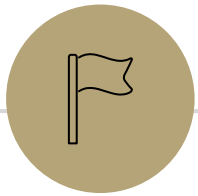


# Structural Induction

CSE 311: Foundations of  
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# Structural Induction Template

1. Define  $P()$ . Claim that  $P(s)$  holds for all  $s \in S$ . State your proof is by structural induction.
2. Base Case: Show  $P(b_1), \dots, P(b_n)$  holds for each basis step  $b_1, \dots, b_n$  in  $S$ .
3. Inductive Hypothesis: Suppose  $P(x_1), \dots, P(x_m)$  for all values listed in the recursive rules.
4. Inductive Step: Show  $P()$  holds for the “new element” given by the recursive step. You will need a separate step for every rule.
5. Conclusion: Conclude that  $P(s)$  holds for all  $s \in S$  by structural induction.



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# Structural Induction

On Strings

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# String Terminology

$\Sigma$  is the **alphabet**, i.e. the set of all letters you can use in strings.

For example:  $\Sigma = \{0,1\}$  or  $\Sigma = \{a, b, c, \dots, z, \_ \}$

$\Sigma^*$  is the set of **all strings** you can build from the letters in the alphabet.

For example: If  $\Sigma = \{0,1\}$  then  $01001 \in \Sigma^*$ . If  $\Sigma = \{a, b, c, \dots, z, \_ \}$ , then

$i\_love\_induction \in \Sigma^*$

$\varepsilon$  is the **empty string**

Analogous to "" in Java

# Recursive definition of Strings

$\Sigma$  is the alphabet  
 $\Sigma^*$  is the set of all strings  
 $\varepsilon$  is the empty string

The set of all strings  $\Sigma^*$  can be defined recursively (using  $\Sigma, \varepsilon$ ):

Basis Step:  $\varepsilon \in \Sigma^*$

Recursive Step: If  $w \in \Sigma^*$  and  $a \in \Sigma$ , then  $wa \in \Sigma^*$

$wa$  here means the string  $w$  with the character  $a$  appended on to it

# Proof

$$\begin{aligned}\text{len}(\varepsilon) &= 0 \\ \text{len}(wa) &= \text{len}(w) + 1\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\varepsilon^R &= \varepsilon \\ (wa)^R &= aw^R\end{aligned}$$

**Basis:**  $\varepsilon \in \Sigma^*$   
**Recursive:** If  $w \in \Sigma^*$  and  $a \in \Sigma$ ,  
then  $wa \in \Sigma^*$

1. Let  $P(s)$  be  $\text{len}(s^R) = \text{len}(s)$ . We prove  $P(s)$  for all strings  $s$  by structural induction.

2. Base Case(s): ( $s = \varepsilon$ ). LHS: Since  $\varepsilon^R = \varepsilon$ ,  $\text{len}(\varepsilon^R) = \text{len}(\varepsilon) = 0$ . RHS:  $\text{len}(\varepsilon) = 0$ . Since  $0 = 0$ , the base case holds.

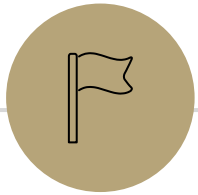
3. Inductive Hypothesis: Suppose  $P(w)$  for some arbitrary string  $w$ . Then  $\text{len}(w^R) = \text{len}(w)$

4. Inductive Step: **Goal:**  $\text{len}((wa)^R) = \text{len}(wa)$

Let  $a$  be an arbitrary character. Observe:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{len}((wa)^R) &= \text{len}(aw^R) && \text{By definition of reverse} \\ &= \text{len}(w^R) + 1 && \text{By definition of length} \\ &= \text{len}(w) + 1 && \text{By IH} \\ &= \text{len}(wa) && \text{By definition of length}\end{aligned}$$

5. Conclusion: Thus  $P(s)$  holds for all strings  $s$  by structural induction.



Trees!

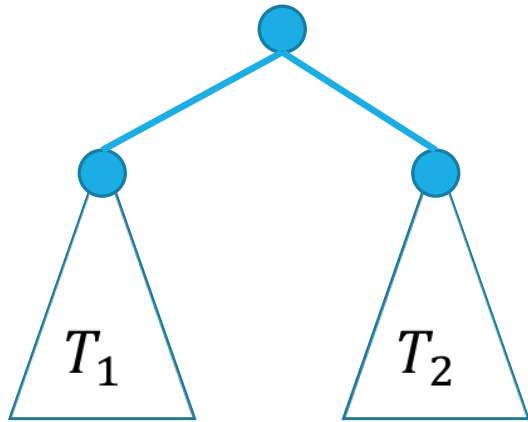
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# More Structural Sets

Binary Trees are another common source of structural induction.

