

# Concrete Semantics

## A Proof Assistant Approach

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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:

$$A \implies B \implies C \text{ means } A \implies (B \implies C)$$

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

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

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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:  $\wedge, \vee, \longrightarrow, \forall, \dots$

## ① Overview of Isabelle/HOL

Types and terms

Interface

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

Summary



# Types

Basic syntax:

$\tau ::=$	$(\tau)$	
	$bool \mid nat \mid int \mid \dots$	base types
	$'a \mid 'b \mid \dots$	type variables
	$\tau \Rightarrow \tau$	functions
	$\tau \times \tau$	pairs (ascii: *)
	$\tau \textit{ list}$	lists
	$\tau \textit{ set}$	sets
	$\dots$	user-defined types

Convention:  $\tau_1 \Rightarrow \tau_2 \Rightarrow \tau_3 \equiv \tau_1 \Rightarrow (\tau_2 \Rightarrow \tau_3)$

# Terms

Terms can be formed as follows:

- *Function application:*

$f t$

is the call of function  $f$  with argument  $t$ .

If  $f$  has more arguments:  $f t_1 t_2 \dots$

Examples:  $\sin \pi$ ,  $\text{plus } x y$

- *Function abstraction:*

$\lambda x. t$

is the function with parameter  $x$  and result  $t$ ,

i.e. " $x \mapsto t$ ".

Example:  $\lambda x. \text{plus } x x$

# Terms

Basic syntax:

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

Examples:  $f (g x) y$   
 $h (\lambda x. f (g x))$

Convention:  $f t_1 t_2 t_3 \equiv ((f t_1) t_2) t_3$

This language of terms is known as the  *$\lambda$ -calculus*.

The computation rule of the  $\lambda$ -calculus is the replacement of formal by actual parameters:

$$(\lambda x. t) u = t[u/x]$$

where  $t[u/x]$  is “ $t$  with  $u$  substituted for  $x$ ”.

Example:  $(\lambda x. x + 5) 3 = 3 + 5$

- The step from  $(\lambda x. t) u$  to  $t[u/x]$  is called  *$\beta$ -reduction*.
- Isabelle performs  $\beta$ -reduction automatically.

## 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:  $f(x::nat)$

# Currying

Thou shalt Curry your functions

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

Advantage:

Currying allows *partial application*

$f a_1$  where  $a_1 :: \tau_1$

# Predefined syntactic sugar

- *Infix*:  $+$ ,  $-$ ,  $*$ ,  $\#$ ,  $@$ , ...
- *Mixfix*: *if \_ then \_ else \_*, *case \_ of*, ...

Prefix binds more strongly than infix:

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

Enclose *if* and *case* in parentheses:

$$! \quad (if \ _ \ then \ _ \ else \ _) \quad !$$



## Isabelle text = Theory = Module

Syntax: `theory` *MyTh*  
`imports` *ImpTh*<sub>1</sub> ... *ImpTh*<sub>*n*</sub>  
`begin`  
(definitions, theorems, proofs, ...)\*  
`end`

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

*ImpTh*<sub>*i*</sub>: name 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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Summary

# 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:

$\wedge, \vee, \longrightarrow, \dots :: \textit{bool} \Rightarrow \textit{bool} \Rightarrow \textit{bool}$

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* ⇒ *nat* ⇒ *nat*

**! Numbers and arithmetic operations are overloaded:**

0, 1, 2, ... :: 'a,    + :: 'a ⇒ 'a ⇒ 'a

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



Nat\_Demo.thy

# An informal proof

**Lemma**  $add\ m\ 0 = m$

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

- Case  $0$  (the base case):  
 $add\ 0\ 0 = 0$  holds by definition of  $add$ .

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

We assume  $add\ m\ 0 = m$ ,

the induction hypothesis (IH).

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

The proof is as follows:

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

## Type *'a list*

Lists of elements of type *'a*

**datatype** *'a list* = *Nil* | *Cons 'a ('a list)*

Some lists: *Nil*, *Cons 1 Nil*, *Cons 1 (Cons 2 Nil)*, ...

Syntactic sugar:

- $[] = Nil$ : empty list
- $x \# xs = Cons\ x\ xs$ :  
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  $x$  and  $xs$ ,  $P(xs)$  implies  $P(x\#xs)$ .

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

List\_Demo.thy

## An informal proof

**Lemma**  $app (app xs ys) zs = app xs (app ys zs)$

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

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

The proof is as follows:

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

# Large library: HOL/List.thy

Included in Main.

