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$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}. \text{sumTo } n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

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Inductive Structure

Observe that the non-recursive constructors correspond to **base cases** and the recursive constructors correspond to **inductive cases**

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When we define recursive functions on lists, we use the last form for pattern matching.

Example

(Re)-define the functions *length*, *take* and *drop*.

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 - \implies Sometimes we must prove auxiliary lemmas.

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Binary Trees

data Tree a = Leaf a | Branch a (Tree a) (Tree a)

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$$\forall t. \text{height } t \leq \text{size } t$$

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