

# Shifts Proof

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We consider two main cases, namely  $\text{shifts}(\text{ms}, r) = []$  and  $\text{shifts}(\text{ms}, r) \neq []$ .

## 1 Case 1: $\text{shifts}(\text{ms}, r) = []$

We want to prove

$$\text{Strips}(L(r^n))(\text{set ms}) = \emptyset.$$

From the induction hypothesis

$$\text{set}(\text{shifts}(\text{ms}, r)) = \text{Strips}(L(r))(\text{set ms}).$$

By assumption

$$\text{set}(\text{shifts}(\text{ms}, r)) = \emptyset,$$

so

$$\text{Strips}(L(r))(\text{set ms}) = \emptyset.$$

therefore

$$\text{Strips}(L(r^n))(\text{set ms}) = \emptyset.$$

## 2 Case 2: $\text{shifts}(ms, r) \neq []$

We want to prove

$$\text{set}(\text{shifts}(ms, r^n)) = \text{Strips}(L(r^n))(\text{set } ms).$$

### 2.1 sub case $\text{nullable}(r)$

unfolding the shifts definition,

$$\text{set}(\text{shifts}(ms, r^n)) = a \cup b,$$

$$a := \text{set}(\text{shifts}(ms, r)), \quad b := \text{set}(\text{shifts}(\text{shifts}(ms, r), r^{n-1})).$$

by IH on  $P(ms, r)$ ,

$$a = \text{Strips}(L(r))(\text{set } ms).$$

since  $\text{shifts}(ms, r)$  is smaller than  $ms$  and  $r^{n-1}$  is smaller than  $r^n$ , we can use IH on  $P(\text{shifts}(ms, r), r^{n-1})$ ,

$$b = \text{Strips}(L(r^{n-1}))(\text{set}(\text{shifts}(ms, r))) = \text{Strips}(L(r^{n-1}))(\text{Strips}(L(r))(\text{set } ms)).$$

therefore

$$\text{set}(\text{shifts}(ms, r^n)) = a \cup b = \text{Strips}(L(r))(\text{set } ms) \cup \text{Strips}(L(r^{n-1}))(\text{Strips}(L(r))(\text{set } ms)).$$

by Strips properties: with nullable A, and B

$$\text{Strips}(A @ B)C = (\text{Strips } B (\text{Strips } A C)) \cup \text{Strips } A C \cup \text{Strips } B C$$

$$A = L(r) \text{ and } B = L(r^{n-1})$$

$$Lr^n = L(r) @ L(r^{n-1})$$

we have  $\text{Strips } B (\text{Strips } A C) = \text{Strips}(L(r^{n-1}))(\text{Strips}(L(r))(\text{set } ms))$  and  $\text{Strips } A C = \text{Strips}(L(r))(\text{set } ms)$

but missing the third  $\text{Strips } B C = \text{Strips}(L(r^{n-1}))(\text{set } ms)$

## 2.2 sub case $\neg \text{nullable}(r)$

unfolding the shifts definition,

$$\text{set}(\text{shifts}(ms, r^n)) = b,$$

$$b := \text{set}(\text{shifts}(\text{shifts}(ms, r), r^{n-1})).$$

since  $\text{shifts}(ms, r)$  is smaller than  $ms$  and  $r^{n-1}$  is smaller than  $r^n$ , we can use IH on  $P(\text{shifts}(ms, r), r^{n-1})$ ,

$$b = \text{Strips}(L(r^{n-1}))(\text{set}(\text{shifts}(ms, r))) = \text{Strips}(L(r^{n-1}))(\text{Strips}(L(r))(\text{set } ms)).$$

by Strips properties: with not nullable A, and B

$$\text{Strips}(A @ B)C = \text{Strips } B (\text{Strips } A C)$$

$$A = L(r) \text{ and } B = L(r^{n-1})$$

$$Lr^n = L(r) @ L(r^{n-1})$$

therefore

$$\text{set}(\text{shifts}(ms, r^n)) = \text{Strips}(L(r^n))(\text{set } ms)$$

## 3 notes

### 3.1 case 1

i thought i would start with two cases to consider, namely  $\text{shifts}(ms, r) = []$  and  $\text{shifts}(ms, r) \neq []$ . similar to the urlues.

i started with first one. so first, i assumed that  $\text{shifts}(ms, r) = []$  and need to prove  $\text{Strips}(r^n)(\text{setms}) = \emptyset$ .

since  $r$  is smaller, we can use  $p(ms, r^n)$  so

$\text{set}(\text{shifts}(msr)) = \text{Strips}(Lr)(\text{setms})$ .

