

## Exercise 2.1

We examine the following theorem:

$$\sum_{i=0}^n i = \frac{n \cdot (n+1)}{2} \quad \forall \quad n \in \mathbb{N}_0$$

*Proof.* Mathematical induction over  $n$ :

**Basis**  $n - 1 = 0$  :

$$0 = \frac{0 \cdot 1}{2}$$

$$0 = 0$$

**Induction Hypothesis:**

$$\sum_{i=0}^k i = \frac{k \cdot (k+1)}{2} \text{ for } k = n - 1$$

**Inductive Step:**  $n - 1 \rightarrow n$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} i &= \sum_{i=0}^n i - n \stackrel{\text{IH}}{=} \frac{n \cdot (n+1)}{2} - n \\ &\iff \frac{n \cdot (n+1)}{2} - \frac{2n}{2} \\ &\iff \frac{n \cdot (n+1) - 2n}{2} \\ &\iff \frac{n \cdot (n+1-2)}{2} \\ &\iff \frac{n \cdot (n-1)}{2} \\ &\iff \frac{n-1 \cdot ((n-1)+1)}{2} \end{aligned}$$

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## Exercise 2.2

We will prove the following statement by structural induction:

**Theorem 1.** *For all binary trees  $B$  it holds that  $\text{edges}(B) = 2 \cdot \text{leaves}(B) - 2$ .*

*Proof.* **Base Case:**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{edges}(\square) &= 0 = 2 - 2 = 2 * \text{leaves}(\square) - 2. \\ &\leadsto \text{Statement is true for the base case} \end{aligned}$$

**Induction Hypothesis:** Assume that for a composite tree  $\langle L, \circ, R \rangle$  the statement is true for the subtrees  $L$  and  $R$ .

**Inductive Step:** Consider a composite tree  $B = \langle L, \circ, R \rangle$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{edges}(B) &= \text{edges}(L) + \text{edges}(R) + 2 \\ &\stackrel{IH}{=} 2 \cdot \text{leaves}(L) - 2 + 2 \cdot \text{leaves}(R) - 2 + 2 \\ &= 2 \cdot (\text{leaves}(L) + \text{leaves}(R)) - 2 \\ &= 2 \cdot \text{leaves}(B) - 2 \end{aligned}$$

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- (a) The set builder notation is wrong because it does not specify that  $x$  is a natural number and it also does not define  $n$ . The correct notation would be  $\{x \mid x \in \mathbb{N}, x < 20, x \bmod 2 = 1\}$ .
- (b) The notation is wrong since  $x$  is undefined and the 6 alone is not a set. The correct notation would be  $\{x \mid x \in \mathbb{N}, x \neq 6\}$ .

## Exercise 2.5

- (a) We can first find out what the union of  $A$  and  $B$  is:  $A \cup B = U \setminus (A \cup B)^c = \{1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10\}$ . With the latter and  $A \cap B = \{1, 3\}$  it follows that  $\{1, 3\} \subset A \subset A \cup B$  and  $\{1, 3\} \subset B \subset A \cup B$ . The following sets satisfy the properties:  $A = \{1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9\}$ ,  $B = \{1, 3, 10\}$ .
- (b) It is not possible to satisfy all conditions at the same time. If  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ , it means that  $A, B$  have no elements in common. However, if  $A \subset B$ , it means that every element of  $A$  is an element of  $B$ , which contradicts the first condition of  $A$  and  $B$  having no common elements. Therefore,  $A, B$  under the given conditions do not exist.
- (c) The following set  $A, B$  satisfy the required properties:  $A = B = \{6, 7, 8\}$ .