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1 Preliminaries

1.1 Coq

The formalization of Curry programs requires a language that allows us to express the code itself and the propositions we intend to prove. Coq¹ is an interactive proof management system that meets these requirements, hence it will be the main tool used in the following chapters.

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1.1.1 Data types and functions

Coq's predefined definitions, contrary to e.g. Haskell's Prelude, are very limited. However, being a functional language, there is a powerful mechanism for defining new data types. A definition of polymorphic lists could look like this:

```
Inductive list (X:Type) : Type :=
| nil : list X
| cons : X -> list X -> list X.
```

We defined a type named list with two constructors: the constant nil, which represents an empty list, and a binary constructor cons that takes an element and a list of the same type as arguments. In fact, nil and cons have one additional argument, a type X. This is required, because we want polymorphic lists – but we do not want to explicitly state the type. Fortunately, Coq allows us to declare type arguments as implicit by enclosing them in curly brackets:

```
Check (cons nat 8 (nil nat)). (*cons nat 8 (nil nat) : list nat*) Arguments nil \{X\}.
Arguments cons \{X\} _ _.
```

Coq's type inference system infers the type of a list automatically now if possible. In some cases this does not work, because there is not enough information about the implicit types present.

```
Fail Definition double_cons x y z := (cons x (cons y z)). Definition double_cons \{A\} x y z := (@cons A x (@cons A y z)).
```

The first definition does not work, as indicated by Fail², because Coq cannot infer the implicit type variable of double_cons, since cons does not have an explicit type either.

¹https://coq.inria.fr/

²Fail checks if an expression does indeed cause an error and allows further processing of the file.

By prefixing at least one cons with @, we can tell Coq to accept explicit expressions for all implicit arguments. This allows us to pass the type of cons on to double_cons, again as an implicit argument.

```
Check double_cons 2 4 []. (* : list nat *)

Fail Check (cons 2 (cons nil nil)).

(* Error: The term "cons nil nil" has type "list (list ?X0)"

while it is expected to have type "list nat". *)
```

Based on this we can write a function that determines if a list is empty:

Function definitions begin with the keyword Definition. is Empty takes an (implicit) type and a list and returns a boolean value. To distinguish empty from non-empty lists, pattern matching can be used on n arguments by writing match $x_0, ..., x_{n-1}$ with $|p_0 \rightarrow e_0| ... |p_{m-1} \rightarrow e_{m-1}$ for m pattern p, consisting of a sub-pattern for every x_i and expressions e_i .

The definition of recursive functions requires that the function is called with a smaller structure than before in each iteration, which ensures that the function eventually terminates. A recursive function is indicated by using Fixpoint instead of Definition.

```
Fixpoint app \{X : Type\} (11 12 : list X) : (list X) := match 11 with 
 | nil => 12 
 | cons h t => cons h (app t 12) end.
```

In this case l_1 gets shorter with every iteration, thus the function terminates after a finite amount of recursions.

Coq allows us to define notations for functions and constructors by using the keyword Notation, followed by the desired syntax and the expression.

```
Notation "x :: y" := (cons x y) (at level 60, right associativity). Notation "[]" := nil. Notation "[x;..;y]" := (cons x .. (cons y []) ..). Notation "x ++ y" := (app x y) (at level 60, right associativity).
```

1.1.2 Propositions and proofs

Every claim that we state or prove has the type **Prop**. Propositions can be any statement, regardless of its truth. A few examples:

```
Check 1 + 1 = 2. (* : Prop *)

Check forall (X : Type) (1 : list X), 1 ++ [] = 1. (* : Prop *)

Check forall (n : nat), n > 0 -> n * n > 0. (* : Prop *)

Check (fun n => n <> 2). (* : nat -> Prop *)
```

The first proposition is a simple equation, while the second one contains an universal quantifier. This allows us to state propositions about every type of list, or, as shown in the third example, about every natural number greater than zero. Combined with implications we can premise specific properties that limit the set of elements the proposition applies to. The last example contains an anonymous function, which is used by stating the functions' arguments and an expression.

