

# Concepts in Programming Languages

## Recitation 1: Inductive Definitions

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# Concepts in Programming Languages

- Concepts in modern programming languages:
  - Design
  - Implementation
  - Applications in various programming languages
- Today: **Inductive definitions**
  - Syntax, semantics, types, ...

# (1) Inductively Defined Set

- N: the set of natural numbers
- Context-free grammar (CFG)
  - Tokens (terminals): S,(,),0.  
Non-terminal: N.
  - Notation 1 – production rules:  
 $N \rightarrow 0$   
 $N \rightarrow S(N)$
  - Notation 2 – Backus-Naur Form (BNF):  
 $N ::= 0 \mid S(N)$

# (1) Inductively Defined Set

- $\mathbb{N}$ : the set of natural numbers
- Context-free grammar (CFG)
  - Notation 3 – derivation/proof rules:

$$\text{zero}_{\mathbb{N}} \frac{}{0 \in \mathbb{N}}$$

$$\text{succ}_{\mathbb{N}} \frac{x \in \mathbb{N}}{S(x) \in \mathbb{N}}$$

- The set is defined to be the **least** set that is **closed** under the rules
  - Whichever notation used

## (2) Inductive proofs

- $M ::= 0 \mid S(0) \mid S(S(M))$
- Equivalently, as derivation rules:

$$\text{zero}_M \frac{}{0 \in M}$$

$$\text{one}_M \frac{}{S(0) \in M}$$

$$\text{succ}_M \frac{x \in M}{S(S(x)) \in M}$$

- **Claim**:  $N=M$ 
  - Equality between sets of syntactical objects

## (2) Inductive proofs

- $M \subseteq N$ :
- Prove  $\forall x \in M. x \in N$   
**by induction over the derivation of  $x$  in  $M$**

- Base case – axioms:

–  $x$  derived by  $\mathbf{zero}_M$ . Then  $x=0$ .  
 To show  $x \in N$ :

$$\mathbf{zero}_N \frac{}{0 \in N}$$

–  $x$  derived by  $\mathbf{one}_M$ . Then  $x=S(0)$ .  
 To show  $x \in N$ :

$$\mathbf{succ}_N \frac{\mathbf{zero}_N \frac{}{0 \in N}}{S(0) \in N}$$

- Step – rules:

–  $x$  derived by  $\mathbf{succ}_M$ . So there exists  $y$ :

$x$  →

$$\mathbf{succ}_M \frac{y \in M}{S(S(y)) \in M}$$

By the **induction hypothesis**,  $y \in N$ .  
 To show  $x \in N$ :

$$\mathbf{succ}_N \frac{\mathbf{succ}_N \frac{y \in N}{S(y) \in N}}{S(S(y)) \in N}$$

## (2) Inductive proofs

- $N \subseteq M$ :
- Prove  $\forall x \in N. x \in M$   
by induction over the derivation of  $x$  in  $N$   
(also say “by structural induction over  $x$ ”)
- **Fails!**
- Induction step: 

$\text{succ}_N \frac{x \in N}{S(x) \in N}$
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- By the induction hypothesis,  $x \in M$
- Now what?
  - Can derive  $S(S(x))$ , but not  $S(x)$ !
- Need to **strengthen** inductive argument



## (2) Inductive proofs

- $N \subseteq M$ :
- Prove  $\forall x \in N. x \in M \wedge S(x) \in M$   
by induction over the derivation of  $x$  in  $N$
- Base case – axioms:
  - $\text{zero}_N. 0 \in M$  by  $\text{zero}_M. S(0) \in M$  by  $\text{one}_M$

- Step – rules:

