Avigad, Heuele, Nawrocki, Logic and mechanized reasoning

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Preface

I solve some exercises and prove some statements from Avigad et al., *Logic and mechanized reasoning* (v 0.1). In the appendix, I list the errata that I have found.

Notation

Chapter 1

Introduction

The authors lists three ideas that, it seems, are jointly found for the first time in the work of Ramon Llull (1232?-1316):[1]

1. Symbols can stand for ideas.
2. One can generate complex ideas by combining simpler ones.
3. Mechanical devices can serve as aids to reasoning.

[1] The author spells the monk's last name as "Lull".

Chapter 2

Mathematical background

Key concepts:

2.1 Induction and recursion on the natural numbers

Theorem 2.1. *The solution to the Towers-of-Hanoi (ToH) problem given on page 4 (of Avigad's book) requires $2^n - 1$ moves.*

Proof. I call the three towers, from left to right, A, B, C. At the beginning, all the disks are on peg A. Let $T(n)$ be the number of moves that it takes to solve ToH with the given algorithm. The base case is $n = 0$ and the statement holds in this case: the solution requires 0 moves and $T(0) = 2^0 - 1 = 1 - 1 = 0$. For the induction hypothesis, suppose that the statement holds for n. For the inductive step, observes the following:

1. by induction hypothesis, it takes exactly $T(n)$ steps to move all the disks except the largest one to peg C using euxiliary peg B;
2. then, it takes 1 move to move the largest disk from peg A to peg B;
3. then, by induction hypothesis, it takes exactly $T(n)$ steps to move the disks from peg C to peg B using auxiliary peg A.

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} T(n+1) &= T(n) + 1 + T(n) \\ &= 2T(n) + 1 \\ &= 2(2^n - 1) + 1 \qquad \text{[by induct. hyp.]} \\ &= 2^{n+1} - 2 + 1 \\ &= 2^{n+1} - 1 \end{aligned}$$

□

2.2 Complete induction

On p. 5, the authors define the following function recursively:

$$f(n,\ k) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } k = 0 \text{ or } k = n \\ f(n-1,\ k) + f(n-1,\ k-1) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where n and k are natural numbers and $k \leq n$. One more usually write the above function as

$$\binom{n}{k} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } k = 0 \text{ or } k = n \\ \binom{n-1}{k} + \binom{n-1}{k-1} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Here $\binom{n}{k}$ indicates the number of ways of choosing k objects out of n without repetition. The equation in the second case, i.e.

$$\binom{n}{k} = \binom{n-1}{k} + \binom{n-1}{k-1}$$

is called *Pascal's identity*. Its intuitive justification is as a follows. Let x be an object among the n-many objects that are given. Then, if you do not choose x, you have to choose k objects from the now $n-1$-many given objects. If you do choose x, then you have to continue by selecting $k-1$ objects from the now $n-1$-many objects. Since every selection of k objects from the given n objects either include or does not include x, then the total number of ways of choosing k objects out of n without repetition is the sum of the ways of selecting k objects from $n-1$ objects (when you do not choose x) and the number of ways of selecting $k-1$ objects from $n-1$ objects (when you choose x).

Theorem 2.2. $\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$

Proof. I reason by induction. The statement is true for $n = 0$. Now, suppose that it holds for $n-1$.

I show that it holds for n too. The following equalities hold:

$$\begin{aligned}
\binom{n}{k} &= \binom{n-1}{k} + \binom{n-1}{k-1} && \text{[by definition]}\\
&= \frac{(n-1)!}{k!(n-1-k)!} + \frac{(n-1)!}{(k-1)!(n-1-(k-1))!} && \text{[by induction]}\\
&= \frac{(n-1)!}{k!(n-1-k)!} + \frac{(n-1)!}{(k-1)!(n-1-k+1)!}\\
&= \frac{(n-1)!}{k!(n-1-k)!} + \frac{(n-1)!}{(k-1)!(n-k)!}\\
&= \frac{(n-1)!}{k(k-1)!(n-1-k)!} + \frac{(n-1)!}{(k-1)!(n-k)(n-1-k)!}\\
&= \frac{(n-1)!}{(k-1)!(n-1-k)!}\left[\frac{1}{k} + \frac{1}{(n-k)}\right]\\
&= \frac{(n-1)!}{(k-1)!(n-1-k)!}\left[\frac{n-k+k}{k(n-k)}\right]\\
&= \frac{(n-1)!}{(k-1)!(n-1-k)!}\left[\frac{n}{k(n-k)}\right]\\
&= \frac{n(n-1)!}{k(k-1)!(n-k)(n-1-k)!}\\
&= \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}
\end{aligned}$$

