

# Inductive properties

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We have already seen how to define new datatypes by the mean of inductive types.

During this session, we shall present how *Coq*'s type system allows us to define **specifications** using **inductive declarations**.

```
Inductive even : nat -> Prop :=  
| even0 : even 0  
| evenS : forall p:nat, even p -> even (S (S p)).
```

Require Import List.

Set Implicit Arguments.

```
Inductive is_repetition(A:Type) : list A -> Prop :=  
| is_rep_nil : is_repetition nil  
| is_rep_single : forall a, is_repetition (a::nil)  
| is_rep_cons: forall a l, is_repetition (a::l) ->  
                           is_repetition (a::a::l).
```

## Inductive predicates

Let us consider again our little programming language. We can define the predicate “the variable  $v$  appears in the expression  $e$ ” :

```
Inductive Occurs (v:toy_Var): toy_Exp -> Prop :=  
|Occ_var : Occurs v (variable v)  
|Occ_op1 : forall op e1 e2, Occurs v e1 ->  
                                Occurs v (toy_op op e1 e2)  
|Occ_op2 : forall op e1 e2, Occurs v e2 ->  
                                Occurs v (toy_op op e1 e2).
```

Constructors are displayed in red.

Likewise, “The variable  $v$  may be modified by an execution of the statement  $s$ ”.

```
Inductive Assigned_in (v:toy_Var): toy_Statement->Prop :=  
| Assigned_assign : forall e, Assigned_in v (assign v e)  
| Assigned_seq1 : forall s1 s2,  
    Assigned_in v s1 ->  
    Assigned_in v (sequence s1 s2)  
| Assigned_seq2 : forall s1 s2,  
    Assigned_in v s2 ->  
    Assigned_in v (sequence s1 s2)  
| Assigned_loop : forall e s,  
    Assigned_in v s ->  
    Assigned_in v (simple_loop e s).
```

For proving that some given variable is assigned in some given statement, just apply (a finite number of times) the constructors.

Lemma Y\_assigned : Assigned\_in Y factorial\_Z\_program.

Proof.

unfold factorial\_Z\_program.

constructor 3 (\* apply Assigned\_seq2 \*).

constructor 2 (\* apply Assigned\_seq1 \*) .

constructor 1 (\* apply Assigned\_assign \*).

Qed.

```
(* Using hints and auto *)
```

```
Hint Constructors Assigned_in.
```

```
Lemma X_assigned : Assigned_in X factorial_Z_program.
```

```
Proof.
```

```
  unfold factorial_Z_program; auto.
```

```
Qed.
```

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Qed.

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intro H.

*1 subgoal*

*H : Assigned\_in Z factorial\_Z\_program*

=====

*False*



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```
=====
```

```
False
```

```
(* ?????????????? *)
```

```
Abort.
```

## A relation already used in previous lectures

The  $\leq$  relation on `nat` is defined by the means of an inductive predicate :

```
Inductive le (n : nat) : nat -> Prop :=  
  | le_n : le n n  
  | le_S : forall m : nat, le n m -> le n (S m)
```

The proposition `(le n m)` is denoted by `n <= m`.

## Reasoning with inductive predicates

Use constructors as introduction rules.

Lemma le\_n\_plus\_pn : forall n p: nat, n <= p + n.

Proof.

induction p;simpl.

*2 subgoals*

*n : nat*

=====

*n <= n*

*subgoal 2 is:*

*n <= S (p + n)*

constructor 1.

*1 subgoal*

*$n : \text{nat}$*

*$p : \text{nat}$*

*$IHp : n \leq p + n$*

=====

*$n \leq S(p + n)$*

constructor 2; assumption.

Qed.

## The induction principle for `le`

```
le_ind
  : forall (n : nat) (P : nat -> Prop),
    P n ->
    (forall m : nat, n <= m -> P m -> P (S m)) ->
    forall p : nat, n <= p -> P p
```

In order to prove that for every  $p \geq n$ ,  $P\ p$ , prove :

- ▶  $P\ n$
- ▶ for any  $m \geq n$ , if  $P\ m$  holds, then  $P\ (S\ m)$  holds.

Use **induction** or **destruct** as elimination tactics.

```
Lemma le_plus : forall n m, n <= m ->  
    exists p:nat, p+n = m  
    (* P n *).
```

Proof.

