

# Concrete Semantics

with Isabelle/HOL

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# Chapter 1

## Introduction

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# Why Semantics?

Without semantics,  
we do not really know what our programs mean.

We merely have a good intuition and a warm feeling.

Like the state of mathematics in the 19th century  
— before set theory and logic entered the scene.

# Intuition is important!

- You need a good intuition to get your work done efficiently.
- To understand the average accounting program, intuition suffices.
- To write a bug-free accounting program may require more than intuition!
- I assume you have the necessary intuition.
- This course is about “beyond intuition”.

# Intuition is not sufficient!

Writing **correct** language processors (e.g. compilers, refactoring tools, ...) requires

- a deep understanding of language semantics,
- the ability to **reason** (= perform proofs) about the language and your processor.

Example:

What does the correctness of a type checker even mean?  
How is it proved?

# Why Semantics??

We have a compiler — that is the ultimate semantics!!

- A compiler gives each individual program a semantics.
- It does not help with reasoning about the PL or individual programs.
- Because compilers are far too complicated.
- They provide the worst possible semantics.
- Moreover: compilers may differ!



# The sad facts of life

- Most languages have one or more compilers.
- Most compilers have bugs.
- Few languages have a (separate, abstract) semantics.
- If they do, it will be informal (English).

# Bugs

- Google “compiler bug”
- Google “hostile applet”  
Early versions of Java had various security holes. Some of them had to do with an incorrect *bytecode verifier*.  
GI Dissertationspreis 2003:  
Gerwin Klein: *Verified Java Bytecode Verification*

# Standard ML (SML)

First real language with a mathematical semantics:

Milner, Tofte, Harper:

The Definition of Standard ML. 1990.



Robin Milner (1934–2010)

Turing Award 1991.

Main achievements: LCF (theorem proving)  
SML (functional programming)  
CCS,  $\pi$  (concurrency)

# The sad fact of life

SML semantics hardly used:

- too difficult to read to answer simple questions quickly
- too much detail to allow reliable informal proof
- not processable beyond  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , not even executable

## More sad facts of life

- Real programming languages *are* complex.
- Even if designed by academics, not industry.
- Complex designs are error-prone.
- Informal mathematical proofs of complex designs are also error-prone.

# The solution

## Machine-checked language semantics and proofs

- Semantics at least type-correct
- Maybe executable
- *Proofs machine-checked*

The tool:

Proof Assistant (PA)

or

Interactive Theorem Prover (ITP)

# Proof Assistants

- You give the structure of the proof
- The PA checks the correctness of each step
- Can prove hard and huge theorems

Government health warnings:

Time consuming  
Potentially addictive  
Undermines your naive trust in informal proofs

# Terminology

This lecture course:

Formal = machine-checked

Verification = formal correctness proof

Traditionally:

Formal = mathematical



# Two landmark verifications

C compiler  
Competitive with gcc -O1



Xavier Leroy  
INRIA Paris  
using Coq

Operating system  
microkernel (L4)



Gerwin Klein (& Co)  
NICTA Sydney  
using Isabelle

# A happy fact of life

Programming language researchers  
are increasingly using PAs

# Why verification pays off

Short term: *The software works!*

Long term:

Tracking effects of changes by rerunning proofs

Incremental changes of the software  
typically require only incremental changes of the proofs

Long term much more important than short term:

**Software Never Dies**

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# What this course is *not* about

- Hot or trendy PLs
- Comparison of PLs or PL paradigms
- Compilers (although they will be one application)

# What this course *is* about

- Techniques for the description and analysis of
  - PLs
  - PL tools
  - Programs
- Description techniques: *operational semantics*
- Proof techniques: *inductions*

Both informally and formally (PA!)

# Our PA: Isabelle/HOL

- Started 1986 by Paulson (U of Cambridge)
- Later development mainly by Nipkow & Co (TUM) and Wenzel
- The logic HOL is ordinary mathematics

Learning to use Isabelle/HOL  
is an integral part of the course

All exercises require the use of Isabelle/HOL

# Why I am so passionate about the PA part

- It is the future
- It is the only way to deal with complex languages  
*reliably*
- I want students to learn how to write correct proofs
- I have seen too many proofs that look more like  
LSD trips than coherent mathematical arguments



# Overview of course

- Introduction to Isabelle/HOL
- IMP (assignment and while loops) and its semantics
- A compiler for IMP
- Hoare logic for IMP
- Type systems for IMP
- Program analysis for IMP

The semantics part of the course is mostly traditional

The use of a PA is leading edge

A growing number of universities offer related course

What you learn in this course goes far beyond PLs

It has applications in compilers, security,  
software engineering etc.

It is a new approach to informatics

Part I

Isabelle

# Chapter 2

## Programming and Proving

- ③ Overview of Isabelle/HOL
- ④ Type and function definitions
- ⑤ Induction Heuristics
- ⑥ Simplification

# Notation

Implication associates to the right:

$$A \implies B \implies C \quad \text{means} \quad A \implies (B \implies C)$$

Similarly for other arrows:  $\Rightarrow$ ,  $\longrightarrow$

$$\frac{A_1 \quad \dots \quad A_n}{B} \quad \text{means} \quad A_1 \implies \dots \implies A_n \implies B$$

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HOL = Higher-Order Logic  
HOL = Functional Programming + Logic

HOL has

- datatypes
- recursive functions
- logical operators

HOL is a programming language!

Higher-order = functions are values, too!

HOL Formulas:

- For the moment: only *term = term*,  
e.g.  $1 + 2 = 4$
- Later:  $\wedge, \vee, \longrightarrow, \forall, \dots$

### ③ Overview of Isabelle/HOL

Types and terms

Interface

By example: types *bool*, *nat* and *list*

Summary

# Types

Basic syntax:

$\tau ::=$	$(\tau)$	
	$bool \mid nat \mid int \mid \dots$	base types
	$'a \mid 'b \mid \dots$	type variables
	$\tau \Rightarrow \tau$	functions
	$\tau \times \tau$	pairs (ascii: *)
	$\tau \text{ list}$	lists
	$\tau \text{ set}$	sets
	$\dots$	user-defined types

Convention:  $\tau_1 \Rightarrow \tau_2 \Rightarrow \tau_3 \equiv \tau_1 \Rightarrow (\tau_2 \Rightarrow \tau_3)$

# Terms

Terms can be formed as follows:

- *Function application:*  $f\ t$

is the call of function  $f$  with argument  $t$ .

