Induction Quiz 2

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3 Standard 1- Proof by Induction

3.1 Problem 1

Problem 1. Show that $\textbf{rev}\,(A^n) = (\textbf{rev}\,A)^n$ for all languages $A \subseteq \Sigma^*$ and all $n \geq 0$. You may use the following facts without proof.

- For all languages $A \subseteq \Sigma^*$ and all $n \geq 0$, we have that $A^{n+1} = A^n A = AA^n$.
- You can also use the identity $\textbf{rev}\,AB = \textbf{rev}\,B\ \textbf{rev}\,A$ for all languages $A, B \subseteq \Sigma^*$.

Proof. Base Case: $n = 0$
$\textbf{rev}\,(A^0) = \emptyset = (\textbf{rev}\,(A))^0$. This holds because any set raised to the power of 0 is the empty set.
Inductive Case: Assume the statement $\textbf{rev}\,(A^k) = (\textbf{rev}\,A)^k$ holds for some $k > 0$.

$$\begin{aligned}
\textbf{rev}\,(A^{k+1}) &= \textbf{rev}\,(A^k A) && (1)\\
&= \textbf{rev}\,(A)\textbf{rev}\,(A^k) && (2)\\
&= \textbf{rev}\,(A)(\textbf{rev}\,(A))^k && (3)\\
&= (\textbf{rev}\,(A))^{k+1} && (4)
\end{aligned}$$

Here, Line 1 follows by the definition "For all languages $A \subseteq \Sigma^*$ and all $n \geq 0$, we have that $A^{n+1} = A^n A = AA^n$," line 2 follows by the identity "$\textbf{rev}\,AB = \textbf{rev}\,B\ \textbf{rev}\,A$ for all languages $A, B \subseteq \Sigma^*$," line 3 follows from the inductive hypothesis, and line 4 follows from the definition "For all languages $A \subseteq \Sigma^*$ and all $n \geq 0$, we have that $A^{n+1} = A^n A = AA^n$. The result follows by induction." □