

# PMT Additional Exercises (Week 4)

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## 1 Tree Reversal

[2010 Q1b (C146)] Consider the following operations on trees and lists:

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1 data Tree a = Leaf a | Node (Tree a) (Tree a)
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3 flatten :: Tree a -> [a]
4 flatten Leaf x = [x]
5 flatten (Node t1 t2) = (flatten t1) ++ (flatten t2)
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7 rotate :: Tree a -> Tree a
8 rotate Leaf x = Leaf x
9 rotate (Node t1 t2) = Node (rotate t2) (rotate t1)
10
11 rev :: [a] -> [a]
12 rev [] = []
13 rev (x:xs) = (rev xs) ++ [x]
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Prove, using structural induction, that:

$$\forall t: \text{Tree } a. \quad \text{flatten } (\text{rotate } t) = \text{rev } (\text{flatten } t)$$

In the proofs, state what is given, the induction hypothesis (if any), what is to be shown, and justify each step. You may use the property ( $P$ ), where:

$$\text{rev } (xs ++ ys) = (\text{rev } ys) ++ (\text{rev } xs)$$

## 2 Solution to trees

A straightforward structural induction (to prove: as in question) on trees. Note that the type `a` does not matter in this question; consider it fixed.

**Base case** To show: `flatten (rotate (Leaf x)) = rev (flatten (Leaf x))`

<code>flatten (rotate (Leaf x))</code>	
<code>= flatten (Leaf x)</code>	by def. rotate
<code>= [x]</code>	by def. flatten
<code>= rev [x]</code>	by def. rev
<code>= rev (flatten (Leaf x))</code>	by def. flatten

**Inductive step** Take trees `t1, t2` arbitrarily. Inductive Hypothesis:

`∀t1:Tree a. flatten (rotate t1) = rev (flatten t1)`  
`∧∀t2:Tree a. flatten (rotate t2) = rev (flatten t2)`

To show: `flatten (rotate (Node t1 t2)) = rev (flatten (Node t1 t2))`

<code>flatten (rotate (Node t1 t2))</code>	
<code>= flatten (Node (rotate t2) (rotate t1))</code>	by def. rotate
<code>= (flatten (rotate t2)) ++ (flatten (rotate t1))</code>	by def. flatten
<code>= (rev (flatten t2)) ++ (rev (flatten t1))</code>	by I.H
<code>= rev (flatten t1) ++ (flatten t2)</code>	by (P)
<code>= rev (flatten (Node t1 t2))</code>	by def. flatten