

Mid-term Exam    Wed 8<sup>th</sup> March    1 hr 20 min

Defining sets using recursion:

Set  $S$  :                       $3 \in S$

if  $x, y \in S$  then  $x+y \in S$ .

$$S = \{ 3, 6, 9, 12, \dots \}$$

Proof: (i)  $S \subseteq \{ 3, 6, \dots \}$  to show ,  
(ii)  $\{ 3, 6, 9, \dots \} \subseteq S$

## Structural induction

- where we use the recursive definition of a set to prove some property of the set'

(i) Basis:

prove the property for an initial element of  $S$

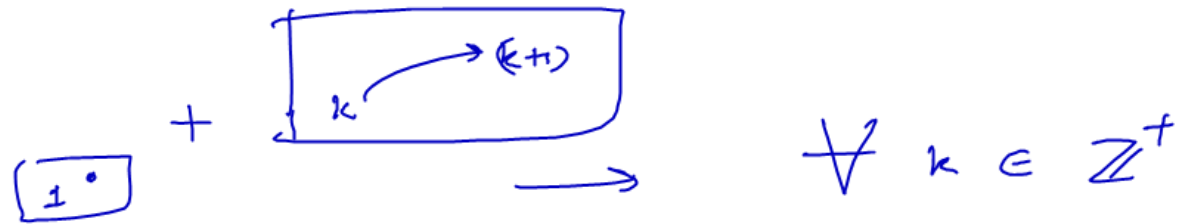
(ii) Inductive step:

if  $x, y \in S$  satisfy the property

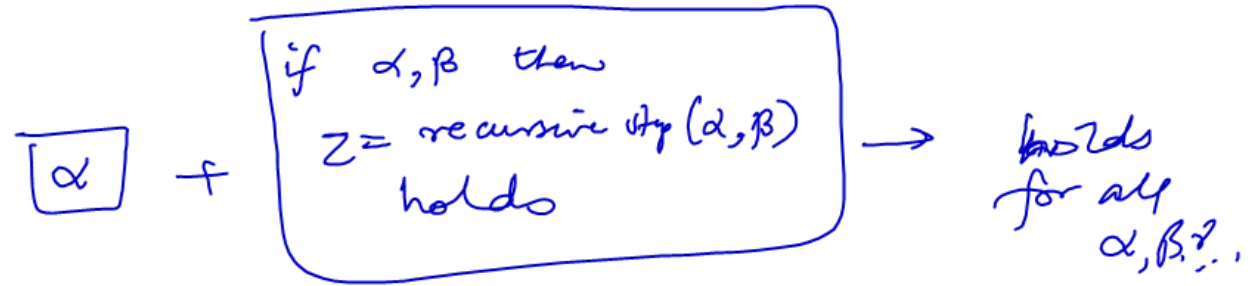
then the recursive construction involving  $x$  &  $y$  also satisfies the property.

Set has the property

Induction.



Structural ind:



$\Sigma$  = set of alphabets

$\lambda$  = special symbol  $\rightarrow$  reserved for "empty" string

language  $\rightarrow \Sigma^*$  = set of strings

length of a string

$\text{len}(\omega) = \text{no. of alphabets in } \omega$

$\text{len}(\lambda) = 0$

let  $\Sigma = \{a, b, c, d\}$

$\Sigma^* = \{a, ab, ba$

$aaa, bbaccd,$

$\lambda, \dots\}$

Defn: The set  $\Sigma^*$  of strings over alphabet  $\Sigma$  is defined as follows -

(i)  $\lambda \in \Sigma^*$  (empty string)

(ii) if  $w \in \Sigma^*$  and  $x \in \Sigma$   
then  $w \cdot x \in \Sigma^*$

Defn of  $l$ :

$$l(\lambda) = 0$$

$$l(wx) = l(w) + 1 \quad \text{where } x \in \Sigma$$

 (concatenation)

Using the recursive defn of  $\Sigma^*$ , prove that

Property (P):  $l(xy) = l(x) + l(y)$

where  $x, y \in \Sigma^*$

&  $l = \text{len function}$ .

