Programmable Calculator Algorithms R. W. Newcomb

Introduction.

In general an algorithm is a set of procedures for carrying out an operation, such as a recipe for baking a cake. Since the structure of algorithms varies depending upon the context, as for example from cake baking to mathematical function evaluation, there are broad classes of algorithms [1][2][3]. Here we will consider algorithms in the context of programmable pocket calculators. The Algorithm Concept.

A programmable calculator algorithm A is defined through a setting and transitionings within the setting, through the use of a program, as follows:

I. The Setting.

Let the following be finite sets

D = input domain, a set of vectors of modular numbers

R = output range, a set of vectors of modular numbers

S = state space, a set of vectors of modular numbers

 $P = \underline{program}$ space = $\{P_0, P_1, \dots, P_m\}$, $P_i = ith (merged)$ key operation then the setting S is

 $S = D \oplus R \oplus S \oplus P$, \oplus being the direct sum

For a calculator we will take

$$D = N_d \oplus F \oplus O$$
 and $S = D \oplus N_D$

where

N_d = space of <u>data</u> numbers enterable into data memory and display registers

 $N_{\rm p}$ = space of numbers enterable into remaining program memory registers

F = space of flag settings

O = space of operation settings

We will take

 $R\subseteq N_d\cup \varphi$, $\varphi=$ empty set, U being set union and \subseteq set containment. Thus, if the calculator halts, the output is in a subset of data and display register readings. The state space is the full set of all register readings plus flag and operation conditions. The program space is like the set of keys which can be punched in writing a program and the index i on P_i can be considered as the numerical "key code" of the calculator. The algorithm setting is the set of all of these things.

II. The Transitioning

A) The Program

The transitioning for an algorithm is controlled by an n-step program P, this latter being a finite sequenced set of n program steps p_i , i = 0, ..., n-1, taken from the program space P; that is,

$$\theta = \text{program} = \{p_0, p_1, \dots, p_{n-1}\}, p_i \in P$$

Here n is less than the maximum number of program memory registers; that is n is less than the cardinality of $N_{\rm p}$.

B) The Transition Functions

There are three functions of interest all three depending upon the program. Thus let

$$\sigma = \text{state transition function}$$
 $\sigma: Sxi^3 \rightarrow S$

$$\pi = \text{program transition function} \quad \pi \colon S \times P \to P$$

$$\rho = \text{output function}$$
 $\rho: Sxi \to R$

where

$$s_{i+1} = \sigma(s_i, p_{j_i}), i = 0, 1, 2, ...; j_i \in \{0, 1, ..., n-1\}$$

$$p_{j_{i+1}} = \pi(s_i, p_{j_i})$$

$$r_i = \rho(s_i, p_{j_i})$$

with initial conditions

$$s_0^{\epsilon D}$$
, $p_{j_0} = p_0$

We will call a determination of $\sigma,~\pi,~\rho,~subject$ to s_0 and $p_0,~the$ transitioning \mathcal{F}_*

The transitioning tells us that starting in the initial state s_0 , given through the initial data readings, and at the initial program step p_0 , we transition to the next state through the function σ and to the next program step through π . There are n program steps allowed, these being programmed in a sequence p_0 , p_1 , ..., p_{n-1} [$n \le 959$ for the TI SR-59]. These program steps are transitioned through in a sequence which depends upon the state and position in the program; hence π acts to permute the program steps leading to the permutation j_i on the indices. We can shorten the writing by defining

$$y = \begin{bmatrix} s \\ p \end{bmatrix}$$
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$$A[y] = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma(s,p) \\ \pi(s,p) \end{bmatrix}$$

III. The Algorithm

An n-step algorithm A is the specification of the transitioning \mathcal{I} through an n-step program within the setting 8.

A computation of the algorithm A is the sequenced pair

$$\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \dots$$
where, with initial conditions $\mathbf{y}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{s}_0 \\ \mathbf{p}_0 \end{bmatrix}$

$$y_1 = A[y_0], r_1 = \rho[y_1] = \rho(s_1, p_{j_1})$$

 $y_2 = A[y_1], r_2 = \rho[y_2]$

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If the sequence terminates, say at the kth step, then it is a <u>terminating</u> algorithm. The algorithm then calculates the function

$$f(x) = \rho[y_k], xeN_d$$

where x is the projection of the initial state \mathbf{s}_0 on the external data subset \mathbf{N}_d of the state space. In this case $\mathbf{f}(\cdot)$ must be a recursive function.

Generalization and Comments.

The above description is of a <u>deterministic</u> algorithm. If the transition is done through binary relations, rather than functions, the algorithm can be generalized to become <u>nondeterministic</u>. As we are usually just interested in $\rho[y_k]$ for the output, we can take $r_1, r_2, \ldots, r_{k-1}$ to be in the empty set in the computation. For digital filters we consider sequences of inputs $\{x_i\}$, $x_i \in \mathbb{N}_d$, and sequences of corresponding outputs, $\{f(x_i)\}$.

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Example 1. Terminating algorithm for TI - 59

The algorithm calculates the n+1 Fibonacci type numbers satisfying $F_k = F_{k-1} + F_{k-2}$, k = 2, 3, ..., n+2, n > 0, with F_0 and F_1 prescribed.

We will use the minimum number 10 of data memory registers and set an error flag, number 8, to stop operation in case something goes wrong.

- F: A space of 10-vectors for the TI-59, with entries 0 or 1, these corresponding to the 10 flags of the calculator. Here by the keyboard entries st flg 8 we place a 1 in position 8 (which will cause a halt on the occurrence of an error).
- O: A space of 40-vectors for the TI-59 with entries 0 or 1. For this algorithm set all entries to be zero except the 17th, which is set as 1 op 17 on the keyboard, to partition registers to 10 data memory registers and 880 program memory registers.
- N_d : A space of 12-vectors, the first 10 entries being the numbers in the 10 data memory registers and the next two corresponding to the, x, display register and the, t, test register. In this example we shall initially enter n in the t register and F_0 in data register 05, F_1 in data register 03. The program will enter k-2 in register 00 and use register 04 for F_{k-2} , register 05 for F_{k-1} and register 03 for F_k .
- P: The program space P is the set of 100 merged key stroke operations $\{P_0, P_1, \ldots, P_{99}\}$ indexed by the key code (p. V-50 of TI-59 "Personal Programming" manual). For example $P_0 = 0$, $P_{43} = RCL$, $P_{62} = Pgm$ Ind, $P_{99} = Prt$. Our program is $P = \{p_0, \ldots, p_{23}\}$ with $p_0 = P_{43} = RCL$, $p_1 = P_5 = 5$, etc., as printed out in the following listing:

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