

### Conceptual Review

#### (a) Set Operations and Comparisons

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

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

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

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

Set Difference:  $A \setminus B = A - B := \{x : x \in A \wedge x \notin B\}$

Set Complement:  $\bar{A} = A^C := \{x : x \notin A\}$

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

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

#### (b) Set Builder Notation

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

Translation:  $S$  is all the things in  $U$  that satisfy  $P(x)$ .

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

Translation:  $T$  is all output values from the function  $f(x)$  when the input is something from  $U$ .

The  $:$  is read as "such that". It is also common to use  $|$  instead of  $:$ . When using set builder notation, the stuff before the  $:$  (or  $|$ ) is the stuff in the set. The stuff after the  $:$  (or  $|$ ) are requirements that stuff must fulfill to be in the set.

#### (c) How do we prove that for sets $A$ and $B$ , $A \subseteq B$ ?

##### Solution:

Let  $x \in A$  be arbitrary... thus  $x \in B$ . Since  $x$  was arbitrary, we have proven, by the definition of subset, that  $A \subseteq B$ .

#### (d) What are two ways we can prove that for sets $A$ and $B$ , $A = B$ ?

##### Solution:

Use two subset proofs to show that  $A \subseteq B$  and  $B \subseteq A$ . OR

Using a chain of equivalences (This is the preferred method when  $A$  and  $B$  are defined in terms of set operations):

Let  $x$  be an arbitrary <<thing in the domain>>

The stated biconditional holds since

$$\begin{aligned} x \in A &\equiv \text{<< replace set operations with logical operators >>} \\ &\equiv \text{<< apply propositional logic equivalences >>} \\ &\equiv \text{<< replace logical operators with set operations >>} \\ &\equiv x \in B \end{aligned}$$

Since  $x$  was arbitrary, we have proven, by the definition of set equality, that  $A = B$ .

## 1. A Basic Subset Proof

Let  $A, B$  be sets. Consider the following claim:

$$A \cap B \subseteq A \cup B$$

- (a) Write a **formal proof** that the claim holds. Use cozy-style rules for applying definitions. For example, You can replace  $A \subseteq B$  by  $\forall x(x \in A \rightarrow x \in B)$  with "Def of Subset" and the reverse with "Undef Subset".

### Solution:

Let $x$ be arbitrary	
1.1.1 $x \in A \cap B$	Assumption
1.1.2 $x \in A \wedge x \in B$	Def of Intersection: 1.1.1
1.1.3 $x \in A$	Elim $\wedge$ : 1.1.2
1.1.4 $x \in A \vee x \in B$	Intro $\vee$ 1.1.3
1.1.5 $x \in A \cup B$	Undef Union 1.1.4
1.1 $x \in A \cap B \rightarrow x \in A \cup B$	Direct Proof
1. $\forall x, x \in A \cap B \rightarrow x \in A \cup B$	Intro $\forall$
2. $A \cap B \subseteq A \cup B$	Undef Subset: 1

- (b) Translate your formal proof to an **English proof**. You may be surprised by how short your proof is!

### Solution:

Let  $x \in A \cap B$  be arbitrary. Then by definition of intersection,  $x \in A$  and  $x \in B$ . Since  $x \in A$ , we have  $x \in A$  or  $x \in B$ . Then by definition of union,  $x \in A \cup B$ . Since  $x$  was arbitrary, this shows that  $A \cap B \subseteq A \cup B$ .

## 2. Set Equality Proof

- (a) Write an English proof to show that  $A \cap (A \cup B) \subseteq A$  for sets  $A, B$ .

### Solution:

Let  $x$  be an arbitrary member of  $A \cap (A \cup B)$ . Then by definition of intersection,  $x \in A$  and  $x \in A \cup B$ . So certainly,  $x \in A$ . Since  $x$  was arbitrary, we have shown that  $A \cap (A \cup B) \subseteq A$  by definition of subset.

- (b) Write an English proof to show that  $A \subseteq A \cap (A \cup B)$  for sets  $A, B$ .

