CS 3110

Induction and Recursion

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Today's music: *Dream within a Dream*
from the soundtrack to *Inception* by Hans Zimmer

Review

Previously in 3110:

- Behavioral equivalence
- Proofs of correctness by induction on naturals

Today:

- Induction on lists
- Induction on trees

Review: Induction on natural numbers

```
Theorem:
for all natural numbers n, P(n).

Proof: by induction on n

Case:  n = 0
Show:  P(0)

Case:  n = k+1
IH:    P(k)
Show:  P(k+1)

QED
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Induction principle

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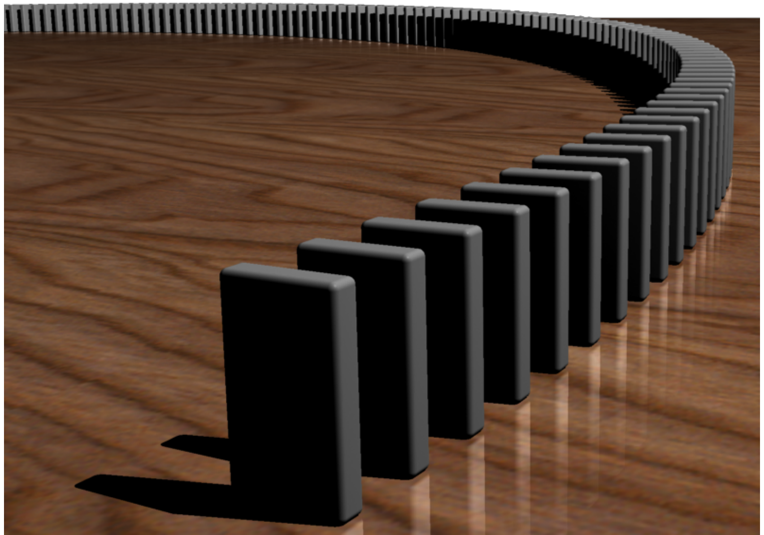

Induction principle

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for all properties P of lists,
  if P([])
  and (for all x and xs,
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  then (for all xs, P(xs))
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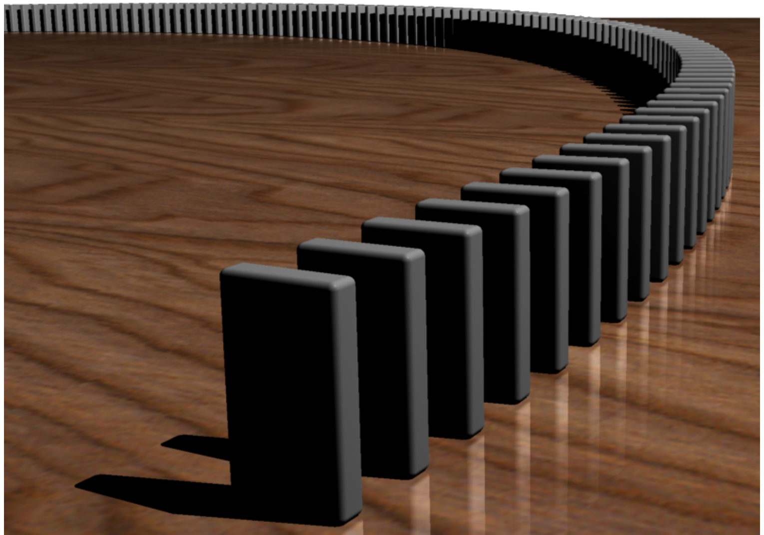

Induction on lists

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Theorem:
for all lists lst, P(lst).

Proof: by induction on lst

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Show:  P([])

Case:  n = h::t
IH:    P(t)
Show:  P(h::t)

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Append

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  | [] -> 0
  | _::xs -> 1 + length xs

let rec append xs1 xs2 = match xs1 with
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  length (append [] ys)
~ length ys                   (eval)
~ 0 + length ys               (math)
~ length [] + length ys       (eval,symm.)
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IH:    ??
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IH:    for all ys, length (append t ys)
                   ~ length t + length ys


  length (append (h::t) ys)
~ length (h :: append t ys)      (eval)
~ 1 + length (append t ys)       (eval)
~ 1 + length t + length ys       (IH,congr.)
~ length (h::t) + length ys      (eval,symm., [illegible])

QED
```

From now on, omit many uses of symm., trans., congr.

