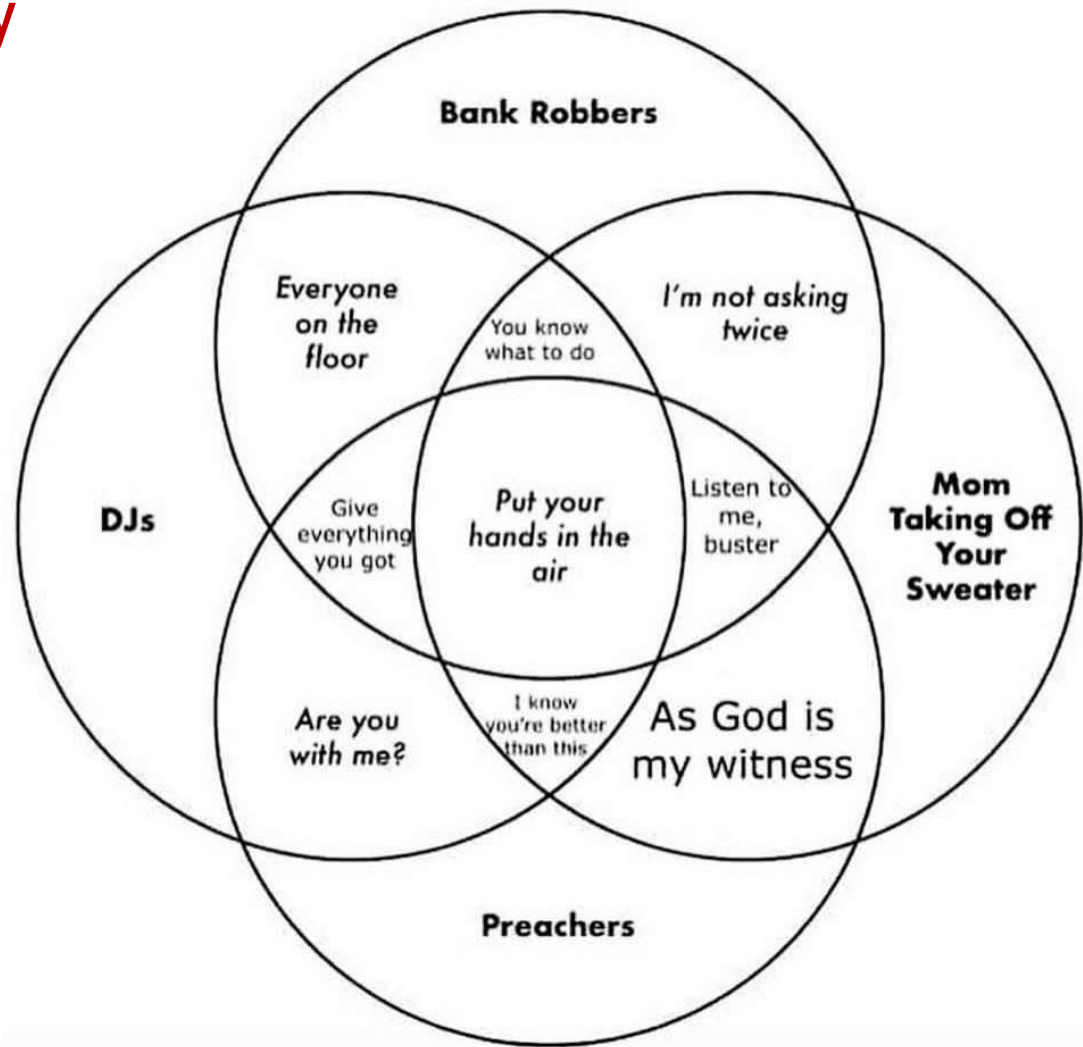


CSE 311: Foundations of Computing

Topic 6: Set Theory



Sets

Sets are collections of objects called **elements**.

Write $a \in B$ to say that a is an element of set B ,
and $a \notin B$ to say that it is not.

Some simple examples

$$A = \{1\}$$

$$B = \{1, 3, 2\}$$

$$C = \{\square, 1\}$$

$$D = \{\{17\}, 17\}$$

$$E = \{1, 2, 7, \text{cat}, \text{dog}, \emptyset, \alpha\}$$

Some Common Sets

\mathbb{N} is the set of **Natural Numbers**; $\mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$

\mathbb{Z} is the set of **Integers**; $\mathbb{Z} = \{\dots, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$

\mathbb{Q} is the set of **Rational Numbers**; e.g. $\frac{1}{2}$, -17 , $\frac{32}{48}$

\mathbb{R} is the set of **Real Numbers**; e.g. 1 , -17 , $\frac{32}{48}$, π , $\sqrt{2}$

$[n]$ is the set $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ when n is a natural number

$\emptyset = \{\}$ is the **empty set**; the *only* set with no elements

Sets can be elements of other sets

For example

$$A = \{\{1\}, \{2\}, \{1,2\}, \emptyset\}$$

$$B = \{1,2\}$$

Then $B \in A$.

Definition: Equality

A and B are *equal* if they have the same elements

$$A = B := \forall x (x \in A \leftrightarrow x \in B)$$

Examples:

- $\{1\} = \{1, 1, 1\}$
- \emptyset is **the** empty set

Definition: Equality

A and B are *equal* if they have the same elements

$$A = B := \forall x (x \in A \leftrightarrow x \in B)$$

$$A = \{1, 2, 3\}$$

$$B = \{3, 4, 5\}$$

$$C = \{3, 4\}$$

$$D = \{4, 3, 3\}$$

$$E = \{3, 4, 3\}$$

$$F = \{4, \{3\}\}$$

Which sets are equal?

Definition: Subset

A* is a *subset* of **B** if every element of *A* is also in **B*

$$A \subseteq B := \forall x (x \in A \rightarrow x \in B)$$

Definition: Subset

A* is a *subset* of **B** if every element of *A* is also in **B*

$$A \subseteq B := \forall x (x \in A \rightarrow x \in B)$$

$$A = \{1, 2, 3\}$$

$$B = \{3, 4, 5\}$$

$$C = \{3, 4\}$$

QUESTIONS

$$A \subseteq B?$$

$$C \subseteq B?$$

$$\emptyset \subseteq A?$$

Definition: Subset

A* is a *subset* of **B** if every element of **A** is also in **B*

$$A \subseteq B := \forall x (x \in A \rightarrow x \in B)$$

Note the domain restriction!

We will use a shorthand restriction to a set

$$\forall x \in A (P(x)) \quad \text{means} \quad \forall x (x \in A \rightarrow P(x))$$

Restricting all quantified variables improves *clarity*

Definitions

- **A and B are *equal* if they have the same elements**

$$A = B := \forall x (x \in A \leftrightarrow x \in B)$$

- **A is a *subset* of B if every element of A is also in B**

$$A \subseteq B := \forall x (x \in A \rightarrow x \in B)$$

- **Notes:** $(A = B) \equiv (A \subseteq B) \wedge (B \subseteq A)$

$A \supseteq B$ means $B \subseteq A$

$A \subset B$ means $A \subseteq B$

Sets & Logic

Proofs About Sets

1. $A \subseteq B$

Given

2. $B \subseteq A$

Given

?. $A = B$

??

Proofs About Sets

1. $A \subseteq B$

Given

2. $B \subseteq A$

Given

3. $\forall x (x \in A \rightarrow x \in B)$

Def of Subset: 1

4. $\forall x (x \in B \rightarrow x \in A)$

Def of Subset: 2

?. $A = B$

??

Proofs About Sets

1. $A \subseteq B$

Given

2. $B \subseteq A$

Given

3. $\forall x (x \in A \rightarrow x \in B)$

Def of Subset: 1

4. $\forall x (x \in B \rightarrow x \in A)$

Def of Subset: 2

?. $\forall x (x \in A \leftrightarrow x \in B)$

??

?. $A = B$

Def of Same Set

Proofs About Sets

1. $A \subseteq B$

Given

2. $B \subseteq A$

Given

3. $\forall x (x \in A \rightarrow x \in B)$

Def of Subset: 1

4. $\forall x (x \in B \rightarrow x \in A)$

Def of Subset: 2

Let y be arbitrary.

5.?. $y \in A \leftrightarrow y \in B$

??

5. $\forall x (x \in A \leftrightarrow x \in B)$

Intro \forall

6. $A = B$

Def of Same Set: 5

Proofs About Sets

1. $A \subseteq B$

Given

2. $B \subseteq A$

Given

3. $\forall x (x \in A \rightarrow x \in B)$

Def of Subset: 1

4. $\forall x (x \in B \rightarrow x \in A)$

Def of Subset: 2

Let y be arbitrary.

5.1. $y \in A \rightarrow y \in B$

Elim \forall : 3

5.2. $y \in B \rightarrow y \in A$

Elim \forall : 4

5.?. $y \in A \leftrightarrow y \in B$

??