Basis:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \underline{l(\lambda) = 0} \\ l(\omega \cdot x) = l(\omega) + 1 \end{array} \right. \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{where } \omega \in \Sigma^* \\ x \in \Sigma \end{array}$$

Basis:  $P(\lambda; \lambda) = \text{true}$

Recursive:

$P(wa)$  is true ✓

to show: if  $P(wy)$  is true then  $P(wya)$  is true.

$$l(wya) = l(wy) + 1$$

$$l(ya) = l(y) + 1$$

$$l(wy) = l(w) + l(y)$$

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$$\begin{aligned} l(wya) &= l(w) + l(y) + 1 \\ &= l(w) + l(ya) \end{aligned}$$

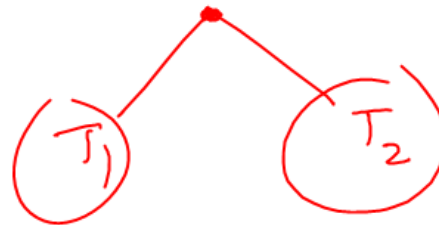
## Binary tree:

(i) has a root (node) •

(ii) if  $T_1$  &  $T_2$  are binary trees then

is also a binary tree

$$T_1 \cap T_2 = \emptyset$$



$$h=0, n=1$$



$$h=1, n=3$$





## Height of a binary tree :

(i) if  $T$  contains only a root  
then  $h(T) = 0$

(ii)  $T_1$  &  $T_2$  are binary trees then



$$h(T) = 1 + \max(h(T_1), h(T_2))$$

[ for a binary tree  $T$ , the no of nodes are denoted by  $n(T)$ .

Prove:

$$n(T) \leq 2^{h(T)+1} - 1.$$

Basis:

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$$n = 1, \quad h = 0$$

$$1 \leq 2^{0+1} - 1 = 1 \quad \checkmark$$

Inductive:



$$n(T) = 1 + n(T_1) + n(T_2)$$

$$\leq 1 + \binom{h(T_1)+1}{2-1} + \binom{h(T_2)+1}{2-1}$$

$$\leq 1 + \binom{\max(h(T_1), h(T_2))+1}{2-1} + (\dots)$$

$$\therefore \left( 2^4 + 2^6 \leq 2^{\max(4,6)} + 2^{\max(4,6)} \right)$$

## Counting (Combinatorics)

Rule of addition:

if  $A$  can be done in  $m$  ways  
&  $B$  " "  $n$  ways  
then either  $A$  or  $B$  can be done in  
 $(m+n)$  ways

(assuming that both  $A$  &  $B$  can't be done together).

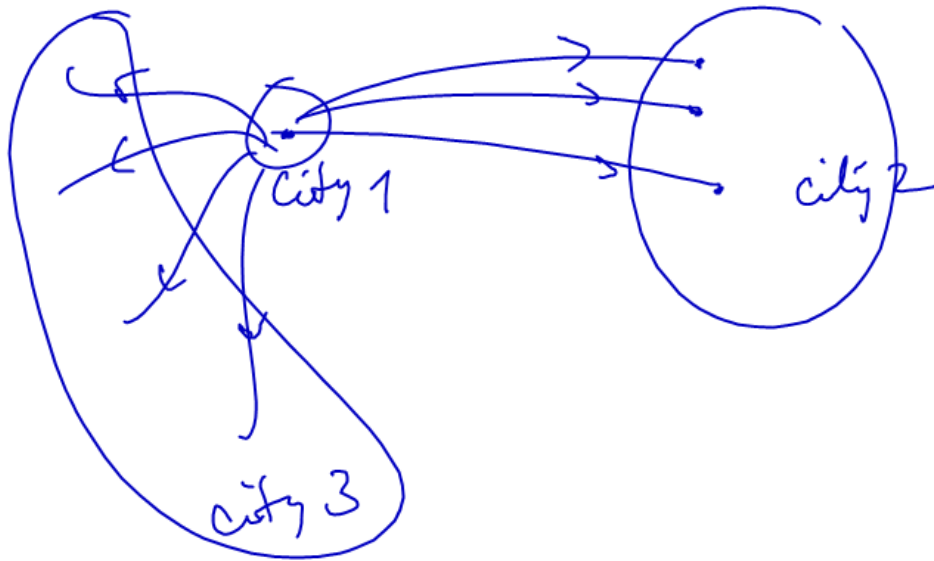
Rule of multiplication:

if  $A$  can be done in  $m$  ways

& followed by any one of these,

$B$  can be done in  $n$  ways,

then  $A$  followed by  $B$  in this order can  
be done in  $m \times n$  ways.



How many ways  
can some one leave  
city 1 ?

$$= 3 + 4 = 7$$



How many ways from A to C.

$$= 3 \times 4 = 12$$