# FMFP - Complete Summary

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# 1 Introduction & Basic Haskell Syntax

# 1.1 Example: GCD

The **GCD problem** is given as follows: Compute the greatest common divisor of two natural numbers. We have the following *specifications*: Let  $x, y \in \mathcal{N}$  be given. The number z is the **greatest common divisor** of x and y iff.  $z \mid x$  and  $z \mid y$  and there is no z', with z' > z, such that  $z' \mid x$  and  $z' \mid y$ . Here,  $z \mid x \equiv \exists a \in \mathcal{N}. a \cdot z = x$ .

The problem specification is not **constructive**, i.e. it does not describe how the GCD should be computed.

#### 1.1.1 Imperative GCD

```
public static int gcd(int x, int y) {
    while(x != y) {
        if(x > y) {
            x = x - y;
        } else {
            y = y - x;
        }
    }
    return x;
}
```

The **imperative GCD**, as shown above, consists of control flow statements and assignments. Assignments change the computer's *state*. To understand gcd, one must understand how its state changes.

Poor man's reasoning would be to simulate and track the memory content during execution. A better way would be to use *Hoare logic* in the form of  $\{P\}$  prog  $\{Q\}$ . Formal reasoning is possible, but not easy!

#### 1.1.2 Functional GCD

```
gcd x y
| x == y = x
| x > y = gcd (x - y) y
| otherwise = gcd x (y - x)
```

The functional way formalizes *what* should be computed, rather than *how*. This is an algorithm, provided we have also specified how functions are executed.

# 1.2 Basic Concepts in Functional Programming

# 1.2.1 Referential Transparency

Functions compute values. But functions also *are* values: we can compute and return them. It is important to note that functions in functional programming have **no side effects:** f(x) always returns the same value. This in contrast to other programming languages we've known so far. Consider the following Java example:

```
class Test {
    static int y = 0;
    static int f(int x) {
        y = y + 1;
        return y;
    }
}
```

```
public static void main(String[] args) {
    System.out.println(f(0));
    System.out.println(f(0));
}
```

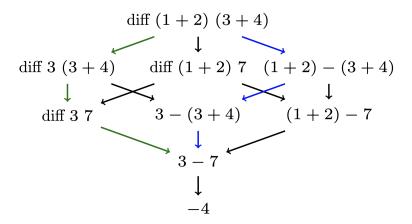
One will immediately see that this prints out 0 and then 1, which means that f(0) returns different values with the same input.

Since functions have no side effects, we can reason with the more easily in mathematics. This property is also called **referential transparency:** an expression evaluates to the same value in every context.

#### 1.2.2 Evaluation

An **evaluation strategy** defines how and when expressions are evaluated during the execution of a program. We differ between two strategies:

- Eager evaluation: evaluate arguments first. Also called "call-by-value", corresponds to the left (green) path in the figure below.
- Lazy evaluation: evaluate arguments only when needed (used by Haskell). Also called "call-by-need" (or "left-most/outermost"), corresponds to the right (blue) path in the figure below.



## 1.3 Basic Haskell Syntax

#### 1.3.1 Syntax and Types

We present the basic syntax principles in the following code example:

Furthermore, functions consist of different cases and a program consists of several definitions:

**Indentation** determines the separation of definitions. All function definitions must start at the same indentation level. If a definition requires n > 1 lines, we indent lines 2 to n further. This leads to the following recommended layout:

#### 1.3.2 Functions

Functions live in a global scope. This means that a function can be called from any other. Example:

```
 \begin{array}{l} f \ x \ y = \ \dots \\ g \ x = \ \dots \ h \ \dots \\ h \ z = \ \dots \ f \ \dots \ g \ \dots \end{array}
```

We can define functions and variables in local scope with let and where:

# 2 Natural Deduction

# 2.1 Introduction to Natural Deduction

# 2.1.1 Abstract Example (without Assumptions)

Consider the following "meaningless" language:

$$\mathcal{L} = \{ \oplus, \otimes, \times, + \}$$

We furthermore state the following rules:

- $\alpha$ : If +, then  $\otimes$
- $\beta$ : If +, then ×
- $\gamma$ : If  $\otimes$  and  $\times$ , then  $\oplus$
- $\delta$ : + holds

Our goal is to prove  $\oplus$ . We might proceed as follows:

- 1. + holds by  $\gamma$ .
- 2.  $\otimes$  holds by  $\alpha$  with 1.
- 3.  $\times$  holds by  $\beta$  with 1.
- 4.  $\oplus$  holds by  $\gamma$  with 2 and 3.