Don't reinvent, reuse!

Predefined:  $xs @ ys$  (append),  $length$ , and  $map$ :

$$map\ f\ [x_1, \dots, x_n] = [f\ x_1, \dots, f\ x_n]$$

**fun**  $map :: ('a \Rightarrow 'b) \Rightarrow 'a\ list \Rightarrow 'b\ list$  **where**  
 $map\ f\ [] = []$  |  
 $map\ f\ (x\#\!xs) = f\ x\ \#\!map\ f\ xs$

Note:  $map$  takes *function* as argument.

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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

# Preview: Multiple assumptions

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

abbreviates

$$A_1 \Longrightarrow \dots \Longrightarrow A_n \Longrightarrow B$$

;  $\approx$  “and”

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## ② Type and function definitions

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Function definitions



# Type synonyms

**type\_synonym** *name* =  $\tau$

Introduces a *synonym name* for type  $\tau$

Examples:

**type\_synonym** *string* = *char list*

**type\_synonym** ('a,'b)*foo* = 'a *list*  $\times$  'b *list*

Type synonyms are expanded after parsing  
and are not present in internal representation and output

# datatype — the general case

$$\text{datatype } (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)\tau = \begin{array}{l} C_1 \tau_{1,1} \dots \tau_{1,n_1} \\ | \quad \dots \\ C_k \tau_{k,1} \dots \tau_{k,n_k} \end{array}$$

- *Types*:  $C_i :: \tau_{i,1} \Rightarrow \dots \Rightarrow \tau_{i,n_i} \Rightarrow (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)\tau$
- *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

Datatype values can be taken apart with *case*:

$$(case\ xs\ of\ [] \Rightarrow \dots \mid y\#\!ys \Rightarrow \dots\ y \dots\ ys \dots)$$

Wildcards:  $\_$

$$(case\ m\ of\ 0 \Rightarrow Suc\ 0 \mid Suc\ \_ \Rightarrow 0)$$

Nested patterns:

$$(case\ xs\ of\ [0] \Rightarrow 0 \mid [Suc\ n] \Rightarrow n \mid \_ \Rightarrow 2)$$

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*  $a_1, \text{Some } a_2, \dots$

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

Type definitions

Function definitions

# 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
```

## Example: Ackermann

**fun** *ack* :: *nat*  $\Rightarrow$  *nat*  $\Rightarrow$  *nat* **where**

*ack* 0            *n*            = *Suc* *n* |  
*ack* (*Suc* *m*) 0            = *ack* *m* (*Suc* 0) |  
*ack* (*Suc* *m*) (*Suc* *n*) = *ack* *m* (*ack* (*Suc* *m*) *n*)

Terminates because the arguments decrease  
*lexicographically* with each recursive call:

- (*Suc* *m*, 0) > (*m*, *Suc* 0)
- (*Suc* *m*, *Suc* *n*) > (*Suc* *m*, *n*)
- (*Suc* *m*, *Suc* *n*) > (*m*, -)

# primrec

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

The essence of primitive recursion:

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

$$f(\text{Suc } n) = \dots f(n) \dots$$

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

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

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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  $\Rightarrow$  'a list where  
  rev [] = [] |  
  rev (x#xs) = rev xs @ [x]
```