### Solution:

Let  $y \in A$  be arbitrary. Since  $y \in A$ , we have  $y \in A$  or  $y \in B$ . Then by definition of union,  $y \in A \cup B$ . Since  $y \in A$  and  $y \in A \cup B$ , by definition of intersection,  $y \in A \cap (A \cup B)$ . Since  $y$  was arbitrary, we have shown that  $A \subseteq A \cap (A \cup B)$ .

- (c) Combine part (a) and (b) to conclude that  $A \cap (A \cup B) = A$  for sets  $A, B$ .

### Solution:

Since  $A \cap (A \cup B) \subseteq A$  and  $A \subseteq A \cap (A \cup B)$ , we have shown that  $A \cap (A \cup B) = A$ .

- (d) Re-write this proof using the Meta-Theorem template from lecture (i.e., using a chain of equivalences instead of two subset proofs).

### Solution:

Let  $x$  be arbitrary. The biconditional  $\forall x(x \in A \cap (A \cup B) \leftrightarrow x \in A)$  holds since

$$\begin{aligned} x \in A \cap (A \cup B) &\equiv (x \in A) \wedge (x \in A \cup B) && \text{Def of Intersection} \\ &\equiv (x \in A) \wedge (x \in A \vee x \in B) && \text{Def of Union} \\ &\equiv x \in A && \text{Absorption} \end{aligned}$$

Since  $x$  was arbitrary, we have proven, by definition of set equality, that  $A \cap (A \cup B) = A$ .

## 3. Subsets

Let  $A, B, C$  be sets. Consider the following claim:

$$A \subseteq C \text{ follows from } A \subseteq B \text{ and } B \subseteq C$$

(a) Write a **formal proof** that the claim holds:

### Solution:

1. $A \subseteq B$	Given
2. $B \subseteq C$	Given
3. $\forall x, x \in A \rightarrow x \in B$	Def of Subset: 1
4. $\forall x, x \in B \rightarrow x \in C$	Def of Subset: 2
Let $x$ be arbitrary.	
5.1.1 $x \in A$	Assumption
5.1.2 $x \in A \rightarrow x \in B$	Elim $\forall$ : 3
5.1.3 $x \in B$	Modus Ponens: 5.1.1, 5.1.2
5.1.4 $x \in B \rightarrow x \in C$	Elim $\forall$ : 4
5.1.5 $x \in C$	Modus Ponens: 5.1.3, 5.1.4
5.1 $x \in A \rightarrow x \in C$	Direct Proof
5. $\forall x, x \in A \rightarrow x \in C$	Intro $\forall$
6. $A \subseteq C$	Undef Subset: 5

(b) Translate the formal proof to an **English Proof**.

### Solution:

Let  $x$  be an arbitrary element of  $A$ . Since  $A \subseteq B$ , by definition of subset,  $x \in B$ . Then, since  $B \subseteq C$ , by definition of subset,  $x \in C$ . Since  $x$  was arbitrary, we have shown that  $A \subseteq C$  by definition of subset.

## 4. Moderately Unsettling

Let  $A, B$  and  $C$  be the following sets:

$$\begin{aligned} A &:= \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : x \equiv_4 0\} \\ B &:= \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : x \equiv_4 2\} \\ C &:= \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : x \equiv_2 0\} \end{aligned}$$

Consider the following claim:

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

(a) Write an English proof to show that  $C \subseteq (A \cup B)$

### Solution:

Let  $x$  be an arbitrary element of  $C$ . By definition of  $C$ , we have  $x \equiv_2 0$ . By definition of congruence,  $2|x$  and by definition of divides,  $x = 2k$  for some integer  $k$ . We proceed by cases:

Case 1: Suppose  $k$  is even. By definition of even,  $k = 2m$  for some integer  $m$ . Then  $x = 2k = 2(2m) = 4m$ . By definition of divides,  $4|x$  and by definition of congruence  $x \equiv_4 0$ . By definition of  $A$ ,  $x \in A$ . Since  $x \in A$ ,  $x \in A$  or  $x \in B$ , and by definition of union,  $x \in (A \cup B)$ .

