

CS 4110

# Programming Languages & Logics

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## Lecture 3 Inductive Definitions and Proofs



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Example:

Assuming  $\sigma$  is a store that maps *foo* to 4...

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\sigma(\text{foo}) = 4}{\langle \sigma, \text{foo} \rangle \rightarrow \langle \sigma, 4 \rangle} \text{VAR}}{\langle \sigma, \text{foo} + 2 \rangle \rightarrow \langle \sigma, 4 + 2 \rangle} \text{LADD}}{\langle \sigma, (\text{foo} + 2) * (\text{bar} + 1) \rangle \rightarrow \langle \sigma, (4 + 2) * (\text{bar} + 1) \rangle} \text{LMUL}$$

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- **Termination:** Evaluation of every expression terminates.

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Where  $\langle \sigma', e' \rangle \not\rightarrow$  is shorthand for:

$$\neg (\exists \sigma'' \in \mathbf{Store}. \exists e'' \in \mathbf{Exp}. \langle \sigma', e' \rangle \rightarrow \langle \sigma'', e'' \rangle)$$

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## Counterexample

If  $\sigma = \emptyset$ , then  $\langle \sigma, x \rangle \not\rightarrow$ .

In general, evaluation of an expression can *get stuck*...

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A configuration  $\langle \sigma, e \rangle$  is *well-formed* if and only if  $fvs(e) \subseteq dom(\sigma)$ .

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How are we going to prove these properties? Induction!

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An *inductively-defined set*  $A$  is one that can be described using a finite collection of inference rules:

$$\frac{a_1 \in A \quad \dots \quad a_n \in A}{a \in A}$$

This rule states that if  $a_1$  through  $a_n$  are elements of  $A$ , then  $a$  is also an element of  $A$ .

# Inductive Set Examples

The small-step evaluation relation we just defined,  $\rightarrow$ , is an inductive set.

$$\frac{n = \sigma(x)}{\langle \sigma, x \rangle \rightarrow \langle \sigma, n \rangle} \text{VAR}$$

$$\frac{\langle \sigma, e_1 \rangle \rightarrow \langle \sigma', e'_1 \rangle}{\langle \sigma, e_1 + e_2 \rangle \rightarrow \langle \sigma', e'_1 + e_2 \rangle} \text{LADD}$$

$$\frac{\langle \sigma, e_2 \rangle \rightarrow \langle \sigma', e'_2 \rangle}{\langle \sigma, n + e_2 \rangle \rightarrow \langle \sigma', n + e'_2 \rangle} \text{RADD}$$

$$\frac{p = m + n}{\langle \sigma, n + m \rangle \rightarrow \langle \sigma, p \rangle} \text{ADD}$$

$$\frac{\langle \sigma, e_1 \rangle \rightarrow \langle \sigma', e'_1 \rangle}{\langle \sigma, e_1 * e_2 \rangle \rightarrow \langle \sigma', e'_1 * e_2 \rangle} \text{LMUL}$$

$$\frac{\langle \sigma, e_2 \rangle \rightarrow \langle \sigma', e'_2 \rangle}{\langle \sigma, n * e_2 \rangle \rightarrow \langle \sigma', n * e'_2 \rangle} \text{RMUL}$$

$$\frac{p = m \times n}{\langle \sigma, m * n \rangle \rightarrow \langle \sigma, p \rangle} \text{MUL}$$

$$\frac{\langle \sigma, e_1 \rangle \rightarrow \langle \sigma', e'_1 \rangle}{\langle \sigma, x := e_1 ; e_2 \rangle \rightarrow \langle \sigma', x := e'_1 ; e_2 \rangle} \text{ASSGN1}$$

$$\frac{\sigma' = \sigma[x \mapsto n]}{\langle \sigma, x := n ; e_2 \rangle \rightarrow \langle \sigma', e_2 \rangle} \text{ASSGN}$$

# Inductive Set Examples

Every BNF grammar defines an inductive set.

$$e ::= x \mid n \mid e_1 + e_2 \mid e_1 * e_2 \mid x := e_1 ; e_2$$

Here are the equivalent inference rules:

$$\begin{array}{c} \frac{}{x \in \mathbf{Exp}} \qquad \frac{}{n \in \mathbf{Exp}} \\[1em] \frac{e_1 \in \mathbf{Exp} \quad e_2 \in \mathbf{Exp}}{e_1 + e_2 \in \mathbf{Exp}} \qquad \frac{e_1 \in \mathbf{Exp} \quad e_2 \in \mathbf{Exp}}{e_1 * e_2 \in \mathbf{Exp}} \\[1em] \frac{e_1 \in \mathbf{Exp} \quad e_2 \in \mathbf{Exp}}{x := e_1 ; e_2 \in \mathbf{Exp}} \end{array}$$



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The multi-step evaluation relation is an inductive set.

$$\frac{}{\langle \sigma, e \rangle \rightarrow^* \langle \sigma, e \rangle} \text{ REFL}$$

$$\frac{\langle \sigma, e \rangle \rightarrow \langle \sigma', e' \rangle}{\langle \sigma, e \rangle \rightarrow^* \langle \sigma', e' \rangle} \text{ STEP}$$

$$\frac{\langle \sigma, e \rangle \rightarrow^* \langle \sigma', e' \rangle \quad \langle \sigma', e' \rangle \rightarrow^* \langle \sigma'', e'' \rangle}{\langle \sigma, e \rangle \rightarrow^* \langle \sigma'', e'' \rangle} \text{ TRANS}$$

# Inductive Set Examples

The set of free variables of an expression is an inductive set.

$$\frac{}{y \in fvs(y)}$$

$$\frac{y \in fvs(e_1)}{y \in fvs(e_1 + e_2)}$$

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$$\frac{y \in fvs(e_1)}{y \in fvs(x := e_1 ; e_2)}$$

$$\frac{y \neq x \quad y \in fvs(e_2)}{y \in fvs(x := e_1 ; e_2)}$$

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The natural numbers are an inductive set.

$$\frac{}{0 \in \mathbb{N}} \qquad \frac{n \in \mathbb{N}}{\text{succ}(n) \in \mathbb{N}}$$

# Induction Principle

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Recall the principle of mathematical induction.

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- Inductive case:  $P(m) \Rightarrow P(m + 1)$

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Every inductive set has an analogous principle.

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- **Base cases:**  $P(a)$  holds for each axiom

$$\overline{a \in A}$$

- **Inductive cases:** For each non-axiom inference rule

$$\frac{a_1 \in A \quad \dots \quad a_n \in A}{a \in A}$$

if  $P(a_1)$  and ... and  $P(a_n)$  then  $P(a)$ .

# Inductive Proof: a Recipe

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1. Choose the inductively-defined set,  $A$ , that you want to prove something about.
2. Make up a property  $P$  such that, if  $\forall a \in A. P(a)$ , then you'll be happy.
3. Write, using your own property  $P$ : *We prove that  $\forall a \in A. P(a)$  by inducting on the structure of  $A$ .*
4. Write down a case for each inference rule in the definition of  $A$ .
5. Prove each case by writing down the induction hypotheses ( $P$  applied to each of the premises) and using them to prove the goal ( $P$  applied to the conclusion).
6. QED!

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We'll prove this by structural induction on  $e$ .

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