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First Order Logic  
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1		$\forall x(\text{elephant}(x) \rightarrow \text{happy}(x))$	
2		<u><math>\text{elephant}(\text{Appu})</math></u>	
3		$\text{elephant}(\text{Appu}) \rightarrow \text{happy}(\text{Appu})$	$\forall\text{-E, 1}$
4		$\text{happy}(\text{Appu})$	$\rightarrow\text{-E, 2, 3}$

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Proof rules for propositional natural deduction + quantifier rules:

- $\forall$ -E *universal elimination*;
- $\forall$ -I *universal introduction*;
- $\exists$ -E *existential elimination*;
- $\exists$ -I *existential introduction*;

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Proof in first-order logic is usually based on these rules, together with the rules for propositional logic.

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## Elimination

$\forall$ -E (universal elimination)

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$$\frac{\forall x. P(x)}{P(a)}$$

$$P(a)$$

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$$\vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots$$
$$m \quad \text{Fish}(a) \rightarrow \text{HasFins}(a) \quad \forall\text{-E } m$$

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If a predicate is true for all members of a domain, then it is also true for a specific one ( $a$  must be a member of the domain).

## Introduction

$$\forall\text{-I (universal introduction)} \quad \frac{P(a) \quad (a \text{ arbitrary, a variable})}{\forall x. P(x)}$$

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$$\begin{array}{c|c} \vdots & \vdots \\ n & \text{Cat}(a) \rightarrow \text{EatsFish}(a) \\ m & \\ m+1 & \forall x. \text{Cat}(x) \rightarrow \text{EatsFish}(x) \end{array}$$

- The  $a$  on the left of the bar is a *guard* which reminds us that:
  - ▶ this variable is local to the inner derivation, and
  - ▶ it cannot be *free* in an assumption
- It is like an “assumption” that  $a$  is an arbitrary member of the domain.
- That is, the proof from lines  $n$  to  $m$  must work for *anything* in place of  $a$ .

## Free and bound variables

**Bound:** Every occurrence of variable  $x$  in  $\forall x. p(x)$  and in  $\exists x. p(x)$  is *bound*.

**Free:** Every occurrence of a variable that is not bound is *free*.

**Example**

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$$(\forall x. x + y = y + x) \wedge (\forall x. \exists y. y > x + z)$$

**Q.** Which occurrences of variables are free and which are bound?

**A.** All occurrences of  $x$  are bound; none of  $z$  are; and just the last 2 occurrences of  $y$  are bound.

Hence the instance of  $z$  is free, as are the first two occurrences of  $y$ .

## Breaching the arbitrariness requirement

When we generalise for a variable  $a$ , the same proof steps must be possible for all members of the domain.

1	$(\text{Cat}(\text{kitty}) \rightarrow \text{HasFur}(\text{kitty})) \wedge \text{Cat}(\text{kitty})$	
2	$\text{Cat}(\text{kitty}) \rightarrow \text{HasFur}(\text{kitty})$	$\wedge\text{-E}, 1$
3	$\text{Cat}(\text{kitty})$	$\wedge\text{-E}, 1$
4	$\text{HasFur}(\text{kitty})$	$\rightarrow\text{-E}, 2, 3$
5	$\forall x. \text{HasFur}(x)$	$\forall\text{-I}, 4$

**WRONG** because *kitty* appears in an assumption (step 1) (and step 4 is still in the scope of that assumption)

## Example

$(\forall x \forall y P(x, y)) \leftrightarrow (\forall y \forall x P(x, y))$

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$\exists$ -I (existential introduction)

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$$\frac{P(a)}{\exists x P(x)}$$
  
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$$\begin{array}{c|c} n & \text{Dog(fido)} \\ \hline m & \exists x \text{Dog}(x) \end{array} \quad \exists\text{-I, } n$$
  
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## An invalid argument

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This argument is invalid if the domain is empty.

1  $\forall x P(x)$   
2  $P(a)$   $\forall\text{-E, 1}$

3  $\exists x P(x)$   $\exists\text{-I, 2}$

Which step is invalid ??

