

# Proof Terminology

\* Proposition — a statement which is either true or false

- $1 + 1 = 2$  true
- $1 + 1 = 3$  false
- (Function  $a \rightarrow a - 1$ )  $4 \Rightarrow 3$  true
- $4 \nRightarrow$  false
- $\emptyset \vdash a : \text{Int}$  false

\* Proof — a logical demonstration of truth of a proposition  
every step follows directly from things that we assume or know from prev. steps

\* Proof tree — a tree-shaped proof based on inference rules



# Induction

1. Define proposition function:  $P(n) \equiv$  (some proposition)
  2. Prove  $P(0)$ .
  3. Prove that, given  $P(n)$  for any  $n$ ,  $P(n+1)$  is true.
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Propose: sum lst will evaluate to the sum of all numbers in lst.

1. Let  $P(n) \equiv$  "sum lst will evaluate to the sum of all numbers in lst when lst has length  $n$ ."

2. Prove  $P(0)$ ; that is: prove sum lst will evaluate to the sum of all numbers in lst when lst is empty.

If  $lst = []$ , then sum lst will evaluate to 0 (by the semantics of match). 0 is the additive identity and so is the sum of no numbers.

3. Prove that  $P(n)$  implies  $P(n+1)$ .

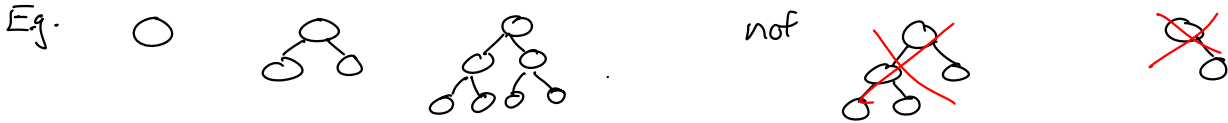
Want to show that sum lst evaluates to the sum of all numbers in lst when lst has length  $n+1$ . We know that  $n+1 > 0$  (as  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ). So lst is not empty. So the function will evaluate "h + sum t" and return the result.

By inductive hypothesis, "sum t" evaluates to the sum of all numbers in t. So "h + sum t" evaluates to the sum of all numbers in "h::t". Since  $h::t = lst$ , we are finished.

□  
QED

# Binary Trees

A "perfect" binary tree is either empty, a singleton, or has two children which are perfect binary trees of the same height.



$$h(\emptyset) = 1 \quad h(\circ) = 0 \quad h(x) = -1$$

The number of nodes in a perfect binary tree of height  $h$  is  $2^{h+1} - 1$ .

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By induction on the height  $h$  of the PBT. We have three cases:

- x 1. The tree is empty. Empty trees have 0 nodes.  $0 = 2^{-1+1} - 1 = 2^0 - 1 = 1 - 1 = 0$
- o 2. The tree is a singleton. Singleton trees have 1 node.  $1 = 2^{0+1} - 1 = 2 - 1 = 1$



- 3. The tree has two children of equal height which are PBTs.

Let the children be named A and B. By defn of "height", at least one child has height  $h-1$ . Because this is a PBT, both A and B have height  $h-1$ .

By inductive hypothesis, each of A and B have  $2^h - 1$  nodes. Together, they have  $2^{h+1} - 2$  nodes. With the root, we have  $2^{h+1} - 1$  nodes. □

Strong Induction:

$$* P(0)$$

$$* P(0) \wedge P(1) \wedge \dots \wedge P(n) \text{ implies } P(n+1)$$

BOOL

$$e ::= v \mid e \text{ And } e \mid e \text{ Or } e \mid \text{Not } e$$

$$v ::= \text{True} \mid \text{False}$$

"BOOL is normalizing."

Normalizing:  $\forall e \exists v. e \Rightarrow v$

Proof

By induction on the height of  $e$ .

True  
False

If  $e$  has height 0, then  $e$  is a value  $v$ . By the Value rule,  $v \Rightarrow v$  so  $e \Rightarrow v$ .

If  $e$  has height  $> 0$ , then  $e$  is of one of the forms  $e_1 \text{ And } e_2$ ,  $e_1 \text{ Or } e_2$ , or  $\text{Not } e_1$ .

We have three cases.

If  $e = e_1 \text{ And } e_2$ : observe  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  have height less than  $e$ . So by induction  $e_1 \Rightarrow v_1$  and  $e_2 \Rightarrow v_2$  for some  $v_1$  and  $v_2$ . All pairs of  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  have a defined logical conjunction. So by the And rule,  $e \Rightarrow v$ .



$$\text{And} \frac{e_1 \Rightarrow v_1 \quad e_2 \Rightarrow v_2}{e_1 \text{ And } e_2 \Rightarrow v}$$

$v$  is the logical conjunction of  $v_1$  and  $v_2$