We might also present this proof as a derivation tree:

$$\frac{-\frac{\delta}{+}\alpha}{\otimes}\alpha \qquad \frac{-\frac{\delta}{+}\beta}{\times}\gamma$$

# 2.1.2 Abstract Example (with Assumptions)

We revisit the previous example by slightly changing one of our rules:

- $\alpha$ : If +, then  $\otimes$
- $\beta$ : If +, then ×
- $\gamma$ : If  $\otimes$  and  $\times$ , then  $\oplus$
- $\delta$ : We may assume + when proving  $\oplus$

We can build the following proof system. In this system,  $\Gamma$  is the set of assumptions we make during our proof:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \overline{\ldots,A,\ldots \vdash A} \text{ axiom} \\ \\ \frac{\Gamma \vdash +}{\Gamma \vdash \otimes} \alpha & \frac{\Gamma \vdash +}{\Gamma \vdash \times} \beta \\ \\ \frac{\Gamma \vdash \otimes & \Gamma \vdash \times}{\Gamma \vdash \oplus} \gamma & \frac{\Gamma,+\vdash \oplus}{\Gamma \vdash \oplus} \delta \end{array}$$

Our derivation tree from previously changes slightly to the following:

$$\frac{\frac{-}{+ \vdash +} \underset{+ \vdash \otimes}{\textit{axiom}} \quad \frac{-}{+ \vdash +} \underset{+ \vdash \times}{\underset{+ \vdash \times}{\textit{axiom}}} \beta}{\frac{+ \vdash \oplus}{\vdash \oplus} \delta}$$

## 2.1.3 Summary

**Rules** are used to construct derivations under assumptions.  $A_1, ..., A_n \vdash A$  reads as "A follows from  $A_1, ..., A_n$ ".

**Derivations** are trees as shown in the examples above.

A **proof** is a derivation whose root has no assumptions.

## 2.2 Propositional Logic

#### 2.2.1 Syntax

**Propositions** are built from a collection of variables and closed under disjunction, conjunction, implication, etc. More formally, let a set  $\mathcal{V}$  of variables be given.  $\mathcal{L}_P$ , the language of propositional logic, is the smallest set where:

- $X \in \mathcal{L}_P$  if  $X \in \mathcal{V}$
- $\bot \in \mathcal{L}_P$
- $A \wedge B \in \mathcal{L}_P$  if  $A \in \mathcal{L}_P$  and  $B \in \mathcal{L}_P$
- $A \vee B \in \mathcal{L}_P$  if  $A \in \mathcal{L}_P$  and  $B \in \mathcal{L}_P$
- $A \to B \in \mathcal{L}_P$  if  $A \in \mathcal{L}_P$  and  $B \in \mathcal{L}_P$

In the following: X ranges over variables, A and B over formulae.

#### 2.2.2 Semantics

A valuation  $\sigma: \mathcal{V} \to \{\text{True}, \text{False}\}\$ is a function mapping variables to truth values. Valuations are simple kinds of models (or interpretations). We denote the set of valuations as Valuations.

**Satisfiability** is the smallest relation  $\vDash \subseteq$  Valuations  $\times \mathcal{L}_P$  such that:

- $\sigma \vDash X$  if  $\sigma(X) = \text{True}$
- $\sigma \vDash A \land B$  if  $\sigma \vDash A$  and  $\sigma \vDash B$
- $\sigma \vDash A \lor B$  if  $\sigma \vDash A$  or  $\sigma \vDash B$
- $\sigma \vDash A \to B$  if whenever  $\sigma \vDash A$  then  $\sigma \vDash B$

Note that  $\sigma \nvDash \bot$  for every  $\sigma \in \text{Valuations}$ .