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$$\frac{\exists x P(x) \quad \begin{array}{c} [P(a)] \\ \vdots \\ q \end{array} \quad (a \text{ arbitrary, a variable})}{q \quad (a \text{ not free in } q)}$$

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Rationale: if  $P(x)$  holds for some individual  $x$ ,

- let that individual be called  $a$  (so  $P(a)$  holds)
- prove that  $q$  follows
- as  $q$  doesn't involve our choice of  $a$ ,  
 $q$  holds regardless of which individual has  $P$  true

The proof of  $q$  from  $P(a)$  must work for *any* individual in place of  $a$

## Example

Prove	$\frac{\exists x \text{Elephant}(x) \quad \forall x \text{Elephant}(x) \rightarrow \text{Huge}(x)}{\exists x \text{Huge}(x)}$	
	1	$\exists x \text{Elephant}(x)$
	2	$\forall x \text{Elephant}(x) \rightarrow \text{Huge}(x)$
	3	$a \quad \text{Elephant}(a)$
	4	$\text{Elephant}(a) \rightarrow \text{Huge}(a) \quad \rightarrow\text{-E, 2}$
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1  $\exists x \forall y P(x, y)$

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Can quantifiers always be swapped?

$\exists x \forall y \text{Eats}(x, y) \rightarrow \forall y \exists x \text{Eats}(x, y)$   
There is an animal that can eat all foods.  $\rightarrow$  All foods can be eaten by some animal.

$\forall y \exists x \text{Eats}(x, y) \rightarrow \exists x \forall y \text{Eats}(x, y)$   
All foods can be eaten by some animal.  $\rightarrow$  There is an animal that can eat all foods.

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Is this second version true? Try to prove it. What happens?

## The “quantifier negation” equivalence

$$(\forall x. \neg P(x)) \leftrightarrow \neg(\exists x. P(x))$$

Prove  $\frac{\neg(\exists x. P(x))}{\forall x. \neg P(x)}$

1		$\neg(\exists x. P(x))$	
2		$a$	$P(a)$
3		$\exists x. P(x)$	$\exists\text{-I, 2}$
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Proof of the converse:

1		$\forall x. \neg P(x)$			
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3				$a$	$P(a)$
4				$\neg P(a)$	$\forall\text{-E, 1}$
5				$\bot$	$\neg\text{E, 3, 4}$
6				$\bot$	$\exists\text{-E, 2, 3-6}$
7		$\neg(\exists x. P(x))$	$\neg\text{I, 2-7}$		

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3				$a$	
4				$\neg P(a)$	$\forall\text{-E, 1}$
5				$F$	$\neg\text{E, 3, 4}$
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Again: Two sides of (the same?) Coin

**Validity.** A formula is valid (in all structures).

**Provability.** A formula is provable (via natural deduction).

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**Recall propositional Logic**

- a formula is provable in natural deduction iff it's true for all truth-value assignments

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**Soundness.** All provable formulae are valid.

(As application of proof rules maintains validity of formulae)

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**Completeness.** All valid formulae are provable

(Difficult proof, via so-called "Henkin Models".)

Soundness and completeness is the *glue* between valid and provable.



## Metalogic of first order logic

- First order natural deduction is sound and complete
- So you can find a proof of any valid statement
- But the truth-tables aren't finite — you can't actually prove or disprove a statement by truth-tables
- If there is a proof you can find it by mindlessly trying all sequences of rules of length 1, length 2, ...
- But if you don't find a proof, you haven't established anything

### Small Game

- checking for validity in *all* models discounts *infinite* models
- trying all proofs *may* yield a proof.
- First order logic is *semi-decidable* (later in the course)

# Structural Induction

## So Far.

- the “mechanics” of reasoning
- fully generic: applies to all sets

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## Now. Induction Principles

- allow us to prove properties about “special” sets
- can be thought of as additional axioms to natural deduction
- but will leave natural deduction implicit from now on.

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## In more detail

- Induction on the natural numbers: review
- Structural induction over Lists
- Structural induction over Trees
- The principle that: the structural induction rule for a particular data type follows from its definition

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## Natural Number Induction

This is the induction you already know.

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To prove a property  $P$  for all natural numbers:

- Prove it for 0
- Prove that, if it is true for  $n$ , it is true for  $n + 1$ .

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The principle is usually expressed as a rule of inference:

$$\frac{P(0) \quad \forall n. P(n) \rightarrow P(n+1)}{\forall n. P(n)}$$

It is an *additional principle* that allows us to prove facts.

## Why does it Work?

The natural numbers are an *inductively defined set*:

1. 0 is a natural number;
2. If  $n$  is a natural number, so is  $n + 1$ ;

No object is a natural number unless justified by these clauses.

