

Midterm

- Midterm in class Monday
- Covers material up to ordinary induction (HW5)
- Closed book, closed notes
 - will provide reference sheets
- No calculators
 - arithmetic is intended to be straightforward
 - (only a small point deduction anyway)

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- **5 problems covering:**
 - Logic / English translation
 - Circuits / Boolean algebra / normal forms
 - Modular equations
 - Induction
 - Set theory
 - (any English proofs would have templates)
- **10 minutes per problem**
 - write quickly
 - focus on the overall structure of the solution

CSE 311: Foundations of Computing

Lecture 19: Structural Induction



Last time: Recursive Definitions of Sets

Even numbers

Basis: $0 \in S$

Recursive: If $x \in S$, then $x+2 \in S$

Powers of 3

Basis: $1 \in S$

Recursive: If $x \in S$, then $3x \in S$.

Fibonacci numbers

Basis: $(0, 0) \in S, (1, 1) \in S$

Recursive: If $(n-1, x) \in S$ and $(n, y) \in S$,
then $(n+1, x + y) \in S$.

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Last time: Structural vs. Ordinary Induction

Ordinary induction is a special case of structural induction:

Recursive definition of $\mathbb{N}$

Basis: $0 \in \mathbb{N}$

Recursive step: If $k \in \mathbb{N}$, then $k + 1 \in \mathbb{N}$

Last time: Recursive Definitions

- Recursively defined functions and sets are our mathematical models of **code** and the **data** it uses
 - any recursively defined set can be translated into a Java
 - any recursively defined function can be translated into a Java function
 - some (but not all) can be written more cleanly as loops
- Can now do proofs about CS-specific objects

Lists of Integers

- **Basis:** $\text{nil} \in \text{List}$
- **Recursive step:**
if $L \in \text{List}$ and $a \in \mathbb{Z}$,
then $a :: L \in \text{List}$

Examples:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| – nil | $[]$ |
| – $1 :: \text{nil}$ | $[1]$ |
| – $1 :: 2 :: \text{nil}$ | $[1, 2]$ |
| – $1 :: 2 :: 3 :: \text{nil}$ | $[1, 2, 3]$ |

Functions on Lists

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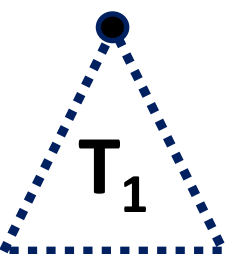
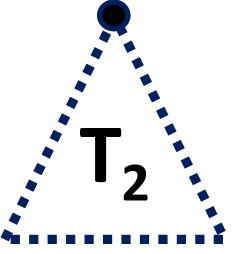
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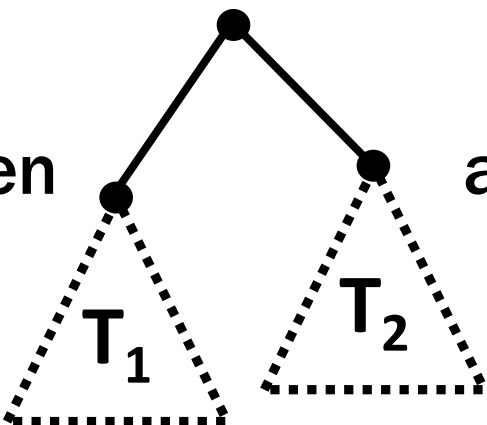
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Defining Functions on Rooted Binary Trees

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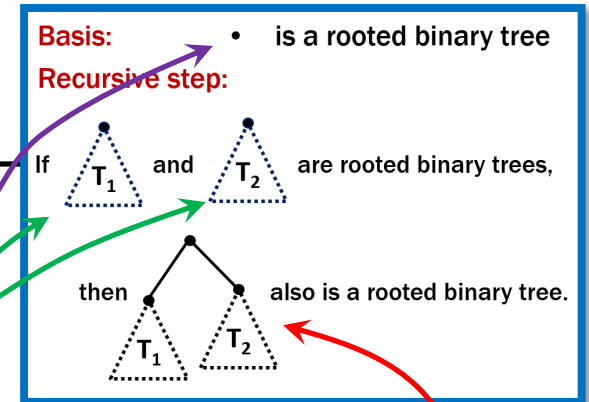
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$$\leq 1 + 2^{\text{height}(T_1)+1} - 1 + 2^{\text{height}(T_2)+1} - 1$$

by IH for T_1 and T_2

$$\leq 2^{\text{height}(T_1)+1} + 2^{\text{height}(T_2)+1} - 1$$

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which is what we wanted to show.

5. So, the $P(T)$ is true for all rooted binary trees by structural induction.

Strings

- An *alphabet* Σ is any finite set of characters
- The set Σ^* of *strings* over the alphabet Σ
 - example: $\{0,1\}^*$ is the set of *binary strings*
0, 1, 00, 01, 10, 11, 000, 001, ... and ""
- Σ^* is defined recursively by
 - **Basis:** $\varepsilon \in \Sigma^*$ (ε is the empty string, i.e., "")
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Functions on Recursively Defined Sets (on Σ^*)

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Concatenation:

$$x \bullet \varepsilon ::= x \text{ for } x \in \Sigma^*$$

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Reversal:

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Number of c 's in a string:

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$$\#_c(wa) ::= \#_c(w) \text{ for } w \in \Sigma^*, a \in \Sigma, a \neq c$$

separate cases for
 c vs $a \neq c$

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We prove $P(y)$ for all $y \in \Sigma^*$ by structural induction.

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Does this look familiar?

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Inductive Step: Goal: Show that $P(wa)$ is true for every $a \in \Sigma$

Let $a \in \Sigma$ and $x \in \Sigma^*$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \text{len}(x \bullet wa) &= \text{len}((x \bullet w)a) && \text{by def of } \bullet \\ &= \text{len}(x \bullet w) + 1 && \text{by def of len} \\ &= \text{len}(x) + \text{len}(w) + 1 && \text{by I.H.} \\ &= \text{len}(x) + \text{len}(wa) && \text{by def of len} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $\text{len}(x \bullet wa) = \text{len}(x) + \text{len}(wa)$ for all $x \in \Sigma^*$, so $P(wa)$ is true.

So, by induction $\text{len}(x \bullet y) = \text{len}(x) + \text{len}(y)$ for all $x, y \in \Sigma^*$

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Let $a \in \Sigma$. Then, $\text{len}((wa)^R) = \text{len}(a \bullet w^R)$	def of reverse
$= \text{len}(a) + \text{len}(w^R)$	by previous result
$= \text{len}(a) + \text{len}(w)$	IH
$= \text{len}(1) + \text{len}(w)$	def of len
$= \text{len}(wa)$	def of len

Therefore, $\text{len}((wa)^R) = \text{len}(wa)$, so $P(wa)$ is true for every $a \in \Sigma$.

So, we have shown $\text{len}(x^R) = \text{len}(x)$ for all $x \in \Sigma^*$ by induction.

More Theorems

Structural induction is the tool used to prove many more interesting theorems

- **General associativity follows from our one rule**
 - likewise for generalized De Morgan's laws
- **Okay to substitute y for x everywhere in a modular equation when we know that $x \equiv_m y$**
- **More coming shortly...**