–  $\text{succ}_N. x=S(y)$ : 
$$\text{succ}_N \frac{y \in N}{S(y) \in N}$$

By the induction hypothesis,  $y \in M$  and  $S(y) \in M$

$x \in M$

$$S(y) \in M$$

$S(x) \in M$

$$\text{succ}_M \frac{y \in M}{S(S(y)) \in M}$$

## (2) Inductive proofs

- $N \subseteq M$ , alternative description:
- $\forall x \in N. x \in M$  by induction over the **derivation tree** of  $x$  in  $N$
- Base case – tree of depth 1:
  - $\text{zero}_N. 0 \in M$  by  $\text{zero}_M$ .
- Step:
  - Last rule was  $\text{succ}_N$
  - Need to show  $S(y) \in M$
  - Split to cases on previous rule in the tree

$$\text{zero}_N \frac{}{0 \in N}$$

$$\text{succ}_N \frac{? \frac{\dots}{y \in N}}{S(y) \in N}$$

## (2) Inductive proofs

- $\forall x \in N. x \in M$  by induction over the depth of the **derivation tree**
- Step: Last rule was **succ<sub>N</sub>**. Split to cases on previous rule:
  - If **?** = **zero<sub>N</sub>**,  $y=0$  and  $S(y)=S(0)$ , need to prove  $S(0) \in M$ : follows by **one<sub>M</sub>**

$$\boxed{\begin{array}{c} \dots \\ \dots \\ \text{?} \frac{\dots}{y \in N} \\ \text{succ}_N \frac{\dots}{S(y) \in N} \end{array}}$$

## (2) Inductive proofs

- $\forall x \in N. x \in M$  by induction over the depth of the **derivation tree**
- Step: Last rule was **succ<sub>N</sub>**. Split to cases on previous rule:
  - If **?** = **zero<sub>N</sub>**,  $y=0$  and  $S(y)=S(0)$ , need to prove  $S(0) \in M$ : follows by **one<sub>M</sub>**
  - If **?** = **succ<sub>N</sub>**,  $y=S(z)$  with  $z \in N$ .

By the induction hypothesis,  $z \in M$ .

Now apply **succ<sub>M</sub>** to obtain  $x=S(S(z)) \in M$ .

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \dots \\
 z \in N \\
 \hline
 \text{succ}_N \\
 y \in N \\
 \hline
 \text{succ}_N \quad S(y) \in N
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \dots \\
 z \in M \\
 \hline
 \text{succ}_M \quad S(S(z)) \in M
 \end{array}$$

# (3) Syntax: Arithmetic Expressions

- $E ::= n \mid E+E \mid E * E \mid (E)$
- Equivalently:

1. 
$$\frac{}{n \in E}$$

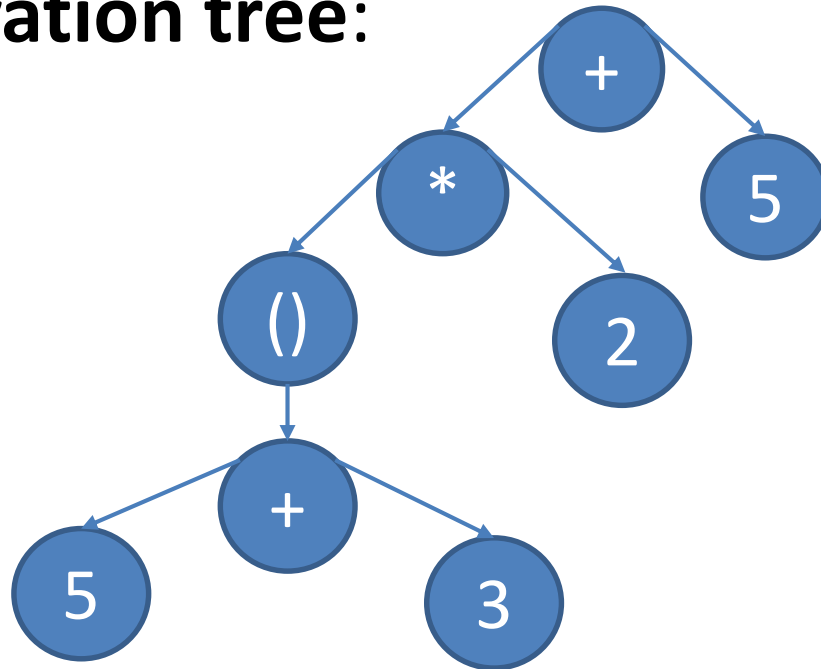
2. 
$$\frac{e_1 \in E \quad e_2 \in E}{e_1 + e_2 \in E}$$

