

Claim: $5|x$ for all $x \in T$.

Basis: $0 \in T, 5 \in T$
 Recursive: If $x, y \in T$ then
 $x + y \in T$ and $x - y \in T$.

Let $P(x)$ be " $5|x$." We prove $P(x)$ holds for all $x \in T$ by structural induction.

Base Case ():

Inductive Hypothesis:

Inductive Step:

Thus $P(x)$ holds for all $x \in T$ by structural induction

Claim for all $x, y \in \Sigma^*$ $\text{len}(x \cdot y) = \text{len}(x) + \text{len}(y)$.

Let $P(y)$ be " $\text{len}(x \cdot y) = \text{len}(x) + \text{len}(y)$ for all $x \in \Sigma^*$."

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

Base Case:

Inductive Hypothesis

Inductive Step:

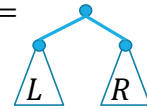
We conclude that $P(y)$ holds for all string y by the principle of induction. Unwrapping the definition of P , we get $\forall x \forall y \in \Sigma^* \text{len}(xy) = \text{len}(x) + \text{len}(y)$, as required.

Practice: Structural Induction on Trees

Let $P(T)$ be "leaves(T) $\geq \frac{\text{size}(T)}{2} + \frac{1}{2}$ ". We show $P(T)$ for all binary trees T by structural induction.

Base Case: Let $T = \bullet$.

Inductive Hypothesis: Suppose $P(L)$ and $P(R)$ hold for arbitrary trees L, R . Let $T =$



So $P(T)$ holds, and we have $P(T)$ for all binary trees T by the principle of induction.

Induction: Hats!

Define $P(n)$ to be "in every line of n people with gold and purple hats, with a purple hat at one end and a gold hat at the other, there is a person with a purple hat next to someone with a gold hat"

We show $P(n)$ for all integers $n \geq 2$ by induction on n .

Base Case: $n = 2$

Inductive Hypothesis:

Inductive Step:

By the principle of induction, we have $P(n)$ for all $n \geq 2$