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#### INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 What is Lean?

Lean is an open source proof-checker and a proof-assistant. One can *explain* mathematical proofs to it and it can check their correctness. It also simplifies the proof writing process by providing goals and tactics.

Lean is built on top of a formal system called type theory. In type theory, the basic notions are "terms" and "types" — compare to "elements" and "sets" in set theory. Every term has a type, and types are just a special kind of term. Terms can be interpreted as mathematical objects, functions, propositions, or proofs. The only two things Lean can do is *create* terms and *check* their types. By iterating these two operations, we can teach Lean to verify complex mathematical proofs.

```
def x := 2 + 2
                                                     -- a natural number
def f (x : N) := x + 3
                                                     -- a function
def easy_theorem_statement := 2 + 2 = 4
                                                   -- a proposition
def fermats_last_theorem_statement
                                                    -- another proposition
  : =
  \forall n : \mathbb{N},
  n > 2
  \rightarrow
  \neg (\exists x y z : \mathbb{N}, (x^n + y^n = z^n) \land (x \neq 0) \land (y \neq 0) \land (z \neq 0))
theorem
easy_proof : easy_theorem_statement
                                                    -- proof of easy_theorem
begin
  exact rfl,
end
theorem
my_hard_proof : fermats_last_theorem_statement -- cheating!
begin
  sorry,
end
#check x
#check f
#check easy_theorem_statement
#check fermats_last_theorem_statement
#check easy_proof
#check hard_proof
```

#### 1.2 How to use these notes

Every once in a while, you will see a code snippet like this:

```
#eval "Hello, World!"
```

Clicking on the try it! button in the upper right corner will open a copy in a window so that you can edit it, and Lean provides feedback in the Lean Infoview window. We use this feature to provide exercises inline in the notes. We recommend attempting each exercise as you go along.

These notes are based a 5-day Lean crash course at Mathcamp 2020. We have adapted them to BIYSC 2021.

These notes provide a sneak-peek into the world of theorem proving in Lean and are by no means comprehensive. It is recommended that you simultaneously attempt the Natural Number Game. It is a fun (and highly addictive!) game that proves same basic properties of natural numbers in Lean.

## 1.3 Acknowledgments.

These notes are based on work of Apurva Nakade and Jalex Stark. Large chunks of these notes are taken directly from <a href="https://apurvanakade.github.io/courses/lean\_at\_MC2020/">https://apurvanakade.github.io/courses/lean\_at\_MC2020/</a>.

#### 1.4 Useful Links.

- 1. Formalizing 100 theorems
- 2. Formalizing 100 theorems in Lean
- 3. Articles, videos, blog posts, etc.
  - 1. The Xena Project
  - 2. The Mechanization of Mathematics
  - 3. The Future of Mathematics
- 4. Lean Zulip chat group

**CHAPTER** 

**TWO** 

#### **LOGIC IN LEAN - PART 1**

Lean is built on top of a logic system called *type theory*, which is an alternative to *set theory*. In type theory, instead of elements we have *terms* and every term has a *type*. When translated to math, terms can be either mathematical objects, functions, propositions, or proofs. The notation x : X stands for "x is a term of type X" or "x is an inhabitant of X". For the most part, you can think of a type as a set and terms as elements of the set.

### 2.1 Propositions as types

In set theory, a **proposition** is any statement that has the potential of being true or false, like 2 + 2 = 4, 2 + 2 = 5, "Fermat's last theorem", or "Riemann hypothesis". In type theory, there is a special type called Prop whose inhabitants are propositions. Furthermore, each proposition P is itself a type and the inhabitants of P are its proofs!

```
P: Prop -- P is a proposition
hp: P -- hp is a proof of P
```

As such, in type theory "producing a proof of P" is the same as "producing a term of type P" and so a proposition P is true if there exists a term hp of type P.

