

Programming Languages

Practicals 3. Definition and Proof by Induction

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1. Prove that $length$ distributes into $(++)$:

$$length\ (xs\ ++\ ys) = length\ xs + length\ ys\ .$$

Solution: Prove by induction on the structure of xs .

Case $xs := []$:

$$\begin{aligned} & length\ ([]\ ++\ ys) \\ = & \{ \text{definition of } (++) \} \\ & length\ ys \\ = & \{ \text{definition of } (+) \} \\ & 0 + length\ ys \\ = & \{ \text{definition of } length \} \\ & length\ [] + length\ ys \end{aligned}$$

Case $xs := x : xs$:

$$\begin{aligned} & length\ ((x : xs) ++ ys) \\ = & \{ \text{definition of } (++) \} \\ & length\ (x : (xs ++ ys)) \\ = & \{ \text{definition of } length \} \\ & 1 + length\ (xs ++ ys) \\ = & \{ \text{by induction} \} \\ & 1 + length\ xs + length\ ys \\ = & \{ \text{definition of } length \} \\ & length\ (x : xs) + length\ ys \end{aligned}$$

Note that we in fact omitted one step using the associativity of $(+)$.

2. Prove: $sum \cdot concat = sum \cdot map\ sum$.

Solution: By extensional equality, $sum \cdot concat = sum \cdot map\ sum$ if and only if

$$(sum \cdot concat)\ xss = (sum \cdot map\ sum)\ xss,$$

for all xss , which, by definition of (\cdot) , is equivalent to

$$sum\ (concat\ xss) = sum\ (map\ sum\ xss),$$

which we will prove by induction on xss .

Case $xss := []$:

$$\begin{aligned} & sum\ (concat\ []) \\ = & \{ \text{definition of } concat \} \\ & sum\ [] \\ = & \{ \text{definition of } map \} \\ & sum\ (map\ sum\ []) \end{aligned}$$

Case $xss := xs : xss$:

$$\begin{aligned} & sum\ (concat\ (xs : xss)) \\ = & \{ \text{definition of } concat \} \\ & sum\ (xs ++ (concat\ xss)) \\ = & \{ \text{lemma: } sum \text{ distributes over } ++ \} \\ & sum\ xs + sum\ (concat\ xss) \\ = & \{ \text{by induction} \} \\ & sum\ xs + sum\ (map\ sum\ xss) \\ = & \{ \text{definition of } sum \} \\ & sum\ (sum\ xs : map\ sum\ xss) \\ = & \{ \text{definition of } map \} \\ & sum\ (map\ sum\ (xs : xss)). \end{aligned}$$

The lemma that sum distributes over $++$, that is,

$$sum\ (xs ++ ys) = sum\ xs + sum\ ys,$$

needs a separate proof by induction. Here it goes:

Case $xs := []$:

$$sum\ ([] ++ ys)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \{ \text{definition of } (++) \} \\
&\quad \text{sum } ys \\
&= \{ \text{definition of } (+) \} \\
&\quad 0 + \text{sum } ys \\
&= \{ \text{definition of } \text{sum} \} \\
&\quad \text{sum } [] + \text{sum } ys.
\end{aligned}$$

Case $xs := x : xs$:

$$\begin{aligned}
&\quad \text{sum } ((x : xs) ++ ys) \\
&= \{ \text{definition of } (++) \} \\
&\quad \text{sum } (x : (xs ++ ys)) \\
&= \{ \text{definition of } \text{sum} \} \\
&\quad x + \text{sum } (xs ++ ys) \\
&= \{ \text{induction} \} \\
&\quad x + (\text{sum } xs + \text{sum } ys) \\
&= \{ \text{since } (+) \text{ is associative} \} \\
&\quad (x + \text{sum } xs) + \text{sum } ys \\
&= \{ \text{definition of } \text{sum} \} \\
&\quad \text{sum } (x : xs) + \text{sum } ys.
\end{aligned}$$