Now how do we prove these propositions? Proving an equation requires to show that both sides are equal, usually by simplifying one side until it looks exactly like the other. Coq allows us to do this by using tactics, which can perform a multitude of different operations.

```
Example e1 : 1+1=2.

Proof. simpl. reflexivity. Qed.
```

After naming the proposition as an example, theorem or lemma it appears in the interactive subgoal list that Coq provides. The simpl tactic performs basic simplification like adding two numbers in this case. The updated subgoal is now 2=2, which is obviously true. By using the reflexivity tactic we tell Coq to check both sides for equality, which succeeds and clears the subgoal list, followed by Qed to complete the proof.

```
Example e2 : forall (X : Type) (1 : list X), [] ++ 1 = 1. Proof. intros X 1. reflexivity. Qed.
```

Universal quantifiers allow us to introduce variables, the corresponding tactic is called intros. The new context contains a type X and a list 1, with the remaining subgoal [] ++ 1 = 1. Because we defined app to return the second argument if the first one is an empty list, reflexivity directly proves our goal. reflexivity is not useful for obvious equations only, it also simplifies and unfolds definitions until the flat terms match each other if possible.

To prove that the proposition 1 ++ [] = 1 holds, we need more advanced tactics, because we cannot just apply the definition. app works by iterating through the first list, but we need to prove the proposition for every list, regardless of its length. One possibility to solve this problem is by using structural induction.

```
Example e3 : forall (X : Type) (1 : list X), 1 ++ [] = 1. Proof. intros X. induction 1 as [|1 ls IH]. reflexivity. simpl. rewrite IH. reflexivity. Qed.
```

The proof begins by introducing type X, followed by the induction tactic applied to 1. Coq names newly introduced variables by itself, which can be done manually by adding

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Highlighting für Proof und Qed as [c1|...|cn] to the tactic. Each c_i represents a sequence of variable names, which will be used when introducing variables in the corresponding case. Cases are ordered as listed in the Definition.

Now we need to prove two cases: the empty list and a cons construct. The first case does not require any new variable names, therefore the first section in the squared brackets is empty. It is easily solved by applying reflexivity, because of the definition of app. The second case requires variables for the list's head and tail, which we call 1 and 1s respectively. The variable name IH identifies the induction hypothesis 1s ++ [] = 1s, which Coq generates automatically. The goal changes as following:

```
(1 :: ls) ++ [] = 1 :: ls

l :: ls ++ [] = l :: ls (* simpl *)

l :: ls = l :: ls (* rewrite with IH *)
```

The tactic rewrite changes the current goal by replacing every occurrence of the left side of the provided equation with the right side. Both sides are equal now, hence reflexivity proves the last case.

Example e4 is different from the other examples, in the sense that one cannot prove a function by itself and that only supplying an argument returns a verifiable inequality.

```
Example e4 : (fun n => n <> 2) 1. 

Proof. 

simpl. (* 1 <> 2 *) 

unfold not. (* 1 = 2 -> False *) 

intros H. (* H : 1 = 2, False *) 

inversion H. (* No more subgoals. *) 

Qed.
```

This proof is not as straight forward as the other ones, mainly because of the inequality, which is a notation³ for not (x = y). Because not is the outermost term, we need to eliminate it first by applying unfold. This replaces not with its definition fun $A : Prop \Rightarrow A \rightarrow False$, where False is the unprovable proposition. Why does this work? Assuming that a proposition P is true, not P means that P implies False, which is false, because something true cannot imply something false. On the other hand, if P is false, then False \rightarrow False is true because anything follows from falsehood, as stated by the principle of explosion.

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The current goal 4 = 8 -> False is further simplified by introducing 4 = 8 as an hypothesis H, leaving False as the remaining goal. Intuitively we know that H is false, but Coq needs a justification for this claim. Conveniently the tactic inversion solves this problem easily by applying two core principles of inductively defined data types:

- Injectivity: C n = C m implies that n and m are equal for a constructor C.
- Disjoint constructors: Values created by different constructors cannot be equal.