We furthermore introduce the following characteristics about propositional logic:

- A formula  $A \in \mathcal{L}_P$  is **satisfiable** if  $\sigma \models A$ , for some valuation  $\sigma$
- A formula  $A \in \mathcal{L}_P$  is valid (a tautology) if  $\sigma \models A$ , for all valuations  $\sigma$
- Semantic entailment:  $A_1, ..., A_n \vDash A$  if for all  $\sigma$ , if  $\sigma \vDash A_1, ..., \sigma \vDash A_n$  then  $\sigma \vDash A$

#### **Examples:**

- $X \wedge Y$  is satisfiable as  $\sigma \models X \wedge Y$  for  $\sigma(X) = \sigma(Y) = \text{True}$
- $X \to X$  is valid
- $\neg X$ ,  $X \lor Y \vDash Y$  holds as  $\sigma \vDash \neg X$  and  $\sigma \vDash X \lor Y$  constraint  $\sigma$  to  $\sigma(X) =$  False and  $\sigma(Y) =$  True, so  $\sigma \vDash Y$

#### 2.2.3 Requirements

We need some **requirements** for *deductive systems*. The main requirement is that syntactic entailment  $\vdash$  (derivation rules) and semantic entailment vDash (truth tables) should agree. This requirement has two parts:

- Soundness: If  $\Gamma \vdash A$  can be derived, then  $\Gamma \vDash A$ .
- Completeness: If  $\Gamma \vDash A$ , then  $\Gamma \vdash A$  can be derived.

Here,  $\Gamma \equiv A_1, ..., A_n$  is some collection of formulae.

#### 2.2.4 Natural Deduction for Propositional Logic

A **sequent** is an assertion (judgement) of the form  $A_1, ..., A_n \vdash A$ , where all  $A, A_1, ..., A_n$  are propositional formulae. A **proof** of A is a derivation tree with root  $\vdash A$ . If the deductive system is sound, then A is a tautology.

**Conjunction** Conjunction proposes rules of two kinds: *introduce* and *eliminate* connectives. The rules are given as follows:

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A \qquad \Gamma \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash A \land B} \land \neg \vdash I \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A \land B}{\Gamma \vdash A} \land \neg \vdash EL \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A \land B}{\Gamma \vdash B} \land \neg \vdash ER$$

Example: The following figure shows an example derivation using conjunction rules.

$$\frac{\frac{\Gamma \vdash X \land (Y \land Z)}{\Gamma \vdash X \land (Y \land Z)} \underset{=\Gamma}{\text{axiom}}}{\underbrace{\frac{\Gamma \vdash X \land (Y \land Z)}{\Gamma \vdash X \land Z}} \land -ER} \overset{-ER}{\underbrace{\frac{\Gamma \vdash X \land (Y \land Z)}{\Gamma \vdash Z} \land -I}} \land -I$$

Implication The rules for implication are given as follows:

$$\frac{\Gamma,A \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash A \to B} \to -I \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A \to B}{\Gamma \vdash B} \to -E$$

**Disjunction** The rules for **disjunction** are given as follows:

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A}{\Gamma \vdash A \lor B} \lor \text{-}IL \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash A \lor B} \lor \text{-}IR$$
 
$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A \lor B}{\Gamma \vdash C} \qquad \frac{\Gamma, A \vdash C}{\Gamma \vdash C} \lor \text{-}E$$

## 2.3 First-Order Logic

#### 2.3.1 Syntax

In first-order logic we have two syntactic categories: terms and formulae.

A signature consists of a set of function symbols  $\mathcal{F}$  and a set of predicate symbols  $\mathcal{P}$ . We write  $f^k$  (or  $p^k$ ) to indicate function symbol f (or predicate symbol p) has arity  $k \in \mathcal{N}$ . Constants are 0-ary function symbols.

Now, let  $\mathcal{V}$  be a set of variables. Then:

**Definition:** Term, the **terms of first-order logic**, is the smallest set where:

- 1.  $x \in Term \text{ if } x \in V$ , and
- 2.  $f^n(t_1, ..., t_n) \in Term \text{ if } f^n \in \mathcal{F} \text{ and } t_i \in Term, \text{ for all } 1 \leq i \leq n.$

**Definition:** Form, the formulae of first-order logic, is the smallest set where:

- 1.  $\perp \in Form$ ,
- 2.  $p^n(t_1,...,t_n) \in Form \text{ if } p^n \in \mathcal{P} \text{ and } t_i \in Term, \text{ for all } 1 \leq j \leq n,$
- 4.  $Qx.A \in Form \text{ if } A \in Form, x \in \mathcal{V}, \text{ and } Q \in \{\forall, \exists\}.$

Each occurrence of each variable in a formula is either **bound** or **free.** A variable occurrence x in a formula A is **bound** if x occurs within a subformula B of A of the form  $\exists x.B$  or  $\forall x.B$ .