3. Prove: $\text{filter } p \cdot \text{map } f = \text{map } f \cdot \text{filter } (p \cdot f)$.

Hint: for calculation, it might be easier to use this definition of *filter*:

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{filter } p [] &= [] \\
\text{filter } p (x : xs) &= \text{if } p \ x \ \text{then } x : \text{filter } p \ xs \\
&\quad \text{else } \text{filter } p \ xs
\end{aligned}$$

and use the law that in the world of total functions we have:

$$f (\text{if } q \ \text{then } e_1 \ \text{else } e_2) = \text{if } q \ \text{then } f \ e_1 \ \text{else } f \ e_2$$

You may also carry out the proof using the definition of *filter* using guards:

$$\begin{aligned}
&\dots \\
\text{filter } p (x : xs) &| \ p \ x = \dots \\
&| \ \text{otherwise} = \dots
\end{aligned}$$

You will then have to distinguish between the two cases: $p \ x$ and $\neg (p \ x)$, which makes the proof more fragmented. Both proofs are okay, however.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{filter } p \cdot \text{map } f = \text{map } f \cdot \text{filter } (p \cdot f) \\
\equiv & \quad \{ \text{extensional equality} \} \\
& (\forall xs :: (\text{filter } p \cdot \text{map } f) \, xs = (\text{map } f \cdot \text{filter } (p \cdot f)) \, xs) \\
\equiv & \quad \{ \text{definition of } (\cdot) \} \\
& (\forall xs :: \text{filter } p (\text{map } f \, xs) = \text{map } f (\text{filter } (p \cdot f) \, xs)).
\end{aligned}$$

We proceed by induction on xs .

Case $xs := []$:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{filter } p (\text{map } f []) \\
= & \quad \{ \text{definition of } \text{map} \} \\
& \text{filter } p [] \\
= & \quad \{ \text{definition of } \text{filter} \} \\
& [] \\
= & \quad \{ \text{definition of } \text{map} \} \\
& \text{map } f [] \\
= & \quad \{ \text{definition of } \text{filter} \} \\
& \text{map } f (\text{filter } (p \cdot f) [])
\end{aligned}$$

Case $xs := x : xs$:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{filter } p (\text{map } f (x : xs)) \\
= & \quad \{ \text{definition of } \text{map} \} \\
& \text{filter } p (f \, x : \text{map } f \, xs) \\
= & \quad \{ \text{definition of } \text{filter} \} \\
& \text{if } p (f \, x) \text{ then } f \, x : \text{filter } p (\text{map } f \, xs) \text{ else } \text{filter } p (\text{map } f \, xs) \\
= & \quad \{ \text{induction hypothesis} \} \\
& \text{if } p (f \, x) \text{ then } f \, x : \text{map } f (\text{filter } (p \cdot f) \, xs) \text{ else } \text{map } f (\text{filter } (p \cdot f) \, xs) \\
= & \quad \{ \text{definition of } \text{map} \} \\
& \text{if } p (f \, x) \text{ then } \text{map } f (x : \text{filter } (p \cdot f) \, xs) \text{ else } \text{map } f (\text{filter } (p \cdot f) \, xs) \\
= & \quad \{ \text{since } f (\text{if } q \text{ then } e_1 \text{ else } e_2) = \text{if } q \text{ then } f \, e_1 \text{ else } f \, e_2 \} \\
& \text{map } f (\text{if } p (f \, x) \text{ then } x : \text{filter } (p \cdot f) \, xs \text{ else } \text{filter } (p \cdot f) \, xs) \\
= & \quad \{ \text{definition of } (\cdot) \} \\
& \text{map } f (\text{if } (p \cdot f) \, x \text{ then } x : \text{filter } (p \cdot f) \, xs \text{ else } \text{filter } (p \cdot f) \, xs) \\
= & \quad \{ \text{definition of } \text{filter} \} \\
& \text{map } f (\text{filter } (p \cdot f) (x : xs))
\end{aligned}$$

4. Reflecting on the law we used in the previous exercise:

$$f \text{ (if } q \text{ then } e_1 \text{ else } e_2) = \text{if } q \text{ then } f e_1 \text{ else } f e_2$$

Can you think of a counterexample to the law above, when we allow the presence of \perp ? What additional constraint shall we impose on f to make the law true?