A tail recursive version:

```
fun itrev :: 'a list  $\Rightarrow$  'a list  $\Rightarrow$  '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*:

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

# 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*  $a_1 \dots a_n$  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

Computation Induction

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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

*Equations:*

$$0 + n = n \quad (1)$$
$$(Suc\ m) + n = Suc\ (m + n) \quad (2)$$
$$(Suc\ m \leq Suc\ n) = (m \leq n) \quad (3)$$
$$(0 \leq m) = True \quad (4)$$

*Rewriting:*

$$0 + Suc\ 0 \leq Suc\ 0 + x \quad \underline{\underline{(1)}}$$
$$Suc\ 0 \leq Suc\ 0 + x \quad \underline{\underline{(2)}}$$
$$Suc\ 0 \leq Suc\ (0 + x) \quad \underline{\underline{(3)}}$$
$$0 \leq 0 + x \quad \underline{\underline{(4)}}$$
$$True$$

# Conditional rewriting

Simplification rules can be conditional:

$$\llbracket P_1; \dots; P_k \rrbracket \Longrightarrow l = r$$

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

Example:

$$p(x) \Longrightarrow \begin{array}{l} p(0) = True \\ f(x) = g(x) \end{array}$$

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:  $f(x) = g(x)$ ,  $g(x) = f(x)$

$$\llbracket P_1; \dots; P_k \rrbracket \Longrightarrow l = r$$

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

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

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

## 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 ...)*

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

## Case splitting with *simp*

Automatic:

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

By hand:

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

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

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

Simp\_Demo.thy



# Chapter 3

## Case Study: IMP Expressions

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This section introduces

*arithmetic and boolean expressions*

of our imperative language IMP.

IMP *commands* are introduced later.

## ⑤ Case Study: IMP Expressions

Arithmetic Expressions

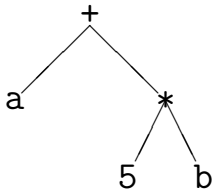
Boolean Expressions

Stack Machine and Compilation

# Concrete and abstract syntax

Concrete syntax: strings, eg "a+5\*b"

Abstract syntax: trees, eg



Parser: function from strings to trees

Linear view of trees: terms, eg *Plus a (Times 5 b)*

Abstract syntax trees/terms are datatype values!

*Concrete* syntax is defined by a context-free grammar, eg

$$a ::= n \mid x \mid (a) \mid a + a \mid a * a \mid \dots$$

where  $n$  can be any natural number and  $x$  any variable.

We focus on *abstract* syntax  
which we introduce via datatypes.

# Datatype *aexp*

Variable names are strings, values are integers:

**type\_synonym** *vname* = *string*

**datatype** *aexp* = *N int* | *V vname* | *Plus aexp aexp*

Concrete	Abstract
5	<i>N 5</i>
x	<i>V "x"</i>
x+y	<i>Plus (V "x") (V "y")</i>
2+(z+3)	<i>Plus (N 2) (Plus (V "z") (N 3))</i>



# Warning

This is syntax, not (yet) semantics!

$$N\ 0 \neq Plus\ (N\ 0)\ (N\ 0)$$

# The (program) state

What is the value of  $x+1$ ?

- The value of an expression depends on the value of its variables.
- The value of all variables is recorded in the *state*.
- The state is a function from variable names to values:

**type\_synonym**  $val = int$

**type\_synonym**  $state = vname \Rightarrow val$

# Function update notation

If  $f :: \tau_1 \Rightarrow \tau_2$  and  $a :: \tau_1$  and  $b :: \tau_2$  then

$$f(a := b)$$

is the function that behaves like  $f$   
except that it returns  $b$  for argument  $a$ .

$$f(a := b) = (\lambda x. \text{if } x = a \text{ then } b \text{ else } f x)$$

# How to write down a state

Some states:

- $\lambda x. 0$
- $(\lambda x. 0)(\text{"a"} := 3)$
- $((\lambda x. 0)(\text{"a"} := 5))(\text{"x"} := 3)$

Nicer notation:

$$\langle \text{"a"} := 5, \text{"x"} := 3, \text{"y"} := 7 \rangle$$

Maps everything to  $0$ , but  $\text{"a"}$  to  $5$ ,  $\text{"x"}$  to  $3$ , etc.

AExp.thy

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BExp.thy

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ASM.thy

This was easy.

Because evaluation of expressions always terminates.

But execution of programs may *not* terminate.

Hence we cannot define it by a total recursive function.

We need more logical machinery  
to define program execution and reason about it.

# Chapter 4

## Logic and Proof Beyond Equality

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- ⑧ Single Step Proofs
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Syntax (in decreasing precedence):

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

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

# Sets over type $'a$

$'a$  set

- $\{\}, \{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$
- $e \in A, A \subseteq B$
- $A \cup B, A \cap B, A - B, -A$
- ...

$\in$	<code>\&lt;in&gt;</code>	:
$\subseteq$	<code>\&lt;subseteq&gt;</code>	<code>&lt;=</code>
$\cup$	<code>\&lt;union&gt;</code>	<code>Un</code>
$\cap$	<code>\&lt;inter&gt;</code>	<code>Int</code>

# Set comprehension

- $\{x. P\}$  where  $x$  is a variable
- But not  $\{t. P\}$  where  $t$  is a proper term
- Instead:  $\{t \mid x y z. P\}$   
is short for  $\{v. \exists x y z. v = t \wedge P\}$   
where  $x, y, z$  are the free variables in  $t$

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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

# Automating arithmetic

*arith*:

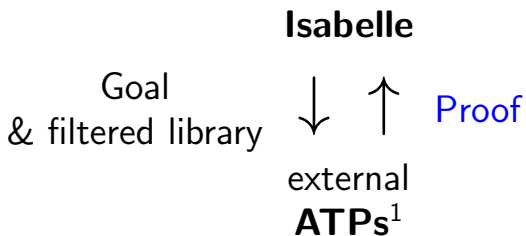
- proves linear formulas (no “\*”)
- complete for quantifier-free *real* arithmetic
- complete for first-order theory of *nat* and *int* (Presburger arithmetic)



# 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*)

≈

**apply**(*proof-method*)  
**done**

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

These *?-variables* can later be instantiated:

- By hand:

`conjI[of "a=b" "False"]`  $\rightsquigarrow$   
 $\llbracket a = b; False \rrbracket \Longrightarrow a = b \wedge False$

- By **unification**:

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

## Rule application

Example: rule:  $[[?P; ?Q]] \implies ?P \wedge ?Q$

subgoal: 1.  $\dots \implies A \wedge B$

Result: 1.  $\dots \implies A$

2.  $\dots \implies B$

The general case: applying rule  $[[ A_1; \dots ; A_n ]] \implies A$   
to subgoal  $\dots \implies C$ :

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

**apply**(*rule xyz*)

“Backchaining”



## Typical backwards rules

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

$$\frac{?P \implies ?Q}{?P \longrightarrow ?Q} \text{impI} \quad \frac{\bigwedge x. ?P x}{\bigvee x. ?P x} \text{allI}$$

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

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

## Teaching *blast* new intro rules

If  $r$  is a theorem  $\llbracket A_1; \dots; A_n \rrbracket \implies A$  then

$(blast\ intro: r)$

allows *blast* to backchain on  $r$  during proof search.

Example:

**theorem** *trans*:  $\llbracket ?x \leq ?y; ?y \leq ?z \rrbracket \implies ?x \leq ?z$

**goal** 1.  $\llbracket a \leq b; b \leq c; c \leq d \rrbracket \implies a \leq d$

**proof** **apply**(*blast intro: trans*)

Can greatly increase the search space!

## 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 `ref1`:  $?t = ?t$

`conjI[OF ref1[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"]]

$$\begin{array}{c} \rightsquigarrow \\ a = a \wedge b = b \end{array}$$

From now on: ? mostly suppressed on slides

Single\_Step\_Demo.thy

$\implies$  versus  $\longrightarrow$

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

$\longrightarrow$  is part of HOL and can occur inside the logical formulas  $A_i$  and  $A$ .

Phrase theorems like this  $\llbracket A_1; \dots; A_n \rrbracket \implies A$   
not like this  $A_1 \wedge \dots \wedge A_n \longrightarrow A$

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## Example: even numbers

Informally:

- 0 is even
- If  $n$  is even, so is  $n + 2$
- These are the only even numbers

In Isabelle/HOL:

**inductive**  $ev :: nat \Rightarrow bool$

**where**

$ev\ 0 \quad |$

$ev\ n \Longrightarrow ev\ (n + 2)$

An easy proof: *ev 4*

$$ev\ 0 \implies ev\ 2 \implies ev\ 4$$

Consider

