

Computer-Supported Modeling and Reasoning

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1 General Introduction

What this Course is about

Making logic **come to life** by making it **run on a computer**, using the tool **Isabelle**. Applications in

- Mathematics¹ (Hilbert's program)

¹In the 1920's, David Hilbert attempted a single rigorous formalization of all of mathematics, named **Hilbert's** program. He was concerned with the following three questions:

1. Is mathematics **complete** in the sense that every statement can be proved or disproved?
2. Is mathematics **consistent** in the sense that no statement can be proved both true and false?
3. Is mathematics **decidable** in the sense that there exists a definite method to determine the truth or falsity of any mathematical statement?

Hilbert believed that the answer to all three questions was 'yes'.

Thanks to the the incompleteness theorem of Gödel (1931) and the undecidability of first-order logic shown by Church and Turing (1936–37) we know now that his dream will never be realized completely. This makes it a never-ending task to find partial answers to Hilbert's questions.

- program and hardware verification²



(For the impatient: some Isabelle/HOL applications)

For more details:

- Panel talk by [Moshe Vardi](#)
- Lecture by [Michael J. O'Donnell](#)
- Article by [Stephen G. Simpson](#)
- Original works [Über das Unendliche](#) and [Die Grundlagen der Mathematik](#) [vH67]
- Some [quotations](#) shedding light on Gödel's incompleteness theorem
- [Eric Weisstein's world of mathematics](#) explaining Gödel's incompleteness theorem

²Verification is the process of formally proving that a program has the desired properties. To this end, it is necessary to define a **specification language** in which the desired properties can be formulated, i.e. **specified**. One must define a **semantics** for this language as well as for the program. These semantics must be linked in such a way that it is meaningful

What this Course is Useful for

After attending this course, you might . . .

- pursue an academic career focused on the topic of this course or some other topic in formal methods;
- apply formal methods in a company³ like [Intel](#) or [Gemplus](#);
- work in a different area in academia or industry; even then, understanding mathematical and logical reasoning improves understanding of how to **build correct systems** and do **more rigorous proofs**.

to say: “Program X makes formula Φ true”.

³The last 20 years have seen spectacular hardware and software failures (e.g. the **Pentium bug**) and the birth of a new discipline: the **verification engineer**.

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Relationship to other Courses

Logic: deduction, foundations, and applications

Software engineering: specification, refinement, verification

Hardware: formalizing and reasoning about circuit models

Artificial Intelligence: knowledge representation, reasoning,
deduction

Requirements

- Some knowledge of logic⁷ is useful for this course, but we will try to accommodate different backgrounds, e.g. with pointers to additional material. Your feedback is essential!
- You must be willing to participate in the labs and **get your hands dirty!** Also, you must follow the course each week, or you will quickly get lost. It is hard in the beginning but the rewards are large.
- Being familiar with basic Linux commands is very helpful.

⁷We will introduce different logics and formal systems (so-called **calculi**) used to deduce formulas in a logic. We will neglect other aspects that are usually treated in classes or textbooks on logic, e.g.:

- semantics (interpretations) of logics; and
- correctness and completeness of calculi.

As an introduction we recommend [vD80].

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is **valid** because it is true regardless of what **A** and **B** “mean”, and in particular, regardless of whether **A** and **B** stand for true or false propositions.

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is invalid because there is a counterexample:

Let A be “Kim is a man” and B be “Kim is a person” .

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History

- Propositional logic was developed to make this all precise.
- Laws for valid reasoning were known to the Stoic philosophers (about 300 BC).
- The formal system is often attributed to George Boole (1815-1864).

Further reading: [vD80], [Tho91, chapter 1].

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- For labs we will carry out proofs using the **Isabelle System**.

¹⁴By **language** we mean the language of formulae. We can also say that we define the (object) logic. Here “logic” is used in the **narrower sense**.

¹⁵A metatheorem is a theorem **about** a proof system, as opposed to a theorem derived within the proof system. The statement “proof system XYZ is sound” is a metatheorem.

¹⁶A proof system is **sound** if only **valid** propositions can be derived in it.

A proof system is **complete** if all **valid** propositions can be derived in it.

2.3 Propositional Logic: Language

Let a set V of (propositional) variables¹⁷ be given. L_P , the¹⁸ **language of propositional logic**, is defined by the following grammar¹⁹ ($X \in V$):

$$P ::= X \mid \perp^{20} \mid (P \wedge^{21} P) \mid \\ (P \vee P) \mid (P \rightarrow P) \mid ((\neg P)^{22})$$

¹⁷In mathematics, logic and computer science, there are various notions of **variable**. In propositional logic, a variable is a **propositional** variable, i.e., it stands for a **proposition**; it can be interpreted as *True* or *False*.

This will be different in logics that we will learn about **later**.

¹⁸Strictly speaking, the definition of L_P depends on V . A different choice of variables leads to a different language of propositional logic, and so we should not speak of **the** language of propositional logic, but rather of **a** language of propositional logic. However, for propositional logic, one usually does not care much about the names of the variables, or about the fact that their number could be insufficient to write down a certain formula of interest. We usually assume that there are countably infinitely many variables.

Later, we will be more fussy about this point.

¹⁹A notation like

$$P ::= X \mid \perp \mid (P \wedge P) \mid (P \vee P) \mid (P \rightarrow P) \mid (\neg P)$$

$$T ::= x \mid \underbrace{f^n(T, \dots, T)}_{n \text{ times}}$$

$$F ::= \dots \mid \underbrace{p^n(T, \dots, T)}_{n \text{ times}} \mid \forall x. F \mid \exists x. F$$

$$e ::= x \mid c \mid (ee) \mid (\lambda x. e)$$

$$\tau ::= T \mid \tau \rightarrow \tau$$

$$e ::= x \mid c \mid (ee) \mid (\lambda x^\tau. e)$$

$$P ::= x \mid \neg P \mid P \wedge P \mid P \rightarrow P \dots$$

for specifying syntax is called **Backus-Naur form** (BNF) for expressing grammars. For example, the first BNF-clause reads: a propositional formula can be

\perp , or

$P_1 \wedge P_2$, where P_1 and P_2 are propositional formulae, or

$P_1 \vee P_2$, where P_1 and P_2 are propositional formulae, or

$P_1 \rightarrow P_2$, where P_1 and P_2 are propositional formulae, or

$\neg P_1$, where P_1 is a propositional formula.

The symbol P is called a **non-terminal**, and when we apply the rules starting from P until we reach an expression without non-terminal we say that this expression is a **production of P** or it is in the **language generated by P** .

The BNF is a very common formalism for specifying syntax, e.g., of programming languages. See [here](#) or [here](#).

The elements of L_P are called (propositional) formulas²³.

²⁰The symbol \perp stands for “false”.

²¹The connectives are called conjunction (\wedge), disjunction (\vee), implication (\rightarrow) and negation (\neg).

The connectives $\wedge, \vee, \rightarrow$ are binary since they connect two formulas, the connective \neg is unary (most of the time, one only uses the word connective for binary connective).

²²“Officially”, negation does not exist in our language and proof system. Negation is only used as a shorthand, or syntactic sugar, for reasons of convenience. In paper-and-pencil proofs, we are allowed to erase any occurrence of $\neg P$ and replace it with $P \rightarrow \perp$, or vice versa, at any time. However, we shall see that when proofs are automated, this process must be made explicit.

²³In logic, the word “formula” has a specific meaning. Formulae are a syntactic category, namely the expressions that stand for a statement. So formulas are syntactic expressions that are interpreted (on the semantic level) as *True* or *False*.

We will later learn about another syntactic category, that of

We omit unnecessary brackets²⁴.

terms.

In propositional logic, a formula may also be called a **proposition**.

²⁴To save brackets, we use standard associativity and precedences. All **binary connectives** are right-associative:

$$A \circ B \circ C \equiv A \circ (B \circ C)$$

The precedences are \neg before \wedge before \vee before \rightarrow . So for example

$$A \rightarrow B \wedge \neg C \vee D \equiv A \rightarrow ((B \wedge (\neg C)) \vee D)$$

Propositional Logic: Semantics

An **assignment** is a function $\mathcal{A} : V \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$. We say that \mathcal{A} assigns a **truth value** to each propositional variable. We identify 1 with *True* and 0 with *False*.

\mathcal{A} is **lifted** (=extended) to formulas in L_P as follows ...

Propositional Logic: Semantics (2)

$$\mathcal{A}(\perp) = 0$$

$$\mathcal{A}(\neg\phi) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \mathcal{A}(\phi) = 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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$$\mathcal{A}(\phi \rightarrow \psi) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \mathcal{A}(\phi) = 0 \text{ or}^{25} \mathcal{A}(\psi) = 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

²⁵In mathematics and computer science, the word **or** is almost always meant to be **inclusive**. If it is meant to be **exclusive** (A or B hold but not both) this is usually mentioned explicitly.

Propositional Logic: Semantics (3)

If $\mathcal{A}(\phi) = 1$, we write $\mathcal{A} \models \phi$.

Two formulae are **equivalent** if they yield the same truth value for any assignment of the propositional variables.

The semantics will be generalised **later**.

2.4 Deductive System: Natural Deduction

Developed by Gentzen [Gen35] and Prawitz [Pra65].

Designed to support 'natural' logical arguments:

- we make (temporary) **assumptions**;
- we **derive** new formulas by applying **rules**;
- there is also a mechanism for “getting rid of” assumptions.

Natural Deduction (2)

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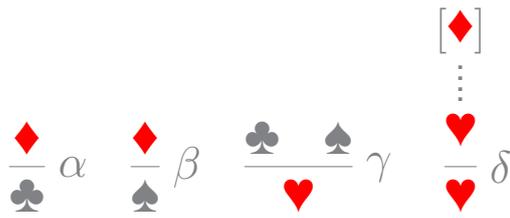
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Proof of ♥

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The proof:

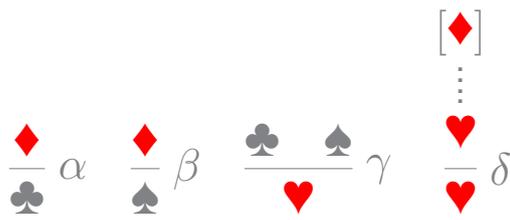
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Discharging is marked by writing □ around the discharged formula.

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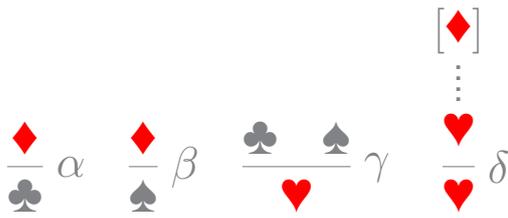
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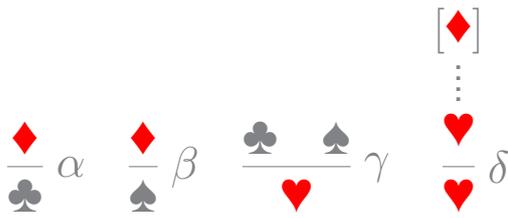
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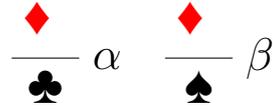
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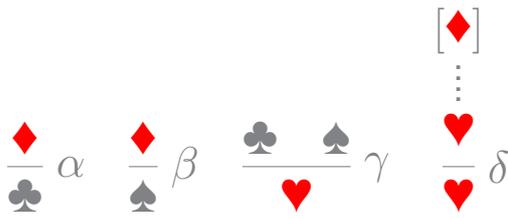
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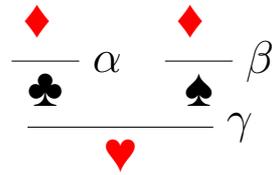
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We apply γ .

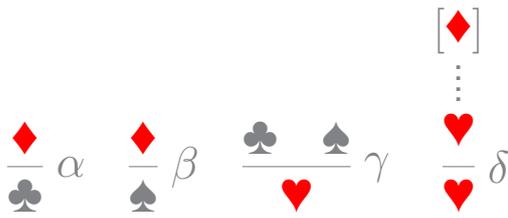
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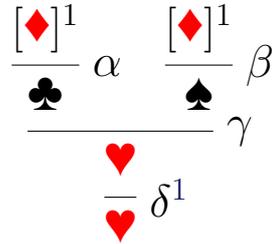
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The rules:



The proof:



We apply δ , discharging two occurrences of \diamond . We mark the brackets and the rule with a label so that it is clear which assumption is discharged in which step. The derivation is now a **proof**: it has no **open assumptions** (all discharged).

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2.5 Deductive System: Rules of Propositional Logic

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Some rules introduce³², others **eliminate** connectives.

³²It is typical that the **basic** rules of a proof system can be classified as introduction or elimination rules for a particular connective.

This classification provides obvious names for the rules and may guide the search for proofs.

The rules for conjunction are pronounced **and-introduction**, **and-elimination-left**, and **and-elimination-right**.

Apart from the **basic** rules, we will later see that there are also **derived** rules.

