

# Self Reference: Recursive Types

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**Reminder:** Project prototype due Apr 13

Chapter 6 in context:

- ▶ Chapter 5 Relations: Builds on proofs about sets
- ▶ Chapter 6 Self Reference: Interlude between Chapters 5 and 7, focuses on recursive thinking
- ▶ Chapter 7 Function: Builds on proofs about relations

Chapter 6 outline:

- ▶ Recursive definitions, recursive types (Apr 1)
- ▶ Recursive proofs I: Structural induction (Apr 3)
- ▶ Recursive proofs II: Mathematical induction (Apr 6)
- ▶ Math induction applied: Loop invariants (Apr 8 & 13)

### Axiom 7

*There exists a whole number 0.*

### Axiom 8

*Every whole number  $n$  has a successor,  $\text{succ } n$ .*

### Axiom 9

*No whole number has 0 as its successor.*

### Axiom 10

*If  $a, b \in \mathbb{W}$ , then  $a = b$  iff  $\text{succ } a = \text{succ } b$ .*

*A whole number is either zero or one more than another whole number.*

Compare to:

*A list is either empty or an element together with its following list.*

5 is a whole number because

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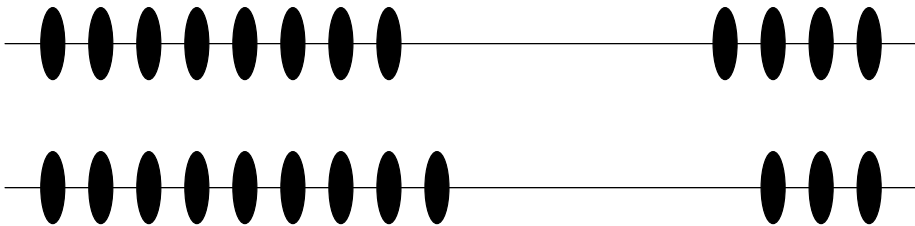
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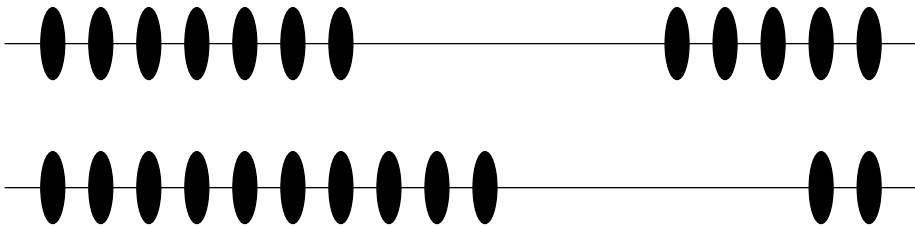
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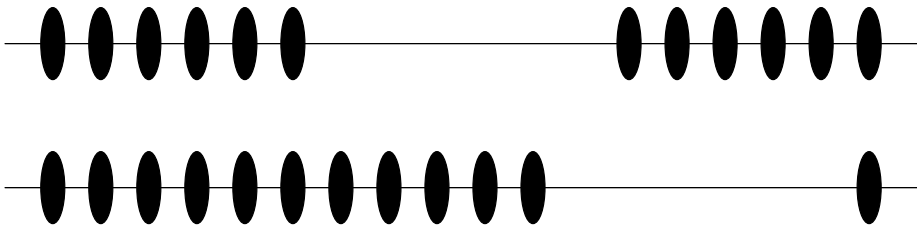
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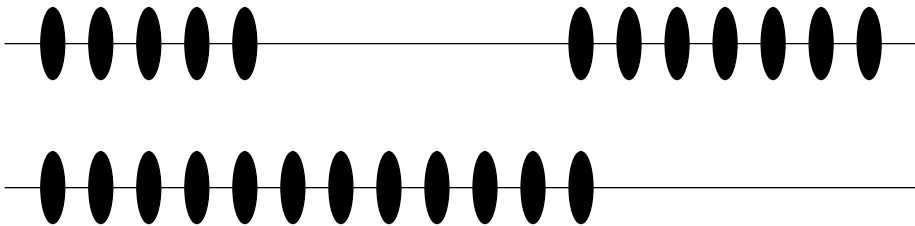


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1, which is a whole number because it is the successor of  
0, which is a whole number by Axiom 7.









Lemmas for addition:

- ▶  $0 + b = b$
- ▶  $a + 0 = a$
- ▶  $a + b = (a + 1) + (b - 1)$

Lemmas for subtraction:

- ▶  $a - 0 = a$
- ▶  $a - b = (a - 1) - (b - 1)$

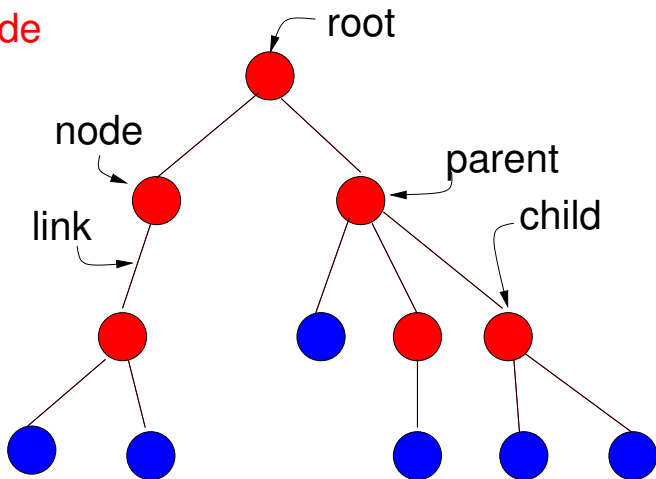
Lemmas for multiplication:

- ▶  $a \cdot 0 = 0$
- ▶  $0 \cdot b = 0$
- ▶  $a \cdot 1 = a$
- ▶  $a \cdot b = a + (a \cdot (b - 1))$

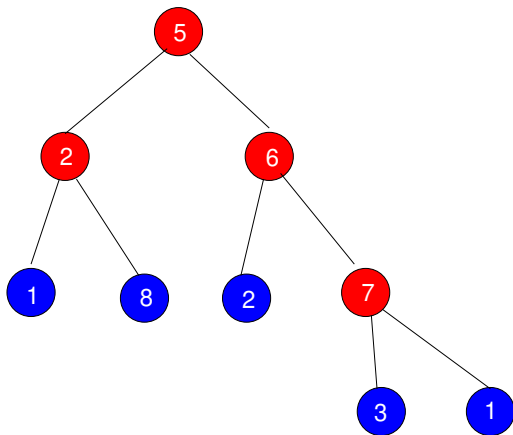
# Tree

internal node

leaf



# Full Binary Tree





Expression trees:

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datatype operation = Plus | Minus | Mul | Div;  
datatype expression = Internal of operation * expression * expression  
                    | Leaf of int;
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$((5 - 7) * ((3 + 2) / 8))$

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val exprExample = Internal(Mul, Internal(Minus, Leaf(5), Leaf(7)),  
                           Internal(Div,  
                                   Internal(Plus, Leaf(3),  
                                           Leaf(2)),  
                                   Leaf(8)));
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