5. $\forall x (x \in A \leftrightarrow x \in B)$

Intro \forall

6. $A = B$

Def of Same Set: 5

Proofs About Sets

- | | |
|--|---------------------------|
| 1. $A \subseteq B$ | Given |
| 2. $B \subseteq A$ | Given |
| 3. $\forall x (x \in A \rightarrow x \in B)$ | Def of Subset: 1 |
| 4. $\forall x (x \in B \rightarrow x \in A)$ | Def of Subset: 2 |
| Let y be arbitrary. | |
| 5.1. $y \in A \rightarrow y \in B$ | Elim \forall : 3 |
| 5.2. $y \in B \rightarrow y \in A$ | Elim \forall : 4 |
| 5.3. $(y \in A \rightarrow y \in B) \wedge$
$(y \in B \rightarrow y \in A)$ | Intro \wedge : 5.1, 5.2 |
| 5.4. $y \in A \leftrightarrow y \in B$ | Equivalent: 5.3 |
| 5. $\forall x (x \in A \leftrightarrow x \in B)$ | Intro \forall |
| 6. $A = B$ | Def of Same Set: 5 |

Building Sets from Predicates

Every set S defines a predicate $P(x) := "x \in S"$

We can also define a set from a predicate P :

$$S := \{x : P(x)\}$$

S = the set of all x for which $P(x)$ is true

$$S := \{x \in U : P(x)\} = \{x : (x \in U) \wedge P(x)\}$$

Inference Rules on Sets

$$S := \{x : P(x)\}$$

When a set is defined this way,
we can reason about it using its definition:

1. $x \in S$ Given
2. $P(x)$ Def of S
- ...
8. $P(y)$
9. $y \in S$ Def of S

This will be our **only**
inference rule for sets!

Proofs About Sets

$$A := \{x : P(x)\}$$

$$B := \{x : Q(x)\}$$

Suppose we want to prove $A \subseteq B$.

We have a definition of subset:

$$A \subseteq B := \forall x (x \in A \rightarrow x \in B)$$

We need to show that is definition holds

Proofs About Sets

$$A := \{x : P(x)\}$$

$$B := \{x : Q(x)\}$$

9. $A \subseteq B$

??

Proofs About Sets

$$A := \{x : P(x)\}$$

$$B := \{x : Q(x)\}$$

8. $\forall x (x \in A \rightarrow x \in B)$

9. $A \subseteq B$

??

Def of Subset: 8

Proofs About Sets

$$A := \{x : P(x)\}$$

$$B := \{x : Q(x)\}$$

Let x be arbitrary

1.1. $x \in A \rightarrow x \in B$

1. $\forall x (x \in A \rightarrow x \in B)$

2. $A \subseteq B$

??

Intro \forall : **1**

Def of Subset: **2**

Proofs About Sets

$$A := \{x : P(x)\}$$

$$B := \{x : Q(x)\}$$

Let x be arbitrary

1.1.1. $x \in A$

Assumption

1.1.?. $x \in B$

??

1..1. $x \in A \rightarrow x \in B$

Direct Proof

1. $\forall x (x \in A \rightarrow x \in B)$

Intro \forall : 1

2. $A \subseteq B$

Def of Subset: 2

Proofs About Sets

$$A := \{x : P(x)\}$$

$$B := \{x : Q(x)\}$$

Let x be arbitrary

1.1.1. $x \in A$

1.1.2. $P(x)$

1.1.?. $Q(x)$

1.1.?. $x \in B$

1..1. $x \in A \rightarrow x \in B$

1. $\forall x (x \in A \rightarrow x \in B)$

2. $A \subseteq B$

Assumption

Def of A

??

Def of B

Direct Proof

Intro \forall : 1

Def of Subset: 2

Proofs About Sets

$$A := \{x : P(x)\}$$

$$B := \{x : Q(x)\}$$

Prove that $A \subseteq B$.

Proof: Let x be an arbitrary object.

Suppose that $x \in A$. By definition of A , this means $P(x)$.

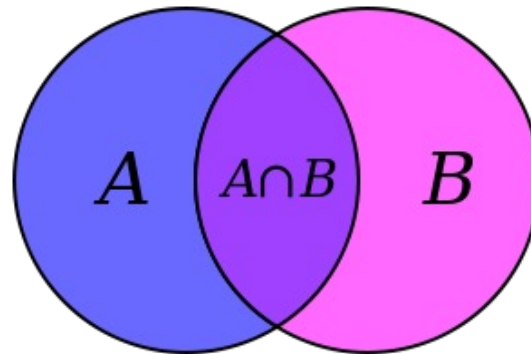
...

Thus, we have $Q(x)$. By definition of B , this means $x \in B$.

Since x was arbitrary, we have shown, by definition, that $A \subseteq B$.

English *template* for a Subset Proof

Operations on Sets



Set Operations

$$A \cup B := \{ x : (x \in A) \vee (x \in B) \}$$

Union

$$A \cap B := \{ x : (x \in A) \wedge (x \in B) \}$$

Intersection

$$A \setminus B := \{ x : (x \in A) \wedge (x \notin B) \}$$

Set Difference

$$A = \{1, 2, 3\}$$

$$B = \{3, 5, 6\}$$

$$C = \{3, 4\}$$

QUESTIONS

Using A, B, C and set operations, make...

$$\{6\} =$$

$$\{3\} =$$

$$\{1,2\} =$$

More Set Operations

$$A \oplus B := \{x : (x \in A) \oplus (x \in B)\}$$

**Symmetric
Difference**

$$\bar{A} = A^C := \{x : x \in U \wedge x \notin A\}$$

(with respect to universe U)

Complement

$$A = \{1, 2, 3\}$$

$$B = \{1, 2, 4, 6\}$$

Universe:

$$U = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$$

$$A \oplus B = \{3, 4, 6\}$$

$$\bar{A} = \{4, 5, 6\}$$

Note that $A \cup \bar{A} = U$

De Morgan's Laws

$$\overline{A \cup B} = \bar{A} \cap \bar{B}$$

$$\overline{A \cap B} = \bar{A} \cup \bar{B}$$

De Morgan's Laws

Prove that $(A \cup B)^c = A^c \cap B^c$

Formally, prove $\forall x (x \in (A \cup B)^c \leftrightarrow x \in A^c \cap B^c)$

Proof: Let x be an arbitrary object.

Since x was arbitrary, we have shown, by definition, that $(A \cup B)^c = A^c \cap B^c$.

Proof technique:
To show $C = D$ show
 $x \in C \rightarrow x \in D$ and
 $x \in D \rightarrow x \in C$

De Morgan's Laws

Formally, prove $\forall x (x \in (A \cup B)^C \leftrightarrow x \in A^C \cap B^C)$

1. Let x be arbitrary

2.1. $x \in (A \cup B)^C$

Assumption

...

2.3. $x \in A^C \cap B^C$

2. $x \in (A \cup B)^C \rightarrow x \in A^C \cap B^C$

Direct Proof

3.1. $x \in A^C \cap B^C$

Assumption

...

3.3. $x \in (A \cup B)^C$

3. $x \in A^C \cap B^C \rightarrow x \in (A \cup B)^C$

Direct Proof

4. $(x \in (A \cup B)^C \rightarrow x \in A^C \cap B^C) \wedge (x \in A^C \cap B^C \rightarrow x \in (A \cup B)^C)$

Intro \wedge : 2, 3

5. $x \in (A \cup B)^C \leftrightarrow x \in A^C \cap B^C$

Biconditional: 4

6. $\forall x (x \in (A \cup B)^C \leftrightarrow x \in A^C \cap B^C)$

Intro \forall : 1-5

De Morgan's Laws

Prove that $(A \cup B)^c = A^c \cap B^c$

Formally, prove $\forall x (x \in (A \cup B)^c \leftrightarrow x \in A^c \cap B^c)$

Proof: Let x be an arbitrary object.

Suppose $x \in (A \cup B)^c$.

...

Thus, we have $x \in A^c \cap B^c$.

De Morgan's Laws

Prove that $(A \cup B)^c = A^c \cap B^c$

Formally, prove $\forall x (x \in (A \cup B)^c \leftrightarrow x \in A^c \cap B^c)$

Proof: Let x be an arbitrary object.

Suppose $x \in (A \cup B)^c$. Then, by the definition of complement, we have $\neg(x \in A \cup B)$.

...

Thus, we have $x \in A^c \cap B^c$.

De Morgan's Laws

Prove that $(A \cup B)^c = A^c \cap B^c$

Formally, prove $\forall x (x \in (A \cup B)^c \leftrightarrow x \in A^c \cap B^c)$

Proof: Let x be an arbitrary object.

Suppose $x \in (A \cup B)^c$. Then, by the definition of complement, we have $\neg(x \in A \cup B)$. The latter says, by the definition of union, that $\neg(x \in A \vee x \in B)$.

...

Thus, we have $x \in A^c \cap B^c$.

De Morgan's Laws

Prove that $(A \cup B)^c = A^c \cap B^c$

Formally, prove $\forall x (x \in (A \cup B)^c \leftrightarrow x \in A^c \cap B^c)$

Proof: Let x be an arbitrary object.

Suppose $x \in (A \cup B)^c$. Then, by the definition of complement, we have $\neg(x \in A \cup B)$. The latter says, by the definition of union, that $\neg(x \in A \vee x \in B)$.

...

Thus, $x \in A^c$ and $x \in B^c$, so we we have $x \in A^c \cap B^c$ by the definition of intersection.

De Morgan's Laws

Prove that $(A \cup B)^C = A^C \cap B^C$

Formally, prove $\forall x (x \in (A \cup B)^C \leftrightarrow x \in A^C \cap B^C)$

Proof: Let x be an arbitrary object.

Suppose $x \in (A \cup B)^C$. Then, by the definition of complement, we have $\neg(x \in A \cup B)$. The latter says, by the definition of union, that $\neg(x \in A \vee x \in B)$.

...

Thus, $\neg(x \in A)$ and $\neg(x \in B)$, so $x \in A^C$ and $x \in B^C$ by the definition of complement, and we can see that $x \in A^C \cap B^C$ by the definition of intersection.