If  $f$  has more arguments:  $f\ t_1\ t_2\ \dots$

Examples:  $\sin\ \pi$ ,  $\text{plus}\ x\ y$

- *Function abstraction:*  $\lambda x. t$

is the function with parameter  $x$  and result  $t$ ,  
i.e. “ $x \mapsto t$ ”.

Example:  $\lambda x. \text{plus}\ x\ x$

# Terms

Basic syntax:

$t ::=$	$(t)$	
	$a$	constant or variable (identifier)
	$t\ t$	function application
	$\lambda x. t$	function abstraction
	$\dots$	lots of syntactic sugar

Examples:  $f\ (g\ x)\ y$   
 $h\ (\lambda x. f\ (g\ x))$

Convention:  $f\ t_1\ t_2\ t_3 \equiv ((f\ t_1)\ t_2)\ t_3$

This language of terms is known as the  *$\lambda$ -calculus*.

The computation rule of the  $\lambda$ -calculus is the replacement of formal by actual parameters:

$$(\lambda x. t) u = t[u/x]$$

where  $t[u/x]$  is “ $t$  with  $u$  substituted for  $x$ ”.

Example:  $(\lambda x. x + 5) 3 = 3 + 5$

- The step from  $(\lambda x. t) u$  to  $t[u/x]$  is called  *$\beta$ -reduction*.
- Isabelle performs  $\beta$ -reduction automatically.

## Terms must be well-typed

(the argument of every function call must be of the right type)

Notation:

$t :: \tau$  means “ $t$  is a well-typed term of type  $\tau$ ”.

$$\frac{t :: \tau_1 \Rightarrow \tau_2 \quad u :: \tau_1}{t \ u :: \tau_2}$$

# Type inference

Isabelle automatically computes the type of each variable in a term. This is called *type inference*.

In the presence of *overloaded* functions (functions with multiple types) this is not always possible.

User can help with *type annotations* inside the term.

Example:  $f(x::nat)$



# Currying

Thou shalt Curry your functions

- Curried:  $f :: \tau_1 \Rightarrow \tau_2 \Rightarrow \tau$
- Tupled:  $f' :: \tau_1 \times \tau_2 \Rightarrow \tau$

Advantage:

Currying allows *partial application*  
 $f\ a_1$  where  $a_1 :: \tau_1$

# Predefined syntactic sugar

- *Infix*:  $+$ ,  $-$ ,  $*$ ,  $\#$ ,  $@$ ,  $\dots$
- *Mixfix*: *if*  $_$  *then*  $_$  *else*  $_$ , *case*  $_$  *of*,  $\dots$

Prefix binds more strongly than infix:

$$! \quad f \ x + y \equiv (f \ x) + y \not\equiv f \ (x + y) \quad !$$

Enclose *if* and *case* in parentheses:

$$! \quad (if \ _ \ then \ _ \ else \ _) \quad !$$

# Theory = Isabelle Module

Syntax: `theory` *MyTh*  
`imports`  $T_1 \dots T_n$   
`begin`  
(definitions, theorems, proofs, ...)\*  
`end`

*MyTh*: name of theory. Must live in file *MyTh.thy*  
 $T_i$ : names of *imported* theories. Import transitive.

Usually: `imports` Main

# Concrete syntax

In .thy files:

Types, terms and formulas need to be inclosed in "

Except for single identifiers

" normally not shown on slides

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Summary

# isabelle jedit

- Based on *jEdit* editor
- Processes Isabelle text automatically when editing `.thy` files (like modern Java IDEs)

Overview\_Demo.thy

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## Type *bool*

**datatype** *bool* = *True* | *False*

Predefined functions:

$\wedge, \vee, \longrightarrow, \dots :: \textit{bool} \Rightarrow \textit{bool} \Rightarrow \textit{bool}$

A *formula* is a term of type *bool*

if-and-only-if: =

## Type *nat*

**datatype** *nat* = 0 | *Suc nat*

Values of type *nat*: 0, *Suc* 0, *Suc*(*Suc* 0), ...

Predefined functions:  $+, *, \dots :: \textit{nat} \Rightarrow \textit{nat} \Rightarrow \textit{nat}$

**! Numbers and arithmetic operations are overloaded:**

$0, 1, 2, \dots :: 'a, \quad + :: 'a \Rightarrow 'a \Rightarrow 'a$

You need type annotations:  $1 :: \textit{nat}, x + (y :: \textit{nat})$   
unless the context is unambiguous: *Suc* *z*

Nat\_Demo.thy

# An informal proof

**Lemma**  $add\ m\ 0 = m$

**Proof** by induction on  $m$ .

- Case 0 (the base case):  
 $add\ 0\ 0 = 0$  holds by definition of  $add$ .

- Case  $Suc\ m$  (the induction step):

We assume  $add\ m\ 0 = m$ ,  
the induction hypothesis (IH).

We need to show  $add\ (Suc\ m)\ 0 = Suc\ m$ .

The proof is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} add\ (Suc\ m)\ 0 &= Suc\ (add\ m\ 0) && \text{by def. of } add \\ &= Suc\ m && \text{by IH} \end{aligned}$$

## Type *'a list*

Lists of elements of type *'a*

**datatype** *'a list* = *Nil* | *Cons 'a ('a list)*

Some lists: *Nil*, *Cons 1 Nil*, *Cons 1 (Cons 2 Nil)*, ...

Syntactic sugar:

- $[] = Nil$ : empty list
- $x \# xs = Cons\ x\ xs$ :  
list with first element  $x$  (“head”) and rest  $xs$  (“tail”)
- $[x_1, \dots, x_n] = x_1 \# \dots \# x_n \# []$

# Structural Induction for lists

To prove that  $P(xs)$  for all lists  $xs$ , prove

- $P([])$  and
- for arbitrary but fixed  $x$  and  $xs$ ,  
 $P(xs)$  implies  $P(x\#xs)$ .

$$\frac{P([]) \quad \bigwedge x \, xs. P(xs) \implies P(x\#xs)}{P(xs)}$$

List\_Demo.thy

## An informal proof

**Lemma**  $app (app\ xs\ ys)\ zs = app\ xs\ (app\ ys\ zs)$

**Proof** by induction on  $xs$ .

- Case *Nil*:  $app (app\ Nil\ ys)\ zs = app\ ys\ zs = app\ Nil\ (app\ ys\ zs)$  holds by definition of *app*.
- Case *Cons*  $x\ xs$ : We assume  $app (app\ xs\ ys)\ zs = app\ xs\ (app\ ys\ zs)$  (IH), and we need to show  $app (app (Cons\ x\ xs)\ ys)\ zs = app (Cons\ x\ xs)\ (app\ ys\ zs)$ .

