

Induction in deductive reasoning

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Goal of lectures

To give a perspective on
induction / well-founded recursion
as a common thread in
programming, function definitions, and proofs

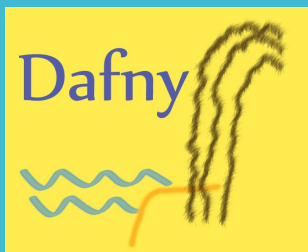
Take-home message:

- You can call whatever you want whenever you want, provided
 - you satisfy the precondition, and
 - you can show a decrease in some fixed well-founded order

Vehicle for our journey

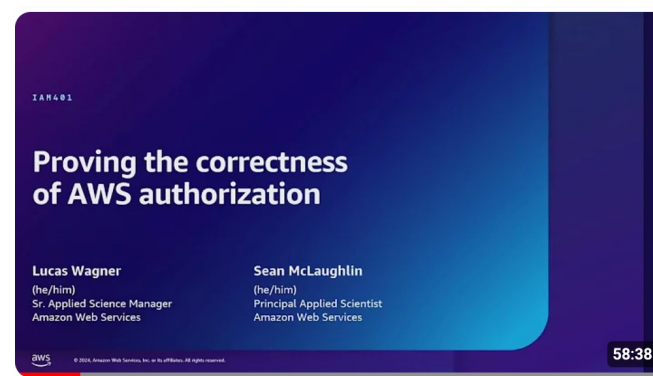
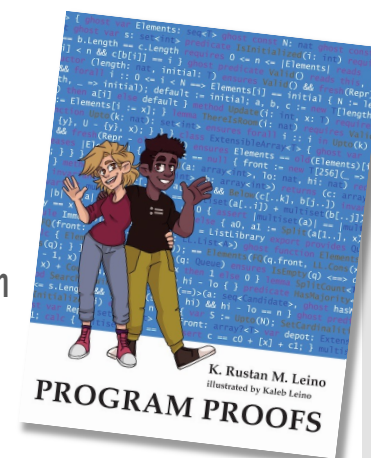
- Dafny (dafny.org)
- Programming language
 - Java-like
 - Verification-aware (proof-oriented)
- Constructs for
 - Imperative programming
 - Functional programming
 - Specifications
 - Proofs
- VS Code integration





Some uses of Dafny

- Teaching
 - Over a decade, many universities
 - Book (MIT Press): program-proofs.com
- At AWS
 - AWS Encryption SDK
 - AWS Database Encryption SDK
 - AWS's authentication engine
 - Talk at AWS re:Inforce 2024:
<https://youtu.be/oshxAJGrwMU?si=2HRf2XvNR-8RMIXZ>
 - ...
- ...



CombineSplit.dfy

Methods and pre-/post- conditions

```
method Split(c: int) returns (a: int, b: int)
  requires 0 <= c < 10_000
  ensures 0 <= a < 100 && 0 <= b < 100
  ensures c == 100 * a + b
{
  a := c / 100;
  b := c % 100;
}

method Combine(a: int, b: int) returns (c: int)
  requires 0 <= a < 100 && 0 <= b < 100
  ensures 0 <= c < 10_000
  ensures c == 100 * a + b
{
  if a == 0 {
    c := b;
  } else if a == 1 {
    c := 100 + b;
  } else {
    c := 100 * a + b;
  }
}

method Caller(c: int)
  requires 0 <= c < 10_000
{
  var a, b := Split(c);
  var d := Combine(a, b);
  assert c == d;
}
```

Min.dfy

Interacting with the verifier

```
method Min(s: seq<int>) returns (m: int)
  requires |s| != 0
  ensures m in s
  ensures forall j :: 0 <= j < |s| ==> m <= s[j]
{
  m := s[0];
  for i := 1 to |s|
    invariant m in s
    invariant forall j :: 0 <= j < i ==> m <= s[j]
    {
      if s[i] < m {
        m := s[i];
      }
    }
  }
}
```

Triangle numbers

```
function Triangle(n: nat): nat {  
  if n == 0 then 0 else Triangle(n - 1) + n  
}
```

$$T_n = \sum_{k=0}^n k$$

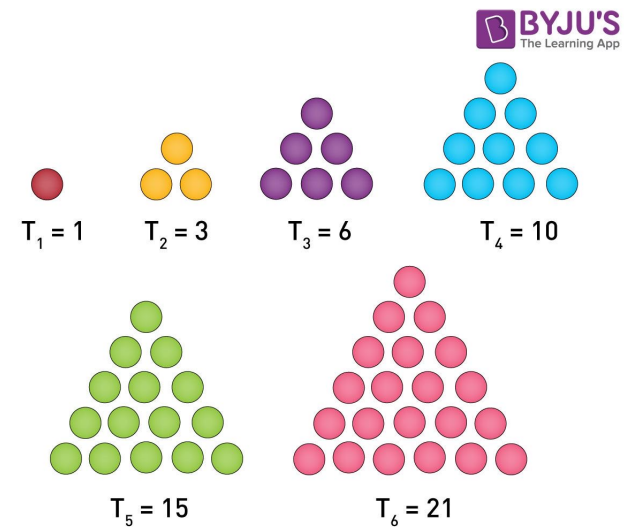


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Methods vs functions

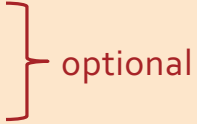
```
method M(x: int) returns (y: int) {  
    <statements>  
}
```

