Much Ado about Two

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Abstract

This article is an Isabelle formalisation of a paper with the same. In a similar way as Knuth's 0-1-principle for sorting algorithms, that paper develops a "0-1-2-principle" for parallel prefix computations.

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1 Much Ado about Two

Due to Donald E. Knuth, it is known for some time that certain sorting functions for lists of arbitrary types can be proved correct by only showing that they are correct for boolean lists ([3], see also [2]). This reduction idea, i.e. reducing a proof for an arbitrary type to a proof for a fixed type with a

fixed number of values, has also instances in other fields. Recently, in [5], a similar result as Knuth's 0-1-principle is explained for the problem of parallel prefix computation [1]. That is the task to compute, for given x_1, \ldots, x_n and an associative operation \oplus , the values $x_1, x_1 \oplus x_2, \ldots, x_1 \oplus x_2 \oplus \cdots \oplus x_n$. There are several solutions which optimise this computation, and an obvious question is to ask whether these solutions are correct. One way to answer this question is given in [5]. There, a "0-1-2-principle" is proved which relates an unspecified solution of the parallel prefix computation, expressed as a function candidate, with scanl1, a functional representation of the parallel prefix computation. The essence proved in the mentioned paper is as follows: If candidate and scanl1 behave identical on all lists over a type which has three elements, then candidate is semantically equivalent to scanl1, that is, candidate is a correct solution of the parallel prefix computation.

Although it seems that nearly nothing is known about the function *candidate*, it turns out that the type of *candidate* already suffices for the proof of the paper's result. The key is relational parametricity [4] in the form of a free theorem [6]. This, some rewriting and a few properties about list-processing functions thrown in allow to proof the "0-1-2-principle".

The paper first shows some simple properties and derives a specialisation of the free theorem. The proof of the main theorem itself is split up in two parts. The first, and considerably more complicated part relates lists over a type with three values to lists of integer lists. Here, the paper uses several figures to demonstrate and shorten several proofs. The second part then relates lists of integer list with lists over arbitrary types, and consists of applying the free theorem and some rewriting. The combination of these two parts then yields the theorem.

Th article at hand formalises the proofs given in [5], which is called here "the original paper". Compared to that paper, there are several differences in this article. The major differences are listed below. A more detailed collection follows thereafter.

- The original paper requires lists to be non-empty. Eventhough lists in Isabelle may also be empty, we stick to Isabelle's list datatype instead of declaring a new datatype, due to the huge, already existing theory about lists in Isabelle. As a consequence, however, several modifications become necessary.
- The figure-based proofs of the original paper are replaced by formal proofs. This forms a major part of this article (see Section 6).
- Instead of integers, we restrict ourselves to natural numbers. Thus, several conditions can be simplified since every natural number is greater than or equal to θ . This decision has no further influence on the proofs because they never consider negative integers.

• Mainly due to differences between Haskell and Isabelle, certain notations are different here compared to the original paper. List concatenation is denoted by @ instead of ++, and in writing down intervals, we use [0..< k+1] instead of [0..k]. Moreover, we write f instead of \oplus and g instead of \otimes . Functions mapping an element of the three-valued type to an arbitrary type are denoted by h.

Whenever we use lemmas from already existing Isabelle theories, we qualify them by their theory name. For example, instead of *map-map*, we write *List.map-map* to point out that this lemma is taken from Isabelle's list theory.

The following comparison shows all differences of this article compared to the original paper. The items below follow the structure of the original paper (and also this article's structure). They also highlight the challenges which needed to be solved in formalising the original paper.

- Introductions of several list functions (e.g. length, map, take) are dropped. They exist already in Isabelle's list theory and are be considered familiar to the reader.
- The free theorem given in Lemma 1 of the original paper is not sufficient for later proofs, because the assumption is not appropriate in the context of Isabelle's lists, which may also be empty. Thus, here, Lemma 1 is a derived version of the free theorem given as Lemma 1 in the original paper, and some additional proof-work is done.
- Before proceeding in the original paper's way, we state and proof additional lemmas, which are not part of Isabelle's libraries. These lemmas are not specific to this article and may also be used in other theories.
- Laws 1 to 8 and Lemma 2 of the original paper are explicitly proved. Most of the proofs follow directly from existing results of Isabelle's list theory. To proof Law 7, Law 8 and Lemma 2, more work was necessary, especially for Law 8.
- Lemma 3 and its proof are nearly the same here as in the original paper. Only the additional assumptions of Lemma 1, due to Isabelle's list datatype, have to be shown.
- Lemma 4 is split up in several smaller lemmas, and the order of them tries to follow the structure of the original paper's Lemma 4.