From the assumptions:

$$P(0) \quad \forall n. P(n) \rightarrow P(n+1)$$

we get a sequence of deductions:

$$P(0), P(1), P(2), P(3), \dots$$

which justifies the conclusion for any  $n$  you choose:

- $P(0)$  is given
- obtain  $P(0) \rightarrow P(1)$  by  $(\forall E)$ , and then get  $P(1)$  using  $(\rightarrow E)$
- obtain  $P(2), P(3), \dots$  in the same way.



## The Step Case

The *step case* is of the form  $\forall n.P(n) \rightarrow P(n+1)$ .

**Q.** How do we prove a formula of this form?

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**A1.** How would we do it in natural deduction?

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## The Step Case, Again

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The step case is of the form  $\forall n. P(n) \rightarrow P(n+1)$

**Q.** How do we prove a formula of this form?

**A2.** What the natural deduction proof really means

- pick an arbitrary variable  $a$
- assume that  $P(a)$  and prove  $P(a+1)$
- this amounts to  $P(a) \rightarrow P(a+1)$
- as  $a$  was arbitrary, this amounts to  $\forall n. P(n) \rightarrow P(n+1)$

## How the Step Case Plays Out

**Recall.** Want to prove  $\forall n. \underbrace{\sum_{i=0}^n i = \frac{n \times (n+1)}{2}}_{P(n)}$

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**Step case.**

$$\forall n. \left( \sum_{i=0}^n i = \frac{n \times (n+1)}{2} \right) \rightarrow \left( \sum_{i=0}^{n+1} i = \frac{(n+1) \times (n+1+1)}{2} \right)$$

Let  $a$  be arbitrary and assume  $P(a)$ , i.e.

$$(IH) \quad \underbrace{\sum_{i=0}^a i = \frac{a \times (a+1)}{2}}_{P(a)}$$

The assumption (IH) is called the *induction hypothesis*. Need to use it to prove  $P(a+1)$ .

## Step Case - Detailed Proof

**Assume**  $P(a)$ , that is  $\sum_{i=0}^a i = \frac{a \times (a+1)}{2}$ .

**Prove**  $P(a+1)$ , that is,  $\sum_{i=0}^{a+1} i = \frac{(a+1) \times ((a+1)+1)}{2}$

$$\sum_{i=0}^{a+1} i = \sum_{i=0}^a i + (a+1)$$

$$= \frac{a \times (a+1)}{2} + (a+1) \quad (\text{by IH})$$

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$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{a \times (a+1)}{2} + \frac{2 \times (a+1)}{2} \\ &= \frac{(a+2) \times (a+1)}{2} \\ &= \frac{(a+1) \times (a+2)}{2} \end{aligned}$$

## Wrapping up the proof

**Recall.** Proof rule for induction over natural numbers:

$$\frac{P(0) \quad \forall n. P(n) \rightarrow P(n+1)}{\forall n. P(n)}$$

We have proved *both* premises of the induction rule

- $P(0)$  and  $\forall n. P(n) \rightarrow P(n+1)$

so that *applying* the rule gives  $\forall n. P(n)$ .

We have *demonstrated* this for a particular  $P(n)$ , i.e

$$P(n) = \sum_{i=0}^n i = \frac{n \times (n+1)}{2}$$

in both the base case and the induction step.

## Back to Programs

Q. How would we *implement* summation, e.g. in Haskell?

A. For example, like so:

```
sfz :: Int -> Int
sfz 0 = 0
sfz n = n + sfz (n-1)
```

**Similarity** to induction proofs

- prove that  $\forall n. P(n)$
- prove that  $P(0)$
- prove that  $P(a) \rightarrow P(a+1)$

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*Recursive* definitions  $\approx$  *inductive* proofs

## Example: Proofs about a Program

**Given.** The definition of the program, in our case:

```
sfz :: Int -> Int
sfz 0 = 0           -- SFZ0
sfz n = n + sfz (n-1)  -- SFZ1
```

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**Goal.** To prove that  $\forall n. \text{sfz}(n) = \frac{1}{2}(n \times (n + 1))$ .

