

Lect 3: Recursion

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Induction

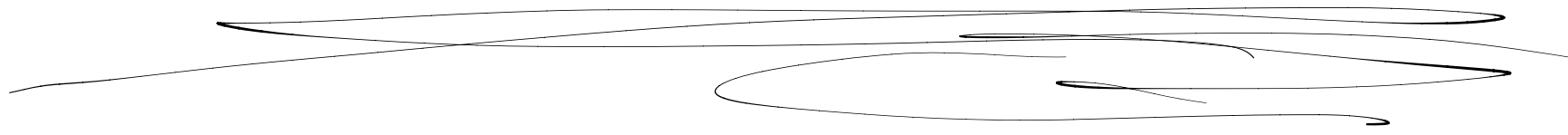
A natural number is

either

- 0, or

- $1+n$, where n is
a nat

→ and that's it!



0 is a nat ✓

1 is a nat $1 = 1 + \underline{0}$

2 is a nat $2 = 1 + 1$

⋮
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(*) Purpose: double the input (*)
natural number comment start

(*) Examples: $\text{double}(2) = 4$
 $\text{double}(3) = 6$ (*) comment end

fun $\text{double}(n: \underline{\text{int}}): \underline{\text{int}} = \text{2 * n}$

fun double (n:int):int =

case n of

0 \Rightarrow 0

1 \Rightarrow 2 + double(n-1)

recursive
call

double(2)

\mapsto case 2 of $0 \Rightarrow 0 \mid - \Rightarrow 2 + \text{double}(2-1)$

$\mapsto 2 + \text{double}(2-1)$

$\mapsto 2 + \text{double}(1)$

$\mapsto 2 +$ case 1 of $0 \Rightarrow 0 \mid - \Rightarrow 2 + \text{double}(1-1)$

$\mapsto 2 + (2 + \text{double}(1-1))$

$\mapsto 2 + (2 + \text{double } 0)$

$\mapsto 2 + (2 +$ case 0 of $0 \Rightarrow 0 \mid - \Rightarrow 2 + \text{double}(1-0))$

$\mapsto 2 + (2 + 0) \mapsto 2 + 2 \mapsto 4$

To step a case

① step the thing being
cases on [until value]

② If its value is 0,
then go step 1st branch

③ If its value is not 0,
then go step 2nd branch

int in SML is an imperfect
representation of
natural numbers

① int is fixed size 2^{64}

[maybe 2^{63}]
ints

② int includes negatives

0 1 2 ...

double(r1)

$\mapsto^* 2 + \text{double}(r2)$

$\mapsto^* 2 + 2 + \text{double}(r3)$

\mapsto^*

⋮
⋮
⋮
⋮
⋮

infinite loop!

fun double (n: int): int =

case n of

0 \Rightarrow 0

base case

1 \Rightarrow

2 + double (n - 1)

recursive
call

recursive
input
is
smaller

double (0)

$\mapsto 2 + \text{double}(0 - 1)$

$\mapsto 2 + \text{double}(2 - 1) \rightarrow 2 + (2 + \text{double}(2 - 2))$

double(2)

$\mapsto 2 + \text{double}(2)$

$\mapsto 2 + 2 + \text{double}(2)$

$\mapsto 2 + 2 + 2 + \text{double}(2)$

⋮

infinite loop

Case n of

$0 \Rightarrow$ $\boxed{e_0}$ has type

$1 \Rightarrow$ $\boxed{e_1}$ $T = \text{int}$

if n has type int

and e_0 has type $T = \text{int}$

e_1 has type $T = \text{int}$

fun double(n: int): int =

double has type $\text{int} \rightarrow \text{int}$

double(y) has type int

if y has type int

Factorial

$$n! = n * (n-1) * (n-2) * \dots * 3 * 2 * 1$$

$$5! = 5 * 4 * 3 * 2 * 1 = 120$$

(* Purpose: compute $n!$

$$n * (n-1) * (n-2) * (n-3) * \dots$$

Example: factorial(5) = 120 (*)

fun fact (n int) int =

case 0 of

0 \Rightarrow 1

1 \Rightarrow $n * \text{fact}(n-1)$

fact(5)

