

Interactive Theorem Proving in HOL4

Course 03: Higher Order Logic

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Derived Inference Rules (Drules)

Drules

- ▶ Drules are SML functions implemented by primitive inference rules (and other drules);
- ▶ By using derivation rules (and primitive inference; rules), one is already using the theorem prover to prove new theorems;
- ▶ SML programs calling drules (on terms and theorems) to build new theorems are kind of “formal proofs” (in *forward style*).



Adding an assumption

ADD_ASSUM : term -> thm -> thm

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t}{\Gamma, t' \vdash t} \text{ADD_ASSUM } t' (\Gamma \vdash t)$$

```
> val _ = show_assums := true;  
> EXCLUDED_MIDDLE;  
val it = [] |- !t. t \/\ ~t: thm  
> ADD_ASSUM ''P:bool'' EXCLUDED_MIDDLE;  
val it = [P] |- !t. t \/\ ~t: thm
```

1. $t' \vdash t'$

[ASSUME]

2. $\Gamma \vdash t$

[Hypothesis]

3. $\Gamma \vdash t' \Rightarrow t$

[DISCH 2]

4. $\Gamma, t' \vdash t$

[MP 1,3]



Undischarging

UNDISCH : thm -> thm

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t_1 \Rightarrow t_2}{\Gamma, t_1 \vdash t_2} \text{UNDISCH } (\Gamma \vdash t_1 \Rightarrow t_2)$$

```
> load "realTheory"; open realTheory;  
> POW_0';  
val it = [] |- 0 < n ==> 0 pow n = 0: thm  
> UNDISCH POW_0';  
val it = [0 < n] |- 0 pow n = 0: thm
```

1. $t_1 \vdash t_1$

[ASSUME]

2. $\Gamma \vdash t_1 \Rightarrow t_2$

[Hypothesis]

3. $\Gamma, t_1 \vdash t_2$

[MP 2,1]



Symmetry of equality

`SYM : thm -> thm`

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t_1 = t_2}{\Gamma \vdash t_2 = t_1} \text{SYM } (\Gamma \vdash t_1 = t_2)$$

```
> realTheory.ONE_MINUS_HALF;  
val it = [] |- 1 - 1 / 2 = 1 / 2: thm  
> SYM realTheory.ONE_MINUS_HALF;  
val it = [] |- 1 / 2 = 1 - 1 / 2: thm
```

1. $\Gamma \vdash t_1 = t_2$

[Hypothesis]

2. $\vdash t_1 = t_1$

[REFL]

3. $\Gamma \vdash t_2 = t_1$

[SUBST 1,2]



Application of a term to a theorem

AP_TERM : term -> thm -> thm

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t_1 = t_2}{\Gamma \vdash t t_1 = t t_2} \text{AP_TERM } t (\Gamma \vdash t_1 = t_2)$$

```
> load "extreal_baseTheory";  
> extreal_baseTheory.half_cancel;  
val it = [] |- 2 * (1 / 2) = 1: thm  
> AP_TERM ``sqrt :extreal -> extreal`` it;  
val it = [] |- sqrt (2 * (1 / 2)) = sqrt 1: thm  
> AP_TERM ``sqrt :real -> real`` realTheory.ONE_MINUS_HALF;  
val it = [] |- sqrt (1 - 1 / 2) = sqrt (1 / 2): thm
```

1. $\Gamma \vdash t_1 = t_2$
2. $\vdash t t_1 = t t_1$
3. $\Gamma \vdash t t_1 = t t_2$

[Hypothesis]

[REFL]

[SUBST 1,2]



Application of a theorem to a term

AP_THM : thm -> term -> thm

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t_1 = t_2}{\Gamma \vdash t_1 t = t_2 t} \text{AP_THM } (\Gamma \vdash t_1 = t_2) t$$

```
> load "combinTheory"; open combinTheory;  
> val _ = (show_types := true; show_assums := false);  
> K_DEF;  
val it = |- (K : 'a -> 'b -> 'a) = (\(x : 'a) (y : 'b). x): thm  
> AP_THM K_DEF ``x:'a``;  
val it = |- (K (x : 'a) : 'b -> 'a) = (\(x : 'a) (y : 'b). x) x: thm
```

1. $\Gamma \vdash t_1 = t_2$
2. $\vdash t_1 t = t_1 t$
3. $\Gamma \vdash t_1 t = t_2 t$

[Hypothesis]

[REFL]

[SUBST 1,2]