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- Rules are schematic³³.
- Why valid³⁴? If all assumptions are true, then so is conclusion

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Do you find this strange?³⁶

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Examples with Conjunction and Implication

1. $A \rightarrow B \rightarrow A$ ³⁷

2. $A \wedge (B \wedge C) \rightarrow A \wedge C$ ³⁸

The rule(s):

$$\begin{array}{c}
 [A] \\
 \vdots \\
 B \\
 \hline
 A \rightarrow B \rightarrow -I
 \end{array}$$

³⁷

The proof:

$$\begin{array}{c}
 [A]^1 \\
 \hline
 B \rightarrow A \rightarrow -I \\
 \hline
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 \end{array}$$

The rules:

$$\frac{A \quad B}{A \wedge B} \wedge -I$$

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³⁸

$$\begin{array}{c}
 [A] \\
 \vdots \\
 B \\
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 A \rightarrow B \rightarrow -I
 \end{array}$$

The proof:

$$\begin{array}{c}
 [A \wedge (B \wedge C)]^2 \\
 \hline
 \frac{B \wedge C}{C} \wedge -ER \\
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 \hline
 \frac{A \wedge C}{(A \wedge (B \wedge C)) \rightarrow (A \wedge C)} \wedge -I \rightarrow -I^2
 \end{array}$$

3. $(A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow A \rightarrow C$ ³⁹

Are these object or metavariables here?⁴⁰

The rules:	The proof:
$\begin{array}{c} [A] \\ \vdots \\ B \\ \hline A \rightarrow B \end{array} \rightarrow\text{-}I$ $\frac{A \rightarrow B \quad A}{B} \rightarrow\text{-}E$	$\frac{\frac{\frac{[(A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C)]^3 \quad [A]^5}{B \rightarrow C} \rightarrow\text{-}E \quad \frac{[(A \rightarrow B)]^4 \quad [A]^5}{B} \rightarrow\text{-}E}{C} \rightarrow\text{-}E}{\frac{C}{A \rightarrow C} \rightarrow\text{-}I^5} \rightarrow\text{-}I^4}{(A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow A \rightarrow C} \rightarrow\text{-}I^3$

⁴⁰In these examples, you may regard A, B, C as propositional variables. On the other hand, the proofs are schematic, i.e., they go through for any formula replacing A, B , and C .

Disjunction

- Rules

$$\frac{A}{A \vee B} \vee\text{-}IL \qquad \frac{B}{A \vee B} \vee\text{-}IR \qquad \frac{A \vee B \quad \begin{array}{c} [A] \\ \vdots \\ C \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} [B] \\ \vdots \\ C \end{array}}{C} \vee\text{-}E$$

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- Formalizes case-split strategy for using $A \vee B$.

Disjunction: Example

- Rules

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- Example: formalize and prove

When it rains then I wear my jacket.

When it snows then I wear my jacket.

It is raining or snowing.

Therefore I wear my jacket.

Falsity and Negation

- Falsity

$$\frac{\perp}{A} \perp\text{-}E$$

No introduction rule!⁴¹

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- Negation: define $\neg A$ as syntactic sugar⁴² for $A \rightarrow \perp$. Rules for \neg just special

⁴¹The symbol \perp stands for “false”.

It should be intuitively clear that since the purpose of a proof system is to derive **true** formulae, there is no introduction rule for falsity. One may wonder: what is the role of \perp then? We will see this soon. The main role is linked to negation. We quote from [And02, p. 152]:

\perp plays the role of a contradiction in indirect proofs.

⁴²For any formal language (programming language, logic, etc.), the term **syntactic sugar** refers to syntax that is provided for the sake of readability and brevity, but which does not affect the expressiveness of the language.

It is usually a good idea to consider the language without the syntactic sugar for any theoretical considerations about the language, since it makes the language simpler and the considerations less error-prone. However, the correspondence between the syntactic sugar and the basic syntax should be stated formally.

cases⁴³ of rules for \rightarrow . Convenient to have

$$\frac{\neg A \quad A}{B} \neg\text{-}E^{44} \quad \text{derived by} \quad \frac{\frac{\neg A \quad A}{\perp} \rightarrow\text{-}E}{B} \perp\text{-}E$$

⁴³The rule

$$\frac{\neg A \quad A}{\perp}$$

is simply an instance of $\rightarrow\text{-}E$ (since $\neg A$ is shorthand for $A \rightarrow \perp$).

Likewise, the rule

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} [A] \\ \vdots \\ \perp \end{array}}{\neg A}$$

is simply an instance of $\rightarrow\text{-}I$. Therefore, we will not introduce these as special rules. But there is a special rule $\neg\text{-}E$.

⁴⁴For negation, it is common to have a rule

$$\frac{\neg A \quad A}{B} \neg\text{-}E$$

We have seen how this rule can be derived. The concept of deriving rules will be explained more systematically [later](#).

This rule is also called **ex falso quod libet** (from the false

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⁴⁵Yes, simply check the truth table:

A	B	$((A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow A) \rightarrow A$
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<i>True</i>	<i>False</i>	<i>True</i>
<i>False</i>	<i>True</i>	<i>True</i>
<i>False</i>	<i>False</i>	<i>True</i>

⁴⁶In the proof system given so far, this is not provable. To **prove** that it is not provable requires an analysis of so-called **normal forms** of proofs. However, we do not do this here.

- It is provable in classical logic⁴⁷, obtained by adding

$$A \vee \neg A^{48} \text{ or } \frac{[\neg A] \quad \vdots \quad \perp}{A} RAA_{49} \text{ or } \frac{[\neg A] \quad \vdots \quad A}{A} \textit{classical}_{50}.$$

⁴⁷The proof system we have given so far is a proof system for **intuitionistic logic**. The main point about intuitionistic logic is that one cannot claim that every statement is either true or false, but rather, evidence must be given for every statement. In classical reasoning, the law of the excluded middle holds. One also says that proofs in intuitionistic logic are **constructive** whereas proofs in classical logic are not necessarily constructive.

We quote the first sentence from [Min00]:

Intuitionistic logic is studied here as part of familiar classical logic which allows an effective interpretation and mechanical extraction of programs from proofs.

The difference between intuitionistic and classical logic has been the topic of a fundamental discourse in the literature on logic [PM68] [Tho91, chapter 3]. Often proofs contain case distinctions, assuming that for any statement ψ , either ψ or $\neg\psi$ holds. This reasoning is classical; it does not apply in intuitionistic logic.

⁴⁸ $A \vee \neg A$ is called **axiom of the excluded middle**.

⁴⁹ The rule

$$\frac{[\neg A] \quad \vdots \quad \perp}{A} \text{RAA}$$

is called **reductio ad absurdum**.

⁵⁰ The rule

$$\frac{[\neg A] \quad \vdots \quad A}{A} \text{classical}$$

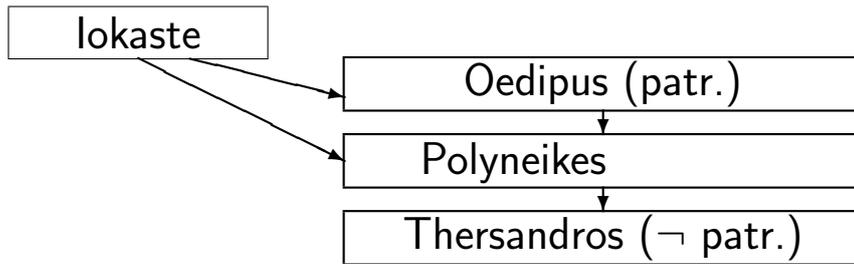
corresponds to the formulation in Isabelle.

Example of Classical Reasoning

Recall the story of Oedipus from Greek mythology:

- Iokaste is the mother of Oedipus.
- Iokaste and Oedipus are the parents of Polyneikes.
- Polyneikes is the father of Thersandros.
- Oedipus is a patricide.
- Thersandros is not a patricide.

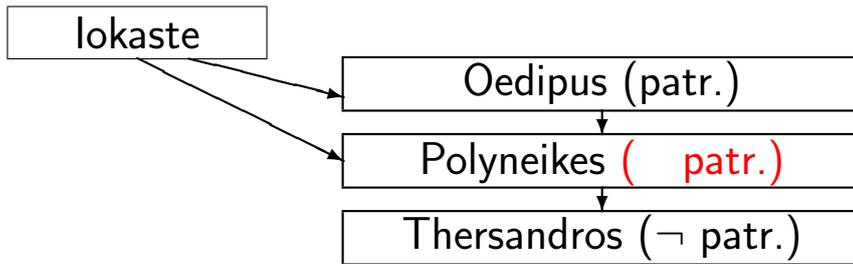
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Case 1: If Polyneikes **is** a patricide, then lokaste has a child (Polyneikes) that is a patricide and that itself has a child (Thersandros) that is not a patricide.

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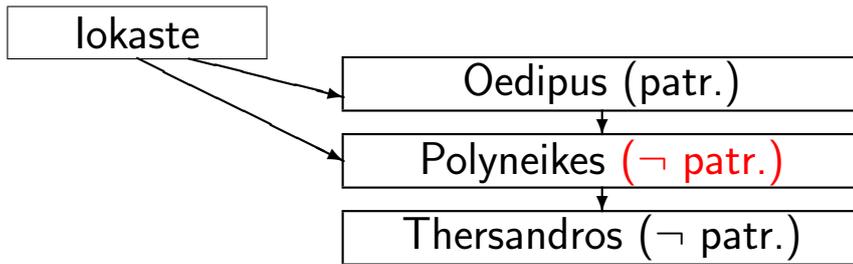
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Example of Classical Reasoning (cont.)



Does lokaste have a child that is a patricide and that itself has a child that is not a patricide?

Case 2: If Polyneikes **is not** a patricide, then lokaste has a child (Oedipus) that is a patricide and that itself has a child (Polyneikes) that is not a patricide.

Here⁵¹ is another example.

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We still don't know how to choose a and b so that a^b is rational. Hence the proof is **non-constructive**.

Overview of Rules

$$\frac{A \quad B}{A \wedge B} \wedge-I \quad \frac{A \wedge B}{A} \wedge-EL \quad \frac{A \wedge B}{B} \wedge-ER$$

$$\frac{A}{A \vee B} \vee-IL \quad \frac{B}{A \vee B} \vee-IR \quad \frac{A \vee B \quad \begin{array}{c} [A] \\ \vdots \\ C \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} [B] \\ \vdots \\ C \end{array}}{C} \vee-E$$

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} [A] \\ \vdots \\ B \end{array}}{A \rightarrow B} \rightarrow-I \quad \frac{A \rightarrow B \quad A}{B} \rightarrow-E \quad \frac{\perp}{A} \perp-E$$

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We build a fragment of a derivation by writing the conclusion R and the assumptions $R \vee S$ and $\neg S$.

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$$\neg S$$

$$\frac{R \vee S \quad \neg S}{R} \quad \frac{R \vee S \quad R}{R} \quad \vee\text{-}E$$

Since we have assumption $R \vee S$, using $\vee\text{-}E$ seems a good idea. So we should make assumptions R and S . First R . But that is a derivation of R from R !

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So now S .

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$$\frac{\neg S \quad S}{\perp} \rightarrow\text{-}E$$
$$\frac{R \vee S \quad \neg S}{R} \quad \frac{R \vee S \quad R}{R} \vee\text{-}E$$

$\neg S$ and S allow us to apply $\rightarrow\text{-}E$.

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 \end{array}$$

To apply $\vee\text{-}E$ in the end, we need to derive R . But that's easy using $\perp\text{-}E$!

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Finally, we can apply $\vee\text{-}E$. The derivation with open assumptions is a new rule that can be used like any other rule.

A Variation of Natural Deduction: Boxes

We have seen **just one** deductive system.

One variation of natural deduction is the following: A derivation is not a tree, but a sequence of numbered lines. Instead of subtrees relying on open assumptions, a subderivation relying on an assumption is enclosed in a box.

You find this explained in [\[HR04\]](#).

2.7 Alternative Deductive System Using Sequent Notation

One can base the deductive system around the derivability judgement⁵², i.e., reason about $\Gamma \vdash A$ where $\Gamma \equiv A_1, \dots, A_n$ instead of individual formulae.

⁵²An object like $A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C), A, B \vdash C$ is called a **derivability judgement**. We explained it **earlier** as simply asserting the fact that there exists a derivation tree with C at its root and open assumptions $A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C), A, B$.

However, it is also possible to make such judgements the central objects of the deductive system, i.e., have rules involving such objects.

The notation $\Gamma \vdash A$ is called **sequent notation**. However, this should not be confused with the **sequent calculus** (we will consider it **later**). The sequent calculus is based on **sequents**, which are syntactic entities of the form $A_1, \dots, A_n \vdash B_1, \dots, B_m$, where the $A_1, \dots, A_n, B_1, \dots, B_m$ are all formulae. You see that this definition is more general than the derivability judgements we consider here.

What we are about to present is a kind of hybrid between natural deduction and the sequent calculus, which we might call **natural deduction using a sequent notation**.

Sequent Rules (for \rightarrow / \wedge Fragment)

Rules for assumptions⁵³ and weakening⁵⁴:

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Rules for \wedge and \rightarrow :

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A \quad \Gamma \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash A \wedge B} \wedge\text{-I} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A \wedge B}{\Gamma \vdash A} \wedge\text{-EL} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A \wedge B}{\Gamma \vdash B} \wedge\text{-ER}$$

$$\frac{A, \Gamma \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash A \rightarrow B} \rightarrow\text{-I} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A \rightarrow B \quad \Gamma \vdash A}{\Gamma \vdash B} \rightarrow\text{-E}$$

⁵³The special rule for assumptions takes the role in this **sequent style** notation that the process of making and discharging assumptions had in **natural deduction based on trees**.