□

2.3 Generalized induction and recursion

Given two lists ℓ and m, I write

$$\ell + m$$

as a shortcut for

$$append(\ell,\ m).$$

Theorem 2.3. *The operation append is associative.*[1]

Proof. Given two lists, l_1 and l_2, I will write $l_1 + l_2$ to indicate $append(l_1, l_2)$. I prove that, for every list l_1, l_2, l_3,

$$(l_1 + l_2) + l_3 = l_1 + (l_2 + l_3).$$

I reason by induction. For the base step, let $l_1 = []$. Therefore,

$$[] + (l_2 + l_3) = l_2 + l_3 = ([] + l_2) + l3.$$

Now, suppose that associativity holds for $l_1 = l$. I prove that it holds for $(a :: l)$, l_2, l_3. I will use the following property from the definition of $::$:[2]

$$(a :: m) + n = a :: (m + n)$$

[1] The authors define *append* on page 6.
[2] The authors define :: on page 6.

where a is an element and m and n are lists. The the proof continues as follow:

$$\begin{aligned}(a :: l) + (l_2 + l_3) &= a :: (l + (l_2 + l_3)) && \text{[by defin. of ::]}\\ &= a :: ((l + l_2) + l_3) && \text{[by induct. hyp.]}\\ &= (a :: (l + l_2)) + l_3 && \text{[by defin. of ::]}\\ &= ((a :: l) + l_2) + l_3 && \text{[by defin. of ::]}\end{aligned}$$

□

Theorem 2.4. *For every element a and list ℓ,*

$$a :: \ell = [a] + \ell.$$

Proof. For the base case, observe

$$a :: [] = [a] = [a] + [].$$

For the inductive hypothesis, assume

$$a :: \ell = [a] + \ell.$$

For the inductive step, let b be an element:

$$\begin{aligned}a :: (b :: \ell) &= a :: ([b + \ell]) && \text{[by induct. hyp.]}\\ &= (a :: [b]) + \ell && \text{[by defin. of +]}\\ &= ([a] + [b]) + \ell && \text{[by induct. hyp.]}\\ &= [a] + ([b] + \ell) && \text{[by assoc. of +]}\end{aligned}$$

□

Theorem 2.5. *For every list ℓ, $\ell + [] = \ell$.*

Proof. For the base step, observe

$$[] + [][].$$

For the induction hypothesis, assume $\ell + [] = \ell$. For the inductive step, observe

$$\begin{aligned}(a :: \ell) + [] &= ([a] + \ell) + [] && \text{[by theorem 2.4]}\\ &= [a] + (\ell + []) && \text{[by assoc. of +]}\\ &= [a] + \ell && \text{[by induct. hyp.]}\\ &= a :: \ell && \text{[by theorem 2.4]}\end{aligned}$$

□

Theorem 2.6. *For every list ℓ and element a, $appendl(\ell,\ a) = \ell + [a]$.*

Proof. I reason by induction. For the base case,

$$appendl([],\ a) = [a] = [] + [a].$$

Now, as the induction hypothesis, suppose that $appendl(\ell,\ a) = \ell + [a]$. Then, let b to be an element and consider the following equalities:

$$\begin{aligned}appendl((b :: \ell),\ a) &= b :: appendl(\ell,\ a) && \text{[by defin. of } appendl\text{]}\\ &= b :: (\ell + [a]) && \text{[by induct. hyp.]}\\ &= (b :: \ell) + [a] && \text{[by defin. of +]}\end{aligned}$$

□

Theorem 2.7. *For every list ℓ and m,*

$$reverse(\ell + m) = reverse(m) + reverse(\ell).$$

Proof. I reason by induction. Let $\ell = []$. Therefore

$$reverse([] + m) = reverse(m) = reverse(m) + reverse(\ell).$$

Now, as the inductive step, suppose that, for l and m,

$$reverse(\ell + m) = reverse(m) + reverse(\ell).$$

Let a be an element. The following equalities hold:

$$\begin{aligned}
reverse((a :: l) + m)) &= reverse(a :: (\ell + m)) && \text{[by defin. of +]} \\
&= appendl(reverse(\ell + m),\ a) && \text{[by defin. of } reverse\text{]} \\
&= append(reverse(m) + reverse(\ell),\ a) && \text{[by induct. hyp.]} \\
&= (reverse(m) + reverse(\ell)) + [a] && \text{[by theorem 2.6]} \\
&= reverse(m) + (reverse(\ell) + [a]) && \text{[by assoc. of +]} \\
&= reverse(m) + appendl(a,\ reverse(\ell)) && \text{[by theorem 2.6]} \\
&= reverse(m) + reverse(a :: \ell) && \text{[by defin. of } reverse\text{]}
\end{aligned}$$

