

W2.4 Equational Reasoning

Subtask 2.4.1

Prove the following property:

```
forall (xs :: [a]) (ys :: [a]) .  
length (xs ++ ys) = length xs + length ys
```

- First case: `xs = []`:

```
length (xs ++ ys)  
  = length ([] ++ ys)      -- assumption  
  = length ys              -- definition of (++)  
  = 0 + length ys         -- arithmetic  
  = length [] + length ys  -- definition of length  
  = length xs + length ys  -- assumption
```

- Second case: Let `x :: a`, let `xs, ys :: [a]`,
and assume `length (xs ++ ys) = length xs + length ys`:

```
length ((x : xs) ++ ys)  
  = length (x : (xs ++ ys))  -- definition of (++)  
  = 1 + length (xs ++ ys)    -- definition of length  
  = 1 + (length xs + length ys) -- assumption  
  = (1 + length xs) + length ys -- arithmetic  
  = length (x : xs) + length ys -- definition of length
```

- Third case: `xs = undefined`:

```
length (xs ++ ys)  
  = length (undefined ++ ys) -- assumption  
  = length undefined          -- definition of (++)  
  = undefined                 -- definition of length  
  = undefined + length ys     -- definition of (+)  
  = length undefined + length ys -- definition of length  
  = length xs + length ys     -- assumption
```

Subtask 2.4.2

Prove the following property:

```
forall (t :: Tree a) .  
length (flatten t) = size t
```

- First case: `t = Leaf a`:

```
length (flatten t)  
  = length (flatten (Leaf a)) -- assumption
```

```

= length (a : [])           -- definition of flatten
= 1                         -- definition of length (twice)
= size (Leaf a)             -- definition of size
= size t                    -- assumption

```

- Second case: Let $l, r :: \text{Tree } a$, let $t = \text{Node } l \ r$, and assume $\text{length } (\text{flatten } l) = \text{size } l$ and $\text{length } (\text{flatten } r) = \text{size } r$:

```

length (flatten t)
  = length (flatten (Node l r))           -- assumption
  = length (flatten l ++ flatten r)       -- definition of flatten
  = length (flatten l) ++ length (flatten r) -- Subtask 2.4.1
  = size l + size r                       -- assumption
  = size (Node l r)                       -- definition of size
  = size t                                -- assumption

```
- Third case: $t = \text{undefined}$:

```

length (flatten t)
  = length (flatten undefined) -- assumption
  = length undefined           -- definition of flatten
  = undefined                  -- definition of length
  = size undefined             -- definition of size
  = size t                     -- assumption

```