```
fun even :: nat  $\Rightarrow$  bool where  
  even 0 = True |  
  even (Suc 0) = False |  
  even (Suc (Suc n)) = even n
```

A trickier proof:  $ev\ m \Longrightarrow even\ m$

By induction on the *structure* of the derivation of  $ev\ m$

Two cases:  $ev\ m$  is proved by

- rule  $ev\ 0$   
 $\Longrightarrow m = 0 \Longrightarrow even\ m = True$
- rule  $ev\ n \Longrightarrow ev\ (n+2)$   
 $\Longrightarrow m = n+2$  and  $even\ n$  (IH)  
 $\Longrightarrow even\ m = even\ (n+2) = even\ n = True$

## Rule induction for $ev$

To prove

$$ev\ n \Longrightarrow P\ n$$

by *rule induction* on  $ev\ n$  we must prove

- $P\ 0$
- $P\ n \Longrightarrow P(n+2)$

Rule *ev.induct*:

$$\frac{ev\ n \quad P\ 0 \quad \bigwedge n. \llbracket ev\ n; P\ n \rrbracket \Longrightarrow P(n+2)}{P\ n}$$

# Format of inductive definitions

**inductive**  $I :: \tau \Rightarrow bool$  **where**

$\llbracket I a_1; \dots ; I a_n \rrbracket \Longrightarrow I a \mid$

$\vdots$

Note:

- $I$  may have multiple arguments.
- Each rule may also contain *side conditions* not involving  $I$ .

# Rule induction in general

To prove

$$I x \implies P x$$

by *rule induction* on  $I x$

we must prove for every rule

$$\llbracket I a_1; \dots ; I a_n \rrbracket \implies I a$$

that  $P$  is preserved:

$$\llbracket I a_1; P a_1; \dots ; I a_n; P a_n \rrbracket \implies P a$$

!

Rule induction is absolutely central  
to (operational) semantics  
and the rest of this lecture course

!

Inductive\_Demo.thy



# Inductively defined sets

**inductive\_set**  $I :: \tau$  set **where**

$\llbracket a_1 \in I; \dots ; a_n \in I \rrbracket \implies a \in I \mid$

$\vdots$

Difference to **inductive**:

- arguments of  $I$  are tupled, not curried
- $I$  can later be used with set theoretic operators, eg  $I \cup \dots$

# 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 comments

But: **apply** still useful for proof exploration

# A typical Isar proof

**proof**

**assume**  $formula_0$

**have**  $formula_1$  **by** *simp*

$\vdots$

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

**show**  $formula_{n+1}$  **by**  $\dots$

**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  $(\implies)$   
| [**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 *surj*, show *False*

**assume** *a*: *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

<i>this</i>	=	the previous proposition proved or assumed
then	=	<b>from</b> <i>this</i>
thus	=	<b>then show</b>
hence	=	<b>then have</b>

# 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**  $(\text{auto simp: surj-def})$

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

**qed**

*Proves  $\text{surj } f \implies \text{False}$*

*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**  $R \dots$   
**next**  
  **assume**  $\neg P$   
  :  
  **show**  $R \dots$   
**qed**

**have**  $P \vee Q \dots$   
**then show**  $R$   
**proof**  
  **assume**  $P$   
  :  
  **show**  $R \dots$   
**next**  
  **assume**  $Q$   
  :  
  **show**  $R \dots$   
**qed**

# Contradiction