³It is often useful to be able to look up notations, Locate "<>" returns the term associated with <>.

By applying inversion to the hypothesis 2 = 1 we tell Coq to add all inferable equations as additional hypotheses. In this case we start with 2 = 1 or the Peano number representation S(S(0)) = S(0). Injectivity implies that if the previous equation was true, S(0) = 0 must also be true. This is obviously false, since it would allow two different representations of nil. Hence, the application of inversion to 2 = 1 infers the current goal False, which concludes the proof.

Besides directly supplying arguments to functions that return propositions, there are other interesting applications for them, that we will discuss in the next section.

1.1.3 Higher-order constructs

Functions can be passed as arguments to other functions or returned as a result, they are first-class citizens in Coq. This allows us create higher-order functions, such as map or fold.

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Function types are represented by combining two or more type variables with an arrow. Coq does not only allow higher-order functions, but also higher-order propositions. A predefined example is Forall, which features a A -> Prop construct from the last section.

```
Forall : forall A : Type, (A -> Prop) -> list A -> Prop
```

Forall takes a *property* of A, which returns a **Prop** for any given A, plus a list of A and returns a proposition. It works by applying the property to every element of the given list and can be proven by showing that all elements satisfy the property.

```
Example e5 : Forall (fun n => n <> 8) [2;4]. Proof. apply Forall_cons. intros H. inversion H. (* Forall (fun n : nat => n <> 8) [4] *) apply Forall_cons. intros H. inversion H. (* Forall (fun n : nat => n <> 8) [] *) apply Forall_nil. Qed.
```

Forall is an inductively defined proposition, which requires rules to be applied in order to prove a certain goal. This will be further explained in the next section, for now it sufficient to know that Forall can be proven by applying the rules Forall_cons and Forall_nil, depending on the remaining list. Because we begin with a non-empty list, we have to apply Forall_cons. The goal changes to 2 <> 8, the head of the list applied to the property. We have already proven this type of inequality before, inversion is

actually able to do most of the work we did manually by itself. Next the same procedure needs to be done for the list's tail [4], which works exactly the same as before. To conclude the proof, we need to show that the property is satisfied by the empty list. Forall_nil covers this case, which is trivially fulfilled.

1.1.4 Inductively defined propositions

Properties of a data type can be written in multiple ways, two of which we already discussed: Boolean equations of the form $b \ x = true$ and functions that return propositions. For example the function InB returns true if a **nat** is contained in a list, the boolean function could look like this:

```
Fixpoint InB (x : nat) (1 : list nat) : bool :=
match 1 with
| [] => false
| x' :: 1' => if (beq_nat x x') then true else InB x 1'
end.
Example e5 : InB 42 [1;2;42] = true.
Proof. reflexivity. Qed.
```

Because InB returns a boolean value, we have to check for equality with true in order to get a provable proposition. The proof is fairly simple, reflexivity evaluates the expression and checks the equation, nothing more needs to be done.

Properties are another approach that works equally well. This definition connects multiple equations by disjunction, noted as \/. The resulting proposition needs to contain a least one true equation to become true itself.

```
Fixpoint In (x : nat) (l : list nat) : Prop :=
match l with

| [] => False
| x' :: l' => x' = x \/ In x l'
end.

Example e6 : In 42 [1;2;42].

Proof.

simpl. (* 1 = 42 \/ 2 = 42 \/ 42 = 42 \/ False *)
right. (* 2 = 42 \/ 42 = 42 \/ False *)
right. (* 42 = 42 \/ False *)
left. (* 42 = 42 *)
reflexivity.

Qed.
```

Proving the same example as before, we need new tactics to work with logical connectives. By simplifying the original statement we get a disjunction of equations for every element in the list. If we want to show that a disjunction is true, we need to choose a side we believe to be true and prove it. left and right keep only the respective side as the current goal, discarding the other one. A similar tactic exists for the logical conjunction

/\, with the difference that split keeps both sides as subgoals, since a conjunction is only true if both sides are true.