□

Theorem 2.8. *For every list ℓ, $reverse(reverse(\ell)) = \ell$.*

Proof. I reason by induction. For the base step, obverse:

$$reverse(reverse([])) = reverse([]) = [].$$

For the induction hypothesis, assume that $reverse(reverse(\ell))$. For the inductive step, observe:

$$\begin{aligned}
reverse(reverse(a :: \ell)) &= reverse(appendl(reverse(\ell), a)) && \text{[by defin. of } reverse\text{]} \\
&= reverse(reverse(\ell) + [a]) && \text{[by theorem 2.6]} \\
&= reverse([a]) + reverse(reverse(\ell)) && \text{[by theorem 2.7]} \\
&= reverse([a]) + \ell && \text{[by induct. hyp.]} \\
&= [a] + \ell && \text{[by property of } reverse\text{]} \\
&= a :: \ell && \text{[by defin. of ::]}
\end{aligned}$$

□

Theorem 2.9. *For every list ℓ, $reverse(\ell) = reverse'(\ell)$.*

Proof. For the base case, observe

$$reverse([]) = [] = reverseAux([],\ []) = reverse'([]).$$

For the inductive hypothesis, assume

$$reverse(\ell) = reverse'(\ell)/$$

For the inductive step, observer

$$\begin{aligned}
reverse(a :: \ell) &= reverse(\ell) + reverse([a]) && \text{[by theorem 2.7]}\\
&= reverse(\ell) + [a] && \text{[by property of } reverse\text{]}\\
&= reverseAux(\ell, a :: []) && \text{[by defin. of } reverseAux\text{]}\\
&= reverseAux(a :: \ell, []) && \text{[by defin. of } reverseAux\text{]}\\
&= reverse'(a :: \ell) && \text{[by defin. of } reverse'\text{]}
\end{aligned}$$

□

2.4 Invariants

From p. 9:

> "The following puzzle, called the *MU puzzle*, comes from the book *Gödel, Escher, Bach* by Douglas Hofstadter. It concerns strings consisting of the letters M, I, and U. Starting with the string MI, we are allowed to apply any of the following rules:
>
> 1. Replace sI by sIU, that is, add a U to the end of any string that ends with I.
> 2. Replace Ms by Mss, that is, double the string after the initial M.
> 3. Replace $sIIIt$ by sUt, that is, replace any three consecutive Is with a U.
> 4. Replace $sUUt$ by st, that is, delete any consecutive pair of Us."

Theorem 2.10. *A string is derivable in Hofstadter'system if and only it consists of an M followed by any number of Is and Us as long as the number of Is is not divisible by 3.*

Proof. (⇒) First, I prove that if a string is derivable, then it consists of an M followed by any number of Is and Us as long as the number of Is is not divisible by 3. I reason by induction. The base case is MI and the statement is true for this case. Now, suppose that the statement is true after n applications of the rules. I show that the statement remains true after we apply any of the rules above.

1. Rule 1 does not change the number of I in the string. So the statement remains true.
2. Rule 2 doubles the number of I in the string. Since the number of strings before the application of rule 2 was either $1 \mod 3$ or $2 \mod 3$. In the first case, the number of I becomes $2 \mod 3$ and in the second case it becomes $1 \mod 3$. In both cases the statement remains true.
3. Rule 3 reduces the number of I by 3. Since we start with the number of I being $k \not\equiv 0 \mod 3$, also $k - 3 \not\equiv \mod 3$ and the statement remains true.
4. Rule 4 does not affect the number of I in the string. Therefore, the statement remains true.

(⇐) Now, I prove that if a string

(C1) consists of an M

(C2) followed by any number of Is and Us

(C3) as long as the number of Is is not divisible by 3,

then that string is derivable.

To be continued.