For every figure of the original paper, there is now one separate proof. These proofs constitute the major difference in the structure of this article compared to the original paper.

The proof of Lemma 4 in the original paper concludes by combining the results of the figure-based proofs to a non-trivial permutation property.

These three sentences given in the original paper are split up in five separate lemmas and according proofs, and therefore, they as well form a major difference to the original paper.

- Lemma 5 is mostly identical to the version in the original paper. It has one additional assumption required by Lemma 4. Moreover, the proof is slightly more structured, and some steps needed a bit more argumentation than in the original paper.
- In principle, Proposition 1 is identical to the according proposition in the original paper. However, to fulfill the additional requirement of Lemma 5, an additional lemma was proved. This, however, is only necessary, because we use Isabelle's list type which allows lists to be empty.
- Proposition 2 contains one non-trivial step, which is proved as a seperate lemma. Note that this is not due to any decisions of using special datatypes, but inherent in the proof itself. Apart from that, the proof is identical to the original paper's proof of Proposition 2.
- The final theorem is, as in the original paper, just a combination of Proposition 1 and Proposition 2. Only the assumptions are extended due to Isabelle's list datatype.

2 Basic definitions

```
fun foldl1 :: ('a \Rightarrow 'a \Rightarrow 'a) \Rightarrow 'a \text{ list } \Rightarrow 'a

where

foldl1 f (x \# xs) = \text{foldl } f x xs

fun scanl1 :: ('a \Rightarrow 'a \Rightarrow 'a) \Rightarrow 'a \text{ list } \Rightarrow 'a \text{ list}

where

scanl1 f xs = map(\lambda k. \text{ foldl1 } f \text{ (take } k xs))

[1..< length xs + 1]
```

The original paper further relies on associative functions. Thus, we define another predicate to be able to express this condition:

definition

```
associative f \equiv (\forall x \ y \ z. \ f \ x \ (f \ y \ z) = f \ (f \ x \ y) \ z)
```

The following constant symbols represents our unspecified function. We want to show that this function is semantically equivalent to *scanl1*, provided that the first argument is an associative function.

consts

```
candidate :: ('a \Rightarrow 'a \Rightarrow 'a) \Rightarrow 'a \ list \Rightarrow 'a \ list
```

With the final theorem, it suffices to show that *candidate* behaves like *scanl1* on all lists of the following type, to conclude that *canditate* is semantically equivalent to *scanl1*.

```
datatype three = Zero \mid One \mid Two
```

Although most of the functions mentioned in the original paper already exist in Isabelle's list theory, we still need to define two more functions:

```
fun wrap :: 'a \Rightarrow 'a \ list
where
wrap \ x = [x]

fun ups :: nat \Rightarrow nat \ list \ list
where
ups \ n = map \ (\lambda k. \ [\theta..< k+1]) \ [\theta..< n+1]
```

3 A Free Theorem

The key to proof the final theorem is the following free theorem [4, 6] of candidate. Since there is no proof possible without specifying the underlying (functional) language (which would be beyond the scope of this work), this lemma is expected to hold. As a consequence, all following lemmas and also the final theorem only hold under this provision.

axiomatization where

```
candidate-free-theorem:
```

```
\bigwedge x\ y.\ h\ (f\ x\ y) = g\ (h\ x)\ (h\ y) \Longrightarrow map\ h\ (candidate\ f\ zs) = candidate\ g\ (map\ h\ zs)
```

In what follows in this section, the previous lemma is specialised to a lemma for non-empty lists. More precisely, we want to restrict the above assumption to be applicable for non-empty lists. This is already possible without modifications when having a list datatype which does not allow for empty lists. However, before being able to also use Isabelle's list datatype, further conditions on f and zs are necessary.

