

# Isabelle/HOL Proof Assistant

## Isar engine

Use of Natural Deduction (ND) instead of Gentzen sequent calculus (LJ/LK). Thus,  $\Gamma$  is a **metacontext** and its objects can be used with following commands : assume A, show B...

## Syntax of Isabelle commands

### Inspection Commands

- type-checking terms : `term "<hol-term>"`
- evaluating terms : `value "<hol-term>"`
- explore libraries :  
`find_theorems <theorem content>* [name: <theorem name>]*`

### Specification Commands

- non-recursive definitions : `definition f :: "< $\tauwhere name : "f x1 ... xn = < $\tau$$`
- type definitions :  
`typedef ('a1, ..., 'an)  $\kappa$  = "<set-expr>" <proof>`  
**Example.** `typedef even = "{ x :: int. x mod 2 = 0 }"`

### Specification Mechanism Commands

- datatype definitions:  
`datatype ('a1, ..., 'an) = <c> :: "< $\tau\tau$`
- recursive function definitions :  
`typedef ('a1, ..., 'an)  $\kappa$  = "<set-expr>" <proof>`  
**Example.** `typedef even = "{ x :: int. x mod 2 = 0 }"`
- inductively defined sets:  
`inductive <c> [ for <v> :: "< $\tauwhere <thmname> : "< $\varphi| ...  
| <thmname> = "< $\varphi  
Example.  
inductive path for rel :: "'a  $\Rightarrow$  'a  $\Rightarrow$  bool"  
where base : "path rel x x"  
| step : "rel x y  $\Rightarrow$  path rel y z  $\Rightarrow$  path rel x z"$$$`
- extended notation for cartesian products (records):  
`record <c> = [<record> +]  
tag1 :: "< $\tau_1...  
tagn :: "< $\tau_n$$`

## Apply rules and theorems

- apply assumption proves  $\llbracket B_1, \dots, B_m \rrbracket \Rightarrow C$  by unifying  $C$  with one of the  $B_i$
- apply (rule <intro-rule>) :
  - decompose formulae to the right of  $\Rightarrow$
  - applying  $\llbracket A_1, \dots, A_n \rrbracket \Rightarrow A$  to subgoal  $C$ ,
    - unify  $A$  and  $C$
    - replace  $C$  with  $n$  new subgoals  $A_1, \dots, A_n$
- apply (erule <elim-rule>) :
  - decompose formulae to the left of  $\Rightarrow$
  - applying  $\llbracket A_1, \dots, A_n \rrbracket \Rightarrow A$  to subgoal  $C$ , like rule but also
    - unifies first premise of rule with an assumption
    - eliminates that assumption
- apply (case\_tac <term>) : case distinctions on arbitrary terms (e.g. excluded\_middle on type bool)
- apply (rule\_tac x = "<term>" in <rule>)
  - like rule but  $?x$  in <rule> is instantiated by <term> before application
  - applying  $\llbracket A_1, \dots, A_n \rrbracket \Rightarrow A$  to subgoal  $C$ ,
    - $x$  is in <rule>, not in goal
    - <term> may contain parameters from the goal and those introduced in Isar texts
- apply (erule\_tac x = "<term>" in <rule>) : similar
- apply (rename\_tac  $x_1 \dots x_n$ ) renames the rightmost (inner)  $n$  parameters to  $x_1, \dots, x_n$
- apply (frule <rule>) : ?
- apply clarify : applies all safe rules that do not split the goal
- apply safe : applies all safe rules
- apply fast : sequent based automatic
- apply best : search tactics
- apply blast : automatic tableaux prover (works well on predicate logic)
- apply metis : resolution prover for FO with equality
- insert ?

## Logical rules

### Rules Safety

**Definition.** Safe rules preserve provability.

- safe: conjI, impI, notI, iffI, refl, ccontr, classical, conjE, disjE, allI, exE
  - unsafe: disjI1, disjI2, impE, iffD1, iffD2, notE, allE, exI
- Apply safe rules before unsafe ones
  - Create parameters first, unknowns later

## Description operator

- $\varepsilon$ -operator :  $\varepsilon x P(x)$  is a value that satisfies  $P$  (if exists) ; written in Isabelle as `SOME x.Px` s.t.

$$\frac{P(?x)}{P(\text{SOME } x.P(x))} \text{ someI}$$

- $\iota$ -operator :  $\varepsilon$  implies Axiom of Choice<sup>1</sup> :