- Can mutate state
- Can be nondeterministic
- Opaque (reasoning uses specification, never the body)

```
function F(x: int): int {  
    <expr>  
}
```

- Cannot mutate state
- Deterministic
- Transparent (reasoning uses body) – default or opaque

Statements vs expressions

statement	expression
<pre>if G { <statements> } else { <statements> }</pre> 	<pre>if G then <expr> else <expr></pre>
<pre>match E case Nil => <statements> case Cons(x, tail) => <statements></pre>	<pre>match E case Nil => <expr> case Cons(x, tail) => <expr></pre>

Methods and lemmas

```
method Gauss(n: nat) returns (t: nat)
  ensures t == Triangle(n)

{
  t := 0;
  var i := 0;
  while i < n
    invariant 0 <= i <= n
    invariant t == Triangle(i)

    {
      i := i + 1;
      t := t + i;
    }
}
```

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```

Lemma ≈ method

- Stating and proving a lemma is just another application of program logic
(Note: not based on Curry-Howard correspondence)
- For both methods and lemmas, you have to establish the postcondition for every input and every control path
- Calling a method/lemma obtains the information from its postcondition (and, for methods, experiences any side effects)

- Methods that call themselves are known as *recursive*
- Lemmas that call themselves are known as *inductive*

These are really the same!

The need for termination: methods

```
method M(x: int)
  ensures P(x)
{
  M(x);
}

method Caller(x: int)
{
  M(x);
  assert P(x);
  ...
}
```

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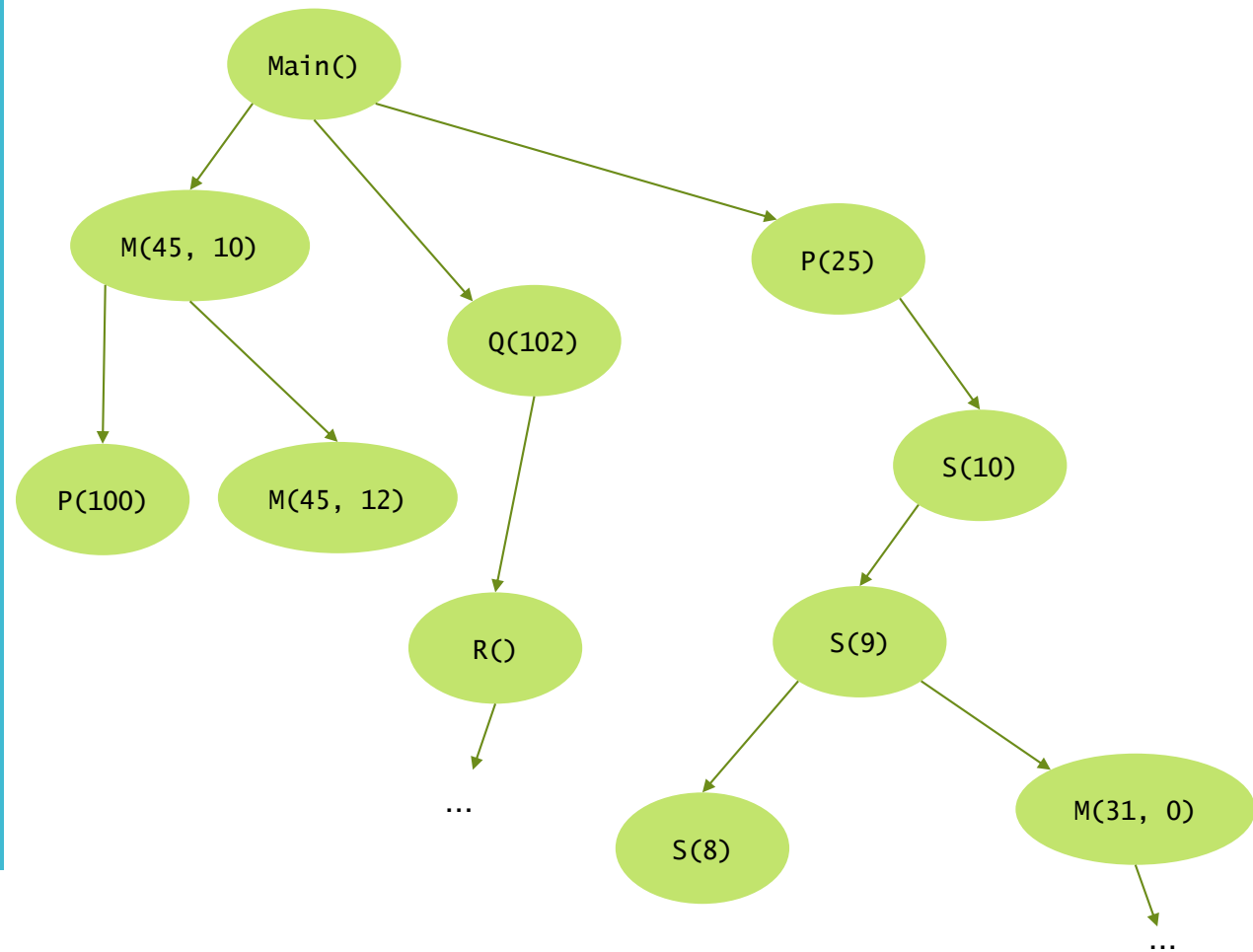
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lemma L(x: int)
  ensures P(x)
{
  L(x);
}