Case 2: Suppose  $k$  is odd. By definition of odd,  $k = 2n + 1$  for some integer  $n$ . Then  $x = 2k = 2(2n + 1) = 4n + 2$ . By definition of divides,  $4|x - 2$  and by definition of congruence  $x \equiv_4 2$ . By definition of  $B$ ,  $x \in B$ . Since  $x \in B$ ,  $x \in A$  or  $x \in B$ , and by definition of union,  $x \in (A \cup B)$ .

Since these cases are exhaustive, we have shown that  $x \in (A \cup B)$ .  
Since  $x$  was arbitrary, we have shown that  $C \subseteq (A \cup B)$ .

(b) Write an English proof to show that  $(A \cup B) \subseteq C$

### Solution:

Let  $x$  be an arbitrary element of  $A \cup B$ . By definition of union,  $x \in A$  or  $x \in B$ . We proceed by cases:

Case 1: Suppose  $x \in A$ . By definition of  $A$ ,  $x \equiv_4 0$ . By definition of congruence,  $4|x$ , and by definition of divides,  $x = 4k = 2(2k)$  for some integer  $k$ . By definition of divides,  $2|x$ , and by definition of congruence  $x \equiv_2 0$ . By definition of  $C$ ,  $x \in C$ .

Case 2: Suppose  $x \in B$ . By definition of  $B$ ,  $x \equiv_4 2$ . By definition of congruence  $4|(x - 2)$ , and by definition of divides,  $x - 2 = 4j$  for some integer  $j$ . Rearranging, we have  $x = 4j + 2 = 2(2j + 1)$ . By definition of divides,  $2|x$ , and by definition of congruence,  $x \equiv_2 0$ . By definition of  $C$ ,  $x \in C$ .

Since these cases are exhaustive, we have shown that  $x \in C$ .  
Since  $x$  was arbitrary, we have shown that  $(A \cup B) \subseteq C$ .

(c) Combine part(a) and part(b) to show that  $C = (A \cup B)$

### Solution:

Since  $C \subseteq (A \cup B)$  and  $(A \cup B) \subseteq C$ , we have shown that  $C = (A \cup B)$ .

## 5. $\cup \rightarrow \cap$ ?

**Prove or disprove:** for all sets  $A$  and  $B$ ,  $A \cup B \subseteq A \cap B$ .

Recall that we can disprove a for all claim by finding a counter-example.

### Solution:

We disprove the claim with a counter example. Consider the sets  $A = \{1, 2\}$  and  $B = \{1, 3\}$ .  $A \cup B = \{1, 2, 3\}$  and  $A \cap B = \{1\}$ . Since  $A \cup B$  has elements that are not in  $A \cap B$  (2 and 3), by definition of subset,  $A \cup B \not\subseteq A \cap B$ .

## 6. Powerful Ideas

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be sets. Consider the following claim:

$$\text{If } A \subseteq B \text{ then } \mathcal{P}(A) \subseteq \mathcal{P}(B)$$

Write an **English proof** that the claim holds.

### Solution:

Let  $X$  be an arbitrary element of  $\mathcal{P}(A)$ . By definition of power set,  $X \subseteq A$ . Let  $x$  be an arbitrary element of  $X$ . Since  $X \subseteq A$ , by definition of subset,  $x \in A$ . Since  $A \subseteq B$ , by definition of subset,  $x \in B$ . Since  $x$  was an arbitrary element of  $X$ , by definition of subset,  $X \subseteq B$ . By definition of power set,  $X \in \mathcal{P}(B)$ . Since  $X$  was an arbitrary element of  $\mathcal{P}(A)$ , by definition of subset,  $\mathcal{P}(A) \subseteq \mathcal{P}(B)$ .

## 7. Cartesian Product Proof

Let  $A, B, C, D$  be sets. Write an **English proof** of the follow claim:

$$A \times C \subseteq (A \cup B) \times (C \cup D)$$

### Solution:

Let  $x \in A \times C$  be arbitrary. Then  $x$  is of the form  $x = (y, z)$ , where  $y \in A$  and  $z \in C$ . Since  $y \in A$  we have  $y \in A$  or  $y \in B$ . Then by definition of union,  $y \in (A \cup B)$ . Similarly, since  $z \in C$ , we have  $z \in C$  or  $z \in D$ . Then by definition of union,  $z \in (C \cup D)$ . Since  $y \in (A \cup B)$  and  $z \in (C \cup D)$ , we have shown that  $x = (y, z) \in (A \cup B) \times (C \cup D)$ . Since  $x$  was arbitrary, we have shown  $A \times C \subseteq (A \cup B) \times (C \cup D)$ .

