

Logic and Mechanized Reasoning

Introduction, Induction, and Invariants

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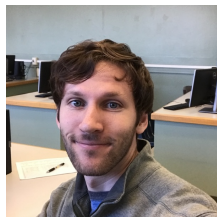
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Homework on gradescope

- ▶ Assignments each Wednesday and due a week later
- ▶ Obtain and submit homework on Gradescope
- ▶ One day late policy, penalty 3 points (10%)
- ▶ Email us if you didn't receive an invitation

Grading

- ▶ Homework 40% (10 times 30 points)
- ▶ Exams 60% (3 times 150 points)

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Jeremy: Tuesdays at 10-11am

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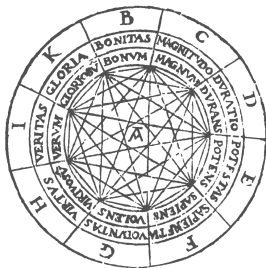
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Tika: Wednesdays at 2-3pm

Alex: Mondays at 4-5pm

What time would you prefer?

Introduction: Ramon Lull, a 13th Century Monk



Three fundamental ideas in the work of Ramon Lull

1. Use symbols or tokens to stand for ideas or concepts
2. Compound ideas and concepts are formed by putting together simpler ones
3. Mechanical devices can serve as aids to reasoning

Introduction: Gottfried Leibniz

Leibniz about a calculus for reasoning:

If controversies were to arise, there would be no more need of disputation between two philosophers than between two calculators. For it would suffice for them to take their pencils in their hands and to sit down at the abacus, and say to each other (and if they so wish also to a friend called to help): Let us calculate.

Calcuemus! has become a motto of computer scientists and computationally-minded mathematicians today.

Introduction: Kurt Gödel

In 1931, Kurt Gödel wrote:

The development of mathematics towards greater precision has led, as is well known, to the formalization of large tracts of it, so that one can prove any theorem using nothing but a few mechanical rules.

“Mechanical” predates the modern computer by a decade

Today we have a million-line mathematical library in Lean

Introduction: Course Overview

- ▶ **Theory** We will teach you the syntax and semantics of propositional and first-order logic. The goal is to teach you to think about and talk about logic in a mathematically rigorous way.
- ▶ **Implementation** We will teach you how to implement logical syntax in a functional programming language called **Lean**. We will also teach you how to carry out fundamental operations and transformations on these objects.
- ▶ **Application** We will show you how to use logic-based automated reasoning tools to solve interesting and difficult problems.

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Induction Examples: Sum of Natural Numbers

Theorem

For every natural number n , $\sum_{i \leq n} i = n(n + 1)/2$

Proof by induction.

In the base case, we have $\sum_{i \leq 0} i = 0 = 0(0 + 1)/2$

In the inductive case, assuming $\sum_{i \leq n} i = n(n + 1)/2$

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{i \leq n+1} i &= \sum_{i \leq n} i + (n + 1) \\ &= n(n + 1)/2 + 2(n + 1)/2 \\ &= (n + 1)(n + 2)/2\end{aligned}$$



Induction Examples: Recursion

A close companion to induction is the principle of **recursion**

$$\begin{aligned}g(0) &= 1 \\g(n+1) &= (n+1)g(n)\end{aligned}$$

The function $g(n)$ is equivalent to factorial: $n!$

Induction Examples: Factorial Example

Theorem

$$\sum_{i \leq n} i \cdot i! = (n + 1)! - 1$$

Proof by induction.

The base case is easy. Assuming the claim holds for n

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i \leq n+1} i \cdot i! &= \sum_{i \leq n} i \cdot i! + (n + 1) \cdot (n + 1)! \\ &= (n + 1)! + (n + 1) \cdot (n + 1)! - 1 \\ &= (n + 1)! \cdot (1 + (n + 1)) - 1 \\ &= (n + 2)! - 1 \end{aligned}$$



Induction Examples: General Recursion I

In general, we can define a function recursively as long as some well-founded measure on the arguments decreases.