**Strategy.** Induction on  $n$

**Base Case.**

$$\text{sfz}(0) = 0 = \frac{1}{2}(0 \times (0 + 1)) \quad (\text{by SFZ0})$$

## Example: Proofs about a Program

**Given.** The definition of the program, in our case:

$\text{sfz} :: \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int}$

$\text{sfz } 0 = 0$

$\text{sfz } n = n + \text{sfz } (n-1)$

— SFZ0

— SFZ1

**Step Case.** Pick an arbitrary  $a$  and assume

$$\text{(IH)} \quad \text{sfz } a = \frac{1}{2}(a \times (a + 1))$$

**Goal.** Show that  $\text{sfz}(a + 1) = \frac{1}{2}((a + 1)(a + 1 + 1))$ .

$$\text{sfz}(a + 1) = (a + 1) + \text{sfz}(a + 1 - 1) \quad (\text{by SFZ1})$$

$$= (a + 1) + \text{sfz}(a) \quad (\text{by arithmetic})$$

$$= (a + 1) + \frac{1}{2}(a \times (a + 1)) \quad (\text{by IH})$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}((a + 1) \times (a + 1 + 1)) \quad (\text{arithmetic, see before})$$



# Basic Anatomy of an Induction Proof

**Base Case** ( $n = 0$ ).

- usually trivial
- uses base case of recursive definition

**Step Case**  $a \rightarrow a + 1$

- assume the property for an arbitrary  $a$  – the *induction hypothesis* (IH)
- massage the goal (the property for  $a + 1$ ) so that (IH) applies
- this usually uses the recursive step in the definition
- apply (IH) to prove the step case – the property for  $a + 1$

**Justification.**

- simple facts (e.g. arithmetic) can be justified by saying just that
- applied equations need to be justified explicitly.

Why do we care?

# Program Correctness

- have formal *proof* that a function computes what it should
- function is *operational* whereas property is *descriptive*
- two different angles on the same function

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## Optimisation.

- given: slow implementation of a function – say *slow*
- hypothesis: faster implementation – say *fast* does the same job
- proof of  $\forall n. \text{slow}(n) = \text{fast}(n)$  allows us to swap *slow* for *fast*

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**Given**

```
sumodd :: Int -> Int
```

```
sumodd 0 = 0
```

```
sumodd n = (2 * n - 1) + sumodd (n-1)
```

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**Q.** What does this function do?

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**Answer.** It computes the square of  $n$ , for  $n \geq 0$ .

## Inductive Proof of sumodd

**Given.**

```
sumodd :: Int -> Int
sumodd 0 = 0                                -- S01
sumodd n = (2 * n - 1) + sumodd (n-1)      -- S02
```

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**Goal.**  $\forall n. \text{sumodd } n = n^2$ .

**Base Case.** Show that  $\text{sumodd } 0 = 0^2$ .

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$\text{sumodd } 0 = 0 = 0^2$  (by S01 and arithmetic)

## Inductive Proof of sumodd

Given.

```
sumodd :: Int -> Int
sumodd 0 = 0 -- S01
sumodd n = (2 * n - 1) + sumodd (n-1) -- S02
```

Step Case.

- assume (IH) :  $\text{sumodd } a = a^2$
- prove that  $\text{sumodd } (a + 1) = (a + 1)^2$ .

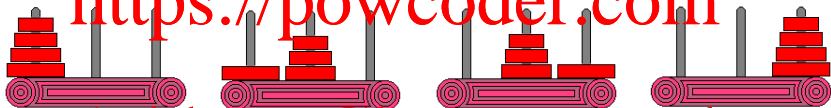
$$\begin{aligned}\text{sumodd } (a + 1) &= 2 * (a + 1) - 1 + \text{sumodd } (a + 1 - 1) && \text{(by S02)} \\ &= 2a + 1 + \text{sumodd } (a) && \text{(arithmetic)} \\ &= 2a + 1 + a^2 && \text{(by IH)} \\ &= (a + 1)^2 && \text{(arithmetic)}\end{aligned}$$

# Optimisation Example: Towers of Hanoi

## Rules.

- three poles with disks of varying sizes
- larger disks may *never* be on top of smaller ones
- may only move one disk at a time.

Q. How many moves to get  $n$  discs from pole one to pole 3?



A. Here's a program!

```
t :: Int -> Int
t 0 = 0
t n = t (n-1) + 1 + t (n-1)
```

## Critique 1: This is super inefficient

Compare the two programs:

$$t :: \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int}$$
$$t\ 0 = 0$$
$$t\ n = t\ (n-1) + 1 + t\ (n-1)$$
$$tb :: \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int}$$
$$tb\ 0 = 0$$
$$tb\ n = 2 * tb\ (n-1) + 1$$

Clearly the left one is bogged down by *two* identical recursive calls!