Basis: A single node is a rooted binary tree. ●

Recursive Step: If  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are rooted binary trees with roots  $r_1$  and  $r_2$ , then a tree rooted at a new node, with children  $r_1, r_2$  is a binary tree.



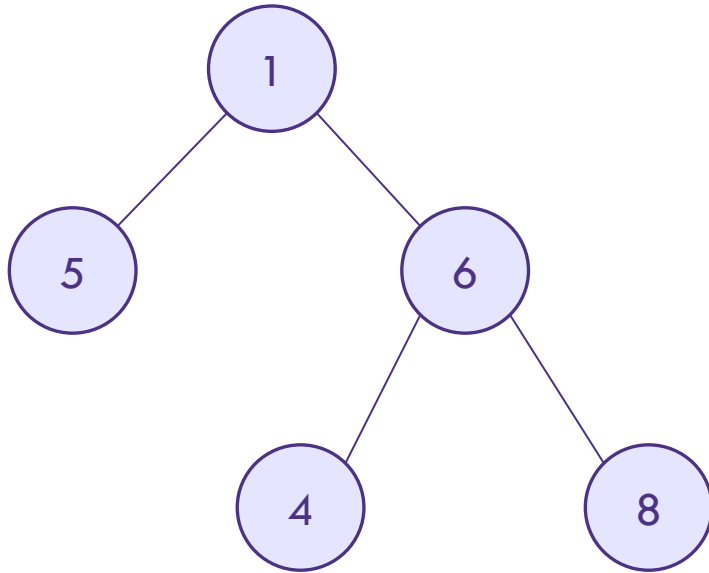


# Exercise

Basis:  $\text{null} \in \text{Tree}$

Recursive: If  $L, R \in \text{Tree}$ , and  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$  then  $(L, a, R) \in \text{Tree}$

Write out the following tree using our notation for trees.

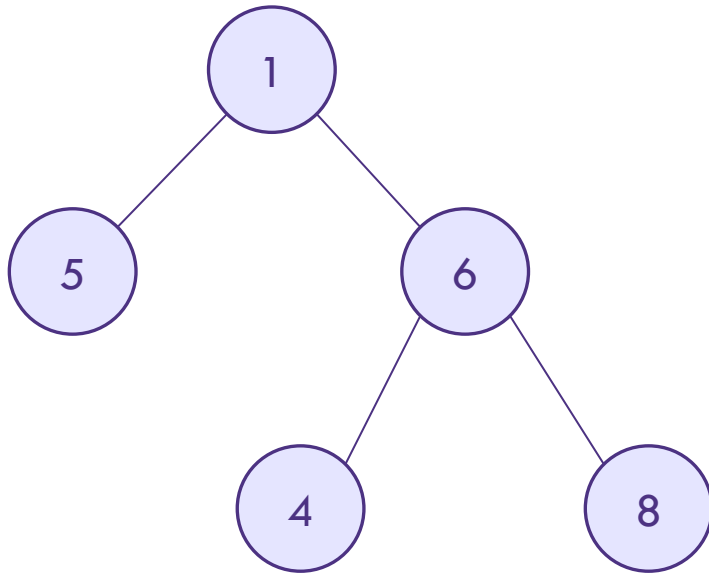


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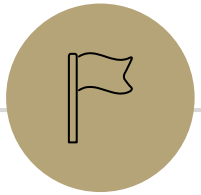
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Write out the following tree using our notation for trees.



$((\text{null}, 5, \text{null}), 1, ((\text{null}, 4, \text{null}), 6, (\text{null}, 8, \text{null})))$



Claim 1



# Functions on Binary Trees

Basis:  $\text{null} \in \text{Tree}$

Recursive: If  $L, R \in \text{Tree}$ , and  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$  then  $(L, a, R) \in \text{Tree}$

To prove interesting facts about trees, we need functions on trees.

Size:

$$\text{size}(\text{null}) = 0$$

$$\text{size}((L, a, R)) = 1 + \text{size}(L) + \text{size}(R)$$

Height:

$$\text{height}(\text{null}) = -1$$

$$\text{height}((L, a, R)) = 1 + \max(\text{height}(L), \text{height}(R))$$

# Functions on Binary Trees

$$\text{size}(\text{null}) = 0$$

$$\text{size}((L, a, R)) = 1 + \text{size}(L) + \text{size}(R)$$

What's the size the tree  $((\text{null}, 5, \text{null}), 1, ((\text{null}, 4, \text{null}), 6, (\text{null}, 8, \text{null})))$ ?