↳ case 5 of 0 \Rightarrow 1 | 1 \Rightarrow 5 * fact(5-1)

↳ 5 * fact(5-1)

↳ 5 * fact(4)

↳ 5 * 4 * fact(3)

↳ 5 * 4 * 3 * fact(2)

↳ 5 * 4 * 3 * 2 * fact(1)

↳ 5 * 4 * 3 * 2 * 1 * fact(0)

↳ 5 * 4 * 3 * 2 * 1 * 1

↳ 120

(* Purpose: say "aaaaa...a"
with $\underbrace{n}_{\text{nat}}$ a's *)

(* E.g. doctor(4) = "aaaa"

doctor(5) = "aaaaa"

⋮
*)

fun doctor (n: int) : string =

case n of

0 => ""

1 - => "a" ^ doctor(n-1)

doctor(2)

→ case 2 of $0 \Rightarrow 0$ / \Rightarrow "a" n doctor
(2+1)

→ "a" n doctor (2-1)

→ "a" n doctor (1)

→ "a" n "a" n doctor (0)

→ "a" n "a" n ""

→ "aa"

fun double (n: int): int =

case n of

0 \Rightarrow 0 *base case*

1 \Rightarrow 2 + double (n-1)

fun fact (n: int): int =

case 0 of

0 \Rightarrow 1

1 \Rightarrow n * fact (n-1)

fun doctor (n: int): string =

case n of

0 \Rightarrow ""

1 \Rightarrow "a" ^ doctor (n-1)

Template

fun f (n: int): T =

case n of

0 \Rightarrow []

1 \Rightarrow

use

n

and

f (n-1)

Methodology

- ① Give name and names of inputs and types
- ② Purpose
- ③ Examples
- ④ Write body using templates
- ⑤ Run examples as tests



✓
X

Induction

To prove something for all
natural numbers,

- prove it for 0

- prove it for $1+k$,

assuming it is true
for k

(* Purpose: $\text{exp}(n)$ computes 2^n

E.g. $\text{exp}(2) = 2^2 = 4$
 $\text{exp}(3) = 2^3 = 8 \dots$ *)

fun $\text{exp}(n: \text{int}) : \text{int} =$

case n of

$0 \Rightarrow$ 1

$1 \Rightarrow$ $2 * \text{exp}(n-1)$

$1 \Rightarrow$ $>$

Theorem for all natural numbers
 n ,

$$\underbrace{\text{exp}(n)}_{\text{code}} = \underbrace{2^n}_{\text{math (value)}}$$

Programs

- ① return a value
- ② infinite loop
- ③ raise an exception

$e = e'$ means

① same value

② both infinite loop

③ both raise the same
exception

① equivalence relation

ⓐ $e = e$

ⓑ $e_1 = e_2$ if $e_2 = e_1$

ⓒ $e_1 = e_3$ if $e_1 = e_2$ and $e_2 = e_3$

② congruence: replace equals with equals in a bigger program

③ $e_1 = e_2$ if $\boxed{e_1 \mapsto e_2}$

for all n , $\text{exp}(n) = 2^n$

① Case for 0:

To show: $\text{exp}(0) = 2^0$

$\text{exp}(0)$

\mapsto case 0 of 0 \Rightarrow 1 1 - - -

\mapsto 1

$= 2^0$ math def

Case for $1+k$:

To show: $\exp(1+k) = 2^{1+k}$

Inductive hypothesis: assume

$$\exp(k) = 2^k$$

$\exp(1+k)$

\rightarrow case $1+k$ of $0 \Rightarrow 1 \mid _ \Rightarrow 2 * \exp((1+k)-1)$

$\rightarrow 2 * \exp((1+k)-1)$

$\rightarrow 2 * \exp(k)$

$= 2 * 2^k$

by inductive hypothesis

$= 2^{1+k}$

math