## 2.3.2 Binding and $\alpha$ -conversion

Names of bound variables are irrelevant, they just encode the binding structure. We can rename *bound* variables, this process is called  $\alpha$ -conversion.

It is important to note that the renaming must preserve the binding structure!

Some notes on bindings and parentheses:

- $\wedge$  binds stronger than  $\vee$ , and  $\vee$  binds stronger than  $\rightarrow$ .
- ullet  $\to$  associates to the right, land and lor to the left.
- Negation binds stronger than binary operators.
- Quantifiers extend to the right as far as possible: to the end of the line or ')'

$$\frac{\left(p \vee \left(q \wedge \left(\neg r\right)\right)\right) \rightarrow \left(p \vee q\right)}{p \rightarrow \left(\left(q \vee p\right) \rightarrow r\right)}$$

$$\frac{p \wedge \left(\forall x. \left(q(x) \vee r\right)\right)}{\sqrt{\forall x. \left(p(x) \wedge \left(\forall x. \left(q(x) \wedge r(x)\right) \wedge s\right)\right)}}$$

#### 2.3.3 Semantics

A structure is a pair  $S = \langle U_S, I_S \rangle$  where  $U_S$  is a nonempty set, the universe, and  $I_S$  is a mapping where:

- 1.  $I_{\mathcal{S}}(p^n)$  is an *n*-ary relation on  $U_{\mathcal{S}}$ , for  $p^n\mathcal{P}$ , and
- 2.  $I_{\mathcal{S}}(f^n)$  is an *n*-ary (total) function on  $U_{\mathcal{S}}$ , for  $f^n \in \mathcal{F}$

As a shorthand, we write  $p^{\mathcal{S}}$  for  $I_{\mathcal{S}}(p)$  and  $f^{\mathcal{S}}$  for  $I_{\mathcal{S}}(f)$ .

An **interpretation** is a pair  $\mathcal{I} = \langle \mathcal{S}, v \rangle$ , where  $\mathcal{S} = \langle U_{\mathcal{S}}, I_{\mathcal{S}}$  is a structure and  $v : \mathcal{V} \to U_{\mathcal{S}}$  is a valuation. The **value** of a term t under the interpretation  $\mathcal{I} = \langle \mathcal{S}, v \rangle$  is written as  $\mathcal{I}(t)$  and defined by:

- 1.  $\mathcal{I}(x) = v(x)$ , for  $x \in \mathcal{V}$ , and
- 2.  $\mathcal{I}(f(t_1, ..., t_n)) = f^{\mathcal{S}}(\mathcal{I}(t_1), ..., \mathcal{I}(t_n)).$

**Satisfiability** is the smallest relation  $\models \subseteq Interpretations \times Form$  satisfying:

- $\langle \mathcal{S}, v \rangle \vDash p(t_1, ..., t_n)$  if  $(\mathcal{I}(t_1), ..., \mathcal{I}(t_n)) \in p^{\mathcal{S}}$ , where  $\mathcal{I} = \langle \mathcal{S}, v.$
- $\langle \mathcal{S}, v \rangle \vDash \forall x. A \text{ if } \langle \mathcal{S}, v[x \to a] \rangle \vDash A, \text{ for all } a \in U_{\mathcal{S}}.$
- $\langle \mathcal{S}, v \rangle \vDash \exists x. A \text{ if } \langle \mathcal{S}, v[x \to a] \rangle \vDash A, \text{ for some } a \in U_{\mathcal{S}}.$

Here,  $v[x \to a]$  is the valuation v' identical to v, except that v'(x) = a.

When  $\langle \mathcal{S}, v \rangle \vDash A$ , we say that A is satisfied with respect to  $\langle \mathcal{S}, v \rangle$  or  $langle \mathcal{S}, v \rangle$  is a **model** of A. Note that if A does not have free variables, satisfaction does not depend on the valuation v. We write  $\mathcal{S} \vDash A$ . When every interpretation is a model, we write  $\vDash A$  and say that A is **valid**.