It is not so obvious that the two ways of writing proofs are equivalent, but we shall become familiar with this in the exercises by doing proofs on paper as well as in Isabelle.

⁵⁴The rule *weaken* is

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash B}{A, \Gamma \vdash B} \textit{weaken}$$

Intuitively, the soundness of rule *weaken* should be clear: having an additional assumption in the context cannot hurt since there is no proof rule that requires the **absence** of some assumption.

We will see an application of that rule **later**.

⁵⁵An **axiom** is a rule without premises. We call a rule with premises **proper**.

More rules can be derived⁵⁶.

One can write an axiom A as

$$\overline{A}$$

to emphasize that it is a rule with an empty set of premises.

Note that the **natural deduction rules** for propositional logic contain no axioms. In the **sequent style** formalization, having the assumption rule (axiom) is essential for being able to prove anything, but in the natural deduction style we learned first, we can construct proofs **without having any axioms**.

Note also that even a **proper** rule in the **object logic** is just an **axiom** at the level of Isabelle's **meta-logic**. This will be explained **later**.

⁵⁶ As an example, consider

$$\frac{A, B, \Gamma \vdash C \quad \Gamma \vdash A \wedge B}{\Gamma \vdash C} \wedge\text{-}E$$

Example: Refinement Style with Metavariables

$$\overline{\vdash A \wedge (B \wedge C) \rightarrow A \wedge C}$$

We want to show that $A \wedge (B \wedge C) \rightarrow A \wedge C$ is a tautology, i.e., that it is derivable without any assumptions.

This rule can be derived as follows:

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{A, B, \Gamma \vdash C}{A, \Gamma \vdash B \rightarrow C} \rightarrow-I}{\Gamma \vdash A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C} \rightarrow-I \quad \frac{\frac{\Gamma \vdash A \wedge B}{\Gamma \vdash A} \wedge-EL}{\Gamma \vdash B \rightarrow C} \rightarrow-E \quad \frac{\frac{\Gamma \vdash A \wedge B}{\Gamma \vdash B} \wedge-ER}{\Gamma \vdash C} \rightarrow-E$$

Example: Refinement Style with Metavariables

$$\frac{A \wedge (B \wedge C) \vdash A \wedge C}{\vdash A \wedge (B \wedge C) \rightarrow A \wedge C} \rightarrow-I$$

The topmost connective of the formula is \rightarrow , so the best rule⁵⁷ to choose is $\rightarrow-I$.

This rule can be derived as follows:

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$$\frac{\frac{A \wedge (B \wedge C) \vdash A}{A \wedge (B \wedge C) \vdash A \wedge C} \wedge-I}{\vdash A \wedge (B \wedge C) \rightarrow A \wedge C} \rightarrow-I$$

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$$\frac{\frac{A \wedge (B \wedge C) \vdash A \wedge ?X}{A \wedge (B \wedge C) \vdash A} \wedge\text{-}EL \quad \frac{}{A \wedge (B \wedge C) \vdash C} \wedge\text{-}I}{\frac{A \wedge (B \wedge C) \vdash A \wedge C}{\vdash A \wedge (B \wedge C) \rightarrow A \wedge C} \rightarrow\text{-}I} \wedge\text{-}I$$

Things are becoming less obvious. To know that $\wedge\text{-}EL$ is the best rule for the l.h.s., you need to inspect the assumption $A \wedge (B \wedge C)$.

This rule can be derived as follows:

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{A, B, \Gamma \vdash C}{A, \Gamma \vdash B \rightarrow C} \rightarrow\text{-}I}{\Gamma \vdash A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C} \rightarrow\text{-}I \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A \wedge B}{\Gamma \vdash A} \wedge\text{-}EL}{\frac{\Gamma \vdash B \rightarrow C}{\Gamma \vdash C} \rightarrow\text{-}E} \rightarrow\text{-}E \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A \wedge B}{\Gamma \vdash B} \wedge\text{-}ER \rightarrow\text{-}E$$

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$$\frac{\frac{A \wedge (B \wedge C) \vdash A \wedge ?X}{A \wedge (B \wedge C) \vdash A} \wedge\text{-EL} \quad \frac{A \wedge (B \wedge C) \vdash (?Y \wedge C)}{A \wedge (B \wedge C) \vdash C} \wedge\text{-ER}}{\frac{A \wedge (B \wedge C) \vdash A \wedge C}{\vdash A \wedge (B \wedge C) \rightarrow A \wedge C} \rightarrow\text{-I}} \wedge\text{-I}$$

Now it's becoming even more difficult. To know that $\wedge\text{-ER}$ is the best rule for the r.h.s., you need to look deep into the assumption $A \wedge (B \wedge C)$.

This rule can be derived as follows:

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{A, B, \Gamma \vdash C}{A, \Gamma \vdash B \rightarrow C} \rightarrow\text{-I} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A \wedge B}{\Gamma \vdash A} \wedge\text{-EL}}{\Gamma \vdash A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C} \rightarrow\text{-I} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A \wedge B}{\Gamma \vdash B} \wedge\text{-ER}}{\frac{\Gamma \vdash B \rightarrow C}{\Gamma \vdash C} \rightarrow\text{-E}} \rightarrow\text{-E}$$

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$$\frac{}{\vdash A \wedge (B \wedge C) \rightarrow A \wedge C} \rightarrow\text{-I}$$

Again you need to look at both sides of the \vdash to decide what to do.

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$$\frac{\frac{A, B, \Gamma \vdash C}{A, \Gamma \vdash B \rightarrow C} \rightarrow\text{-I} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A \wedge B}{\Gamma \vdash A} \wedge\text{-EL}}{\Gamma \vdash A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C} \rightarrow\text{-I}$$

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⁵⁸As you saw in our animation, we worked from the root of the tree to the leaves.

⁵⁹One aspect you might have noted in the proof is that the steps at the top, where \wedge -*EL* and \wedge -*ER* were used, required non-obvious choices, and those choices were based on the assumptions in the current derivability judgement.

In Isabelle, we will apply other rules and proof techniques that allow us to manipulate assumptions explicitly. These techniques make the process of finding a proof more deterministic.

But that is just one aspect. We will give a more theoretic account of the way Isabelle constructs proofs [later](#).

3 Natural Deduction: Review

Overview

- Short review: ND Systems and proofs
- First-Order Logic
 - Overview
 - Syntax
 - Semantics
 - Deduction, some derived rules, and examples

How Are ND Proofs Built?

ND proofs⁶⁰ build derivations under (possibly temporary) assumptions.

⁶⁰ND stands for **Natural Deduction**. It was explained in the previous lecture.

ND: Example for \rightarrow / \wedge Fragment

Rules:

$$\frac{A \quad B}{A \wedge B} \wedge-I \quad \frac{A \wedge B}{A} \wedge-EL$$

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$$\frac{A \rightarrow B \quad A}{B} \rightarrow-E$$

Proof:

$$\frac{\frac{[A \wedge B]^1}{B} \wedge-ER \quad \frac{[A \wedge B]^1}{A} \wedge-EL}{B \wedge A} \wedge-I$$

$$\frac{A \wedge B \rightarrow B \wedge A}{A \wedge B \rightarrow B \wedge A} \rightarrow-I^1$$

Alternative Formalization Using Sequents⁶¹

Rules (for \rightarrow / \wedge fragment). Here, Γ is a set of formulae.

$$\begin{array}{c} \Gamma \vdash A \quad (\text{where } A \in \Gamma) \\ \frac{\Gamma \vdash A \quad \Gamma \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash A \wedge B} \wedge\text{-I} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A \wedge B}{\Gamma \vdash A} \wedge\text{-EL} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A \wedge B}{\Gamma \vdash B} \wedge\text{-ER} \\ \frac{A, \Gamma \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash A \rightarrow B} \rightarrow\text{-I} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A \rightarrow B \quad \Gamma \vdash A}{\Gamma \vdash B} \rightarrow\text{-E} \end{array}$$

Two representations equivalent. Sequent notation seems simpler in practice⁶².

⁶¹The judgement $(\Gamma \vdash \phi)$ means that we can derive ϕ from the assumptions in Γ using certain rules. As explained in the previous lecture, one can make such judgements the central objects of the deductive system.

⁶²In particular, the sequent style notation is more amenable to automation, and thus it is closer to what happens in Isabelle.

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We went through this example in detail [last lecture](#).

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4 First-Order Logic

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In **propositional logic**, formulae are Boolean⁶³ combinations of **propositions**. This will remain important for **modeling simple patterns of reasoning**.

An **atomic proposition** is just a letter (**variable**). All one can say about it is that it is true or false. E.g. it is meaningless to say “*A* and *B* state something similar”. Also, **infinity** plays no role.

⁶³The set (or “type”) *bool* contains the two truth values *True*, *False*. A propositional formula containing *n* variables can be viewed as a function $bool^n \rightarrow bool$. For each combination of values *True*, *False* for the variables, the whole formula assumes the value *True* or *False*.

First-Order Logic: the Essence

In **first-order logic**, an **atom**(ic proposition) says that “things” have certain “properties”⁶⁴. Infinitely many “things” can be denoted, hence infinitely many atoms generated and distinguished. Comparisons of atoms become meaningful: “Tim is a boy” and “Carl is a boy” state something similar.

Example reasoning: “Tim is a boy”; “boys don’t cry”; hence “Tim doesn’t cry”.

Further reading: [vD80], [Tho91, chapter 1].

⁶⁴In propositional logic, there is no notation for writing “thing x has property p ” or “things x and y are related as follows” or for denoting the “thing obtained from thing x by applying some operation”.

In particular, no statement about all elements of a possibly infinite domain can be expressed in propositional logic, since each formula involves only finitely many different variables, and up to **equivalence** and for a set containing n variables, there are only finitely many (to be precise $2^{(2^n)}$) different propositional formulae.

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This is in contrast to **propositional logic** where variables stand for propositions.

It is common to use letters x , y , z for variables.

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$$m(x) \wedge w(y) \wedge l(x, y) \wedge \neg l(y, x)$$

Predicates: Intuition (2)

We can represent only “abstractions” of these in propositional logic, e.g., $p \wedge (d_1 \vee d_2)$ could be an abstraction of $p(x) \wedge (d(y, x) \vee d(z, x))$.

Here p stands for “ x is a prime” and d_1 stands for “ y is divisible by x ”.

But the sense in which $p(x)$, $d(y, x)$, $d(z, x)$ state something similar is lost. What it means to be divisible or to be a prime cannot be expressed.

Functions: Intuition

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⁶⁸So a function symbol f denotes an operation that takes n “things” and returns a “thing”. $f(t_1, \dots, t_n)$ is a “thing” that depends on “things” t_1, \dots, t_n .

The generic notation for function application is like this: $f(t_1, \dots, t_n)$, but the brackets are omitted for nullary functions (= constants), and many common function symbols like $+$ are denoted **infix**, so we write $0 + 0$ instead of $+(0, 0)$. Another common notation is **prefix** notation without brackets, as in -2 . There are also other notations.

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- More generally, a **function** of **arity** n expresses an n -ary operation over some **domain**, e.g.

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Intuitively, this is what first-order logic is about: We have terms that stand for “things” and formulae that stand for statements/propositions about those “things”.

But couldn't a statement also be a “thing”? And couldn't a “thing” depend on a statement?

In first-order logic: **no!**

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8. x has no free occurrences in $\forall x. \psi$; in $\forall x. \psi$, the (outermost) \forall binds all free occurrences of x in ψ ; the occurrence of x next to \forall is a **binding** occurrence of x ; likewise for \exists .

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A structure⁷⁷ is a pair $\mathcal{A} = \langle U_{\mathcal{A}}, I_{\mathcal{A}} \rangle$ where $U_{\mathcal{A}}$ is a nonempty set, the **universe**, and $I_{\mathcal{A}}$ is a mapping where

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$$FV(\phi) := \{x \mid x \text{ has a free occurrence in } \phi\}$$

⁷⁷As usual, there isn't just one way of formalizing things, and so we now explain some other notions that you may have heard in the context of semantics for first-order logic.

A **universe** is sometimes also called **domain**.

As you saw, a **structure** gives a meaning to **functions**, **predicates**, and **variables**.

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Details can be found in any textbook on logic [vD80].

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We now show a model and a non-model . . .

\mathcal{I} and A **together** contain the same information as \mathcal{A} in the original terminology. We define:

- For a given \mathcal{I} , we say that ϕ is **satisfiable in \mathcal{I}** if there exists an A so that $\mathcal{I}(A)(\phi) = 1$;
- for a given \mathcal{I} , we write $\mathcal{I} \models \phi$ and say ϕ is **true in \mathcal{I}** or **\mathcal{I} is a model of ϕ** , if for all A , we have $\mathcal{I}(A)(\phi) = 1$;
- we say ϕ is **satisfiable** if there exists an \mathcal{I} so that ϕ is satisfiable in \mathcal{I} ;
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Note that **satisfiable** (without “for . . .”) and **valid** mean the same thing in both terminologies, whereas **true in . . .** means slightly different things, since a structure is not the same thing as an interpretation.

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Existential statements are proven by giving a witness.