**Notation.** Throughout these notes, P, Q, R, ... will denote propositions.

### 2.1.1 Implication

In set theory, the proposition  $P \Rightarrow Q$  ("P implies Q") is true if either both P and Q are true or if P is false. In type theory, a proof of an implication  $P \Rightarrow Q$  is just a function  $f : P \rightarrow Q$ . Given a function  $f : P \rightarrow Q$ , every proof hp : P produces a proof  $f \cdot hp : Q$ . If P is false then P is *empty*, and there exists an empty function from an empty type to any type. Hence, in type theory we use  $\rightarrow$  to denote implication.

### 2.1.2 Negation

In type theory, there is a special proposition false: Prop which has no proof (hence is *empty*). The negation of a proposition  $\neg$  P is the implication P  $\rightarrow$  false. Such a function exists if and only if P itself is empty (empty function), hence P  $\rightarrow$  false is inhabited if and only if P is empty which justifies using it as the definition of  $\neg$  P.

#### To summarize:

- 1. Proving a proposition P is equivalent to producing an inhabitant hp : P.
- 2. Proving an implication  $P \rightarrow Q$  is equivalent to producing a function  $f : P \rightarrow Q$ .
- 3. The negation,  $\neg$  P, is defined as the implication P  $\rightarrow$  false.

#### 2.1.3 Propositions in Lean

In Lean, a proposition and its proof are written using the following syntax.

```
theorem fermats_last_theorem  \begin{array}{l} (n: \mathbb{N}) \\ (n\_gt\_2: n > 2) \\ \vdots \\ \neg (\exists \ x \ y \ z: \mathbb{N}, \ (x^n + y^n = z^n) \ \land \ (x \neq 0) \ \land \ (y \neq 0) \ \land \ (z \neq 0)) \\ \vdots \\ \textbf{begin} \\ \textbf{sorry,} \\ \textbf{end} \end{array}
```

Let us parse the above statement.

- fermats\_last\_theorem is the name of the theorem.
- (n :  $\mathbb{N}$ ) and (n\_gt\_2 : n > 2) are the two hypotheses. The former says n is a natural number and the latter says that n\_gt\_2 is a proof of n > 2.
- : is the delimiter between hypotheses and targets
- $\neg$  ( $\exists$  x y z :  $\mathbb{N}$ , (x^n + y^n = z^n)  $\land$  (x  $\neq$  0)  $\land$  (y  $\neq$  0)  $\land$  (z  $\neq$  0)) is the *target* of the theorem.
- := begin ... end contains the proof. When you start your proof, Lean opens up a goal window for you to keep track of hypotheses and targets. Your goal is to produce a term that has the type of the target.

```
-- example of Lean goal window n : \mathbb{N}, -- hypothesis 1 n_gt_2 : n > 2 -- hypothesis 2 |- \mathbb{N} (x y z : \mathbb{N}), x ^ n + y ^ n = z ^ n \wedge x \neq 0 \wedge y \neq 0 \wedge z \neq 0 -- target
```

• The commands you write between begin and end are called *tactics*. sorry, is an example of a tactic. **Very Important:** All tactics must end with a comma (,).

Even though they are not explicitly displayed, all the theorems in the Lean library are also hypotheses that you can use to close the goal.

### 2.2 Implications in Lean

We'll start learning tactics by proving implications in Lean. In the following sections, there are tables describing what a tactic does. Solve the following exercises to see the tactics in action.

The first two tactics we'll learn are exact and intros.

exact	If P is the target of the current goal and hp is a term of type P, then exact hp, will close	
	the goal.	
	Mathematically, this saying "this is <i>exactly</i> what we were required to prove".	
intro	If the target of the current goal is a function $P \rightarrow Q$ , then intro hp, will produce a	
	hypothesis hp : P and change the target to Q.	
	Mathematically, this is saying that in order to define a function from P to Q, we first need to	
	choose an arbitrary element of P.	

```
``exact``
  If ``P`` is the target of the current goal and
  ``hp`` is a term of type ``P``, then
  ``exact hp,`` will close the goal.
``intro``
  If the target of the current goal is a function ``P \rightarrow Q``, then
  ``intro hp,`` will produce a hypothesis
  ``hp: P`` and change the target to ``Q``.
Delete the ``sorry,`` below and replace them with a legitimate proof.
theorem tautology (P : Prop) (hp : P) : P :=
begin
 sorry,
end
theorem tautology' (P : Prop) : P \rightarrow P :=
begin
 sorry,
end
example (P Q : Prop): (P \rightarrow (Q \rightarrow P)) :=
begin
 sorry,
end
-- Can you find two different ways of proving the following?
example (P Q : Prop) : ((Q \rightarrow P) \rightarrow (Q \rightarrow P)) :=
begin
  sorry,
end
```

