

# Functional Data Structures

## with Isabelle/HOL

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# Chapter 1

## Introduction



# What the course is about

Data Structures and Algorithms  
for Functional Programming Languages

The code is not enough!

Formal Correctness and Complexity Proofs  
with the Proof Assistant *Isabelle*

# Proof Assistants

- You give the structure of the proof
- The PA checks the correctness of each step

Government health warnings:

Time consuming  
Potentially addictive

Undermines your naive trust in informal proofs

# Terminology

Formal = machine-checked

Verification = formal correctness proof

# 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

# Overview of course

- Week 1–5: Introduction to Isabelle
- Rest of semester: Search trees, priority queues, etc and their (amortized) complexity

# What we expect from you

Functional programming experience with an  
ML/Haskell-like language

First course in data structures and algorithms

First course in discrete mathematics

You will not survive this course without doing the  
time-consuming homework

# Part I

## Isabelle

# Chapter 2

## Programming and Proving

- 1 Overview of Isabelle/HOL
- 2 Type and function definitions
- 3 Induction Heuristics
- 4 Simplification

# Notation

Implication associates to the right:

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

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

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

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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:  $\wedge$ ,  $\vee$ ,  $\rightarrow$ ,  $\forall$ , ...

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Types and terms

Interface

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

Summary

Numeric Types

# Types

Basic syntax:

$\tau ::= (\tau)$	
<i>bool</i>   <i>nat</i>   <i>int</i>   ...	base types
' <i>a</i> '   ' <i>b</i> '   ...	type variables
$\tau \Rightarrow \tau$	functions
$\tau \times \tau$	pairs (ascii: *)
$\tau$ <i>list</i>	lists
$\tau$ <i>set</i>	sets
...	user-defined types

# Terms

Basic syntax:

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

$\lambda$ -calculus

## 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:  $f(x:\text{nat})$

# Currying

Thou shalt Curry your functions

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

# Predefined syntactic sugar

- Infix: `+, -, *, #, @, ...`
- Mixfix: `if __ then __ else __, case __ of, ...`

Prefix binds more strongly than infix:

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

Enclose `if` and `case` in parentheses:

!  $(if\ __\ then\ __\ else\ __)$  !

# Theory = Isabelle Module

Syntax:

```
theory MyTh
imports T1 ... Tn
begin
(definitions, theorems, proofs, ...)*
end
```

*MyTh*: name of theory. Must live in file *MyTh.thy*

*T<sub>i</sub>*: 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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# 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:

$\wedge, \vee, \rightarrow, \dots :: \text{bool} \Rightarrow \text{bool} \Rightarrow \text{bool}$

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: +, \*, ... :: *nat*  $\Rightarrow$  *nat*  $\Rightarrow$  *nat*

! Numbers and arithmetic operations are overloaded:

0,1,2,... :: 'a,    + :: 'a  $\Rightarrow$  'a  $\Rightarrow$  'a

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

Nat\_Demo.thy

# An informal proof

**Lemma**  $\text{add } m \ 0 = m$

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

- Case 0 (the base case):

$\text{add } 0 \ 0 = 0$  holds by definition of  $\text{add}$ .

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

We assume  $\text{add } m \ 0 = m$ ,

the induction hypothesis (IH).

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

The proof is as follows:

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

## Type ' $a$ list

Lists of elements of type ' $a$

**datatype** ' $a$  list =  $\text{Nil}$  |  $\text{Cons} \ a \ ('a \ list)$

Some lists:  $\text{Nil}$ ,  $\text{Cons} \ 1 \ \text{Nil}$ ,  $\text{Cons} \ 1 \ (\text{Cons} \ 2 \ \text{Nil})$ , ...

Syntactic sugar:

- $[] = \text{Nil}$ : empty list
- $x \# xs = \text{Cons} \ x \ xs$ :  
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  $P(x\#xs)$ .

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

List\_Demo.thy

## An informal proof

**Lemma**  $\text{app} (\text{app} \, xs \, ys) \, zs = \text{app} \, xs \, (\text{app} \, ys \, zs)$

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

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

The proof is as follows:

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

# Large library: HOL/List.thy

Included in Main.

Don't reinvent, reuse!

Predefined:  $xs @ ys$  (append),  $length$ ,  $map$ ,  $filter$   
 $set :: 'a list \Rightarrow 'a set$ , ...