## 8. Set Equality Proof II

Let  $A, B, C$  be sets. Consider the following claim

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

(a) Write a **formal proof** that the claim holds.

### Solution:

Let  $x$  be arbitrary

1.1.1	$x \in A \setminus (B \cap C)$	Assumption
1.1.2	$x \in A \wedge \neg(x \in B \cap C)$	Def of Set Difference 1.1.1
1.1.3	$x \in A \wedge \neg(x \in B \wedge x \in C)$	Def of Intersection 1.1.2
1.1.4	$x \in A \wedge (\neg(x \in B) \vee \neg(x \in C))$	De Morgan 1.1.3
1.1.5	$(x \in A \wedge \neg(x \in B)) \vee (x \in A \wedge \neg(x \in C))$	Distributivity 1.1.4
1.1.6	$(x \in A \setminus B) \vee (x \in A \wedge \neg(x \in C))$	Undef Set Difference 1.1.5
1.1.7	$(x \in A \setminus B) \vee (x \in A \setminus C)$	Undef Set Difference 1.1.6
1.1.8	$x \in (A \setminus B) \cup (A \setminus C)$	Undef Union 1.2.7
1.1	$x \in A \setminus (B \cap C) \rightarrow x \in (A \setminus B) \cup (A \setminus C)$	Direct Proof
1.2.1	$x \in (A \setminus B) \cup (A \setminus C)$	Assumption
1.2.2	$(x \in A \setminus B) \vee (x \in A \setminus C)$	Def of Union 1.2.1
1.2.3	$(x \in A \wedge \neg(x \in B)) \vee (x \in A \setminus C)$	Def of Set Difference 1.2.3
1.2.4	$(x \in A \wedge \neg(x \in B)) \vee (x \in A \wedge \neg(x \in C))$	Def of Set Difference 1.2.3
1.2.5	$x \in A \wedge (\neg(x \in B) \vee \neg(x \in C))$	Distributivity 1.2.4

1.2.6 $x \in A \wedge \neg(x \in B \cap C)$	De Morgan 1.2.5
1.2.7 $x \in A \wedge \neg(x \in B \cap C)$	Undef Intersection 1.2.6
1.2.8 $x \in A \setminus (B \cap C)$	Undef Set Difference 1.1.7
1.2 $x \in (A \setminus B) \cup (A \setminus C) \rightarrow x \in A \setminus (B \cap C)$	Direct Proof
1.3 $(x \in A \setminus (B \cap C) \rightarrow x \in (A \setminus B) \cup (A \setminus C)) \wedge (x \in (A \setminus B) \cup (A \setminus C) \rightarrow x \in A \setminus (B \cap C))$	Intro $\wedge$ 1.1, 1.2
1.4 $x \in A \setminus (B \cap C) \leftrightarrow x \in (A \setminus B) \cup (A \setminus C)$	Biconditional 1.2, 1.3
1. $\forall x, x \in A \setminus (B \cap C) \leftrightarrow x \in (A \setminus B) \cup (A \setminus C)$	Intro $\forall$
2. $A \setminus (B \cap C) = (A \setminus B) \cup (A \setminus C)$	Undef SameSet 1

(b) Translate your proof to an **English Proof**.

Follow the Meta-Theorem template from lecture (i.e., using a chain of equivalences instead of two subset proofs).