De Morgan's Laws

Prove that $(A \cup B)^c = A^c \cap B^c$

Formally, prove $\forall x (x \in (A \cup B)^c \leftrightarrow x \in A^c \cap B^c)$

Proof: Let x be an arbitrary object.

Suppose $x \in (A \cup B)^c$. Then, by the definition of complement, we have $\neg(x \in A \cup B)$. The latter says, by the definition of union, that $\neg(x \in A \vee x \in B)$, or equivalently $\neg(x \in A) \wedge \neg(x \in B)$ by De Morgan's law. Thus, we have $x \in A^c$ and $x \in B^c$ by the definition of complement, and we can see that $x \in A^c \cap B^c$ by the definition of intersection.

Proof technique:

To show $C = D$ show

$x \in C \rightarrow x \in D$ and

$x \in D \rightarrow x \in C$

De Morgan's Laws

Prove that $(A \cup B)^c = A^c \cap B^c$

Formally, prove $\forall x (x \in (A \cup B)^c \leftrightarrow x \in A^c \cap B^c)$

Proof: Let x be an arbitrary object.

Suppose $x \in (A \cup B)^c$ Then, $x \in A^c \cap B^c$.

Suppose $x \in A^c \cap B^c$. Then, by the definition of intersection, we have $x \in A^c$ and $x \in B^c$. That is, we have $\neg(x \in A) \wedge \neg(x \in B)$, which is equivalent to $\neg(x \in A \vee x \in B)$ by De Morgan's law. The last is equivalent to $\neg(x \in A \cup B)$, by the definition of union, so we have shown $x \in (A \cup B)^c$, by the definition of complement.

Proofs About Set Equality

A lot of *repetitive* work to show \rightarrow and \leftarrow .

Do we have a way to prove \leftrightarrow directly?

Recall that $A \equiv B$ and $(A \leftrightarrow B) \equiv T$ are the same

We can use an equivalence chain to prove that a biconditional holds.

De Morgan's Laws

Prove that $(A \cup B)^C = A^C \cap B^C$

Formally, prove $\forall x (x \in (A \cup B)^C \leftrightarrow x \in A^C \cap B^C)$

Proof: Let x be an arbitrary object.

The stated biconditional holds since:

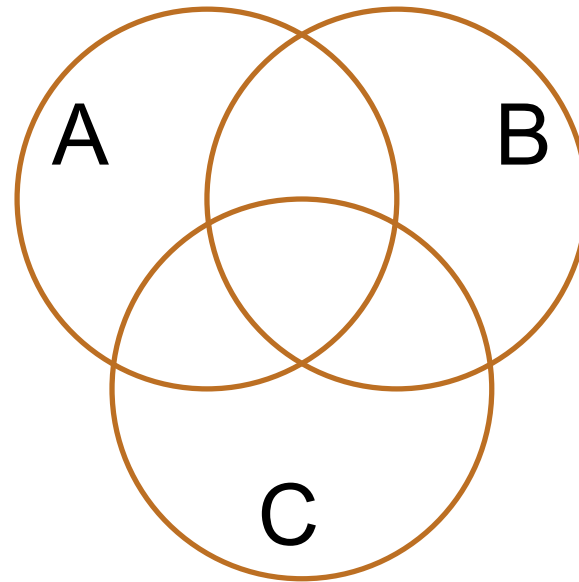
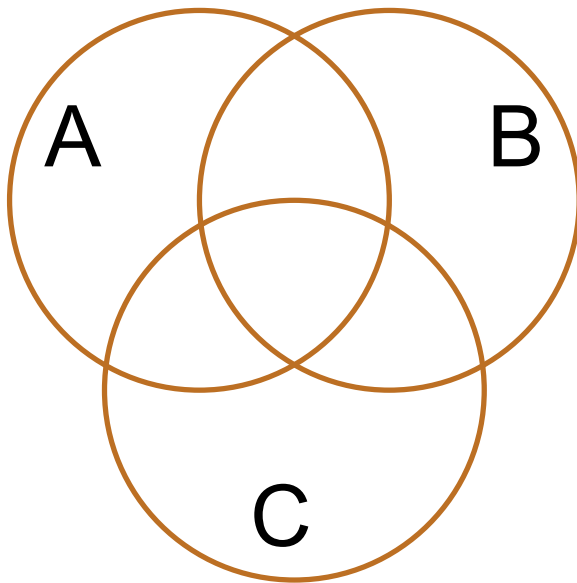
$x \in (A \cup B)^C$	$\equiv \neg(x \in A \cup B)$	Def of Comp
	$\equiv \neg(x \in A \vee x \in B)$	Def of Union
	$\equiv \neg(x \in A) \wedge \neg(x \in B)$	De Morgan
	$\equiv x \in A^C \wedge x \in B^C$	Def of Comp
	$\equiv x \in A^C \cap B^C$	Def of Intersection

Chains of equivalences
are often easier to read
like this rather than as
English text

Since x was arbitrary, we have shown the sets are equal. ■

Distributive Laws

$$A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$$
$$A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$$



It's Propositional Logic again!

The Meta Theorem Template

Meta-Theorem: Translate any Propositional Logic equivalence into “=” relationship between sets by replacing \cup with \vee , \cap with \wedge , and \cdot^c with \neg .

“Proof”: Let x be an arbitrary object.

The stated bi-condition holds since:

$x \in \text{left side}$ \equiv replace set ops with propositional logic
 \equiv apply Propositional Logic equivalence
 \equiv replace propositional logic with set ops
 $\equiv x \in \text{right side}$

Since x was arbitrary, we have shown the sets are equal. ■

Power Set

- Power Set of a set A = set of all subsets of A

$$\mathcal{P}(A) := \{B : B \subseteq A\}$$

- e.g., let $\text{Days} = \{M, W, F\}$ and consider all the possible sets of days in a week you could ask a question in class

$$\mathcal{P}(\text{Days}) = ?$$

$$\mathcal{P}(\emptyset) = ?$$

Power Set

- Power Set of a set A = set of all subsets of A

$$\mathcal{P}(A) := \{B : B \subseteq A\}$$

- e.g., let $\text{Days} = \{M, W, F\}$ and consider all the possible sets of days in a week you could ask a question in class

$$\mathcal{P}(\text{Days}) = \{\{M, W, F\}, \{M, W\}, \{M, F\}, \{W, F\}, \{M\}, \{W\}, \{F\}, \emptyset\}$$

$$\mathcal{P}(\emptyset) = ?$$

Power Set

- Power Set of a set A = set of all subsets of A

$$\mathcal{P}(A) := \{B : B \subseteq A\}$$

- e.g., let $\text{Days} = \{M, W, F\}$ and consider all the possible sets of days in a week you could ask a question in class

$$\mathcal{P}(\text{Days}) = \{\{M, W, F\}, \{M, W\}, \{M, F\}, \{W, F\}, \{M\}, \{W\}, \{F\}, \emptyset\}$$

$$\mathcal{P}(\emptyset) = \{\emptyset\} \neq \emptyset$$

Cartesian Product

$$A \times B := \{x : \exists a \in A \exists b \in B (x = (a, b))\}$$

$\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ is the real plane. You've seen ordered pairs before.

These are just for arbitrary sets.

$\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$ is “the set of all pairs of integers”

If $A = \{1, 2\}$, $B = \{a, b, c\}$, then $A \times B = \{(1,a), (1,b), (1,c), (2,a), (2,b), (2,c)\}$.

Cartesian Product

$$A \times B := \{x : \exists a \in A \exists b \in B (x = (a, b))\}$$

$\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ is the real plane. You've seen ordered pairs before.

These are just for arbitrary sets.

$\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$ is “the set of all pairs of integers”

If $A = \{1, 2\}$, $B = \{a, b, c\}$, then $A \times B = \{(1,a), (1,b), (1,c), (2,a), (2,b), (2,c)\}$.

What is $A \times \emptyset$?

Cartesian Product

$$A \times B := \{x : \exists a \in A \exists b \in B (x = (a, b))\}$$

$\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ is the real plane. You've seen ordered pairs before.

These are just for arbitrary sets.

$\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$ is “the set of all pairs of integers”

If $A = \{1, 2\}$, $B = \{a, b, c\}$, then $A \times B = \{(1,a), (1,b), (1,c), (2,a), (2,b), (2,c)\}$.

$$A \times \emptyset = \{(a, b) : a \in A \wedge b \in \emptyset\} = \{(a, b) : a \in A \wedge \mathbf{F}\} = \emptyset$$

More Set Builder Notation

$$A \times B := \{x : \exists a \in A \exists b \in B (x = (a, b))\}$$

- This can be written more concisely as follows...

$$A \times B := \{(a, b) : a \in A, b \in B\}$$

- within set builder variables are implicitly \exists -quantified
this is the one exception to the rule that
unbound variables are implicitly \forall -quantified

More Set Builder Notation

$$S := \{ x : P(x) \}$$

"filter"

- Then $x \in S$ tells us that $P(x)$ holds

$$T := \{ f(x) : x \in U \}$$

"map"

- Then $y \in T$ tells us that $y = f(x)$ for some $x \in U$

More Set Builder Notation

- Both notations can be used together, e.g.

$$V := \{ f(x) : x \in U, P(x) \}$$

- Then $y \in V$ tells us that $y = f(x)$ for **some** x such that $P(x)$ holds

these two notations can be thought of as "filter" and "map"
they are widely used operations in programming as well

Russell's Paradox

$$S := \{x : x \notin x\}$$

Suppose that $S \in S$...

