

Programming Languages

Practicals 3. Definition and Proof by Induction

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

$$\text{length } (xs ++ ys) = \text{length } xs + \text{length } ys .$$

Solution: Prove by induction on the structure of *xs*.

Case $xs := []$:

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

Case $xs := x : xs$:

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

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*:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Solution:

$fan :: a \rightarrow List\ a \rightarrow List\ (List\ a)$
 $fan\ x\ [] = [[]]$
 $fan\ x\ (y : ys) = (x : y : ys) : map\ (y :) (fan\ x\ ys)$

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

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

$$map\ (map\ f) (fan\ x\ xs) = fan\ (f\ x) (map\ f\ xs) .$$

Induction on xs .

Case $xs := []$:

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

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 :

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

Induction on xs .

Case $xs := []$:

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

Case $xs := x : xs$:

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

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:

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

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:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{tails} & \quad \quad \quad :: \text{List } a \rightarrow \text{List } (\text{List } a) \\ \text{tails } [] & \quad \quad \quad = [[]] \\ \text{tails } (x : xs) & = (x : xs) : \text{tails } xs . \end{aligned}$$

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,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{splits } [1, 2, 3, 4] & = [([], [1, 2, 3, 4]), ([1], [2, 3, 4]), ([1, 2], [3, 4]), \\ & \quad ([1, 2, 3], [4]), ([1, 2, 3, 4], [])] . \end{aligned}$$

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:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{splits} & \quad \quad \quad :: \text{List } a \rightarrow \text{List } (\text{List } a, \text{List } a) \\ \text{splits } [] & \quad \quad \quad = [([], [])] \\ \text{splits } (x : xs) & = ([], x : xs) : \text{map } \text{cons1 } (\text{splits } xs) , \\ & \quad \text{where } \text{cons1 } (ys, zs) = (x : ys, zs) . \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \text{splits} & \quad \quad \quad :: \text{List } a \rightarrow \text{List } (\text{List } a, \text{List } a) \\ \text{splits } [] & \quad \quad \quad = [([], [])] \\ \text{splits } (x : xs) & = ([], x : xs) : \text{map } (\lambda (ys, zs) \rightarrow (x : ys, zs)) (\text{splits } xs) . \end{aligned}$$

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 interleavings 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:

$$\begin{aligned} interleave &:: List\ a \rightarrow List\ a \rightarrow List\ (List\ a) \\ interleave\ []\ ys &= [ys] \\ interleave\ xs\ [] &= [xs] \\ interleave\ (x : xs)\ (y : ys) &= map\ (x :) (interleave\ xs\ (y : ys)) ++ \\ &\quad map\ (y :) (interleave\ (x : xs)\ ys) . \end{aligned}$$

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:

$$\begin{aligned} sublist &:: List\ a \rightarrow List\ (List\ a) \\ sublist\ [] &= [[]] \\ sublist\ (x : xs) &= xss ++ map\ (x :) xss , \\ &\quad \text{where } xss = sublist\ xs . \end{aligned}$$

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:

$$\text{data } Tree\ a = Null | Node\ a\ (Tree\ a)\ (Tree\ a) .$$

- (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.)

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

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