```
intros n m H.
```

*1 subgoal*

*n : nat*

*m : nat*

*H : n <= m*

=====

*exists p : nat, p + n = m*

*induction H.*

2 subgoals

$n : \text{nat}$

=====

$\text{exists } p : \text{nat}, p + n = n$

$(* P n *)$

subgoal 2 is:

$\text{exists } p : \text{nat}, p + n = S m$

$\text{exists } 0; \text{trivial}.$

1 subgoal

$n : \text{nat}$

$m : \text{nat}$

$H : n \leq m$

$\text{IHle} : \text{exists } p : \text{nat}, p + n = m \quad (* P m *)$

=====

$\text{exists } p : \text{nat}, p + n = S m \quad (* P (S m) *)$

```
destruct IHle as [q Hq]; exists (S q);
  simpl;rewrite Hq;trivial.
```

Qed.



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```
Lemma foo : ~(1 <= 0).
```

```
Proof.
```

```
intro h.
```

```
inversion h.
```

```
Qed.
```

The `inversion` tactic derives all the necessary conditions to an inductive hypothesis. If no condition can realize this hypothesis, the goal is proved by *ex falso quod libet*.

Lemma le\_n\_0 : forall n, n <= 0 -> n = 0.

Proof.

intros n H;inversion H.

*1 subgoal*

*n : nat*

*H : n <= 0*

*H0 : n = 0*

=====

*0 = 0*

trivial.

Qed.

## Some other examples

```
Lemma Assigned_inv1 : forall v w e,  
  Assigned_in v (assign w e) ->  
  v=w.
```

Proof.

```
intros v w e H; inversion H. ...
```

```
Lemma Assigned_inv2 : forall v s1 s2,  
  Assigned_in v (sequence s1 s2) ->  
  Assigned_in v s1  $\vee$  Assigned_in v s2.
```

Proo.

```
intros v s1 s2 H; inversion H. ...
```

# Inductive predicates and functions

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inversion H ???????????? NO !

(gives two unreadable subgoals)

Require Import Bool.

Definition var\_eqb (v w : toy\_Var) :=

```
match v,w with
| X, X => true
| Y, Y => true
| Z, Z => true
| _, _ => false
```

end.

Fixpoint assigned\_inb (v:toy\_Var)(s:toy\_Statement) :=

```
match s with
| assign w _ => var_eqb v w
| sequence s1 s2 =>
    assigned_inb v s1 || assigned_inb v s2
| simple_loop e s => assigned_inb v s
```

end.



## Bridge lemmas

```
Lemma Assigned_In_OK : forall v s,  
  Assigned_in v s ->  
  assigned_inb v s = true.
```

Proof.

```
  intros v s H; induction H; simpl; ...
```

```
Lemma Assigned_In_OK_R :  
forall v s, assigned_inb v s = true ->  
  Assigned_in v s.
```

Proof.

```
  induction s; simpl.  
  ...
```

Lemma Z\_unassigned :  $\sim$ (Assigned\_in Z factorial\_Z\_program).

Proof.

intro H;assert(H0 := Assigned\_In\_OK \_ \_ H).

*1 subgoal*

*H : Assigned\_in Z factorial\_Z\_program*

*H0 : assigned\_inb Z factorial\_Z\_program = true*

=====

*False*

siml in H0;discriminate H0.

Qed.

Let us consider again two aspects of  $\leq$  :

```
Inductive le (n : nat) : nat -> Prop :=  
  | le_n : n <= n  
  | le_S : forall m : nat, le n m -> le n (S m)
```

The term  $(\text{le } n \ m)$  is denoted by  $n \leq m$ .

```
Fixpoint leb n m : bool :=  
  match n, m with  
  | 0, _ => true  
  | S i, S j => leb i j  
  | _, _ => false  
end.
```

Eval compute in leb 5 45.

*= true : bool*

Lemma L5\_45 : 5 <= 45.

Proof.

repeat constructor.

Qed.

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Just try `Print L5_45.`!

Lemma le\_trans :

forall n p q, n <= p -> p <= q -> n <= q.

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We recognize the scheme :

$p \leq q \rightarrow P\ q$  where  $P\ q$  is  $n \leq q$ .

