(n+1)]$, and
- For every $n$ and for all sets $x, y_{1}, y_{2}$ such that $\mathcal{P}\left[n, x, y_{1}\right]$ and $\mathcal{P}\left[n, x, y_{2}\right]$ holds $y_{1}=y_{2}$.

The scheme $\operatorname{Rec} U n D$ deals with a non empty set $\mathcal{A}$, an element $\mathcal{B}$ of $\mathcal{A}$, functions $\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D}$ from $\mathbb{N}$ into $\mathcal{A}$, and a ternary predicate $\mathcal{P}$, and states that:

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\mathcal{C}=\mathcal{D}
$$

provided the parameters meet the following requirements:

- $\mathcal{C}(0)=\mathcal{B}$ and for every $n$ holds $\mathcal{P}[n, \mathcal{C}(n), \mathcal{C}(n+1)]$,
- $\mathcal{D}(0)=\mathcal{B}$ and for every $n$ holds $\mathcal{P}[n, \mathcal{D}(n), \mathcal{D}(n+1)]$, and
- For every natural number $n$ and for all elements $x, y_{1}, y_{2}$ of $\mathcal{A}$ such that $\mathcal{P}\left[n, x, y_{1}\right]$ and $\mathcal{P}\left[n, x, y_{2}\right]$ holds $y_{1}=y_{2}$.
The scheme LambdaRecUn deals with a set $\mathcal{A}$, a binary functor $\mathcal{F}$ yielding a set, and functions $\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C}$, and states that:

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\mathcal{B}=\mathcal{C}
$$

provided the parameters meet the following conditions:

- $\operatorname{dom} \mathcal{B}=\mathbb{N}$ and $\mathcal{B}(0)=\mathcal{A}$ and for every $n$ holds $\mathcal{B}(n+1)=\mathcal{F}(n, \mathcal{B}(n))$, and
- $\operatorname{dom} \mathcal{C}=\mathbb{N}$ and $\mathcal{C}(0)=\mathcal{A}$ and for every $n$ holds $\mathcal{C}(n+1)=\mathcal{F}(n, \mathcal{C}(n))$.

The scheme LambdaRecUnD deals with a non empty set $\mathcal{A}$, an element $\mathcal{B}$ of $\mathcal{A}$, a binary functor $\mathcal{F}$ yielding an element of $\mathcal{A}$, and functions $\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D}$ from $\mathbb{N}$ into $\mathcal{A}$, and states that:

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\mathcal{C}=\mathcal{D}
$$

provided the following conditions are satisfied:

- $\mathcal{C}(0)=\mathcal{B}$ and for every $n$ holds $\mathcal{C}(n+1)=\mathcal{F}(n, \mathcal{C}(n))$, and
- $\mathcal{D}(0)=\mathcal{B}$ and for every $n$ holds $\mathcal{D}(n+1)=\mathcal{F}(n, \mathcal{D}(n))$.

The scheme LambdaRecUnR deals with a real number $\mathcal{A}$, a binary functor $\mathcal{F}$ yielding a set, and functions $\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C}$ from $\mathbb{N}$ into $\mathbb{R}$, and states that:

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\mathcal{B}=\mathcal{C}
$$

provided the parameters meet the following conditions:

- $\mathcal{B}(0)=\mathcal{A}$ and for every $n$ holds $\mathcal{B}(n+1)=\mathcal{F}(n, \mathcal{B}(n))$, and
- $\mathcal{C}(0)=\mathcal{A}$ and for every $n$ holds $\mathcal{C}(n+1)=\mathcal{F}(n, \mathcal{C}(n))$.

The scheme FinRecUn deals with a set $\mathcal{A}$, a natural number $\mathcal{B}$, finite sequences $\mathcal{C}$, $\mathcal{D}$, and a ternary predicate $\mathcal{P}$, and states that:

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\mathcal{C}=\mathcal{D}
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provided the parameters meet the following requirements:

