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## HOL: Specifying and Proving AVL-Trees

This exercise describes a small modeling and verification project going over two weeks. We will specify and analyze a widely-used data structure AVL-trees as a (purely functional) implementation.

As proof techniques, we will use automatic case splitting in the simplifier supporting reasoning over recursive functions with pattern matching (`recdef`). Finally, we use Isabelle's code generator to convert the function definitions into "real" SML programs.

### 1. The Problem: AVL trees

In 1962 Adel'son-Vel'skiĭ and Landis introduced a class of balanced binary search trees (called AVL trees) that guarantee that a tree with  $n$  internal nodes has height  $O(\log n)$ . The efficiency of AVL tree hinges on the fact that a tree should be *balanced* and *ordered*. Of course, when a node is inserted into or deleted from the tree, these properties must be maintained, by certain rotation operations on AVL trees. Note that unless a tree contains  $2^n - 1$  nodes for some  $n$ , it cannot be "exactly" balanced. All we can expect is that the height of the left and right subtrees differ by at most one. In order to decide in which way a tree should be rotated, it is convenient to have a function *bal* that tells us if a

AVL

bal

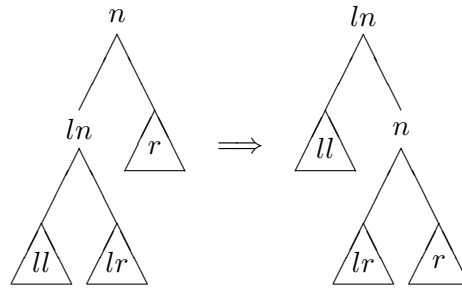


Figure 1:  $r\_rot$

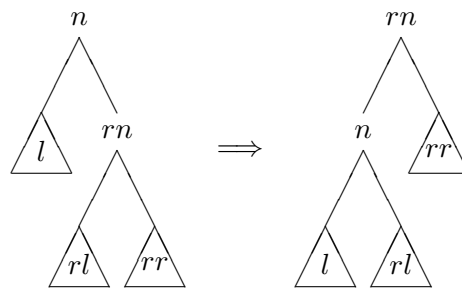


Figure 2:  $l\_rot$

tree is perfectly balanced, or heavier on the right, or heavier on the left. The necessary rotations are illustrated in Fig. 1-4.

### 1.1. AVL tree insertion

We explain insertion of a node into an AVL tree in order to motivate the use of the rotation functions. Suppose we insert a node  $x$  into a (balanced ordered) tree  $Node\ nlr$ . If  $x = n$ , then  $x$  should not be inserted at all since the property of being ordered requires that the tree contains no duplicates. If  $x < n$ , we must insert  $x$  into  $l$  (to maintain the ordering). Let  $l'$  be the tree obtained by inserting  $x$  into  $l$ , and assume that it is balanced and ordered. As an intermediate result, we have the tree  $Node\ n'l'r$ . It is ordered, but it might not be balanced.

In fact, it might be the case that  $height\ l = height\ r + 1$  and  $height\ l' = height\ l + 1$ . Then  $height\ l' = height\ r + 2$  and so  $Node\ n'l'r$  is not balanced.