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- **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.  $\bigwedge x_1 \dots x_p. A \implies B$

$x_1 \dots x_p$  fixed local variables

$A$  local assumption(s)

$B$  actual (sub)goal

# Multiple assumptions

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

abbreviates

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

;      ≈     “and”

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## Numeric types: *nat*, *int*, *real*

Need conversion functions (inclusions):

```
int  ::  nat ⇒ int
real ::  nat ⇒ real
real_of_int :: int ⇒ real
```

If you need type *real*,  
import theory *Complex\_Main* instead of *Main*

## Numeric types: *nat*, *int*, *real*

Isabelle inserts conversion functions automatically  
(with theory *Complex\_Main*)

If there are multiple correct completions,  
Isabelle chooses an **arbitrary** one

### Examples

$$(i::int) + (n::nat) \rightsquigarrow i + \text{int } n$$

$$((n::nat) + n) :: \text{real} \rightsquigarrow \text{real}(n+n), \text{real } n + \text{real } n$$

## Numeric types: *nat*, *int*, *real*

Coercion in the other direction:

$$\begin{aligned} nat &:: int \Rightarrow nat \\ floor &:: real \Rightarrow int \\ ceiling &:: real \Rightarrow int \end{aligned}$$

# Overloaded arithmetic operations

- Basic arithmetic functions are overloaded:

$+$ ,  $-$ ,  $*$  ::  $'a \Rightarrow 'a \Rightarrow 'a$   
 $-$  ::  $'a \Rightarrow 'a$

- Division on *nat* and *int*:

$div$ ,  $mod$  ::  $'a \Rightarrow 'a \Rightarrow 'a$

- Division on *real*:  $/$  ::  $'a \Rightarrow 'a \Rightarrow 'a$

- Exponentiation with *nat*:  $\wedge$  ::  $'a \Rightarrow nat \Rightarrow 'a$

- Exponentiation with *real*:  $powr$  ::  $'a \Rightarrow 'a \Rightarrow 'a$

- Absolute value:  $abs$  ::  $'a \Rightarrow 'a$

Above all binary operators are infix

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## ② Type and function definitions

Type definitions

Function definitions

# **datatype** — the general case

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

- *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

Like in functional languages:

$$(\text{case } t \text{ of } pat_1 \Rightarrow t_1 \mid \dots \mid pat_n \Rightarrow t_n)$$

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 × 'b) list ⇒ 'a ⇒ 'b option where
  lookup [] x = None |
  lookup ((a, b) # ps) x =
    (if a = x then Some b else lookup ps x)
```

## ② Type and function definitions

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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 ⇒ 'a list ⇒ 'a list where
sep a (x#y#zs) = x # a # sep a (y#zs)  |
sep a xs = xs
```

# primrec

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

The essence of primitive recursion:

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

$$f(Suc\ n) = \dots f(n)\dots$$

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

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

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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 ⇒ 'a list where
  rev []      = []
  rev (x#xs) = rev xs @ [x]
```

A tail recursive version:

```
fun itrev :: 'a list ⇒ 'a list ⇒ '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*:

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

# 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<sub>1</sub> ... a<sub>n</sub> 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.

## Induction\_Demo.thy

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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

$$0 + n = n \quad (1)$$

$$(Suc\ m) + n = Suc\ (m + n) \quad (2)$$

$$(Suc\ m \leq Suc\ n) = (m \leq n) \quad (3)$$

$$(0 \leq m) = True \quad (4)$$

$$0 + Suc\ 0 \leq Suc\ 0 + x \quad \stackrel{(1)}{=}$$

$$Suc\ 0 \leq Suc\ 0 + x \quad \stackrel{(2)}{=}$$

$$Suc\ 0 \leq Suc\ (0 + x) \quad \stackrel{(3)}{=}$$

$$0 \leq 0 + x \quad \stackrel{(4)}{=}$$

True

Equations:

Rewriting:

# Conditional rewriting

Simplification rules can be conditional:

$$[\![ P_1; \dots; P_k ]\!] \implies l = r$$

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

## Example

$$\begin{aligned} p(0) &= \text{True} \\ p(x) \implies f(x) &= g(x) \end{aligned}$$

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:

$$[\![ P_1; \dots; P_k ]\!] \implies l = r$$

is suitable as a *simp*-rule only  
if  $l$  is “bigger” than  $r$  and each  $P_i$

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

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

## Proof method *simp*

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

**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**:

$(simp\ add:\ f\_def\dots)$

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

## Case splitting with *simp/auto*

Automatic:

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

By hand:

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

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

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

# Splitting pairs with *simp/auto*

How to replace

$P (\text{let } (x, y) = t \text{ in } u x y)$

or

$P (\text{case } t \text{ of } (x, y) \Rightarrow u x y)$

by

$\forall x y. t = (x, y) \longrightarrow P (u x y)$

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

Simp\_Demo.thy

# Chapter 3

## Case Study: Binary Search Trees



## Preview: sets

Type: '*a set*

Operations:  $a \in A$ ,  $A \cup B$ , ...

