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## Week 03 Exercises

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### Exercises

1. Let  $\text{FinSeq}_{\mathbb{N}}$  be the set of finite sequences whose members are in  $\mathbb{N}$ .
  - a. Define  $\text{FinSeq}_{\mathbb{N}}$  as an inductive set.
  - b. Use an auxiliary function, recursion, and pattern matching to define the function
$$\text{reverse} : \text{FinSeq}_{\mathbb{N}} \rightarrow \text{FinSeq}_{\mathbb{N}}$$
such that  $\text{reverse}(s)$  is the reverse of  $s$  for all  $s \in \text{FinSeq}_{\mathbb{N}}$ .
  - c. Write the structural induction principle for  $\text{FinSeq}_{\mathbb{N}}$ .

2. Let  $\text{Nat}$  be the natural numbers defined as an inductive set in the lecture notes,  $\mathbb{B}$  be the set of boolean values `true` and `false`,  $\text{odd} : \text{Nat} \rightarrow \mathbb{B}$  be the function that maps the odd natural numbers to `true` and the even natural numbers to `false`, and  $\text{even} : \text{Nat} \rightarrow \mathbb{B}$  be the function that maps the even natural numbers to `true` and the odd natural numbers to `false`. Define `odd` and `even` simultaneously by pattern matching using “mutual recursion”.
3. Let  $\text{BinTree}$  be the inductive set and `nodes` and `ht` be the functions defined in the lecture notes. Let  $\text{leaves} : \text{BinTree} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  be the function that maps a binary to the number of leaf nodes in it.
  - a. Define `leaves` by pattern matching and recursion.
  - b. Prove that, for all  $t \in \text{BinTree}$ ,

$$\text{leaves}(t) \leq 2^{\text{ht}(t)}$$

by structural induction.

4. Let  $\text{BinTree}$  be the inductive set defined in the lecture notes. Let  $\text{mirror} : \text{BinTree} \rightarrow \text{BinTree}$  be the function that maps a binary tree to its “mirror image”.

- a. Define  $\text{mirror}$  by pattern matching and recursion.
- b. Prove that, for all  $t \in \text{BinTree}$ ,

$$\text{mirror}(\text{mirror}(t)) = t$$

by structural induction.

5. Let  $\text{BinTree}$  be the inductive set defined in the lectures. A *subtree* of  $t \in \text{BinTree}$  is  $t$  itself or a subcomponent of  $t$  that is a member of  $\text{BinTree}$ .

- a. Define a function  $\text{subtrees} : \text{BinTree} \rightarrow \text{set}(\text{BinTree})$  that maps each  $t \in \text{BinTree}$  to the set of subtrees of  $t$ .
- b. Prove by structural induction that, if  $t \in \text{BinTree}$  contains  $n$  **Branch** nodes, then  $t$  has at most  $2n + 1$  subtrees.

6. Let  $S$  be the set of bit strings defined inductively by:

- a.  $"0" \in S$ .
- b. If  $s \in S$ , then  $"0" + s \in S$  and  $s + "0" \in S$ .
- c. If  $s \in S$ , then  $"0" + s + "1" \in S$  and  $"1" + s + "0" \in S$ .

$s + t$  denotes the concatenation of  $s$  and  $t$ . Prove by structural induction that, for all strings  $s \in S$ , the number of 1s in  $s$  is less than or equal to the number of 0s in  $s$ .

7. Suppose  $(S_1, \leq_1)$  and  $(S_2, \leq_2)$  are weak partial orders. Prove that  $(S_1 \times S_2, \leq)$  is a weak partial order where  $(s_1, s_2) \leq (s'_1, s'_2)$  iff  $s_1 \leq_1 s'_1$  and  $s_2 \leq_2 s'_2$ .

8. Let  $<_{\text{lex}} \subseteq (\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}) \times (\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N})$  be lexicographical order, i.e.,

$$(x_1, y_1) <_{\text{lex}} (x_2, y_2)$$

iff  $x_1 < x_2$  or  $(x_1 = x_2 \text{ and } y_1 < y_2)$ .

- a. Prove that  $(\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}, <_{\text{lex}})$  is a well-order.
- b. Write the ordinal induction principle for  $(\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}, <_{\text{lex}})$ .
- c. Prove by the ordinal induction principle for  $(\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}, <_{\text{lex}})$  that  $A$ , the version of the Ackermann function presented in the lecture notes, is defined on all members of  $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ .

9. Let  $(S, <)$  be a partial order such that  $S$  is finite. Prove that  $(S, <)$  is well-founded.
10. Let  $(\mathbb{N}, R_{\text{suc}})$  be the mathematical structure where

$$m R_{\text{suc}} n \text{ iff } n = m + 1.$$

Prove that  $(\mathbb{N}, R_{\text{suc}})$  is well-founded.

11. The Ackermann function was originally defined as the ternary function  $B : \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  such that:

- a.  $B(m, n, 0) = m + n$ .
- b.  $B(m, 0, 1) = 0$ .
- c.  $B(m, 0, 2) = 1$ .
- d.  $B(m, 0, p) = m$  for  $p > 2$ .
- e.  $B(m, n, p) = B(m, B(m, n - 1, p), p - 1)$  for  $n > 0$  and  $p > 0$ .

Prove that  $B$  is defined on all members of  $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$  using well-founded induction.