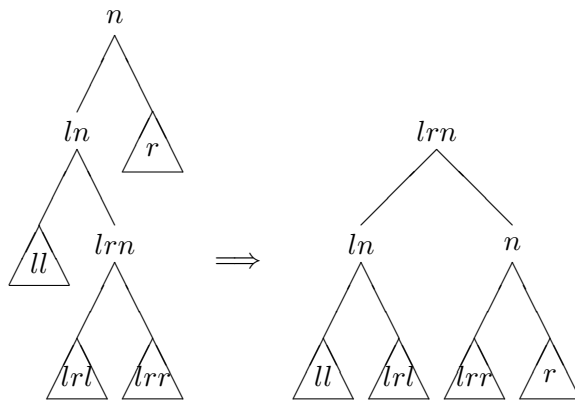


Figure 3: *lr\_rot*

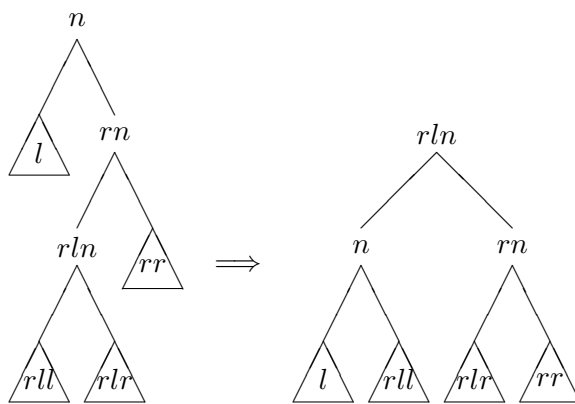


Figure 4: *rl\_rot*

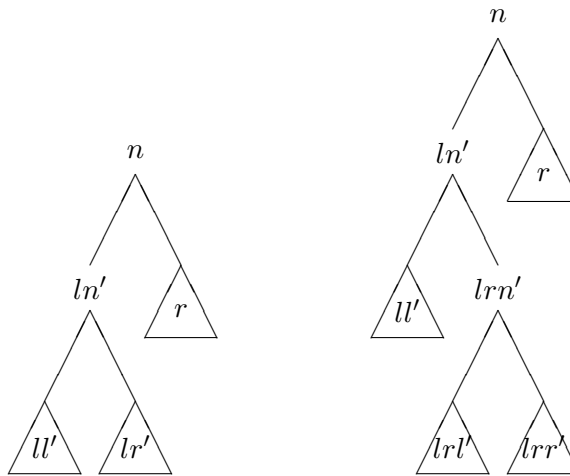


Figure 5: Too heavy on left

Note that in all other cases, *Node*  $n\ l'\ r$  is balanced.

So suppose that  $\text{height } l' = \text{height } r + 2$ . Then *Node*  $n\ l'\ r$  looks as shown in the first picture of Figure 5, where either  $\text{height } ll' = \text{height } r + 1$  or  $\text{height } lr' = \text{height } r + 1$ <sup>1</sup>. The tree is too heavy on the left, and rotation must rectify this. We distinguish two cases:

*bal*  $l' = \text{Right}$ . Since  $l'$  is balanced, this means that  $\text{height } lr' = \text{height } r + 1$  and  $\text{height } ll' = \text{height } r$ . So, since  $lr'$  has height  $> 0$ , it follows that *Node*  $n\ l'\ r$  actually looks as shown in the second picture of Figure 5, where both  $lrl'$  and  $lrr'$  have height  $\text{height } r$  or  $\text{height } r - 1$ . Since all three trees  $ll'$ ,  $lrl'$ ,  $lrr'$  have the same height as  $r$  or one less, it follows that *lr\_rot* produces a balanced tree (see Figure 3).

*bal*  $l' \neq \text{Right}$ . In this case,  $\text{height } ll' = \text{height } r + 1$ , and, since  $l'$  is balanced,  $\text{height } lr' = \text{height } r + 1$  or  $\text{height } lr' = \text{height } r$ . One can easily see that *r\_rot* produces a balanced tree (see Figure 1).

## 1.2. Efficient AVL trees

In the sequel, we discuss more efficient implementations of AVL-tree's. New function definitions and enriched data types were given; at the end, lemmas

<sup>1</sup> Never both actually, but this is not needed in the proofs.

were proven that reveal the exact relationship between the new function versions processing new data to the old ones.

The overall scheme is also well-known as a *data refinement*.

The first inefficiency we noticed is that `isin` traverses the entire tree, which is unnecessary in case the tree is ordered. Note that for verification purposes, the more general but inefficient version is still sometimes in-dispensary.