The next two tactics are have and apply.

have	have is used to create intermediate variables.		
	If f is a term of type $P \rightarrow Q$ and hp is a term of type P, then have hq := f(hp),		
	creates the hypothesis hq : Q.		
apply	apply is used for backward reasoning.		
	If the target of the current goal is Q and f is a term of type $P \rightarrow Q$ , then apply f, changes		
	target to P.		
	Mathematically, this is equivalent to saying "because ₱ implies ℚ, to prove ℚ it suffices to prove		
	P".		

Often these two tactics can be used interchangeably. Think of have as reasoning forward and apply as reasoning backward. When writing a big proof, you often want a healthy combination of the two that makes the proof readable.



```
``have``
  If ``f`` is a term of type ``P \rightarrow Q`` and
  ``hp`` is a term of type ``P``, then
  ``have hq := f(hp),`` creates the hypothesis ``hq : Q`` .
``apply``
  If the target of the current goal is ``Q`` and
  ``f`` is a term of type ``P \rightarrow Q``, then
  ``apply f,`` changes target to ``P``.
Delete the ``sorry, `` below and replace them with a legitimate proof.
example (P Q R : Prop) (hp : P) (f : P \rightarrow Q) (g : Q \rightarrow R) : R :=
 sorry,
end
example (P Q R S T U: Type)
(hpq : P \rightarrow Q)
(hqr : Q \rightarrow R)
(hqt : Q \rightarrow T)
(hst : S \rightarrow T)
(\texttt{htu} \; : \; \texttt{T} \; \rightarrow \; \texttt{U})
: P \rightarrow U :=
begin
 sorry,
end
```

For the following exercises, recall that  $\neg$  P is defined as P  $\rightarrow$  false,  $\neg$  ( $\neg$  P) is (P  $\rightarrow$  false)  $\rightarrow$  false, and so on.

```
example (P : Prop) : ¬ (¬ (¬ P)) → ¬ P :=
begin
    sorry,
end
```

### 2.3 Proof by contradiction

You can prove exactly one of the converses of the above three using just exact, intro, have, and apply. Can you find which one?

This is because it is not true that  $\neg \neg P = P$  by definition, after all,  $\neg \neg P$  is  $(P \rightarrow false) \rightarrow false$  which is drastically different from P. There is an extra axiom called **the law of excluded middle** which says that either P is inhabited or  $\neg P$  is inhabited (and there is no *middle* option) and so  $P \leftrightarrow \neg \neg P$ . This is the axiom that allows for proofs by contradiction. Lean provides us the following tactics to use it.

ex-	Changes the target of the current goal to false.		
falso	The name derives from "ex falso, quodlibet" which translates to "from contradiction, anything". You		
	should use this tactic when there are contradictory hypotheses present.		
by_case	by_casesIf P: Prop, then by_cases P, creates two goals, the first with a hypothesis hp: P and second		
	with a hypothesis hp: ¬ P.		
	Mathematically, this is saying either P is true or P is false. by_cases is the most direct application of		
	the law of excluded middle.		
by_cont	rlf the ctarget of the current goal is Q, then by contradiction, changes the target to false and adds		
	hnq: ¬ Q as a hypothesis.		
	Mathematically, this is proof by contradiction.		
push_ne	gpush_neg, simplifies negations in the target.		
	For example, if the target of the current goal is $\neg \neg P$ , then push_neg, simplifies it to P.		
	You can also push negations across a hypothesis hp: Pusing push_neg at hp,.		
contrapolf the target of the current goal is P $\rightarrow$ Q, then contrapose!, changes the target to $\neg$ Q $\rightarrow$ $\neg$ P.			
	If the target of the current goal is Q and one of the hypotheses is hp: P, then contrapose! hp,		
	changes the target to $\neg$ P and changes the hypothesis to hp : $\neg$ Q.		
	Mathematically, this is replacing the target by its contrapositive.		