method Caller(x: int)
{
  L(x);
  assert P(x);
  ...
}
```

The need for
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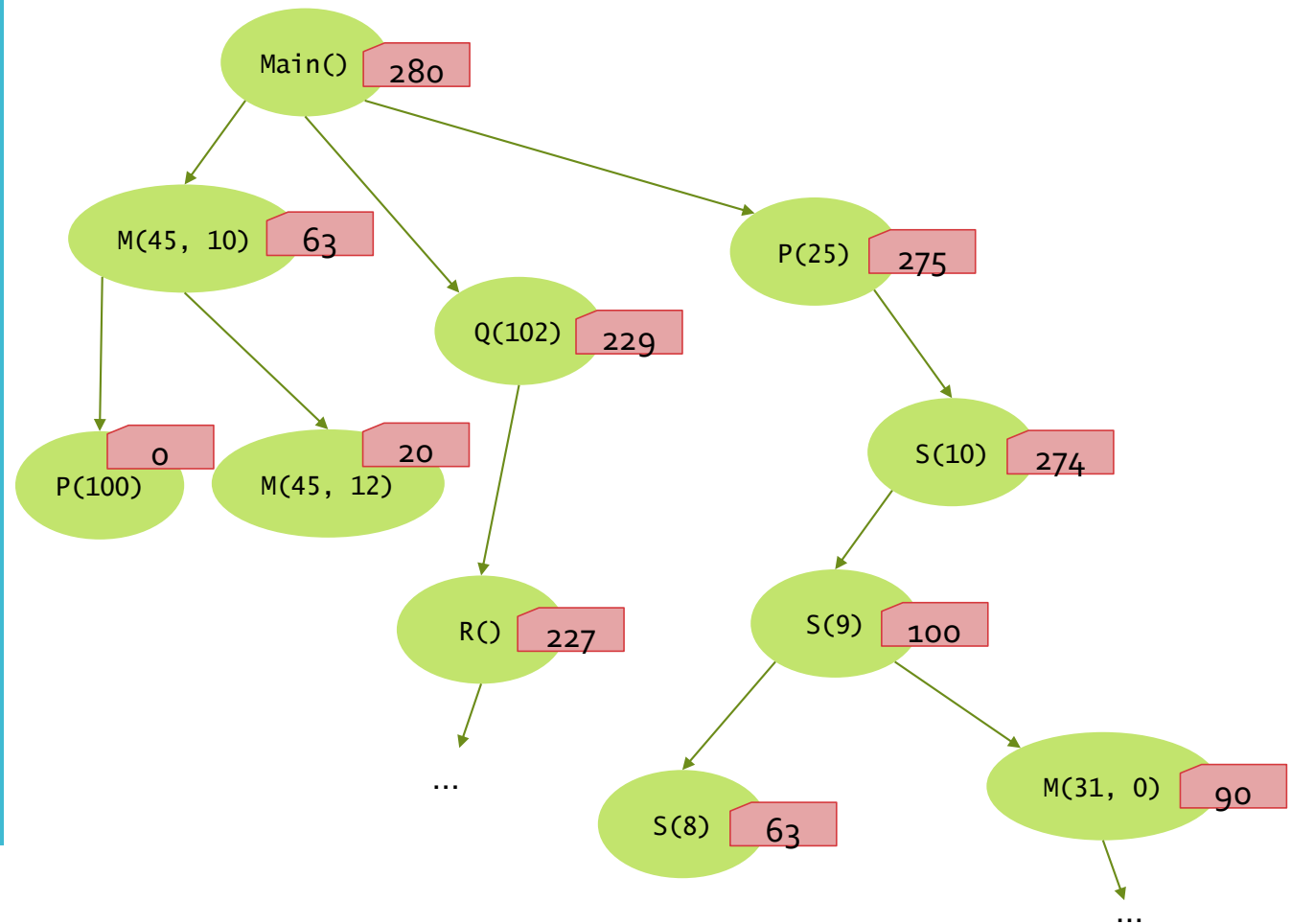
```
function F(x: int): int {  
    1 + F(x)  
}  
  