The proof is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & app (app (Cons\ x\ xs)\ ys)\ zs \\ &= Cons\ x\ (app (app\ xs\ ys)\ zs) && \text{by definition of } app \\ &= Cons\ x\ (app\ xs\ (app\ ys\ zs)) && \text{by IH} \\ &= app (Cons\ x\ xs)\ (app\ ys\ zs) && \text{by definition of } app \end{aligned}$$



# Large library: HOL/List.thy

Included in Main.

Don't reinvent, reuse!

Predefined: *xs* @ *ys* (append), *length*, and *map*

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Summary

- **datatype** defines (possibly) recursive data types.
- **fun** defines (possibly) recursive functions by pattern-matching over datatype constructors.

# Proof methods

- *induction* performs structural induction on some variable (if the type of the variable is a datatype).
- *auto* solves as many subgoals as it can, mainly by simplification (symbolic evaluation):

“=” is used only from left to right!

# Proofs

General schema:

```
lemma name: "..."  
apply (...)  
apply (...)  
:  
done
```

If the lemma is suitable as a simplification rule:

```
lemma name[simp]:  "..."
```

# Top down proofs

Command

**sorry**

“completes” any proof.

Allows top down development:

*Assume lemma first, prove it later.*

# The proof state

$$1. \bigwedge x_1 \dots x_p. A \Longrightarrow B$$

$x_1 \dots x_p$  fixed local variables

$A$  local assumption(s)

$B$  actual (sub)goal

# Multiple assumptions

$$\llbracket A_1; \dots ; A_n \rrbracket \Longrightarrow B$$

abbreviates

$$A_1 \Longrightarrow \dots \Longrightarrow A_n \Longrightarrow B$$

;  $\approx$  “and”



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# Type synonyms

**type\_synonym** *name* =  $\tau$

Introduces a *synonym name* for type  $\tau$

## Examples

**type\_synonym** *string* = *char list*

**type\_synonym** ('a,'b)*foo* = 'a *list*  $\times$  'b *list*

Type synonyms are expanded after parsing  
and are not present in internal representation and output

# datatype — the general case

$$\begin{array}{lcl} \text{datatype } (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)t & = & C_1 \tau_{1,1} \dots \tau_{1,n_1} \\ & | & \dots \\ & | & C_k \tau_{k,1} \dots \tau_{k,n_k} \end{array}$$

- *Types*:  $C_i :: \tau_{i,1} \Rightarrow \dots \Rightarrow \tau_{i,n_i} \Rightarrow (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)t$
- *Distinctness*:  $C_i \dots \neq C_j \dots$  if  $i \neq j$
- *Injectivity*:  $(C_i x_1 \dots x_{n_i} = C_i y_1 \dots y_{n_i}) = (x_1 = y_1 \wedge \dots \wedge x_{n_i} = y_{n_i})$

Distinctness and injectivity are applied automatically  
Induction must be applied explicitly

## Case expressions

Datatype values can be taken apart with *case*:

$$(case\ xs\ of\ [] \Rightarrow \dots \mid y\#\!ys \Rightarrow \dots\ y\ \dots\ ys\ \dots)$$

Wildcards:  $\_$

$$(case\ m\ of\ 0 \Rightarrow Suc\ 0 \mid Suc\ \_ \Rightarrow 0)$$

Nested patterns:

$$(case\ xs\ of\ [0] \Rightarrow 0 \mid [Suc\ n] \Rightarrow n \mid \_ \Rightarrow 2)$$

Complicated patterns mean complicated proofs!

Need  $(\ )$  in context

Tree\_Demo.thy

# The *option* type

**datatype** *'a option* = *None* | *Some 'a*

If *'a* has values  $a_1, a_2, \dots$

then *'a option* has values *None*, *Some*  $a_1$ , *Some*  $a_2$ ,  $\dots$

Typical application:

**fun** *lookup* :: (*'a*  $\times$  *'b*) *list*  $\Rightarrow$  *'a*  $\Rightarrow$  *'b option* **where**  
*lookup* [] *x* = *None* |  
*lookup* ((*a*, *b*) # *ps*) *x* =  
    (*if a = x then Some b else lookup ps x*)

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# Non-recursive definitions

## Example

**definition**  $sq :: nat \Rightarrow nat$  **where**  $sq\ n = n*n$

No pattern matching, just  $f\ x_1 \dots x_n = \dots$

# The danger of nontermination

How about  $f\ x = f\ x + 1$  ?

! All functions in HOL must be total !

# Key features of fun

- Pattern-matching over datatype constructors
- Order of equations matters
- Termination must be provable automatically by size measures
- Proves customized induction schema

## Example: separation

**fun** *sep* :: 'a  $\Rightarrow$  'a list  $\Rightarrow$  'a list **where**  
 *sep* a (*x*#*y*#*zs*) = *x* # a # *sep* a (*y*#*zs*) |  
 *sep* a *xs* = *xs*

## Example: Ackermann

```
fun ack :: nat  $\Rightarrow$  nat  $\Rightarrow$  nat where  
ack 0          n          = Suc n |  
ack (Suc m) 0          = ack m (Suc 0) |  
ack (Suc m) (Suc n) = ack m (ack (Suc m) n)
```

Terminates because the arguments decrease  
*lexicographically* with each recursive call:

- $(\text{Suc } m, 0) > (m, \text{Suc } 0)$
- $(\text{Suc } m, \text{Suc } n) > (\text{Suc } m, n)$
- $(\text{Suc } m, \text{Suc } n) > (m, -)$

# primrec

- A restrictive version of **fun**
- Means *primitive recursive*
- Most functions are primitive recursive
- Frequently found in Isabelle theories

The essence of primitive recursion:

$$f(0) = \dots \quad \text{no recursion}$$

$$f(\text{Suc } n) = \dots f(n) \dots$$

$$g([]) = \dots \quad \text{no recursion}$$

$$g(x\#xs) = \dots g(xs) \dots$$

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# Basic induction heuristics

Theorems about recursive functions  
are proved by induction

Induction on argument number  $i$  of  $f$   
if  $f$  is defined by recursion on argument number  $i$



# A tail recursive reverse

Our initial reverse:

**fun** *rev* :: 'a list  $\Rightarrow$  'a list **where**  
  *rev* [] = [] |  
  *rev* (x#xs) = *rev* xs @ [x]

A tail recursive version:

**fun** *itrev* :: 'a list  $\Rightarrow$  'a list  $\Rightarrow$  'a list **where**  
  *itrev* [] ys = ys |  
  *itrev* (x#xs) ys =

**lemma** *itrev* xs [] = *rev* xs

# Induction\_Demo.thy

Generalisation

# Generalisation

- Replace constants by variables
- Generalize free variables
  - by *arbitrary* in induction proof
  - (or by universal quantifier in formula)

So far, all proofs were by structural induction because all functions were primitive recursive.