To prove the derived lemma, we first introduce a datatype for nonempty lists, and we furthermore define conversion functions to map the new datatype on Isabelle lists and back.

```
datatype 'a nel = NE-One 'a | NE-Cons 'a 'a nel | Substituting the second secon
```

```
where
```

```
\begin{array}{lll} & l2n \; [x] & = \textit{NE-One } x \\ | \; l2n \; (x \;\#\; xs) = (\textit{case } xs \; \textit{of} \; [] & \Rightarrow \textit{NE-One } x \\ | \; (\textit{-} \;\#\; \textit{-}) \Rightarrow \textit{NE-Cons } x \; (\textit{l2n } xs)) \end{array}
```

The following results relate Isabelle lists and non-empty lists:

```
lemma non-empty-n2l: n2l \ xs \neq [] \langle proof \rangle

lemma n2l-l2n-id: x \neq [] \Longrightarrow n2l \ (l2n \ x) = x \langle proof \rangle

lemma n2l-l2n-map-id:
assumes \bigwedge x. \ x \in set \ zs \Longrightarrow x \neq []
shows map \ (n2l \circ l2n) \ zs = zs \langle proof \rangle
```

Based on the previous lemmas, we can state and proof a specialised version of *candidate*'s free theorem, suitable for our setting as explained before.

```
lemma Lemma-1:
```

```
assumes A1: \bigwedge(x::'a \ list) \ (y::'a \ list).

x \neq [] \implies y \neq [] \implies h \ (f \ x \ y) = g \ (h \ x) \ (h \ y)

and A2: \bigwedge x \ y. \ x \neq [] \implies y \neq [] \implies f \ x \ y \neq []

and A3: \bigwedge x. \ x \in set \ zs \implies x \neq []

shows map h \ (candidate \ f \ zs) = candidate \ g \ (map \ h \ zs)

\langle proof \rangle
```

4 Useful lemmas

In this section, we state and proof several lemmas, which neither occur in the original paper nor in Isabelle's libraries.

```
lemma upt-map-Suc:
```

```
\begin{array}{l} k > 0 \Longrightarrow [0..{<}k+1] = 0 \ \# \ map \ Suc \ [0..{<}k] \\ \langle proof \rangle \end{array}
```

 $\mathbf{lemma}\ \mathit{divide-and-conquer-induct}:$

```
assumes A1: P [] and A2: \bigwedge x. P [x] and A3: \bigwedge xs ys. [[ xs \neq [] ; ys \neq [] ; P xs ; P ys ]] \Longrightarrow P (xs @ ys) shows P zs \langle proof \rangle
```

 ${\bf lemmas}\ divide\text{-}and\text{-}conquer$

= divide-and-conquer-induct [case-names Nil One Partition]

5 Preparatory Material

In the original paper, the following lemmas L1 to L8 are given without a proof, although it is hinted there that most of them follow from parametricity properties [4, 6]. Alternatively, most of them can be shown by induction over lists. However, since we are using Isabelle's list datatype, we rely on already existing results.

```
lemma L1: map\ g\ (map\ f\ xs) = map\ (g\circ f)\ xs \langle proof \rangle

lemma L2: length\ (map\ f\ xs) = length\ xs \langle proof \rangle

lemma L3: take\ k\ (map\ f\ xs) = map\ f\ (take\ k\ xs) \langle proof \rangle

lemma L4: map\ f\circ wrap = wrap\circ f \langle proof \rangle

lemma L5: map\ f\ (xs\ @\ ys) = (map\ f\ xs)\ @\ (map\ f\ ys) \langle proof \rangle

lemma L6: k < length\ xs \Longrightarrow (map\ f\ xs)\ !\ k = f\ (xs\ !\ k) \langle proof \rangle

lemma L7: \bigwedge k.\ k < length\ xs \Longrightarrow map\ (nth\ xs)\ [0...< k+1] = take\ (k+1)\ xs \langle proof \rangle
```

In Isabelle's list theory, a similar result for *foldl* already exists. Therefore, it is easy to prove the following lemma for *foldl1*. Note that this lemma does not occur in the original paper.

lemma foldl1-append:

```
assumes xs \neq []
shows foldl1 f (xs @ ys) = foldl1 f (foldl1 f xs # ys)
\langle proof \rangle
```