Even though the list is long, these tactics are almost all *obvious*. The only two slightly unusual tactics are exfalso and by\_cases. You'll see by\_cases in action later. For the following exercises, you only require exfalso, push\_neg, and contrapose!.

```
``exfalso``
  Changes the target of the current goal to ``false``.
``push_neg``
  ``push_neg,`` simplifies negations in the target.
 You can push negations across a hypothesis ``hp : P`` using
  ``push_neg at hp,``.
``contrapose!``
  If the target of the current goal is ``P \rightarrow Q``,
  then ``contrapose!,`` changes the target to ``¬ Q \rightarrow \neg P``.
  If the target of the current goal is ``Q`` and
  one of the hypotheses is ``hp : P``, then
  ``contrapose! hp,`` changes the target to ``\neg P`` and
  changes the hypothesis to ``hp : \neg Q``.
Delete the ``sorry,`` below and replace them with a legitimate proof.
theorem not_not_self_imp_self (P : Prop) : \neg \neg P \rightarrow P :=
begin
 sorry,
end
```

```
theorem contrapositive_converse (P Q : Prop) : (¬Q → ¬P) → (P → Q) :=
begin
    sorry,
end

example (P : Prop) : ¬ P → ¬ ¬ ¬ P :=
begin
    sorry,
end

theorem principle_of_explosion (P Q : Prop) : P → (¬ P → Q) :=
begin
    sorry,
end
```

### 2.4 Geometry

Finally, let's do some geometry! We will introduce the incidence axioms, and start proving some lemmas from them.

```
constants Point Line : Type*
constant belongs : Point → Line → Prop
local notation A `∈` L := belongs A L
local notation A `∉` L := ¬ belongs A L
```

Here is how we can introduce axioms.

```
-- I1: there is a unique line passing through two distinct points.

axiom I1 (A B : Point) (h : A ≠ B) : \exists! (ℓ : Line) , A ∈ ℓ ∧ B ∈ ℓ

-- I2: any line contains at least two points.

axiom I2 (ℓ : Line) : \exists A B : Point, A ≠ B ∧ A ∈ ℓ ∧ B ∈ ℓ

-- I3: there exists 3 non-collinear points.

axiom I3 : \exists A B C : Point, (A ≠ B ∧ A ≠ C ∧ B ≠ C ∧ (∀ ℓ : Line, (A ∈ ℓ ∧ B ∈ ℓ) →

\hookrightarrow (\lnot (C ∈ ℓ) )))
```

Axiom I3 really says that there are 3 non-collinear points. We can make actually define what it means to be collinear and prove a statement which is easier to remember.

```
-- We can make our own definitions

def collinear (A B C : Point) : Prop := ∃ (ℓ : Line), (A ∈ ℓ ∧ B ∈ ℓ ∧ C ∈ ℓ)

-- So let's prove that axiom I3 really says that there are 3 non-collinear points

example : ∃ A B C : Point, ¬ collinear A B C :=

begin

sorry
end
```

In the morning we proved quite in detail the following theorem (we called Theorem 1). Before trying to prove it, make sure that the *Lean* statement is really what the English sentence says.

```
-- Two distinct lines meet at most at one point example (r s : Line) (h : r \neq s) (A B : Point) : A \in r \land B \in r \land A \in s \land B \in s \rightarrow A. \Rightarrow B :=
```

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```
begin
sorry
end
```

Let's prove another useful lemma: given a line, there is a point outside it.

