1.5 Structural induction over Haskell data types

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Week 4 – First Challenge
Consider following functions:
       check :: [a] -> Bool
       check []
                   = true
       check x:xs = check1 (x:xs) []
       check1 :: [a] -> [a] -> Bool
       check1 [] zs = false
       check1 (y:ys) zs | (y:ys) == zs
                               |ys==zs|
                                                   = true
                               | otherwise
                                                   = check1 ys (y:zs)
Palindrome \subseteq [a] is defined as
    Palindrome(xs) \equiv \exists ys : [a], y : a. [xs = ys++(rev ys) \lor
                                            xs = ys + + y + + (rev ys)
Show that
(*) \forall xs : [a]. [ check xs = true \longleftrightarrow Palindrome(xs) ]
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The functions check and checkAux appeared in the first term's logic exercises 8, under the names guess4 and guess5. We will discuss the proof later. For the proof we may use the following properties of lists xs:[a].

- (A) xs = rev(rev xs)
- (B) $Palindrome(xs) \longleftrightarrow Palindrome((rev xs))$
- (C) rev (x:xs) = (rev xs) + +x

Week 4 – Second Challenge

Remember the cactus/beetle example: A cactus consists of a tree, whose nodes have arbitrary numbers of children.

When the beetle eats a leaf If, then If is removed, and if If is not a child of the root, then, the cactus grows back as follows:

Let T_{If} be the subtree starting at parent(If) where If has been removed. Add k copies of T_{lf} under parent(parent(lf)), where k is an arbitrary natural number.

The cactus is *consumed* when it consists of the root only.

How do we formulate that all cacti can be consumed? How do we prove it?

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Structural induction - motivation