It is **not** true that for every character $\alpha \in \{a, b, c\}$, $(\alpha, \alpha) \in \{(a, b), (a, c)\}$. E.g., $(a, a) \notin \{(a, b), (a, c)\}$.

⁸⁵In the statement

$$\text{if } x > 2 \text{ then } x^2 > 4$$

the \forall -quantifier is implicit. It should be

$$\text{for all } x, \text{ if } x > 2 \text{ then } x^2 > 4.$$

4.5 First-Order Logic: Deductive System

First-order logic is a generalization of propositional logic. All the rules of propositional logic are “inherited”⁸⁶.

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Formal meaning of **side condition**: x not free in any open assumption on which $P(x)$ depends. Violated!⁸⁹

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The formula is false when $U_{\mathcal{A}}$ has at least 2 elements.⁹⁰

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Proof is incorrect.

Reason: Substitution⁹¹ must avoid capturing⁹² variables. Replacing x with y in $\forall\text{-}E$ is illegal because y is bound in $\neg \forall y. y = y$. This detail concerns substitution (and renaming of bound variables), not $\forall\text{-}E$. [Exercise](#)

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Boys Don't Cry

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Aside: $A \leftrightarrow B$

Define⁹⁴ $A \leftrightarrow B$ as $A \rightarrow B \wedge B \rightarrow A$.

The following rule can be **derived** (in propositional logic, actually):

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} [A] \\ \vdots \\ B \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} [B] \\ \vdots \\ A \end{array}}{A \leftrightarrow B} \leftrightarrow\text{-I}$$

You could do this as an **exercise**!

⁹⁴By **defining** we mean, use $A \leftrightarrow B$ as shorthand for $A \rightarrow B \wedge B \rightarrow A$, in the same way as we regard **negation** as a shorthand.

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Similar requirement arises in proving $(\forall x. A \rightarrow B(x)) \leftrightarrow (A \rightarrow \forall x. B(x))$.

Side Conditions and Proof Boxes

We mentioned [previously](#) a style of writing derivations where subderivations based on temporary assumptions are enclosed in boxes.

These boxes are also handy for doing derivations in first-order logic, since one can use the very clear formulation: a variable occurs inside or outside of a box. See [\[HR04\]](#).

Existential Quantification

- We could define⁹⁵ $\exists x. A$ as $\neg\forall x. \neg A$.
- Equivalence follows from our definition of semantics.

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$$\text{Conclude: } \mathcal{A}(\exists x. A) = \mathcal{A}(\neg\forall x. \neg A)$$

⁹⁵By **defining** we mean, use $\exists x. A$ as shorthand for $\neg\forall x. \neg A$, in the same way as we regard **negation** as a shorthand.

However, we have already introduced \exists as syntactic entity, and also its semantics. If we now want to treat it as being defined in terms of \forall , for the purposes of building a deductive system, we must be sure that $\exists x. A$ is semantically equivalent to $\neg\forall x. \neg A$, i.e., that $\mathcal{A}(\exists x. A) = \mathcal{A}(\neg\forall x. \neg A)$.

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We aim for applying \rightarrow -I in the last step (recall \neg -definition).

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Making assumption $P(t)$ allows us to use $\rightarrow\text{-E}$ (recall \neg -definition).

\exists -I as a Derived Rule

The rule:

$$\frac{P(t)}{\exists x. P(x)} \exists\text{-I} \quad \left| \quad \frac{\frac{[\forall x. \neg P(x)]^1}{\neg P(t)} \forall\text{-E} \quad P(t)}{\perp} \rightarrow\text{-E} \right.$$

$$\frac{\perp}{\neg \forall x. \neg P(x)} \rightarrow\text{-I}^1$$

Finally we can apply \rightarrow -I. Note that the assumption $P(t)$ is still open.

\exists -E as a Derived Rule

The rule:

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} [P(x)] \\ \vdots \\ \exists x. P(x) \quad R \end{array}}{R} \exists\text{-E} \quad \exists x. P(x)$$

We will use $\exists x. P(x)$ as one assumption.

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We assume a hypothetical derivation⁹⁷.

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We make an additional assumption and apply \rightarrow -E (recall \neg -definition)

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$$\frac{\exists x. P(x) \quad \begin{array}{c} [P(x)] \\ \vdots \\ R \end{array}}{R} \exists\text{-E}$$

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} [P(x)]^2 \\ \vdots \\ R \end{array} \quad \neg R}{\perp} \rightarrow\text{-E} \quad \frac{\perp}{\neg P(x)} \rightarrow\text{-I}^2$$

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Now we can discharge the assumption $P(x)$ made in the hypothetical derivation.

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At this step, the side condition from \forall -I applies. \exists -E will inherit it!⁹⁸

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We are done. Note that this proof uses classical⁹⁹ reasoning.

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¹⁰⁰In first-order logic, one has “things” and relations/properties that may or may not hold for these “things”. Quantifiers are used to speak about “all things” and “some things”.

For example, one can reason:

All men are mortal, Socrates is a man, therefore
Socrates is mortal.

The idea underlying first-order logic is so general, abstract, and powerful that vast portions of human (mathematical) reasoning can be modeled with it.

In fact, first-order logic is the most prominent logic of all. Many people know about it: not only mathematicians and computer scientists, but also linguists, philosophers, psychologists, economists etc. are likely to learn about first-order logic in their education.

While some applications in the fields mentioned above require other logics, e.g. modal logics¹⁰¹, those can often be reduced to first-order logic, so that first-order logic remains

the point of reference.

On the other hand, logics that are strictly more expressive than first-order logic are only known to and studied by few specialists within mathematics and computer science.

This example about **Socrates** and **men** is a very well-known one. You may wonder: what is the history of this example?

In English, the example is commonly given using the word “man”, although one also finds “human”. Like many languages (e.g., French, Italian), English often uses “man” for “human being”, although this use of language may be considered discriminating against women. E.g. [Tho95a]:

man [. . .] **1** an adult human male, esp. as distinct from a woman or boy. **2** a human being; a person (*no man is perfect*).

While the example does not, strictly speaking, imply that “man” is used in the meaning of “human being”, this is strongly suggested both by the content of the example (or should women be immortal?) and the fact that languages

that do have a word for “human being” (e.g. “Mensch” in German) usually give the example using this word. In fact, the example is originally in Old Greek, and there the word ἄνθρωπος (anthropos = human being), as opposed to ἀνὴρ (anér = human male), is used.

The example is a so-called **syllogism of the first figure**, which the scholastics called **Barbara**. It was developed by Aristotle [**Ari**] in an abstract form, i.e., without using the concrete name “Socrates”. In his terminology, ἄνθρωπος is the middle term that is used as subject in the first premise and as predicate in the second premise (this is what is called **first figure**). Aristotle formulated the syllogism as follows: If A of all B and B is said of all C, then A must be said of all C.

And why “Socrates”? It is not exactly clear how it came about that this particular syllogism is associated with Socrates. In any case, as far it is known, Socrates did not investigate any questions of logic. However, Aristotle frequently uses **Socrates** and **Kallias** as standard names for in-

- Limitation: cannot quantify over predicates¹⁰².
- “A” world or “the” world is modeled in first-order logic using so-called first-order theories. This will be studied next lecture.

dividuals [Ari]. Possibly there were statues of Socrates and Kallias standing in the hall where Aristotle gave his lectures, so it was convenient for him to point to the statues whenever he was making a point involving two individuals.

¹⁰²The idea underlying first-order logic seems so general that it is not so apparent what its limitations could be. The limitations will become clear as we study more expressive logics.

For the moment, note the following: in first-order logic, we quantify over variables (hence, domain elements), not over predicates. The number of predicates is fixed in a particular first-order language. So for example, it is impossible to express the following:

For all unary predicates p , if there exists an x such that $p(x)$ is true, then there exists a smallest x such that $p(x)$ is true,

since we would be quantifying over p .

5 First-Order Logic with Equality

Overview

Last lecture: first-order logic.

This lecture:

- first-order logic with equality and first-order theories;
- set-theoretic reasoning.

We extend language and deductive system to formalize and reason about the (mathematical) world.

FOL with Equality

Equality is a logical symbol rather than a mathematical one¹⁰³.

Speak of **first-order logic with equality** rather than adding equality as “just another predicate”.

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In logic languages, it is common to distinguish between **logical** and **non-logical** symbols. We explain this for first-order logic.

Recall that there isn't just **the** language of first-order logic, but rather defining a particular signature gives us **a** first-order language. The **logical** symbols are those that are part of **any** first-order language and whose meaning is “hard-wired” into the formalism of first-order logic, like \wedge or \forall . The **non-logical** symbols are those given by a particular **signature**, and whose meaning must be defined “by the user” by giving a **structure**.

Above we say “mathematical” instead of “non-logical” because we assume that mathematics is our domain of discourse, so that the **signature** contains the symbols of “mathematics”.

Now what status should the equality symbol $=$ have? We will assume that $=$ is a symbol whose meaning is hard-wired into the formalism. One then speaks of **first-order logic with equality**.

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Syntax: = is a binary infix predicate.

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The third = is **semantic** equality, i.e., the identity relation on the domain.

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¹⁰⁶In general mathematical terminology, a relation \equiv is an **equivalence relation** if the following three properties hold:

Reflexivity: $a \equiv a$ for all a ;

Symmetry: $a \equiv b$ implies $b \equiv a$;

Transitivity: $a \equiv b$ and $b \equiv c$ implies $a \equiv c$.

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“ a is equal b modulo 6” is often written $a \equiv b \pmod{6}$.

¹⁰⁷In general mathematical terminology, a relation \cong is a **congruence w.r.t.** (or: **on**) f , where f has arity n , if $a_1 \cong b_1, \dots, a_n \cong b_n$ implies $f(a_1, \dots, a_n) \cong f(b_1, \dots, b_n)$.

Example: being equal modulo 6 is congruent w.r.t. multiplication.

$14 \equiv 8 \pmod{6}$ and $15 \equiv 9 \pmod{6}$, hence $14 \cdot 15 \equiv 8 \cdot 9 \pmod{6}$.

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In general, no! The notations $T(r)$ and $P(r)$ are **metanotations**. $T(r)$ stands for any term in which r occurs, and $P(r)$ stands for any formula in which r occurs.

And in this context, the notation $T(s)$ stands for the term obtained from $T(r)$ by replacing all occurrences of r with s .

Soundness of Rules

For any $U_{\mathcal{A}}$, equality in $U_{\mathcal{A}}$ is an equivalence relation¹⁰⁹ and functions/predicates/logical-operators are “truth-functional”¹¹⁰.

In analogy the notation $P(s)$ is defined.

Note that r and s are arbitrary terms.

This description is not very formal, but this is not too problematic since we will be more formal **once we have some useful machinery for this at hand**.

¹⁰⁹On the semantic level, two things are equal if they are identical. Semantic equality is an **equivalence relation**. This semantic fact is so fundamental that we cannot explain it any further.

So one can prove that $I_{\mathcal{A}}(s = s) = 1$ for all terms s , because $I_{\mathcal{A}}(s) = I_{\mathcal{A}}(s)$ for all terms, and likewise for symmetry and transitivity.

¹¹⁰If $T(x)$ is a term containing x and $T(y)$ is the term obtained from $T(x)$ by replacing all occurrences of x with y , and moreover $I_{\mathcal{A}}(x = y) = 1$, then $I_{\mathcal{A}}(x) = I_{\mathcal{A}}(y)$. One can show by induction on the structure of t that $I_{\mathcal{A}}(T(x)) = I_{\mathcal{A}}(T(y))$.

So by “truth-functional” we mean that the value $I_{\mathcal{A}}(T(x))$ depends on $I_{\mathcal{A}}(x)$, not on x itself.

Congruence: Alternative Formulation

One can specialize congruence rules to replace only **some** term occurrences.

$$\frac{r = s}{T[z \leftarrow r] = T[z \leftarrow s]} \text{cong}_1$$
$$\frac{r = s \quad P[z \leftarrow r]}{P[z \leftarrow s]} \text{cong}_2$$

One time z is replaced with r and one time with s .¹¹¹

This can be generalized to n variables as in the rule.

An analogous proof can be done for rule cong_2 .

¹¹¹The notation $T[z \leftarrow r]$ stands for the term obtained from T by replacing z with r . $[z \leftarrow r]$ is called a **substitution**.

To have an unambiguous notation for “replacing some occurrences of r ”, we start from a term T containing occurrences of a variable z . On the LHS, z is replaced with r , on the RHS z is replaced with s . So on the RHS we have a term obtained from the term on the LHS by replacing some occurrences of r with s .

One can say that z is introduced to **mark** the occurrences of r that should be replaced by s .

Note that r and s can be arbitrary terms, whereas z is a variable (substitutions replace variables, not arbitrary terms).

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We show two ways:

$$\frac{x = 3 \quad x^2 + w^2 > 12 \cdot x}{3^2 + w^2 > 12 \cdot x} \quad \text{with } A = z^2 + y^2 > 12 \cdot x$$

$$\frac{x = 3 \quad x^2 + w^2 > 12 \cdot x}{x^2 + w^2 > 12 \cdot 3} \quad \text{with } A = x^2 + w^2 > 12 \cdot z$$

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The congruence rules can be generalized to n equalities instead of just 1 equality. The generalized rules are derivable from the simple ones by n -fold application.