```
show  $\neg P$   
proof  
  assume  $P$   
   $\vdots$   
  show False ...  
qed
```

```
show  $P$   
proof (rule ccontr)  
  assume  $\neg P$   
   $\vdots$   
  show False ...  
qed
```



**show**  $P \iff Q$   
**proof**  
    **assume**  $P$   
    :  
    **show**  $Q \dots$   
**next**  
    **assume**  $Q$   
    :  
    **show**  $P \dots$   
**qed**

## $\forall$ and $\exists$ introduction

**show**  $\forall x. P(x)$

**proof**

**fix**  $x$  local fixed variable

**show**  $P(x)$  ...

**qed**

**show**  $\exists x. P(x)$

**proof**

$\vdots$

**show**  $P(\textit{witness})$  ...

**qed**

## $\exists$ elimination: **obtain**

**have**  $\exists x. P(x)$

**then obtain**  $x$  **where**  $p: P(x)$  **by** *blast*

$\vdots$   $x$  fixed local variable

Works for one or more  $x$

## obtain example

lemma  $\neg \text{surj}(f :: 'a \Rightarrow 'a \text{ set})$

proof

assume *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  $a \notin f a \iff a \in f a$  **by** *blast*

thus *False* **by** *blast*

qed

# Set equality and subset

**show**  $A = B$

**proof**

**show**  $A \subseteq B \dots$

**next**

**show**  $B \subseteq A \dots$

**qed**

**show**  $A \subseteq B$

**proof**

**fix**  $x$

**assume**  $x \in A$

$\vdots$

**show**  $x \in B \dots$

**qed**

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## 12 Streamlining Proofs

Pattern Matching and Quotations

Top down proof development

**moreover** and raw proof blocks

## Example: pattern matching

**show**  $formula_1 \longleftrightarrow formula_2$  (**is**  $?L \longleftrightarrow ?R$ )

**proof**

**assume**  $?L$

$\vdots$

**show**  $?R \dots$

**next**

**assume**  $?R$

$\vdots$

**show**  $?L \dots$

**qed**

*?thesis*

**show** *formula* (*is ?thesis*)

**proof** -

⋮

**show** *?thesis* ...

**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 'x>0' ...  
      ↑   ↑  
      back quotes
```