method Caller()  
{  
    assert F(5) == 1 + F(5);  
    assert false;  
    ...  
}
```

How to establish termination



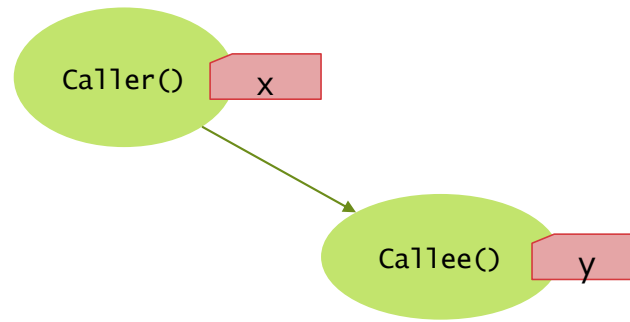
How to establish
termination:

associate a
*termination
metric*
with each
method
activation



Desired
property for
each call

If each call



satisfies $x \succ y$
in a fixed well-founded order $\succ$,
then all calls in the program terminate

Well-founded order

An irreflexive partial order $\succ$ on a set $\mathcal{A}$ is
well-founded

if there is no infinite descending chain

$$a_0 \succ a_1 \succ a_2 \succ a_3 \succ \dots$$

Example: The natural numbers with the usual
greater-than ordering $>$ is well-founded.

Defining termination metrics

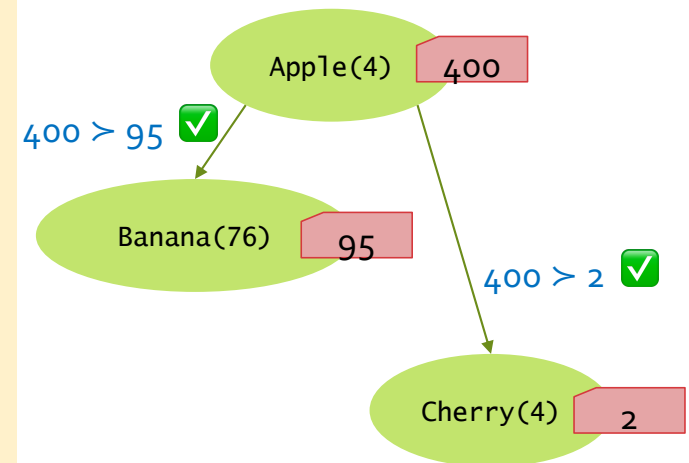
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- It is evaluated *on entry* to the method/function

```
method Apple(m: nat)
  decreases 100 * m
{
  if 1 <= m < 50 {
    Banana(80 - m);
    var c := Cherry(m);
  }
}

method Banana(n: nat)
  decreases n + 19
...

function Cherry(p: nat): nat
  decreases p / 2
...
```

For an activation `Apple(4)`



Defining termination metrics

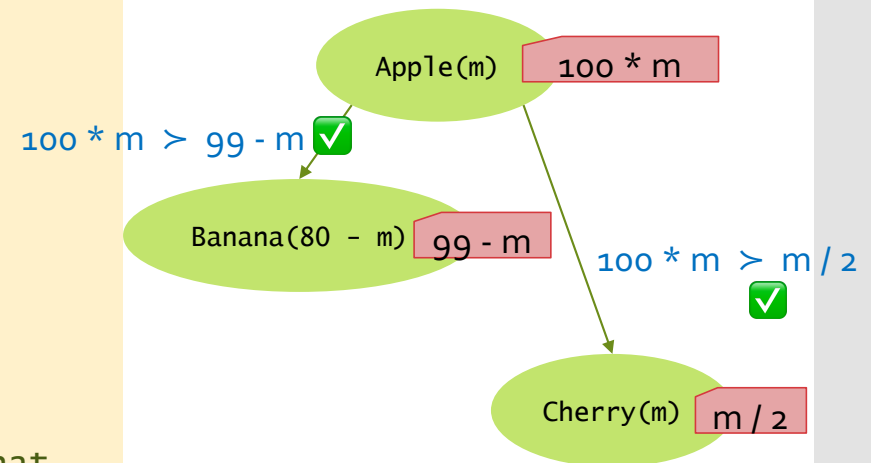
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...
```

For a general activation of Apple



Examples

```
function Triangle(n: nat): nat
  decreases n
{
  if n == 0 then 0 else n + Triangle(n - 1)
}
```

```
function Factorial(n: nat): nat
  decreases n
{
  if n > 0 then n * Factorial(n - 1) else 1
}
```

```
function Fib(n: nat): nat
  decreases n
{
  if n < 2 then n else Fib(n - 2) + Fib(n - 1)
}
```

Default decreases clause

```
function Triangle(n: nat): nat
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{
  if n == 0 then 0 else n + Tr
}

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{
  if n > 0 then n * Factorial(n - 1) else 1
}

function Fib(n: nat): nat
  decreases n
{
  if n < 2 then n else Fib(n - 2)
}
```

An omitted
decreases clause
defaults to the
method/function
parameter

////
(n:

SumRange.dfy

Manual **decreases** clause

```
function SumRange(s: seq<int>, lo: int, hi: int): int
  requires 0 <= lo <= hi <= |s|
  decreases hi - lo
{
  if hi == lo then 0 else s[lo] + SumRange(s, lo+1, hi)
}
```

More
examples

More examples

Fib.dfy

Non-standard base cases

```
function Fib(n: nat): nat {  
  if n < 2 then n else Fib(n - 2) + Fib(n - 1)  
}  
  
lemma {induction false} FibProperty(n: nat)  
  requires 5 <= n  
  ensures n <= Fib(n)  
{  
  if n == 5 {  
  } else if n == 6 {  
  } else {  
    FibProperty(n - 2);  
    FibProperty(n - 1);  
  }  
}
```

