

Practice M1

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Homework: 1-1, 1-7, 1-10

1.1 Show that $a+b$ can be less than $\min(a,b)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } a &= -4 \\ b &= -6 \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \min(a,b) = -6$$

$$a + b = (-4) + (-6) = -10$$

$$\blacksquare a+b < \min(a,b)$$

1.7 Prove the correctness of the following recursive algorithm to multiply two natural numbers, for all integer constants $c \geq 2$.

function multiply(y, z)

comment Return the product yz .

1. if $z=0$ then return 0 else

2. return multiply($cy, \lfloor z/c \rfloor$) + $y \cdot (z \bmod c)$

Induction proof

$\forall k \geq 0$

\forall integers y, z such that $|z| = k$,

we have multiply(y, z) = $y \cdot z$

Base case:

$|z|=0$ implies that $z=0$

multiply(y, z) = $y \cdot z = y \cdot 0 = 0 \Rightarrow \text{true}$

Assume that multiply(y, z) gives the correct answer where

$z \leq n$

$c \geq 2$

$y \geq 0$

Proof:

Recursive case

mult($y-1, z$) + y breaks down into:

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \text{multiply}(cy, \lfloor \frac{n+1}{c} \rfloor) \\ B &= y(\lfloor n+1 \rfloor \bmod c) \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \text{multiply}(y, z) = A + B$$

Because $c \geq 2 \Rightarrow (\lfloor \frac{n+1}{c} \rfloor) < (n+1)$

$$A = \text{multiply}(cy, (\frac{n+1}{c})) = cy * \lfloor \frac{n+1}{c} \rfloor$$

$$A = cy * \lfloor \frac{n+1}{c} \rfloor = \lfloor y * (\frac{z}{c}) \rfloor * c$$

$$\lfloor \frac{z}{c} \rfloor * c + (z \bmod c) = z$$

$$\Rightarrow \lfloor \frac{z}{c} \rfloor * c = z - (z \bmod c)$$

$$A = y * \lfloor \frac{z}{c} \rfloor * c = y(z - (z \bmod c)) = yz - y(z \bmod c)$$

$\Rightarrow A+B = yz - y(z \bmod c) + y(z \bmod c) = yz$ which is the product returned.

The recursive algorithm is correct.

1.10 Prove that $\sum_{i=1}^n i = n(n+1)/2$ for $n \geq 0$, by induction

Base case:

Show that $n=1$ is true

$$\sum_{i=1}^1 i \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{1(1+1)}{2}$$

$$1 \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{1(2)}{2}$$

$$1 \stackrel{?}{=} 1 \quad \checkmark \text{ yes}$$

Inductive hypothesis:

Assume that $n=m$ is true

Assume that $\sum_{i=1}^m i = \frac{m(m+1)}{2}$ for some m in the set of positive integers

Inductive step:

Show that $n=m$ is true $\Rightarrow n=m+1$ is also true

$$\sum_{i=1}^{m+1} i = \sum_{i=1}^m i + m+1$$

[because $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, m, m+1$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{m+1} i = 1+2+3+\dots+m+(m+1)]$$

$$= \frac{m(m+1)}{2} + (m+1) \cdot \frac{2}{2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}(m+1)[m+2]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}(m+1)[(m+1)+1]$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{m+1} i = \frac{1}{2}(m+1)[(m+1)+1]$$

Since the statement is true for $n=1$ and true for $n=m$ implied that $n=m+1$ is also true, the statement is true for all positive integers.