

**Proposition 1.**  $\text{length}(L \# L') = \text{length}(L) + \text{length}(L')$  for all lists  $L, L'$ .

*Proof by induction on  $L$ .* Let  $L$  be a list.

*Case  $L = []$ .*  $\square$

*Case  $L = a :: L''$  for some object  $a$  and some list  $L''$ .* Take an object  $a$  and a list  $L''$  such that  $L = a :: L''$ . Then  $L'' \prec L$ . Hence  $\text{length}(L'' \# L') = \text{length}(L'') + \text{length}(L')$  for every list  $L'$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned}\text{length}(L \# L') &= \text{length}((a :: L'') \# L') \\ &= \text{length}(a :: (L'' \# L')) \\ &= \text{length}(L'' \# L') + 1 \\ &= (\text{length}(L'') + \text{length}(L')) + 1 \\ &= (\text{length}(L'') + 1) + \text{length}(L') \\ &= \text{length}(a :: L'') + \text{length}(L') \\ &= \text{length}(L) + \text{length}(L')\end{aligned}$$

for every list  $L'$ .  $\square$

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