Consider the following Haskell functions

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elem :: Eq a \Rightarrow a \Rightarrow [a] \Rightarrow Bool
elem x [] = False
elem x (y:ys) = x == y \mid\mid elem x ys
subList :: Eq a \Rightarrow [a] \rightarrow [a] \rightarrow [a]
subList [] ys
                  = []
subList (x:xs) ys
   \mid elem x ys = subList xs ys
   otherwise
                    = x:(subList xs ys)
```

and the specification

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\forall xs: [a]. \forall ys: [a]. \forall z: a. [z \in ys \rightarrow z \notin subList xs ys]
where z \in ys is short for elem z ys, and z \notin ys is short for \neg(elem z ys).
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In other words: sublist xs ys removes all elements of ys from xs.

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Structural induction - motivation, continued

We want to prove $\forall xs: [a]. Q(xs)$, where, Q is defined as:

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Q(xs) \equiv \forall ys: [a]. \forall z: a. [z \in ys \rightarrow z \notin subLst xs ys]
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Can we use induction? Note that Q is not defined over numbers.

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Map lists to numbers,
1st Approach
                 express Q \subseteq [a], through an equivalent P \subseteq \mathbb{N}.
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2nd Approach Use a new principle: structural induction.

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1st Approach - mapping lists onto $\mathbb N$

We can map lists to numbers through the length function. Define P(n) as:

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P(n) \equiv \forall xs: [a]. \forall ys: [a]. \forall z: a.
[length xs = n \rightarrow (z \in ys \rightarrow z \notin subList xs ys)]
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Observe that

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\forall n : \mathbb{N}.P(n) \leftrightarrow \forall xs:[a].Q(xs)
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Therefore, proving $\forall n : \mathbb{N}.P(n)$ suffices.

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The 1st approach We will discuss the application of the 1st Approach

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Application of the Mathematical Induction Principle for \forall n : \mathbb{N}. \forall xs : [a]. \forall ys : [a]. \forall z : a. [length <math>xs = n \rightarrow (z \in ys \rightarrow z \notin subList xs ys )] gives
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\forall \mathtt{xs} : [\mathtt{a}] . \forall \mathtt{ys} : [\mathtt{a}] . \forall \mathtt{z} : \mathtt{a}. [\mathtt{length} \ \mathtt{xs} \ \mathtt{=0} \ \rightarrow (\ \mathtt{z} \in \mathtt{ys} \ \rightarrow \mathtt{z} \notin \mathtt{subList} \ \mathtt{xs} \ \mathtt{ys})]
\forall k : \mathbb{N}. [
\forall \mathtt{xs} : [\mathtt{a}] . \forall \mathtt{ys} : [\mathtt{a}] . \forall \mathtt{z} : \mathtt{a}. [\mathtt{length} \ \mathtt{xs} \ = k \ \rightarrow (\ \mathtt{z} \in \mathtt{ys} \ \rightarrow \ \mathtt{z} \notin \mathtt{subList} \ \mathtt{xs} \ \mathtt{ys})]
\rightarrow
\forall \mathtt{xs} : [\mathtt{a}] . \forall \mathtt{ys} : [\mathtt{a}] . \forall \mathtt{z} : \mathtt{a}. [\mathtt{length} \ \mathtt{xs} \ = k+1 \ \rightarrow (\mathtt{z} \in \mathtt{ys} \ \rightarrow \mathtt{z} \notin \mathtt{subList} \ \mathtt{xs} \ \mathtt{ys})]
\rightarrow
\forall n : \mathbb{N} . \forall \mathtt{xs} : [\mathtt{a}] . \forall \mathtt{ys} : [\mathtt{a}] . \forall \mathtt{z} : \mathtt{a}. [\mathtt{length} \ \mathtt{xs} \ = n \ \rightarrow (\ \mathtt{z} \in \mathtt{ys} \ \rightarrow \ \mathtt{z} \notin \mathtt{subList} \ \mathtt{xs} \ \mathtt{ys})]
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Proof

We can now develop a proof by induction. The proof schema is as follows:

Base Case

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To Show:
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\forall \texttt{xs} : [\texttt{a}]. \forall \texttt{ys} : [\texttt{a}]. \forall \texttt{z} : \texttt{a}. [\texttt{length} \ \texttt{xs} = 0 \ \rightarrow ( \ \texttt{z} \in \texttt{ys} \ \rightarrow \ \texttt{z} \notin \texttt{subList} \ \texttt{xs} \ \texttt{ys})]
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Inductive Step

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Take k: \mathbb{N} arbitrary.

Ind. Hyp:
\forall xs: [a]. \forall ys: [a]. \forall z: a. [length \ xs = k \ \rightarrow (\ z \in ys \ \rightarrow \ z \notin subList \ xs \ ys)]
To show: \forall xs: [a]. \forall ys: [a]. \forall z: a. [length \ xs = k+1 \ \rightarrow \ (\ z \in ys \ \rightarrow \ z \notin subList \ xs \ ys)]
...
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We shall use the following properties of length:

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L1 \forall xs: [a]. (length <math>xs = 0 \rightarrow xs = [].)

L2 \forall xs: [a]. \forall k: \mathbb{N}. [length <math>xs = k+1 \rightarrow \exists v: a. \exists vs: [a]. [length <math>vs = k \land xs = v: vs]].
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We now proceed with the proofs of the base case and the inductive step.

Base Case

To Show: $\forall xs: [a]. \forall ys: [a]. \forall z: a. [length xs = 0 \rightarrow (z \in ys \rightarrow z \notin subList xs ys)]$

```
Take arbitrary xs:[a],ys:[a], and z:a.
Assume that
(ass1) length xs=0
(ass2) z \in ys
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To Show: z ∉ subList xs ys

Then

- (3) xs = [] from (ass1) and L1.
- (4) subList xs ys = [] from (3) and def of subList.
- (5) $z \notin \text{subList xs ys}$ from (4) and def of elem.

Note that we did not use (ass2) for this case.

Inductive step

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Take k : \mathbb{N} arbitrary.
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Ind. Hyp: $\forall xs:[a].\forall ys:[a].\forall z:a.$ [length $xs=k \rightarrow (z \in ys \rightarrow z \notin subList xs ys)]$

To show: $\forall xs:[a].\forall ys:[a].\forall z:a.$ [length $xs=k+1 \rightarrow (z \in ys \rightarrow z \notin subList xs ys)]$

Take arbitrary xs:[a], ys:[a], and z:a.