- For every $n$ such that $1 \leq n$ and $n<\mathcal{B}$ and for all sets $x, y_{1}, y_{2}$ such that $\mathcal{P}\left[n, x, y_{1}\right]$ and $\mathcal{P}\left[n, x, y_{2}\right]$ holds $y_{1}=y_{2}$,
- len $\mathcal{C}=\mathcal{B}$ but $\mathcal{C}(1)=\mathcal{A}$ or $\mathcal{B}=0$ but for every $n$ such that $1 \leq n$ and $n<\mathcal{B}$ holds $\mathcal{P}[n, \mathcal{C}(n), \mathcal{C}(n+1)]$, and
- len $\mathcal{D}=\mathcal{B}$ but $\mathcal{D}(1)=\mathcal{A}$ or $\mathcal{B}=0$ but for every $n$ such that $1 \leq n$ and $n<\mathcal{B}$ holds $\mathcal{P}[n, \mathcal{D}(n), \mathcal{D}(n+1)]$.
The scheme FinRecUnD deals with a non empty set $\mathcal{A}$, an element $\mathcal{B}$ of $\mathcal{A}$, a natural number $\mathcal{C}$, finite sequences $\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{E}$ of elements of $\mathcal{A}$, and a ternary predicate $\mathcal{P}$, and states that:

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\hat{D}=\mathcal{E}
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provided the parameters meet the following requirements:

- For every $n$ such that $1 \leq n$ and $n<\mathcal{C}$ and for all elements $x, y_{1}, y_{2}$ of $\mathcal{A}$ such that $\mathcal{P}\left[n, x, y_{1}\right]$ and $\mathscr{P}\left[n, x, y_{2}\right]$ holds $y_{1}=y_{2}$,
- len $\mathcal{D}=\mathcal{C}$ but $\mathcal{D}(1)=\mathcal{B}$ or $\mathcal{C}=0$ but for every $n$ such that $1 \leq n$ and $n<\mathcal{C}$ holds $\mathcal{P}[n, \mathcal{D}(n), \mathcal{D}(n+1)]$, and
- len $\mathcal{E}=\mathcal{C}$ but $\mathcal{E}(1)=\mathcal{B}$ or $\mathcal{C}=0$ but for every $n$ such that $1 \leq n$ and $n<\mathcal{C}$ holds $\mathcal{P}[n, \mathcal{E}(n), \mathcal{E}(n+1)]$.
The scheme $\operatorname{SeqBinOpUn}$ deals with a finite sequence $\mathcal{A}$, sets $\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C}$, and a ternary predicate $\mathcal{P}$, and states that:

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\mathcal{B}=\mathcal{C}
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provided the following conditions are satisfied:

- For all $k, x, y_{1}, y_{2}, z$ such that $1 \leq k$ and $k<\operatorname{len} \mathcal{A}$ and $z=\mathcal{A}(k+1)$ and $\mathcal{P}\left[z, x, y_{1}\right]$ and $\mathcal{P}\left[z, x, y_{2}\right]$ holds $y_{1}=y_{2}$,
- There exists a finite sequence $p$ such that $\mathcal{B}=p(\operatorname{len} p)$ and len $p=\operatorname{len} \mathcal{A}$ and $p(1)=$ $\mathcal{A}(1)$ and for every $k$ such that $1 \leq k$ and $k<\operatorname{len} \mathcal{A}$ holds $\mathcal{P}[\mathcal{A}(k+1), p(k), p(k+1)]$, and
- There exists a finite sequence $p$ such that $\mathcal{C}=p(\operatorname{len} p)$ and len $p=\operatorname{len} \mathcal{A}$ and $p(1)=$ $\mathcal{A}(1)$ and for every $k$ such that $1 \leq k$ and $k<\operatorname{len} \mathcal{A}$ holds $\mathcal{P}[\mathcal{A}(k+1), p(k), p(k+1)]$.
The scheme LambdaSeqBinOpUn deals with a finite sequence $\mathcal{A}$, a binary functor $\mathcal{F}$ yielding a set, and sets $\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C}$, and states that:

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\mathcal{B}=\mathcal{C}
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provided the parameters meet the following conditions:

- There exists a finite sequence $p$ such that $\mathcal{B}=p(\operatorname{len} p)$ and len $p=\operatorname{len} \mathcal{A}$ and $p(1)=$ $\mathcal{A}(1)$ and for every $k$ such that $1 \leq k$ and $k<\operatorname{len} \mathcal{A}$ holds $p(k+1)=\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{A}(k+$ 1), $p(k)$ ), and
- There exists a finite sequence $p$ such that $\mathcal{C}=p(\operatorname{len} p)$ and len $p=\operatorname{len} \mathcal{A}$ and $p(1)=$ $\mathcal{A}(1)$ and for every $k$ such that $1 \leq k$ and $k<\operatorname{len} \mathcal{A}$ holds $p(k+1)=\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{A}(k+$ 1), $p(k))$.