by assumption, lhs is  $\emptyset$  so now we have  $\text{Strips}(Lr)(\text{setms}) = \emptyset$ .

now we need to prove  $\text{Strips}(Lr^n)(\text{setms}) = \emptyset$ . again two cases to consider, 1- nullable  $r$ .

unfolding shifts definition.

$$\text{set}(\text{shiftsr}^n ms) = \text{set}(\text{shiftsrms}) \cup \text{set}(\text{shifts}(\text{shiftsrmr})r^{n-1})$$

that equals to  $\text{Strip}(Lr)(\text{setms}) \cup \text{Strips}(Lr^{n-1})(\text{StripsLr})(\text{setms})$ .

the lhs of union  $= \emptyset$

and rhs=  $\text{Strips}(Lr^{n-1}) \emptyset (\text{setms}) = \emptyset$ .

in the second case where  $r$  is not nullable:

unfolding shifts again:

$$\text{set}(\text{shiftsr}^n ms) = \text{set}(\text{shiftsr}^{n-1}(\text{shiftsrms})) = \text{Strip}(r^{n-1})(\text{Strip}(Lrms))$$

and since  $\text{Strip}(Lrms) = \emptyset$  so it becomes  $\text{Strip}(r^{n-1}) \emptyset$  and so  $= \emptyset$ .

### 3.2 case 2

NTIMES: for the second case, i assume  $\text{shifts}(ms, r) \neq []$ . i need to prove  $\text{set}(\text{shifts}(ms, r^n)) = \text{Strips}(Lr^n)(\text{setms})$ . again two cases to consider, 1- nullable  $r$ .

unfolding shifts definition,  $\text{set}(\text{shifts}(ms, r^n)) = a \cup b$  where  $a = \text{set}(\text{shifts}(ms, r))$   $b = \text{set}(\text{shifts}(\text{shifts}(ms, r), r^{n-1}))$

for  $a$ , use IH  $P(ms, r)$  to get  $a = \text{Strips}(Lr)(\text{setms})$

for  $b$ , we can use IH  $P(\text{shifts}(ms, r), r^{n-1})$  since (i)  $\text{shifts}(ms, r)$  is smaller than  $ms$  and (ii)  $r^{n-1}$  is smaller than  $r^n$ . hence  $b = \text{Strips}(Lr^{n-1})(\text{set}(\text{shifts}(ms, r))) = \text{Strips}(Lr^{n-1})(\text{Strips}(Lr)(\text{setms}))$

therefore  $\text{set}(\text{shifts}(ms, r^n)) = a \cup b = \text{Strips}(Lr)(\text{set } ms) \cup \text{Strips}(Lr^{n-1})(\text{Strips}(Lr)(\text{set } ms))$   
in the second case where  $r$  is not nullable:

unfolding shifts again,  $\text{set}(\text{shifts}(ms, r^n)) = b$  where  $b = \text{set}(\text{shifts}(\text{shifts}(ms, r), r^{n-1})) = \text{Strips}(Lr^{n-1})(\text{set}(\text{shifts}(ms, r))) = \text{Strips}(Lr^{n-1})(\text{Strips}(Lr)(\text{set } ms))$

and since  $L(r^n) = L(r) @ L(r^{n-1})$  we have  $b = \text{Strips}(Lr @ Lr^{n-1})(\text{set } ms) = \text{Strips}(Lr^n)(\text{set } ms)$

### 3.3 sub case $\text{nullable}(r)$

unfolding the shifts definition,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{set}(\text{shifts}(\text{ms}, r^n)) &= \text{set}(\text{shifts}(\text{ms}, r)) \cup \text{set}(\text{shifts}(\text{shifts}(\text{ms}, r), r^{n-1})), \\ &= \text{Strips}(L(r))(\text{set ms}) \cup \text{Strips}(L(r^{n-1}))(\text{Strips}(L(r))(\text{set ms})), \\ &= \emptyset \cup \text{Strips}(L(r^{n-1}))(\emptyset) = \emptyset. \end{aligned}$$

### 3.4 sub case $\neg\text{nullable}(r)$

again, unfolding the shifts definition,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{set}(\text{shifts}(\text{ms}, r^n)) &= \text{set}(\text{shifts}(\text{shifts}(\text{ms}, r), r^{n-1})), \\ &= \text{Strips}(L(r^{n-1}))(\text{set}(\text{shifts}(\text{ms}, r))), \\ &= \text{Strips}(L(r^{n-1}))(\emptyset) = \emptyset. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\text{Strips}(L(r^n))(\text{set ms}) = \emptyset.$$