Another inefficiency we noted is related to `bal`, which calls `height` for any node during insertion at the insertion path. A solution here is to store the result of `bal` as an additional attribute in an extended version of the AVL tree. As a consequence, this attribute must be kept consistent during operations on the enriched tree.

## 2. More on Isabelle

### 2.1. Some non-elementary constructs of ISAR

In the previous exercise, we have presented a core-language of ISAR, providing constructs such as **note** for binding (parts of) a current proof state as *fact* to a name that can be referenced later, or the **let** for introducing meta-variables as abbreviations of terms, which can also occur in propositions, substitutions or other pattern-match constructs such as (`is <pattern>`).

On top of this, we will now introduce a number of short-cuts that allow for an implicit management of facts and meta-variables.

<b>also</b> $\equiv$ <b>note</b> calculation = <b>this</b>	(* <i>initial case</i> *)	<b>also</b> <b>moreover</b> <b>ultimately</b>  <b>then</b> <b>thus</b> <b>with</b>
<b>also</b> $\equiv$ <b>note</b> calculation = r $\circ$ ( calculation @ <b>this</b> )	(* <i>for some rule r</i>	
	<i>out of some given set of</i>	
	<i>transitivity rules</i> *)	
<b>finally</b> $\equiv$ <b>also from</b> calculation		
<b>moreover</b> $\equiv$ <b>note</b> calculation = calculation @ <b>this</b>		
<b>ultimately</b> $\equiv$ <b>moreover from</b> calculation		
<b>then</b> $\equiv$ <b>from this</b>		
<b>thus</b> $\equiv$ hence $\equiv$ then <b>show</b>		
<b>with</b> <facts> $\equiv$ <b>from</b> <facts> <b>this</b>		

Here, `calculation` is a standard name for a list of facts, `@` the concatenation on them, `o` the forward resolution.

Similar to `calculation`, there is a generic name “...” which refers to the right-hand side of the most recent explicit fact statement. This allows to represent calculational sequences as follows:

```

have "x1 = x2" <proof>
also have " ... = x3" <proof>
also have " ... = x4" <proof>
finally have x1 = x4 .

```

Note that the “.” at the very end is again an abbreviation for **by(this)**.

One of the more trickier constructs of ISAR is the case distinction construct, which works as well for case-splits as for inductions. For a current proof state, goal by goal, it allows for creating sub-proofs referenced by names. The details of this construction are quite involved (see Nipkow’s Paper “Structured Proofs in ISAR/HOL” for details), here we give just an example:

```

lemma "length(tl xs) = length xs - 1"
proof (cases xs)
  case Nil      thus ?case by simp
next
  case (Cons y ys) thus ?case by simp
qed

```

### 3. Exercises

Get the template theory [http://www.infsec.ethz.ch/education/permanent/csmr/material/HOL\\_AVL\\_tmpl.thy](http://www.infsec.ethz.ch/education/permanent/csmr/material/HOL_AVL_tmpl.thy) and complete it.

#### 3.1. Exercise 46

Define the function *insert* :: "'a::order ⇒ 'a tree <\Rightarrow> 'a tree". This involves the definition of:

- *height*, which computes the maximal number of nodes on a path from the root to a leaf,
- *is\_ord*, which decides that for each node labeled *n*, all node labels in the left subtree are smaller, and all labels in the right subtree are greater,
- *is\_bal*, which decides that it is either a leaf or a node with balanced subtrees where the height differs at most by one,
- *is\_in\_eff* which should provide a  $O(\ln n)$  implementation for ordered trees,
- the elementary rotation operations *l\_rot* and *lr\_rot* (analogously to the given functions *r\_rot* and *rl\_rot*),

- the balancing operation `r_bal` (analogously to the given functions `l_bal`),
- and finally the `insert` function.

Of course, your definitions should allow to prove the properties in the subsequent lemmas.