Russell's Paradox

$$S := \{x : x \notin x\}$$

Suppose that $S \in S$. Then, by the definition of S , $S \notin S$, but that's a contradiction.

Suppose that $S \notin S$. Then, by the definition of S , $S \in S$, but that's a contradiction too.

This is reminiscent of the truth value of the statement "This statement is false."

Representing Sets Using Bits

- Suppose universe U is $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$
- Can represent set $B \subseteq U$ as a vector of bits:
 $b_1 b_2 \dots b_n$ where $b_i = 1$ when $i \in B$
 $b_i = 0$ when $i \notin B$
 - Called the *characteristic vector* of set B
- Given characteristic vectors for A and B
 - What is characteristic vector for $A \cup B$? $A \cap B$?

Bitwise Operations

$$\begin{array}{r} 01101101 \\ \vee \quad 00110111 \\ \hline 01111111 \end{array}$$

Java: $z = x | y$

$$\begin{array}{r} 00101010 \\ \wedge \quad 00001111 \\ \hline 00001010 \end{array}$$

Java: $z = x \& y$

$$\begin{array}{r} 01101101 \\ \oplus \quad 00110111 \\ \hline 01011010 \end{array}$$

Java: $z = x \wedge y$

Recursive Definitions of Functions

Recursive definitions of functions

- $0! = 1$; $(n + 1)! = (n + 1) \cdot n!$ for all $n \geq 0$.
- $F(0) = 0$; $F(n + 1) = F(n) - 1$ for all $n \geq 0$.
- $G(0) = 1$; $G(n + 1) = 2 \cdot G(n)$ for all $n \geq 0$.
- $H(0) = 1$; $H(n + 1) = 2^{H(n)}$ for all $n \geq 0$.

Prove $n! \leq n^n$ for all $n \geq 1$

- 1. Let $P(n)$ be “ $n! \leq n^n$ ”. We will show that $P(n)$ is true for all integers $n \geq 1$ by induction.**
- 2. Base Case ($n=1$): $1!=1 \cdot 0!=1 \cdot 1=1=1^1$ so $P(1)$ is true.**
- 3. Inductive Hypothesis: Suppose that $P(k)$ is true for some arbitrary integer $k \geq 1$. I.e., suppose $k! \leq k^k$.**

Prove $n! \leq n^n$ for all $n \geq 1$

1. Let $P(n)$ be " $n! \leq n^n$ ". We will show that $P(n)$ is true for all integers $n \geq 1$ by induction.
2. Base Case ($n=1$): $1! = 1 \cdot 0! = 1 \cdot 1 = 1 = 1^1$ so $P(1)$ is true.
3. Inductive Hypothesis: Suppose that $P(k)$ is true for some arbitrary integer $k \geq 1$. I.e., suppose $k! \leq k^k$.

4. Inductive Step:

Goal: Show $P(k+1)$, i.e. show $(k+1)! \leq (k+1)^{k+1}$

$$\begin{aligned}(k+1)! &= (k+1) \cdot k! && \text{by definition of !} \\ &\leq (k+1) \cdot k^k && \text{by the IH} \\ &\leq (k+1) \cdot (k+1)^k && \text{since } k \geq 0 \\ &= (k+1)^{k+1}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore $P(k+1)$ is true.

5. Thus $P(n)$ is true for all $n \geq 1$, by induction.

More Recursive Definitions

Suppose that $h: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

Then we have familiar summation notation:

$$\sum_{i=0}^0 h(i) = h(0)$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n+1} h(i) = h(n+1) + \sum_{i=0}^n h(i) \text{ for } n \geq 0$$

There is also product notation:

$$\prod_{i=0}^0 h(i) = h(0)$$

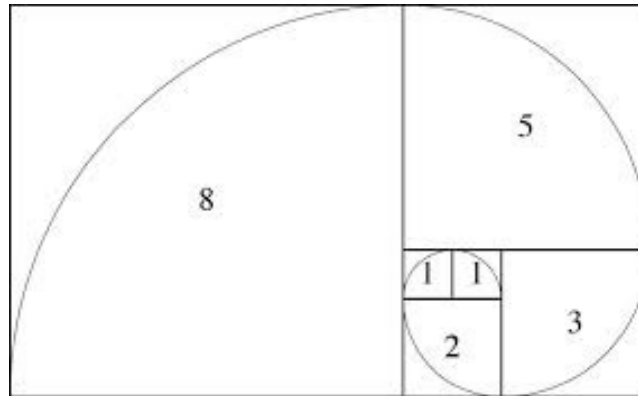
$$\prod_{i=0}^{n+1} h(i) = h(n+1) \cdot \prod_{i=0}^n h(i) \text{ for } n \geq 0$$

Fibonacci Numbers

$$f_0 = 0$$

$$f_1 = 1$$

$$f_n = f_{n-1} + f_{n-2} \text{ for all } n \geq 2$$



Fibonacci Numbers

$$f_0 = 0$$

$$f_1 = 1$$

$$f_n = f_{n-1} + f_{n-2} \text{ for all } n \geq 2$$



Tamás Görbe
@TamasGorbe

A Mathematician's Way* of Converting Miles to
Kilometers

$$3 \text{ mi} \approx 5 \text{ km}$$

$$5 \text{ mi} \approx 8 \text{ km}$$

$$8 \text{ mi} \approx 13 \text{ km}$$

$$f_n \text{ mi} \approx f_{n+1} \text{ km}$$

Bounding Fibonacci: $f_n < 2^n$ for all $n \geq 0$

1. Let $P(n)$ be " $f_n < 2^n$ ". We prove that $P(n)$ is true for all integers $n \geq 0$ by **strong** induction.

$$\begin{aligned} f_0 &= 0 & f_1 &= 1 \\ f_n &= f_{n-1} + f_{n-2} & \text{for all } n &\geq 2 \end{aligned}$$

Bounding Fibonacci: $f_n < 2^n$ for all $n \geq 0$

1. Let $P(n)$ be " $f_n < 2^n$ ". We prove that $P(n)$ is true for all integers $n \geq 0$ by strong induction.
2. Base Case: $f_0 = 0 < 1 = 2^0$ so $P(0)$ is true.

$$\begin{aligned} f_0 &= 0 & f_1 &= 1 \\ f_n &= f_{n-1} + f_{n-2} & \text{for all } n &\geq 2 \end{aligned}$$

Bounding Fibonacci: $f_n < 2^n$ for all $n \geq 0$

1. Let $P(n)$ be " $f_n < 2^n$ ". We prove that $P(n)$ is true for all integers $n \geq 0$ by strong induction.
2. Base Cases: $f_0 = 0 < 1 = 2^0$ so $P(0)$ is true and $f_1 = 1 < 2 = 2^1$ so $P(1)$ is true.

$$\begin{aligned} f_0 &= 0 & f_1 &= 1 \\ f_n &= f_{n-1} + f_{n-2} & \text{for all } n &\geq 2 \end{aligned}$$

Bounding Fibonacci: $f_n < 2^n$ for all $n \geq 0$

1. Let $P(n)$ be " $f_n < 2^n$ ". We prove that $P(n)$ is true for all integers $n \geq 0$ by strong induction.
2. Base Cases: $f_0=0 < 1=2^0$ so $P(0)$ is true and $f_1=1 < 2=2^1$ so $P(1)$ is true.
3. Inductive Hypothesis: Assume that for some arbitrary integer $k \geq 1$, we have $f_j < 2^j$ for every integer j from 0 to k .

$$\begin{aligned} f_0 &= 0 & f_1 &= 1 \\ f_n &= f_{n-1} + f_{n-2} & \text{for all } n &\geq 2 \end{aligned}$$

Bounding Fibonacci: $f_n < 2^n$ for all $n \geq 0$

1. Let $P(n)$ be " $f_n < 2^n$ ". We prove that $P(n)$ is true for all integers $n \geq 0$ by strong induction.
2. Base Cases: $f_0=0 < 1=2^0$ so $P(0)$ is true and $f_1=1 < 2=2^1$ so $P(1)$ is true.
3. Inductive Hypothesis: Assume that for some arbitrary integer $k \geq 1$, we have $f_j < 2^j$ for every integer j from 0 to k .
4. Inductive Step: **Goal: Show $P(k+1)$; that is, $f_{k+1} < 2^{k+1}$**

$$\begin{aligned} f_0 &= 0 & f_1 &= 1 \\ f_n &= f_{n-1} + f_{n-2} & \text{for all } n &\geq 2 \end{aligned}$$

Bounding Fibonacci: $f_n < 2^n$ for all $n \geq 0$

1. Let $P(n)$ be " $f_n < 2^n$ ". We prove that $P(n)$ is true for all integers $n \geq 0$ by strong induction.
2. Base Cases: $f_0=0 < 1=2^0$ so $P(0)$ is true and $f_1=1 < 2=2^1$ so $P(1)$ is true.
3. Inductive Hypothesis: Assume that for some arbitrary integer $k \geq 1$, we have $f_j < 2^j$ for every integer j from 0 to k .
4. Inductive Step: **Goal: Show $P(k+1)$; that is, $f_{k+1} < 2^{k+1}$**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Since } k+1 \geq 2, f_{k+1} &= f_k + f_{k-1} \text{ by definition} \\ &< 2^k + 2^{k-1} \text{ by the IH since } k-1 \geq 0 \\ &< 2^k + 2^k \\ &= 2 \cdot 2^k \\ &= 2^{k+1} \end{aligned}$$

so $P(k+1)$ is true.