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or literally

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In this rule, P is an Isabelle **metavariable**.

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We cannot understand this **yet**, but think of P as a formula where some positions are marked in such a way that once we apply P to r (we write $P(r)$), r will be inserted into all those positions. This is why $P(r)$ is a formula and $P(s)$ is a formula obtained by replacing some occurrences of r with s .

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¹¹⁴A partial order is a binary relation that is **reflexive**, **transitive**, and **anti-symmetric**: $a \leq b$ and $b \leq a$ implies $a = b$.

¹¹⁵ \leq is (by convention) a binary infix predicate symbol.

The theory of **partial orders** involves only this symbol, but that does not mean that there could not be any other symbols in the context.

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- Alternative to axioms is to use rules

$$\frac{x \leq y \quad y \leq z}{x \leq z} \text{ trans} \quad \frac{x \leq y \quad y \leq x}{x = y} \text{ antisym} \quad \frac{x = y}{x \leq y} \leq\text{-refl}$$

Such a conversion is possible since implication is the main connective.¹¹⁸

¹¹⁶The axiom $\forall x, y, z. x \leq y \wedge y \leq z \rightarrow x \leq z$ encodes transitivity.

¹¹⁷Note that $\forall x, y. x \leq y \wedge y \leq x \leftrightarrow x = y$ encodes both antisymmetry (\rightarrow) and reflexivity (\leftarrow). Recall that $A \leftrightarrow B$ is a shorthand for $A \rightarrow B \wedge B \rightarrow A$.

¹¹⁸One can see that using \rightarrow -I and \rightarrow -E, one can always convert a proof using the axioms to one using the proper rules.

More generally, an axiom of the form $\forall x_1, \dots, x_n. A_1 \wedge \dots \wedge A_n \rightarrow B$ can be converted to a rule

$$\frac{A_1 \quad \dots \quad A_n}{B} .$$

Do it in Isabelle!

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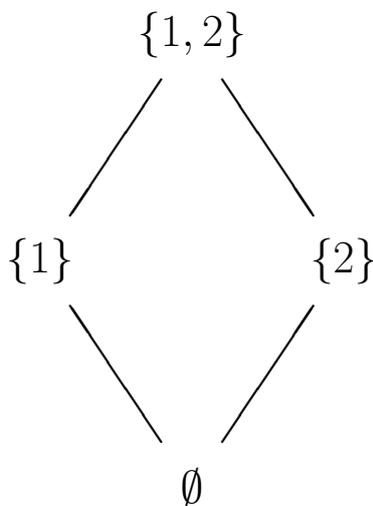
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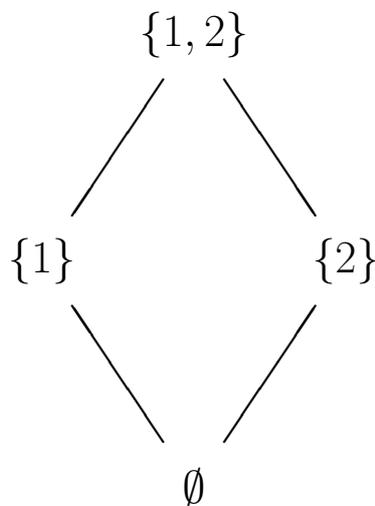
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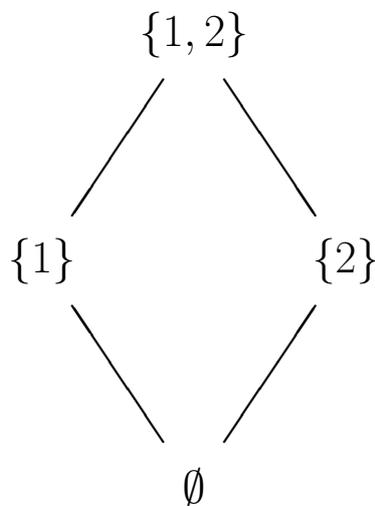
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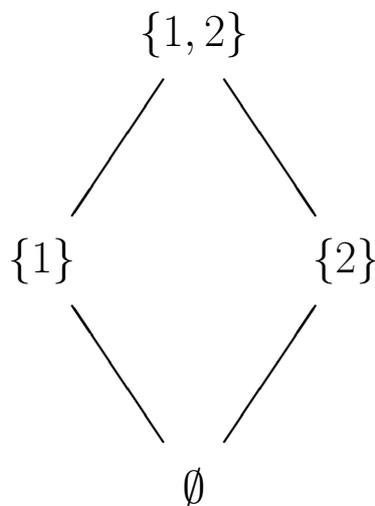
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¹²³ $_ \cdot _$ is a binary infix function symbol (in fact, only \cdot is the symbol, but the notation $_ \cdot _$ is used to indicate the fact that the symbol stands between its arguments).

$_^{-1}$ is a unary function symbol written as superscript. Again, the $_$ is used to indicate where the argument goes.

e is a nullary function symbol (= constant).

Note that groups are very common in mathematics, and many different notations, i.e., function names and fixity (infix, prefix. . .) are used for them.

¹²⁴In general mathematical terminology, a **group** consists of three function symbols $_ \cdot _$, $_^{-1}$, e , obeying the following laws:

Associativity $(a \cdot b) \cdot c = a \cdot (b \cdot c)$ for all a, b, c ,

Right neutral $a \cdot e = a$ for all a ,

Right inverse $a \cdot a^{-1} = e$ for all a .

¹²⁵A **model** of the group axioms is a **structure** in which the group axioms are true.

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We will now prove them.

However, when we say something like, “this model **is** a group”, then this is a slight abuse of terminology, since there may be other function symbols around that are also interpreted by the structure.

So when we say “this model **is** a group”, we mean, “this model is a model of the group axioms for function symbols \cdot , $^{-1}$, and e clear from the context”.

¹²⁶An **equational theory** is a set of equations. Each equation is an axiom.

Sometimes, each equation is surrounded by several \forall -quantifiers binding all the free variables in the equation, but often the equation is regarded as implicitly universally quantified.

More generally, a **conditional equational theory** consists of **proper rules** where the premises are called **conditions** [Höl90].

Note also that sometimes, one also considers the **basic rules of equality** as being part of every equational theory. Whenever one has an equational theory, one implies that the basic rules

Equational Proofs

A typical proof in an equational theory looks very different from the [natural deduction style](#), but it looks very much like the proofs you know from [school mathematics](#).

An equational proof consists simply of a sequence of equations, written as $t_1 = t_2 = \dots = t_n$, where each t_{i+1} is obtained from t_i by replacing some subterm s with a term s' , provided the equality $s = s'$ holds.

More on the justification [later](#).

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Sets are central in mathematical reasoning [Vel94].

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We will be somewhat less formal than usual. Our goal is to understand standard mathematical practice.

Later, in **HOL**, we will be completely formal.

This is an example of the **general scheme**.

Most steps use the **congruence rule** $cong_2$.

Each framed box in the derivation tree stands for a sub-tree consisting of a **group axiom** and possibly several applications of \forall - E .

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Proof Rules for Sets

Introduction, elimination, extensional equality¹³³

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$$\frac{\forall x. x \in A \leftrightarrow x \in B}{A = B} =-I \quad \frac{A = B}{\forall x. x \in A \leftrightarrow x \in B} =-E$$

The following equivalence is derivable¹³⁴:

$$\forall x. P(x) \leftrightarrow x \in \{y \mid P(y)\}$$

¹³³Two things are **extensionally equal** if they are “equal in their effects”. Thus two sets are equal if they have the same members, regardless of what syntactic expressions are used to define those sets.

Note that extensional equality may be undecidable.

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These are **syntactic sugar**. One uses them when U denotes an “important” sub-universe¹³⁵ such as \mathbb{R} or \mathbb{N} . Such a U is sometimes called **sort**.

- There is also sorted first-order logic¹³⁶.

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$$A \cup B \equiv \{x \mid x \in A \vee x \in B\}$$

$$A \setminus B \equiv \{x \mid x \in A \wedge x \notin B\}$$

- Predicates on sets

$$A \subseteq B \equiv \forall x. x \in A \rightarrow x \in B$$

In contrast, our logic is unsorted. The special syntax we provide for sorted reasoning is just **syntactic sugar**, i.e., we use it as shorthand and since it has an intuitive reasoning, but it has no impact on how expressive our logic is.

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\cap is called **intersection**.

\cup is called **union**.

\setminus is called **set difference**.

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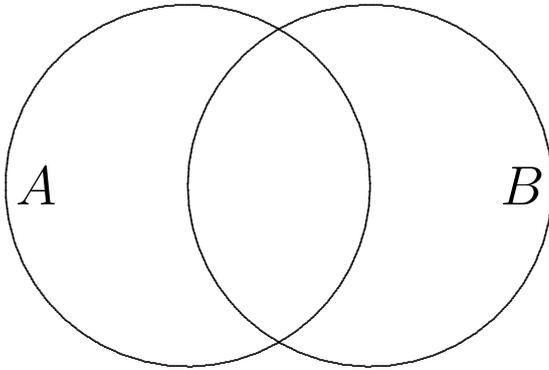
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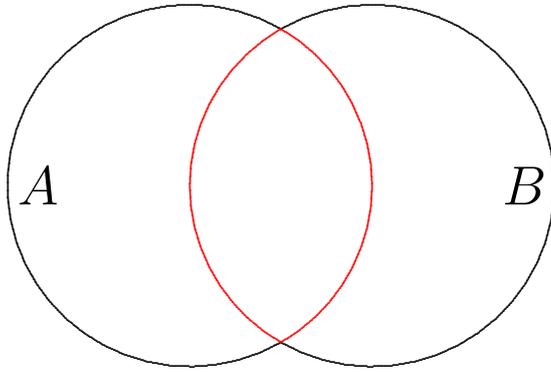
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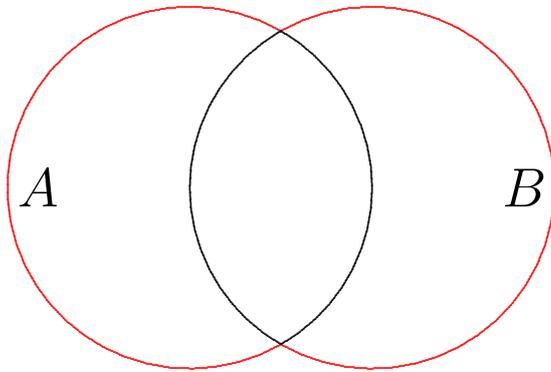


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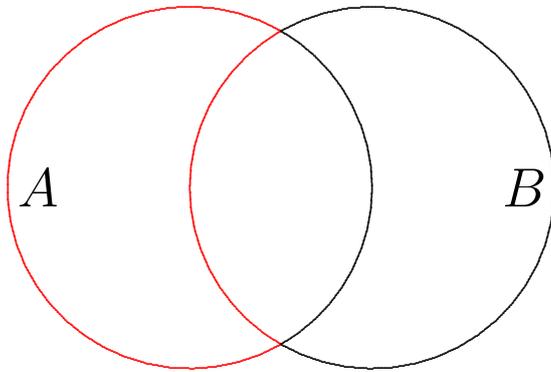


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Why is it interesting for us? The λ -calculus is used for representing object logics in Isabelle. It is the core of Isabelle's metalogic!

Further reading: [Tho91, chapter 2], [HS90, chapter 1].

Outline of this Lecture

- The untyped λ -calculus
- The simply typed λ -calculus (λ^{\rightarrow})
- An extension of the typed λ -calculus
- Higher-order unification

8.1 Untyped λ -Calculus

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The **application** to say, 3, is written $(\lambda x. x + 5)(3)$. Its result is computed by substituting 3 for x , yielding $3 + 5$, which in usual arithmetic evaluates to 8¹⁴⁸.

¹⁴⁸As you might guess, the formalism of the λ -calculus is not directly related to usual arithmetic and so it is not built into this formalism that $3 + 5$ should evaluate to 8. However, it may be a reasonable choice, depending on the context, to extend the λ -calculus in this way, but this is not our concern at the moment.

Syntax

$(x \in Var, c \in Const^{149})$

$e ::= x \mid c \mid (ee) \mid (\lambda x. e)^{150}$

The objects generated by this grammar are called λ -terms or simply terms.

¹⁴⁹Similarly as for first-order logic, a language of the untyped λ -calculus is characterized by giving a set of variables and a set of constants.

One can think of *Const* as a signature.

Note that *Const* could be empty.

Note also that the word **constant** has a different meaning in the λ -calculus from that of first-order logic. In both formalisms, constants are just symbols.

In first-order logic, a constant is a special case of a function **symbol**, namely a function symbol of arity 0.

In the λ -calculus, one does not speak of function **symbols**. In the untyped λ -calculus, **any** λ -term (including a constant) can be **applied** to another term, and so any λ -term can be called a “unary function”. A constant being applied to a term is something which would contradict the intuition about constants in first-order logic. So for the λ -calculus, think of constant as opposed to a **variable**, an **application**, or an **abstraction**.

¹⁵⁰A λ -term can either be

Conventions: iterated λ & left-associated application¹⁵¹

$$\begin{aligned}(\lambda x. (\lambda y. (\lambda z. ((xz)(yz)))))) &\equiv (\lambda xyz. ((xz)(yz))) \\ &\equiv \lambda xyz. xz(yz)\end{aligned}$$

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- a variable (case x), or
- a constant (case c), or
- an application of a λ -term to another λ -term (case (ee)),
or
- an abstraction over a variable x (case $(\lambda x. e)$).