Example (Greatest common divisor)

$$\text{gcd}(x, y) = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } y = 0 \\ \text{gcd}(y, \text{mod}(x, y)) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{gcd}(21, 15) \Rightarrow \text{gcd}(15, 6) \Rightarrow \text{gcd}(6, 3) \Rightarrow \text{gcd}(3, 0) \Rightarrow 3$$

Question: What decreases in the recursive call?

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Homework: using the above definition, show that for every nonnegative x and y , there are integers a and b such that $\gcd(x, y) = ax + by$.

E.g. $\gcd(21, 15) = -2 \cdot 21 + 3 \cdot 15$

Hint: You can prove the claim as stated, assuming that it is true for any smaller value of y and any x at all.

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Can we also define datastructures in a similar way?

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The list of natural numbers $[1, 2, 3]$ would be written as $cons(1, cons(2, cons(3, nil)))$ or $1 :: (2 :: (3 :: []))$

Structural Induction: Append

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Observe that *append1*(ℓ, a) equals $\ell \ ++ \ [a]$

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We can assign any complexity measure to a data type, and do induction on complexity, as long as the measure is well founded.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathit{length}([]) &= 0 \\ \mathit{length}(a :: \ell) &= \mathit{length}(\ell) + 1 \end{aligned}$$

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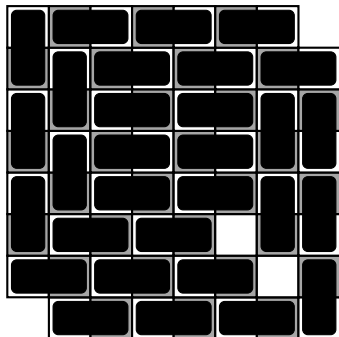
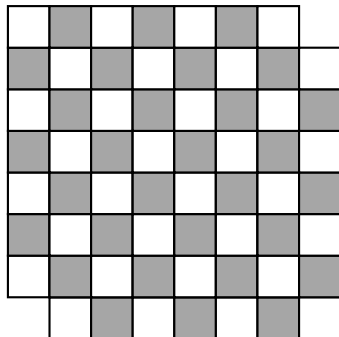
Induction Examples

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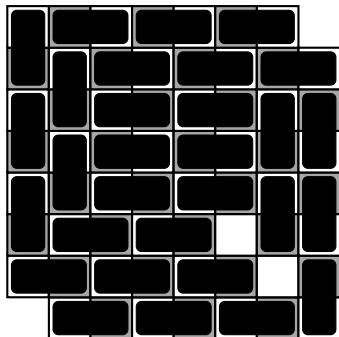
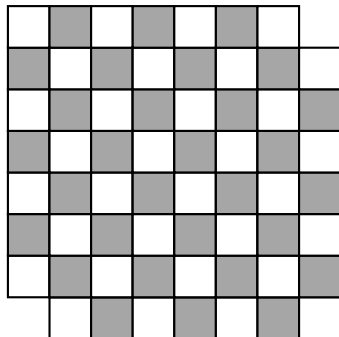
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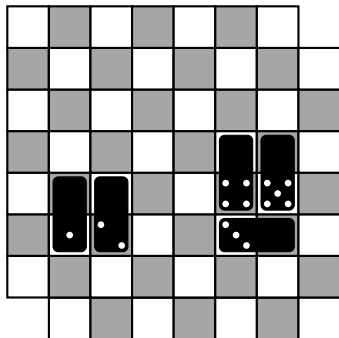
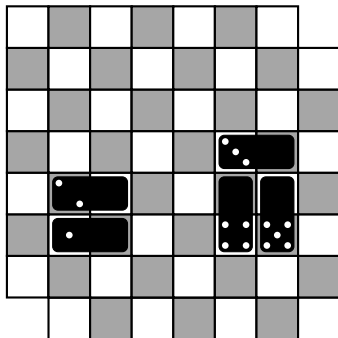
Easy to refute based on the following two observations:

- ▶ There are more white squares than black squares; and
- ▶ A domino covers exactly one white and one black square.