$$\begin{aligned} f_0 &= 0 & f_1 &= 1 \\ f_n &= f_{n-1} + f_{n-2} \text{ for all } n \geq 2 \end{aligned}$$

Bounding Fibonacci: $f_n < 2^n$ for all $n \geq 0$

1. Let $P(n)$ be " $f_n < 2^n$ ". We prove that $P(n)$ is true for all integers $n \geq 0$ by strong induction.
2. Base Cases: $f_0=0 < 1=2^0$ so $P(0)$ is true and $f_1=1 < 2=2^1$ so $P(1)$ is true.
3. Inductive Hypothesis: Assume that for some arbitrary integer $k \geq 1$, we have $f_j < 2^j$ for every integer j from 0 to k .
4. Inductive Step: **Goal: Show $P(k+1)$; that is, $f_{k+1} < 2^{k+1}$**
Since $k+1 \geq 2$, $f_{k+1} = f_k + f_{k-1}$ by definition
 $< 2^k + 2^{k-1}$ by the IH since $k-1 \geq 0$
 $< 2^k + 2^k = 2 \cdot 2^k = 2^{k+1}$
so $P(k+1)$ is true.
5. Therefore, by strong induction, $f_n < 2^n$ for all integers $n \geq 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} f_0 &= 0 & f_1 &= 1 \\ f_n &= f_{n-1} + f_{n-2} & \text{for all } n &\geq 2 \end{aligned}$$

Recursive Definitions of Sets

Recursive Definitions of Sets (Data)

Natural numbers

Basis: $0 \in S$

Recursive: If $x \in S$, then $x+1 \in S$

Even numbers

Basis: $0 \in S$

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

Recursive Definition of Sets

Recursive definition of set S

- **Basis Step:** $0 \in S$
- **Recursive Step:** If $x \in S$, then $x + 2 \in S$

The only elements in S are those that follow from the basis step and a finite number of recursive steps

Recursive Definitions of Sets

Natural numbers

Basis: $0 \in S$

Recursive: If $x \in S$, then $x+1 \in S$

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 $3x \in S$.

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

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

Recursive Definitions of Sets

Natural numbers

Basis: $0 \in S$

Recursive: If $x \in S$, then $x+1 \in S$

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 $3x \in S$.

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

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

Fibonacci numbers

Last time: Recursive definitions of functions

- **Before, we considered only simple data**
 - inputs and outputs were just integers
- **Proved facts about those functions with induction**
 - $n! \leq n^n$
 - $f_n < 2^n$ and $f_n \geq 2^{n/2-1}$
- **How do we prove facts about functions that work with more complex (recursively defined) data?**
 - we need a more sophisticated form of induction

Structural Induction

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

Base Case: Show that $P(u)$ is true for all **specific elements** u of 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** w constructed in the *Recursive step* using the named elements mentioned in the Inductive Hypothesis

Conclude that $\forall x \in S, P(x)$

Structural Induction

Basis: $0 \in S$
Recursive: If $x \in S$, then $x+2 \in S$

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

Base Case: Show that $P(u)$ is true for all **specific elements u** of 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 w** constructed in the *Recursive step* using the named elements mentioned in the Inductive Hypothesis

Conclude that $\forall x \in S, P(x)$

Structural Induction 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 $k + 1 \in \mathbb{N}$

Structural induction follows from ordinary induction:

Define $Q(n)$ to be “for all $x \in S$ that can be constructed in at most n recursive steps, $P(x)$ is true.”

Using Structural Induction

- Let S be given by...
 - **Basis:** $6 \in S$; $15 \in S$
 - **Recursive:** if $x, y \in S$ then $x + y \in S$.

Claim: Every element of S is divisible by 3.

Claim: Every element of S is divisible by 3.

1. Let $P(x)$ be “ $3 \mid x$ ”. We prove that $P(x)$ is true for all $x \in S$ by structural induction.

Basis: $6 \in S$; $15 \in S$

Recursive: if $x, y \in S$, then $x + y \in S$

Claim: Every element of S is divisible by 3.

1. Let $P(x)$ be " $3 \mid x$ ". We prove that $P(x)$ is true for all $x \in S$ by structural induction.
2. Base Case: $3 \mid 6$ and $3 \mid 15$ so $P(6)$ and $P(15)$ are true

Basis: $6 \in S$; $15 \in S$

Recursive: if $x, y \in S$, then $x + y \in S$

Claim: Every element of S is divisible by 3.

1. Let $P(x)$ be " $3 \mid x$ ". We prove that $P(x)$ is true for all $x \in S$ by structural induction.
2. Base Case: $3 \mid 6$ and $3 \mid 15$ so $P(6)$ and $P(15)$ are true
3. Inductive Hypothesis: Suppose that $P(x)$ and $P(y)$ are true for some arbitrary $x, y \in S$
4. Inductive Step: **Goal: Show $P(x+y)$**

Basis: $6 \in S$; $15 \in S$

Recursive: if $x, y \in S$, then $x + y \in S$

Claim: Every element of S is divisible by 3.

1. Let $P(x)$ be " $3 \mid x$ ". We prove that $P(x)$ is true for all $x \in S$ by structural induction.
2. Base Case: $3 \mid 6$ and $3 \mid 15$ so $P(6)$ and $P(15)$ are true
3. Inductive Hypothesis: Suppose that $P(x)$ and $P(y)$ are true for some arbitrary $x, y \in S$
4. Inductive Step: **Goal: Show $P(x+y)$**

Since $P(x)$ is true, $3 \mid x$ and so $x=3m$ for some integer m and since $P(y)$ is true, $3 \mid y$ and so $y=3n$ for some integer n .

Therefore $x+y=3m+3n=3(m+n)$ and thus $3 \mid (x+y)$.

Hence $P(x+y)$ is true.

Basis: $6 \in S$; $15 \in S$

Recursive: if $x, y \in S$, then $x + y \in S$

Claim: Every element of S is divisible by 3.

1. Let $P(x)$ be " $3 \mid x$ ". We prove that $P(x)$ is true for all $x \in S$ by structural induction.
2. Base Case: $3 \mid 6$ and $3 \mid 15$ so $P(6)$ and $P(15)$ are true
3. Inductive Hypothesis: Suppose that $P(x)$ and $P(y)$ are true for some arbitrary $x, y \in S$
4. Inductive Step: **Goal: Show $P(x+y)$**
Since $P(x)$ is true, $3 \mid x$ and so $x=3m$ for some integer m and since $P(y)$ is true, $3 \mid y$ and so $y=3n$ for some integer n .
Therefore $x+y=3m+3n=3(m+n)$ and thus $3 \mid (x+y)$.
Hence $P(x+y)$ is true.
5. Therefore by induction $3 \mid x$ for all $x \in S$.

Basis: $6 \in S$; $15 \in S$

Recursive: if $x, y \in S$, then $x + y \in S$

Using Structural Induction

- Let T be given by...
 - **Basis:** $6 \in T$; $15 \in T$
 - **Recursive:** if $x \in T$, then $x + 6 \in T$ and $x + 15 \in T$

- Two base cases and two *recursive* cases

Claim: Every element of T is also in S .

Claim: Every element of T is an element of S

1. Let $P(x)$ be " $x \in S$ ". We prove that $P(x)$ is true for all $x \in T$ by structural induction.

Basis: $6 \in S$; $15 \in S$

Recursive: if $x, y \in S$,
then $x + y \in S$

Basis: $6 \in T$; $15 \in T$

Recursive: if $x \in T$, then $x + 6 \in T$
and $x + 15 \in T$

Claim: Every element of T is an element of S

1. Let $P(x)$ be “ $x \in S$ ”. We prove that $P(x)$ is true for all $x \in T$ by structural induction.
2. Base Case: $6 \in S$ and $15 \in S$ so $P(6)$ and $P(15)$ are true

Basis: $6 \in S$; $15 \in S$

Recursive: if $x, y \in S$,
then $x + y \in S$

Basis: $6 \in T$; $15 \in T$

Recursive: if $x \in T$, then $x + 6 \in T$
and $x + 15 \in T$

Claim: Every element of T is an element of S

1. Let $P(x)$ be " $x \in S$ ". We prove that $P(x)$ is true for all $x \in T$ by structural induction.
2. Base Case: $6 \in S$ and $15 \in S$ so $P(6)$ and $P(15)$ are true
3. Inductive Hypothesis: Suppose that $P(x)$ is true for some arbitrary $x \in T$

Basis: $6 \in S$; $15 \in S$

Recursive: if $x, y \in S$,
then $x + y \in S$

Basis: $6 \in T$; $15 \in T$

Recursive: if $x \in T$, then $x + 6 \in T$
and $x + 15 \in T$

Claim: Every element of T is an element of S

1. Let $P(x)$ be “ $x \in S$ ”. We prove that $P(x)$ is true for all $x \in T$ by structural induction.
2. Base Case: $6 \in S$ and $15 \in S$ so $P(6)$ and $P(15)$ are true
3. Inductive Hypothesis: Suppose that $P(x)$ is true for some arbitrary $x \in T$
4. Inductive Step: **Goal: Show $P(x+6)$ and $P(x+15)$**

Basis: $6 \in S$; $15 \in S$

Recursive: if $x, y \in S$,
then $x + y \in S$

Basis: $6 \in T$; $15 \in T$

Recursive: if $x \in T$, then $x + 6 \in T$
and $x + 15 \in T$

Claim: Every element of T is an element of S

1. Let $P(x)$ be " $x \in S$ ". We prove that $P(x)$ is true for all $x \in T$ by structural induction.
2. Base Case: $6 \in S$ and $15 \in S$ so $P(6)$ and $P(15)$ are true
3. Inductive Hypothesis: Suppose that $P(x)$ is true for some arbitrary $x \in T$
4. Inductive Step: **Goal: Show $P(x+6)$ and $P(x+15)$**
Since $P(x)$ holds, we have $x \in S$. From the recursive step of S , we can see that $x + 6 \in S$, so $P(x+6)$ is true, and we can see that $x + 15 \in S$, so $P(x+15)$ is true.