Modus Ponens for equality

EQ_MP : thm -> thm -> thm

$$\frac{\Gamma_1 \vdash t_1 = t_2 \quad \Gamma_2 \vdash t_1}{\Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_2 \vdash t_2} \text{EQ_MP } (\Gamma_1 \vdash t_1 = t_2) (\Gamma_2 \vdash t_1)$$

```
> T_DEF;  
val it = |- T <=> (\x. x) = (\x. x): thm  
> TRUTH;  
val it = |- T: thm  
> EQ_MP T_DEF TRUTH;  
val it = |- (\x. x) = (\x. x): thm
```

1. $\Gamma_1 \vdash t_1 = t_2$

[Hypothesis]

2. $\Gamma_2 \vdash t_1$

[Hypothesis]

3. $\Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_2 \vdash t_2$

[SUBST 1,2]



Transitivity of equations

TRANS : thm -> thm -> thm

$$\frac{\Gamma_1 \vdash t_1 = t_2 \quad \Gamma_2 \vdash t_2 = t_3}{\Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_2 \vdash t_1 = t_3} \text{TRANS } (\Gamma_1 \vdash t_1 = t_2) (\Gamma_2 \vdash t_2 = t_3)$$

```
> load "extreal_baseTheory"; open extreal_baseTheory;  
> half_cancel;  
val it = |- 2 * (1 / 2) = 1: thm  
> third_cancel;  
val it = |- 3 * (1 / 3) = 1: thm  
> TRANS half_cancel (SYM third_cancel);  
val it = |- 2 * (1 / 2) = 3 * (1 / 3): thm
```



Implication from equality

EQ_IMP_RULE : thm -> thm * thm

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t_1 = t_2}{\Gamma \vdash t_1 \Rightarrow t_2 \quad \Gamma \vdash t_2 \Rightarrow t_1} \text{EQ_IMP_RULE } (\Gamma \vdash t_1 = t_2)$$

```
> F_DEF;  
val it = |- F <=> !t. t: thm  
> EQ_IMP_RULE F_DEF;  
val it = (|- F ==> !t. t, |- (!t. t) ==> F): thm * thm
```

1. $\Gamma \vdash t_1 \Leftrightarrow t_2$ [Hypothesis]
2. $t_1 \vdash t_1$ [ASSUME]
3. $\Gamma, t_1 \vdash t_2$ [EQ_MP 1,2]
4. $\Gamma \vdash t_1 \Rightarrow t_2$ [DISCH 3]
5. $\Gamma \vdash t_2 = t_1$ [SYM 1]

6. $t_2 \vdash t_2$ [ASSUME]
7. $\Gamma, t_2 \vdash t_1$ [EQ_MP 5,6]
8. $\Gamma \vdash t_2 \Rightarrow t_1$ [DISCH 7]
9. $\Gamma \vdash t_1 \Rightarrow t_2$ and $\Gamma \vdash t_2 \Rightarrow t_1$ [4,8]



T-introduction

TRUTH : thm

$\vdash T$

1. $\vdash T = ((\lambda x. x) = (\lambda x. x))$

[Definition of T]

2. $\vdash ((\lambda x. x) = (\lambda x. x)) = T$

[SYM 1]

3. $\vdash (\lambda x. x) = (\lambda x. x)$

[REFL]

4. $\vdash T$

[EQ_MP 2,3]



Equality-with-T elimination

EQT_ELIM : thm -> thm

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t = T}{\Gamma \vdash t} \text{EQT_ELIM } (\Gamma \vdash t = T)$$

```
> RES_FORALL_TRUE;  
val it = |- (!x::P. T) <=> T: thm  
> EQT_ELIM RES_FORALL_TRUE;  
val it = |- !x::P. T: thm
```

1. $\Gamma \vdash t = T$

[Hypothesis]

2. $\Gamma \vdash T = t$

[SYM 1]

3. $\vdash T$

[TRUTH]

4. $\Gamma \vdash t$

[EQ_MP 2,3]



Equality-with-T introduction

EQT_INTRO : thm -> thm

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t}{\Gamma \vdash t = T} \text{EQT_INTRO } (\Gamma \vdash t)$$

```
> EQT_INTRO INFINITY_AX; (* or any other theorem *)  
val it = |- (?f. ONE_ONE f /\ ~ONTO f) <=> T: thm
```

(The implementation is a bit complex by primitive inferences, omitted here.)