The scheme DefRec deals with a set $\mathcal{A}$, a natural number $\mathcal{B}$, and a ternary predicate $\mathcal{P}$, and states that:
(i) There exists a set $y$ and there exists a function $f$ such that $y=f(\mathcal{B})$ and $\operatorname{dom} f=\mathbb{N}$ and $f(0)=\mathcal{A}$ and for every $n$ holds $\mathcal{P}[n, f(n), f(n+1)]$, and
(ii) for all sets $y_{1}, y_{2}$ such that there exists a function $f$ such that $y_{1}=f(\mathcal{B})$ and $\operatorname{dom} f=\mathbb{N}$ and $f(0)=\mathcal{A}$ and for every $n$ holds $\mathcal{P}[n, f(n), f(n+1)]$ and there exists a function $f$ such that $y_{2}=f(\mathcal{B})$ and $\operatorname{dom} f=\mathbb{N}$ and $f(0)=\mathcal{A}$ and for every $n$ holds $\mathcal{P}[n, f(n), f(n+1)]$ holds $y_{1}=y_{2}$
provided the following conditions are satisfied:

- For all $n, x$ there exists $y$ such that $\mathcal{P}[n, x, y]$, and
- For all $n, x, y_{1}, y_{2}$ such that $\mathcal{P}\left[n, x, y_{1}\right]$ and $\mathcal{P}\left[n, x, y_{2}\right]$ holds $y_{1}=y_{2}$.

The scheme LambdaDefRec deals with a set $\mathcal{A}$, a natural number $\mathcal{B}$, and a binary functor $\mathcal{F}$ yielding a set, and states that:
(i) There exists a set $y$ and there exists a function $f$ such that $y=f(\mathcal{B})$ and $\operatorname{dom} f=\mathbb{N}$ and $f(0)=\mathcal{A}$ and for every $n$ holds $f(n+1)=\mathcal{F}(n, f(n))$, and
(ii) for all sets $y_{1}, y_{2}$ such that there exists a function $f$ such that $y_{1}=f(\mathcal{B})$ and $\operatorname{dom} f=\mathbb{N}$ and $f(0)=\mathcal{A}$ and for every $n$ holds $f(n+1)=\mathcal{F}(n, f(n))$ and there exists a function $f$ such that $y_{2}=f(\mathcal{B})$ and $\operatorname{dom} f=\mathbb{N}$ and $f(0)=\mathcal{A}$ and for every $n$ holds $f(n+1)=\mathcal{F}(n, f(n))$ holds $y_{1}=y_{2}$
for all values of the parameters.
The scheme $\operatorname{DefRec} D$ deals with a non empty set $\mathcal{A}$, an element $\mathcal{B}$ of $\mathcal{A}$, a natural number $\mathcal{C}$, and a ternary predicate $\mathcal{P}$, and states that:
(i) There exists an element $y$ of $\mathcal{A}$ and there exists a function $f$ from $\mathbb{N}$ into $\mathcal{A}$ such that $y=f(\mathcal{C})$ and $f(0)=\mathcal{B}$ and for every $n$ holds $\mathcal{P}[n, f(n), f(n+1)]$, and
(ii) for all elements $y_{1}, y_{2}$ of $\mathcal{A}$ such that there exists a function $f$ from $\mathbb{N}$ into $\mathcal{A}$ such that $y_{1}=f(\mathcal{C})$ and $f(0)=\mathcal{B}$ and for every $n$ holds $\mathcal{P}[n, f(n), f(n+1)]$ and there exists a function $f$ from $\mathbb{N}$ into $\mathcal{A}$ such that $y_{2}=f(\mathcal{C})$ and $f(0)=\mathcal{B}$ and for every $n$ holds $\mathcal{P}[n, f(n), f(n+1)]$ holds $y_{1}=y_{2}$
provided the following conditions are met:

