

Programming Language Concepts: Lecture 17

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$$f(\vec{n}) = \begin{cases} i & \text{if } g(i, \vec{n}) = 0 \text{ and } \forall j < i : g(j, \vec{n}) > 0 \\ \text{undefined} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 [PR] = \lambda h g x x_1 \cdots x_k. [snd](x(\lambda y. [pair] ([succ]([fst] y)) \\
 (h([fst] y)([snd] y)x_1 \dots x_k))) \\
 ([pair][0](g x_1 \dots x_k))
 \end{aligned}$$