Solution to Problem 7

Problem. Prove that the following function is mu-recursive:

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int j = a;
while(!(j + b > c))
  {j++;}
```

Solution. According to the general algorithm, first, we write a similar problem, but with a for-loop:

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int j = a;
for(i = 1; i <= m; i++)
  {j++;}
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This program can be translated into primitive recursion as follows:

$$j(a, 0) = a;$$

$$j(a, m + 1) = j(a, m) + 1.$$

A general primitive recursion defines a function $h(n_1, \ldots, n_k, m)$ of $k + 1$ variables. In our case, we have a function of 2 variables, so $k + 1 = 2$ and $k = 1$. For $k = 1$, the general primitive recursion has the form

$$j(a, 0) = f(a);$$

$$j(a, m + 1) = g(a, m, j(m)).$$

Here, $f(a) = a = \pi_1^1$ and $g = \sigma \circ \pi_3^3$, so

$$j(a, m) = PR(\pi_1^1, \sigma \circ \pi_3^3).$$

As the number of iterations, we take the smallest m for which

$$j(a, m) + b > c,$$

i.e., $\mu m.(j(a, m) + b > c)$. Thus, the desired function F has the form

$$F(a, b, c) = j(a, \mu m.(j(a, m) + b > c)).$$