### Solution:

Let  $x$  be arbitrary. We show being an element of the left set and being an element of the right set are equivalent:

$x \in A \setminus (B \cap C) \equiv (x \in A) \wedge \neg(x \in B \cap C)$	Def of Set Difference
$\equiv (x \in A) \wedge \neg((x \in B) \wedge (x \in C))$	Def of Intersection
$\equiv (x \in A) \wedge (\neg(x \in B) \vee \neg(x \in C))$	DeMorgan's Law
$\equiv ((x \in A) \wedge \neg(x \in B)) \vee ((x \in A) \wedge \neg(x \in C))$	Distributivity
$\equiv (x \in A \setminus B) \vee (x \in A \setminus C)$	Def of Set Difference
$\equiv x \in (A \setminus B) \cup (A \setminus C)$	Def of Union

Since  $x$  was arbitrary, we have shown  $A \setminus (B \cap C) = (A \setminus B) \cup (A \setminus C)$ .

(c) Optional: Re-write this proof as an **English Proof** that is made up of two subset proofs.

### Solution:

Let  $x \in A \setminus (B \cap C)$  be arbitrary. Then by definition of set difference,  $x \in A$  and  $x \notin B \cap C$ . Then by definition of intersection and DeMorgan's Law,  $x \notin B$  or  $x \notin C$ . Thus (by distributive property of propositions) we have  $x \in A$  and  $x \notin B$ , or  $x \in A$  and  $x \notin C$ . Then by definition of set difference,  $x \in (A \setminus B)$  or  $x \in (A \setminus C)$ . Then by definition of union,  $x \in (A \setminus B) \cup (A \setminus C)$ . Since  $x$  was arbitrary, we have shown  $A \setminus (B \cap C) \subseteq (A \setminus B) \cup (A \setminus C)$ .

Let  $x \in (A \setminus B) \cup (A \setminus C)$  be arbitrary. Then by definition of union,  $x \in (A \setminus B)$  or  $x \in (A \setminus C)$ . Then by definition of set difference,  $x \in A$  and  $x \notin B$ , or  $x \in A$  and  $x \notin C$ . Then (by distributive property of propositions)  $x \in A$ , and  $x \notin B$  or  $x \notin C$ . Then by definition of intersection and DeMorgan's Law,  $x \in A$  and  $x \notin (B \cap C)$ . Then by definition of set difference,  $x \in A \setminus (B \cap C)$ . Since  $x$  was arbitrary, we have shown that  $(A \setminus B) \cup (A \setminus C) \subseteq A \setminus (B \cap C)$ .

Since  $A \setminus (B \cap C) \subseteq (A \setminus B) \cup (A \setminus C)$  and  $(A \setminus B) \cup (A \setminus C) \subseteq A \setminus (B \cap C)$ , we have shown  $A \setminus (B \cap C) = (A \setminus B) \cup (A \setminus C)$ .

## 9. Structural Induction: Divisible by 4

Define a set  $T$  of numbers by:

- 4 and 12 are in  $T$
- If  $x \in T$  and  $y \in T$ , then  $x + y \in T$  and  $x - y \in T$

Prove by structural induction that every number in  $T$  is divisible by 4.

### Solution:

Let  $P(b)$  be the claim that  $4 \mid b$ . We will prove  $P(b)$  is true for all numbers  $b \in T$  by structural induction.

#### Base Case:

- $4 = 1 \cdot 4$ , so  $4 \mid 4$  and  $P(4)$  holds.
- $12 = 3 \cdot 4$ , so  $4 \mid 12$  and  $P(12)$  holds.

**Inductive Hypothesis:** Suppose  $P(x)$  and  $P(y)$  for some arbitrary  $x, y \in T$ .

#### Inductive Step:

**Goal:** Prove  $P(x + y)$  and  $P(x - y)$

Per the IH,  $4 \mid x$  and  $4 \mid y$ . By the definition of divides,  $x = 4k$  and  $y = 4j$  for some integers  $k, j$ .

#### Goal: Show $P(x+y)$

$x + y = 4k + 4j = 4(k + j)$ . By definition of divides,  $4 \mid x + y$  and  $P(x + y)$  holds.

#### Goal: Show $P(x-y)$

Similarly,  $x - y = 4k - 4j = 4(k - j)$ . By the definition of divides,  $4 \mid x - y$  and  $P(x - y)$  holds.

**Conclusion:** Therefore,  $P(b)$  holds for all numbers  $b \in T$ .

## 10. More Induction...Literally

Define a set  $S$  as follows:

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

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

Define a set  $T$  as follows:

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

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

In lecture you proved that every element of  $T$  is an element of  $S$ .