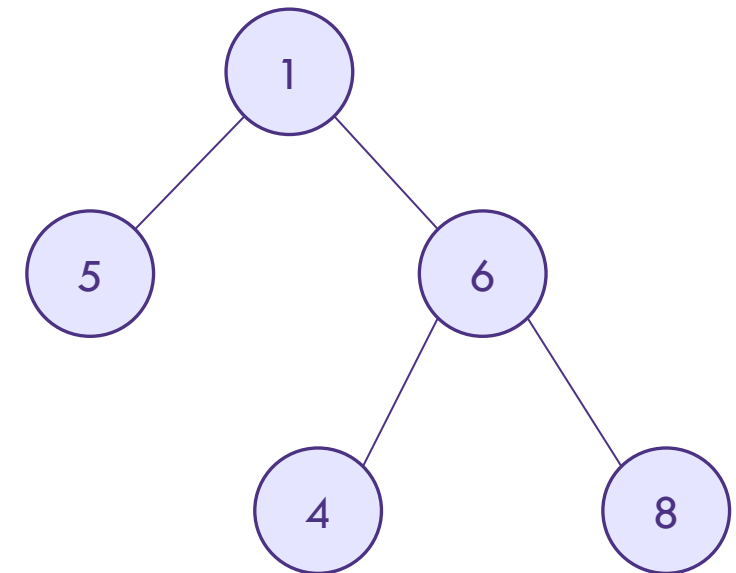
$$\text{size}((\text{null}, 5, \text{null}), 1, ((\text{null}, 4, \text{null}), 6, (\text{null}, 8, \text{null})))$$

$$= 1 + \text{size}((\text{null}, 5, \text{null})) + \text{size}((\text{null}, 4, \text{null}), 6, (\text{null}, 8, \text{null}))$$

$$= 1 + 1 + \text{size}(\text{null}) + \text{size}(\text{null}) + 1 + \text{size}(\text{null}, 4, \text{null}) + \text{size}(\text{null}, 8, \text{null})$$

$$= 3 + 1 + \text{size}(\text{null}) + \text{size}(\text{null}) + 1 + \text{size}(\text{null}) + \text{size}(\text{null})$$

$$= \mathbf{5}$$



# Functions on Binary Trees

$$\text{height}(\text{null}) = -1$$

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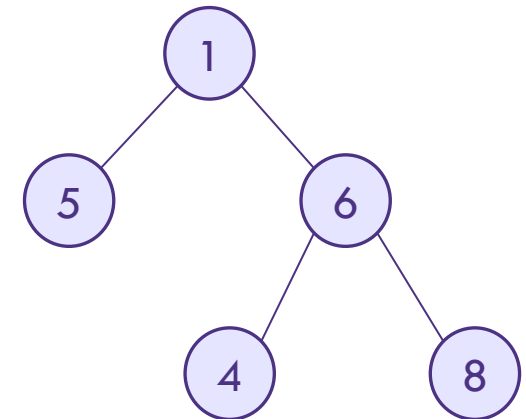
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$$= 1 + \max(1 - 1, 1 + \max(1 + \max(\text{height}(\text{null}), \text{height}(\text{null})), 1 + \max(\text{height}(\text{null}), \text{height}(\text{null}))))$$

$$= 1 + \max(0, 1 + \max(1 - 1, 1 - 1))$$

$$= 1 + \max(0, 1 + \max(0, 0)) = 1 + \max(0, 1 + 0) = 1 + 1 = \mathbf{2}$$

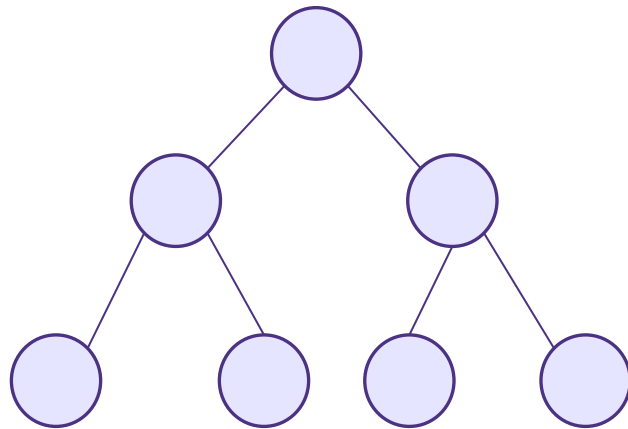


# Claim 1

$$\begin{aligned} \text{height}(\text{null}) &= -1 \\ \text{height}((L, a, R)) &= 1 + \max(\text{height}(L), \text{height}(R)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{size}(\text{null}) &= 0 \\ \text{size}((L, a, R)) &= 1 + \text{size}(L) + \text{size}(R) \end{aligned}$$