To Show: z ∉ subList xs ys

From (ass1) and L2, we obtain that exist values v:a and vs:[a], so that $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \end{pmatrix}$ length vs=k $\begin{pmatrix} 4 \end{pmatrix}$ xs=v:vs

Then (5) z \notin subList vs ys by (3), (ass2) and Ind Hyp

Continue by case analysis over whether $v \in ys$ - see next two slides.

1st Case: $v \in ys$

Then, (6) subList (v:vs) ys = subList vs ys by case & def subList

(7) $z \notin subList xs$ by (6), (5) & (4). **2nd Case:** $v \notin$ уs

Then (6) subList (v:vs) ys = v:(subList vs ys) by case and definition of subList

 $(7) \quad z \neq v$ (ass2) & case.

(8) $z \notin v$: (subList vs ys) by (7), (5) and definition of elem.

(6), (5) & (4).(9) $z \notin subList xs$

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1st approach – conclusions

- It is possible to reason about lists using math. induction. But this reasoning is *indirect*: In particular, length is unrelated to P.
- The math. induct based proof requires lemmas:

L1: $\forall xs:[a].[length <math>xs=0 \rightarrow xs=[]]$ **L2**: $\forall xs:[a].\forall k:\mathbb{N}.$

[length $xs = k+1 \rightarrow \exists v: a. \exists vs: [a]. [length <math>vs = k \land xs = v: vs]$].

How do we prove **L1** and **L2**?

- Therefore, we need something better.
- In math. induct. step, we argue that a property is "inherited" from "predecessor" to their "successor". E.g., 4 is a "successor" of 3.
- Can we generalize the concept of "predecessor" and "successor"? Can we see 10:44:33:[] as successor of 44:33:[]?

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Structural Induction Principle over lists

For any type T, and $P \subseteq [T]$:

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P([]) \land \forall vs:[T].\forall v:T.[P(vs) \rightarrow P(v:vs)] \longrightarrow \forall xs:[T].P(xs)
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Structural induction principle for lists applied to the subList property

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Proving the subList property by str. ind. - schema

Base Case
To Show \forall ys: [a]. \forall z: a.[z \in ys \rightarrow z \notin subList[]ys]
...

Inductive Step
Take arbitrary v: a, vs: [a]
Inductive Hypothesis:
\forall ys: [a]. \forall z: a.[y \in ys \rightarrow y \notin subList vs ys]
To Show: \forall ys: [a]. \forall z: a.[z \in ys \rightarrow z \notin subList vs ys]
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Proving the subList property by str. ind. - schema

Base Case
To Show: \forall ys: [a]. \forall z: a.[z \in ys \rightarrow z \notin subList vs ys]
...
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Compare with the proof schema for proof by mathem. induction on the length of the lists. The one based on structural induction is more succinct.

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Base Case

Base Case

To Show: \forall ys: [a]. \forall z: a. [z \in ys \rightarrow z \notin subList []ys]

Take arbitrary ys: [a], and z: a.

Assume (ass1) z \in ys

To Show: z \notin subList []ys

We have

(1) z \notin subList []ys = []

by def. of subList (2) z \notin subList []ys = []

(2) z \notin subList []ys = []

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Base Case

To Show: z \notin subList []ys = z \notin subList [
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Inductive step

Inductive Step

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Take arbitrary v:a, vs:[a]
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Inductive Hypothesis: \forall ys: [a]. \forall z: a. [z \in ys \rightarrow z \notin subList vs ys]
To Show: \forall ys: [a]. \forall z: a. [z \in ys \rightarrow z \notin subList (v:vs) ys]
```

Take arbitrary ys: [a], and z:a.

Assume