```
-- Use I3 to prove the following lemma

lemma exists_point_not_on_line (ℓ : Line): ∃ A : Point, A ∉ ℓ :=

begin
    sorry
end

-- Challenge: is it true for two lines? If so, prove it

lemma exists_point_not_on_two_line (r s : Line): ∃ A : Point, A ∉ r ∧ A ∉ s :=

begin
    sorry
end
```

**CHAPTER** 

THREE

#### **LOGIC IN LEAN - PART 2**

Your mission today is to wrap up the remaining bits of logic and move on to doing some "actual math". Remember to always save your work. You might find the *Glossary of tactics* page and the *Pretty symbols* page useful.

Before we move on to new stuff, let's understand what we did yesterday.

#### 3.1 Behind the scenes

**A note on brackets:** It is not uncommon to compose half a dozen functions in Lean. The brackets get really messy and unwieldy. As such, Lean will often drop the brackets by following the following conventions.

```
• The function P \to Q \to R \to S stands for P \to (Q \to (R \to S)).
```

• The expression a + b + c + d stands for ((a + b) + c) + d.

An easy way to remember this is that, arrows are bracketed on the right and binary operators on the left.

#### 3.1.1 Proof irrelevance

It might feel a bit weird to say that a proposition has proofs as its inhabitants. Proofs can get huge and it seems unnecessary to have to remember not just the statement but also its proof. This is something we don't normally do in math. To hide this complication, in type theory there is an axiom, called *proof irrelevance*, which says that if P: Prop and hp1 hp2: Prop and hp1 hp2: Prop and hp1 hp2. Taking our *analogy* with sets further, you can think of a proposition as a set which is either empty or contains a single element (false or true). In fact, in some forms of type theory (e.g. homotopy type theory) this is taken as the definition of propositions. This is of course not true for general types. For example,  $0: N \neq 1: N$ .

#### 3.1.2 Proofs as functions

Every time you successfully construct a proof of a theorem say

```
theorem tautology (P : Prop) : P \rightarrow P := begin intro hp, exact hp, end
```

Lean constructs a proof term tautology :  $\forall$  P : Prop, P  $\rightarrow$  P (you can see this by typing #check tautology).

In type theory, the *for all* quantifier,  $\forall$ , is a generalized function, called a dependent function. For all practical purposes, we can think of tautology as having the type (P : Prop)  $\rightarrow$  (P  $\rightarrow$  P). Note that this is not a function in

the classical sense of the word because the codomain  $(P \rightarrow P)$  depends on the input variable P. If Q: Prop, then tautology (Q) is a term of type  $Q \rightarrow Q$ .

Consider a theorem with multiple hypothesis, say

```
theorem hello_world (hp : P) (hq : Q) (hr : R) : S
```

Once we provide a proof of it, Lean will create a proof term  $hello\_world: (hp:P) \rightarrow (hq:Q) \rightarrow (hr:R) \rightarrow S$ . So that if we have terms hp': P, hq': Q, hr': R then  $hello\_world: hp': hq': hr': (note the convenient lack of brackets) will be a term of type <math>S$ .

Once constructed, any term can be used in a later proof. For example,

