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a) We prove the following statement by induction on  $T$ , the root of a tree.

STATEMENT  $S(T)$ : Calling **preorder** on a tree  $T$  prints the labels of  $T$  in preorder.

BASIS. The basis is where  $T$  is a single node. Then line (1) prints the label of  $T$ , line (2) gets the leftmost child which is NULL, and thus line (3) fails, stopping execution of **preorder**.

INDUCTION. Suppose  $T$  is not a leaf. Then  $T$  has at least one child. Assume by the inductive hypothesis that **preorder** prints the labels of the children of  $T$  in preorder. Clearly the label of the root of  $T$  is printed by line (1). This proves the inductive step. We conclude that  $S(T)$  is true for all labeled trees  $T$ . ♦

b) We prove the following statement by induction on  $T$ , the root of a tree.

STATEMENT  $S(T)$ : Calling **postorder** on a tree  $T$  prints the labels of  $T$  in postorder.

BASIS. Consider when  $T$  is a leaf. Line (1) assigns  $c$  and line (2) fails. All that is left is for line (5) to print the label of  $T$ .

INDUCTION. Suppose  $T$  is not a leaf. Then  $T$  has at least one child. Assume by the inductive hypothesis that **postorder** prints the labels of the children of  $T$  in postorder. After the labels of the children of  $T$  have been printed, then lastly on line (5), the label of the root of  $T$  is printed. This is the correct behavior for postorder, and proves the inductive step. Therefore  $S(T)$  holds for all labeled trees  $T$ . ♦

2. We prove the following statement by induction on  $n$ , the number of nodes a tree has.

STATEMENT  $S(n)$ : If a tree  $T$  has  $n$  nodes with each having a branching factor  $b$ , then there are  $1 + (b - 1)n$  NULL pointers among its nodes.

BASIS. Suppose  $n = 1$ . Then  $T$  is a leaf. Thus there are  $1 + (b - 1)1 = b$  NULL pointers in the root of  $T$ .

INDUCTION. Suppose  $n \geq 1$ . Consider that  $T$  has  $n + 1$  nodes. Thus  $T$  has at least one child. Assume by the inductive hypothesis that all but one leaf of  $T$ , that being  $n$  nodes, together have  $1 + (b - 1)n$  NULL pointers among them. Therefore all the nodes of  $T$  have a total of  $1 + (b - 1)(n + 1) = b(n + 1) - n$  NULL pointers. This proves the inductive step. We conclude that  $S(n)$  holds. ♦

3. We prove the following statement by induction on  $T$ , the root of a tree.

STATEMENT  $S(T)$ : For any tree  $T$ , the number of nodes is 1 more than the sum of the degrees of the nodes.

BASIS. Suppose  $T$  has only one node, the root. The degree of the root is 0. Thus the number of nodes in  $T$  is 1.

INDUCTION. Suppose the root of  $T$  has children. Assume by the inductive hypothesis that the number of nodes of the children of  $T$  is 1 more than the sum of the degrees of the children. Thus the number of nodes that  $T$  has is the degree of the root plus 1 including the root.