3. 
$$\frac{e_1 \in E \quad e_2 \in E}{e_1 * e_2 \in E}$$

4. 
$$\frac{e \in E}{(e) \in E}$$

# (3) Syntax: Arithmetic Expressions

- $E ::= n \mid E+E \mid E * E \mid (E)$
- Claim:  $(5+3)*2+5 \in E$
- Proof: By a **derivation tree**:



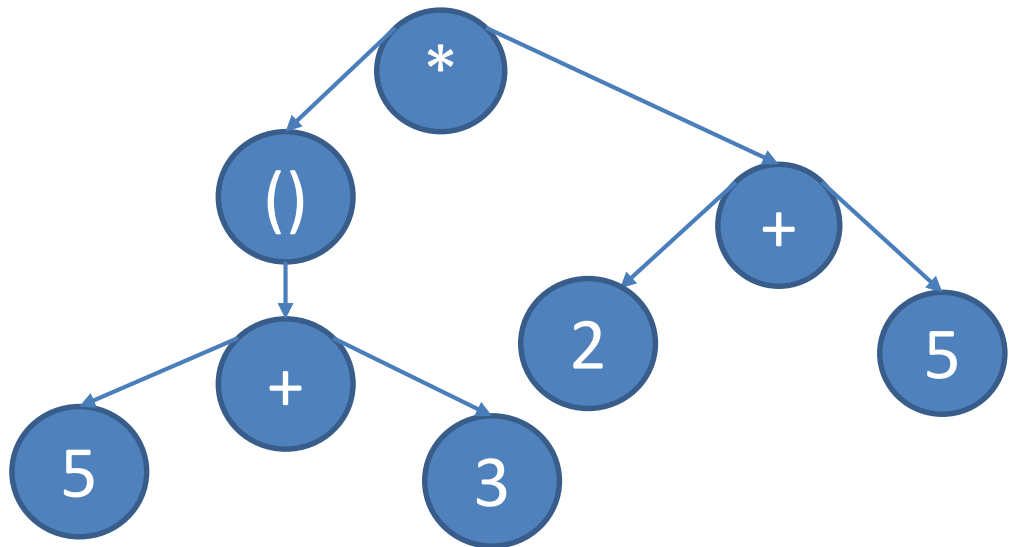
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$$\begin{array}{r} \frac{\frac{\frac{}{5 \in E}}{} \quad \frac{\frac{}{3 \in E}}{}}{+}}{\frac{}{5+3 \in E}}{()}} \quad \frac{\frac{}{2 \in E}}{}}{*} \\ \frac{\frac{\frac{}{(5+3) \in E}}{}}{*} \quad \frac{\frac{}{5 \in E}}{}}{+}}{\frac{}{(5+3)*2 \in E}}{+}} \\ \frac{\frac{}{(5+3)*2 \in E}}{+} \quad \frac{\frac{}{5 \in E}}{}}{+}}{\frac{}{(5+3)*2+5 \in E}}{+}} \end{array}$$

# (3) Syntax: Arithmetic Expressions

- $E ::= n \mid E+E \mid E * E \mid (E)$
- Claim:  $(5+3)*2+5 \in E$
- The grammar is ambiguous!





# (3) Inductive Functions

- $E ::= n \mid (E+E) \mid (E * E)$
- Define by structural induction/recursion:

**lits:**  $E \rightarrow \mathbf{N}$

$$\text{lits}(n) = 1$$

$$\text{lits}(e_1 + e_2) = \text{lits}(e_1) + \text{lits}(e_2)$$

$$\text{lits}(e_1 * e_2) = \text{lits}(e_1) + \text{lits}(e_2)$$

syntactical

**ops:**  $E \rightarrow \mathbf{N}$

$$\text{ops}(n) = 0$$

$$\text{ops}(e_1 + e_2) = \text{ops}(e_1) + \text{ops}(e_2) + 1$$

$$\text{ops}(e_1 * e_2) = \text{ops}(e_1) + \text{ops}(e_2) + 1$$

semantical

# (3) Inductive Functions

- $E ::= n \mid (E+E) \mid (E^*E)$

**lits:**  $E \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$

**ops:**  $E \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$

- Claim:  $\forall e \in E. \text{lits}(e) \geq \text{ops}(e)$
- How to prove?
  
- Need to strengthen the claim:  
 $\forall e \in E. \text{lits}(e) > \text{ops}(e)$