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¹⁵²Strictly speaking, $\lambda x. x + 5$ does not adhere to the defini-
tion of syntax of λ -terms, at least if we parse it in the usual
way: $+$ is an infix constant applied to arguments x and 5 .

If we parse $x + 5$ as $((x+)5)$, i.e., x applied to (the constant)
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Substitution

- Will see shortly that “computations” are based on **substitutions**, defined similarly as in FOL.

$$(g\ x\ 3)[x \leftarrow 5]^{153} = g\ 5\ 3$$

- Must respect **free** and **bound** variables,

$$((x(\lambda x. xy))[x \leftarrow e] = e(\lambda x. xy))$$

- Same problems as with quantifiers

$$\frac{\forall x. (P(x) \wedge \exists x. Q(x, y))}{P(e) \wedge \exists x. Q(x, y)} \forall\text{-E} \quad \frac{\forall x. (P(x) \wedge \exists y. Q(x, y))}{P(y) \wedge \exists z. Q(y, z)} \forall\text{-E}$$

λ -terms, but of course, this is pathological and not intended here.

It is convenient to allow for extensions of the syntax of λ -terms, allowing for:

- application to several arguments rather than just one;
- **infix notation**.

Such an extension is inessential for the expressive power of the λ -calculus. Instead of having a binary infix constant $+$ and writing $\lambda x. x + 5$, we could have a constant *plus* according to the original syntax and write $\lambda x. ((plus\ x)\ 5)$ (i.e., write $+$ in a **Curryed** way).

¹⁵³Here we use the notation $e[x \leftarrow t]$ for the term obtained from e by replacing x with t . There is also the notation $e[t/x]$, and confusingly, also $e[x/t]$. We will attempt to be consistent within this course, but be aware that you may find such different notations in the literature.

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Example: $FV(xy(\lambda yz. xyz)) = \{x, y\}$

A term with no free variable occurrences is called **closed**.

Definition of Substitution

$M[x \leftarrow N]$ means substitute N for x in M

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Reduction: Intuition

Reduction is the notion of “computing”, or “evaluation”, in the λ -calculus.

$$f\ x = x + 5 \rightsquigarrow f = \lambda x. x + 5$$

$$f\ 3 = 3 + 5 \rightsquigarrow (\lambda x. x + 5)(3) \rightarrow_{\beta} (x + 5)[x \leftarrow 3] = 3 + 5$$

β -reduction **replaces** a parameter by an argument¹⁵⁶.

This should propagate into contexts¹⁵⁷, e.g.

$$\lambda x. (\underline{(\lambda x. x + 5)(3)}) \rightarrow_{\beta} \lambda x. (3 + 5).$$

¹⁵⁶In the λ -term $(\lambda x.M)N$, we say that N is an argument (and the function $\lambda x.M$ is applied to this argument), and every occurrence of x in M is a parameter (we say this because x is bound by the λ).

This terminology may be familiar to you if you have experience in functional programming, but actually, it is also used in the context of function and procedure declarations in imperative programming.

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the underlined part is a subterm occurring in a context. β -reduction should be applicable to this subterm.

Reduction: Definition

- Axiom for β -reduction: $(\lambda x.M)N \rightarrow_{\beta} M[x \leftarrow N]$ ¹⁵⁸

- Rules for β -reduction of redexes¹⁵⁹ in contexts:

$$\frac{M \rightarrow_{\beta} M'}{NM \rightarrow_{\beta} NM'} \quad \frac{M \rightarrow_{\beta} M'}{MN \rightarrow_{\beta} M'N} \quad \frac{M \rightarrow_{\beta} M'}{\lambda z.M \rightarrow_{\beta} \lambda z.M'}^*$$

- **Reduction** is reflexive-transitive closure

$$\frac{M \rightarrow_{\beta} N}{M \rightarrow_{\beta}^* N} \quad \frac{}{M \rightarrow_{\beta}^* M} \quad \frac{M \rightarrow_{\beta}^* N \quad N \rightarrow_{\beta}^* P}{M \rightarrow_{\beta}^* P}$$

- A term without redexes is in β -normal form.

¹⁵⁸As you see, β -reduction is defined using rules (two of them being **axioms**, the rest **proper rules**) in the same way that we have defined **proof systems for logic** before. Note that we wrote the first **axiom** defining β -reduction without a horizontal bar.

¹⁵⁹In a λ -term, a subterm of the form $(\lambda x.M)N$ is called a **redex**. It is a subterm to which β -reduction can be applied.

¹⁶⁰The rule for propagating \rightarrow_{β} to an abstraction, let us call it λ -*abstr*,

$$\frac{M \rightarrow_{\beta} M'}{\lambda z.M \rightarrow_{\beta} \lambda z.M'} \lambda\text{-abstr}$$

actually has a **vacuous side condition**:

z is not free in any open assumption on which $M \rightarrow_{\beta} M'$ depends.

The side condition is just like for \forall .

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making assumptions. The root of a derivation tree for \rightarrow_{β} is always an application of the **axiom for β -reduction**. When we consider \rightarrow_{β}^* , we may in addition have applications of the **reflexivity axiom**.

However, we will have **exercises** on \rightarrow_{β} using an Isabelle theory called RED, and in this theory, the above rule is called `epsi` and looks as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{" [| !!x. M(x) --> N(x) |] ==>} \\ & \text{" (lam x. M(x)) --> (lam x. N(x))" } \end{aligned}$$

Observe that there is a meta-level universal quantifier in this rule. From the **exercises**, you know that the meta-level universal quantifier corresponds to a side condition in paper-and-pencil proofs.

Moreover, when we later look at the **meta-logic**, there will be a **rule**

$$\frac{a \equiv b}{(\lambda x. a) \equiv (\lambda x. b)} \equiv\text{-}abstr^*$$

looking very similar to the λ -*abstr* rule and having a side

condition.

To illustrate why the side condition is needed in general, consider a derivation system where in addition to the rules for \rightarrow_β and \rightarrow_β^* , we also allow applications rules for \rightarrow (implication) and \forall of first-order logic.

For the example we give, suppose that we have an encoding of the number 0 and the $+$ function in the untyped λ -calculus, and that these behave as expected (in fact we will have an [exercise](#) showing this; in the following we use “0” and “+” just for simplicity and clarity; $+$ is written infix).

Under these assumptions, we will now derive $\lambda xy. y + x \rightarrow_\beta \lambda xy. y$. Before looking at the derivation tree, think about what this says intuitively: it says that $+$ is a function that takes two arguments, ignores the first argument and returns the second argument. Clearly, this does not correspond to the usual definition of $+$! The trick in the following derivation is to smuggle in an instantiation of x , namely to force x to be

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In the above derivation, the side condition for $\lambda\text{-abstr}$ is violated.

In Isabelle, such a “smuggling in” of an instantiation can be achieved using `instantiate_tac`, see [RED_wrongepsi.thy](#) and [wrongepsi.ML](#).

¹⁶¹You may be familiar with functions taking several arguments, or equivalently, a tuple of arguments, rather than just one argument.

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Confluence (equivalently¹⁶⁶, **Church-Rosser**): reduction is order-independent.

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A reduction is called **Church-Rosser** if

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Here, $\leftarrow := (\rightarrow)^{-1}$ is the inverse of \rightarrow , and $\leftrightarrow := \leftarrow \cup \rightarrow$ is the **symmetric closure** of \rightarrow , and $\overset{*}{\leftrightarrow} := (\leftrightarrow)^*$ is the **reflexive transitive symmetric closure** of \rightarrow .

So for example, if we have

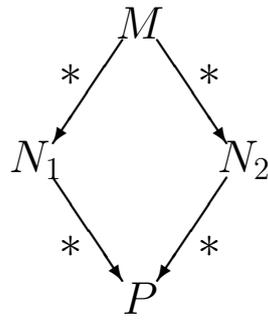
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then we would write $M_1 \overset{*}{\leftrightarrow} M_9$.

Confluence is equivalent to the Church-Rosser property [BN98, page 10].

One also says that the η -conversion expresses the idea of **extensionality** [HS90, chapter 7].

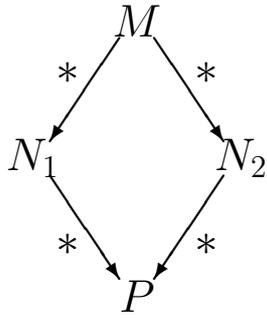
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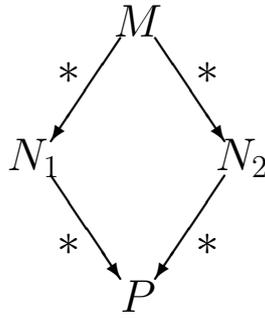
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η -conversion can be generalized to more than one variable, i.e. $M =_{\beta\eta} \lambda x_1 \dots x_n. M x_1 \dots x_n$. E.g. we can derive $\lambda x y z. M x y z =_{\beta\eta} M$:

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For any n , we call $\lambda x_1 \dots x_n. M x_1 \dots x_n$ an η -expansion of M .

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By metaproperties, we mean properties about reduction and conversion sequences in general.

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Turing Completeness

The λ -calculus can represent all computable functions.¹⁶⁷

¹⁶⁷The untyped λ -calculus is Turing complete. This is usually shown not by mimicking a Turing machine in the λ -calculus, but rather by exploiting the fact that the Turing computable functions are the same class as the μ -recursive functions [HS90, chapter 4]. In a lecture on theory of computation, you have probably learned that the μ -recursive functions are obtained from the primitive recursive functions by so-called **unbounded minimalization**, while the primitive recursive functions are built from the 0-place zero function, projection functions and the successor function using composition and primitive recursion [LP81].

The proof that the untyped λ -calculus can compute all μ -recursive functions is thus based on showing that each of the mentioned ingredients can be encoded in the untyped λ -calculus. While we are not going to study this, one crucial point is that it should be possible to encode the natural numbers and the arithmetic operations in the untyped λ -calculus.

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We will say “a term **has** a type” or “a term **is of** a type”.

¹⁶⁸We also say that we have defined a **term language**. A particular language is given by a signature, although for the untyped λ -calculus this is simply the set of constants *Const*.

¹⁶⁹We can say that we define a **type language**, i.e., a language consisting of types. A particular type language is characterized by giving a set of base types \mathcal{B} . One might also call \mathcal{B} a **type signature**.

A typical example of a set of base types would be $\{\mathbb{N}, \text{bool}\}$, where \mathbb{N} represents the natural numbers and *bool* the Boolean values \perp and \top .

All that matters is that \mathcal{B} is some fixed set “defined by the user”.

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- Syntax for (**raw**¹⁷²) **terms**: λ -**calculus** augmented with **types**¹⁷³

$$e ::= x \mid c \mid (ee) \mid (\lambda x^\tau. e)$$

¹⁷⁰The type $\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ is the type of a function that takes a natural number and returns a natural number.

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¹⁷¹To save parentheses, we use the following convention: types associate to the right, so $\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ stands for $\mathbb{N} \rightarrow (\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N})$.

Recall that application **associates to the left**. This may seem confusing at first, but actually, it turns out that the two conventions concerning associativity fit together very neatly.

¹⁷²In the context of **typed** versions of the λ -calculus, **raw** terms are terms built ignoring any **typing conditions**. So raw terms are simply terms as defined for the **untyped** λ -calculus, possibly augmented with **type superscripts**.

¹⁷³So far, this is just syntax!

The notation $(\lambda x^\tau. e)$ simply specifies that **binding** occurrences of variables in simple type theory are tagged with a

$(x \in Var, c \in Const^{174})$

superscript, where the use of the letter τ makes it clear (in this particular context) that the superscript must be some **type**, defined by the grammar we just gave.

¹⁷⁴ *Var* and *Const* are the sets of variables and constants, respectively, as for the **untyped λ -calculus**.

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¹⁷⁵For **propositional logic**, we did not use the notion of signature, although we mentioned that strictly speaking, there is not just **the** language of propositional logic, but rather **a** language of propositional logic which depends on the choice of the **variables**.

In **first-order logic**, a signature was a pair $(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{P})$ defining the function and predicate symbols, although strictly speaking, the signature should also specify the arities of the symbols in some way. Recall that we did not bother to fix a precise technical way of specifying those arities. We were content with saying that they are specified in “some unambiguous way”.

In **sorted logic**, the signature must also specify the sorts of all symbols. But we did not study sorted logic in any detail.

In the untyped λ -calculus, the signature is simply the **set of constants**.

Summarizing, we have not been very precise about the no-

- a **signature** Σ is a sequence ($c \in Const$)

$$\Sigma ::= \langle \rangle \mid \Sigma, c : \tau^{176}$$

- a **context** Γ is a sequence ($x \in Var$)

$$\Gamma ::= \langle \rangle \mid \Gamma, x : \tau$$

tion of a signature so far.

For λ^{\rightarrow} , the rules for “legal” terms become more tricky, and it is important to be formal about signatures.

In λ^{\rightarrow} , a signature associates a **type** with each constant symbol by writing $c : \tau$.