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The chessboard pattern invariant is hard to find

Mechanized reasoning can find alternative invariants



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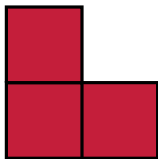
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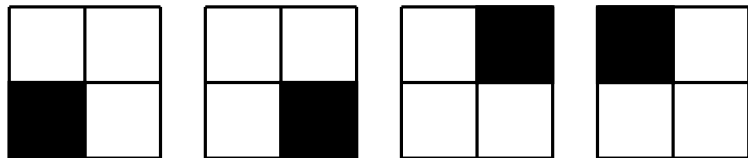
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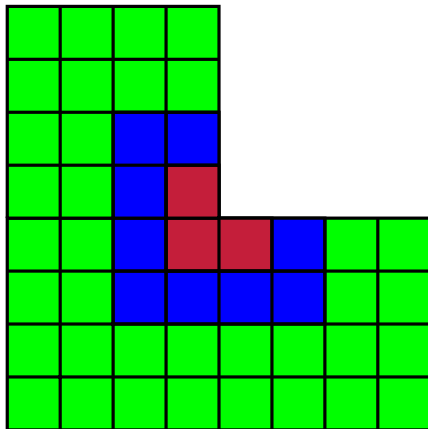
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All cases are isomorphic. A tromino covers the remaining grid.



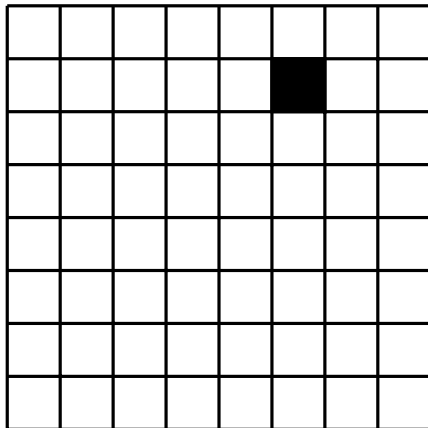
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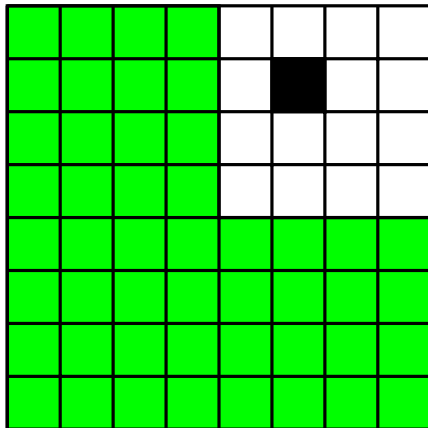
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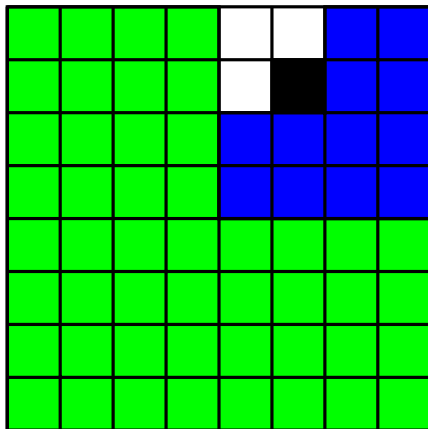
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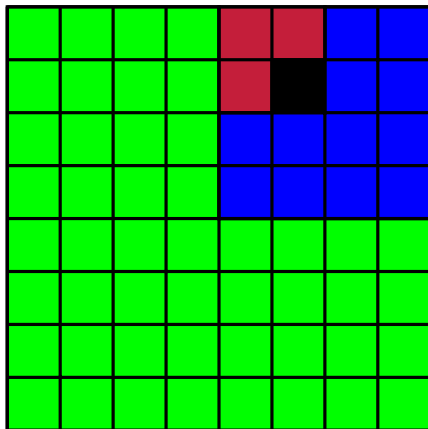
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Invariants: Loop Invariants

Invariants are not restricted to recursive definitions. Imperative code frequently has invariants and they can be crucial to prove correctness.

Example (Loop invariant)

```
int j = 9;
for (int i=0; i<10; i++)
    j--;
```

The code above has the loop invariant $i + j == 9$