Pow.dfy

More interesting proof

More examples

```
// Return  $2^n$ 
opaque function Pow(n: nat): nat
{
  if n == 0 then 1 else 2 * Pow(n - 1)
}

lemma PowDistributesOverAddition(m: nat, n: nat)
  ensures Pow(m + n) == Pow(m) * Pow(n)
{
  if m == 0 {
    reveal Pow(); // def. Pow
  } else {
    calc {
      Pow(m + n);
      == { reveal Pow(); } // def. Pow
        2 * Pow(m - 1 + n);
      == { PowDistributesOverAddition(m - 1, n); } // I.H.
        2 * (Pow(m - 1) * Pow(n));
      ==
        2 * Pow(m - 1) * Pow(n);
      == { reveal Pow(); } // def. Pow
        Pow(m) * Pow(n);
    }
  }
}
```

More examples

Pow.dfy

Strong induction

```
opaque function FastPow(n: nat): nat {  
  if n == 0 then  
    1  
  else  
    var p := FastPow(n / 2);  
    if n % 2 == 0 then  
      p * p  
    else  
      2 * p * p  
}
```

```
lemma Same(n: nat)  
  ensures FastPow(n) == Pow(n)  
{  
  if n == 0 {  
    reveal Pow(), FastPow();  
  } else {  
    var p := FastPow(n / 2);  
    var q := Pow(n / 2);  
    calc {  
      FastPow(n);  
      == { reveal FastPow(); }  
      if n % 2 == 0 then p * p else 2 * p * p;  
      == { Same(n / 2); }  
      if n % 2 == 0 then q * q else 2 * q * q;  
      == { PowDistributesOverAddition(n / 2, n / 2); }  
      if n % 2 == 0 then Pow(n) else 2 * Pow(n - 1);  
      == { reveal Pow(); }  
      if n % 2 == 0 then Pow(n) else Pow(n);  
      ==  
      Pow(n);  
    }  
  }  
}
```

Well-founded order for datatypes

Inductive datatypes are ordered by
structural inclusion

Example:

datatype List<X> = Nil | Cons(T, List<X>)

- $\text{Cons}(\text{head}, \text{tail}) > \text{head}$ (*)
- $\text{Cons}(\text{head}, \text{tail}) > \text{tail}$

(*) provided head is a datatype value

List.dfy

Datatypes

```
datatype List<X> = Nil | Cons(head: X, tail: List<X>)
```

```
opaque function Length(xs: List): nat {  
  match xs  
  case Nil => 0  
  case Cons(_, tail) => 1 + Length(tail)  
}
```

```
opaque function Append(xs: List, ys: List): List {  
  match xs  
  case Nil => ys  
  case Cons(x, tail) => Cons(x, Append(tail, ys))  
}
```

Datatype examples

```
lemma {:induction false} AppendLength(xs: List, ys: List)  
  ensures Length(Append(xs, ys)) == Length(xs) + Length(ys)  
{  
  match xs  
  case Nil =>  
    reveal Length(), Append(); // defs. Length, Append  
  case Cons(x, tail) =>  
    calc {  
      Length(Append(xs, ys));  
      == // what xs is  
      Length(Append(Cons(x, tail), ys));  
      == { reveal Append(); } // def. Append  
      Length(Cons(x, Append(tail, ys)));  
      == { reveal Length(); } // def. Length  
      1 + Length(Append(tail, ys));  
      == { AppendLength(tail, ys); } // I.H.  
      1 + Length(tail) + Length(ys);  
      == { reveal Length(); } // def. Length  
      Length(Cons(x, tail)) + Length(ys);  
      == // what xs is  
      Length(xs) + Length(ys);  
    }  
}
```

Datatype examples

```
datatype List<X> = Nil | Cons(head: X, tail: List<X>)
datatype Expr =
  | Const(c: int)
  | Var(name: string)
  | Node(op: Operator, args: List<Expr>)
type Operator

function Subst(e: Expr, name: string, x: int): Expr
{
  match e
  case Const(_) => e
  case Var(n) => if n == name then Const(x) else e
  case Node(op, args) => Node(op, SubstList(args, name, x))
}

function SubstList(es: List<Expr>, name: string, x: int): List<Expr>
{
  match es
  case Nil => Nil
  case Cons(e, tail) => Cons(Subst(e, name, x), SubstList(tail, name, x))
}
```

Datatype examples

```
lemma SubstIdempotent(e: Expr, name: string, x: int)
  ensures Subst(Subst(e, name, x), name, x) == Subst(e, name, x)
{
  match e
  case Const(_) =>
  case Var(_) =>
  case Node(op, args) =>
    SubstListIdempotent(args, name, x);
}

lemma SubstListIdempotent(es: List<Expr>, v: string, c: int)
  ensures SubstList(SubstList(es, v, c), v, c) == SubstList(es, v, c)
{
  match es
  case Nil =>
  case Cons(e, tail) =>
    calc {
      SubstList(SubstList(es, v, c), v, c);
      == // def. inner SubstList
      SubstList(Cons(Subst(e, v, c), SubstList(tail, v, c)), v, c);
      == // def. outer SubstList
      Cons(Subst(Subst(e, v, c), v, c), SubstList(SubstList(tail, v, c), v, c));
      == { SubstIdempotent(e, v, c); }
      Cons(Subst(e, v, c), SubstList(SubstList(tail, v, c), v, c));
      == { SubstListIdempotent(tail, v, c); }
      Cons(Subst(e, v, c), SubstList(tail, v, c));
      == // def. SubstList
      SubstList(es, v, c);
    }
}
```