Solution: Let $f = \text{const } 1$ (where $\text{const } x y = x$), and $q = \perp$. We have:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{const } 1 \text{ (if } \perp \text{ then } e_1 \text{ else } e_2) \\ = & \{ \text{definition of } \text{const} \} \\ & 1 \\ \neq & \perp \\ = & \{ \text{if is strict on the conditional expression} \} \\ & \text{if } \perp \text{ then } f e_1 \text{ else } f e_2 \end{aligned}$$

The rule is restored if f is strict, that is, $f \perp = \perp$.

5. Prove: $\text{take } n \text{ xs} ++ \text{drop } n \text{ xs} = \text{xs}$, for all n and xs .

Solution: By induction on n , then induction on xs .

Case $n := 0$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{take } 0 \text{ xs} ++ \text{drop } 0 \text{ xs} \\ = & \{ \text{definitions of } \text{take} \text{ and } \text{drop} \} \\ & [] ++ \text{xs} \\ = & \{ \text{definition of } (++) \} \\ & \text{xs}. \end{aligned}$$

Case $n := 1_+ n$ and $\text{xs} := []$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{take } (1_+ n) [] ++ \text{drop } (1_+ n) [] \\ = & \{ \text{definitions of } \text{take} \text{ and } \text{drop} \} \\ & [] ++ [] \\ = & \{ \text{definition of } (++) \} \\ & []. \end{aligned}$$

Case $n := 1_+ n$ and $\text{xs} := x : \text{xs}$

$$\text{take } (1_+ n) (x : \text{xs}) ++ \text{drop } (1_+ n) (x : \text{xs})$$

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= { definitions of take and drop }
  (x : take n xs) ++ drop n xs
= { definition of (++) }
  x : take n xs ++ drop n xs
= { induction }
  x : xs.

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6. Define a function $\text{fan} :: a \rightarrow \text{List } a \rightarrow \text{List } (\text{List } a)$ such that $\text{fan } x \text{ } xs$ inserts x into the 0th, 1st... n th positions of xs , where n is the length of xs . For example:

$$\text{fan } 5 \text{ } [1, 2, 3, 4] = [[5, 1, 2, 3, 4], [1, 5, 2, 3, 4], [1, 2, 5, 3, 4], [1, 2, 3, 5, 4], [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]] .$$

Solution:

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fan          :: a → List a → List (List a)
fan x []     = [[x]]
fan x (y : ys) = (x : y : ys) : map (y :) (fan x ys)

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7. Prove: $\text{map } (\text{map } f) \cdot \text{fan } x = \text{fan } (f \text{ } x) \cdot \text{map } f$, for all f and x . **Hint:** you will need the map -fusion law, and to spot that $\text{map } f \cdot (y :) = (f \text{ } y :) \cdot \text{map } f$ (why?).

Solution: This is equivalent to proving that, for all f , x , and xs :

$$\text{map } (\text{map } f) (\text{fan } x \text{ } xs) = \text{fan } (f \text{ } x) (\text{map } f \text{ } xs) .$$

Induction on xs .

Case $xs := []$:

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map (map f) (fan x [])
= { definition of fan }
  map (map f) [[x]]
= { definition of map }
  [[f x]]
= { definition of fan }
  fan (f x) []
= { definition of fan }
  fan (f x) (map f []) .