In each induction step, 1 constructor is added.  
In each recursive call, 1 constructor is removed.

Now: induction for complex recursion patterns.

# Computation Induction

## Example

**fun** *div2* :: *nat*  $\Rightarrow$  *nat* **where**

*div2* 0 = 0 |

*div2* (*Suc* 0) = 0 |

*div2* (*Suc*(*Suc* *n*)) = *Suc*(*div2* *n*)

$\rightsquigarrow$  induction rule *div2.induct*:

$$\frac{P(0) \quad P(\text{Suc } 0) \quad \bigwedge n. P(n) \implies P(\text{Suc}(\text{Suc } n))}{P(m)}$$

# Computation Induction

If  $f :: \tau \Rightarrow \tau'$  is defined by **fun**, a special induction schema is provided to prove  $P(x)$  for all  $x :: \tau$ :

*for each defining equation*

$$f(e) = \dots f(r_1) \dots f(r_k) \dots$$

*prove  $P(e)$  assuming  $P(r_1), \dots, P(r_k)$ .*

Induction follows course of (terminating!) computation  
Motto: properties of  $f$  are best proved by rule *f.induct*

## How to apply *f.induct*

If  $f :: \tau_1 \Rightarrow \dots \Rightarrow \tau_n \Rightarrow \tau'$ :

*(induction  $a_1 \dots a_n$  rule:  $f.induct$ )*

Heuristic:

- there should be a call  $f\ a_1 \dots a_n$  in your goal
- ideally the  $a_i$  should be variables.

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# Simplification means ...

Using equations  $l = r$  from left to right

As long as possible

Terminology: equation  $\rightsquigarrow$  *simplification rule*

Simplification = (Term) Rewriting

## An example

*Equations:*

$$\begin{aligned}0 + n &= n & (1) \\(Suc\ m) + n &= Suc\ (m + n) & (2) \\(Suc\ m \leq Suc\ n) &= (m \leq n) & (3) \\(0 \leq m) &= True & (4)\end{aligned}$$

*Rewriting:*

$$\begin{aligned}0 + Suc\ 0 &\leq Suc\ 0 + x & \underline{(1)} \\Suc\ 0 &\leq Suc\ 0 + x & \underline{(2)} \\Suc\ 0 &\leq Suc\ (0 + x) & \underline{(3)} \\0 &\leq 0 + x & \underline{(4)} \\&True\end{aligned}$$

# Conditional rewriting

Simplification rules can be conditional:

$$\llbracket P_1; \dots; P_k \rrbracket \Longrightarrow l = r$$

is applicable only if all  $P_i$  can be proved first,  
again by simplification.

## Example

$$\begin{array}{lcl} p(0) & = & \text{True} \\ p(x) \Longrightarrow f(x) & = & g(x) \end{array}$$

We can simplify  $f(0)$  to  $g(0)$  but  
we cannot simplify  $f(1)$  because  $p(1)$  is not provable.

# Termination

Simplification may not terminate.

Isabelle uses *simp*-rules (almost) blindly from left to right.

Example:  $f(x) = g(x)$ ,  $g(x) = f(x)$

Principle:

$$\llbracket P_1; \dots; P_k \rrbracket \Longrightarrow l = r$$

is suitable as a *simp*-rule only

if  $l$  is “bigger” than  $r$  and each  $P_i$

$$n < m \Longrightarrow (n < \text{Suc } m) = \text{True} \quad \text{YES}$$

$$\text{Suc } n < m \Longrightarrow (n < m) = \text{True} \quad \text{NO}$$

## Proof method *simp*

Goal: 1.  $\llbracket P_1; \dots; P_m \rrbracket \Longrightarrow C$

**apply**(*simp add: eq<sub>1</sub> ... eq<sub>n</sub>*)

Simplify  $P_1 \dots P_m$  and  $C$  using

- lemmas with attribute *simp*
- rules from **fun** and **datatype**
- additional lemmas  $eq_1 \dots eq_n$
- assumptions  $P_1 \dots P_m$

Variations:

- (*simp ... del: ...*) removes *simp*-lemmas
- *add* and *del* are optional

## *auto* versus *simp*

- *auto* acts on all subgoals
- *simp* acts only on subgoal 1
- *auto* applies *simp* and more
- *auto* can also be modified:  
(*auto simp add: ... simp del: ...*)

# Rewriting with definitions

Definitions (**definition**) must be used **explicitly**:

$$(\textit{simp add: } f\_def \dots)$$

$f$  is the function whose definition is to be unfolded.



## Case splitting with *simp/*auto

Automatic:

$$\begin{aligned} &P \text{ (if } A \text{ then } s \text{ else } t) \\ &= \\ &(A \longrightarrow P(s)) \wedge (\neg A \longrightarrow P(t)) \end{aligned}$$

By hand:

$$\begin{aligned} &P \text{ (case } e \text{ of } 0 \Rightarrow a \mid \text{Suc } n \Rightarrow b) \\ &= \\ &(e = 0 \longrightarrow P(a)) \wedge (\forall n. e = \text{Suc } n \longrightarrow P(b)) \end{aligned}$$

Proof method: (*simp split: nat.split*)

Or *auto*. Similar for any datatype *t*: *t.split*

Simp\_Demo.thy

# Chapter 3

## Case Study: IMP Expressions

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This section introduces

*arithmetic and boolean expressions*

of our imperative language IMP.

IMP *commands* are introduced later.

## ⑦ Case Study: IMP Expressions

Arithmetic Expressions

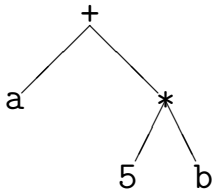
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# Concrete and abstract syntax

Concrete syntax: strings, eg "a+5\*b"

Abstract syntax: trees, eg



Parser: function from strings to trees

Linear view of trees: terms, eg *Plus a (Times 5 b)*

Abstract syntax trees/terms are datatype values!



*Concrete* syntax is defined by a context-free grammar, eg

$$a ::= n \mid x \mid (a) \mid a + a \mid a * a \mid \dots$$

where  $n$  can be any natural number and  $x$  any variable.

We focus on *abstract* syntax  
which we introduce via datatypes.