Specialization (\forall -elimination)

SPEC : term \rightarrow thm \rightarrow thm

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \forall x. t}{\Gamma \vdash t[x \mapsto t']} \text{ SPEC } t' (\Gamma \vdash \forall x. t)$$

```
> (arithmeticTheory.ADD1, SPEC ``2:num`` arithmeticTheory.ADD1);  
val it = (|- !m. SUC m = m + 1, |- SUC 2 = 2 + 1): thm * thm
```

1. $\vdash \forall = (\lambda P. P = (\lambda x. T))$ [INST_TYPE applied to the definition of \forall]
2. $\Gamma \vdash \forall (\lambda x. t)$ [Hypothesis]
3. $\Gamma \vdash (\lambda P. P = (\lambda x. T))(\lambda x. t)$ [SUBST 1,2]
4. $\vdash (\lambda P. P = (\lambda x. T))(\lambda x. t) = ((\lambda x. t) = (\lambda x. T))$ [BETA_CONV]
5. $\Gamma \vdash (\lambda x. t) = (\lambda x. T)$ [EQ_MP 4,3]

6. $\Gamma \vdash (\lambda x. t) t' = (\lambda x. T) t'$ [AP_THM 5]
7. $(\lambda x. t) t' = t[x \mapsto t']$ [BETA_CONV]
8. $t[x \mapsto t'] = (\lambda x. t) t'$ [SYM 7]
9. $\Gamma \vdash t[x \mapsto t'] = (\lambda x. T) t'$ [TRANS 8,6]
10. $\vdash (\lambda x. T) t' = T$ [BETA_CONV]
11. $\Gamma \vdash t[x \mapsto t'] = T$ [TRANS 9,10]
12. $\Gamma \vdash t[x \mapsto t']$ [EQT_ELIM 11]



Generalization (\forall -introduction)

GEN : term \rightarrow thm \rightarrow thm

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t}{\Gamma \vdash \forall x. t} \text{ GEN } x (\Gamma \vdash t)$$

where x is not free in Γ .

```
> (relationTheory.RC_REFL, GEN 'x:'a' relationTheory.RC_REFL);  
val it = (|- RC R x x, |- !x. RC R x x): thm * thm
```

1. $\Gamma \vdash t$ [Hypothesis]
2. $\Gamma \vdash t = T$ [EQT_INTRO 1]
3. $\Gamma \vdash (\lambda x. t) = (\lambda x. T)$ [ABS 2]
4. $\vdash \forall (\lambda x. t) = \forall (\lambda x. t)$ [REFL]
5. $\vdash \forall = (\lambda P. P = (\lambda x. T))$ [INST_TYPE
applied to the definition of \forall]

6. $\vdash \forall (\lambda x. t) = (\lambda P. P = (\lambda x. T)) (\lambda x. t)$ [SUBST 5,4]
7. $\vdash (\lambda P. P = (\lambda x. T)) (\lambda x. t) = ((\lambda x. t) = (\lambda x. T))$ [BETA_CONV]
8. $\vdash \forall (\lambda x. t) = ((\lambda x. t) = (\lambda x. T))$ [TRANS 6,7]
9. $\vdash ((\lambda x. t) = (\lambda x. T)) = \forall (\lambda x. t)$ [SYM 8]
10. $\Gamma \vdash \forall (\lambda x. t)$ [EQ_MP 9,3]



More inference rules

► η -conversion (`ETA_CONV : term -> thm`): $\vdash (\lambda x. t\ x) = t$

► Extensionality (`EXT : thm -> thm`):

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \forall x. t_1\ x = t_2\ x}{\Gamma \vdash t_1 = t_2}$$

► \exists -introduction (`EXISTS : term * term -> thm -> thm`):

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t_1[t_2]}{\Gamma \vdash \exists x. t_1[x]}$$

► \exists -elimination (`CHOOSE : term * thm -> thm -> thm`):

$$\frac{\Gamma_1 \vdash \exists x. t[x] \quad \Gamma_2, t[v] \vdash t'}{\Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_2 \vdash t'}$$

► \wedge -introduction (`CONJ : thm -> thm -> thm`)

► \wedge -elimination (`CONJUNCT1 : thm -> thm`, `CONJUNCT2 : thm -> thm`)



Homework

- ▶ Read Chapter 2 (Derived Inference Rules) of *The HOL System DESCRIPTION* and write a SML script to try all of them once with some existing theorems in core theories.¹
- ▶ Implement your own SPEC and GEN in Standard ML, e.g. MY_SPEC and MY_GEN.

¹In HOL4, a command like `help "SPEC"` may show its documentation.

