Shifts Proof

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

1 Case 1: shifts(ms, r) = []

We want to prove

$$Strips(L(r^n))(set\ ms) = \varnothing.$$

From the induction hypothesis

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

By assumption

$$set(shifts(ms, r)) = \emptyset,$$

SO

$$Strips(L(r))(set\ ms)=\varnothing.$$

1.1 sub case nullable(r)

unfolding the shifts definition,

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

1.2 sub case $\neg nullable(r)$

again, unfolding the shifts definition,

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

Therefore

$$Strips(L(r^n))(set \, ms) = \varnothing.$$

2 Case 2: $shifts(ms, r) \neq []$

We want to prove

$$set(shifts(ms, r^n)) = Strips(L(r^n))(set ms).$$

2.1 sub case nullable(r)

unfolding the shifts definition,

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

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

$$a = Strips(L(r))(set ms).$$

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

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

therefore

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

by Strips properties: with nullable A, and B

 $Strips(A @ B)C = (Strips B (Strips A C)) \cup Strips A C \cup Strips B C$

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

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

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

but missing the third $Strips BC = Strips(L(r^{n-1}))(set ms)$

2.2 sub case $\neg nullable(r)$

unfolding the shifts definition,

$$set(shifts(ms, r^n)) = b,$$

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

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

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

by Strips properties: with not nullable A, and B

$$Strips(A @ B)C = Strips B (Strips A C)$$

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

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

therefore

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

3 notes

3.1 case 1

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i thought i would start with two cases to consider, namely shifts(ms, r) = [] and shifts(ms, r) \neq []. similar to the urlues.
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i started with first one. so first, i assumed that shifts(ms, r) = [] and need to prove $Strips(r^n)(setms) = \varnothing$.

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

set(shifts(msr)) = Strips(Lr)(setms).

by assumption, lhs is \varnothing so now we have $Strips(Lr)(setms) = \varnothing$.

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

unfolding shifts definition.

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set(shiftsr^nms) = set(shiftsrms)Uset(shifts(shiftsmsr)r^n - 1)
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that equals to $Strip(Lr)(setms)UStrips(Lr^n-1)(StripsLr)(setms)$.

the lhs of union $=\emptyset$

and rhs= $Strips(Lr^n - 1)\varnothing(setms) = \varnothing$.

in the second case where r is not nullable:

unfolding shifts again:

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

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

3.2 case 2

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

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

for a, use IH P(ms, r) to get a = Strips(Lr)(set ms)

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

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therefore set(shifts(ms,r^n)) = a \cup b = Strips(L\,r)(set\,ms) \cup Strips(L\,r^{n-1})(Strips(L\,r)(set\,r)) in the second case where r is not nullable: unfolding shifts again, set(shifts(ms,r^n)) = b where b = set(shifts(shifts(ms,r),r^{n-1})) = Strips(L\,r^{n-1})(set(shifts(ms,r))) = Strips(L\,r^{n-1})(set(shifts(ms,r))) and since L(r^n) = L(r)@L(r^{n-1}) we have b = Strips(L\,r@L\,r^{n-1})(set\,ms) = Strips(L\,r^n)(set\,ms)
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