The last option to describe this property is by using inductively defined propositions. As already mentioned before, inductively defined propositions consist of rules that describe how an argument can satisfy the proposition. A useful notation for representing these rules are *inference rules*. They consist of an optional list of premises that needs to be fulfilled in order for the conclusion below the line to hold.

We can describe In with two rules:

$$\frac{\text{In n (n :: 1)}}{\text{In n (n :: 1)}} \; 1 \qquad \qquad \frac{\text{In n 1}}{\text{In n (e :: 1)}} \; 2$$

Rule one states that the list's head is an element of the list. Additionally, if an element is contained in a list, it is also an element of the same list, prefixed by another element, as described in the second rule. This definition can be transferred to Coq:

```
Inductive InInd : nat -> list nat -> Prop :=
| Head : forall n l, InInd n (n :: l)
| Tail : forall n l, InInd n (tl l) -> InInd n l.

Example e7 : InInd 42 [2;42].

Proof.
   apply Tail. (* InInd 42 (tl [2; 42]) *)
   simpl. (* InInd 42 [42] *)
   apply Head.

Qed.
```

The interesting part about this proof is the deductive approach. Previously we started with a proposition and constructed evidence of its truth. In this case we use InInd's rules "backwards": Because we want to show that 42 is an element of [2;42]], we need to argue that it is contained within the list's tail. Since it is the head of [42], we can then apply Head and conclude that the previous statement must also be true, because we required 42 to be contained in the list's tail, which is true.

Inductively defined propositions will play an important role in the following chapters, hence some more examples:

```
Inductive Forall (A : Type) (P : A -> Prop) : list A -> Prop :=
| Forall_nil : Forall P [ ]
| Forall_cons : forall (x : A) (l : list A), P x -> Forall P l -> Forall P (x :: l)
```

We already used Forall in the previous section without knowing the exact definition, the rules are fairly intuitive. According to Forall_nil, a proposition is always true for the empty list. If the list is non-empty, the first element and the list's tail have to satisfy the proposition, as stated in Forall_cons, in order for the whole list to satisfy the property. This pattern can be expanded to more complex inductive propositions, Forall2 takes a binary property plus two lists and checks if P a_i b_i holds for every i < length 1.

```
Forall2 : forall A B : Type, (A -> B -> Prop) -> list A -> list B -> Prop
```

1.2 FlatCurry

2 Theory

In functional languages a data type is a classification of applicable operators and properties of its members. There are base types that store a single date and more complex types that may have multiple constructors and type variables. Typing describes the process of assigning an expression to a corresponding type in order to avoid programming errors, for example calling an arithmetic function with a character.

Typing an expression requires a context which contains data type definitions, function/constructor/operator declarations and a map that assigns types to variables. Without a context, expressions do not have any useful meaning – 42 could be typed as a number, the character 'B', a string or the answer to everything. The majority of information in a context can be extracted from the source code of a program and is continually updated while typing expressions.

In the following chapters we are going to formalize two representations of Curry programs. This process consists of:

1. Creating

- a Coq data structure that represents the program.
- a context that contains all necessary information for typing expressions.
- 2. Formalizing typing rules with inductively defined propositions.
- 3. Parsing Curry code to Coq programs automatically.

To represent a program in Coq, we need to list all elements it can possibly contain and link them together in a meaningful way. In case of CuMin this is relatively easy; a program consists of several function declarations, which have a signature and a body. Signatures combine quantifiers and type variables, while the body contains variables and expressions. The resulting typing rules are straightforward, because types and expressions are very specific and some procedures are simplified, for example it is not allowed to supply more than one argument to a function at a time.

