

CSE 331

Structural Induction & Cases

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Direct Proof

- **Our proofs so far have used fixed-length lists**
 - e.g., $\text{len}(\text{twice}(\text{cons}(a, \text{cons}(b, \text{nil})))) = \text{len}(\text{cons}(a, \text{cons}(b, \text{nil})))$
 - problems in HW2 restrict to this case
- **Would like to prove correctness on any list L**
- **Need more tools for this...**
 - structural recursion *calculates* on inductive types
 - structural induction *proves* facts about inductive types
 - both tools are specific to inductive types

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To prove $P(S)$ holds for any list S , prove two implications

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- use any known facts and definitions

Inductive Step: prove $P(\text{cons}(x, L))$ for any $x : \mathbb{Z}$, $L : \text{List}$

- direct proof
- use any known facts and definitions plus one more fact...

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Inductive Hypothesis: assume $P(L)$ is true

- use this in the inductive step, but not anywhere else

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- direct proof
- use known facts and definitions and Inductive Hypothesis

Why This Works

With Structural Induction, we prove two facts

$P(\text{nil})$	$\text{len}(\text{twice}(\text{nil})) = \text{len}(\text{nil})$
$P(\text{cons}(x, L))$	$\text{len}(\text{twice}(\text{cons}(x, L))) = \text{len}(\text{cons}(x, L))$ (second assuming $\text{len}(\text{twice}(L)) = \text{len}(L)$)

Why is this enough to prove $P(S)$ for any $S : \text{List}$

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Build up an object using constructors:

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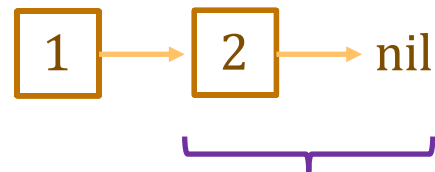
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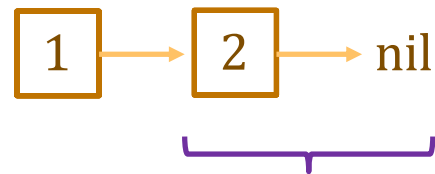
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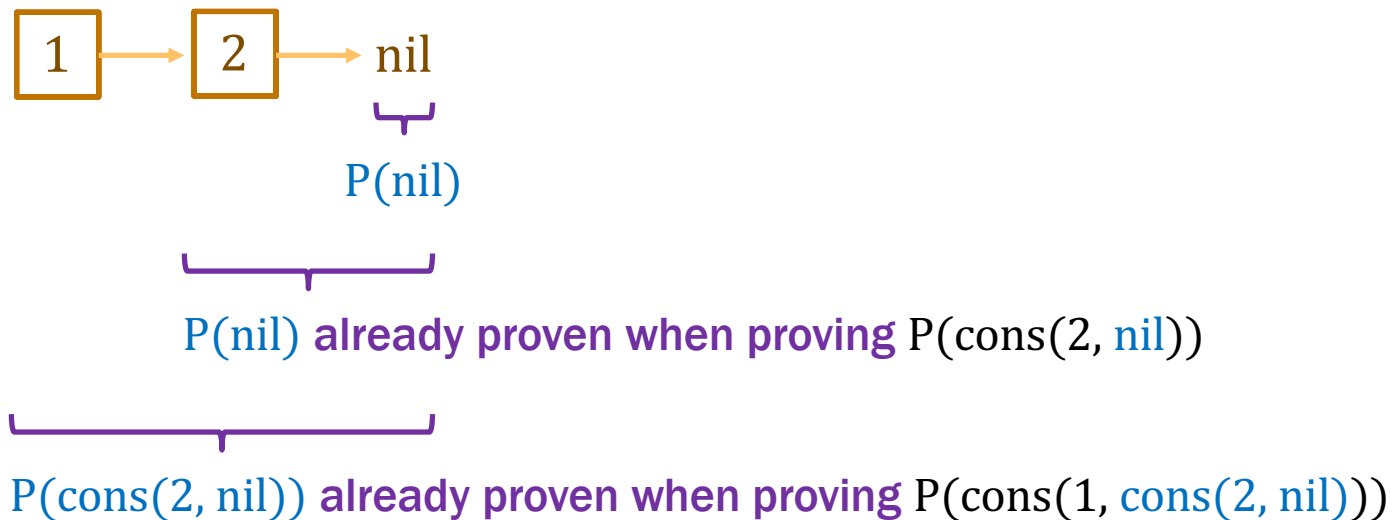
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Why This Works