Claim 1: For every binary tree,  $\text{size}(T) \leq 2^{\text{height}(T)+1} - 1$ .



$$\text{height}(T) = 2$$

$$\text{size}(T) = 7$$

$$7 \leq 7 = 8 - 1 = 2^3 - 1 = 2^{2+1} - 1$$

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4. IS: Let  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$  be arbitrary. Consider the binary tree  $(L, a, R)$ :  
$$\begin{aligned} \text{size}((L, a, R)) &= 1 + \text{size}(L) + \text{size}(R) \\ &\leq 1 + 2^{\text{height}(L)+1} - 1 + 2^{\text{height}(R)+1} - 1 \\ &= 2^{\text{height}(L)+1} + 2^{\text{height}(R)+1} - 1 \end{aligned}$$

Definition of Size  
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Algebra

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Definition of Size  
 By the IH  
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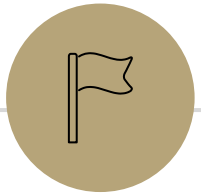
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$\leq 1 + 2^{\text{height}(L)+1} - 1 + 2^{\text{height}(R)+1} - 1$	By the IH
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$\leq 2^{\max(\text{height}(L), \text{height}(R))+1} + 2^{\max(\text{height}(L), \text{height}(R))+1} - 1$	Property of max
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- Thus  $P(T)$  holds for all trees  $T$  by structural induction.



Claim 2

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# Functions on Lists

Basis:  $[] \in \text{List}$

Recursive: If  $L \in \text{List}$  and  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$  then  $a :: L \in \text{List}$

To prove interesting facts about lists, we need functions on lists.

Length:

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

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

Concatenation:

$$\text{concat}([], R) = R$$

$$\text{concat}(a :: L, R) = a :: \text{concat}(L, R)$$

## Claim 2

$$\begin{aligned} \text{len}([\ ]) &= 0 \\ \text{len}(a :: L) &= 1 + \text{len}(L) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{concat}([\ ], R) &= R \\ \text{concat}(a :: L, R) &= a :: \text{concat}(L, R) \end{aligned}$$

Claim 2: For all lists  $L, R$ ,  $\text{len}(\text{concat}(L, R)) = \text{len}(L) + \text{len}(R)$ .

How do we prove a nested forall?

Let  $P(L)$  be " $\text{len}(\text{concat}(L, R)) = \text{len}(L) + \text{len}(R)$  for all lists  $R \in \text{List}$ ".

We prove  $P(L)$  for all lists  $L \in \text{List}$  by structural induction.

# Claim 2 Proof

Basis:  $[] \in \text{List}$

Recursive: If  $L \in \text{List}$  and  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$  then  
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$\text{concat}([], R) = R$

$\text{concat}(a :: L, R) = a :: \text{concat}(L, R)$

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

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

∴ We prove  $P(L)$

1. Let  $P(L)$  be " $\text{len}(L) = \text{len}(\text{concat}(L, R))$ " for all lists  $L \in \text{List}$  by structural induction.
2. Base Case:
3. IH:
4. IS:
5. Thus  $P(L)$  holds for all lists  $L \in \text{List}$  by structural induction.

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$\text{concat}([], R) = R$

$\text{concat}(a :: L, R) = a :: \text{concat}(L, R)$

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

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

1. Let  $P(L)$  be " $\text{len}(\text{concat}(L, R)) = \text{len}(L) + \text{len}(R)$  for all lists  $R \in \text{List}$ ". We prove  $P(L)$  for all lists  $L \in \text{List}$  by structural induction.
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3. IH:
4. IS:
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$\text{concat}([\ ], R) = R$

$\text{concat}(a :: L, R) = a :: \text{concat}(L, R)$

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

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

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2. Base Case: Let  $R \in \text{List}$  be arbitrary. Observe that  $\text{len}(\text{concat}([\ ], R)) = \text{len}(R) = 0 + \text{len}(R) = \text{len}([\ ]) + \text{len}(R)$ , so  $P([\ ])$  holds.
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$$\text{so } \frac{n-1}{2} \leq \log_2 a \text{ or } n \leq 1 + 2 \log_2 a$$

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Intuition: Consider an  $n$  step gcd calculation starting with  $r_{n+1}=a$  and  $r_n=b$ :

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**For all  $k \geq 2$ ,  $r_{k-1} = r_{k+1} \bmod r_k$**

Now  $r_1 \geq 1$  and each  $q_k$  must be  $\geq 1$ . If we replace all the  $q_k$ 's by 1 and replace  $r_1$  by 1, we can only reduce the  $r_k$ 's. After that reduction,  $r_k = f_k$  for every  $k$ .

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