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Case $xs := y : ys$:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{map } (\text{map } f) (\text{fan } x (y : ys)) \\
= & \quad \{ \text{definition of fan} \} \\
& \text{map } (\text{map } f) ((x : y : ys) : \text{map } (y :) (\text{fan } x ys)) \\
= & \quad \{ \text{definition of map} \} \\
& \text{map } f (x : y : ys) : \text{map } (\text{map } f) (\text{map } (y :) (\text{fan } x ys))) \\
= & \quad \{ \text{map-fusion} \} \\
& \text{map } f (x : y : ys) : \text{map } (\text{map } f \cdot (y :)) (\text{fan } x ys) \\
= & \quad \{ \text{definition of map} \} \\
& \text{map } f (x : y : ys) : \text{map } ((fy :) \cdot \text{map } f) (\text{fan } x ys) \\
= & \quad \{ \text{map-fusion} \} \\
& \text{map } f (x : y : ys) : \text{map } (fy :) (\text{map } (\text{map } f) (\text{fan } x ys)) \\
= & \quad \{ \text{induction} \} \\
& \text{map } f (x : y : ys) : \text{map } (fy :) (\text{fan } (f x) (\text{map } f ys)) \\
= & \quad \{ \text{definition of map} \} \\
& (f x : f y : \text{map } f ys) : \text{map } (fy :) (\text{fan } (f x) (\text{map } f ys)) \\
= & \quad \{ \text{definition of fan} \} \\
& \text{fan } (f x) (f y : \text{map } f ys) \\
= & \quad \{ \text{definition of map} \} \\
& \text{fan } (f x) (\text{map } f (y : ys)) .
\end{aligned}$$

8. Define $\text{perms} :: \text{List } a \rightarrow \text{List } (\text{List } a)$ that returns all permutations of the input list. For example:

$$\text{perms } [1, 2, 3] = [[1, 2, 3], [2, 1, 3], [2, 3, 1], [1, 3, 2], [3, 1, 2], [3, 2, 1]] .$$

You will need several auxiliary functions defined in the lectures and in the exercises.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{perms} & \quad :: \text{List } a \rightarrow \text{List } (\text{List } a) \\
\text{perms } [] & \quad = [[]] \\
\text{perms } (x : xs) & = \text{concat } (\text{map } (\text{fan } x) (\text{perms } xs))
\end{aligned}$$

9. Prove: $\text{map } (\text{map } f) \cdot \text{perm} = \text{perm} \cdot \text{map } f$. You may need previously proved results, as well as a property about concat and map : for all g , we have $\text{map } g \cdot \text{concat} = \text{concat} \cdot \text{map } g$.

Solution: This is equivalent to proving that, for all f and xs :

$$\text{map } (\text{map } f) (\text{perm } xs) = \text{perm } (\text{map } f xs) .$$

Induction on xs .

Case $xs := []$:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{map } (\text{map } f) (\text{perm } []) \\ = & \quad \{ \text{definition of } \text{perm} \} \\ & \text{map } (\text{map } f) [[]] \\ = & \quad \{ \text{definition of } \text{map} \} \\ & [[]] \\ = & \quad \{ \text{definition of } \text{perm} \} \\ & \text{perm } [] \\ = & \quad \{ \text{definition of } \text{map} \} \\ & \text{perm } (\text{map } f []) . \end{aligned}$$

Case $xs := x : xs$:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{map } (\text{map } f) (\text{perm } (x : xs)) \\ = & \quad \{ \text{definition of } \text{perm} \} \\ & \text{map } (\text{map } f) (\text{concat } (\text{map } (\text{fan } x) (\text{perm } xs))) \\ = & \quad \{ \text{since } \text{map } g \cdot \text{concat} = \text{concat} \cdot \text{map } (\text{map } g) \} \\ & \text{concat } (\text{map } (\text{map } (\text{map } f)) (\text{map } (\text{fan } x) (\text{perm } xs))) \\ = & \quad \{ \text{map-fusion} \} \\ & \text{concat } (\text{map } (\text{map } (\text{map } f) \cdot \text{fan } x) (\text{perm } xs)) \\ = & \quad \{ \text{previous exercise} \} \\ & \text{concat } (\text{map } (\text{fan } (f x) \cdot \text{map } f) (\text{perm } xs)) \\ = & \quad \{ \text{map-fusion} \} \\ & \text{concat } (\text{map } (\text{fan } (f x)) (\text{map } (\text{map } f) (\text{perm } xs))) \\ = & \quad \{ \text{induction} \} \\ & \text{concat } (\text{map } (\text{fan } (f x)) (\text{perm } (\text{map } f xs))) \\ = & \quad \{ \text{definition of } \text{perm} \} \\ & \text{perm } (f x : \text{map } f xs) \\ = & \quad \{ \text{definition of } \text{map} \} \\ & \text{perm } (\text{map } f (x : xs)) . \end{aligned}$$