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Pattern matching and quotation

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# Example

**lemma**

$(\exists ys zs. xs = ys @ zs \wedge length\ ys = length\ zs) \vee$

$(\exists ys zs. xs = ys @ zs \wedge length\ ys = length\ zs + 1)$

**proof ???**

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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  
or whatever

**apply** *auto*

**apply** ...

At the end:

- **done**
- Better: [convert to structured proof](#)

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## moreover—ultimately

**have**  $P_1 \dots$

**moreover**

**have**  $P_2 \dots$

**moreover**

$\vdots$

**moreover**

**have**  $P_n \dots$

**ultimately**

**have**  $P \dots$

$\approx$

**have**  $lab_1: P_1 \dots$

**have**  $lab_2: P_2 \dots$

$\vdots$

**have**  $lab_n: P_n \dots$

**from**  $lab_1 lab_2 \dots$

**have**  $P \dots$

With names

# Raw proof blocks

```
{ fix  $x_1 \dots x_n$   
  assume  $A_1 \dots A_m$   
   $\vdots$   
  have  $B$   
}
```

proves  $\llbracket A_1; \dots ; A_m \rrbracket \implies B$

where all  $x_i$  have been replaced by  $?x_i$ .

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**moreover** and { }

# 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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Proof by cases

# Datatype case analysis

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

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

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

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

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Structural induction for *nat*

## Structural induction for $nat$

**show**  $P(n)$

**proof** (*induction n*)

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

$\vdots$

**show**  $?case$

**next**

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

$\vdots$

$\vdots$

**show**  $?case$

**qed**

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

# Structural induction with $\implies$

**show**  $A(n) \implies P(n)$

**proof** (*induction n*)

**case**  $0$

$\equiv$  **assume**  $0: A(0)$

$\vdots$

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

**show**  $?case$

**next**

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

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

$\vdots$

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

$\vdots$

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

**show**  $?case$

**qed**

# Named assumptions

In a proof of

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

by structural induction:

In the context of

**case**  $C$

we have

$C.IH$  the induction hypotheses

$C.prem_s$  the premises  $A_i$

$C$   $C.IH + C.prem_s$

## 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*)



## 13 Proof by Cases and Induction

Rule Induction

Rule Inversion

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Rule induction

# Rule induction

**inductive**  $I :: \tau \Rightarrow \sigma \Rightarrow \text{bool}$

**where**

$rule_1: \dots$

$\vdots$

$rule_n: \dots$

**show**  $I x y \Longrightarrow P x y$

**proof** (*induction rule: I.induct*)

**case**  $rule_1$

$\dots$

**show** *?case*

**next**

$\vdots$

**next**

**case**  $rule_n$

$\dots$

**show** *?case*

**qed**

# Fixing your own variable names

**case** (*rule<sub>i</sub>*  $x_1 \dots x_k$ )

Renames the first  $k$  variables in *rule<sub>i</sub>* (from left to right) to  $x_1 \dots x_k$ .

## Named assumptions

In a proof of

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

by rule induction on  $I \dots$ :

In the context of

**case**  $R$

we have

*R.IH* the induction hypotheses

*R.hyps* the assumptions of rule  $R$

*R.premis* the premises  $A_i$

$R$   $R.IH + R.hyps + R.premis$

## 13 Proof by Cases and Induction

Rule Induction

Rule Inversion

# Rule inversion

**inductive**  $ev :: nat \Rightarrow bool$  **where**

$ev0$ :  $ev\ 0 \mid$

$evSS$ :  $ev\ n \Longrightarrow ev(Suc(Suc\ n))$

What can we deduce from  $ev\ n$  ?

That it was proved by either  $ev0$  or  $evSS$  !

$ev\ n \Longrightarrow n = 0 \vee (\exists k. n = Suc(Suc\ k) \wedge ev\ k)$

Rule inversion = case distinction over rules

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Rule inversion



## Rule inversion template

**from** 'ev n' **have**  $P$

**proof** *cases*

**case**  $ev0$

$n = 0$

$\vdots$

**show** *?thesis* ...

**next**

**case**  $(evSS\ k)$

$n = Suc\ (Suc\ k),\ ev\ k$

$\vdots$

**show** *?thesis* ...

**qed**

Impossible cases disappear automatically