Usually, we will assume that $Const$ is clear from the context, and that Σ contains an expression of the form $c : \tau$ for each $c \in Const$, and in fact, that Σ is clear from the context as well. Since Σ contains an expression of the form $c : \tau$ for each $c \in Const$, it is redundant to give $Const$ explicitly. It is sufficient to give Σ .

¹⁷⁶We call an expression of the form $x : \tau$ or $c : \tau$ a **type binding**.

The use of the letter τ makes it clear (in this particular context) that the superscript must be some **type**, defined by the grammar we just gave.

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$$\Gamma, x : \tau, \Delta \vdash x : \tau \textit{hyp}^{180}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e : \sigma \rightarrow \tau \quad \Gamma \vdash e' : \sigma}{\Gamma \vdash ee' : \tau} \textit{app}$$

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Note that due to requiring $x : \sigma$ to occur at the end, rule¹⁷⁸ Type assignment is defined as a system of rules for deriving type judgements, in the same way that we have defined derivability judgements for logics, and β -reduction for the untyped λ -calculus.

¹⁷⁹Recall that Σ is a sequence. By abuse of notation, we sometimes identify this sequence with a set and allow ourselves to write $c : \tau \in \Sigma$.

We may also write $\Sigma \subseteq \Sigma'$ meaning that $c : \tau \in \Sigma$ implies $c : \tau \in \Sigma'$.

¹⁸⁰One could also formulate *hyp* as follows:

$$\frac{x : \tau \in \Gamma}{\Gamma \vdash x : \tau} \text{ hyp}$$

That would be in close analogy to LF, a system not treated here.

¹⁸¹A sequence is a collection of objects which differs from sets in that a sequence contains the objects in a certain order, and there can be multiple occurrences of an object.

We write a sequence containing the objects o_1, \dots, o_n as

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$\langle o_1, \dots, o_n \rangle$, or sometimes simply o_1, \dots, o_n .

If Ω is the sequence o_1, \dots, o_n , then we write Ω, o for the sequence $\langle o_1, \dots, o_n, o \rangle$ and o, Ω for the sequence $\langle o, o_1, \dots, o_n \rangle$.

An empty sequence is denoted by $\langle \rangle$.

¹⁸²**Signatures** and contexts are **sequences**, and intuitively, the order in which the **type bindings** occur in these sequences does not matter.

Now, the way we have set up the type assignment calculus, it would seem that the order does matter, namely since in rule **abs**, the binding $x : \sigma$ above the horizontal line must be the last binding in the context. An alternative formulation would be

$$\frac{\Gamma, x : \sigma, \Delta \vdash e : \tau}{\Gamma, \Delta \vdash \lambda x^\sigma. e : \sigma \rightarrow \tau} \text{abs}$$

However, the original formulation is more straightforward in light of the fact that type derivations are usually constructed bottom-up. The bottom-up application of the original **abs**

Also note the analogy to minimal logic over \rightarrow ¹⁸³.

is deterministic, whereas the alternative formulation would confront us with the choice of how to split up the context.

For example, we could start a derivation of $y : \rho, z : \omega \vdash \lambda x^\sigma. c : \sigma \rightarrow \tau$ in three ways:

$$\frac{x : \sigma, y : \rho, z : \omega \vdash c : \tau}{y : \rho, z : \omega \vdash \lambda x^\sigma. c : \sigma \rightarrow \tau} \text{abs}$$

or

$$\frac{y : \rho, x : \sigma, z : \omega \vdash c : \tau}{y : \rho, z : \omega \vdash \lambda x^\sigma. c : \sigma \rightarrow \tau} \text{abs}$$

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$$\frac{y : \rho, z : \omega, x : \sigma \vdash c : \tau}{y : \rho, z : \omega \vdash \lambda x^\sigma. c : \sigma \rightarrow \tau} \text{abs}$$

¹⁸³Recall the **sequent rules** of the “ \rightarrow / \wedge ” fragment of propositional logic. Consider now only the “ \rightarrow ” fragment. We call this fragment **minimal logic over \rightarrow** .

β -Reduction in λ^{\rightarrow}

β -reduction defined as before, has subject reduction prop-

If you take the rule

$$\Gamma, x : \tau, \Delta \vdash x : \tau \quad \text{hyp}$$

of λ^{\rightarrow} and throw away the terms (so you keep only the types), you obtain essentially the rule for assumptions

$$\Gamma \vdash A \quad (\text{where } A \in \Gamma)$$

of propositional logic.

Likewise, if you do the same with the rule

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$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A \rightarrow B \quad \Gamma \vdash A}{\Gamma \vdash B} \quad \rightarrow\text{-E}$$

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Note that in this setting, there is no analogous propositional logic rule for

$$\frac{c : \tau \in \Sigma}{\Gamma \vdash c : \tau} \textit{assum}$$

So for the moment, we can observe a close analogy between λ^{\rightarrow} , for Σ being empty, and the \rightarrow fragment of propositional logic, which is also called **minimal logic over \rightarrow** .

Such an analogy between a **type theory** (of which λ^{\rightarrow} is an example) and a logic is referred to in the literature as **Curry-Howard isomorphism** [Tho91]. One also speaks of **propositions as types** [GLT89]. The isomorphism is so fundamental that it is common to characterize type theories by the logic they represent, so for example, one might say:

erty¹⁸⁴ and is strongly normalizing¹⁸⁵.

λ^{\rightarrow} is the type theory of minimal logic over \rightarrow .

Note that for this analogy, it is quite crucial that we have no constants (Σ is empty). Namely, this condition implies that for some types, we cannot give a **closed** term that has this type. For example, we can give a closed term of type $\tau \rightarrow \sigma \rightarrow \tau$, namely $\lambda xy. x$, while we cannot give a closed term of type $(\tau \rightarrow \tau) \rightarrow \tau$. We say that $\tau \rightarrow \sigma \rightarrow \tau$ is **inhabited** while $(\tau \rightarrow \tau) \rightarrow \tau$ is not inhabited.

The inhabited types correspond exactly to the formulas that are derivable in minimal logic over \rightarrow , and the inhabiting term is regarded as a proof.

¹⁸⁴**Subject reduction** is the following property: **reduction** does not change the type of a term, so if $\vdash_{\Sigma} M : \tau$ and $M \rightarrow_{\beta} N$, then $\vdash_{\Sigma} N : \tau$.

¹⁸⁵The simply-typed λ -calculus, unlike the **untyped λ -calculus**, is **normalizing**, that is to say, every term has a normal form. Even more, it is **strongly** normalizing, that is, this normal form is reached regardless of the reduction order.

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- There is a practically useful implementation for type-construction (Hindley-Milner algorithm \mathcal{W} [Mil78, NN99]).

Term congruence¹⁸⁹ ($e =_{\alpha\beta\eta} e'$?) is decidable.

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8.3 Polymorphism and Type Classes

We will now look at the typed λ -calculus **extended** by polymorphism and type classes.

As we will see **later**, this is the universal representation for object logics in Isabelle.

Polymorphism: Intuition

In functional programming, the function *append* for concatenating two lists works the same way on integer lists and on character lists: *append* is polymorphic¹⁹⁰.

Type language must be generalized to include **type variables** (denoted by $\alpha, \beta \dots$) and **type constructors**.

Example: *append* has type $\alpha \text{ list} \rightarrow \alpha \text{ list} \rightarrow \alpha \text{ list}$, and by type instantiation, it can also have type, say, $\text{int list} \rightarrow \text{int list}$.

¹⁹⁰In functional programming, you will come across functions that operate uniformly on many different types. For example, a function *append* for concatenating two lists works the same way on integer lists and on character lists. Such functions are called **polymorphic**.

More precisely, this kind of polymorphism, where a function does exactly the same thing regardless of the type instance, is called **parametric** polymorphism, as opposed to **ad-hoc** polymorphism.

In a type system with polymorphism, the notion of **base type** (which is just a **type constant**, i.e., one symbol) is generalized to a **type constructor** with an arity ≥ 0 . A type constructor of arity n applied to n types is then a **type**. For example, there might be a type constructor *list* of arity 1, and *int* of arity 0. Then, *int list* is a type.

Note that application of a type constructor to a type is written in **postfix** notation, unlike any notation for function application we have seen. However, other conventions exist,

Polymorphism: Two Syntaxes

- Syntax for **polymorphic types** (\mathcal{B} a set of type constructors¹⁹¹ including \rightarrow), $T \in \mathcal{B}$, α is a **type variable**)

$$\tau ::= \alpha \mid (\tau, \dots, \tau) T$$

even within Isabelle.

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Polymorphic Type Assignment Calculus

Type substitutions (denoted Θ) defined in analogy to substitutions in FOL¹⁹². Apart from application of Θ in rule *assum*, type assignment is as for λ^{\rightarrow} :

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*: Θ is any type substitution.

type constructor comes **after** the arguments it is applied to.

It makes perfect sense to view the function construction arrow \rightarrow as **type constructor**, however written infix rather than postfix.

So the \mathcal{B} is some fixed set “defined by the user”, but it should definitely always include \rightarrow .

¹⁹²A **type substitution** replaces a type variable by a type, just like in **first-order logic**, a substitution replaces a variable by a term.

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Type classes are used to group together types with certain **properties**, in particular, types for which certain **symbols** are defined.

For example, for some types, a symbol \leq (which is a **binary infix predicate**) may exist and for some it may not, and we could have a type class *ord* containing all types for which it exists.

Suppose you want to sort a list of elements (smaller elements should come before bigger elements). This is only defined for elements of a type for which the symbol \leq exists.

Note that while a symbol such as \leq may have a similar meaning for different types (for example, integers and reals), one cannot say that it means **exactly the same thing** regardless of the type of the argument to which it is applied. In fact, \leq has to be defined separately for each type in *ord*.

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We only **sketch** the formalization here, and refer to [HHPW96, Nip93, NP93] for details.

somewhat different from **ad-hoc polymorphism**: The types of the symbols need not be declared separately. E.g., one has to declare only once that \leq is of type $(\alpha :: \text{ord}, \alpha)$.

¹⁹⁴**Ad-hoc polymorphism**, also called **overloading**, refers to functions that do different (although usually similar) things on different types. For example, a function \leq may be defined as 'a' \leq 'b' ... on characters and $1 \leq 2$... on integers. In this case, the symbol \leq must be declared and defined separately for each type.

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¹⁹⁵A syntactic class is a class of types for which certain **symbols** are declared to exist. Isabelle has a syntax for such declarations. E.g., the declaration

```
sort ord < term
const <= : ['a::ord, 'a] => bool
```

may form part of an Isabelle theory file. It declares a type class *ord* which is a **subclass** (that's what the $<$ means; in mathematical notation it will be written \prec) of a class *term*, meaning that any type in *ord* is also in *term*. We will write the “**class judgement**” $\textit{ord} \prec \textit{term}$. The class *term* must be defined elsewhere.

The second line declares a symbol $<=$. Such a declaration is preceded by the keyword `const`. The notation $\alpha :: \textit{ord}$ stands for a type variable **constrained** to be in class *ord*. So $<=$ is declared to be of type $[\alpha :: \textit{ord}, \alpha] \Rightarrow \textit{bool}$, meaning that it takes two arguments of a type in the class *ord* and returns a term of type *bool*. The symbol $\Rightarrow(=>)$ is the **function type arrow** in Isabelle. Note that the second occurrence of α is

- Axiomatic classes¹⁹⁶: Declare (axiomatize) that certain theorems should hold for a $\tau :: \kappa$ where κ is a type class. E.g., axiomatize that \leq is reflexive by an (Isabelle) theorem " $x \leq x$ ". Isabelle has syntax for this.

written without $:: ord$. This is because it is enough to state the class constraint once.

Note also that $[\alpha :: ord, \alpha] \Rightarrow bool$ is in fact just another way of writing $\alpha :: ord \Rightarrow \alpha \Rightarrow bool$, similarly as for goals.

Haskell [HHPW96] has type classes but ML [Pau96] hasn't.

¹⁹⁶In addition to declaring the syntax of a type class, one can axiomatize the semantics of the symbols. Again, Isabelle has a syntax for such declarations. E.g., the declaration

```
axclass order < ord
  order_refl: ''x <= x ''
  order_trans: '' [| x <= y; y <= z |] ==> x <= z ''
  ...
```

may form part of an Isabelle theory file. It declares an **axiomatic** type class *order* which is a subclass of *ord* defined above.

The next two lines are the **axioms**. Here, *order_refl* and *order_trans* are the names of the axioms. Recall that \implies is the implication symbol in Isabelle (that is to say, the metalevel

To use a class, we can declare members¹⁹⁷ of it, e.g., \mathbb{N} is a member of *ord*.

implication).

Whenever an Isabelle theory **declares** that a type is a member of such a class, it must **prove** those axioms.

The rationale of having axiomatic classes is that it allows for proofs that hold in different but similar mathematical structures to be done only once. So for example, all theorems that hold for dense orders can be proven for **all** dense orders with one single proof.

¹⁹⁷One also speaks of a type being an **instance** of a type class, but this is slightly confusing, since we also say that a **type** can be an instance of another **type**, e.g., $\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ is an instance of α , since $\alpha[\alpha \leftarrow (\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N})] = \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$. So it is better to speak of a member of a type class.

Isabelle provides a syntax for declaring that a type is a member of a type class, e.g.

```
instance nat :: ord
```

declares that type `nat` is a member of class `ord`.