# Datatype *aexp*

Variable names are strings, values are integers:

**type\_synonym** *vname* = *string*

**datatype** *aexp* = *N int* | *V vname* | *Plus aexp aexp*

Concrete	Abstract
5	<i>N 5</i>
x	<i>V "x"</i>
x+y	<i>Plus (V "x") (V "y")</i>
2+(z+3)	<i>Plus (N 2) (Plus (V "z") (N 3))</i>

# Warning

This is syntax, not (yet) semantics!

$$N\ 0 \neq Plus\ (N\ 0)\ (N\ 0)$$

# The (program) state

What is the value of  $x+1$ ?

- The value of an expression depends on the value of its variables.
- The value of all variables is recorded in the *state*.
- The state is a function from variable names to values:

**type\_synonym**  $val = int$

**type\_synonym**  $state = vname \Rightarrow val$

# Function update notation

If  $f :: \tau_1 \Rightarrow \tau_2$  and  $a :: \tau_1$  and  $b :: \tau_2$  then

$$f(a := b)$$

is the function that behaves like  $f$   
except that it returns  $b$  for argument  $a$ .

$$f(a := b) = (\lambda x. \text{if } x = a \text{ then } b \text{ else } f\ x)$$

# How to write down a state

Some states:

- $\lambda x. 0$
- $(\lambda x. 0)(\text{"a"} := 3)$
- $((\lambda x. 0)(\text{"a"} := 5))(\text{"x"} := 3)$

Nicer notation:

$$<\text{"a"} := 5, \text{"x"} := 3, \text{"y"} := 7>$$

Maps everything to 0, but "a" to 5, "x" to 3, etc.

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This was easy.

Because evaluation of expressions always terminates.

But execution of programs may *not* terminate.

Hence we cannot define it by a total recursive function.

We need more logical machinery  
to define program execution and reason about it.

# Chapter 4

## Logic and Proof Beyond Equality

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Syntax (in decreasing precedence):

$$\begin{array}{lcl} \text{form} & ::= & (\text{form}) \quad | \quad \text{term} = \text{term} \quad | \quad \neg \text{form} \\ & & | \quad \text{form} \wedge \text{form} \quad | \quad \text{form} \vee \text{form} \quad | \quad \text{form} \longrightarrow \text{form} \\ & & | \quad \forall x. \text{form} \quad | \quad \exists x. \text{form} \end{array}$$

Examples:

$$\neg A \wedge B \vee C \equiv ((\neg A) \wedge B) \vee C$$

$$s = t \wedge C \equiv (s = t) \wedge C$$

$$A \wedge B = B \wedge A \equiv A \wedge (B = B) \wedge A$$

$$\forall x. P x \wedge Q x \equiv \forall x. (P x \wedge Q x)$$

Input syntax:  $\longleftrightarrow$  (same precedence as  $\longrightarrow$ )



Variable binding convention:

$$\forall x\ y. P\ x\ y \equiv \forall x. \forall y. P\ x\ y$$

Similarly for  $\exists$  and  $\lambda$ .

# Warning

Quantifiers have low precedence  
and need to be parenthesized (if in some context)

$$! \quad P \wedge \forall x. Q x \rightsquigarrow P \wedge (\forall x. Q x) \quad !$$

# Mathematical symbols

... and their ascii representations:

$\forall$	<code>\&lt;forall&gt;</code>	ALL
$\exists$	<code>\&lt;exists&gt;</code>	EX
$\lambda$	<code>\&lt;lambda&gt;</code>	%
$\longrightarrow$	<code>--&gt;</code>	
$\longleftrightarrow$	<code>&lt;-&gt;</code>	
$\wedge$	<code>/\</code>	&
$\vee$	<code>\/</code>	
$\neg$	<code>\&lt;not&gt;</code>	~
$\neq$	<code>\&lt;noteq&gt;</code>	~=

# Sets over type $'a$

$'a$  set

- $\{\}, \{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$
- $e \in A, A \subseteq B$
- $A \cup B, A \cap B, A - B, -A$
- ...

$\in$	<code>\&lt;in&gt;</code>	:
$\subseteq$	<code>\&lt;subseteq&gt;</code>	<code>&lt;=</code>
$\cup$	<code>\&lt;union&gt;</code>	<code>Un</code>
$\cap$	<code>\&lt;inter&gt;</code>	<code>Int</code>

# Set comprehension

- $\{x. P\}$  where  $x$  is a variable
- But not  $\{t. P\}$  where  $t$  is a proper term
- Instead:  $\{t \mid x \ y \ z. P\}$   
is short for  $\{v. \exists x \ y \ z. v = t \wedge P\}$   
where  $x, y, z$  are the free variables in  $t$

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## *simp* and *auto*

*simp*: rewriting and a bit of arithmetic

*auto*: rewriting and a bit of arithmetic, logic and sets

- Show you where they got stuck
- highly incomplete
- Extensible with new *simp*-rules

Exception: *auto* acts on all subgoals

## *fastforce*

- rewriting, logic, sets, relations and a bit of arithmetic.
- **incomplete** but better than *auto*.
- Succeeds or fails
- Extensible with new *simp*-rules



# *blast*

- A **complete** proof search procedure for FOL ...
- ... but (almost) **without** “=”
- Covers logic, sets and relations
- Succeeds or fails
- Extensible with new deduction rules

# Automating arithmetic

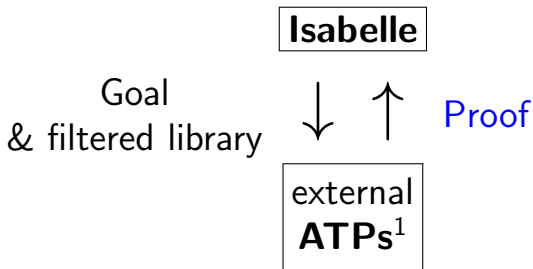
*arith*:

- proves linear formulas (no “ $*$ ”)
- complete for quantifier-free *real* arithmetic
- complete for first-order theory of *nat* and *int* (Presburger arithmetic)

# Sledgehammer



## Architecture:



## Characteristics:

- Sometimes it works,
- sometimes it doesn't.

Do you feel lucky?

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<sup>1</sup>Automatic Theorem Provers

**by**(*proof-method*)

$\approx$

**apply**(*proof-method*)  
**done**

Auto\_Proof\_Demo.thy

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Step-by-step proofs can be necessary if automation fails and you have to explore where and why it failed by taking the goal apart.



## What are these *?-variables* ?

After you have finished a proof, Isabelle turns all free variables  $V$  in the theorem into  $?V$ .