Well-founded
ordered for
other types

type	$X \succ y$
inductive datatype	X structurally includes y
int	
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bool	
object?	
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Example: Water.dfy

Water.dfy

Using an integer offset

Example

```
method AntarcticCooling(temperatureIn: int) returns (temperatureOut: int)
  decreases temperatureIn + 2
{
  if -1 <= temperatureIn {
    temperatureOut := AntarcticCooling(temperatureIn - 1);
  } else {
    temperatureOut := temperatureIn;
  }
}
```

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Example: $Xy.dfy$

Xy.dfy

Interesting **decreases** clauses

Example

```
// In Lustre:
//   x = if c then y else 0
//   y = if c then 1 else x

function x(c: bool): int
  decreases c
{
  if c then y(c) else 0
}

function y(c: bool): int
  decreases !c
{
  if c then 1 else x(c)
}
```

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seq<T>	Y is proper subsequence of X
iset<T>	false

Union of types

Let $(\mathcal{A}, \succ_{\mathcal{A}})$ and $(\mathcal{B}, \succ_{\mathcal{B}})$ be well-founded orders, where $\mathcal{A}$ and $\mathcal{B}$ are disjoint.

Define $\succ$ on $\mathcal{A} \cup \mathcal{B}$ by

$$x \succ y \quad = \quad x \succ_{\mathcal{A}} y \vee x \succ_{\mathcal{B}} y$$

Then, $(\mathcal{A} \cup \mathcal{B}, \succ)$ is also a well-founded order.

Top element

Let $(\mathcal{A}, \succ)$ be a well-founded order.

Let T denote an element not in $\mathcal{A}$.

Define $\mathcal{A}_T$ to be $\mathcal{A} \cup \{T\}$.

Define $\succ_T$ on $\mathcal{A}_T$ by

$$x \succ_T y = x \succ y \vee (x = T \wedge y \neq T)$$

Then, $(\mathcal{A}_T, \succ_T)$ is also a well-founded order.

Lexicographic orders

Let $(\mathcal{A}, \succ_{\mathcal{A}})$, $(\mathcal{B}, \succ_{\mathcal{B}})$, and $(\mathcal{C}, \succ_{\mathcal{C}})$ be well-founded orders.

Define $\succ$ on the (so-called *lexicographic*) tuples $\mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{B} \times \mathcal{C}$ by

$$\begin{aligned} a_0, b_0, c_0 &\succ a_1, b_1, c_1 \\ = & \\ &a_0 \succ_{\mathcal{A}} a_1 \vee \\ &(a_0 = a_1 \wedge b_0 \succ_{\mathcal{B}} b_1) \vee \\ &(a_0 = a_1 \wedge b_0 = b_1 \wedge c_0 \succ_{\mathcal{C}} c_1) \end{aligned}$$

Then, $(\mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{B} \times \mathcal{C}, \succ)$ is a well-founded order.

Lexicographic tuples of different lengths

- How to compare elements of $\mathbb{Z}^5$ and $\mathbb{Z}^7$?
- Examples:
 - $9, 2, 2, 7, 1 \succ^? 8, 6, 7, 5, 3, 0, 9$ (a)
 - $8, 6, 7, 5, 3 \succ^? 8, 6, 7, 5, 3, 0, 9$ (b)
- Some candidates:
 - Shorter always smaller
 - For equal prefixes, shorter is smaller
 - For equal prefixes, shorter is larger (*)
 - Pad with T and then compare the equal lengths (*)

(*) Provided there's an upper bound on the length

Examples

- Pad with T and then compare the equal lengths

• $9, 2, 2, 7, 1 \quad \succ \quad 8, 6, 7, 5, 3, 0, 9 \quad \text{(true)}$
=
 $9, 2, 2, 7, 1, T, T \quad \succ \quad 8, 6, 7, 5, 3, 0, 9$

• $8, 6, 7, 5, 3 \quad \succ \quad 8, 6, 7, 5, 3, 0, 9 \quad \text{(true)}$
=
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• $8, 6, 7, 5, 3, 0, 9 \quad \succ \quad 9, 2, 2, 7, 1 \quad \text{(false)}$
=
 $8, 6, 7, 5, 3, 0, 9 \quad \succ \quad 9, 2, 2, 7, 1, T, T$

- Note that additional T-padding does not change anything

• $a, b, c, d, e \quad \succ \quad v, w, x, y, z$
=
 $a, b, c, d, e, T \quad \succ \quad v, w, x, y, z, T$



Termination metrics in Dafny

- Dafny fixes a well-founded order for each type
- Its termination metrics use ^(*)

$$\underbrace{\mathcal{A}_T \times \mathcal{A}_T \times \cdots \times \mathcal{A}_T}_k$$

where $\mathcal{A}$ is the union of all types and k is the length of the longest given **decreases** clause in the program

- **decreases** clauses are automatically T-padded to the longest length

(*) Almost. One addition added in later lecture.