This is a special induction scheme suitable for proving L8. It is not mentioned in the original paper.

```
lemma foldl1-induct':

assumes \bigwedge f x. P f [x]
and \bigwedge f x y. P f [x, y]
and \bigwedge f x y z zs. P f (f x y \# z \# zs) \Longrightarrow P f (x \# y \# z \# zs)
and \bigwedge f. P f []
shows P f xs
\langle proof \rangle
```

lemmas foldl1-induct = foldl1-induct' [case-names One Two More Nil]

```
lemma L8:
```

```
assumes associative f

and xs \neq []

and ys \neq []

shows foldl1 \ f \ (xs @ ys) = f \ (foldl1 \ f \ xs) \ (foldl1 \ f \ ys)

\langle proof \rangle
```

The next lemma is applied in several following proofs whenever the equivalence of two lists is shown.

```
lemma Lemma-2:
```

```
assumes length xs = length \ ys
and \bigwedge k. k < length \ xs \Longrightarrow xs \ ! \ k = ys \ ! \ k
shows xs = ys
\langle proof \rangle
```

In the original paper, this lemma and its proof appear inside of Lemma 3. However, this property will be useful also in later proofs and is thus separated.

```
\mathbf{lemma}\ foldl1\text{-}map:
```

```
assumes associative f

and xs \neq []

and ys \neq []

shows foldl1 f (map h (xs @ ys))

= f (foldl1 f (map h xs)) (foldl1 f (map h ys))

\langle proof \rangle
```

```
lemma Lemma-3:
```

```
fixes f :: 'a \Rightarrow 'a \Rightarrow 'a
and h :: nat \Rightarrow 'a
assumes associative f
shows map (foldl1 f \circ map h) (candidate (@) (map wrap [0..< n+1]))
```

```
= candidate f (map h [0..< n+1]) \langle proof \rangle
```

6 Proving Proposition 1

6.1 Definitions of Lemma 4

In the same way as in the original paper, the following two functions are defined:

```
fun f1:: three \Rightarrow three \Rightarrow three
where
f1 \ x \quad Zero = x
| f1 \ Zero \ One = One
| f1 \ x \quad y = Two
fun f2:: three \Rightarrow three \Rightarrow three
where
f2 \ x \ Zero = x
| f2 \ x \ One = One
| f2 \ x \ Two = Two
```

Both functions are associative as is proved by case analysis:

```
lemma f1-assoc: associative f1 \langle proof \rangle
lemma f2-assoc: associative f2 \langle proof \rangle
```

Next, we define two other functions, again according to the original paper. Note that h1 has an extra parameter k which is only implicit in the original paper.

```
fun h1:: nat \Rightarrow nat \Rightarrow nat \Rightarrow three
where
h1 \ k \ i \ j = (if \ i = j \ then \ One
else \ if \ j \leq k \ then \ Zero
else \ Two)
fun h2:: nat \Rightarrow nat \Rightarrow three
where
h2 \ i \ j = (if \ i = j \ then \ One
else \ if \ i + 1 = j \ then \ Two
else \ Zero)
```

6.2 Figures and Proofs

In the original paper, this lemma is depicted in (and proved by) Figure 2. Therefore, it carries this unusual name here.

lemma Figure-2:

```
assumes i \le k
shows foldl1 f1 (map (h1 k i) [0..<k + 1]) = One \langle proof \rangle
```

In the original paper, this lemma is depicted in (and proved by) Figure 3. Therefore, it carries this unusual name here.

```
lemma Figure-3: assumes i < k shows foldl1 f2 (map (h2 i) [0..< k+1]) = Two \langle proof \rangle
```

Counterparts of the following two lemmas are shown in the proof of Lemma 4 in the original paper. Since here, the proof of Lemma 4 is separated in several smaller lemmas, also these two properties are given separately.

```
lemma L9:
```

```
 \begin{array}{l} \textbf{assumes} \; \bigwedge \; (f :: three \Rightarrow three \Rightarrow three) \; h. \; associative \; f \\ \qquad \Longrightarrow foldl1 \; f \; (map \; h \; js) = foldl1 \; f \; (map \; h \; [0..< k \; + \; 1]) \\ \textbf{and} \; \; i \leq k \\ \textbf{shows} \; foldl1 \; f1 \; (map \; (h1 \; k \; i) \; js) = One \\ \langle proof \rangle \\ \end{array}
```

lemma L10:

```
assumes \bigwedge (f :: three \Rightarrow three \Rightarrow three) h. associative f <math>\Longrightarrow foldl1 \ f \ (map \ h \ js) = foldl1 \ f \ (map \ h \ [0..< k+1]) and i < k shows foldl1 \ f2 \ (map \ (h2 \ i) \ js) = Two \langle proof \rangle
```