Thus, the base case is  $n \leq p$  and the inductive step is

forall q,  $p \leq q \rightarrow n \leq q \rightarrow n \leq S\ q$ .

```
intros n p q H H0; induction H0.
```

*2 subgoals*

$n : \text{nat}$

$p : \text{nat}$

$H : n \leq p$

=====

$n \leq p \dots$

`assumption.`



1 subgoal

$n : \text{nat}$

$p : \text{nat}$

$H : n \leq p$

$m : \text{nat}$

$H0 : p \leq m$

$IHle : n \leq m$

=====

$n \leq S m$

`constructor; assumption.`

`Qed.`

The tactic `constructor` tries to make the goal progress by applying a constructor. Constructors are tried in the order of the inductive type definition.

```
Lemma le_Sn_Sp_inv: forall n p, S n <= S p -> n <= p.  
intros n p H;inversion H.
```

*2 subgoals*

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*p : nat*

*H : S n <= S p*

*H1 : n = p*

=====

*p <= p ...*

```
constructor.
```

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*$p : \text{nat}$*

*$H : S\ n \leq S\ p$*

*$m : \text{nat}$*

*$H1 : S\ n \leq p$*

*$H0 : m = p$*

=====

*$n \leq p$*

apply le\_trans with (S n);

[repeat constructor|assumption].

## le or leb?

We can build a bridge between both aspects by proving the following theorems :

Lemma le\_leb\_iff : forall n p, n <= p <-> leb n p=true.

Lemma lt\_leb\_iff : forall n p, n < p <-> leb p n = false.

(\* Proofs left as exercise \*)

Lemma L:  $0 \leq 47$ .

Proof.

rewrite le\_leb\_iff.

*1 subgoal*

=====

*leb 0 47 = true*

trivial.

Qed.

Lemma leb\_Sn\_n : forall n p, leb n (n + p) = true.

Proof.

intros n p;rewrite <- le\_leb\_iff.

*1 subgoal*

*n : nat*

*p : nat*

=====

*n <= n + p*

SearchPattern (\_ <= \_ + \_).

apply le\_plus\_1;auto.

Qed.

## Inductive definitions and functions

It is sometimes very difficult to represent a function  $f : A \rightarrow B$  as a *Coq* function, for instance because of the :

- ▶ Undecidability (or hard proof) of termination
- ▶ Undecidability of the domain characterization

This situation often arises when studying the semantic of programming languages.

In that case, describing functions as inductive relations is really efficient.

# What you think is not what you get

An odd alternative definition of `le` :

```
Inductive alter_le (n : nat) : nat -> Prop :=  
| alter_le_n : alter_le n n  
| alter_le_S : forall m : nat, alter_le n m ->  
                                alter_le n (S m)  
| alter_dummy : alter_le n (S n).
```



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  alter_le x y -> alter_le y z -> alter_le z z.
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```

Well, it does not behave as nicely as expected.

## A more abstract example

Section transitive\_closures.

Definition relation (A : Type) := A -> A -> Prop.

Variables (A : Type)(R : relation A).

(\* the transitive closure of R is the least  
relation ... \*)

Inductive clos\_trans : relation A :=

(\* ... that contains R \*)

| t\_step : forall x y : A, R x y -> clos\_trans x y

(\* ... and is transitive \*)

| t\_trans : forall x y z : A,  
    clos\_trans x y -> clos\_trans y z  
    -> clos\_trans x z.

If some relation  $R$  is transitive, then its transitive closure is included in  $R$  :

Hypothesis  $R_{\text{trans}}$  :

forall  $x\ y\ z$ ,  $R\ x\ y \rightarrow R\ y\ z \rightarrow R\ x\ z$ .

Lemma  $\text{trans\_clos\_trans}$  : forall  $a1\ a2$ ,  
 $\text{clos\_trans}\ a1\ a2 \rightarrow R\ a1\ a2$ .

Proof.

intros  $a1\ a2\ H$ ; induction  $H$ .

*2 subgoals*

$x : A$

$y : A$

$H : R\ x\ y$

=====

$R\ x\ y \dots$

exact  $H$ .

$x : A$  $y : A$  $z : A$  $H : \text{clos\_trans } x \ y$  $H0 : \text{clos\_trans } y \ z$  $IH\text{clos\_trans1} : R \ x \ y$  $IH\text{clos\_trans2} : R \ y \ z$ 

=====

 $R \ x \ z$ 

apply Rtrans with y; assumption.