```
(ass1) z \in ys
```

To Show: $z \notin subList (v:vs) ys$

Then (1) $z \notin subList vs ys$ by (ass1) and Ind Hyp

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Inductive step - continued

What we have so far:

(ass1) $z \in ys$

(1) $z \notin subList vs ys$

To Show: $z \notin subList (v:vs) ys$.

1st Case: $v \in ys$

Then

(2) subList (v:vs) ys = subList vs ys by case & def subList

(3) $z \notin subList (v:vs) ys$ by (1) & (2).

2nd Case: v ∉ ys

Then

(2) subList (v:vs) ys = v:(subList vs ys) case & def subList

(3) $z \neq v$

(ass1) & case. by (1), (2), (3)

(4) $z \notin subList (v:vs) ys$

and & def. elem.

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Conclusion Reasoning about lists through structural induction is natural.

Our plan

Discuss one more example reasoning about lists.

Reason about any user defined Haskell data type.

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another example, rev

Consider the following Haskell function:

rev :: [a] -> [a]
rev [] = []
rev (x:xs) = rev xs ++ [x]

Consider the assertion SPEC_1:
∀xs: [a].∀ys: [a]. rev (xs++ys) = (rev ys) ++ (rev xs)

We will prove SPEC_1 by structural induction over xs.
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Lists Struct. induction principle applied to SPEC_1

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Proving SPEC_1 by str. ind. - schema

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Base Case
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To Show \forall ys : [a]. rev([]++ys) = (revys) ++ (rev[])
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Inductive Step

```
Take arbitrary z:a, zs:[a]. Inductive Hypothesis:
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\forall ys: [a]. rev(zs++ys) = (rev ys) ++ (rev zs)
To Show: \forall ys: [a]. rev((z:zs)++ys) = (rev ys) ++ (rev (z:zs))
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Lists Lemmas

We use the following properties of ++ and : for arbitrary u:a, us,vs,ws:[a]:

- (A) us ++ [] = us
- (B) [] ++ us = us
- (C) (u:us) ++ vs = u:(us ++ vs)
- (D) (us ++ vs) ++ ws = us ++ (vs ++ ws)

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Base Case

Base Case

To Show $\forall ys: [a].rev([] ++ ys) = (revys) ++ (rev[])$

Take arbitrary ys:[a].

Then, we have

rev([]++ys)

- = revys by (B)
- = (revys) ++ [] by (A)
- = (revys) ++ (rev[]) by definition of rev

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Inductive Step
Inductive Step
Take arbitrary z:a, zs:[a].
Ind. Hypo: \forall ys : [a]. rev (zs++ys) = (rev ys) ++ (rev zs)
To show:
       \forall ys:[a].
                    rev((z:zs) ++ ys) = (rev ys) ++ (rev(z:zs))
Take arbitrary ys: [a].
Then, we have:
rev ((z:zs) ++ vs)
      rev (z: (zs ++ ys))
                                           by (C)
    (rev(zs++ys))++[z]
                                           by definition of rev
    ((revys) ++ (revzs)) ++ [z]
                                           by induction hypothesis
  = (revys) ++ ((revzs) ++ [z]))
                                           by (D)
      (revys) ++ (rev(z:zs))
                                           by definition of rev
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Why does induction over lists work?
Intuitively, and informally
   Base case:
                                                                        P([]) holds.
   • Inductive Step: P(xs) \rightarrow P(x:xs) for all x:a,xs:[a].
         • P([]) \rightarrow P(x:[]).
           Therefore,
                                                         P(x:[]) holds for all x:a.
         • P(x:[]) \rightarrow P(y:x:[]).
           Therefore,
                                                    P(y:x:[]) holds for all y, x:a.
         • P(y:x:[]) \rightarrow P(z:y:x:[]).
                                              P(z:y:x:[]) holds for all z, y, x:a.
           Therefore.
And so,
                                                     P(xs) holds for all xs : [a].
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Note that with induction over lists, every element has an infinite number of successors,

(eg 3: [] and 4: [] and 55: [] are all successors of [], while in induction over numbers, eavery element has only one *direct* successor, (eg 3 is the unique successor of 2).