In the original paper, this lemma is depicted in (and proved by) Figure 4. Therefore, it carries this unusual name here. This lemma expresses that every $i \leq k$ is contained in js at least once.

```
lemma Figure-4:

assumes foldl1 f1 (map (h1 \ k \ i) \ js) = One

and js \neq []

shows i \in set \ js

\langle proof \rangle
```

In the original paper, this lemma is depicted in (and proved by) Figure 5. Therefore, it carries this unusual name here. This lemma expresses that every $i \leq k$ is contained in js at most once.

```
lemma Figure-5:

assumes foldl1 f1 (map (h1 k i) js) = One

and js = xs @ ys

shows \neg (i \in set \ xs \land i \in set \ ys)

\langle proof \rangle
```

In the original paper, this lemma is depicted in (and proved by) Figure 6. Therefore, it carries this unusual name here. This lemma expresses that js

```
contains only elements of [0..< k+1].

lemma Figure-6:
assumes \bigwedge i. i \le k \Longrightarrow foldl1 \ f1 \ (map \ (h1 \ k \ i) \ js) = One
and i > k
shows i \notin set \ js
\langle proof \rangle
```

In the original paper, this lemma is depicted in (and proved by) Figure 7. Therefore, it carries this unusual name here. This lemma expresses that every $i \leq k$ in js is eventually followed by i + 1.

```
lemma Figure-7:

assumes foldl1 f2 (map (h2 i) js) = Two

and js = xs @ ys

and xs \neq []

and i = last xs

shows (i + 1) \in set ys

\langle proof \rangle
```

6.3 Permutations and Lemma 4

In the original paper, the argumentation goes as follows: From Figure-4 and Figure-5 we can show that js contains every $i \leq k$ exactly once, and from Figure-6 we can furthermore show that js contains no other elements. Thus, js must be a permutation of [0...< k+1].

Here, however, the argumentation is different, because we want to use already existing results. Therefore, we show first, that the sets of js and [0..< k+1] are equal using the results of Figure-4 and Figure-6. Second, we show that js is a distinct list, i.e. no element occurs twice in js. Since also [0..< k+1] is distinct, the multisets of js and [0..< k+1] are equal, and therefore, both lists are permutations.

lemma *js-is-a-permutation*:

```
assumes A1: \bigwedge (f :: three \Rightarrow three \Rightarrow three) h. associative f \Longrightarrow foldl1 f (map h js) = foldl1 f (map h [0..< k+1]) and A2: js \neq [] shows mset\ js = mset\ [0..< k+1] \langle proof \rangle
```

The result of Figure-7 is too specific. Instead of having that every i is eventually followed by i+1, it more useful to know that every i is followed by all i+r, where r>0. This result follows easily by induction from Figure-7.

lemma Figure-7-trans:

```
assumes A1: \bigwedge i \ xs \ ys. \llbracket \ i < k \ ; \ js = xs \ @ \ ys \ ; \ xs \neq \llbracket \ ] \ ; \ i = last \ xs \ \rrbracket \Longrightarrow (i+1) \in set \ ys and A2: (r::nat) > 0 and A3: i+r \leq k and A4: js = xs \ @ \ ys
```

```
and A5: xs \neq []
and A6: i = last \ xs
shows (i + r) \in set \ ys
\langle proof \rangle
```

Since we want to use Lemma partitions-sorted to show that js is sorted, we need yet another result which can be obtained using the previous lemma and some further argumentation:

lemma *js-partition-order*:

```
assumes A1: mset\ js = mset\ [0..< k+1]

and A2: \bigwedge i\ xs\ ys. [\![i< k\ ;js = xs\ @\ ys\ ;xs \ne [\!]\ ;i= last\ xs\ ]\!]

\Longrightarrow (i+1)\in set\ ys

and A3: js = xs\ @\ ys

and A4: i\in set\ xs

and A5: j\in set\ ys

shows i\le j

\langle proof \rangle
```