Now we're going to prove that every element of  $S$  is an element of  $T$ .

- (a) First, use structural induction to prove the following lemma:

The sum of any two elements in  $T$  is also in  $T$ . Formally this is:  $\forall a, b \in T (a + b \in T)$

### Solution:

Let  $P(b)$  be " $a + b \in T$  for all  $a \in T$ ". We prove  $P(b)$  for all  $b \in T$  by structural induction.

#### Base Case:

( $b = 6$ ) : Let  $a \in T$  be arbitrary.  $a + b = a + 6 \in T$  by the recursive step. So  $P(6)$  holds.

( $b = 15$ ) : Let  $a \in T$  be arbitrary.  $a + b = a + 15 \in T$  by the recursive step. So  $P(15)$  holds.

**Inductive Hypothesis:** Assume that  $P(b)$  is true for some arbitrary  $b \in T$ . i.e., assume that for all  $a \in T$ ,  $a + b \in T$ .

**Inductive Step:** We need to show  $P(b + 6)$  and  $P(b + 15)$ .

**Goal: Show  $P(b+6)$ :** Let  $a \in T$  be arbitrary.  $a + (b + 6) = (a + b) + 6$ . From the inductive hypothesis, we know  $a + b \in T$ . Therefore, by the recursive step,  $(a + b) + 6 \in T$ . Since  $a$  was arbitrary, we have shown  $P(b + 6)$ .

**Goal: Show  $P(b+15)$ :** Let  $a \in T$  be arbitrary.  $a + (b + 15) = (a + b) + 15$ . From the inductive hypothesis, we know  $a + b \in T$ . Therefore, by the recursive step,  $(a + b) + 15 \in T$ . Since  $a$  was arbitrary, we have shown  $P(b + 15)$ .

We have shown the claim holds for all  $b \in T$  by induction.

- (b) Now, use structural induction to prove the main claim: Every element of  $S$  is also in  $T$ .  
You can use the Lemma from part (a) by citing "part (a) lemma".

### Solution:

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

**Base Case:**  $6 \in T$  and  $15 \in T$ , both by the basis step, so  $P(6)$  and  $P(15)$  are true.

**Inductive Hypothesis:** Suppose that  $P(x)$  and  $P(y)$  are true for some arbitrary  $x, y \in S$ .

**Inductive Step:** We need to show that  $P(x + y)$  holds. By the inductive hypothesis, we know  $P(x)$  and  $P(y)$  hold i.e.,  $x \in T$  and  $y \in T$ . By the lemma from part (a), we can conclude that  $x + y \in T$ , so  $P(x + y)$  holds.

Therefore,  $P(x)$  is true for all  $x \in S$  by induction.

## 11. We'll do this next week, but you can try it after Wednesday's lecture.

### Structural Induction: CharTrees

#### Recursive Definition of CharTrees:

- Basis Step: Null is a **CharTree**
- Recursive Step: If  $L, R$  are **CharTrees** and  $c \in \Sigma$ , then  $\text{CharTree}(L, c, R)$  is also a **CharTree**

Intuitively, a **CharTree** is a tree where the non-null nodes store a char data element.

#### Recursive functions on CharTrees:

- The preorder function returns the preorder traversal of all elements in a **CharTree**.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{preorder}(\text{Null}) &= \varepsilon \\ \text{preorder}(\text{CharTree}(L, c, R)) &= c \cdot \text{preorder}(L) \cdot \text{preorder}(R)\end{aligned}$$

- The postorder function returns the postorder traversal of all elements in a **CharTree**.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{postorder}(\text{Null}) &= \varepsilon \\ \text{postorder}(\text{CharTree}(L, c, R)) &= \text{postorder}(L) \cdot \text{postorder}(R) \cdot c\end{aligned}$$

- The mirror function produces the mirror image of a **CharTree**.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{mirror}(\text{Null}) &= \text{Null} \\ \text{mirror}(\text{CharTree}(L, c, R)) &= \text{CharTree}(\text{mirror}(R), c, \text{mirror}(L))\end{aligned}$$

- Finally, for all strings  $x$ ,  $x^R$ , the "reversal" of  $x$ , produces the string in reverse order.