While FlatCurry is designed to accurately represent Curry code and therefore has a more abstract program structure, the basic layout is similar.

```
Definition total_map (K V : Type) := K -> V.  
Definition partial_map (K V : Type) := total_map K (option V).  
Definition tmap_empty \{K \ V : Type\} (v : V) : total_map K V := (fun \_ => v).
```

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 $\label{eq:continuous_problem} \mbox{Definition emptymap } \{\mbox{K } \mbox{V} := \mbox{tmap_empty None.}$

Definition t_update $\{K\ V\ :\ Type\}\ (beq\ :\ K\ ->\ K\ ->\ bool)\ (m\ :\ total_map\ K\ V)\ (k\ :\ K)\ (v\ :\ V)\ fun\ k'\ =>\ if\ beq\ k\ k'\ then\ v\ else\ m\ k'.$

Definition update $\{K\ V\ :\ Type\}\ (beq\ :\ K\ ->\ K\ ->\ bool)\ (m\ :\ partial_map\ K\ V)\ (k\ :\ K)\ (v\ :\ V\ t_update\ beq\ m\ k\ (Some\ v)\ .$

3 CuMin

3.1 Syntax

CuMin is a simplified sublanguage of Curry, which restricts the syntax to allow more concrete typing rules and data types. Although it requires some transformations to substitute missing constructs, CuMin can express the majority of Curry programs. Figure 3.1 shows the syntax of CuMin in Backus–Naur Form:

```
\begin{split} P &::= D; P \mid D \\ D &::= f :: \kappa \tau; f \overline{x_n} = e \\ \kappa &::= \forall^{\epsilon} \alpha. \kappa \mid \forall^* \alpha. \kappa \mid \epsilon \\ \tau &::= \alpha \mid \text{Bool} \mid \text{Nat} \mid [\tau] \mid (\tau, \tau') \mid \tau \to \tau' \\ e &::= x \mid f_{\overline{\tau_m}} \mid e_1 \ e_2 \mid \text{let} \ x = e_1 \ \text{in} \ e_2 \mid n \mid e_1 + e_2 \mid e_1 \stackrel{\circ}{=} e_2 \\ \mid (e_1, e_2) \mid \text{case} \ e \ \text{of} \ \langle (x, y) \to e_1 \rangle \\ \mid \text{True} \mid \text{False} \mid \text{case} \ e \ \text{of} \ \langle \text{True} \to e_1; \ \text{False} \to e_2 \rangle \\ \mid \text{Nil}_{\tau} \mid \text{Cons}(e_1, e_2) \mid \text{case} \ e \ \text{of} \ \langle \text{Nil} \to e_1; \ \text{Cons}(x, y) \to e_2 \rangle \\ \mid \text{failure}_{\tau} \mid \text{anything}_{\tau} \end{split}
```

Figure 3.1: Syntax of CuMin

A program P is a list of function declarations D, which contain a function name f, a list of quantifiers κ , a type τ and a function definition. Quantifiers have a tag $t \in \{\epsilon, *\}$ that determines the valid types of the variable α . Star-tagged type variables can only be specialized to non-functional types, while ϵ allows every specialization. The notation $\overline{x_n}$ in function definitions represents n variables $x_1, ..., x_n$ that occur after the function name and are followed by an expression e. A function's type τ can consist of type variables, primitive Bool or Nat types, lists, pairs and functions. An example for a CuMin function is fst, which returns the first element of a pair:

```
\begin{split} \text{fst} &:: \forall^* \alpha. \forall^* \beta. (\alpha, \beta) \to \alpha \\ \text{fst} & p = \text{case } p \text{ of } \langle (u, v) \to u \rangle \end{split} \qquad \text{one} &:: \epsilon \text{ Nat} \\ \text{one} &= \text{fst}_{Nat, Bool}(1, \text{True}) \end{split}
```

It is important to notice that polymorphic functions need to be explicitly specialized before they are applied to another expression, as shown in **one**, because there is no type inference.

Besides function application, there are literal boolean values and natural numbers, variables, arithmetic expressions, let bindings and case constructs and constructors for pairs and lists. The two remaining expressions arise from Curry's logical parts: anything_{τ} represents every possible value of type τ , similar to free variables. failure_{τ} represents a failed computation, for example fail = anything_{Nat} $\stackrel{\circ}{=}$ True. Since anything_{Nat} can be evaluated to natural numbers only, the equation always fails because Nat and Bool are not comparable.