Example: Ackermann

```
function Ack(m: nat, n: nat): nat
  decreases m, n
{
  if m == 0 then
    n + 1
  else if n == 0 then
    Ack(m - 1, 1)       $m, n > m-1, 1$  ✓
  else
    Ack(m - 1, Ack(m, n - 1))
}                         $m, n > m, n-1$  ✓

 $m, n > m-1, \dots$  ✓
```

Example

```
function P(x: int): bool
  //...

// Count the number of values less than "n" that satisfy "P"
function CountPs(n: nat): int
{
  if n == 0 then
    0
  else if P(n - 1) then
    1 + CountPs(n - 1)
  else
    CountPs(n - 1)
}
```

Example

```
function P(x: int): bool
  //...

// Count the number of values less than "n" that satisfy "P"
function CountPs(n: nat): int
  decreases n, 1
{
  if n == 0 then
    0
  else if P(n - 1) then
    AddAndCountTheRest(n, 1)
  else
    AddAndCountTheRest(n, 0)
}

function AddAndCountTheRest(n: nat, x: int): int
  requires n != 0
  decreases n, 0
{
  x + CountPs(n - 1)
}
```

Example

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function P(x: int): bool
  //...

// Count the number of values less than "n" that satisfy "P"
function CountPs(n: nat): int
  decreases n
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}

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  requires n != 0
{
  x + CountPs(n - 1)
}
```

CombineBudget.dfy

Limited increases

Example

```
method Combine(a: nat, b: nat, incBudget: nat) returns (c: nat)
  ensures c == 100 * a + b
  decreases incBudget, a, b
{
  if a == 0 {
    c := b;
  } else if b != 0 {
    c := Combine(a, b - 1, incBudget);
    c := c + 1;
  } else if 5000 <= b && incBudget != 0 {
    c := Combine(a + 1, b - 100, incBudget - 1);
  } else {
    c := Combine(a - 1, b + 100, incBudget);
  }
}
```

Mult.dfy

```
function Mult(x: nat, y: nat): nat {  
  if y == 0 then 0 else x + Mult(x, y - 1)  
}
```

Example

How cool is
this step?
Yep, pretty
cool, alright!

Here's another interesting step.
Notice how the arguments are
reversed in the recursive call
(that is, to call to the induction
hypothesis).

```
lemma {::induction false} MultCommutative(x: nat, y: nat)  
  ensures Mult(x, y) == Mult(y, x)  
  decreases x, y  
{  
  if x == y {  
  } else if x == 0 {  
    assert Mult(x, y) == Mult(x, y - 1);  
    assert Mult(y, x) == 0 == Mult(y - 1, x);  
    MultCommutative(x, y - 1);  
  } else if y < x {  
    MultCommutative(y, x);  
  } else {  
    calc {  
      Mult(x, y);  
      == // def. Mult  
        x + Mult(x, y - 1);  
      == { MultCommutative(x, y - 1); }  
        x + Mult(y - 1, x);  
      == // def. Mult  
        x + y - 1 + Mult(y - 1, x - 1);  
      == { MultCommutative(x - 1, y - 1); }  
        x + y - 1 + Mult(x - 1, y - 1);  
      == // def. Mult  
        y + Mult(x - 1, y);  
      == { MultCommutative(x - 1, y); }  
        y + Mult(y, x - 1);  
      == // def. Mult  
        Mult(y, x);  
    }  
  }  
}
```

Example

```
datatype List<X> = Nil | Cons(head: X, tail: List<X>)

function Length(xs: List): nat {
  if xs == Nil then 0 else 1 + Length(xs.tail)
}

function Drop(xs: List, n: nat): List
  requires n <= Length(xs)
{
  if n == 0 then xs else Drop(xs.tail, n - 1)
}

function Drop'(xs: List, n: nat): (r: List)
  requires n <= Length(xs)
  ensures Length(r) == Length(xs) - n
{
  if n == 0 then xs else Drop'(xs, n - 1).tail
}
```

Example

```
lemma {induction false} Same(xs: List, n: nat)
  requires n <= Length(xs)
  ensures Drop(xs, n) == Drop'(xs, n)
{
  if n < 2 {
    // easy
  } else {
    calc {
      Drop(xs, n);
      == // def. Drop
      Drop(xs.tail, n - 1);
      == { Same(xs.tail, n - 1); } // I.H.
      Drop'(xs.tail, n - 1);
      == // def. Drop'
      Drop'(xs.tail, n - 2).tail;
      == { Same(xs.tail, n - 2); } // I.H.
      Drop(xs.tail, n - 2).tail;
      == // def. Drop
      Drop(xs, n - 1).tail;
      == { Same(xs, n - 1); } // I.H.
      Drop'(xs, n - 1).tail;
      == // def. Drop'
      Drop'(xs, n);
    }
  }
}
```

Layering methods/functions

Given

```
function Fib(n: nat): nat
  decreases n
{
  if n < 2 then n else Fib(n-2) + Fib(n-1)
}
```

Specify termination of