Build up a proof the same way we built up the object

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(second assuming $\text{len}(\text{twice}(L)) = \text{len}(L)$)



Structural Induction in General

- **General case: assume P holds for constructor *arguments***

type $T := A \mid B(x : \mathbb{Z}) \mid C(y : \mathbb{Z}, t : T) \mid D(z : \mathbb{Z}, u : T, v : T)$

- **To prove $P(t)$ for any t , we need to prove:**
 - $P(A)$
 - $P(B(x))$ for any $x : \mathbb{Z}$
 - $P(C(y, t))$ for any $y : \mathbb{Z}$ and $t : T$ **assuming $P(t)$ is true**
 - $P(D(z, u, v))$ for any $z : \mathbb{Z}$ and $u, v : T$ **assuming $P(u)$ and $P(v)$**
- **Each inductive type has its own form of induction**
 - **special way to prove facts about all values of that type**

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 - $P(D(z, u, v))$ for any $z : \mathbb{Z}$ and $u, v : T$ **assuming $P(u)$ and $P(v)$**
- **These four facts are enough to prove $P(t)$ for any t**
 - for each constructor, have proof that it produces an object satisfying P

Example: Repeating List Elements

- Consider the following function:

```
func echo(nil)           := nil
    echo(cons(x, L))    := cons(x, cons(x, echo(L))) for any x :  $\mathbb{Z}$ , L : List
```

- Produces a list where every element is repeated twice

```
echo(cons(1, cons(2, nil)))
= cons(1, cons(1, echo(cons(2, nil))))           def of echo
= cons(1, cons(1, cons(2, cons(2, echo(nil))))   def of echo
= cons(1, cons(1, cons(2, cons(2, nil))))       def of echo
```

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func echo(nil)           := nil
    echo(cons(x, L))    := cons(x, cons(x, echo(L)))  for any  $x : \mathbb{Z}, L : \text{List}$ 
```

- Suppose we have the following code:

```
const m: number = len(S);      // S is some List
const R: List = echo(S);
...
return 2*m;    // = len(echo(S))           Level 1
```

– spec says to return $\text{len}(\text{echo}(S))$ but code returns $2 \text{len}(S)$

- Need to prove that $\text{len}(\text{echo}(S)) = 2 \text{len}(S)$

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Base Case (nil):

Need to prove that $\text{len}(\text{echo}(\text{nil})) = 2 \text{len}(\text{nil})$

$\text{len}(\text{echo}(\text{nil})) =$

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len(echo(nil))	= len(nil)	def of echo
	= 0	def of len
	= 2 · 0	
	= 2 len(nil)	def of len

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Inductive Hypothesis: assume that $\text{len}(\text{echo}(L)) = 2 \text{len}(L)$

Inductive Step ($\text{cons}(x, L)$):

$\text{len}(\text{echo}(\text{cons}(x, L)))$

$= 2 \text{len}(\text{cons}(x, L))$

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$\text{len}(\text{echo}(\text{cons}(x, L)))$	$= \text{len}(\text{cons}(x, \text{cons}(x, \text{echo}(L))))$	def of echo
	$= 1 + \text{len}(\text{cons}(x, \text{echo}(L)))$	def of len
	$= 2 + \text{len}(\text{echo}(L))$	def of len
	$= 2 + 2 \text{len}(L)$	Ind. Hyp.
	$= 2(1 + \text{len}(L))$	
	$= 2 \text{len}(\text{cons}(x, L))$	def of len

Example 2: Repeating List Elements

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func echo(nil)           := nil
    echo(cons(x, L))    := cons(x, cons(x, echo(L))) for any  $x : \mathbb{Z}, L : \text{List}$ 
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- Suppose we have the following code:

```
const y: number = sum(S); // S is some List
const R: List = echo(S);
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return 2*y; // = sum(echo(S)) Level 1
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Base Case (nil):

$$\begin{aligned} \text{sum}(\text{echo}(\text{nil})) &= \\ &= 2 \text{sum}(\text{nil}) \end{aligned}$$

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	$= 0$	def of sum
	$= 2 \cdot 0$	
	$= 2 \text{sum}(\text{nil})$	def of sum

Inductive Step (cons(x, L)):

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{sum}(\text{echo}(\text{cons}(x, L))) &= \text{sum}(\text{cons}(x, \text{cons}(x, \text{echo}(L)))) && \text{def of echo} \\ &= x + \text{sum}(\text{cons}(x, \text{echo}(L))) && \text{def of sum} \\ &= 2x + \text{sum}(\text{echo}(L)) && \text{def of sum} \\ &= 2x + 2 \text{sum}(L) && \text{Ind. Hyp.} \\ &= 2(x + \text{sum}(L)) \\ &= 2 \text{sum}(\text{cons}(x, L)) && \text{def of sum} \end{aligned}$$