```
example (P Q : Prop) : (P \rightarrow Q) \rightarrow (P \rightarrow Q) := begin exact tautology (P \rightarrow Q), end
```

This is how Lean simulates mathematics. Every time you prove a theorem using tactics a *proof term* gets created. Because of proof irrelevance, Lean forgets the exact content of the proof and only remembers its type. All the proof terms can then be used in later proofs. All of this falls under the giant umbrella of the Curry–Howard correspondence.

We'll now continue our study of the remaining logical operators: and  $(\land)$ , or  $(\lor)$ , if and only if  $(\leftrightarrow)$ , for all  $(\forall)$ , there exists  $(\exists)$ .

#### 3.2 And / Or

The operators and ( $\land$ ) and or ( $\lor$ ) are very easy to use in Lean. Given a term hpq : P  $\land$  Q, there are tactics that let you create terms hp : P and hq : Q, and vice versa. Similarly for P  $\lor$  Q, with a subtle change (see below).

**Note** that when multiple goals are open, you are trying to solve the topmost goal.

cases	cases is a general tactic that breaks a complicated term into simpler ones.
	If hpq is a term of type P $\land$ Q, then cases hpq with hp hq, breaks it into hp: P and hp
	: Q.
	If fg is a term of type P $\leftrightarrow$ Q, then cases fg with fg, breaks it into f: P $\rightarrow$ Q and g:
	$Q \rightarrow P$ .
	If hpq is a term of type P V Q, then cases hpq with hp hq, creates two goals and adds the
	hypotheses hp : P and hq : Q to one each.
split	split is a general tactic that breaks a complicated goal into simpler ones.
	If the target of the current goal is $P \land Q$ , then $split$ , breaks up the goal into two goals with targets $P$
	and Q.
	If the target of the current goal is $P \times Q$ , then $split$ , breaks up the goal into two goals with targets $P$
	and Q.
	If the target of the current goal is $P \leftrightarrow Q$ , then split, breaks up the goal into two goals with targets
	$P \rightarrow Q \text{ and } Q \rightarrow P.$
left	If the target of the current goal is $P \lor Q$ , then left, changes the target to $P$ .
right	If the target of the current goal is $P \lor Q$ , then right, changes the target to $Q$ .

```
'`cases``
  is a general tactic that breaks up complicated terms.
```

```
If ``hpq`` is a term of type ``P \land Q`` or ``P \lor Q`` or ``P \leftrightarrow Q``, then use
  ``cases hpg with hp hg, ``.
``split``
  If the target of the current goal is ``P \land Q`` or ``P \leftrightarrow Q``, then use
   ``split,``.
``left``/``right``
  If the target of the current goal is ``P \vee Q``, then use
  either ``left,`` or ``right,`` (choose wisely).
``exfalso``
  Changes the target of the current goal to ``false``.
Delete the ``sorry,`` below and replace them with a legitimate proof.
example (P Q : Prop) : P \land Q \rightarrow Q \land P :=
begin
  sorry,
end
example (P Q : Prop) : P \vee Q \rightarrow Q \vee P :=
begin
 sorry,
end
example (P Q R : Prop) : P \land false \leftrightarrow false :=
begin
 sorry,
end
theorem principle_of_explosion (P Q : Prop) : P \land \neg P \rightarrow Q :=
begin
 sorry,
end
```

#### 3.3 Quantifiers

As mentioned it the introduction the *for all* quantifier,  $\forall$ , is a generalization of a function. As such the tactics for dealing with  $\forall$  are the same as those for  $\rightarrow$ .

have	If hp is a term of type $\forall x : X$ , P x and y is a term of type X then have hpy := hp (y) creates
	a hypothesis hpy: Py.
intro	If the target of the current goal is $\forall x : X$ , $P x$ , then intro x, creates a hypothesis x : X and
	changes the target to $P \times X$ .

The *there exists* quantifier,  $\exists$ , in type theory is very intuitive. If you want to prove a statement  $\exists \ x : X$ ,  $P \times then$  you need to provide a witness. If you have a term  $hp : \exists \ x : X$ ,  $P \times then$  from this you can extract a witness.

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cases	If hp is a term of type $\exists x : X$ , Px, then cases hp with x key, breaks it into x: X and
	key: Px.
use	If the target of the current goal is $\exists x : X$ , $P \times and y$ is a term of type X, then use $y$ , changes the
	target to P y and tries to close the goal.

### 3.4 Geometry

Now it's your turn! Introduce Hilbert's axioms for between-ness. We'll give you the ones for incidence from yesterday.