```
function SumOfFibs(xs: List<nat>): nat
  decreases ??
{
  if xs == Nil then 0 else
    Fib(xs.head) + SumOfFibs(xs.tail)
}
```

Layering methods/functions

One possibility:

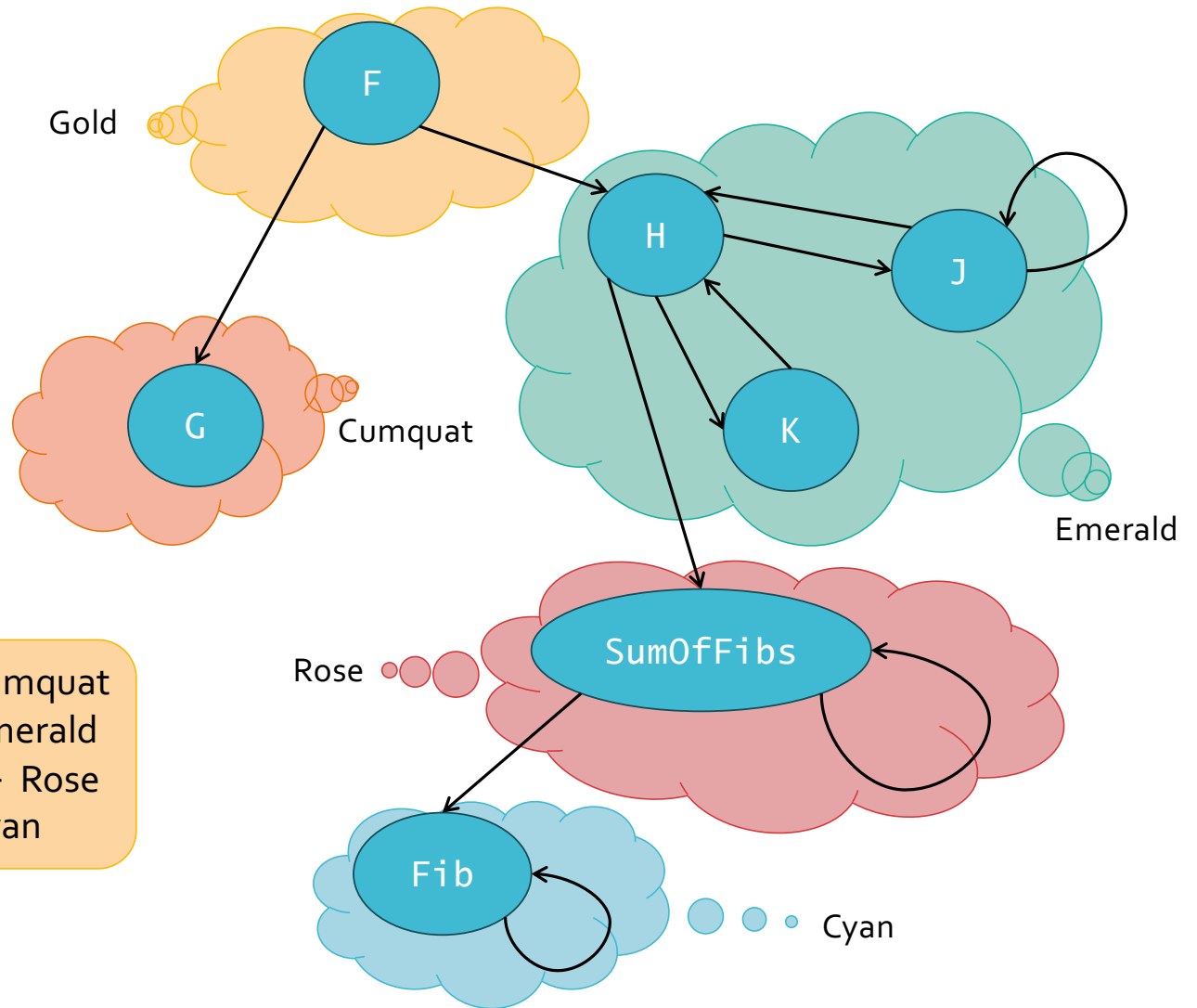
```
function Fib(n: nat): nat
  decreases 0, n
{
  if n < 2 then n else Fib(n-2) + Fib(n-1)
}
```

```
function SumOfFibs(xs: List<nat>): nat
  decreases 1, xs
{
  if xs == Nil then 0 else
    Fib(xs.head) + SumOfFibs(xs.tail)
}
```

But this requires *changing* the given specification of Fib 😞

Call graph

Gold > Cumquat
Gold > Emerald
Emerald > Rose
Rose > Cyan





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- Dafny fixes a well-founded order for each type
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where

- $\mathcal{A}$ is the union of all types
 - $\mathcal{C}$ is the set of strongest connected components (SCCs) of the call graph
 - k is the length of the longest given **decreases** clause in the program
- **decreases** clauses are automatically padded to the longest length

Layering
methods/functions

Solution

```
function Fib(n: nat): nat
  decreases n
{
  if n < 2 then n else Fib(n-2) + Fib(n-1)
}
```

```
function SumOfFibs(xs: List<nat>): nat
  decreases xs
{
  if xs == Nil then 0 else
    Fib(xs.head) + SumOfFibs(xs.tail)
}
```

Summary

- You can call whatever you want whenever you want, provided
 - you satisfy the precondition, and
 - you can show a decrease in some fixed well-founded order
- Examples:
 - $n \leq \text{Fib}(n)$: base cases 5, 6
 - FastPow: strong induction
 - SubstIdempotent: mutual recursion/induction
 - x/y: custom ordering
 - MultComm: ad-hoc cases
 - Call chains: use constants, call-graph SCC

Program safely!