

# CS270: LAB #17

## Code Correctness Proofs

You may work in teams of ideally one or two people (three is acceptable in the event of an unscheduled absence). Unless stated otherwise, the lab is due to be submitted into Gradescope at the end of the class day (11:59pm). to allow for upload time etc). In order to receive credit, follow these instructions:

[a] Every team member should be discussing simultaneously the same problem – do NOT try to divvy up the labor and assign different problems to different students since the material is cumulative.

[b] Directly edit this lab PDF using Sedja/PDFescape with your answers (extra pages can be added in the rare event you need more than the allotted space)

[c] Each lab, rotate which member has the responsibility of being the Scribe. This is the person that is typing the answers and uploading the final PDF – note that only a single copy of the filled in PDF is turned into Gradescope. Only one lab needs to be submitted for the entire team, and all members receive the same score. Make sure to use a font that your PDF editor is compatible with (otherwise you might find your answers appear as weird shapes/sizes or simply disappear entirely!)

[d] The Gradescope submission must have each answer properly tagged with the appropriate question. Moreover, every member of the team must be listed as a submitter. Although it is the Scribe which executes these actions, it is still the responsibility of the entire team to make certain this is done properly (thus it is highly recommended that the Scribe share their screen so the entire team can witness it). Answers which are improperly tagged cannot be seen by the grader and thus cannot be scored.

[e] **FOR REMOTE ONLY:** Each lab, rotate which member has the responsibility of being the Recorder. This is the person who hits the Zoom Record button (once the technical permission is granted by the TA/RCF/Professor) and ensures that everyone has their camera/microphone on. They are also the member that is responsible to make sure the DrexelStream video is marked as viewable and entered into the <https://tinyurl.com/VidLinkForm> webform before 11:59pm (they should also email the rest of their team as confirmation.) Note that the video file doesn't get created/processed until after the Recorder has quit Zoom.

[f] Each lab, rotate which member has the responsibility of being the Manager. This is the person that ensures that everyone is participating equally and honestly, keeps the group on task, ensures that all team members understand a solution before going on to the next question, and presses the “hand up” button in Zoom to summon a TA or the professor (but they only do so after surveying the group to make sure everyone has the same question).

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## Question 1 : 20 points

Completing **Induction Proofs** on data structures is more complicated. We won't have algebraic knowledge to fall back on. We can still complete proofs using programming logic.

These proofs will require more detailed assumptions to be made. Before starting on proofs, we will review some concepts about lists.

Let  $L$  be some Racket list. We don't know anything else about  $L$  (it might even be the empty list).

Let  $a$  be some Racket object. We don't know anything else about  $a$  (it might be an integer, it might be a list).

(a) (4 points) What will `(null? (cons a L))` return? Why?

(b) (4 points) What will `(first (cons a L))` return? Why?

(c) (4 points) What will `(rest (cons a L))` return? Why?

(d) (4 points) Let us further assume `(length L)` is equal to some integer  $x \geq 0$ .  
What is `(length (cons a L))`? Does the value of  $a$  matter to the answer?

(e) (4 points) What is `(length (rest L))` in terms of  $x$ ? Are there any possible  $L$  that could cause an error here?

## Question 2 : 16 points

Review the following function.

*; input – contract: L is a list of integers*  
*; output – contract: (squareAll L) is the same as the original list but with all elements squared*  
*; Example: (squareAll '(3 1 2)) would be '(9 1 4)*

```
(define (squareAll L)
  (if (null? L) null (cons (* (first L) (first L)) (squareAll (rest L)))))
```

- (a) (6 points) The smallest possible list is the null list. The null case will act as our base case. Complete the following LHS Equational Reasoning proof.

1. (squareAll null)                      Premise of LHS (with L as null)

- (b)(4points) You should have ended with null in part (a). Explain why this matches the RHS.

- (c) (6 points) Explain why any list of integers can be created using only the null list, integers, and the cons command.

Question 3 : 12 points

In the previous question, you provided a **Base Case** for the **Inductive Proof**.

The Inductive Hypothesis will also be more complicated.