A is satisfiable if there is at least one model for A (and said to be contradictory otherwise).

**Example:** Consider the following examples:

- $\forall x. \exists y. y * 2 = x \text{ satisfied w.r.t. rationals.}$
- $\forall x. \forall y. x < y \rightarrow \exists z. x < z \land z < y$  satisfied w.r.t. any dense order.
- $\exists x.x \neq 0$  satisfied w.r.t. structures S with  $\geq 2$  elements in  $U_S$ .
- $(\forall x.p(x, x)) \rightarrow p(a, a)$  is valid.

## 2.3.4 Substitution

**Substitution** describes the process of replacing in A all occurrences of a free variable x with some term t. We write  $A[x \to t]$  to indicate the substitution.

# Example:

$$A \equiv \exists y.y * x = x * z$$

$$A[x \rightarrow 2 - 1] \equiv \exists y.y * (2 - 1) = (2 - 1) * z$$

$$A[x \rightarrow z] \equiv \exists y.y * z = z * z$$

All free variables of t must still be free in  $A[x \to t]$ . Avoid capture! If necessary,  $\alpha$ -convert A before substitution.

#### 2.3.5 Universal Quantification

The rules are as follows:

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A}{\Gamma \vdash \forall x. A} \forall -I^* \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash \forall x. A}{\Gamma \vdash A[x \mapsto t]} \forall -E$$

The side condition \* is: x must not be free in any assumption in  $\Gamma$ .

## 2.3.6 Existential Quantification

The rules are as follows:

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A[x \mapsto t]}{\Gamma \vdash \exists x. A} \; \exists \neg I \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash \exists x. A \qquad \Gamma, A \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash B} \; \exists \neg E \; *$$

The side condition \* is: x is neither free in B nor free in  $\Gamma$ .

# 2.4 Equality

**Equality** is a logical symbol with associated proof rules. One speaks of *first-order logic with equality* rather than equality just being another predicate:

- Extended language:  $t_1 = t_2 \in Form \text{ if } t_1, t_2 \in Term$
- extended definition of semantic entailment  $\vDash$ :  $\mathcal{I} \vDash t_1 = t_2$  if  $\mathcal{I}(t_1) = \mathcal{I}(t_2)$

Equality is an equivalence relation with the following rules:

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t = s}{\Gamma \vdash t = t} \textit{ ref } \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash t = s}{\Gamma \vdash s = t} \textit{ sym} \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash t = s}{\Gamma \vdash t = r} \textit{ trans}$$

And equality is also a *congruence* on terms and all definable relations:

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t_1 = s_1 \quad \cdots \quad \Gamma \vdash t_n = s_n}{\Gamma \vdash f(t_1, \dots, t_n) = f(s_1, \dots, s_n)} \, \textit{cong}_1$$
 
$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t_1 = s_1 \quad \cdots \quad \Gamma \vdash t_n = s_n \quad \Gamma \vdash p(t_1, \dots, t_n)}{\Gamma \vdash p(s_1, \dots, s_n)} \, \textit{cong}_2$$

# 2.5 Correctness

Correctness is important! But what does correctness mean? What properties should hold?

- Termination: Important for many, but not all, programs.
- Functional behavior: Function should return "correct" value.

#### 2.5.1 Termination

If f is defined in terms of functions  $g_1, ..., g_k$  ( $g_i \neq f$ ), and each  $g_i$  terminates, then so does f. The problem we encounter here is recursion, i.e. when some  $g_i = f$ .

A sufficient condition for termination is that arguments must be smaller along a well-founded order on function's domain:

• An order > on a set S is **well-founded** iff. there is no infinite decreasing chain  $x_1 > x_2 > x_3 > \dots$  for  $x_i \in S$ .

We can construct new well-founded relations from existing ones:

Let  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  be binary relations on a set S. The composition of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  is defined as:

$$R_2 \circ R_1 \equiv \{(a, c) \in S \times S \mid \exists b \in S.a R_1 b \land b R_2 c\}$$

Note: For binary relation R, we write a R b for  $(a, b) \in R$ .

Let  $R \subseteq S \times S$ . Define:

$$R^{1} \equiv R$$

$$R^{n+1} \equiv R \circ R^{n}, \text{ for } n \ge 1$$

$$R^{+} \equiv \bigcup_{n \ge 1} R^{n}$$

So  $a R^+ b$  iff.  $a R^i b$  for some  $i \ge 1$ .