Example: theorem conjI:  $\llbracket ?P; ?Q \rrbracket \Longrightarrow ?P \wedge ?Q$

These *?-variables* can later be instantiated:

- By hand:

`conjI[of "a=b" "False"]`  $\rightsquigarrow$   
 $\llbracket a = b; False \rrbracket \Longrightarrow a = b \wedge False$

- By **unification**:

unifying  $?P \wedge ?Q$  with  $a=b \wedge False$   
sets  $?P$  to  $a=b$  and  $?Q$  to  $False$ .

## Rule application

Example: rule:  $\llbracket ?P; ?Q \rrbracket \Longrightarrow ?P \wedge ?Q$

subgoal: 1.  $\dots \Longrightarrow A \wedge B$

Result: 1.  $\dots \Longrightarrow A$

2.  $\dots \Longrightarrow B$

The general case: applying rule  $\llbracket A_1; \dots ; A_n \rrbracket \Longrightarrow A$   
to subgoal  $\dots \Longrightarrow C$ :

- Unify  $A$  and  $C$
- Replace  $C$  with  $n$  new subgoals  $A_1 \dots A_n$

**apply**(*rule xyz*)

“Backchaining”

## Typical backwards rules

$$\frac{?P \quad ?Q}{?P \wedge ?Q} \text{conjI}$$

$$\frac{?P \Longrightarrow ?Q}{?P \longrightarrow ?Q} \text{impI} \qquad \frac{\bigwedge x. ?P \ x}{\forall x. ?P \ x} \text{allI}$$

$$\frac{?P \Longrightarrow ?Q \quad ?Q \Longrightarrow ?P}{?P = ?Q} \text{iffI}$$

They are known as **introduction rules** because they *introduce* a particular connective.

## Automating intro rules

If  $r$  is a theorem  $\llbracket A_1; \dots; A_n \rrbracket \Longrightarrow A$  then

$(blast\ intro: r)$

allows *blast* to backchain on  $r$  during proof search.

Example:

**theorem** *le\_trans*:  $\llbracket ?x \leq ?y; ?y \leq ?z \rrbracket \Longrightarrow ?x \leq ?z$

**goal** 1.  $\llbracket a \leq b; b \leq c; c \leq d \rrbracket \Longrightarrow a \leq d$

**proof** **apply**(*blast intro: le\_trans*)

Also works for *auto* and *fastforce*

Can greatly increase the search space!

## Forward proof: OF

If  $r$  is a theorem  $A \implies B$

and  $s$  is a theorem that unifies with  $A$  then

$$r[OF\ s]$$

is the theorem obtained by proving  $A$  with  $s$ .

Example: theorem refl:  $?t = ?t$

$$\text{conjI}[OF\ \text{refl}[of\ "a"]]$$

$\rightsquigarrow$

$$?Q \implies a = a \wedge ?Q$$

The general case:

If  $r$  is a theorem  $\llbracket A_1; \dots; A_n \rrbracket \implies A$   
and  $r_1, \dots, r_m$  ( $m \leq n$ ) are theorems then

$$r[OF\ r_1 \ \dots \ r_m]$$

is the theorem obtained  
by proving  $A_1 \ \dots \ A_m$  with  $r_1 \ \dots \ r_m$ .

Example: theorem `refl`:  $?t = ?t$

`conjI[OF refl[of "a"] refl[of "b"]]`

$\rightsquigarrow$

$$a = a \wedge b = b$$

From now on: ? mostly suppressed on slides

Single\_Step\_Demo.thy



$\Longrightarrow$  versus  $\longrightarrow$

$\Longrightarrow$  is part of the Isabelle framework. It structures theorems and proof states:  $\llbracket A_1; \dots; A_n \rrbracket \Longrightarrow A$

$\longrightarrow$  is part of HOL and can occur inside the logical formulas  $A_i$  and  $A$ .

Phrase theorems like this  $\llbracket A_1; \dots; A_n \rrbracket \Longrightarrow A$   
not like this  $A_1 \wedge \dots \wedge A_n \longrightarrow A$

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## Example: even numbers

Informally:

- 0 is even
- If  $n$  is even, so is  $n + 2$
- These are the only even numbers

In Isabelle/HOL:

**inductive**  $ev :: nat \Rightarrow bool$

**where**

$ev\ 0 \quad |$

$ev\ n \Longrightarrow ev\ (n + 2)$

An easy proof: *ev 4*

$$ev\ 0 \Longrightarrow ev\ 2 \Longrightarrow ev\ 4$$

Consider

```
fun evn :: nat  $\Rightarrow$  bool where  
  evn 0 = True |  
  evn (Suc 0) = False |  
  evn (Suc (Suc n)) = evn n
```

A trickier proof:  $ev\ m \Longrightarrow evn\ m$

By induction on the *structure* of the derivation of  $ev\ m$

Two cases:  $ev\ m$  is proved by

- rule  $ev\ 0$   
 $\Longrightarrow m = 0 \Longrightarrow evn\ m = True$
- rule  $ev\ n \Longrightarrow ev\ (n+2)$   
 $\Longrightarrow m = n+2$  and  $evn\ n$  (IH)  
 $\Longrightarrow evn\ m = evn\ (n+2) = evn\ n = True$

## Rule induction for $ev$

To prove

$$ev\ n \Longrightarrow P\ n$$

by *rule induction* on  $ev\ n$  we must prove

- $P\ 0$
- $P\ n \Longrightarrow P(n+2)$

Rule  $ev.induct$ :

$$\frac{ev\ n \quad P\ 0 \quad \bigwedge n. \llbracket ev\ n; P\ n \rrbracket \Longrightarrow P(n+2)}{P\ n}$$

# Format of inductive definitions

**inductive**  $I :: \tau \Rightarrow bool$  **where**

$\llbracket I\ a_1; \dots ; I\ a_n \rrbracket \Longrightarrow I\ a \mid$

$\vdots$

Note:

- $I$  may have multiple arguments.
- Each rule may also contain *side conditions* not involving  $I$ .

# Rule induction in general

To prove

$$I\ x \Longrightarrow P\ x$$

by *rule induction* on  $I\ x$

we must prove for every rule

$$\llbracket I\ a_1; \dots ; I\ a_n \rrbracket \Longrightarrow I\ a$$

that  $P$  is preserved:

$$\llbracket I\ a_1; P\ a_1; \dots ; I\ a_n; P\ a_n \rrbracket \Longrightarrow P\ a$$



!