The Coq implementation follows the theoretical description closely. Variables, quantifiers, functions and programs are identified by an id instead of a name, to simplify comparing values. Case expressions for lists and pairs have two id arguments that represent the variables x and y, the head/tail or left/right side of the term e.

```
Inductive id : Type :=
                                              Inductive tm : Type :=
| Id : nat -> id.
                                                 | tvar
                                                            : id -> tm
                                                 | tapp
                                                            : tm \rightarrow tm \rightarrow tm
Inductive tag : Type :=
                                                   tfun
                                                            : id -> list ty -> tm
| tag_star : tag
                                                 | tlet
                                                            : tm \rightarrow tm \rightarrow tm \rightarrow tm
| tag_empty : tag.
                                                 ttrue
                                                            : t.m
                                                   tfalse : tm
Inductive quantifier : Type :=
                                                 | tfail
                                                            : ty -> tm
| for_all : id -> tag -> quantifier.
                                                 | tany
                                                            : ty -> tm
                                                   tzero
Inductive ty : Type :=
                                                   tsucc
                                                           : tm -> tm
| TVar : id -> ty
                                                   tadd
                                                            : tm \rightarrow tm \rightarrow tm
| TBool : ty
                                                   teqn
                                                            : tm \rightarrow tm \rightarrow tm
| TNat : ty
                                                 | tpair
                                                            : tm -> tm -> tm
| TList : ty -> ty
                                                 | tnil
                                                            : tm
| TPair : ty -> ty -> ty
                                                   tcons
                                                            : tm \rightarrow tm \rightarrow tm
| TFun : ty -> ty -> ty.
                                                 \mid tcaseb : tm \rightarrow tm \rightarrow tm
                                                 | tcasep : tm \rightarrow id \rightarrow id \rightarrow tm \rightarrow tm
Definition program := list func_decl.
                                                 \mid tcasel : tm \rightarrow id \rightarrow id \rightarrow tm \rightarrow tm.
Inductive func_decl : Type :=
| FDecl : id -> list quantifier -> ty -> list id -> tm -> func_decl.
```

This is the definition of fst in Coq syntax. All names are substituted by IDs, which do not necessarily need to be distinct from each other in general, but within their respective domain. Quantifier's IDs are used in the function's type to represent type variables, following the above definition. The argument IDs of the function need to appear in the following term, in this case Id 3 is passed to a case expression. The IDs Id 4 and Id 5 represent the left and right side of the pair Id 3, of which at least one needs to occur in the next term, otherwise the function is constant.

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```
FDecl (Id 0)
       [for_all (Id 1) tag_star; for_all (Id 2) tag_star]
       (TFun (TPair (TVar (Id 1)) (TVar (Id 2))) (TVar (Id 1)))
       [Id 3]
       (tcasep (tvar (Id 3)) (Id 4) (Id 5) (tvar (Id 4))).
```

3.2 Context

As mentioned in chapter 2, we need a context in order to be able to type expressions. This basic version contains no program information and stores two partial maps: One maps type variable IDs to tags, the other variable IDs to types.

```
Inductive context : Type :=
| con : (partial_map id tag) -> (partial_map id ty) -> context.
```

There are two selector functions tagcon and typecon to access the corresponding maps of a context and two update functions tag_update and type_update to update values.

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3.3 Data types

CuMin does not allow data type constructs containing functions, for example a list of functions. Instead, data types can be constructed only by base types and lists or pairs.

The inductively defined proposition <code>is_data_type</code> takes a context plus a type and returns a proposition, which can be proven using the provided rules if the type is indeed a data type. Coq allows notations to be announced before they are actually defined by adding Reserved to a notation. The definition is specified after the last rule, prefaced by <code>where</code>.

The basic rules D_Bool and D_Nat simply state that basic types are data types. Type variables need to have a star tag in order to be a data type, because as mentioned above, nested function types are not allowed. Lists and pairs are data types if their argument type(s) are data types.

3.4 Typing

TODO: Unterschied type/data type?

4 Curry

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5 Conclusion