

436 (leafy tree) A leafy tree is a tree with information residing only at the leaves. Design appropriate axioms for a binary leafy data-tree.

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§ The following axioms constitute a strong theory of leafy trees.

$leaf: X \rightarrow tree$

$graft: tree \rightarrow tree \rightarrow tree$

$leaf\ X, graft\ B\ B: B \Rightarrow tree: B$

$graft\ t\ u \neq leaf\ x$

$leaf\ x = leaf\ y \iff x=y$

$graft\ t\ u = graft\ v\ w \iff t=v \wedge u=w$

$left\ (graft\ t\ u) = t$

$right\ (graft\ t\ u) = u$

$data\ (leaf\ x) = x$

I have used a function $leaf$ to convert a data item to a one-item tree, and another function $data$ to retrieve it again. Another, simpler, approach is to consider that a data item is already a one-item tree. In that case, $leaf$ and $data$ aren't needed. The axioms are:

$X: tree$

$graft: tree \rightarrow tree \rightarrow tree$

$X, graft\ B\ B: B \Rightarrow tree: B$

$\neg graft\ t\ u: X$

$graft\ t\ u = graft\ v\ w \iff t=v \wedge u=w$

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