# **Configurations of molecules**

Left Variable Middle Variable Right Variable

Statement: LMR must take on the following natural number values

5 4 7

646

657

7 4 5

756

767

In order to reach a "complete" aka, 8-8-8 state

Method by which we reach the 8-8-8 state:

- 1. Left-Middle Add (Adds 1 to L, M)
- 2. Right-Middle Add (Adds 1 to R, M)

## Limitation:

- 1. At least 1 Left-Middle and 1 Right-Middle must be applied
- 2. Cannot have more than 4 functions applied

#### Proof:

- 1. Show that these 6 are valid
  - Pretty simple
- Just show what combination of Left-Middle Add / Right-Middle Add can work
  - 2. Show that any other configuration is invalid
    - Infinite many of other configurations (dealing w/ natural numbers)
    - If narrow natural numbers we are dealing with

We can limit these variables by defining them as natural numbers from 0 to 9

Steps to Implementation:

## Part A: Definitions

- 1. Define L-M-R variables are natural numbers from 0-9
- 2. Define Left-Middle as a function that adds to Left and Middle
- 3. Define Right-Middle as a function that adds to Right and Middle

- Part B: Defining the System
- 1. Defining System: Left, Middle, and Right (as list). L = S[0], M = S[1], R = S[2].
  - 2. Define functions
    - a. Left-Middle Add: Adds 1 to L and M
    - b. Right-Middle Add: Adds 1 to R and M
  - 3. Complete System function
    - Applies Left- Middle add until the left variable is equal to 8
    - Applies Right- Middle add until the right variable is equal to 8
    - Check middle variable,
      - if equal 8 (if we don't simplify, just return true at this step)
        - If at least one Left- Middle applied
          - If not more than 4 functions applied
            - return true
      - if not equal 8, return false

# Part C: The proof

- 1. Show that the above 6 configurations are valid (this should be easy)
- 2. Show that any other configuration is false (this will be harder)