**Hint:** Use the general well-founded recursion mechanism:

```

recdef f " <wf_order"
  " f pat_1 = ... "
  ...
  " f pat_n = ... "

```

supporting pattern matching as in SML or Haskell whenever necessary.

### 3.2. Exercise 47

Prove two of the following properties of your programs:

1.

```

lemma is_in_insert :
  " is_in y ( insert x t ) = (y=x Z is_in y t)"

```

2.

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lemma is_in_eff_correct [rule_format (no_asm)]:
  " is_ord t _ ( is_in k t = is_in_eff k t )"

```

3.

```

lemma is_ord_insert :
  " is_ord t d is_ord ( insert (x :: 'a :: linorder) t )"

```

**Hint:** After giving the definitions in Exercise 46, the commented proof scripts should work again. Try to prove analogous cases and to flush out the **sorry**'s.

### 3.3. Exercise 48 (optional, tricky)

A data refinement is provided by the new tree structure:

```
datatype 'a etree = EET | EMKT bal 'a "'a etree" "'a etree"
```

where the balancing information is directly stored in the tree.

1. Define a recursive definition of `insertE` on `etree`'s that avoids the re-computation of `height`.
2. Speculate: What should be the crucial properties of this definition? (state lemmas with `sorry`!)
3. Speculate: What could be a possible proof plan (state lemmas with `sorry`)?

## A. Encoding AVL trees in Isabelle (skeleton)

```
1 theory AVL = Main:
2
3 datatype 'a tree = ET | MKT 'a "'a tree" "'a tree"
4
5 consts
6   height :: "'a tree  $\Rightarrow$  nat"
7   is_in  :: "'a  $\Rightarrow$  'a tree  $\Rightarrow$  bool"
8   is_ord :: "('a::order) tree  $\Rightarrow$  bool"
9   is_bal :: "'a tree  $\Rightarrow$  bool"
10
11
12 primrec
13   "is_in k ET = False"
14   "is_in k (MKT n l r) = (k=n  $\vee$  is_in k l  $\vee$  is_in k r)"
15
16
17 (* ***** *)
18 (* Define height, is_ord, is_bal, is_in_eff here ... *)
19 (* ***** *)
20
21 datatype bal = Just | Left | Right
22
23 constdefs
24   bal :: "'a tree  $\Rightarrow$  bal"
25   "bal t  $\equiv$  case t of ET  $\Rightarrow$  Just
26     | (MKT n l r)  $\Rightarrow$  if height l = height r then Just
27     else if height l < height r
28     then Right else Left"
29
30 consts
31   r_rot :: "'a  $\times$  'a tree  $\times$  'a tree  $\Rightarrow$  'a tree"
32   l_rot :: "'a  $\times$  'a tree  $\times$  'a tree  $\Rightarrow$  'a tree"
33   lr_rot :: "'a  $\times$  'a tree  $\times$  'a tree  $\Rightarrow$  'a tree"
34   rl_rot :: "'a  $\times$  'a tree  $\times$  'a tree  $\Rightarrow$  'a tree"
35
36
37 recdef r_rot "{}"
38   "r_rot (n, MKT ln ll lr, r) = MKT ln ll (MKT n lr r)"
39
40 recdef rl_rot "{}"
41   "rl_rot (n, l, MKT rn (MKT rln rll rlr) rr) =
42     MKT rln (MKT n l rll) (MKT rn rlr rr)"
43
44
```