10. Define $\text{inits} :: \text{List } a \rightarrow \text{List } (\text{List } a)$ that returns all prefixes of the input list.

$$\text{inits } \text{"abcde"} = ["", "a", "ab", "abc", "abcd", "abcde"].$$

Hint: the empty list has *one* prefix: the empty list. The solution has been given in the lecture. Please try it again yourself.

Solution:

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inits          :: List a → List (List a)
inits []       = [[]]
inits (x : xs) = [] : map (x :) (inits xs) .

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11. Define $\text{tails} :: \text{List } a \rightarrow \text{List } (\text{List } a)$ that returns all suffixes of the input list.

$\text{tails } \text{"abcde"} = [\text{"abcde"}, \text{"bcde"}, \text{"cde"}, \text{"de"}, \text{"e"}, \text{""}].$

Hint: the empty list has *one* suffix: the empty list. The solution has been given in the lecture. Please try it again yourself.

Solution:

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tails          :: List a → List (List a)
tails []       = [[]]
tails (x : xs) = (x : xs) : tails xs .

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12. The function $\text{splits} :: \text{List } a \rightarrow \text{List } (\text{List } a, \text{List } a)$ returns all the ways a list can be split into two. For example,

$\text{splits } [1, 2, 3, 4] = [([], [1, 2, 3, 4]), ([1], [2, 3, 4]), ([1, 2], [3, 4]),$
 $([1, 2, 3], [4]), ([1, 2, 3, 4], [])]$.

Define splits inductively on the input list. **Hint:** you may find it useful to define, in a **where**-clause, an auxiliary function $f (ys, zs) = \dots$ that matches pairs. Or you may simply use $(\lambda (ys, zs) \rightarrow \dots)$.

Solution:

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splits          :: List a → List (List a, List a)
splits []       = [([], [])]
splits (x : xs) = ([], x : xs) : map cons1 (splits xs) ,
  where cons1 (ys, zs) = (x : ys, zs) .

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If you know how to use λ expressions, you may:

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splits          :: List a → List (List a, List a)
splits []       = [([], [])]
splits (x : xs) = ([], x : xs) : map (\ (ys, zs) → (x : ys, zs)) (splits xs) .

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13. An *interleaving* of two lists xs and ys is a permutation of the elements of both lists such that the members of xs appear in their original order, and so does the members of ys . Define $interleave :: List\ a \rightarrow List\ a \rightarrow List\ (List\ a)$ such that $interleave\ xs\ ys$ is the list of interleaving of xs and ys . For example, $interleave\ [1, 2, 3]\ [4, 5]$ yields:

$[[1, 2, 3, 4, 5], [1, 2, 4, 3, 5], [1, 2, 4, 5, 3], [1, 4, 2, 3, 5], [1, 4, 2, 5, 3],$
 $[1, 4, 5, 2, 3], [4, 1, 2, 3, 5], [4, 1, 2, 5, 3], [4, 1, 5, 2, 3], [4, 5, 1, 2, 3]].$

Solution:

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interleave          :: List a → List a → List (List a)
interleave [] ys    = [ys]
interleave xs []    = [xs]
interleave (x : xs) (y : ys) = map (x :) (interleave xs (y : ys)) ++
                                map (y :) (interleave (x : xs) ys) .
```

14. A list ys is a *sublist* of xs if we can obtain ys by removing zero or more elements from xs . For example, $[2, 4]$ is a sublist of $[1, 2, 3, 4]$, while $[3, 2]$ is *not*. The list of all sublists of $[1, 2, 3]$ is:

$[[], [3], [2], [2, 3], [1], [1, 3], [1, 2], [1, 2, 3]].$

Define a function $sublist :: List\ a \rightarrow List\ (List\ a)$ that computes the list of all sublists of the given list. **Hint:** to form a sublist of xs , each element of xs could either be kept or dropped.

Solution:

```
sublist            :: List a → List (List a)
sublist []         = [[]]
sublist (x : xs) = xss ++ map (x :) xss ,
                    where xss = sublist xs .
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The righthand side could be $sublist\ xs\ ++\ map\ (x\ :) \ (sublist\ xs)$ (but it could be much slower).

15. Consider the following datatype for internally labelled binary trees:

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data Tree a = Null | Node a (Tree a) (Tree a) .
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- (a) Given $(\downarrow) :: Nat \rightarrow Nat \rightarrow Nat$, which yields the smaller one of its arguments, define $minT :: Tree\ Nat \rightarrow Nat$, which computes the minimal element in a tree. (Note: (\downarrow) is actually called *min* in the standard library. In the lecture we use the symbol (\downarrow) to be brief.)

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \min T &:: \text{Tree Nat} \rightarrow \text{Nat} \\ \min T \text{ Null} &= \maxBound \\ \min T (\text{Node } x \ t \ u) &= x \downarrow \min T \ t \downarrow \min T \ u . \end{aligned}$$

- (b) Define $\text{map} T :: (a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow \text{Tree } a \rightarrow \text{Tree } b$, which applies the functional argument to each element in a tree.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{map} T &:: (a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow \text{Tree } a \rightarrow \text{Tree } b \\ \text{map} T \ f \ \text{Null} &= \text{Null} \\ \text{map} T \ f \ (\text{Node } x \ t \ u) &= \text{Node } (f \ x) \ (\text{map} T \ f \ t) \ (\text{map} T \ f \ u) . \end{aligned}$$

- (c) Can you define (\downarrow) inductively on Nat ?

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} (\downarrow) &:: \text{Nat} \rightarrow \text{Nat} \rightarrow \text{Nat} \\ 0 \downarrow n &= 0 \\ (\mathbf{1}_+ m) \downarrow 0 &= 0 \\ (\mathbf{1}_+ m) \downarrow (\mathbf{1}_+ n) &= \mathbf{1}_+ (m \downarrow n) . \end{aligned}$$

- (d) Prove that for all n and t , $\min T (\text{map} T (n+) \ t) = n + \min T \ t$. That is, $\min T \cdot \text{map} T (n+) = (n+) \cdot \min T$.

Solution: Induction on t .

Case $t := \text{Null}$. Omitted.

Case $t := \text{Node } x \ t \ u$.

$$\begin{aligned} &\min T (\text{map} T (n+) (\text{Node } x \ t \ u)) \\ &= \{ \text{definition of } \text{map} T \} \\ &\quad \min T (\text{Node } (n+x) \ (\text{map} T (n+) \ t) \ (\text{map} T (n+) \ u)) \\ &= \{ \text{definition of } \min T \} \\ &\quad (n+x) \downarrow \min T (\text{map} T (n+) \ t) \downarrow \min T (\text{map} T (n+) \ u) \\ &= \{ \text{by induction} \} \\ &\quad (n+x) \downarrow (n + \min T \ t) \downarrow (n + \min T \ u) \\ &= \{ \text{lemma: } (n+x) \downarrow (n+y) = n + (x \downarrow y) \} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& n + (x \downarrow \min T \ t \downarrow \min T \ u) \\
= & \{ \text{definition of } \min T \} \\
& n + \min T (\text{Node } x \ t \ u) .
\end{aligned}$$

The lemma $(n + x) \downarrow (n + y) = n + (x \downarrow y)$ can be proved by induction on n , using inductive definitions of $(+)$ and (\downarrow) .