Bounded quantification:  $\forall a \in A. P$

Proof method *auto* knows (a little) about sets.

# The (binary) tree library

```
imports "HOL-Library.Tree"  
(File: isabelle/src/HOL/Library/Tree.thy)  
datatype 'a tree = Leaf | Node ('a tree) 'a ('a tree)
```

Abbreviations:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \langle \rangle & \equiv & \text{Leaf} \\ \langle l, a, r \rangle & \equiv & \text{Node } l \ a \ r \end{array}$$

# The (binary) tree library

Size = number of nodes:

$\text{size} :: 'a \text{ tree} \Rightarrow \text{nat}$

$\text{size } \langle \rangle = 0$

$\text{size } \langle l, \_, r \rangle = \text{size } l + \text{size } r + 1$

Height:

$\text{height} :: 'a \text{ tree} \Rightarrow \text{nat}$

$\text{height } \langle \rangle = 0$

$\text{height } \langle l, \_, r \rangle = \max (\text{height } l) (\text{height } r) + 1$

# The (binary) tree library

The set of elements in a tree:

*set\_tree* :: '*a tree*  $\Rightarrow$  '*a set*

*set\_tree*  $\langle \rangle = \{ \}$

*set\_tree*  $\langle l, a, r \rangle = \text{set\_tree } l \cup \{a\} \cup \text{set\_tree } r$

Inorder listing:

*inorder* :: '*a tree*  $\Rightarrow$  '*a list*

*inorder*  $\langle \rangle = []$

*inorder*  $\langle l, x, r \rangle = \text{inorder } l @ [x] @ \text{inorder } r$

# The (binary) tree library

Binary search tree invariant:

$\text{bst} :: 'a \text{ tree} \Rightarrow \text{bool}$

$\text{bst} \langle \rangle = \text{True}$

$\text{bst} \langle l, a, r \rangle =$

$((\forall x \in \text{set\_tree } l. x < a) \wedge$   
 $(\forall x \in \text{set\_tree } r. a < x) \wedge \text{bst } l \wedge \text{bst } r)$

For any type ' $a$ ' ?

# Isabelle's type classes

A *type class* is defined by

- a set of required functions (the interface)
- and a set of axioms about those functions

**Example:** class *linorder*: linear orders with  $\leq$ ,  $<$

A type belongs to some class if

- the interface functions are defined on that type
- and satisfy the axioms of the class (proof needed!)

Notation:  $\tau :: C$  means type  $\tau$  belongs to class  $C$

**Example:**  $bst :: ('a :: \text{linorder}) \text{ tree} \Rightarrow \text{bool}$

$\implies 'a$  must be a linear order!

# Case study

BST\_Demo.thy

This was easy!

Because we chose easy problems.

Difficult problems need more than *induction+auto*.

We need more automation  
and a more expressive proof language

# Chapter 4

## Logic and Proof Beyond Equality

5 Logical Formulas

6 Proof Automation

7 Single Step Proofs

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## 7 Single Step Proofs

Syntax (in decreasing precedence):

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

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>/\wedge</code>	&
$\vee$	<code>/\vee</code>	
$\neg$	<code>\&lt;not&gt;</code>	~
$\neq$	<code>\&lt;noteq&gt;</code>	$\sim=$

# Sets over type ' $a$ '

' $a$  set

- $\{\}, \{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$
- $e \in A, A \subseteq B$
- $A \cup B, A \cap B, A - B, -A$
- $\{x. P\}$  where  $x$  is a variable
- ...

$\in$  \<in> :  
 $\subseteq$  \<subseteqq>  $\leq$   
 $\cup$  \<union> Un  
 $\cap$  \<inter> Int

## 5 Logical Formulas

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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

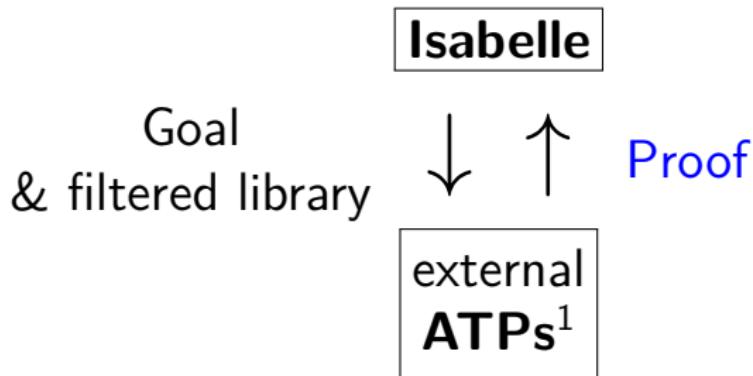
## *blast*

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

# 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`

## 6 Proof Automation

### Automating Arithmetic

# Linear formulas

Only:

