

**CSE  
31F**

# Foundations of Computing I

\* All slides are a combined effort between  
previous instructors of the course

# All Binary Strings with no 1's before 0's

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$$A = \varepsilon \mid 0 + A \mid A + 1$$

$\text{len} : A \rightarrow \text{Int}$

$$\text{len}(\varepsilon) = 0$$

$$\text{len}(0 + a) = 1 + \text{len}(a)$$

$$\text{len}(a + 1) = 1 + \text{len}(a)$$

$\#0 : A \rightarrow \text{Int}$

$$\#0(\varepsilon) = 0$$

$$\#0(0 + a) = 1 + \#0(a)$$

$$\#0(a + 1) = \#0(a)$$

$\text{no1} : A \rightarrow A$

$$\text{no1}(\varepsilon) = \varepsilon$$

$$\text{no1}(0 + a) = 0 + \text{no1}(a)$$

$$\text{no1}(a + 1) = \text{no1}(a)$$

**Claim:** Prove that for all  $x \in A$ ,  $\text{len}(\text{no1}(x)) = \#0(x)$

We go by structural induction on  $A$ . Let  $A \in A$  be arbitrary.

Suppose  $\text{len}(\text{no1}(x)) = \#0(x)$  is true for some  $x \in A$ .

Case  $A = x + 1$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \text{len}(\text{no1}(x + 1)) &= \text{len}(\text{no1}(x)) && \text{[Def of no1]} \\ &= \#0(x) && \text{[By IH]} \\ &= \#0(x + 1) && \text{[Def of \#0]} \end{aligned}$$

# Structural Induction

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How to prove  $\forall (x \in S) P(x)$  is true:

- **Base Case:** Show that  $P(u)$  is true for all specific elements of  $u \in S$  mentioned in the *Basis step*
- **Inductive Hypothesis:** Assume that  $P$  is true for some arbitrary values of each of the existing named elements mentioned in the *Recursive step*
- **Inductive Step:** Prove that  $P(w)$  holds for each of the new elements constructed in the *Recursive step* using the named elements mentioned in the Inductive Hypothesis
- **Conclude** that  $\forall (x \in S) P(x)$

# Recursively Defined Programs (on Lists)

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**List** = [ ] | a :: L

We'll assume a is an integer.

Write a function

$\text{len} : \text{List} \rightarrow \text{Int}$

that computes the length of a list.

Finish the function

$\text{append} : (\text{List}, \text{Int}) \rightarrow \text{List}$

$\text{append}([], i) = \dots$

$\text{append}(a :: L, i) = \dots$

which returns a list with i appended to the end

# Recursively Defined Programs (on Lists)

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**List** = [ ] | a :: L

We'll assume a is an integer.

len : List → Int

len([]) = 0

len(a :: L) = 1 + len(L)

append : (List, Int) → List

append([], i) = i::[]

append(a :: L, i) = a :: append(L, i)

**Claim:** For all lists L, and integers i,

len(append(L, i)) = 1 + len(L).

# Recursively Defined Programs (on Lists)

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**Claim:** For all lists L, and integers i,  
then  $\text{len}(\text{append}(L, i)) = 1 + \text{len}(L)$ .

Let i be an integer, and let L be a list. We go by structural induction on L.

Case L = []:

$\text{len}(\text{append}([], i)) = \text{len}(i::[])$  [Def of append]  
 $= 1 + \text{len}([])$  [Def of len]

# Recursively Defined Programs (on Lists)

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$\text{len} : \text{List} \rightarrow \text{Int}$

$\text{len}([]) = 0$

$\text{len}(a :: L) = 1 + \text{len}(L)$

$\text{append} : (\text{List}, \text{Int}) \rightarrow \text{List}$

$\text{append}([], i) = i :: []$

$\text{append}(a :: L, i) = a :: \text{append}(L, i)$

**Claim:** For all lists  $L$ , and integers  $i$ ,  
then  $\text{len}(\text{append}(L, i)) = 1 + \text{len}(L)$ .

Let  $i$  be an integer, and let  $L$  be a list. We go by structural induction on  $L$ .

Suppose “ $\text{len}(\text{append}(L', i)) = \text{len}(L') + 1$ ” is true for some list  $L'$ .