Qed.

```
End transitive_closures.
```

```
Check trans_clos_trans.
```

```
trans_clos_trans
```

```
: forall (A : Type) (R : relation A),  
  (forall x y z : A, R x y -> R y z -> R x z) ->  
  forall a1 a2 : A, clos_trans A R a1 a2 -> R a1 a2
```

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```

```
Implicit Arguments clos_trans [A].
```

```
Implicit Arguments trans_clos_trans [A].
```

```
Check (trans_clos_trans le le_trans).
```

```
trans_clos_trans nat le le_trans
```

```
: forall a1 a2 : nat, clos_trans le a1 a2 -> a1 <= a2
```

## Advice for crafting useful inductive definitions

- ▶ Constructors are “axioms” : they should be intuitively true...
- ▶ Constructors should as often as possible deal with mutually exclusive cases, to ease proofs by induction ;
- ▶ When an argument always appears with the same value, make it a parameter
- ▶ Test your predicate on negative and positive cases !



## Logical connectives as inductive definitions

Most logical connectives are defined using inductive types :

- ▶ Conjunction  $\wedge$
- ▶ Disjunction  $\vee$
- ▶ Existential quantification  $\exists$
- ▶ Equality
- ▶ Truth and False

Notable exceptions : implication, negation.

Let us revisit the 3th and 4th lectures.

## Logical connectives : conjunction

Conjunction is a pair :

```
Inductive and (A B : Prop) := conj : A -> B -> and A B.
```

- ▶ Term `(and A B)` is denoted  $(A \wedge B)$ .
- ▶ Prove a conjunction goal with the `split` tactic (generates two subgoals).
- ▶ Use a conjunction hypothesis with the `destruct as [...]` tactic.

## Logical connectives : disjunction

Disjunction is a two constructors inductive :

```
Inductive or (A B : Prop) : Prop :=  
| or_introl : A -> or A B | or_intror : B -> or A B.
```

- ▶ Term  $(\text{or } A \ B)$  is denoted  $(A \vee B)$ .
- ▶ Prove a disjunction with the **left**, **right** tactics (choose the side to prove).
- ▶ Use a conjunction hypothesis with the **case** or **destruct as [...|...]** tactics.

## Logical connectives : existential quantification

Existential quantification is a pair :

```
Inductive ex (A : Type) (P : A -> Prop) : Prop :=  
  ex_intro : forall x : A, P x -> ex P.
```

- ▶ The term `ex A (fun x => P x)` is denoted `exists x, P x`.
- ▶ Prove an existential goal with the `exists` tactic.
- ▶ Use an existential hypothesis with the `destruct as [...]` tactic.

## Equality

The built-in (predefined) equality relation in *Coq* is a parametric inductive type :

```
Inductive eq (A : Type) (x : A) : A -> Prop :=  
  refl_equal : eq A x x.
```

- ▶ Term `eq A x y` is denoted  $(x = y)$
- ▶ The induction principle is :

```
eq_ind : forall (A : Type) (x : A) (P : A -> Prop),  
  P x -> forall y : A, x = y -> P y
```

# Equality

- ▶ Use an equality hypothesis with the `rewrite [-]` tactic (uses `eq_ind`)
- ▶ Remember equality is computation compliant !

```
Goal 2 + 2 = 4. apply refl_equal. Qed.
```

Because `+` is a program.

- ▶ Prove trivial equalities (modulo computation) using the `reflexivity` tactic.

# Truth

The “truth” is a proposition that can be proved under any assumption, in any context. Hence it should not require any argument or parameter.

```
Inductive True : Prop := I : True.
```

Its induction principle is :

```
True_ind : forall P : Prop, P -> True -> P
```

which is not of much help...

## Falsehood

Falsehood should be a proposition of which no proof can be built (in empty context).

In *Coq*, this is encoded by an inductive type with **no constructor** :

```
Inductive False : Prop :=
```

coming with the induction principle :

```
False_ind : forall P : Prop, False -> P
```

often referred to as *ex falso quod libet*.

- ▶ To prove a **False** goal, often apply a negation hypothesis.
- ▶ To use a **H : False** hypothesis, use **destruct H**.



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