```

45 (* ***** *)
46 (* Define the analogous functions l_rot and lr_rot here *)
47 (* ***** *)
48
49
50 constdefs
51   l_bal :: "'a ⇒ 'a tree ⇒ 'a tree ⇒ 'a tree"
52   "l_bal n l r ≡ if bal l = Right
53     then lr_rot (n, l, r)
54     else r_rot (n, l, r)"
55
56
57 (* ***** *)
58 (* Define the analogous function rbal here. *)
59 (* ***** *)
60
61
62 (* ***** *)
63 (* Define the insert function for 'a::order on 'a tree. *)
64 (* ***** *)
65 consts
66   insert :: "'a::order ⇒ 'a tree ⇒ 'a tree"
67
68 subsection "is-bal"
69
70 declare Let_def [simp]
71
72 lemma is_bal_lr_rot:
73   "[[ height l = Suc(Suc(height r));
74     bal l = Right; is_bal l; is_bal r ]
75   ⇒ is_bal (lr_rot (n, l, r))"
76 sorry
77
78
79 lemma is_bal_r_rot:
80   "[[ height l = Suc(Suc(height r));
81     bal l ≠ Right; is_bal l; is_bal r ]
82   ⇒ is_bal (r_rot (n, l, r))"
83 sorry
84
85
86 lemma is_bal_rl_rot:
87   "[[ height r = Suc(Suc(height l));
88     bal r = Left; is_bal l; is_bal r ]
89   ⇒ is_bal (rl_rot (n, l, r))"
90 sorry
91
92
93 lemma is_bal_l_rot:
94   "[[ height r = Suc(Suc(height l)); bal r ≠ Left; is_bal l; is_bal r ]
95   ⇒ is_bal (l_rot (n, l, r))"
96   (*
97   apply (unfold bal_def)
98   apply (cases r)
99   apply simp
100  apply (simp add: max_def split: split_if_asm)
101  done
102  *)
103 sorry
104
105 text {* Lemmas about height after rotation *}
106
107 lemma height_lr_rot:
108   "[[ bal l = Right; height l = Suc(Suc(height r)) ]
109   ⇒ Suc(height (lr_rot (n, l, r))) = height (MKT n l r) "
110   (*
111   apply (unfold bal_def)
112   apply (cases l)
113   apply simp
114   apply (rename_tac t1 t2)
115   apply (case_tac t2)
116   apply simp
117   apply (simp add: max_def split: split_if_asm)
118   done
119   *)
120 sorry

```

```

121
122 lemma height_r_rot:
123   "[[ height l = Suc(Suc(height r)); bal l ≠ Right ]]"
124   "⇒ Suc(height (r_rot (n, l, r))) = height (MKT n l r) ∨
125     height (r_rot (n, l, r)) = height (MKT n l r)"
126 sorry
127
128
129 lemma height_l_bal:
130   "height l = Suc(Suc(height r))
131     ⇒ Suc(height (l_bal n l r)) = height (MKT n l r) |
132     height (l_bal n l r) = height (MKT n l r)"
133 sorry
134
135
136 lemma height_rl_rot [rule_format (no_asm)]:
137   "height r = Suc(Suc(height l)) → bal r = Left
138     → Suc(height (rl_rot (n, l, r))) = height (MKT n l r)"
139 sorry
140
141 lemma height_l_rot [rule_format (no_asm)]:
142   "height r = Suc(Suc(height l)) → bal r ≠ Left
143     → Suc(height (l_rot (n, l, r))) = height (MKT n l r) ∨
144     height (l_rot (n, l, r)) = height (MKT n l r)"
145 sorry
146
147
148
149 lemma height_r_bal:
150   "height r = Suc(Suc(height l))
151     ⇒ Suc(height (r_bal n l r)) = height (MKT n l r) ∨
152     height (r_bal n l r) = height (MKT n l r)"
153 (*
154   apply (unfold r_bal_def)
155   apply (cases "bal r = Left")
156   apply (fastsimp dest: height_rl_rot)
157   apply (fastsimp dest: height_l_rot)
158   done
159 *)
160 sorry
161
162
163 lemma height_insert [rule_format (no_asm)]:
164   "is_bal t
165     → height (insert x t) = height t ∨ height (insert x t) = Suc(height t)"
166 sorry
167 (*
168   apply (induct_tac "t")
169   apply simp
170   apply (rename_tac n t1 t2)
171   apply (case_tac "x=n")
172   apply simp
173   apply (case_tac "x<n")
174   apply (case_tac "height (insert x t1) = Suc (Suc (height t2))")
175   apply (frule_tac n = n in height_l_bal)
176   apply (simp add: max_def)
177   apply fastsimp
178   apply (simp add: max_def)
179   apply fastsimp
180   apply (case_tac "height (insert x t2) = Suc (Suc (height t1))")
181   apply (frule_tac n = n in height_r_bal)
182   apply (fastsimp simp add: max_def)
183   apply (simp add: max_def)
184   apply fastsimp
185   done
186 *)
187
188 lemma is_bal_insert_left:
189   "[[height (insert x l) ≠ Suc(Suc(height r));
190     is_bal (insert x l); is_bal (MKT n l r)]]
191     ⇒ is_bal (MKT n (insert x l) r)"
192 sorry
193
194
195 lemma is_bal_insert_right:
196   "[[ height (insert x r) ≠ Suc(Suc(height l));