Show that  $\forall a. t(a) = tb(a)$  by induction:

**Base Case.**  $t(0) = 0 = tb(0)$

**Step Case.** If  $t(a) = tb(a)$ , then  $t(a+1) = tb(a+1)$

$$\begin{aligned} t(a+1) &= t(a) + 1 + t(a) && \text{(def'n of } t) \\ &= 2 * t(a) + 1 && \text{(arith)} \\ &= 2 * tb(a) + 1 && \text{(IH)} \\ &= tb(a+1) && \text{(def'n of } tb) \end{aligned}$$

## Critique 2: Even `tb` is not tail recursive

Compare the two programs:

```
tb :: Int -> Int
```

```
tb 0 = 0
```

```
tb n = 2 * tb (n-1) + 1
```

```
ta :: Int -> Int -> Int
```

```
ta 0 a = a
```

```
ta n a = ta (n-1) (2 * a + 1)
```

```
tt :: Int -> Int
```

```
tt n = ta n 0
```

**Observation.** `tt` is even better (faster) than `tb`. Let's see if we can prove it ...

**Goal.**  $\forall n. tb(n) = tt(n)$ .



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The following slides contain lots of attempts of failed proofs.

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- Don't be discouraged, the example is difficult by design
- it's intended to demonstrate how things can be fixed

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## Proof Take 1: Let's just do it!

$tb :: Int \rightarrow Int$

$tb\ 0 = 0$

$tb\ n = 2 * tb(n-1) + 1$

$ta :: Int \rightarrow Int \rightarrow Int$

$ta\ 0\ a = a$

$ta\ n\ a = ta\ (n-1)\ (2 * a + 1)$

$tt :: Int \rightarrow Int$

$tt\ n = ta\ n\ 0$

**Base Case.**  $tb\ (0) = 0$  (def'n of  $tb$ ) =  $ta\ 0\ 0$  (def'n of  $ta$ ) =  $tt\ 0$   
(def'n of  $tt$ )

**Step Case.** Assume that  $tb\ (n) = tt\ (n)$ , prove  $tb\ (n+1) = tt\ (n+1)$

$tb\ (n+1) = 2 * tb\ (n) + 1$  (def'n of  $tb$ )  
 $= 2 * tt\ (n) + 1$  (IH)

$= 2 * ta\ n\ 0$  (def'n of  $tt$ )

$= ???$  (we're stuck!)

$= ta\ (n+1)\ 0$

$= tt\ (n+1)$  (def'n of  $tt$ )

# Analysis of Failure

`tb :: Int -> Int`

`tb 0 = 0`

`tb n = 2 * tb (n-1) + 1`

`ta :: Int -> Int -> Int`

`ta 0 a = a`

`ta n a = ta (n-1) (2 * a + 1)`

`tt :: Int -> Int`

`tt n = ta n 0`

**Step Case.** Assume that  $tb(n) = tt(n)$ , prove  $tb(n+1) = tt(n+1)$

**Failure.** We *couldn't* go

- from  $2 * ta\ n\ 0$  (which we have obtained by applying IH)
- to  $ta\ (n+1)$  (which is equal to  $tt\ (n+1)$ )

**Analysis.**

- the recursion *really* happens in `ta`
- so maybe need a statement that relates `tb` and `ta`?

## Proof Take 2: Relate $ta$ and $tb$

$tb :: Int \rightarrow Int$

$tb\ 0 = 0$

$tb\ n = 2 * tb(n-1) + 1$

$ta :: Int \rightarrow Int \rightarrow Int$

$ta\ 0\ a = a$

$ta\ n\ a = ta\ (n-1)\ (2 * a + 1)$

$tt :: Int \rightarrow Int$

$tt\ n = ta\ n\ 0$

**Show.**  $\forall n. tb\ (n) = ta\ (n)\ (0).$

**Base Case.** Left as exercise ☺

**Step Case.** Assume  $tb\ n = ta\ n\ 0$ , prove  $tb\ (n+1) = ta\ (n+1)\ 0$

$tb\ (n+1) = 2 * tb\ (n) + 1$  (def'n of  $tb$ )

$= 2 * ta\ n\ 0 + 1$  (IH)

$= ???$  (stuck again!)

$= ta\ n\ (2 * 0 + 1)$

$= ta\ (n+1)\ 0$  (def'n of  $ta$ )

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$tb :: Int \rightarrow Int$   
 $tb\ 0 = 0$   
 $tb\ n = 2 * tb(n-1) + 1$

$ta :: Int \rightarrow Int \rightarrow Int$   
 $ta\ 0\ a = a$   
 $ta\ n\ a = ta\ (n-1)\ (2 * a + 1)$

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**We wanted.**  $2 * ta\ n\ 0 + 1 = ta\ n\ (2 * 0 + 1)$ .