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Induction over arbitrary Haskell data structures

data Nat = Zero | Succ Nat
P(\mathsf{Zero}) \land \forall n : \mathsf{Nat}.[P(n) \to P(\mathsf{Succ}\ n)] \longrightarrow \forall n : \mathsf{Nat}.P(n)

data Tree a = Empty | Node (Tree a) a (Tree a)
P(\mathsf{Empty}) \land \forall \mathsf{t1}, \mathsf{t2} : \mathsf{Tree}\ \mathsf{T}.\forall \mathsf{x} : \mathsf{T}.[P(\mathsf{t1}) \land P(\mathsf{t2}) \to P(\mathsf{Node}\ \mathsf{t1}\ \mathsf{x}\ \mathsf{t2}\ )]
\to \forall \mathsf{t} : \mathsf{Tree}\ \mathsf{T}.P(\mathsf{t})

data BExp = Tr | Fl | BNt BExp | BAnd BExp BExp
P(\mathsf{Tr}) \land P(\mathsf{F1}) \land \forall \mathsf{b} : \mathsf{BExp}.[P(\mathsf{b}) \to P(\mathsf{BNt}\ \mathsf{b})] \land \forall \mathsf{b1}, \mathsf{b2} : \mathsf{BExp}.[P(\mathsf{b1}) \land P(\mathsf{b2}) \to P(\mathsf{BAnd}\ \mathsf{b1}\ \mathsf{b2})] \longrightarrow \forall \mathsf{b} : \mathsf{BExp}.P(\mathsf{b})

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Structural Induction for different kinds of trees

Write the struct. ind. principles for $P \subseteq \text{Tree Int}$, and for $Q \subseteq \text{Tree a}$, and for $R \subseteq \text{Tree [a]}$:

- $P(\text{Empty}) \land \\ \forall \text{t1,t2:Tree Int.} \forall \text{i:Int.} [P(\text{t1}) \land P(\text{t2}) \rightarrow P(\text{Node t1 i t2})] \\ \longrightarrow \forall \text{t:Tree Int.} P(\text{t})$
- $Q(\texttt{Empty}) \land \forall \texttt{t1,t2:Tree} \ a. \forall \texttt{x:a.} [\ Q(\texttt{t1}) \land Q(\texttt{t2}) \rightarrow Q(\texttt{Node}\,\texttt{t1}\,\texttt{x}\,\texttt{t2})] \] \longrightarrow \ \forall \texttt{t}: \texttt{Tree}\,\texttt{a.}\ Q(\texttt{t})$
- $R(\text{Empty}) \land \\ \forall \texttt{t1}, \texttt{t2}: \texttt{Tree [a]}. \forall \texttt{as: [a]}. [R(\texttt{t1}) \land R(\texttt{t2}) \rightarrow R(\texttt{Node t1 as t2})] \\ \longrightarrow \forall \texttt{t}: \texttt{Tree [a]}. R(\texttt{t})$

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Comment But actually, given

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data Tree a = Empty | Node (Tree a) a (Tree a)
```

Do we have

or, should we have, instead

Since the two assertions are equivalent, the question actually does *not* arise.

Two Proof strategies

We will conclude this section by discussing two strategies that appear often when writing proofs.

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... When the proof does not go through ...

Consider the Haskell function sum, and its tail-recursive version, sum_tr

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sum :: [Int] -> Int
sum [] = 0
sum i:is = i + sum is
sum_tr :: [Int] -> Int -> Int
sum_tr [] k = k
sum_tr (i:is) k = sum_tr is (i+k)
```

Prove that

 \forall is:[Int]. sum is = sum_tr is 0

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Proving \( \forall is: [Int]. \) sum is = sum_tr is 0 by induction on is - base case

Base Case

To Show sum [] = sum_tr [] 0

sum []

We have = 0 by def. of sum
= sum_tr [] 0 by def. of sum_tr
```

The inductive step is in the slides.

```
Inductive step for \forall is: [Int]. sum is = sum_tr is 0
Take i: Int and is: [Int] arbitrary.
Inductive Hypothesis: sum is = sum_tr is 0
To Show: sum (i:is) = sum_tr (i:is) 0
By applying definitions we obtain
 sum (i:is)
                                   by def. of sum
             =
                i + sum is
                                   by ind. hypo.
                 i + sum_tr is 0
                                   ???
                 ???
                                   ???
              = sum_tr is i
                                 by def. of sum_tr
              = sum_tr (i:is) 0
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When the proof does not go through ... - two approaches

We cannot prove

```
\forallis:[Int]. sum is = sum_tr is 0
```

directly by induction.