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197   is_bal (insert x r); is_bal (MKT n l r) ]
198   => is_bal (MKT n l (insert x r))"
199   sorry
200
201   lemma is_bal_insert [rule_format (no_asm)]:
202   "is_bal t => is_bal (insert x t)"
203   sorry
204
205   subsection "is-in"
206
207   lemma is_in_lr_rot:
208   "[[ height l = Suc(Suc(height r)); bal l = Right ]
209   => is_in x (lr_rot (n, l, r)) = is_in x (MKT n l r)]"
210   sorry
211   (*
212   apply (unfold bal_def)
213   apply (cases l)
214   apply simp
215   apply (rename_tac t1 t2)
216   apply (case_tac t2)
217   apply simp
218   apply fastsimp
219   done
220   *)
221
222   lemma is_in_r_rot:
223   "[[ height l = Suc(Suc(height r)); bal l ≠ Right ]
224   => is_in x (r_rot (n, l, r)) = is_in x (MKT n l r)]"
225   sorry
226   (*
227   apply (unfold bal_def)
228   apply (cases l)
229   apply simp
230   apply fastsimp
231   done
232   *)
233
234   lemma is_in_rl_rot:
235   "[[ height r = Suc(Suc(height l)); bal r = Left ]
236   => is_in x (rl_rot (n, l, r)) = is_in x (MKT n l r)]"
237   sorry
238   (*
239   apply (unfold bal_def)
240   apply (cases r)
241   apply simp
242   apply (rename_tac t1 t2)
243   apply (case_tac t1)
244   apply (simp add: max_def le_def)
245   apply fastsimp
246   done
247   *)
248
249   lemma is_in_l_rot:
250   "[[ height r = Suc(Suc(height l)); bal r ≠ Left ]
251   => is_in x (l_rot (n, l, r)) = is_in x (MKT n l r)]"
252   sorry
253   (*
254   apply (unfold bal_def)
255   apply (cases r)
256   apply simp
257   apply fastsimp
258   done
259   *)
260
261   lemma is_in_insert:
262   "is_in y (insert x t) = (y=x ∨ is_in y t)"
263   sorry
264
265   lemma is_in_ord_l [rule_format (no_asm)]:
266   "is_ord (MKT n l r) => x < n => is_in x (MKT n l r) => is_in x l"
267   sorry
268
269   lemma is_in_ord_r [rule_format (no_asm)]:
270   "is_ord (MKT n l r) => n < x => is_in x (MKT n l r) => is_in x r"
271   sorry
272