variables

numbers

number \* variable

+, -

=,  $\leq$ , <

$\neg$ ,  $\wedge$ ,  $\vee$ ,  $\rightarrow$ ,  $\longleftrightarrow$

## Examples

Linear:  $3 * x + 5 * y \leq z \rightarrow x < z$

Nonlinear:  $x \leq x * x$

# Extended linear formulas

Also allowed:

*min, max*

*even, odd*

*t div n, t mod n* where *n* is a number

conversion functions

*nat, floor, ceiling, abs*

# Automatic proof of arithmetic formulas

by *arith*

Proof method *arith* tries to prove arithmetic formulas.

- Succeeds or fails
- Decision procedure for extended linear formulas
- Nonlinear subterms are viewed as (new) variables.  
Example:  $x \leq x * x + f y$  is viewed as  $x \leq u + v$

# Automatic proof of arithmetic formulas

by (*simp add: algebra\_simps*)

- The lemmas list *algebra\_simps* helps to simplify arithmetic formulas
- It contains associativity, commutativity and distributivity of  $+$  and  $*$ .
- This may prove the formula, may make it simpler, or may make it unreadable.

# Automatic proof of arithmetic formulas

by (*simp add: field\_simps*)

- The lemmas list *field\_simps* extends *algebra\_simps* by rules for /
- Can only cancel common terms in a quotient,  
e.g.  $x * y / (x * z)$ , if  $x \neq 0$  can be proved.

# Numerals

Numerals are syntactically different from  $Suc$ -terms.  
Therefore numerals do not match  $Suc$ -patterns.

## Example

Exponentiation  $x^{\wedge} n$  is defined by  $Suc$ -recursion on  $n$ .  
Therefore  $x^{\wedge} 2$  is not simplified by *simp* and *auto*.

Numerals can be converted into  $Suc$ -terms with rule  
*numeral\_eq\_Suc*

## Example

*simp add: numeral\_eq\_Suc* rewrites  $x^{\wedge} 2$  to  $x * x$

# Auto\_Proof\_Demo.thy

## Arithmetic

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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:  $\llbracket ?P; ?Q \rrbracket \implies ?P \wedge ?Q$

These *?-variables* can later be instantiated:

- By hand:

`conjI[of "a=b" "False"] ~>`

$\llbracket a = b; False \rrbracket \implies a = b \wedge False$

- By **unification**:

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

## Rule application

Example: rule:  $\llbracket ?P; ?Q \rrbracket \implies ?P \wedge ?Q$   
subgoal: 1. ...  $\implies A \wedge B$

Result: 1. ...  $\implies A$   
2. ...  $\implies B$

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

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

**apply(rule xyz)**

“Backchaining”

## Typical backwards rules

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

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

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

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

## 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:  $?t = ?t$

`conjI[OF 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

$r[\text{OF } r_1 \dots r_m]$

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"]]  
~~~~~  
a = a ∧ b = b`

From now on: ? mostly suppressed on slides

Single\_Step\_Demo.thy

$\Longrightarrow$  versus  $\rightarrow$

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

$\rightarrow$  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  $A_1 \wedge \dots \wedge A_n \rightarrow A$

# 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*

:

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

**show**  $formula_{n+1}$  **by** ...

**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  $(\Rightarrow)$   
| [**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  $\text{surj}$ , show *False*

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

**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

- this* = the previous proposition proved or assumed
- then* = **from this**
- thus* = **then show**
- hence* = **then have**

# 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**(*auto simp: surj\_def*)

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

**qed**

Proves  $\text{surj } f \Rightarrow \text{False}$

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 <proof>
next
  assume  $\neg P$ 
  :
  show R <proof>
qed
```

```
have  $P \vee Q$  <proof>
then show R
proof
  assume P
  :
  show R <proof>
next
  assume Q
  :
  show R <proof>
qed
```

# Contradiction

**show**  $\neg P$

**proof**

**assume**  $P$

:

**show** *False*  $\langle proof \rangle$

**qed**

**show**  $P$

**proof** (*rule ccontr*)

**assume**  $\neg P$

:

**show** *False*  $\langle proof \rangle$

**qed**



```
show P  $\longleftrightarrow$  Q
proof
  assume P
  :
  show Q ⟨proof⟩
next
  assume Q
  :
  show P ⟨proof⟩
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*

:  $x$  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** (auto simp: surj\_def)

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

**hence**  $a \notin f a \longleftrightarrow a \in f a$  **by** blast

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

**qed**

# Set equality and subset

**show**  $A = B$

**proof**

**show**  $A \subseteq B$  *<proof>*

**next**

**show**  $B \subseteq A$  *<proof>*

**qed**

**show**  $A \subseteq B$

**proof**

**fix**  $x$

**assume**  $x \in A$

  ⋮

**show**  $x \in B$  *<proof>*

**qed**

# Isar\_Demo.thy

Exercise

## 9 Proof patterns

### Chains of (In)Equations

# Chains of equations

Textbook proof

$$t_1 = t_2 \quad \langle\text{justification}\rangle$$

$$= t_3 \quad \langle\text{justification}\rangle$$

⋮

$$= t_n \quad \langle\text{justification}\rangle$$

In Isabelle:

**have**  $t_1 = t_2 \langle\text{proof}\rangle$

**also have**  $\dots = t_3 \langle\text{proof}\rangle$

⋮

**also have**  $\dots = t_n \langle\text{proof}\rangle$

**finally show**  $t_1 = t_n .$

“...” is literally **three dots**

# Chains of equations and inequations

Instead of  $=$  you may also use  $\leq$  and  $<$ .

## Example

**have**  $t_1 < t_2 \langle proof \rangle$

**also have**  $\dots = t_3 \langle proof \rangle$

⋮

**also have**  $\dots \leq t_n \langle proof \rangle$

**finally show**  $t_1 < t_n .$

## How to interpret “...”

**have**  $t_1 \leq t_2$  *⟨proof⟩*

**also have** ... =  $t_3$  *⟨proof⟩*

Here “...” is internally replaced by  $t_2$

In general, if *this* is the formula  $p\ t_1\ t_2$  where  $p$  is some constant, then “...” stands for  $t_2$ .

# Isar\_Demo.thy

Example & Exercise

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## 10 Streamlining Proofs

Pattern Matching and Quotations

Top down proof development

Local lemmas

# Example: pattern matching

```
show formula1  $\longleftrightarrow$  formula2 (is ?L  $\longleftrightarrow$  ?R)
```

```
proof
```

```
  assume ?L
```

```
  :
```

```
  show ?R ⟨proof⟩
```

```
next
```

```
  assume ?R
```

```
  :
```

```
  show ?L ⟨proof⟩
```

```
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**  $\langle x > 0 \rangle$  ...

↑

↑

\<open>    \<close>

## Isar\_Demo.thy

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 ???**

## Isar\_Demo.thy

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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# 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):

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

How to prove each subgoal:

**fix**  $x_1 \dots x_n$

**assume**  $A_1 \dots A_m$

:

**show**  $B$

Separated by **next**

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## Isar\_Induction\_Demo.thy

Proof by cases

# Datatype case analysis

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

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

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

**fix**  $x_1 \dots x_k$   
**assume**  $\underbrace{C_i}_{\text{label}} : \underbrace{\text{term} = (\mathcal{C}_i \ x_1 \dots x_k)}_{\text{formula}}$

## Isar\_Induction\_Demo.thy

Structural induction for *nat*

# Structural induction for *nat*

**show**  $P(n)$

**proof** (*induction n*)

**case** 0

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

:

**show**  $?case$

**next**

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

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

:

**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:  $A(0)$

:

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

**show**  $?case$

**next**

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

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

:

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

:

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

**show**  $?case$

**qed**

# Named assumptions

In a proof of

$$A_1 \Rightarrow \dots \Rightarrow A_n \Rightarrow B$$

by structural induction:

In the context of  
**case**  $C$

we have

$C.IH$  the induction hypotheses

$C.prems$  the premises  $A_i$

$C$   $C.IH + C.prems$

## 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*)

## Isar\_Induction\_Demo.thy

Computation induction

# Computation induction

If function  $f$  is defined by **fun** with  $n$  equations:

**proof**(*induction s t ... rule: f.induct*)

Generates cases named  $i = 1 \dots n$ :

**case** ( $i$   $x$   $y$  ...)

Isabelle/jEdit generates Isar template for you!

# Computation induction

## Naming

- $i$  is a name, but not  $i.IH$
- Needs double quotes: " $i.IH$ "
- Indexing:  $i(1)$  and " $i.IH$ (1)"
- If defining equations for  $f$  overlap:
  - ~~> Isabelle instantiates overlapping equations
  - ~~> case names of the form " $i\_j$ "