Basis: $6 \in S$; $15 \in S$

Recursive: if $x, y \in S$,
then $x + y \in S$

Basis: $6 \in T$; $15 \in T$

Recursive: if $x \in T$, then $x + 6 \in T$
and $x + 15 \in T$

Claim: Every element of T is an element of S

1. Let $P(x)$ be “ $x \in S$ ”. We prove that $P(x)$ is true for all $x \in T$ by structural induction.
2. Base Case: $6 \in S$ and $15 \in S$ so $P(6)$ and $P(15)$ are true
3. Inductive Hypothesis: Suppose that $P(x)$ is true for some arbitrary $x \in T$
4. Inductive Step: **Goal: Show $P(x+6)$ and $P(x+15)$**
Since $P(x)$ holds, we have $x \in S$. From the recursive step of S , we can see that $x + 6 \in S$, so $P(x+6)$ is true, and we can see that $x + 15 \in S$, so $P(x+15)$ is true.
5. Therefore $P(x)$ for all $x \in T$ by induction.

Basis: $6 \in S$; $15 \in S$

Recursive: if $x, y \in S$,
then $x + y \in S$

Basis: $6 \in T$; $15 \in T$

Recursive: if $x \in T$, then $x + 6 \in T$
and $x + 15 \in T$

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 |
| – $1 :: 2 :: \text{nil}$ | $1 \rightarrow 2$ |
| – $1 :: 2 :: 3 :: \text{nil}$ | $1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3$ |

Functions on Lists

Length:

$$\text{len}(\text{nil}) := 0$$

$$\text{len}(a :: L) := \text{len}(L) + 1 \quad \text{for any } L \in \mathbf{List} \text{ and } a \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Concatenation:

$$\text{concat}(\text{nil}, R) := R \quad \text{for any } R \in \mathbf{List}$$

$$\text{concat}(a :: L, R) := a :: \text{concat}(L, R) \quad \text{for any } L, R \in \mathbf{List} \text{ and any } a \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Structural Induction

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

Basis: $\text{nil} \in \text{List}$

Recursive step:

if $L \in \text{List}$ and $a \in \mathbb{Z}$,
then $a :: L \in \text{List}$

Base Case: Show that $P(u)$ is true for all **specific elements u** of 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 w** constructed in the *Recursive step* using the named elements mentioned in the Inductive Hypothesis

Conclude that $\forall x \in S, P(x)$

Claim: $\text{concat}(L, \text{nil}) = L$ for all $L \in \text{List}$

Claim: $\text{concat}(L, \text{nil}) = L$ for all $L \in \text{List}$

Let $P(L)$ be “ $\text{concat}(L, \text{nil}) = L$ ” .

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

Claim: $\text{concat}(L, \text{nil}) = L$ for all $L \in \text{List}$

Let $P(L)$ be “ $\text{concat}(L, \text{nil}) = L$ ” .

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

Base Case (nil): By the definition of concat , we can see that $\text{concat}(\text{nil}, \text{nil}) = \text{nil}$, which is $P(\text{nil})$.

Claim: $\text{concat}(L, \text{nil}) = L$ for all $L \in \text{List}$

Let $P(L)$ be “ $\text{concat}(L, \text{nil}) = L$ ” .

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

Base Case (nil): By the definition of concat , we can see that $\text{concat}(\text{nil}, \text{nil}) = \text{nil}$, which is $P(\text{nil})$.

Inductive Hypothesis: Assume that $P(L)$ is true for some arbitrary $L \in \text{List}$, i.e., $\text{concat}(L, \text{nil}) = L$.

Inductive Step: Goal: Show that $P(a :: L)$ is true for any $a \in \mathbb{Z}$

Claim: $\text{concat}(L, \text{nil}) = L$ for all $L \in \text{List}$

Let $P(L)$ be “ $\text{concat}(L, \text{nil}) = L$ ” .

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

Base Case (nil): By the definition of concat , we can see that $\text{concat}(\text{nil}, \text{nil}) = \text{nil}$, which is $P(\text{nil})$.

Inductive Hypothesis: Assume that $P(L)$ is true for some arbitrary $L \in \text{List}$, i.e., $\text{concat}(L, \text{nil}) = L$.

Inductive Step: Goal: Show that $P(a :: L)$ is true for any $a \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Let $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ be arbitrary. We can calculate as follows

$$\begin{aligned} \text{concat}(a :: L, \text{nil}) &= a :: \text{concat}(L, \text{nil}) && \text{def of concat} \\ &= a :: L && \text{IH} \end{aligned}$$

which is $P(a :: L)$.

By induction, we have shown the claim holds for all $L \in \text{List}$.

Claim: $\text{len}(\text{concat}(L, R)) = \text{len}(L) + \text{len}(R)$ for all $L, R \in \text{List}$

Claim: $\text{len}(\text{concat}(L, R)) = \text{len}(L) + \text{len}(R)$ for all $L, R \in \mathbf{List}$

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

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

Claim: $\text{len}(\text{concat}(L, R)) = \text{len}(L) + \text{len}(R)$ for all $L, R \in \mathbf{List}$

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

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

Base Case (nil): Let $R \in \mathbf{List}$ be arbitrary. Then,

Length:

$\text{len}(\text{nil}) := 0$

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

Concatenation:

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

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

Claim: $\text{len}(\text{concat}(L, R)) = \text{len}(L) + \text{len}(R)$ for all $L, R \in \text{List}$

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

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

Base Case (nil): Let $R \in \text{List}$ be arbitrary. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{len}(\text{concat}(\text{nil}, R)) &= \text{len}(R) && \text{def of concat} \\ &= 0 + \text{len}(R) \\ &= \text{len}(\text{nil}) + \text{len}(R) && \text{def of len} \end{aligned}$$

Since R was arbitrary, $P(\text{nil})$ holds.

Claim: $\text{len}(\text{concat}(L, R)) = \text{len}(L) + \text{len}(R)$ for all $L, R \in \mathbf{List}$

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

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

Base Case (nil): Let $R \in \mathbf{List}$ be arbitrary. Then, $\text{len}(\text{concat}(\text{nil}, R)) = \text{len}(R) = 0 + \text{len}(R) = \text{len}(\text{nil}) + \text{len}(R)$, showing $P(\text{nil})$.

Inductive Hypothesis: Assume that $P(L)$ is true for some arbitrary $L \in \mathbf{List}$, i.e., $\text{len}(\text{concat}(L, R)) = \text{len}(L) + \text{len}(R)$ for all $R \in \mathbf{List}$.

Claim: $\text{len}(\text{concat}(L, R)) = \text{len}(L) + \text{len}(R)$ for all $L, R \in \text{List}$

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

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

Base Case (nil): Let $R \in \text{List}$ be arbitrary. Then, $\text{len}(\text{concat}(\text{nil}, R)) = \text{len}(R) = 0 + \text{len}(R) = \text{len}(\text{nil}) + \text{len}(R)$, showing $P(\text{nil})$.

Inductive Hypothesis: Assume that $P(L)$ is true for some arbitrary $L \in \text{List}$, i.e., $\text{len}(\text{concat}(L, R)) = \text{len}(L) + \text{len}(R)$ for all $R \in \text{List}$.

Inductive Step: Goal: Show that $P(a :: L)$ is true for any $a \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Claim: $\text{len}(\text{concat}(L, R)) = \text{len}(L) + \text{len}(R)$ for all $L, R \in \text{List}$

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

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

Base Case (nil): Let $R \in \text{List}$ be arbitrary. Then, $\text{len}(\text{concat}(\text{nil}, R)) = \text{len}(R) = 0 + \text{len}(R) = \text{len}(\text{nil}) + \text{len}(R)$, showing $P(\text{nil})$.

Inductive Hypothesis: Assume that $P(L)$ is true for some arbitrary $L \in \text{List}$, i.e., $\text{len}(\text{concat}(L, R)) = \text{len}(L) + \text{len}(R)$ for all $R \in \text{List}$.

Inductive Step: Goal: Show that $P(a :: L)$ is true for any $a \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Let $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $R \in \text{List}$ be arbitrary. Then,

Length:

$\text{len}(\text{nil}) := 0$

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

Concatenation:

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

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

Claim: $\text{len}(\text{concat}(L, R)) = \text{len}(L) + \text{len}(R)$ for all $L, R \in \text{List}$

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

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

Base Case (nil): Let $R \in \text{List}$ be arbitrary. Then, $\text{len}(\text{concat}(\text{nil}, R)) = \text{len}(R) = 0 + \text{len}(R) = \text{len}(\text{nil}) + \text{len}(R)$, showing $P(\text{nil})$.

Inductive Hypothesis: Assume that $P(L)$ is true for some arbitrary $L \in \text{List}$, i.e., $\text{len}(\text{concat}(L, R)) = \text{len}(L) + \text{len}(R)$ for all $R \in \text{List}$.