Proof By Cases

Recall: Pattern Matching

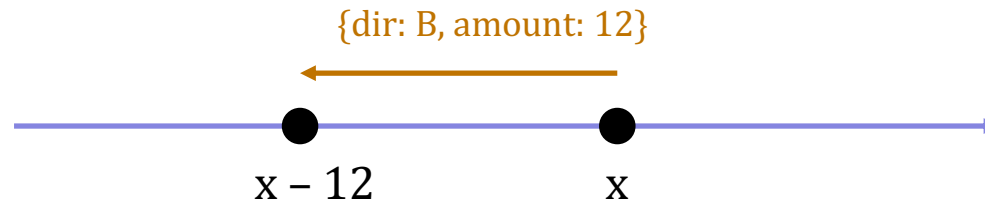
- Define a function by an exhaustive set of patterns

```
type Move := {dir : F | B, amount : ℕ}
```

```
func change({dir: F, amount : n}) := n      for any n : ℕ
```

```
change({dir: B, amount : n}) := -n      for any n : ℕ
```

- Move describes movement on the number line
- $\text{change}(m : \text{Move})$ says how the position changes



- one of these two rules always applies
every Move either has direction as F or B

Proof By Cases

- **New code structure means new proof structure**
- **Can split a proof into cases**
 - e.g., $d = F$ and $d = B$
 - e.g., $n \geq 0$ and $n < 0$
 - need to be sure the cases are exhaustive
- **Structural induction and Proof By Cases are related**
 - one case per constructor
 - structural induction adds the inductive hypothesis part
we don't get that in proof by cases

More Proof By Cases

`func change({dir: F, amount: n})` $:= n$ for any $n : \mathbb{N}$
`change({dir: B, amount: n})` $:= -n$ for any $n : \mathbb{N}$

- **Prove that $|\text{change}(m)| = n$ for any $m = \{\text{dir}: d, \text{amount}: n\}$**

Will use $d : F \mid B$ to denote a direction and $n : \mathbb{N}$ a natural number.

Case $d = F$:

$|\text{change}(\{\text{dir}: d, \text{amount}: n\})|$
= $|\text{change}(\{\text{dir}: F, \text{amount}: n\})|$ **since $d = F$**
= $|n|$ **def of change**
= n **since $n \geq 0$**

Note: we need to know if $d = F$ or $d = B$ to apply the definition!

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Case $d = F$: $|\text{change}(\{\text{dir}: d, \text{amount}: n\})| = \dots = n$

Case $d = B$:

$ \text{change}(\{\text{dir}: d, \text{amount}: n\}) $	
$= \text{change}(\{\text{dir}: B, \text{amount}: n\}) $	since $d = B$
$= -n $	def of change
$= n$	since $n \geq 0$

Since these two cases are exhaustive, the claim holds in general.

Defining Functions by Cases

- **Pattern matching is one way to define with cases**
 - every list is either `nil` or `cons(x, L)` for some `x` and `L`, so we can define `f` in two cases: `f(nil)` and `f(cons(x, L))`
- **Sometimes we want to define with other cases**
 - e.g., define `f(n)` where `n : ℤ`

<code>func f(n) := 2n + 1</code>	<code>if n ≥ 0</code>
<code>f(n) := 0</code>	<code>if n < 0</code>

- to use the definition on `f(m)`, need to know if `m < 0` or not

Proof By Cases

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{func } f(n) := 2n + 1 & \text{if } n \geq 0 \\ f(n) := 0 & \text{if } n < 0 \end{array}$$

- **Prove that $f(n) \geq n$ for any $n : \mathbb{Z}$**

Case $n \geq 0$:

$$f(n) =$$

$$\geq n$$

Proof By Cases

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- **Prove that $f(n) \geq n$ for any $n : \mathbb{Z}$**

Case $n \geq 0$:

$$\begin{array}{ll} f(n) = 2n + 1 & \text{def of } f \text{ (since } n \geq 0) \\ > 2n & \text{since } 1 > 0 \\ = n + n & \\ \geq n & \text{since } n \geq 0 \end{array}$$

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$$f(n) = \dots \geq n$$

Case $n < 0$:

$$\begin{array}{ll} f(n) = 0 & \text{def of } f \text{ (since } n < 0) \\ > n & \text{since } n < 0 \end{array}$$

Since these two cases are exhaustive, $f(n) \geq n$ holds in general.