

Proof of a fact about the factorial function in P-logic

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We put

$$Geq P = \{x \mid \exists y. y \geq x \wedge y \text{ :: } P\}$$

From the rule about sections, we get

$$\vdash 1 \text{ :: } !(== 1)$$

By disjunction introduction,

$$\vdash 1 \text{ :: } !(== 1) \vee Geq \xi$$

From this and $n \text{ :: } !(== 0) \vdash n == 0 \text{ :: } \$True$, we get by the if-then-else rule

$$n \text{ :: } !(== 0) \vdash \text{if } n == 0 \text{ then } 1 \text{ else } n * fact(n - 1) \text{ :: } !(== 1) \vee Geq \xi$$

By the abstraction rule, we get

$$\vdash \backslash n \rightarrow \text{if } n == 0 \text{ then } 1 \text{ else } n * fact(n - 1) \text{ :: } \$(!(== 0) \rightarrow !(== 1) \vee Geq \xi) \quad (1)$$

By arithmetic reasoning (which either is coded in extra rules, or is based on reasoning about algebraic datatypes), we get

$$n \text{ :: } !(> 0) \vdash n - 1 \text{ :: } !(\geq 0)$$

and

$$fact \text{ :: } !(> 0) \rightarrow \xi, n \text{ :: } !(> 0) \vdash fact(n - 1) \text{ :: } Geq \xi$$

From these two, again by arithmetic reasoning, we get

$$fact \text{ :: } !(> 0) \rightarrow \xi, n \text{ :: } !(> 0) \vdash n * fact(n - 1) \text{ :: } Geq \xi$$

By disjunction introduction,

$$fact \text{ :: } !(> 0) \rightarrow \xi, n \text{ :: } !(> 0) \vdash n * fact(n - 1) \text{ :: } !(== 1) \vee Geq \xi$$

From this and $n \text{ :: } !(> 0) \vdash n == 0 \text{ :: } \$False$, we get by the if-then-else rule

$$fact \text{ :: } !(> 0) \rightarrow \xi, n \text{ :: } !(> 0) \vdash \text{if } n == 0 \text{ then } 1 \text{ else } n * fact(n - 1) \text{ :: } !(== 1) \vee Geq \xi$$

By the abstraction rule, we get

$$fact \text{ :: } !(> 0) \rightarrow \xi \vdash \backslash n \rightarrow \text{if } n == 0 \text{ then } 1 \text{ else } n * fact(n - 1) \text{ :: } !(> 0) \rightarrow !(== 1) \vee Geq \xi$$

From this (the inductive step) and (1), the inductive base, we get by the Lfp rule:

$$fact = \backslash n \rightarrow \text{if } n == 0 \text{ then } 1 \text{ else } n * fact(n - 1) \vdash fact \text{ :: } \$(!(\geq 0) \rightarrow Lfp \xi. !(== 1) \vee Geq \xi)$$