Inductive Step: Goal: Show that $P(a :: L)$ is true for any $a \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Let $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $R \in \text{List}$ be arbitrary. Then, we can calculate

$$\begin{aligned} \text{len}(\text{concat}(a :: L, R)) &= \text{len}(a :: \text{concat}(L, R)) && \text{def of concat} \\ &= 1 + \text{len}(\text{concat}(L, R)) && \text{def of len} \\ &= 1 + \text{len}(L) + \text{len}(R) && \text{IH} \\ &= \text{len}(a :: L) + \text{len}(R) && \text{def of len} \end{aligned}$$

Since R was arbitrary, we have shown $P(a :: L)$.

By induction, we have shown the claim holds for all $L \in \text{List}$.

Claim: $\text{concat}(L, \text{concat}(R, S)) = \text{concat}(\text{concat}(L, R), S)$ for all $L, R, S \in \mathbf{List}$

Let $P(L)$ be “ $\text{concat}(\text{concat}(L, R), S) = \text{concat}(\text{concat}(L, R), S)$ for all $R, S \in \mathbf{List}$ ”.

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

Claim: $\text{concat}(L, \text{concat}(R, S)) = \text{concat}(\text{concat}(L, R), S)$ for all $L, R, S \in \mathbf{List}$

Let $P(L)$ be “ $\text{concat}(\text{concat}(L, R), S) = \text{concat}(\text{concat}(L, R), S)$ for all $R, S \in \mathbf{List}$ ”.
We prove $P(L)$ for all $L \in \mathbf{List}$ by structural induction.

Base Case (nil): Let R, S be arbitrary lists. Then, we can see that

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{concat}(\text{concat}(\text{nil}, R), S) \\ &= \text{concat}(R, S) && \text{def of concat} \\ &= \text{concat}(\text{concat}(\text{nil}, R), S) && \text{def of concat} \end{aligned}$$

which is $P(\text{nil})$.

Concatenation:

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

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

Claim: $\text{concat}(L, \text{concat}(R, S)) = \text{concat}(\text{concat}(L, R), S)$ for all $L, R, S \in \mathbf{List}$

Let $P(L)$ be “ $\text{concat}(\text{concat}(L, R), S) = \text{concat}(\text{concat}(L, R), S)$ for all $R, S \in \mathbf{List}$ ”. We prove $P(L)$ for all $L \in \mathbf{List}$ by structural induction.

Base Case (nil): ...

Inductive Hypothesis: Assume that $P(L)$ is true for an arbitrary $L \in \mathbf{List}$, i.e., $\text{concat}(L, \text{concat}(R, S)) = \text{concat}(\text{concat}(L, R), S)$ for all R, S .

Inductive Step: Goal: Show that $P(a :: L)$ is true for any $a \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Let $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $R, S \in \mathbf{List}$ be arbitrary. Then, we can calculate

Concatenation:

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

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

Claim: $\text{concat}(L, \text{concat}(R, S)) = \text{concat}(\text{concat}(L, R), S)$ for all $L, R, S \in \text{List}$

Let $P(L)$ be “ $\text{concat}(\text{concat}(L, R), S) = \text{concat}(\text{concat}(L, R), S)$ for all $R, S \in \text{List}$ ”. We prove $P(L)$ for all $L \in \text{List}$ by structural induction.

Base Case (nil): Let R, S be arbitrary lists. Then, we can see that $\text{concat}(\text{nil}, \text{concat}(R, S)) = \text{concat}(R, S) = \text{concat}(\text{concat}(\text{nil}, R), S)$, by the definition of concat . This is $P(\text{nil})$.

Inductive Hypothesis: Assume that $P(L)$ is true for an arbitrary $L \in \text{List}$, i.e., $\text{concat}(L, \text{concat}(R, S)) = \text{concat}(\text{concat}(L, R), S)$ for all R, S .

Inductive Step: Goal: Show that $P(a :: L)$ is true for any $a \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Let $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $R, S \in \text{List}$ be arbitrary. Then, we can calculate

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{concat}(a :: L, \text{concat}(R, S)) \\ &= a :: \text{concat}(L, \text{concat}(R, S)) && \text{def of concat} \\ &= a :: \text{concat}(\text{concat}(L, R), S) && \text{IH} \\ &= \text{concat}(a :: \text{concat}(L, R), S) && \text{def of concat} \\ &= \text{concat}(\text{concat}(a :: L, R), S) && \text{def of concat} \end{aligned}$$

Since R was arbitrary, we have shown $P(a :: L)$.

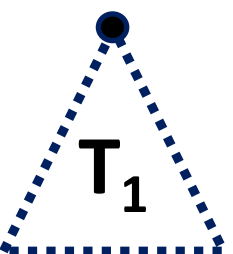
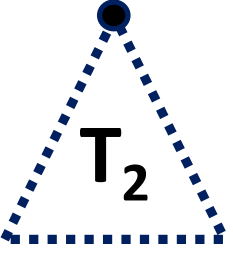
By induction, we have shown the claim holds for all $L \in \text{List}$.

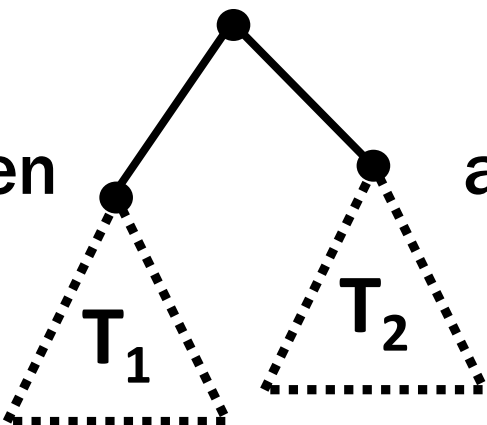
Rooted Binary Trees

- **Basis:**
- is a rooted binary tree

Rooted Binary Trees

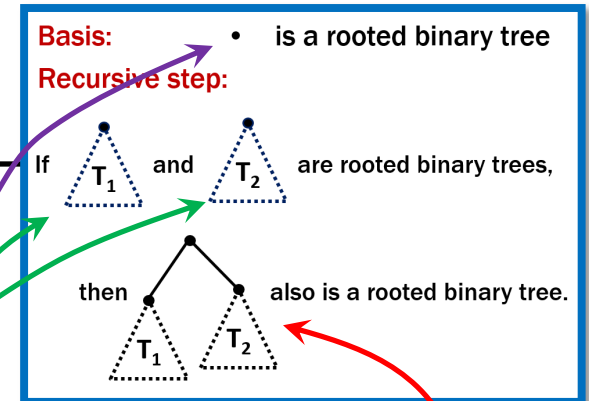
- **Basis:** T_1 and T_2 are rooted binary trees
- **Recursive step:** T is a rooted binary tree

If  T_1 and  T_2 are rooted binary trees,

then  T also is a rooted binary tree.

Last time: Structural Induction

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



Base Case: Show that $P(u)$ is true for all **specific elements u** of 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 w** constructed in the *Recursive step* using the named elements mentioned in the Inductive Hypothesis

Conclude that $\forall x \in S, P(x)$

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

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

1. Let $P(T)$ be “ $\text{size}(T) \leq 2^{\text{height}(T)+1}-1$ ”. We prove $P(T)$ for all rooted binary trees T by structural induction.

$\text{size}(\bullet) ::= 1$

$\text{size} \left(\begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ / \quad \backslash \\ \triangle_{T_1} \quad \triangle_{T_2} \end{array} \right) ::= 1 + \text{size}(T_1) + \text{size}(T_2)$

$\text{height}(\bullet) ::= 0$

$\text{height} \left(\begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ / \quad \backslash \\ \triangle_{T_1} \quad \triangle_{T_2} \end{array} \right) ::= 1 + \max\{\text{height}(T_1), \text{height}(T_2)\}$

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

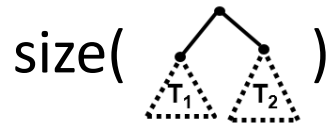
1. Let $P(T)$ be “ $\text{size}(T) \leq 2^{\text{height}(T)+1}-1$ ”. We prove $P(T)$ for all rooted binary trees T by structural induction.
2. Base Case: $\text{size}(\bullet)=1$, $\text{height}(\bullet)=0$, and $2^{0+1}-1=2^1-1=1$ so $P(\bullet)$ is true.

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

1. Let $P(T)$ be “ $\text{size}(T) \leq 2^{\text{height}(T)+1}-1$ ”. We prove $P(T)$ for all rooted binary trees T by structural induction.
2. Base Case: $\text{size}(\bullet)=1$, $\text{height}(\bullet)=0$, and $2^{0+1}-1=2^1-1=1$ so $P(\bullet)$ is true.
3. Inductive Hypothesis: Suppose that $P(T_1)$ and $P(T_2)$ are true for some rooted binary trees T_1 and T_2 , i.e., $\text{size}(T_k) \leq 2^{\text{height}(T_k) + 1} - 1$ for $k=1,2$
4. Inductive Step: Goal: Prove $P(\begin{array}{c} \triangle \\ / \quad \backslash \\ \triangle_1 \quad \triangle_2 \end{array})$.

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

1. Let $P(T)$ be “ $\text{size}(T) \leq 2^{\text{height}(T)+1}-1$ ”. We prove $P(T)$ for all rooted binary trees T by structural induction.
2. Base Case: $\text{size}(\bullet)=1$, $\text{height}(\bullet)=0$, and $2^{0+1}-1=2^1-1=1$ so $P(\bullet)$ is true.
3. Inductive Hypothesis: Suppose that $P(T_1)$ and $P(T_2)$ are true for some rooted binary trees T_1 and T_2 , i.e., $\text{size}(T_k) \leq 2^{\text{height}(T_k) + 1} - 1$ for $k=1,2$
4. Inductive Step: Goal: Prove $P(\text{tree diagram})$.