Higher-order functions

Proofs about higher-order functions sometimes need an additional axiom:

Extensionality:

if (for all `x`, `(f x) ~ (g x)`)

then `f ~ g`

Compose

```
let (@@) f g x = f (g x)
let map = List.map

Theorem:
for all functions f and g,
  (map f) @@ (map g) ~ map (f @@ g).

Proof:
By extensionality, we need to show that for all xs,
  ((map f) @@ (map g)) xs ~ map (f @@ g) xs.
By eval, ((map f) @@ (map g)) xs ~ map f (map g xs).
So by transitivity, it suffices to show that
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Show:  map f (map g xs) ~ map (f @@ g) xs.

Proof: by induction on xs

Case: xs = []
Show: map f (map g []) ~ map (f @@ g) []

  map f (map g [])
~ []                          (eval)
~ map (f @@ g) []             (eval)
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Show: map f (map g (h::t)) ~ map (f @@ g)
IH:   map f (map g t) ~ map (f @@ g) t

 map f (map g (h::t))
~ map f ((g h)::map g t)            (eval map)
~ (f (g h))::map f (map g t)        (eval map)
~ ((f @@ g) h)::map f (map g t)     (eval @@)
~ ((f @@ g) h)::map (f @@ g) t      (IH)
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Helpful to identify what is being evaluated

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  map f (map g xs) ~ map (f @@ g) xs.  We have.
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Comment: this theorem would be the basis for a nice compiler optimization in a pure language. Replace an operation that processes list twice with an operation that processes list only once.

Trees

```
type 'a tree =
   | Leaf
   | Branch of 'a * 'a tree * 'a tree

let rec reflect = function
   | Leaf -> Leaf
   | Branch(x,l,r) -> Branch(x, reflect r, reflect l)
```

Trees

```
reflection of
               1
             /   \
            2     3
           / \   / \
          4   5 6   7
is
               1
             /   \
            3     2
           / \   / \
          7   6 5   4
```

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Proof:  by induction on t.
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  if P(Leaf)
  and (for all x and l and r,
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```

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Case: t = Leaf
Show: reflect(reflect Leaf) ~ Leaf

  reflect(reflect Leaf)
~ Leaf                        (eval)
```

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```

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Proof:  by induction on t.

Case: t = Branch(x,l,r)
Show:
  reflect(reflect(Branch(x,l,r))) ~ Branch(x,l,r)
IH:  ???
```

Question

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IH:
  1. reflect(reflect l) ~ l
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~ reflect(Branch(x, reflect r, reflect l))          (eval)
~ Branch(x, reflect(reflect l), reflect(reflect r)) (eval)
~ Branch(x, l, reflect(reflect r))                  (IH 1)
~ Branch(x, l, r)                                   (IH 2)

QED
```

Inductive proofs on variants

```
type t = C1 of t1 | ... | Cn of tn

Theorem:  for all x:t, P(x)
Proof:    by induction on x

...

Case:  x = Ci y
IH:    P(v) for any components v:t of y
Show:  P(Ci y)

...

QED
```

General induction principle

```
for all properties P of t,
  if
    (for all Ci,
      (for all y,
        (for all components z:t of y, P(z))
        implies P(Ci y)))
  then
    (for all t, P(t))
```

Naturals

```
(* unary representation *)
type nat = Z | S of nat
```

```
Theorem:
  for all n:nat, P(n)
Proof:  by induction on n

Case:   n = Z
Show:   P(Z)

Case:   n = S k
IH:     P(k)
Show:   P(S k)

QED
```

```
Theorem:
  for all naturals n, P(n)
Proof:  by induction on n

Case:   n = 0
Show:   P(0)

Case:   x = k+1
IH:     P(k)
Show:   P(k+1)

QED
```

Induction

- The kind of induction we've done today is called **structural induction**
  - Induct on the *structure* of a data type
  - Widely used in programming languages theory
- When naturals are coded up as variants, **weak induction** becomes structural induction
- Both structural induction and weak induction (and strong induction) are instances of a very general kind of induction called **well-founded induction**
  - see CS 4110

Induction and recursion

- Intense similarity between inductive proofs and recursive functions on variants
  - In proofs: one case per constructor
  - In functions: one pattern-matching branch per constructor
  - In proofs: uses IH on "smaller" value
  - In functions: uses recursive call on "smaller" value

- Inductive proofs truly are a kind of recursive programming (see *Curry-Howard isomorphism*, CS 4110)

Upcoming events

- [next Thursday] A5 due, including Async and design phase of project

This is inductive.

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