□

2.5 Exercises

Exercise 1. For $n \geq 1$, prove that

$$\sum_{i<n} ar^i = \frac{a(r^n - 1)}{r - 1}.$$

Proof. I reason by induction. For $n = 1$,

$$\sum_{i<1} ar^0 = a = \frac{a(r^1 - 1)}{r - 1}.$$

By induction hypothesis, suppose that the statement holds for n. Now, consider the following

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{i<n+1} ar^i &= \left(\sum_{i<n} ar^i\right) + ar^n \\
&= \frac{a(r^n - 1)}{r - 1} + ar^n \qquad \text{[by induct. hyp.]} \\
&= \frac{a(r^n - 1) + ar^n(r - 1)}{r - 1} \\
&= \frac{ar^n - a + ar^{n+1} - ar^n}{r - 1} \\
&= \frac{a(r^{n+1} - 1)}{r - 1}
\end{aligned}$$

□

Exercise 2.

Proof. I reason by induction. The base case is n=5:

$$5! = 120 > 32 = 2^5.$$

As the induction hypothesis, suppose that the statement is true for n. For the inductive step, consider

$$\begin{aligned}
(n + 1)! &= (n + 1)n! \\
&> 2(2^n) \qquad \text{[because } n + 1 > 2 \text{ and, by induct. hyp., } n! > 2^n\text{]} \\
&= 2^{n+1}
\end{aligned}$$

□

Exercise 3.

Proof. Using summation notation, the expression to prove is the following:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{1}{n(n + 1)} = \frac{n}{n + 1}$$

The base case is $n = 1$ and the statement holds:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{1} \frac{1}{1 \cdot 2} = \frac{1}{2}.$$

For the inductive hypothesis, suppose that the statements holds for n. For the inductive step, consider

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{i=1}^{n+1} \frac{1}{n(n+1)} &= \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{1}{n(n+1)} + \frac{1}{(n+1)(n+2)} \\
&= \frac{n}{n+1} + \frac{1}{(n+1)(n+2)} && \text{[by induct. hyp.]} \\
&= \frac{n(n+2)}{(n+1)(n+2)} \\
&= \frac{n^2+2n+1}{(n+1)(n+2)} \\
&= \frac{(n+1)^2}{(n+1)(n+2)} \\
&= \frac{n+1}{n+2}
\end{aligned}$$

□

Exercise 4.

Proof. See the proof of theorem 2.1 for the notation. The statement holds for the base case $n = 0$: $2^0 - 1 = 1 - 1 == 0$. For the inductive hypothesis, suppose that the statement holds for n. For the inductive step, I show that the statement holds for $n + 1$. I reason as follows:

1. to move n disks (i.e. all the disks except the largest one) from peg A to peg C requires at least $2^n - 1$ steps (by induction hypothesis);

2. to move the largest disk from peg A to peg B requires 1 step;

3. to move the n disks on peg C to peg B requires at least $2^n - 1$ steps (by induction hypothesis).

Therefore, the entire process requires

$$2^n - 1 + 1 + 2^n - 1$$

steps, which is equal to $2^{n+1} - 1$, i.e. equal to $T(n + 1)$ (see proof of theorem 2.1). Therefore, the algorithm given in the book is optimal. □

Exercise 5. The goal of the modified ToH problem is to move the disks from peg A to peg C. The exercise requires the following:

1. recursive procedure for solving ToH

2. proof that the procedure requires $3^n - 1$ moves

3. proof that the bound $3^n - 1$ is optimal

4. proof that, as one carries out the sequence of moves from the initial configuration to the final configuration, they visit every legal arrangement of the n disks exactly once.

Proof. First, I provide the recursive procedure:

1. If $n = 0$, return

2. Else:

   (a) move $n-1$ disks (all but the one at the bottom on peg A) from peg A to peg C using auxiliary peg B;

   (b) move 1 disk (the one remained on peg A) to peg B;

   (c) move $n-1$ disks from peg C to peg A using auxiliary peg B;

   (d) move 1 disk from peg B to peg C;

   (e) move $n-1$ disks from peg A to peg C.

Now, I prove that the procedure requires exactly $3^n - 1$ steps. The statement holds for $n = 0$ because $3^0 - 1 = 1 - 1 = 0$. For the induction hypothesis, suppose that the statement holds for $n-1$. For the inductive steps, consider the following:

(a) moving $n-1$ disks from A to C requires exactly $3^{n-1} - 1$ steps (by the induction hypothesis);

(b) moving 1 disk from A to B requires exactly 1 step;

(c) moving $n-1$ disks from C to A requires exactly $3^{n-1} - 1$ steps (by the induction hypothesis);

(d) moving 1 disk from B to C requires exactly 1 step;

(e) moving $n-1$ disks from A to C requires exactly $3^{n-1} - 1$ steps (by the induction hypothesis).