$\text{size}(\bullet) ::= 1$

$\text{size}(\text{tree diagram}) ::= 1 + \text{size}(T_1) + \text{size}(T_2)$

$\text{height}(\bullet) ::= 0$

$\text{height}(\text{tree diagram}) ::= 1 + \max\{\text{height}(T_1), \text{height}(T_2)\} \leq 2^{\text{height}(\text{tree diagram})+1} - 1$

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

1. Let $P(T)$ be “ $\text{size}(T) \leq 2^{\text{height}(T)+1}-1$ ”. We prove $P(T)$ for all rooted binary trees T by structural induction.
2. Base Case: $\text{size}(\bullet)=1$, $\text{height}(\bullet)=0$, and $2^{0+1}-1=2^1-1=1$ so $P(\bullet)$ is true.
3. Inductive Hypothesis: Suppose that $P(T_1)$ and $P(T_2)$ are true for some rooted binary trees T_1 and T_2 , i.e., $\text{size}(T_k) \leq 2^{\text{height}(T_k) + 1} - 1$ for $k=1,2$

4. Inductive Step:

Goal: Prove $P(\text{ } \begin{array}{c} \triangle \\ / \quad \backslash \\ \triangle_1 \quad \triangle_2 \end{array} \text{ })$.

By def, $\text{size}(\text{ } \begin{array}{c} \triangle \\ / \quad \backslash \\ \triangle_1 \quad \triangle_2 \end{array} \text{ }) = 1 + \text{size}(T_1) + \text{size}(T_2)$

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

by IH for T_1 and T_2

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

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

$$= 2(2^{\text{height}(\text{ } \begin{array}{c} \triangle \\ / \quad \backslash \\ \triangle_1 \quad \triangle_2 \end{array} \text{ })}) - 1 = 2^{\text{height}(\text{ } \begin{array}{c} \triangle \\ / \quad \backslash \\ \triangle_1 \quad \triangle_2 \end{array} \text{ })+1} - 1$$

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., "")
 - **Recursive:** if $w \in \Sigma^*$, $a \in \Sigma$, then $wa \in \Sigma^*$

Last time: Structural Induction

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

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

Recursive Steps:

if $w \in \Sigma^*$ and $a \in \Sigma$,
then $wa \in \Sigma^*$

Base Case: Show that $P(u)$ is true for all **specific elements u** of 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 w** constructed in the *Recursive step* using the named elements mentioned in the Inductive Hypothesis

Conclude that $\forall x \in S, P(x)$

Functions on Recursively Defined Sets (on Σ^*)

Length:

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

$$\text{len}(wa) := \text{len}(w) + 1 \text{ for } w \in \Sigma^*, a \in \Sigma$$

Concatenation:

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

$$x \bullet wa := (x \bullet w)a \text{ for } x \in \Sigma^*, a \in \Sigma$$

Reversal:

$$\varepsilon^R := \varepsilon$$

$$(wa)^R := \varepsilon a \bullet w^R \text{ for } w \in \Sigma^*, a \in \Sigma$$

Number of c 's in a string:

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

$$\#_c(wc) := \#_c(w) + 1 \text{ for } w \in \Sigma^*$$

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

separate cases for
 c vs $a \neq c$

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

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

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

Base Case ($y = \varepsilon$): Let $x \in \Sigma^*$ be arbitrary. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{len}(x \bullet \varepsilon) &= \text{len}(x) && \text{def of } \bullet \\ &= \text{len}(x) + 0 \\ &= \text{len}(x) + \text{len}(\varepsilon) && \text{def of len} \end{aligned}$$

Since x was arbitrary, $P(\varepsilon)$ holds.

$\text{len}(\varepsilon) := 0$
$\text{len}(wa) := \text{len}(w) + 1$

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

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

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

Base Case ($y = \varepsilon$): Let $x \in \Sigma^*$ be arbitrary. Then, $\text{len}(x \bullet \varepsilon) = \text{len}(x) = \text{len}(x) + \text{len}(\varepsilon)$ since $\text{len}(\varepsilon) = 0$. Since x was arbitrary, $P(\varepsilon)$ holds.

Inductive Hypothesis: Assume that $P(w)$ is true for some arbitrary $w \in \Sigma^*$, i.e., $\text{len}(x \bullet w) = \text{len}(x) + \text{len}(w)$ for all x

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

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

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

Base Case ($y = \varepsilon$): Let $x \in \Sigma^*$ be arbitrary. Then, $\text{len}(x \bullet \varepsilon) = \text{len}(x) = \text{len}(x) + \text{len}(\varepsilon)$ since $\text{len}(\varepsilon) = 0$. Since x was arbitrary, $P(\varepsilon)$ holds.

Inductive Hypothesis: Assume that $P(w)$ is true for some arbitrary $w \in \Sigma^*$, i.e., $\text{len}(x \bullet w) = \text{len}(x) + \text{len}(w)$ for all x

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

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

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

$$\text{len}(wa) := \text{len}(w) + 1$$

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

Let $P(y)$ be “ $\text{len}(x \bullet y) = \text{len}(x) + \text{len}(y)$ for all $x \in \Sigma^*$ ”

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

Does this look familiar?

Base Case ($y = \varepsilon$): Let $x \in \Sigma^*$ be arbitrary. Then, $\text{len}(x \bullet \varepsilon) = \text{len}(x) = \text{len}(x) + \text{len}(\varepsilon)$ since $\text{len}(\varepsilon) = 0$. Since x was arbitrary, $P(\varepsilon)$ holds.

Inductive Hypothesis: Assume that $P(w)$ is true for some arbitrary $w \in \Sigma^*$, i.e., $\text{len}(x \bullet w) = \text{len}(x) + \text{len}(w)$ for all $x \in \Sigma^*$.

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

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

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

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 $x, y \in \Sigma^*$

Recall: $\text{len}(\text{concat}(L, R)) = \text{len}(L) + \text{len}(R)$ for all $L, R \in \text{List}$

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

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

Base Case (nil): Let $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ be arbitrary. Then, $\text{len}(\text{concat}(\text{nil}, R)) = \text{len}(R) = \text{len}(\text{nil}) + \text{len}(R)$. Since a was arbitrary, $P(\text{nil})$ holds.

Inductive Hypothesis: Assume that $P(L)$ is true for some arbitrary $L \in \text{List}$, i.e., $\text{len}(\text{concat}(L, R)) = \text{len}(L) + \text{len}(R)$ for all $R \in \text{List}$.

Inductive Step: Goal: Show that $P(a :: L)$ is true for any $a \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Let $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $R \in \text{List}$ be arbitrary. Then, we can calculate

$$\begin{aligned} \text{len}(\text{concat}(a :: L, R)) &= \text{len}(a :: \text{concat}(L, R)) && \text{def of concat} \\ &= 1 + \text{len}(\text{concat}(L, R)) && \text{def of len} \\ &= 1 + \text{len}(L) + \text{len}(R) && \text{IH} \\ &= \text{len}(a :: L) + \text{len}(R) && \text{def of len} \end{aligned}$$

Since R was arbitrary, we have shown $P(a :: L)$.

By induction, we have shown the claim holds for all $L \in \text{List}$.

Lists versus Strings

- Our strings are basically lists *except* that we draw them backward

[1, 2, 3]

1 :: 2 :: 3 :: nil

1 → 2 → 3

“abc”

εabc

a ← b ← c

- would be represented the same way in memory
- but we think of head as the right-most not left-most

Claim: $\text{len}(x^R) = \text{len}(x)$ for all $x \in \Sigma^*$

Let $P(x)$ be “ $\text{len}(x^R) = \text{len}(x)$ ”.

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

Length:

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

$$\text{len}(wa) ::= \text{len}(w) + 1 \text{ for } w \in \Sigma^*, a \in \Sigma$$

Reversal:

$$\varepsilon^R ::= \varepsilon$$

$$(wa)^R ::= \varepsilon a \bullet w^R \text{ for } w \in \Sigma^*, a \in \Sigma$$

Claim: $\text{len}(x^R) = \text{len}(x)$ for all $x \in \Sigma^*$

Let $P(x)$ be “ $\text{len}(x^R) = \text{len}(x)$ ”.

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

Base Case ($x = \varepsilon$): Then, $\text{len}(\varepsilon^R) = \text{len}(\varepsilon)$ by def of string reverse.

Claim: $\text{len}(x^R) = \text{len}(x)$ for all $x \in \Sigma^*$

Let $P(x)$ be “ $\text{len}(x^R) = \text{len}(x)$ ”.

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

Base Case ($x = \varepsilon$): Then, $\text{len}(\varepsilon^R) = \text{len}(\varepsilon)$ by def of string reverse.

Inductive Hypothesis: Assume that $P(w)$ is true for some arbitrary $w \in \Sigma^*$, i.e., $\text{len}(w^R) = \text{len}(w)$.

Inductive Step: Goal: Show that $\text{len}((wa)^R) = \text{len}(wa)$ for every a

Length:

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

$$\text{len}(wa) ::= \text{len}(w) + 1 \text{ for } w \in \Sigma^*, a \in \Sigma$$

Reversal:

$$\varepsilon^R ::= \varepsilon$$

$$(wa)^R ::= \varepsilon a \cdot w^R \text{ for } w \in \Sigma^*, a \in \Sigma$$

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...**