Such situations appear very often in proofs.

There are two approaches to solving such problems:

- 1st Strategy: Invent an Auxiliary Lemma
- 2nd Strategy: Strengthen the original property

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1st Strategy: Invent an auxiliary lemma

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We revisit the Inductive step from the proof of
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\forallis:[Int]. sum is = sum_tr is 0.
```

Inductive step

```
Take i: Int, and is: [Int] arbitrary.
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Inductive Hypothesis sum is = sum_tr is 0

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To Show: sum (i:is) = sum_tr (i:is) 0
```

We have

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sum (i:is)
            = i + sum is
                                    by def. of sum
                                    by ind. hypo.
            = i + (sum_tr is 0)
                sum_tr is (i+0)
                                    by Lemma ZZ
               sum_tr (i:is) 0
                                    by def. of sum_tr
```

Lemma ZZ

 $\forall i:Int.\forall k:Int.\forall is:[Int].\ i+(sum_trisk)=sum_tris(i+k)$

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2nd Strategy: Proving a stronger property

Rather than

(*)
$$\forall$$
 is:[Int]. sum is = sum_tr is 0

We will prove a stronger property

(**)
$$\forall k$$
:Int. \forall is:[Int]. $k + (sum is) = sum_t r is $k$$

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Proving

 \forall is:[Int]. \forall k:Int. k + (sum is) = sum_tr is k by induction on is - base case

Base Case

To Show: $\forall k: Int. k + (sum []) = sum_tr [] k$ Take k: Int arbitrary. To Show: $k + sum [] = sum_tr [] k$ We have by def. of sum, and arithm k + (sum []) = k= sum_tr [] k by def. of sum_tr

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Proving

 \forall is:[Int]. \forall k:Int. $k + (sum is) = sum_tr is k by induction on is - ind step$

Note: Because use of quantifiers is subtle, we distinguish all variables:

Inductive Step

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Take i:Int and is:[Int] arbitrary.

Inductive Hypothesis: \forall m: Int. m+(sum\ is) = sum\_tr\ is\ m

To Show: \forall n: Int. n+(sum\ (i:is)) = sum\_tr\ (i:is)\ n

Take n: Int arbitrary.

To Show: n+sum\ (i:is) = sum\_tr\ (i:is)\ n

n+(sum\ (i:is)) = (n+i) + (sum\ is) by def. of sum, arithm

= sum\_tr\ is\ (n+i) by ind. hyp.

= sum\_tr\ (i:is)\ n by def. of sum\_tr
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Note: We instantiated the induction hypothesis by replacing m by n+i.

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The limits of induction Fermat stated and did not prove that:

$$x^n + y^n = z^n$$

has no positive integer solutions for $n \geq 3$

The format of the theorem suggests the use of induction.

- Base case: it has been proved that $x^3 + y^3 = z^3$ has no solutions.
- Inductive Step: Show that if $x^k + y^k = z^k$ has no solutions, then $x^{k+1} + y^{k+1} = z^{k+1}$ has no solutions.
- Nobody has been able to do that.
- A proof of the theorem was developed recently, and is *not* based on induction.

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More Induction Principles — mutual recursion

data T = C1 \text{ [Int] } | C2 \text{ Int } T

\forall is: [Int]. P(C1 is) \land \forall i: Int. \forall t: T.[P(t) \rightarrow P(C2 i t)]

\rightarrow \\ \forall t: T.P(t)

data \Rightarrow BaseR \mid Red Greens \\ data Greens = BaseG \mid Green Reds

\Rightarrow P(BaseR) \land \forall g: Greens. [Q(g) \rightarrow P(Red g)] \land Q(BaseG) \land \forall r: Reds. [P(r) \rightarrow Q(Green r)]

\Rightarrow \\ \forall r: Reds. P(r) \land \forall g: Greens. Q(g)
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A slightly weaker inductive principle is the following:

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