```
import tactic
constants Point Line : Type*
\textbf{constant} \text{ belongs } : \text{Point } \rightarrow \text{Line } \rightarrow \textbf{Prop}
local notation A `\in` L := belongs A L
local notation A `∉` L := ¬ belongs A L
-- I1: there is a unique line passing through two distinct points.
axiom I1 (A B : Point) (h : A \neq B) : \exists! (\ell : Line) , A \in \ell \land B \in \ell
-- I2: any line contains at least two points.
axiom I2 (\ell : Line) : \exists A B : Point, A \neq B \land A \in \ell \land B \in \ell
-- I3: there exists 3 non-collinear points.
\textbf{axiom} \ \texttt{I3} : \exists \ \texttt{A} \ \texttt{B} \ \texttt{C} : \ \texttt{Point}, \ (\texttt{A} \neq \texttt{B} \ \land \ \texttt{A} \neq \texttt{C} \ \land \ \texttt{B} \neq \texttt{C} \ \land \ (\forall \ \ell \ : \ \texttt{Line}, \ (\texttt{A} \in \ell \ \land \ \texttt{B} \in \ell) \ \rightarrow \_
\hookrightarrow (\neg (C \in \ell) ))
-- We can make our own definitions
def collinear (A B C : Point) : Prop := \exists (\ell : Line), (A \in \ell \land B \in \ell \land C \in \ell)
-- We define the between-ness relation
constant between : Point \rightarrow Point \rightarrow Point \rightarrow Prop
local notation A `*` B `*` C := between A B C
```

## **FOUR**

## **PRETTY SYMBOLS IN LEAN**

To produce a pretty symbol in Lean, type the *editor shortcut* followed by space or tab.

Unicode	Editor Shortcut	Definition
$\rightarrow$	\to	function or implies
$\leftrightarrow$	\iff	if and only if
←	\1	used by the rw tactic
_	\not	negation operator
٨	\and	and operator
V	\or	or operator
3	\exists	there exists quantifier
A	\forall	for all quantifier
N	\nat	type of natural numbers
$\mathbb{Z}$	\int	type of integers
0	\circ	composition of functions
<i>\</i>	\ne	not equal to
€	\in	belongs to
∉	\notin	does not belong to
L	\angle	angle
Δ	\triangle	triangle
$\cong$	\cong	congruence of segments
~	\simeq	congruence of angles

CHAPTER

**FIVE** 

## **GLOSSARY OF TACTICS**

## **5.1 Implications in Lean**

exact	If P is the target of the current goal and hp is a term of type P, then exact hp, will close		
	the goal.		
	Mathematically, this saying "this is <i>exactly</i> what we were required to prove".		
intro	If the target of the current goal is a function $P \rightarrow Q$ , then intro hp, will produce a		
	hypothesis hp: P and change the target to Q.		
	Mathematically, this is saying that in order to define a function from P to Q, we first need to		
	choose an arbitrary element of P.		

have	have is used to create intermediate variables.		
	If f is a term of type $P \rightarrow Q$ and hp is a term of type P, then have hq := f hp,		
	creates the hypothesis hq : Q.		
apply	apply is used for backward reasoning.		
	If the target of the current goal is Q and f is a term of type $P \rightarrow Q$ , then apply f, changes		
	target to P.		
	Mathematically, this is equivalent to saying "because ₱ implies Q, to prove Q it suffices to prove		
	P".		

## 5.2 Proof by contradiction

ex-	Changes the target of the current goal to false.
falso	The name derives from "ex falso, quodlibet" which translates to "from contradiction, anything". You
	should use this tactic when there are contradictory hypotheses present.
by_case	sIf P: Prop, then by_cases P, creates two goals, the first with a hypothesis hp: P and second
	with a hypothesis hp: ¬ P.
	Mathematically, this is saying either P is true or P is false. by_cases is the most direct application of
	the law of excluded middle.
by_cont	rlf dhectarget of the current goal is Q, then by_contradiction, changes the target to false and adds
	hnq: $\neg Q$ as a hypothesis.
	Mathematically, this is proof by contradiction.
push_ne	gpush_neg, simplifies negations in the target.
	For example, if the target of the current goal is $\neg \neg P$ , then push_neg, simplifies it to P.
	You can also push negations across a hypothesis hp: Pusing push_neg at hp,.