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273 subsection "is-in-eff"
274
275 lemma is_in_eff_correct [rule_format (no_asm)]:
276 "is_ord t  $\implies$  (is_in k t = is_in_eff k t)"
277 sorry
278
279 subsection "is-ord"
280
281 lemma is_ord_lr_rot [rule_format (no_asm)]:
282 "[[ height l = Suc(Suc(height r));
283   bal l = Right; is_ord (MKT n l r) ]]
284  $\implies$  is_ord (lr_rot (n, l, r))"
285 sorry
286 (*
287   apply (unfold bal_def)
288   apply (cases l)
289   apply simp
290   apply (rename_tac t1 t2)
291   apply (case_tac t2)
292   apply simp
293   apply simp
294   apply (blast intro: order_less_trans)
295 done
296 *)
297
298 lemma is_ord_r_rot:
299 "[[ height l = Suc(Suc(height r));
300   bal l  $\neq$  Right; is_ord (MKT n l r) ]]
301  $\implies$  is_ord (r_rot (n, l, r))"
302 sorry
303 (*
304   apply (unfold bal_def)
305   apply (cases l)
306   apply (simp (no_asm_simp))
307   apply (auto intro: order_less_trans)
308 done
309 *)
310
311 lemma is_ord_rl_rot:
312 "[[ height r = Suc(Suc(height l));
313   bal r = Left; is_ord (MKT n l r) ]]
314  $\implies$  is_ord (rl_rot (n, l, r))"
315 sorry
316 (*
317   apply (unfold bal_def)
318   apply (cases r)
319   apply simp
320   apply (rename_tac t1 t2)
321   apply (case_tac t1)
322   apply (simp add: le_def)
323   apply simp
324   apply (blast intro: order_less_trans)
325 done
326 *)
327
328 lemma is_ord_l_rot:
329 "[[ height r = Suc(Suc(height l)); bal r  $\neq$  Left; is_ord (MKT n l r) ]]
330  $\implies$  is_ord (l_rot (n, l, r))"
331 sorry
332 (*
333   apply (unfold bal_def)
334   apply (cases r)
335   apply simp
336   apply simp
337   apply (blast intro: order_less_trans)
338 done
339 *)
340
341 (* insert operation preserves is_ord property *)
342
343 lemma is_ord_insert:
344 "is_ord t  $\implies$  is_ord (insert (x :: 'a :: linorder) t)"
345 sorry
346
347
348

```

```

349 subsection "An extended tree datatype with labels for the balancing information"
350
351
352 datatype 'a etree = EET | EMKT bal 'a "'a etree" "'a etree"
353
354
355 text {* Pruning, i.e. throwing away the balancing labels : *}
356 consts
357   strip :: "'a etree ⇒ 'a tree"
358 primrec
359   "strip EET = ET"
360   "strip (EMKT b n l r) =
361     MKT n (strip l) (strip r)"
362
363 text {* Test if the balancing arguments are correct : *}
364 consts
365   correct_labelled :: "'a etree ⇒ bool"
366 primrec
367   "correct_labelled EET = True"
368   "correct_labelled (EMKT b n l r) =
369     (b = bal (MKT n (strip l) (strip r))
370      ∧ correct_labelled l
371      ∧ correct_labelled r)"
372
373 text {* Add correct balancing labels : *}
374 consts
375   label :: "'a tree ⇒ 'a etree"
376 primrec
377   "label ET = EET"
378   "label (MKT n l r) = EMKT (bal (MKT n l r)) n (label l)
379     (label r)"
380
381 lemma correct_strip:
382 "correct_labelled (EMKT b n l r) ⟹ (bal (strip (EMKT b n l r)) = b)"
383 apply (simp (no_asm_simp) add: bal_def)
384 done
385
386 subsection "Reversing of strip and label"
387
388 lemma prune_label: "strip (label t) = t"
389 apply (induct_tac "t")
390 apply (simp (no_asm))
391 apply (simp (no_asm))
392 apply (erule_tac conjI)
393 apply assumption
394 done
395
396 lemma label_prune: "correct_labelled t ⟹ label (strip t) = t"
397 apply (induct t)
398 apply auto
399 done
400
401 end

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