

Chapter 6 roadmap:

- ▶ Recursive definitions and types (Monday)
- ▶ Structural induction (**Today**)
- ▶ Mathematical induction (Friday)
- ▶ Loop invariant proofs (next week Monday and Wednesday)

Last time we saw

- ▶ A recursive definition of whole numbers
- ▶ A recursive definition of trees, particularly *full binary trees*; a full binary tree is either
 - ▶ a leaf, or
 - ▶ an internal node together with two children which are full binary trees.

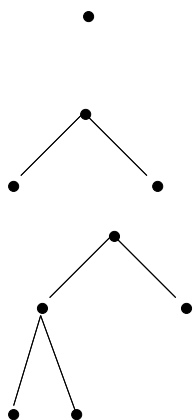
Today we see

- ▶ Self-referential proofs

Tree

Nodes

Links



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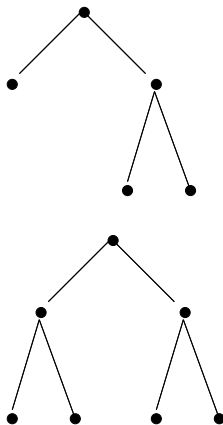
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Tree

Nodes

Links



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While building bigger trees from smaller trees, *the number of nodes is (and remains) one more than the number of links.* (Invariant)

Theorem 6.1 *For any full binary tree T , $\text{nodes}(T) = \text{links}(T) + 1$.*

Let \mathcal{T} be the set of full binary trees. Then, we're saying

$$\forall T \in \mathcal{T}, \text{nodes}(T) = \text{links}(T) + 1$$

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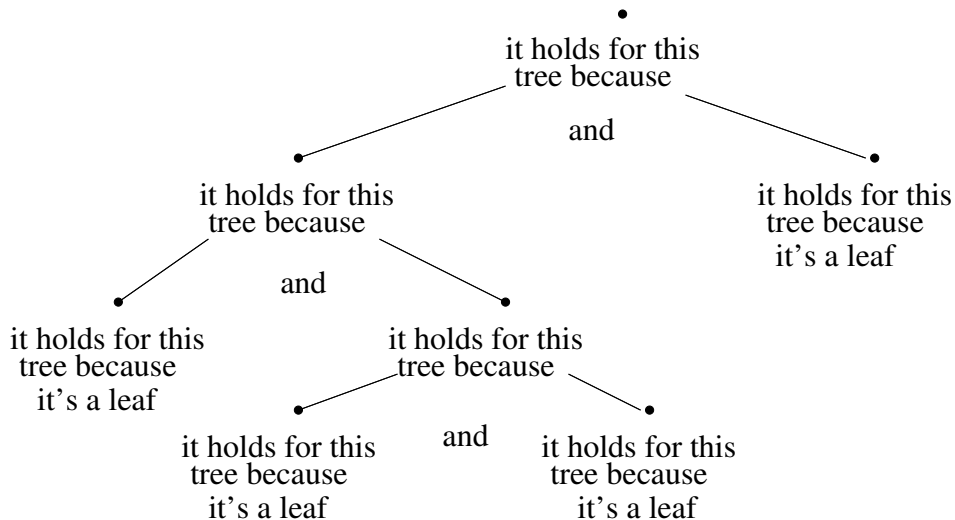
Proof. Suppose $T \in \mathcal{T}$. [What is a tree? the definition says it's either a leaf or an internal with two subtrees. We can use division into cases.]

Case 1. Suppose T is a leaf. Then, by how nodes and links are defined, $\text{nodes}(T) = 1$ and $\text{links}(T) = 0$. Hence $\text{nodes}(T) = \text{links}(T) + 1$.

Case 2. Suppose T is an internal node with links to subtrees T_1 and T_2 . Moreover, by how nodes and links are defined, $\text{links}(T) = \text{links}(T_1) + \text{links}(T_2) + 2$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{nodes}(T) &= 1 + \text{nodes}(T_1) + \text{nodes}(T_2) && \text{by the definition of nodes} \\ &= 1 + \text{links}(T_1) + 1 + \text{links}(T_2) + 1 && \text{by Theorem 6.1} \\ &= \text{links}(T_1) + \text{links}(T_2) + 2 + 1 && \text{by algebra} \\ &= \text{links}(T) + 1 && \text{by substitution} \end{aligned}$$

Either way, $\text{nodes}(T) = \text{links}(T) + 1$. \square



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Proof. Suppose $T \in \mathcal{T}$.

Base case. Suppose T is a leaf. Then, by how nodes and links are defined, $\text{nodes}(T) = 1$ and $\text{links}(T) = 0$. Hence $\text{nodes}(T) = \text{links}(T) + 1$.

Inductive case Suppose T is an internal node with links to subtrees T_1 and T_2 such that $\text{nodes}(T_1) = \text{links}(T_1) + 1$ and $\text{nodes}(T_2) = \text{links}(T_2) + 1$. Moreover, by how nodes and links are defined, $\text{links}(T) = \text{links}(T_1) + \text{links}(T_2) + 2$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{nodes}(T) &= 1 + \text{nodes}(T_1) + \text{nodes}(T_2) && \text{by the definition of nodes} \\ &= 1 + \text{links}(T_1) + 1 + \text{links}(T_2) + 1 && \text{by the inductive hypothesis} \\ &= \text{links}(T_1) + \text{links}(T_2) + 2 + 1 && \text{by algebra} \\ &= \text{links}(T) + 1 && \text{by substitution} \end{aligned}$$

Either way, $\text{nodes}(T) = \text{links}(T) + 1$. \square

Let X be a recursively defined set, and let $\{Y, Z\}$ be a partition of X , where Y is defined by a simple set of elements $Y = \{y_1, y_2, \dots\}$ and Z is defined by a recursive rule.

Examples:

- ▶ X is the set of lists, $Y = \{\square\}$, and $Z = \{a :: \text{rest} \mid \text{rest} \in X\}$
- ▶ $X = \mathbb{W}$, $Y = \{0\}$, and $Z = \{\text{succ}(n) \mid n \in \mathbb{W}\}$
- ▶ $X = \mathcal{T}$, Y is the set of leaves, and Z is the set of internal nodes with children $T_1, T_2 \in \mathcal{T}$.

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To prove something in the form of $\forall x \in X, I(x)$, do this:

Base case: Suppose $x \in Y$.

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$I(x)$

Inductive case: Suppose $x \in Z$. *[Using x and the definition of Z , find components $a, b, \dots \in X$.]*

Suppose $I(a), I(b), \dots$ *[The **inductive hypothesis**]*

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Use the inductive hypothesis

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$I(x) \square$

For next time:

See **Schoology** for homework problems, based on problems from Section 6.4.

Skim 6.(5 & 6)

Take quiz