**Case  $L = x :: L'$ :**

$\text{len}(\text{append}(x :: L', i)) = \text{len}(x :: \text{append}(L', i))$  [Def of append]

$= 1 + \text{len}(\text{append}(L', i))$  [Def of len]

$= 1 + (1 + \text{len}(L'))$  [By IH]

$= 1 + \text{len}(x :: L')$  [Def of len]

# The Whole Proof!

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Let  $i$  be an integer, and let  $L$  be a list. We go by structural induction on  $L$ .

Case  $L = []$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \text{len}(\text{append}([], i)) &= \text{len}(i::[]) && \text{[Def of append]} \\ &= 1 + \text{len}([]) && \text{[Def of len]} \end{aligned}$$

Suppose “ $\text{len}(\text{append}(L', i)) = \text{len}(L') + 1$ ” is true for some list  $L'$ .

Case  $L = x :: L'$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \text{len}(\text{append}(x::L', i)) &= \text{len}(x::\text{append}(L', i)) && \text{[Def of append]} \\ &= 1 + \text{len}(\text{append}(L', i)) && \text{[Def of len]} \\ &= 1 + (1 + \text{len}(L')) && \text{[By IH]} \\ &= 1 + \text{len}(x::L') && \text{[Def of len]} \end{aligned}$$

Since the claim is true for all cases of the definition of List, it's true for all lists.



# CSE 311: Foundations of Computing

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## Lecture 18: Regular expressions



# Languages: Sets of Strings

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- Sets of strings that satisfy special properties are called *languages*. Examples:
  - English sentences
  - Syntactically correct Java/C/C++ programs
  - $\Sigma^*$  = All strings over alphabet  $\Sigma$
  - Palindromes over  $\Sigma$
  - Binary strings that don't have a 0 after a 1
  - Legal variable names. keywords in Java/C/C++
  - Binary strings with an equal # of 0's and 1's

# Regular Expressions

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## Regular expressions over $\Sigma$

- **Basis:**

  - $\emptyset$ ,  $\varepsilon$  are regular expressions

  - $a$  is a regular expression for any  $a \in \Sigma$

- **Recursive step:**

  - If **A** and **B** are regular expressions then so are:

    - (**A**  $\cup$  **B**)

    - (**AB**)

    - A**\*

**REGEX =  $\emptyset$  |  $\varepsilon$  |  $a$  | REGEX  $\cup$  REGEX | REGEX REGEX | REGEX \***

# Each Regular Expression is a “pattern”

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$\epsilon$  matches the **empty string**

$a$  matches the one character string  $a$

$(A \cup B)$  matches all strings that either **A** matches or **B** matches (or both)

$(AB)$  matches all strings that have a first part that **A** matches followed by a second part that **B** matches

$A^*$  matches all strings that have any number of strings (even 0) that **A** matches, one after another

# Examples

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**$001^*$**

{00, 001, 0011, 00111, ...}

**$0^*1^*$**

Any number of 0's followed by any number of 1's

# Examples

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$(0 \cup 1)0(0 \cup 1)0$

{0000, 0010, 1000, 1010}

$(0^*1^*)^*$

All binary strings

# Examples

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$(0 \cup 1)^*0110(0 \cup 1)^*$

Strings that contain “0110”

$(00 \cup 11)^*(01010 \cup 10001)(0 \cup 1)^*$

Strings that begin with pairs of characters followed by “01010” or “10001”

# Regular Expressions in Practice

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- Used to define the “tokens”: e.g., legal variable names, keywords in programming languages and compilers
- Used in **grep**, a program that does pattern matching searches in UNIX/LINUX
- Pattern matching using regular expressions is an essential feature of PHP
- We can use regular expressions in programs to process strings!



# Regular Expressions in Java

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- `Pattern p = Pattern.compile("a*b");`
- `Matcher m = p.matcher("aaaaab");`
- `boolean b = m.matches();`

`[01]` a 0 or a 1    `^` start of string    `$` end of string

`[0-9]` any single digit    `\.` period    `\,` comma    `\-` minus

`.` any single character

`ab` a followed by b                    **(AB)**

`(a|b)` a or b                            **(A ∪ B)**

`a?` zero or one of a                    **(A ∪ ε)**

`a*` zero or more of a                    **A\***

`a+` one or more of a                    **AA\***

- e.g. `^[\\-+]?[0-9]*\\.([\\,])?[0-9]+$`

General form of decimal number e.g. 9.12 or -9,8 (Europe)