Rule induction is absolutely central  
to (operational) semantics  
and the rest of this lecture course

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Inductive\_Demo.thy

# Inductively defined sets

**inductive\_set**  $I :: \tau$  *set* **where**

$\llbracket a_1 \in I; \dots ; a_n \in I \rrbracket \implies a \in I \mid$   
 $\vdots$

Difference to **inductive**:

- arguments of  $I$  are tupled, not curried
- $I$  can later be used with set theoretic operators, eg  $I \cup \dots$

# Chapter 5

## Isar: A Language for Structured Proofs

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# Apply scripts

- unreadable
- hard to maintain
- do not scale

No structure!

# Apply scripts versus Isar proofs

Apply script = assembly language program

Isar proof = structured program with assertions

But: **apply** still useful for proof exploration

# A typical Isar proof

**proof**

**assume**  $formula_0$

**have**  $formula_1$  **by** *simp*

$\vdots$

**have**  $formula_n$  **by** *blast*

**show**  $formula_{n+1}$  **by**  $\dots$

**qed**

proves  $formula_0 \implies formula_{n+1}$



## Isar core syntax

proof = **proof** [method] step\* **qed**  
| **by** method

method = (*simp* ...) | (*blast* ...) | (*induction* ...) | ...

step = **fix** variables ( $\wedge$ )  
| **assume** prop ( $\implies$ )  
| [**from** fact<sup>+</sup>] (**have** | **show**) prop proof

prop = [name:] "formula"

fact = name | ...

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## Example: Cantor's theorem

**lemma**  $\neg \text{surj}(f :: 'a \Rightarrow 'a \text{ set})$

**proof** default proof: assume *surj*, show *False*

**assume** *a*: *surj f*

**from** *a* **have** *b*:  $\forall A. \exists a. A = f\ a$

**by**(*simp add: surj\_def*)

**from** *b* **have** *c*:  $\exists a. \{x. x \notin f\ x\} = f\ a$

**by** *blast*

**from** *c* **show** *False*

**by** *blast*

**qed**

# Isar\_Demo.thy

Cantor and abbreviations

# Abbreviations

<i>this</i>	=	the previous proposition proved or assumed
then	=	<b>from</b> <i>this</i>
thus	=	<b>then show</b>
hence	=	<b>then have</b>

## using and with

(**have|show**) prop **using** facts  
=  
**from** facts (**have|show**) prop

**with** facts  
=  
**from** facts *this*

# Structured lemma statement

**lemma**

**fixes**  $f :: 'a \Rightarrow 'a \text{ set}$

**assumes**  $s: \text{surj } f$

**shows**  $\text{False}$

**proof** — **no automatic proof step**

**have**  $\exists a. \{x. x \notin f\ x\} = f\ a$  **using**  $s$

**by**  $(\text{auto simp: surj\_def})$

**thus**  $\text{False}$  **by**  $\text{blast}$

**qed**

*Proves  $\text{surj } f \Longrightarrow \text{False}$*

*but  $\text{surj } f$  becomes local fact  $s$  in proof.*

# The essence of structured proofs

Assumptions and intermediate facts  
can be named and referred to explicitly and selectively



# Structured lemma statements

**fixes**  $x :: \tau_1$  **and**  $y :: \tau_2 \dots$   
**assumes**  $a: P$  **and**  $b: Q \dots$   
**shows**  $R$

- **fixes** and **assumes** sections optional
- **shows** optional if no **fixes** and **assumes**

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## Case distinction

**show**  $R$   
**proof** *cases*  
    **assume**  $P$   
    :  
    **show**  $R$   $\langle proof \rangle$   
**next**  
    **assume**  $\neg P$   
    :  
    **show**  $R$   $\langle proof \rangle$   
**qed**

**have**  $P \vee Q$   $\langle proof \rangle$   
**then show**  $R$   
**proof**  
    **assume**  $P$   
    :  
    **show**  $R$   $\langle proof \rangle$   
**next**  
    **assume**  $Q$   
    :  
    **show**  $R$   $\langle proof \rangle$   
**qed**

# Contradiction

```
show  $\neg P$   
proof  
  assume  $P$   
   $\vdots$   
  show False  $\langle proof \rangle$   
qed
```

```
show  $P$   
proof (rule ccontr)  
  assume  $\neg P$   
   $\vdots$   
  show False  $\langle proof \rangle$   
qed
```



```
show  $P \longleftrightarrow Q$ 
proof
  assume  $P$ 
  :
  show  $Q$   $\langle proof \rangle$ 
next
  assume  $Q$ 
  :
  show  $P$   $\langle proof \rangle$ 
qed
```

## $\forall$ and $\exists$ introduction

**show**  $\forall x. P(x)$

**proof**

**fix**  $x$     local fixed variable

**show**  $P(x)$      $\langle proof \rangle$

**qed**

**show**  $\exists x. P(x)$

**proof**

$\vdots$

**show**  $P(witness)$      $\langle proof \rangle$

**qed**

## $\exists$ elimination: **obtain**

**have**  $\exists x. P(x)$

**then obtain**  $x$  **where**  $p: P(x)$  **by** *blast*

$\vdots$   $x$  fixed local variable

Works for one or more  $x$

## obtain example

**lemma**  $\neg \text{surj}(f :: 'a \Rightarrow 'a \text{ set})$

**proof**

**assume**  $\text{surj } f$

**hence**  $\exists a. \{x. x \notin f x\} = f a$  **by**  $(\text{auto simp: surj\_def})$

**then obtain**  $a$  **where**  $\{x. x \notin f x\} = f a$  **by**  $\text{blast}$

**hence**  $a \notin f a \longleftrightarrow a \in f a$  **by**  $\text{blast}$

**thus**  $\text{False}$  **by**  $\text{blast}$

**qed**



# Set equality and subset

**show**  $A = B$

**proof**

**show**  $A \subseteq B$   $\langle proof \rangle$

**next**

**show**  $B \subseteq A$   $\langle proof \rangle$

**qed**

**show**  $A \subseteq B$

**proof**

**fix**  $x$

**assume**  $x \in A$

$\vdots$

**show**  $x \in B$   $\langle proof \rangle$

**qed**

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**moreover**

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## Example: pattern matching

```
show  $formula_1 \longleftrightarrow formula_2$  (is  $?L \longleftrightarrow ?R$ )  
proof  
  assume  $?L$   
   $\vdots$   
  show  $?R$   $\langle proof \rangle$   
next  
  assume  $?R$   
   $\vdots$   
  show  $?L$   $\langle proof \rangle$   
qed
```

*?thesis*

```
show formula (is ?thesis)  
proof -  
  ⋮  
  show ?thesis ⟨proof⟩  
qed
```

Every **show** implicitly defines *?thesis*

# let

Introducing local abbreviations in proofs:

**let** *?t* = *"some-big-term"*

⋮

**have** *"... ?t ..."*

## Quoting facts by value

By name:

```
have x0: "x > 0" ...  
⋮  
from x0 ...
```

By value:

```
have "x > 0" ...  
⋮  
from 'x>0' ...  
      ↑      ↑  
    back quotes
```



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Pattern matching and quotations

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# Example

**lemma**

$\exists ys\ zs. xs = ys @ zs \wedge$   
 $(length\ ys = length\ zs \vee length\ ys = length\ zs + 1)$

**proof ???**

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Top down proof development

# When automation fails

Split proof up into smaller steps.