With the help of the previous lemma, we show now that js equals [0..< k + 1], if both lists are permutations and every i is eventually followed by i + 1 in js.

```
lemma js-equals-upt-k:
```

```
assumes A1: mset\ js = mset\ [0..< k+1]
and A2: \bigwedge i\ xs\ ys. \llbracket\ i < k\ ;\ js = xs\ @\ ys\ ;\ xs \neq [\rrbracket\ ;\ i = last\ xs\ \rrbracket
\Longrightarrow (i+1) \in set\ ys
shows js = [0..< k+1]
\langle proof \rangle
```

From all the work done before, we conclude now Lemma 4:

```
lemma Lemma-4:
```

6.4 Lemma 5

This lemma is a lifting of Lemma 4 to the overall computation of *scanl1*. Its proof follows closely the one given in the original paper.

```
lemma Lemma-5:
```

```
assumes \bigwedge(f :: three \Rightarrow three \Rightarrow three) h. associative f 
 <math>\implies map \ (foldl1 \ f \circ map \ h) \ jss = scanl1 \ f \ (map \ h \ [0..< n+1])

and \bigwedge js. \ js \in set \ jss \implies js \neq []

shows jss = ups \ n

\langle proof \rangle
```

6.5 Proposition 1

In the original paper, only non-empty lists where considered, whereas here, the used list datatype allows also for empty lists. Therefore, we need to exclude non-empty lists to have a similar setting as in the original paper.

In the case of Proposition 1, we need to show that every list contained in the result of candidate (@) $(map\ wrap\ [0..< n+1])$ is non-empty. The idea is to interpret empty lists by the value Zero and non-empty lists by the value One, and to apply the assumptions.

 ${\bf lemma}\ non-empty-candidate\text{-}results\text{:}$

```
assumes \bigwedge (f :: three \Rightarrow three \Rightarrow three) (xs :: three \ list).

[ associative f ; xs \neq [] ]] \implies candidate f xs = scanl1 f xs

and js \in set (candidate (@) (map \ wrap [0..<n+1]))

shows js \neq []
\langle proof \rangle
```

Proposition 1 is very similar to the corresponding one shown in the original paper except of a slight modification due to the choice of using Isabelle's list datatype.

Strictly speaking, the requirement that xs must be non-empty in the assumptions of Proposition 1 is not necessary, because only non-empty lists are applied in the proof. However, the additional requirement eases the proof obligations of the final theorem, i.e. this additions allows more (or easier) applications of the final theorem.

```
lemma Proposition-1: assumes \bigwedge (f :: three \Rightarrow three \Rightarrow three) (xs :: three list).

\llbracket associative f; xs \neq \llbracket \rrbracket \Longrightarrow candidate f xs = scanl1 f xs shows candidate (@) (map wrap \llbracket 0..< n+1 \rrbracket) = ups n \langle proof \rangle
```

7 Proving Proposition 2

Before proving Proposition 2, a non-trivial step of that proof is shown first. In the original paper, the argumentation simply applies L7 and the definition of map and [0..< k+1]. However, since, L7 requires that k must be less than length [0..< length xs] and this does not simply follow for the bound occurrence of k, a more complicated proof is necessary. Here, it is shown based on Lemma 2.

```
lemma Prop-2-step-L7:

map\ (\lambda k.\ foldl1\ g\ (map\ (nth\ xs)\ [0..< k+1]))\ [0..< length\ xs]

= map\ (\lambda k.\ foldl1\ g\ (take\ (k+1)\ xs))\ [0..< length\ xs]

\langle proof \rangle
```

Compared to the original paper, here, Proposition 2 has the additional assumption that xs is non-empty. The proof, however, is identical to the the one given in the original paper, except for the non-trivial step shown before.

```
lemma Proposition-2:
assumes A1: \bigwedge n. candidate (@) (map wrap [0..< n+1]) = ups n
and A2: associative g
and A3: xs \neq []
shows candidate g xs = scanl1 g xs
\langle proof \rangle
```

8 The Final Result

Finally, we the main result follows directly from Proposition 1 and Proposition 2.

```
theorem The-0-1-2-Principle: assumes \bigwedge (f :: three \Rightarrow three \Rightarrow three) (xs :: three list).

\llbracket associative f; xs \neq \llbracket \rrbracket \Longrightarrow candidate f xs = scanl1 f xs and associative g and ys \neq \llbracket shows candidate g ys = scanl1 g ys \langle proof \rangle
```

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