**Lemma:** Let  $R \subseteq S \times S$ . Let  $s_0, s_i \in S$  and  $i \ge 1$ . Then  $s_0 R^i s_i$  iff. there are  $s_1, ..., s_{i-1} \in S$  such that  $s_0 R s_1 R ... R s_{i-1} R s_i$ .

**Theorem:** If > is a well-founded order on set S, then ><sup>+</sup> is also well-founded on S.

**Example:** Consider the following function:

```
fac 0 = 1
fac n = n * fac (n - 1)
```

fac n has only fac (n - 1) as a recursive call, and n > n - 1. Here, > is the standard ordering over the natural numbers. Therefore, the function terminates.

# 2.5.2 Proofs

Consider the following program:

Can we prove that maxi  $n m \ge n$ ? We to a reasoning by cases:

We have  $n \ge m \lor \neg (n \ge m)$ . Now we show that maxi n m >= n for both cases:

• Case 1:  $n \ge m$ , then max n m = n and  $n \ge n$ .

• Case 2:  $\neg (n \ge m)$ , then maxi n m = m. But m > n, so maxi n m >= n.

But how do we prove a formula P (with free variable n), for all  $n \in \mathcal{N}$ ? For example, how do we prove the following equality:

$$\forall n \in \mathcal{N}.0 + 1 + 2 + ... + n = n \cdot (n+1)/2$$

We can do a **proof by induction:** 

- Base case: Prove  $P[n \to 0]$
- Step case: For an arbitrary m not free in P, prove  $P[n \to m+1]$  under the assumption  $P[n \to m]$ .

**Example:** We have the following conjecture:  $\forall n \in \mathcal{N}.(\text{sumPowers } n) + 1 = \text{power2 } (n+1) \text{ with the following code:}$ 

```
power2 :: Int -> Int
power2 0 = 1
power2 r = 2 * power2 (r - 1)

sumPowers :: Int -> Int
sumPowers 0 = 1
sumPowers r = sumPowers (r - 1) + power2 r
```

We want to proof: Let  $P \equiv (\text{sumPowers } n) + 1 = \text{power2 } (n+1)$ . We show  $\forall m \in \mathcal{N}.P$  by induction on n.

**Base case:** Show  $P[n \to 0]$ :

(sumPowers 0) + 1 = 1 + 1 = 2  
power2 
$$(0+1) = 2 \cdot \text{power2 } 0 = 2 \cdot 1 = 2$$

**Step case:** Assume  $P[n \to m]$  for an arbitrary m (not in P), i.e.

$$(\text{sumPowers } m) + 1 = \text{power2 } (m+1)$$

and prove  $P[n \to m+1]$ , i.e.

$$(\text{sumPowers } (m+1)) + 1 = \text{power2 } ((m+1) + 1).$$

Proof:

```
 (\text{sumPowers } (m+1)) + 1 = \text{sumPowers } ((m+1)-1) + \text{power2 } (m+1) + 1 \quad (\text{def.})   = \text{sumPowers } (m) + 1 + \text{power2 } (m+1) \quad (\text{arithmetic})   = \text{power2 } (m+1) + \text{power2 } (m+1) \quad (\text{ind- hypothesis})   = 2 \cdot \text{power2 } (m+1) \quad (\text{arithmetic})   = \text{power2 } (m+2) \quad (\text{def.})
```

We have proven (sumPowers n) + 1 = power2 (n + 1).

The general schema for **well-founded induction** is given as:

- To prove:  $\forall n \in \mathcal{N}.P$
- Fix: An arbitrary m not free in P
- Assume:  $\forall l \in \mathcal{N}.l < m \rightarrow P[n \rightarrow l] \ (induction \ hypothesis)$
- Prove:  $P[n \rightarrow m]$

# 2.6 List and Abstraction

# **2.6.1** List Type

We introduce a new type constructor: **List types**, i.e. if T is a type, then [T] is a type. The elements of [T] are:

- *Empty list:* [] :: [T]
- Non-empty list: (x : xs) :: [T] m if x :: T and xs :: [T]

Syntactic sugar: We can write 1:(2:(3:[])) as [1, 2, 3].