Or explore by **apply**:

**have** ... **using** ...

**apply** -

to make incoming facts  
part of proof state

**apply** *auto*

or whatever

**apply** ...

At the end:

- **done**
- Better: convert to structured proof

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## moreover—ultimately

**have**  $P_1 \dots$

**moreover**

**have**  $P_2 \dots$

**moreover**

$\vdots$

**moreover**

**have**  $P_n \dots$

**ultimately**

**have**  $P \dots$

$\approx$

**have**  $lab_1: P_1 \dots$

**have**  $lab_2: P_2 \dots$

$\vdots$

**have**  $lab_n: P_n \dots$

**from**  $lab_1 lab_2 \dots$

**have**  $P \dots$

With names

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# Local lemmas

**have**  $B$  **if** *name*:  $A_1 \dots A_m$  **for**  $x_1 \dots x_n$   
 $\langle proof \rangle$

proves  $\llbracket A_1; \dots ; A_m \rrbracket \implies B$

where all  $x_i$  have been replaced by  $?x_i$ .

# Proof state and Isar text

In general:      **proof** *method*

Applies *method* and generates subgoal(s):

$$\bigwedge x_1 \dots x_n. \llbracket A_1; \dots ; A_m \rrbracket \Longrightarrow B$$

How to prove each subgoal:

```
fix  $x_1 \dots x_n$   
assume  $A_1 \dots A_m$   
 $\vdots$   
show  $B$ 
```

Separated by **next**

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Proof by cases

# Datatype case analysis

**datatype**  $t = C_1 \vec{\tau} \mid \dots$

```
proof (cases "term")  
  case ( $C_1\ x_1 \dots x_k$ )  
     $\dots\ x_j \dots$   
next  
 $\vdots$   
qed
```

where **case** ( $C_i\ x_1 \dots x_k$ )  $\equiv$

```
fix  $x_1 \dots x_k$   
assume  $\underbrace{C_i}_{\text{label}} \underbrace{term = (C_i\ x_1 \dots x_k)}_{\text{formula}}$ 
```

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Structural induction for *nat*

# Structural induction for $nat$

**show**  $P(n)$

**proof** (*induction*  $n$ )

**case** 0

$\equiv$  **let**  $?case = P(0)$

$\vdots$

**show**  $?case$

**next**

**case** ( $Suc\ n$ )

$\equiv$  **fix**  $n$  **assume**  $Suc: P(n)$

$\vdots$

**let**  $?case = P(Suc\ n)$

**show**  $?case$

**qed**

# Structural induction with $\implies$

**show**  $A(n) \implies P(n)$

**proof** (*induction n*)

**case** 0

$\equiv$  **assume** 0:  $A(0)$

$\vdots$

**let**  $?case = P(0)$

**show**  $?case$

**next**

**case** ( $Suc\ n$ )

$\equiv$  **fix**  $n$

$\vdots$

**assume**  $Suc$ :  $A(n) \implies P(n)$   
 $A(Suc\ n)$

$\vdots$

**let**  $?case = P(Suc\ n)$

**show**  $?case$

**qed**



# Named assumptions

In a proof of

$$A_1 \Longrightarrow \dots \Longrightarrow A_n \Longrightarrow B$$

by structural induction:

In the context of

**case**  $C$

we have

$C.IH$  the induction hypotheses

$C.prem_s$  the premises  $A_i$

$C$   $C.IH + C.prem_s$

## A remark on style

- **case** (*Suc n*) ... **show** *?case*  
is easy to write and maintain
- **fix** *n* **assume** *formula* ... **show** *formula'*  
is easier to read:
  - all information is shown locally
  - no contextual references (e.g. *?case*)

## 15 Proof by Cases and Induction

Rule Induction

Rule Inversion

# Isar\_Induction\_Demo.thy

Rule induction

# Rule induction

```
inductive  $I :: \tau \Rightarrow \sigma \Rightarrow \text{bool}$   
where  
   $\text{rule}_1: \dots$   
   $\vdots$   
   $\text{rule}_n: \dots$ 
```

```
show  $I\ x\ y \Longrightarrow P\ x\ y$   
proof (induction rule: I.induct)  
  case  $\text{rule}_1$   
     $\dots$   
    show  $?case$   
next  
   $\vdots$   
next  
  case  $\text{rule}_n$   
     $\dots$   
    show  $?case$   
qed
```

# Fixing your own variable names

**case** ( $rule_i \ x_1 \ \dots \ x_k$ )

Renames the first  $k$  variables in  $rule_i$  (from left to right) to  $x_1 \ \dots \ x_k$ .

# Named assumptions

In a proof of

$$I \dots \implies A_1 \implies \dots \implies A_n \implies B$$

by

rule induction on  $I \dots$ :

In the context of

**case**  $R$

we

have

*R.IH* the induction hypotheses

*R.hyps* the assumptions of rule  $R$

*R.prem*s the premises  $A_i$

$R$   $R.IH + R.hyps + R.prem$ s

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# Rule inversion

**inductive**  $ev :: nat \Rightarrow bool$  **where**

$ev0$ :  $ev\ 0 \mid$

$evSS$ :  $ev\ n \Longrightarrow ev(Suc(Suc\ n))$

What can we deduce from  $ev\ n$  ?

That it was proved by either  $ev0$  or  $evSS$  !

$$ev\ n \Longrightarrow n = 0 \vee (\exists k. n = Suc\ (Suc\ k) \wedge ev\ k)$$

Rule inversion = case distinction over rules

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Rule inversion

# Rule inversion template

**from**  $\text{'ev } n\text{'}$  **have**  $P$

**proof** *cases*

**case**  $ev0$

$n = 0$

$\vdots$

**show**  $?thesis \dots$

**next**

**case**  $(evSS\ k)$

$n = Suc\ (Suc\ k),\ ev\ k$

$\vdots$

**show**  $?thesis \dots$

**qed**

Impossible cases disappear automatically