

Recall the list induction principle to prove a property for finite lists of type a .

$$\begin{aligned} & [P([]) \wedge \\ & \quad \forall x :: a. \forall xs :: [a]. P(xs) \Rightarrow P(x : xs) \\ & \quad \Rightarrow \forall ys :: [a]. P(ys) \end{aligned}$$

Thus, for a property P of lists, to show that $\forall ys :: [a]. P(ys)$ it is enough to show two things:

- i.) $P([])$
- ii.) $\forall x :: a. \forall xs :: [a]. P(xs) \Rightarrow P(x : xs)$

Here are some definitions (note that \perp means loop forever).

$$\begin{aligned} \text{head}(x : xs) &= x \\ \text{head}[] &= \perp \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{last}[x] &= x \\ \text{last}(x : xs) &= \text{last } xs \\ \text{last}[] &= \perp \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{reverse}[] &= [] \\ \text{reverse}(x : xs) &= (\text{reverse } xs) ++ [x] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{map } f [] &= [] \\ \text{map } f (x : xs) &= (f x) : \text{map } f xs \end{aligned}$$

$$(f . g) x = f (g x)$$

Two useful lemmas for problem 3 and 4 are as follows:

$$\text{Lemma 1. } \forall ys, xs :: [a]. xs \neq [] \Rightarrow \text{last}(ys ++ xs) = \text{last } xs$$

$$\text{Lemma 2. } \forall ys, xs :: [a]. xs \neq [] \Rightarrow \text{head}(xs ++ ys) = \text{head } xs$$

One proof technique you also might need for 3 or 4 is case analysis. For any list $xs :: [a]$ you can say $xs = []$ or $xs = y : ys$ for some arbitrary $y : a$ and $ys :: [a]$. This can be captured in a lemma as follows:

$$\text{Lemma 3. } \forall xs :: [a]. xs = [] \vee \exists y :: a, ys :: [a]. xs = (y : ys)$$

Prove the following by finite list induction ¹.

- 1.) $\forall xs :: [a]. \text{map } (\lambda x \rightarrow x) xs = xs$
- 2.) $\forall xs :: [a]. \text{map } (f . g) xs = ((\text{map } f) . (\text{map } g)) xs$
- 3.) $\forall xs :: [a]. \text{head}(\text{reverse } xs) = \text{last } xs$
- 4.) $\forall xs :: [a]. \text{last}(\text{reverse } xs) = \text{head } xs$

¹For problem 2 you can assume $g :: a \rightarrow b$ and $f :: b \rightarrow c$.