In sum, moving n disks from A to C using auxiliary B, requires exactly

$$(3^{n-1} - 1) + 1 + (3^{n-1} - 1) + 1 + (3^{n-1} - 1) = 3^{n-1} \cdot 3 - 1 = 3^n - 1$$

steps.

Now, I prove the bound $3^n - 1$ is optimal. The statement holds for $n = 0$. As the induction hypothesis, suppose that the statement holds for $n-1$. I show that it holds for n. I reason as follows:

(a) to move $n-1$ disks from A to C using auxiliary B takes at least $3^n - 1$ steps (by the induction hypothesis);

(b) to move 1 disk from A to B requires 1 step;

(c) to move $n-1$ disks from C to A using auxiliary B requires at least $3^n - 1$ steps (by the induction hypothesis);

(d) to move 1 disk from B to C requires 1 step;

(e) to move $n-1$ disks from A to C using auxiliary B requires $3^n - 1$ steps (by the induction hypothesis).

Therefore, moving n disks from A to C using auxiliary B requires at least $3^n - 1$ steps.

Now, I prove that, while carrying out the steps, one goes through all the 3^n legal positions of the disks exactly once. Notice that the statement says two things:

1. no legal arrangement is skipped;

2. no legal arrangement is repeated.

The statement holds for $n = 0$. Suppose that the statement holds for $n - 1$. For the inductive step, notice the following:

> When the largest disk is on peg X (for $X \in \{A,\ B,\ C\}$), the other $n - 1$ disks goes through all the legal arrangements exactly once (by the induction hypothesis).

Therefore, the statement holds for n. □

Exercise 6. (The exercise does not clarify whether the goal is to move the disks to peg 2 or to peg 3.)

Proof. □

Exercise 7.

Proof. The principle of complete induction (PCI) says that every natural number n has a property P if the following condition is true:

(C) for every n, for every $i < n$, $P(i)$.

I prove by ordinary (weak) induction that, if (C) holds, then, for all natural numbers, $P(n)$ holds. Let Q be a property on the natural numbers. Let us define, for all n,

$$Q(n) \text{ iff } \bigwedge_{i=1}^{n-1} P(i).$$

In words, $Q(n)$ holds if and only if $P(i)$ holds for all $i < n$. As the base case, $Q(0)$ holds because there are no natural numbers strictly below 0. Therefore, $P(0)$ holds. Now, suppose that $Q(n)$ holds. Therefore, $\bigwedge_{i=1}^{n-1} P(i)$. By (C), also $P(n)$ holds. Therefore, $Q(n+1)$ holds as well. Therefore, by ordinary induction, $Q(n)$ holds for every natural number n. Therefore, $P(n)$ also holds for every n. □

Exercise 8.

Proof. Part (1).

The solutions to $x^2 = x + 1$ are $\alpha = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$ and $\beta = \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}$. So, the statement holds for $n = 0$ because

$$\frac{\alpha^0 - \beta^0}{\sqrt{5}} = 0$$

For the inductive hypothesis, suppose that the statement holds for n. For the inductive step, consider:

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\alpha^{n+1}-\beta^{n+1}}{\sqrt{5}} &= \frac{\alpha^{2+n-1}-\beta^{2+n-1}}{\sqrt{5}} \\
&= \frac{\alpha^2\alpha^{n-1}-\beta^2\beta^{n-1}}{\sqrt{5}} \\
&= \frac{(\alpha+1)\alpha^{n-1}-(\beta+1)\beta^{n-1}}{\sqrt{5}} && \text{[because } x^2 = x+1\text{]} \\
&= \frac{\alpha^n+\alpha^{n-1}-\beta^n-\beta^{n-1}}{\sqrt{5}} \\
&= \frac{(\alpha^n-\beta^n)+(\alpha^{n-1}-\beta^{n-1}}{\sqrt{5}} \\
&= \frac{\alpha^n-\beta^n}{\sqrt{5}}+\frac{\alpha^{n-1}-\beta^{n-1}}{\sqrt{5}} \\
&= F_n + F_{n-1} && \text{[by induct. hyp.]} \\
&= F_{n+1} && \text{[by defin. of } F_{n+1}\text{]}
\end{aligned}$$

To conclude, I show that interchanging α and β does not change the result. Let $\alpha = \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}$ and $\beta = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$. Since the inductive step does not use the definitions of α and β, it is enough to observe that, with the new definitions of α and β, the statement holds for $n = 0$.

