

76 Express formally that natural n is the length of a longest palindromic segment in list L .
A palindrome is a list that equals its reverse.

After trying the question, scroll down to the solution.

§ Define $pal\ i\ n$ to mean “ $L[i;..i+n]$ is a palindrome” by the following axioms.

$$0 \leq i \leq \#L \Rightarrow pal\ i\ 0$$

$$0 \leq i < \#L \Rightarrow pal\ i\ 1$$

$$0 \leq i \leq i+n+2 \leq \#L \Rightarrow (pal\ i\ (n+2) \equiv L\ i = L\ (i+n+1) \wedge pal\ (i+1)\ n)$$

Then we can say what we want as follows:

$$(\exists i: 0,..\#L-n \cdot pal\ i\ n) \wedge \neg(\exists i: 0,..\#L-n-1 \cdot pal\ i\ (n+1)) \wedge \neg(\exists i: 0,..\#L-n-2 \cdot pal\ i\ (n+2))$$