

# Logical Foundations of CS – CS5303

## Exercises on Induction

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### 1 Proof by induction

**Exercise 1** Let  $BT$  be the set of binary trees. Let  $h$ ,  $n$  and  $l$  denote respectively the height of the tree, its number of nodes, and its number of leaves. Using the inductive definition of  $AB$ , show that:

- $\forall x \in AB, n(x) \leq 2^{h(x)} - 1$
- $\forall x \in AB, f(x) \leq 2^{h(x)-1}$

### 2 Inductively defined functions

**Exercise 2** The mirror or reverse of a word  $u = a_1.a_2.\dots.a_n$  is the word  $u^R = a_n.\dots.a_2.a_1$ . Give an inductive definition of the mirror/reverse function:

$$u = a_1.a_2.\dots.a_n \mapsto u^R = a_n.\dots.a_2.a_1.$$

**Exercise 3** Give an inductive definition of  $n$  the number of nodes of a binary tree, and of  $l$  the number of leaves of a binary tree.

**Exercise 4** Give the inductive definition of the pre-order traversal of a binary tree.

### 3 Set closure

**Exercise 5** Let  $E = \mathbb{N}$ , and  $C(A) = \{n + m \mid n \in A, m \in A\}$ . Let  $k\mathbb{N} = \{kn \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . Show that: if  $A \subseteq k\mathbb{N}$  then  $\widehat{C}(A) \subseteq k\mathbb{N}$ .