

3. Prove that  $m^{n+k} = m^n \cdot m^k$ . (You may assume all the laws of successor and addition that we proved.)

**Lemma 0.1.** *Distributivity of Multiplication over Addition:*  $m(n + k) = m \cdot n + m \cdot k$

*Proof.* We induct on  $k$  for fixed  $m$  and  $n$ .

Base Case  $k = 0$ :

$$\begin{aligned} m \cdot (n + 0) &= m \cdot n && \text{(IC of Addition)} \\ &= m \cdot n + 0 && \text{(IC of Addition)} \\ &= m \cdot n + m \cdot 0 && \text{(IC of Multiplication)}. \end{aligned}$$

Assume

$$m \cdot (n + k) = m \cdot n + m \cdot k \text{ (I.H.)}.$$

Inductive Step: We want to show that  $m(n + S(k)) = m \cdot n + m \cdot S(k)$ .

We have

$$\begin{aligned} m \cdot (n + S(k)) &= m \cdot (S(n + k)) && \text{(RR of Addition)} \\ &= m \cdot (n + k) + m && \text{(RR of Multiplication)} \\ &= (m \cdot n + m \cdot k) + m && \text{(I.H.)} \\ &= m \cdot n + (m \cdot k + m) && \text{(Associative Law of Addition)} \\ &= m \cdot n + m \cdot S(k) && \text{(RR of Multiplication)}. \end{aligned}$$

□

**Lemma 0.2.** *Associative Law of Multiplication*  $m \cdot (n \cdot k) = (m \cdot n) \cdot k$ .

*Proof.* We induct on  $k$  for fixed  $m$  and  $n$ .

Base Case  $k = 0$ : We have that  $m \cdot (n \cdot 0) = m \cdot 0 = 0$  and  $(m \cdot n) \cdot 0 = 0$  by the base case in the recursive definition of multiplication

Inductive Step:

Assume

$$(m \cdot n) \cdot k = m \cdot (n \cdot k) \text{ (I.H.)}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} m \cdot (n \cdot S(k)) &= m \cdot (n \cdot k + n) && \text{(RR of Multiplication)} \\ &= m \cdot (n \cdot k) + m \cdot n && \text{(Lemma 0.1)} \\ &= (m \cdot n) \cdot k + m \cdot n && \text{(I.H.)} \\ &= (m \cdot n) \cdot S(k) && \text{(RR of Multiplication)}. \end{aligned}$$

□

**Lemma 0.3.** *Unit Law for 1 of Multiplication*  $m \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot m = m$  ( where  $1 = S(0)$  ).

*Proof.* By the first recursive case of the Multiplication definition, we have that

$$m \cdot 1 = m \cdot 0 + m$$

By the base case of the definition of Multiplication, we have that  $m \cdot 0 = 0$ , so then by the additive identity of 0, we have that

$$m \cdot 1 = m$$

□

*Proof.* We induct on  $k$  given  $m$  and  $n$ .

**Base case  $k = 0$ :** We need to show that  $m^{n+0} = m^n \cdot m^0$ .

We have:  $m^{n+0} = m^n$  by the base case of the definition of Addition. This is then equal to  $m^n \cdot 1$  by the Unit Law for 1 of Multiplication. By the Initial Case of the Exponentiation definition, we have that  $1 = m^0$ . This gives us that  $m^n = m^n \cdot m^0$ .

Putting this all together,

$$\begin{aligned} m^{n+0} &= m^n && \text{(IC of Addition)} \\ &= m^n \cdot 1 && \text{(Lemma 0.3)} \\ &= m^n \cdot m^0 && \text{(IC of Exponentiation)}. \end{aligned}$$

**Inductive Step:** Suppose that it is true for some  $k$  that  $m^{n+k} = m^n \cdot m^k$ . We want to show that  $m^{n+S(k)} = m^n \cdot m^{S(k)}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} m^{n+S(k)} &= m^{S(n+k)} && \text{(RR Addition)} \\ &= m^{n+k} \cdot m && \text{(RR Exponentiation)} \\ &= (m^n \cdot m^k) \cdot m && \text{(I.H.)} \\ &= m^n \cdot (m^k \cdot m) && \text{(Associative Law of Multiplication)} \\ &= m^n \cdot m^{S(k)} && \text{(RR Exponentiation)}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by induction  $m^{n+S(k)} = m^n m^{S(k)}$ .

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