Part (2).

I reason by induction. For $n = 0$, $\sum_{i=0}^{0} F_i$ is an empty sum, which, by definition, is 0. So, the statement holds for $n = 0$. Now, as the inductive hypothesis, suppose that the statement holds for n. For the inductive step $n+1$, consider:

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{i<n} F_i &= \left(\sum_{i<n-1} F_i\right) + F_n \\
&= F_{n+1} - 1 + F_n && \text{[by induct. hyp.]} \\
&= F_{n+2} - 1 && \text{[by defin. of } F_n\text{]}
\end{aligned}$$

Part(3).

I reason by induction. The statement holds for $n = 0$. As the inductive hypothesis, suppose that the statement holds for n. For the inductive step, consider:

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{i\leq n+1} F_i &= \left(\sum_{i\leq n} F_i\right) + F_{n+1}^2 \\
&= F_nF_{n+1} + F_{n+1}^2 && \text{[by induct. hyp.]} \\
&= F_{n+1}(F_n + f_{n+1}) \\
&= F_{n+1}F_{n+2} && \text{[by defin. of } F_n\text{]}
\end{aligned}$$

□

Exercise 9.

Proof. Identical to exercise 8 part (1). □

Exercise 10. The exercise contains a typo (I am using version 0.1). The correct formula is

$$\frac{n^2+n+2}{2}.$$

Proof. Part 1

First, I prove that the above formula provides an upper bound on the number of the regions of a plane. I reason by induction. Let $R(n) = \frac{n^2+n+2}{2}$. Another way of saying it is $R(n) = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + 1$. For $n = 0$, there is exactly one partition of the plane (i.e. the plane itself) and $R(0) = 1$. Therefore, the statement holds. As the induction hypothesis, suppose that the statement holds for n. For the inductive step, notice that, at step $n + 1$, the plane contains exactly n straight lines. Therefore, by placing a new straight line on the plane, I can intersect at most n straight lines. I imagine to draw the new line l starting from a point and proceeding with equal velocity in both directions so that I intersect the other lines in the order $l_1, l_2, \ldots, l_n$. For $i \leq i \leq n$, every time l intersects l_i, it generates a new region of the plane:

1. for $i = 0$, the new region is an angle having l and l_0 as its sides;

2. for $1 \leq i \leq n$, the new region is a triangle whose sides are segments lying on l, l_i, and l_{i-1}).

Proceeding infinitely beyond l_n, l generates an additional region which is an angle having l and l_n as its sides. Therefore, adding a new line to a plane with at most n regions, adds at most $n + 1$ new regions.[3] Therefore, by the induction hypothesis, at step $n + 1$, the total number of regions is at most $R(n) + n + 1$. Now, observe the following:

$$\begin{aligned}
R(n) + n + 1 &= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + 1 + n + 1 \\
&= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + n + 2 \\
&= \frac{n^2 + n + 2n + 4}{2} \\
&= \frac{(n+1)(n+2) + 2}{2} \\
&= \frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{2} + 1 \\
&= R(n+1)
\end{aligned}$$

Part 2.

Now, I prove that the upper bound is sharp, i.e. that, for some n, the number of regions of a plane is equal to $R(n)$. It suffices to notice that this is the case for $n = 1$. □

[3] Another way of grasping this is to realize that the already existing n lines cut the new line l at most into n distinct points. Therefore, the already existing lines cut l into at most $n + 1$ distinct segments. Each of these segments of l partition the plane into a new region. Therefore, adding l results in at most $n + 1$ regions of the plane.

Appendix A

Errata

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Table A.1: Errata

Comments:

1. The statement of exercise 5 in chapter 2 (p. 10) should include that the goal of the modified Hanoi is to move the disks from peg 1 to peg 3.

2. The statement of exercise 6 in chapter 2 (p. 10) should specify whether the goal is to move the disks to peg 2 or to peg 3.

3. Exercise 9 is identical to exercise 8.a.

4. The formula in exercise 10 should be

$$\frac{n^2 + n + 2}{2}.$$