**Problem** The second argument of  $ta$  changes!

**Solution.** Find a property that involves the second argument of  $ta$ .

## Experiments

$$tb\ 3\ =\ 7$$

$$ta\ 3\ 0 = 15 \quad ta\ 3\ 1 = 15 \quad ta\ 3\ 2 = 23 \quad ta\ 3\ 3 = 31$$

$$tb\ 4\ =\ 15$$

$$ta\ 4\ 0 = 15 \quad ta\ 4\ 1 = 31 \quad ta\ 4\ 2 = 47 \quad ta\ 4\ 3 = 63$$

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**Wild Guess.** How about  $ta\ n\ a = (tb\ n) + a * (tb\ n + 1) ??$

This would give **Add WeChat powcoder**

$$tb\ n = (tb\ n) + 0 * (tb\ n + 1) = ta\ n\ 0 = tt\ 0$$

so would solve our problem.

## Proof Take 3: Stronger Property

$tb :: Int \rightarrow Int$

$tb\ 0 = 0$

$tb\ n = 2 * tb\ (n-1) + 1$

$ta :: Int \rightarrow Int \rightarrow Int$

$ta\ 0\ a = a$

$ta\ n\ a = ta\ (n-1)\ (2 * a + 1)$

$tt :: Int \rightarrow Int$

$tt\ n = ta\ n\ 0$

**Show.**  $\forall n. \forall a. ta\ n\ a = tb\ n + a * (tb\ n + 1).$

**Base Case.**

$$\begin{aligned} ta\ 0\ a &= a && \text{(def'n of } ta) \\ &= 0 + a * (0 + 1) && \text{(arith)} \\ &= (tb\ 0) + a * ((tb\ 0) + 1) && \text{(def'n of } tb) \end{aligned}$$

so base case still works.

## Proof Take 3: Stronger Property

$tb :: Int \rightarrow Int$

$tb\ 0 = 0$

$tb\ n = 2 * tb\ (n-1) + 1$

$ta :: Int \rightarrow Int \rightarrow Int$

$ta\ 0\ a = a$

$ta\ n\ a = ta\ (n-1)\ (2 * tb\ (n-1) + 1 + a)$

$tt :: Int \rightarrow Int$

$tt\ n = ta\ n\ 0$

### Step Case

- Assume  $ta\ n\ a = tb\ n + a * (tb\ n + 1)$
- Show that  $ta\ (n+1)\ a = tb\ (n+1) + a * (tb\ (n+1) + 1)$

$$\begin{aligned} ta\ (n+1)\ a &= ta\ n\ (2 * tb\ (n-1) + 1 + a) && \text{(def'n of } ta) \\ &= tb\ n + (2 * a + 1)(tb\ n + 1) && \text{(IH)} \\ &= 2 * tb\ n + 1 + 2 * a * (tb\ n + 1) && \text{(lots of arith)} \\ &= tb\ (n+1) + a * (tb\ (n+1) + 1) && \text{(def'n of } tb) \end{aligned}$$

so step case also works!



## Finally: Wrapping Up!

```
tb :: Int -> Int
```

```
tb 0 = 0
```

```
tb n = 2 * tb (n-1) + 1
```

```
ta :: Int -> Int -> Int
```

```
ta 0 a = a
```

```
ta n a = ta (n-1) (2 * a + 1)
```

```
tt :: Int -> Int
```

```
tt n = ta n 0
```

**Show.**  $\forall n. tb\ n = tt\ n.$

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```
tt n = ta n 0
```

```
= (tb n) + 0 * (tb n + 1)
```

```
= tb n
```

```
(we have now!)
```

```
(arith)
```

## Conceptual Digression

```
ta :: Int -> Int -> Int
ta 0 a = a
ta n a = ta (n-1) (2 * a + 1)
```

### Changing Arguments.

- ta is a *two-place* (binary) function
- recursion is on *first* argument (*n*)
- *but* second argument (*a*) is *not* constant!

### Solution.

- find a *stronger* property that involves the second argument
- usually: universally quantified

### Example.

$$P(n) = \forall a. ta\ n\ a = tb\ n + a * (tb\ n + 1)$$

- as *a* is universally quantified, property holds for *all* *a*
- even if *a* changes in recursive call!