**Inductive Hypothesis**

**Suppose we have a list of integers  $L$  and call  $(\text{squareAll } L) = M$ . Our IH is that the function works properly on  $L$ , In other words, the IH is that  $M$  is a list of the squares of  $L$  (in the same order). Our goal for the leap step is to prove that the function works on the "next largest" list. in other words, that  $(\text{squareAll } (\text{cons } a \ L))$  is a list of all the squares of  $(\text{cons } a \ L)$**

(a) (4 points) As far as we know right now, there is only 1 list for which the function works.

What is the one list  $L$  that we currently for sure know that the function works for?

(b) (4 points) Explain in your own words how  $(\text{cons } a \ L)$  is the "next largest" list after  $L$ , where  $a$  is some integer?

**In what ways is this step of structural induction similar to induction on the integers from the last lab?**

**In what ways is it different?**

(c) (4 points) We don't know what values are in  $L$ , so we can't predict what the result of  $(\text{squareAll } L)$ .

We can assume it worked, but that doesn't mean we know the exact list that would be returned by the function. We refer to the output by  $(\text{squareAll } L)$  by the name  $M$ .

What will  $(\text{equal? } (\text{length } L) (\text{length } M))$  return? Why?

## Question 4 : 12 points

Review the following function.

*; input – contract : L is a list of integers*  
*; output – contract : (squareAll L) is the same as the original list but with all elements squared*  
*; Example: (squareAll '(3 1 2)) would be '(9 1 4)*

```
(define (squareAll L)
  (if (null? L) null (cons (* (first L) (first L)) (squareAll (rest L)))))
```

**IH: (squareAll L) = M, where M is the list of squares of the members of L, in the same order**

**LEAP Step:** Let *a* be any integer.

**LHS:**

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|--|-------------------------------|
| 1. (squareAll (cons a L))  | Premise of LHS                |
| 2. (if (null? (cons a L)) null (cons (* (first (cons a L)) (first (cons a L))) (squareAll (rest (cons a L))))) | Apply definition of squareAll |
| 3. (if #f null (cons (* (first (cons a L)) (first (cons a L))) (squareAll (rest (cons a L)))))                 | Eval null?                    |
| 4. (cons (* (first (cons a L)) (first (cons a L))) (squareAll (rest (cons a L))))                              | Eval If                       |
| 5. (cons (* a a) (squareAll (rest (cons a L))))  | Eval first-cons (twice)       |
| 6. (cons (* a a) (squareAll L))  | Eval rest-cons                |
| 7. (cons (* a a) M)  | By IH                         |

(a) (4 points) Why did null evaluate to false on line 3?

(b) (4 points) What does it mean that first and cons cancel out on line 5?

(c) (4 points) What would the RHS for this proof be? Explain why it matches with what the LHS got on line 7.

## Question 5 : 20 points

Review the following function.

```
; input - contract:  L is any list  
; output - contract: (count L) is a nonnegative integer which is the number of members in L  
; Example: (count '(a b c)) would be 3  
  
(define (count L)  
  (if (null? L) 0 (+ 1 (count (rest L)))))
```

(a) (6 points) Base Case: Prove that LHS of (count null) returns the same as the RHS, which is the num of items in null.

(b) (4 points) Complete the Inductive Hypothesis by filling in the rest of the sentence after the "..."

**(count L) = k, where k is ....**

(c) (10 points) Complete the Leap Step

Let  $a$  be a valid racket object.

LHS should start with (count (cons a L)) as the premise, RHS would be the number of items in (cons a L)

**You must write an equational reasoning proof which demonstrates that the LHS = RHS**

Question 6 : 20 points

Review the following function.

```
; input - contract: L is a list of positive integers  
; output - contract: (doubleAll L) is the same list as L but with each value doubled.  
; Example: (doubleAll '(3 1 2)) would be '(6 2 4)  
(define(doubleAll L)  
  (if (null? L) null (cons (* 2 (first L)) (doubleAll (rest L)))))
```

**Prove: That this function doubles every value in a list of integers.**

**Scoring: 5pts Base Case with conclusion, 5pts Inductive Hypothesis statement, 10pts Leap Step and conclusion**