contrap	olf the target of the current goal is P $\rightarrow$ Q, then contrapose!, changes the target to $\neg$ Q $\rightarrow$ $\neg$ P.
	If the target of the current goal is Q and one of the hypotheses is hp: P, then contrapose! hp,
	changes the target to $\neg$ P and changes the hypothesis to hp : $\neg$ Q.
	Mathematically, this is replacing the target by its contrapositive.

### 5.3 And / Or

cases	cases is a general tactic that breaks a complicated term into simpler ones.
	If hpq is a term of type P $\land$ Q, then cases hpq with hp hq, breaks it into hp: P and hp
	; Q.
	If hpq is a term of type $P \times Q$ , then cases hpq with hp hq, breaks it into hp: $P$ and hp
	; Q.
	If fg is a term of type P $\leftrightarrow$ Q, then cases fg with f g, breaks it into f : P $\rightarrow$ Q and g :
	$Q \rightarrow P$ .
	If hpq is a term of type P V Q, then cases hpq with hp hq, creates two goals and adds the
	hypotheses hp : P and hq : Q to one each.
split	split is a general tactic that breaks a complicated goal into simpler ones.
	If the target of the current goal is $P \land Q$ , then $split$ , breaks up the goal into two goals with targets $P$
	and Q.
	If the target of the current goal is $P \times Q$ , then $split$ , breaks up the goal into two goals with targets $P$
	and Q.
	If the target of the current goal is $P \leftrightarrow Q$ , then $split$ , breaks up the goal into two goals with targets
	$P \rightarrow Q \text{ and } Q \rightarrow P.$
left	If the target of the current goal is $P \lor Q$ , then left, changes the target to $P$ .
right	If the target of the current goal is $P \lor Q$ , then right, changes the target to $Q$ .

## 5.4 Quantifiers

have	If hp is a term of type $\forall x : X$ , P x and y is a term of type y then have hpy := hp (y) creates
	a hypothesis hpy: Py.
intro	If the target of the current goal is $\forall x : X$ , $P x$ , then intro x, creates a hypothesis x : X and
	changes the target to $P \times x$ .

cases	If hp is a term of type $\exists x : X$ , P x, then cases hp with x key, breaks it into x : X and
	key: Px.
use	If the target of the current goal is $\exists x : X$ , $P \times and y$ is a term of type X, then use $y$ , changes the
	target to P y and tries to close the goal.

## 5.5 Proving "trivial" statements

norm_nu	mnorm_num is Lean's calculator. If the target has a proof that involves only numbers and arithmetic
	operations, then norm_num will close this goal.
	If hp: P is an assumption then norm_num at hp, tries to use simplify hp using basic arithmetic
	operations.
ring	ring, is Lean's symbolic manipulator. If the target has a proof that involves <i>only</i> algebraic operations,
	then ring, will close the goal.
	If hp: P is an assumption then ring at hp, tries to use simplify hp using basic algebraic operations.
linar-	linarith, is Lean's inequality solver.
ith	
simp	simp, is a very complex tactic that tries to use theorems from the mathlib library to close the goal. You
	should only ever use simp, to close a goal because its behavior changes as more theorems get added to
	the library.

## 5.6 Equality

refl	If the current goal is of the form $X = X$ or $P \leftrightarrow P$ , then refl will finish the proof. As long as both
	sides are defined to be equal, this will work. For example, it will work with the goal $3 = 2 + 1$ because
	by definition the number 3 is defined to be 2 plus one.
	Mathematically, this says "check that both sides are qual by definition".
rw	If f is a term of type $P = Q$ (or $P \leftrightarrow Q$ ), then
	rw f, searches for P in the target and replaces it with Q.
	rw ←f, searches for Q in the target and replaces it with P.
	If additionally, hr: R is a hypothesis, then
	rw f at hr, searches for P in the expression R and replaces it with Q.
	rw ←f at hr, searches for Q in the expression R and replaces it with P.
	Mathematically, this is saying because $P = Q$ , we can replace $P$ with $Q$ (or the other way around).

5.4. Quantifiers