- For every natural number $n$ and for every element $x$ of $\mathcal{A}$ there exists an element $y$ of $\mathcal{A}$ such that $\mathcal{P}[n, x, y]$, and
- For every natural number $n$ and for all elements $x, y_{1}, y_{2}$ of $\mathcal{A}$ such that $\mathcal{P}\left[n, x, y_{1}\right]$ and $\mathcal{P}\left[n, x, y_{2}\right]$ holds $y_{1}=y_{2}$.
The scheme LambdaDefRecD deals with a non empty set $\mathcal{A}$, an element $\mathcal{B}$ of $\mathcal{A}$, a natural number $\mathcal{C}$, and a binary functor $\mathcal{F}$ yielding an element of $\mathcal{A}$, and states that:
(i) There exists an element $y$ of $\mathcal{A}$ and there exists a function $f$ from $\mathbb{N}$ into $\mathcal{A}$ such that $y=f(\mathcal{C})$ and $f(0)=\mathcal{B}$ and for every natural number $n$ holds $f(n+1)=$ $\mathcal{F}(n, f(n))$, and
(ii) for all elements $y_{1}, y_{2}$ of $\mathcal{A}$ such that there exists a function $f$ from $\mathbb{N}$ into $\mathcal{A}$ such that $y_{1}=f(\mathcal{C})$ and $f(0)=\mathcal{B}$ and for every natural number $n$ holds $f(n+1)=$ $\mathcal{F}(n, f(n))$ and there exists a function $f$ from $\mathbb{N}$ into $\mathcal{A}$ such that $y_{2}=f(\mathcal{C})$ and $f(0)=\mathcal{B}$ and for every natural number $n$ holds $f(n+1)=\mathcal{F}(n, f(n))$ holds $y_{1}=y_{2}$ for all values of the parameters.

The scheme SeqBinOpDef deals with a finite sequence $\mathcal{A}$ and a ternary predicate $\mathcal{P}$, and states that:
(i) There exists $x$ and there exists a finite sequence $p$ such that $x=p(\operatorname{len} p)$ and len $p=\operatorname{len} \mathcal{A}$ and $p(1)=\mathcal{A}(1)$ and for every $k$ such that $1 \leq k$ and $k<\operatorname{len} \mathcal{A}$ holds $\mathcal{P}[\mathcal{A}(k+1), p(k), p(k+1)]$, and
(ii) for all $x, y$ such that there exists a finite sequence $p$ such that $x=p(\operatorname{len} p)$ and len $p=\operatorname{len} \mathcal{A}$ and $p(1)=\mathcal{A}(1)$ and for every $k$ such that $1 \leq k$ and $k<\operatorname{len} \mathcal{A}$ holds $\mathcal{P}[\mathcal{A}(k+1), p(k), p(k+1)]$ and there exists a finite sequence $p$ such that $y=p(\operatorname{len} p)$ and len $p=\operatorname{len} \mathcal{A}$ and $p(1)=\mathcal{A}(1)$ and for every $k$ such that $1 \leq k$ and $k<\operatorname{len} \mathcal{A}$ holds $\mathcal{P}[\mathcal{A}(k+1), p(k), p(k+1)]$ holds $x=y$
provided the following conditions are satisfied:

- For all $k, y$ such that $1 \leq k$ and $k<\operatorname{len} \mathcal{A}$ there exists $z$ such that $\mathcal{P}[\mathcal{A}(k+1), y, z]$, and
- For all $k, x, y_{1}, y_{2}, z$ such that $1 \leq k$ and $k<\operatorname{len} \mathcal{A}$ and $z=\mathcal{A}(k+1)$ and $\mathcal{P}\left[z, x, y_{1}\right]$ and $\mathcal{P}\left[z, x, y_{2}\right]$ holds $y_{1}=y_{2}$.
The scheme LambdaSeqBinOpDef deals with a finite sequence $\mathcal{A}$ and a binary functor $\mathcal{F}$ yielding a set, and states that:
(i) There exists $x$ and there exists a finite sequence $p$ such that $x=p(\operatorname{len} p)$ and len $p=\operatorname{len} \mathcal{A}$ and $p(1)=\mathcal{A}(1)$ and for every $k$ such that $1 \leq k$ and $k<\operatorname{len} \mathcal{A}$ holds $p(k+1)=\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{A}(k+1), p(k))$, and
(ii) for all $x, y$ such that there exists a finite sequence $p$ such that $x=p(\operatorname{len} p)$ and len $p=\operatorname{len} \mathcal{A}$ and $p(1)=\mathcal{A}(1)$ and for every $k$ such that $1 \leq k$ and $k<\operatorname{len} \mathcal{A}$
holds $p(k+1)=\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{A}(k+1), p(k))$ and there exists a finite sequence $p$ such that $y=p(\operatorname{len} p)$ and len $p=\operatorname{len} \mathcal{A}$ and $p(1)=\mathcal{A}(1)$ and for every $k$ such that $1 \leq k$ and $k<\operatorname{len} \mathcal{A}$ holds $p(k+1)=\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{A}(k+1), p(k))$ holds $x=y$
for all values of the parameters.


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