## Intuitionistic logic (LJ)

Name	Rule in Gentzen style	Desc.
TrueI	$\frac{}{\Gamma \vdash \top}$	
FalseE	$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \perp}{\Gamma \vdash P}$	
notI	$\frac{\Gamma, A \vdash \perp}{\Gamma \vdash \neg A}$	
notE	$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A \quad \Gamma \vdash \neg A}{\Gamma \vdash P}$	
conjI	$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A \quad \Gamma \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash A \wedge B}$	
conjE	$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A \wedge B \quad \Gamma, A, B \vdash C}{\Gamma \vdash C}$	
conjunct1	$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A \wedge B}{\Gamma \vdash A}$	
conjunct2	$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A \wedge B}{\Gamma \vdash B}$	
context_conjI	$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A \quad \Gamma, A \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash A \wedge B}$	
disjI1	$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A}{\Gamma \vdash A \vee B}$	
disjI2	$\frac{\Gamma \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash A \vee B}$	
disjCI	$\frac{\Gamma, \neg B \vdash A}{\Gamma \vdash A \vee B}$	
disjE	$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A \vee B \quad \Gamma, A \vdash C \quad \Gamma, B \vdash C}{\Gamma \vdash C}$	
impI	$\frac{\Gamma, A \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash A \Rightarrow B}$	
impE	$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A \Rightarrow B \quad \Gamma \vdash A \quad \Gamma, B \vdash C}{\Gamma \vdash C}$	
impCE	$\frac{\Gamma, A \vdash B \quad \Gamma, \neg A \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash B}$	
mp	$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A \Rightarrow B \quad \Gamma \vdash A}{\Gamma \vdash B}$	$\Rightarrow$ -elim
iffI	$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A \Rightarrow B \quad \Gamma \vdash B \Rightarrow A}{\Gamma \vdash A \Leftrightarrow B}$	
iffE	$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A \Leftrightarrow B \quad \Gamma, A \Rightarrow B, B \Rightarrow A \vdash C}{\Gamma \vdash C}$	
iffD1	$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A \Leftrightarrow B}{\Gamma \vdash A \Rightarrow B}$	
iffD2	$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A \Leftrightarrow B}{\Gamma \vdash B \Rightarrow A}$	

<sup>1</sup>Axiom of Choice :  $\forall x \exists y Pxy \Rightarrow \exists f \forall x P x (fx)$

De Morgan Extensions

notnotD	$\frac{\Gamma, \neg\neg P}{\Gamma \vdash P}$
de_Morgan_disj	$\neg(A \vee B) \Leftrightarrow \neg A \wedge \neg B$
de_Morgan_conj	$\neg(A \wedge B) \Leftrightarrow \neg A \vee \neg B$
disj_not1	$\neg P \vee Q \Leftrightarrow P \Rightarrow Q$
disj_not2	$P \vee \neg Q \Leftrightarrow Q \Rightarrow P$

Non-Constructive Classical Logic (LK)

Name	Rule in sequent style	Desc.
True_or_false	$\overline{\Gamma \vdash A \Leftrightarrow \top \vee A \Leftrightarrow \perp}$	absurd ?
classical	$\frac{\Gamma, \neg A \vdash A}{\Gamma \vdash A}$	
excluded_middle	$\overline{\Gamma \vdash A \vee \neg A}$	
ccontr	$\frac{\Gamma, \neg A \vdash \perp}{\Gamma \vdash \perp}$	

Non-Constructive First Order Logic (FO)

- $\bigwedge x$  : new parameters introduced
- $?x$  : new unknowns introduced

Name	Rule in sequent style	Desc.
allI	$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \bigwedge x P(x)}{\Gamma \vdash \forall x P(x)}$	$\forall$ -intro
allE	$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \forall x P \quad \Gamma, P(?x) \vdash Q}{\Gamma \vdash Q}$	
exI	$\frac{\Gamma \vdash P(?x)}{\Gamma \vdash \exists x P(x)}$	$\exists$ -intro
exE	$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \exists x P \quad \Gamma, \bigwedge x P(x) \vdash Q}{\Gamma \vdash Q}$	
spec	$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \forall x P(x)}{\Gamma \vdash P(?x)}$	$\exists$ -elim

Equational Logic

Name	Rule in sequent style	Desc.
refl	$\frac{}{x = x}$	
sym	$\frac{y = x}{x = y}$	
trans	$\frac{x = y \quad y = z}{x = z}$	
subst	$\frac{x = y \quad P(x)}{P(y)}$	
ext	$\frac{\wedge t P(t) = Q(t)}{P = Q}$	

L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X cheat sheet template made by Winston Chang  
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