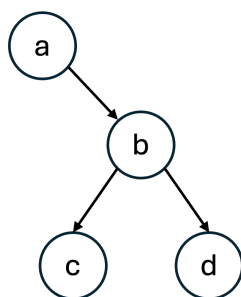
#### Additional Facts:

You may use the following facts:

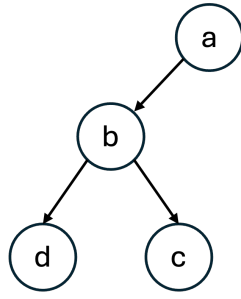
- **Fact 1:** For any strings  $x_1, \dots, x_k$ :  $(x_1 \cdot \dots \cdot x_k)^R = x_k^R \cdot \dots \cdot x_1^R$
- **Fact 2:** For any character  $c$ ,  $c^R = c$

It turns out that for any CharTree  $T$ , the reversal of the preorder traversal of  $T$  is the same as the postorder traversal of the mirror of  $T$ .

#### Example for Intuition:



Let  $T$  be the tree above.  
 $\text{preorder}(T) = \text{"abcd"}$ .  
 $T$  is built as  $(\text{Null}, a, U)$   
Where  $U$  is  $(V, b, W)$ ,  
 $V = (\text{Null}, c, \text{Null})$ ,  $W = (\text{Null}, d, \text{Null})$ .



This tree is  $\text{mirror}(T)$ .  
 $\text{postorder}(\text{mirror}(T)) = \text{"dcba"}$ ,  
 "dcba" is the reversal of "abcd" so  
 $[\text{preorder}(T)]^R = \text{postorder}(\text{mirror}(T))$  holds for  $T$

**Use structural induction to prove the following claim:**

For every **CharTree**,  $T$ :  $[\text{preorder}(T)]^R = \text{postorder}(\text{mirror}(T))$

**Solution:**

Let  $P(T)$  be " $[\text{preorder}(T)]^R = \text{postorder}(\text{mirror}(T))$ ". We show  $P(T)$  holds for all **CharTrees**  $T$  by structural induction.

**Base case** ( $T = \text{Null}$ ):

**LHS:**  $[\text{preorder}(\text{Null})]^R = \varepsilon^R = \varepsilon$

**RHS:**  $\text{postorder}(\text{mirror}(T)) = \text{postorder}(\text{Null}) = \varepsilon$

Since  $\text{LHS} = \text{RHS}$ ,  $P(\text{Null})$  holds.

**Inductive hypothesis:** Suppose  $P(L), P(R)$  both hold for arbitrary **CharTrees**  $L, R$ .

**Inductive step:**

Let  $T = \text{CharTree}(L, c, R)$  for an arbitrary  $c \in \Sigma$ . We want to show  $P(T)$  i.e.,  
 $[\text{preorder}(\text{CharTree}(L, c, R))]^R = \text{postorder}(\text{mirror}(\text{CharTree}(L, c, R)))$ .

$[\text{preorder}(T)]^R = [\text{preorder}(\text{CharTree}(L, c, R))]^R$	Def of $T$
$= [c \cdot \text{preorder}(L) \cdot \text{preorder}(R)]^R$	Def of preorder
$= \text{preorder}(R)^R \cdot \text{preorder}(L)^R \cdot c^R$	Fact 1
$= \text{preorder}(R)^R \cdot \text{preorder}(L)^R \cdot c$	Fact 2
$= \text{postorder}(\text{mirror}(R)) \cdot \text{postorder}(\text{mirror}(L)) \cdot c$	By I.H.
$= \text{postorder}(\text{CharTree}(\text{mirror}(R), c, \text{mirror}(L)))$	Def of postorder
$= \text{postorder}(\text{mirror}(\text{CharTree}(L, c, R)))$	Def of mirror
$= \text{postorder}(\text{mirror}(T))$	Def of $T$

So  $P(\text{CharTree}(L, c, R))$  holds.

By the principle of induction,  $P(T)$  holds for all **CharTrees**  $T$ .