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Syntax: Classes, Types, and Terms

Based on

- a set of type classes¹⁹⁸, say $\mathcal{K} = \{ord, order, lattice, \dots\}$,
- a set of type constructors¹⁹⁹, say

come with a **definition** of the **symbols** that are declared to exist for κ .

In addition, if κ is an axiomatic class, such a declaration **must come** with a **proof** of the **axioms**.

If a type τ is (by declaration) a member of class κ , we write the “**class judgement**” $\tau :: \kappa$.

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We have seen some Isabelle syntax for **declaring** the type classes **previously**.

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¹⁹⁹As before, the set \mathcal{B} we gave is **incomplete** (there are “...”) and just **exemplary**. We might call \mathcal{B} a **type signature**.

Note also that an $_$ is used to denote the **arity** of a **type constructor**.

$$\mathcal{B} = \{bool, _ \rightarrow _^{200}, ind, _ list, _ set \dots\},$$

- a set of constants $Const$ and a set of variables Var ,

we define

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- $_ list$ means that $list$ is unary type constructor;
 - $_ \rightarrow _$ means that \rightarrow is a binary infix type constructor.

The notation using $_$ is slightly abusive since the $_$ is not actually part of the type constructor. $_ list$ is not a type constructor; $list$ is a type constructor.

So the set of type constructors involved in an Isabelle theory is a finite set of names (written lower-case) with each having an arity associated, typically including $bool$, \rightarrow , and $list$. Note however that $bool$ is fundamental (since object level predicates are modeled as functions taking terms to a Boolean), and so is \rightarrow , the constructor of the function space between two types.

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²⁰⁰In λ^{\rightarrow} , types were built from base types using a “special symbol” \rightarrow .

When we generalize λ^{\rightarrow} to a λ -calculus with polymorphism, this “special symbol” becomes a **type constructor**. However,

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(α is type variable, $T \in \mathcal{B}$, $\kappa \in \mathcal{K}$, $x \in \text{Var}$, $c \in \text{Const}$)

the syntax is still special, and it is interpreted in a particular way.

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is a grammar defining what polymorphic types are (syntactically). As before, τ is the non-terminal we use for (now: polymorphic) types.

This grammar is not exemplary but generic, and it deserves a closer look.

A type variable is a variable that stands for a **type**, as opposed to a **term**. We have not given a grammar for type variables, but assume that there is a countable set of type variables disjoint from the set of term variables. We use α as the non-terminal for a type variable (abusing notation, we often also use α to denote an actual type variable).

First, note that a type variable may be followed by a **class constraint** $:: \kappa$ (recall that κ is the non-terminal for type

Type Assignment Calculus with Type Classes

Assume some syntax for declaring $\tau :: \kappa$ and $\kappa \prec \kappa'$. In addition introduce the rule

$$\frac{\tau :: \kappa \quad \kappa \prec \kappa'}{\tau :: \kappa'} \textit{subclass}$$

Type assignment rules as before, but type substitution Θ in

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must respect **class constraints**: for each $\alpha :: \kappa$ occurring in τ where $\alpha\Theta = \sigma$, judgement $\sigma :: \kappa$ must hold.

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Moreover, a polymorphic type is obtained by preceding a type constructor with a tuple of types. The arity of the tuple must be equal to the declared arity of the type constructor.

It is not shown here that for some special type constructors, such as \rightarrow , the argument may also be written infix.

Example

Suppose that by virtue of declarations, we have $\mathbb{N} :: \text{order}$, $\text{order} \prec \text{ord}$, and $\leq: \alpha :: \text{ord} \rightarrow \alpha \rightarrow \text{bool} \in \Sigma$. Derive

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and then $(\Theta = [\alpha \leftarrow \mathbb{N}])$

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which respects the class constraint since the judgement $\mathbb{N} :: \text{ord}$ was derived above.

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Two issues concerning metavariables are:

- suitable renamings²⁰² of metavariables;
- unification²⁰³ before rule application.

²⁰²Whenever a rule is applied, the metavariables occurring in it must be renamed to fresh variables to ensure that no metavariable in the rule has been used in the proof before.

The notion fresh is often casually used in logic, and it means: this variable has never been used before. To be more precise, one should say: never been used before in the relevant context.

²⁰³The mechanism to instantiate metavariables as needed is called (higher-order) unification. Unification is the process of finding a substitution that makes two terms equal.

We will now see more formally what it is and later also where it is used.

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Why **higher-order**? Metavariables may be instantiated to **functions**, e.g. $[?P \leftarrow \lambda y.y + y]$.

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- Important fragments (like [HO-patterns](#)) are decidable.
- HO-unification has possibly infinitely many solutions.

We will look at some of these issues again [later](#).

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8.5 Summary on λ -Calculus

- λ -calculus is a formalism for writing **functions**.
- **β -reduction** is the notion of “computing” in λ -calculus.
- λ -calculus is **Turing-complete**.
- λ^{\rightarrow} restricts syntax to “meaningful” λ -terms.
- Add-on features: **Polymorphism and type classes**.
- The λ -calculus will be used to represent syntax of object logics. λ -terms²⁰⁶ stand for object terms/formulae. This will be explained **next lecture**.
- **HO-unification** is important in applying proof rules.

²⁰⁶So just like **first-order logic**, the λ -calculus has a syntactic category called **terms**. But the word “term” has a meaning for the λ -calculus that differs from the meaning it has for first-order logic, and so one can say **λ -term** for emphasis.

Note that **at this stage**, we have no syntactic category called “formula” for the λ -calculus.

9 Encoding Syntax

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Later: representing **proofs/provability**. Then we will really have a **metal^ogic**, not just **metalanguage**.

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Why Have a Metalogic?

Why should we have a **meta-** or **framework** logic rather than implementing provers for each object logic individually?

- + Implement 'core'²⁰⁹ only once
- + Shared support for automation²¹⁰
- + Conceptual framework²¹¹ for exploring what a logic is

But

- +/- Metalayer²¹² between user and logic
- Makes assumptions²¹³ about structure of logic

9.1 λ^{\rightarrow} : Review

²⁰⁹By the core we mean the syntax and proof rules of the metalogic. These should be simple, so that one can be reasonably confident that the implementation is correct.

²¹⁰There are some general techniques involved in automating the search for a proof that work for various object logics. It is therefore useful to implement these techniques on a higher level, rather than considering each object logic individually.

²¹¹By implementing various object logics within the same metalogic, we can compare the object logics in a more formal way.

²¹²Having a logic and a metalogic can be very mind-boggling. We already experienced that when working with Isabelle, it is sometimes confusing to know whether we are at the level of a particular theory, or at the level of general Isabelle syntax, or at the level of ML, the programming language that Isabelle is implemented in.

²¹³Designing a metalogic is a bold endeavor.

How are we supposed to know that the metalogic is expressive enough to encode any object logic someone might

λ^{\rightarrow} is sufficient for presentation here (no polymorphism, type classes).

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- Syntax for terms: λ -calculus augmented with types

$$e ::= x \mid c \mid (ee) \mid (\lambda x^{\tau}. e)$$

$$(x \in Var, c \in Const)$$

invent?

There is probably no general satisfactory answer to this question.

In fact, we make assumptions that object logics are of a certain kind.

This is related to the nature of implication. Roughly speaking, we assume logics and proof systems for which the **deduction theorem** holds, i.e., for which $A \vdash B$ (B is derivable under assumption A) holds if and only if $\vdash A \rightarrow B$ ($A \rightarrow B$ is derivable without any assumption).

There are logics (modal, relevance logics) for which the theorem does not hold [BM00].

Type Assignment

- Signature $\Sigma ::= \langle \rangle \mid \Sigma, c : \tau$.
- Context $\Gamma ::= \langle \rangle \mid \Gamma, x : \tau$.
- Type assignment rules

$$\frac{c : \tau \in \Sigma}{\Gamma \vdash c : \tau} \text{ *assum* } \quad \Gamma, x : \tau, \Delta \vdash x : \tau \text{ *hyp*}$$

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²¹⁵Now the object/meta distinction starts becoming mind-boggling!

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and so on the level of our **metallogic** λ^{\rightarrow} , not , and , and imp are **constants**. However, these constants **represent** the **logical symbols** of the object logic.

Note the types of the constants:

not has type $o \rightarrow o$, so it takes a proposition and returns a proposition.

and and imp have type $o \rightarrow o \rightarrow o$, so each takes **two** propositions and returns a proposition.

- Context assigns types to variables²¹⁶.

This approach is called **first-order syntax** (see later).

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A **canonical $\beta\eta$ -long normal form** of a λ -term is obtained by applying first β -reduction as long as possible, and then computing the **maximal η -expansion**.

You may wonder: Why is there such a thing as a **maximal η -expansion**? Can't I expand a λ -term to $\lambda x_1 \dots x_n. M x_1 \dots x_n$ for arbitrary n ? In the untyped λ -calculus, this is indeed the case. But in the **typed** λ -calculus, the answer is no! Consider this example:

not can be expanded to $\lambda x. \text{not } x$ since not is of **function type**: it has type $o \rightarrow o$. Therefore, $\text{not } x$ can be assigned a **type**, which is an intermediate step in typing $\lambda x. \text{not } x$:

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Just like $\Gamma \vdash a : o$ means that a represents a proposition, $\Gamma \vdash t : i$ means that t represents a term.

$x : o$, where x is a propositional variable in *Prop*.

²²⁶In the previous section, we have seen how we can use first-order syntax (of λ^{\rightarrow}) to represent the syntax of an object logic, then *Prop*. We haven't really understood yet why we speak of first-order syntax, but note that the notion "first-order" refers to λ^{\rightarrow} , i.e., the metalevel.

We will now consider first-order logic as object language. So we will now attempt to represent the syntax of first-order logic (the object language) using first-order λ^{\rightarrow} syntax (the metalanguage). To avoid confusion, it is best to imagine that it is a mere coincidence that both the object and the metalanguage are described as "first-order". Of course there are reasons why both languages are called like that, but it is best to understand this separately for both levels. We will come back to this.

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²²⁷With this grammar, we specify a certain language of a fragment (since quantifiers, \forall , and \perp are missing) of first-order logic.

Alternatively, we could say that $\mathcal{F} = \{0, s, +, \times\}$ and $\mathcal{P} = \{=\}$. However, the way we defined first-order logic, the language thus obtained would also include quantifiers, \forall , and \perp . For the moment we want to restrict ourselves to the fragment given by the grammar for FOA.

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Encoding FOL in General

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Abusing notation, we might skip the subscript *enc*.

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the signature Σ would not contain any constants of type var or $\dots \rightarrow var$. The only terms of type var would be variables. In this case, a λ^{\rightarrow} term like $(\bigwedge x (q x))$ could only be typed in a context Γ containing $x : var$, i.e., x would be a free variable of the term.

Alternatively, one could imagine that they are constants. The signature Σ would contain expressions of the form $x : var$, where x would be a λ^{\rightarrow} constant. One thing that isn't nice about this approach is that Σ cannot be an infinite sequence, and so we would have to fix a finite set of variables that can be represented in λ^{\rightarrow} .

In either case, the operation of substitution on the metalevel is of no use for implementing substitution on the object level.

²³²Some intuition: a proposition is represented by a term of type o . Now a term of type $i \rightarrow o$ represents a proposition where some positions are marked in a special way. For example, in $\lambda x^i. eq x x$, the positions where x occurs are marked in a special way, by virtue of the fact that the λ in front of the

Adequacy and faithfulness as before²³³.

expression binds the x . This “marking” allows us to “insert” other terms in place of x . We will see this [soon](#).

all is a constant which can be applied to a term of type $i \rightarrow o$.

²³³Terms and formulae are represented by (canonical) members of i and o . The principle is similar as for *Prop*.

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Example derivation (all but one steps use rule *app*):

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Intuition: “functions as arguments”²³⁴.

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A type of order > 1 is called **higher order** (although in **higher-order unification** or **higher-order rewriting**, even order 1 is considered higher-order).

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Why “Abstract”?

HOAS looks quite different from the concrete object level syntax and hence “abstracts” from this object level syntax.

More specifically, different object level **binding** operators are represented by a combination of a **constant** (*all*, *exists*) and the **generic** λ -operator.

Thanks to this technique, standard operations on syntax need no **special encoding**, but are supported implicitly by λ^{\rightarrow} .

We will now see this.

Binding

Binding on the object level and metalevel coincide.

So in $\forall x.P$, all occurrences of x in P are bound, and likewise, in $all(\lambda x^i.\ulcorner P \urcorner)$, all occurrences of x in $\ulcorner P \urcorner$ are bound.

This provides support for substitution.

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²³⁵Although propositional variables and first-order variables are quite different concepts, the representation in λ^{\rightarrow} uses λ^{\rightarrow} -variables for both. Technically however, there is a difference between the representations of propositional variables and first-order variables. In particular, propositional variables are represented as λ^{\rightarrow} -variables of type o , and first-order variables are represented as λ^{\rightarrow} -variables of type i .

10 Isabelle's Metalogic

Representing Syntax and Proofs

- We will extend the λ -calculus to a **logic** (with formulae and inference rules): Isabelle's metalogic, which goes under the name of \mathcal{M} , Pure²³⁶.
- The main purpose of the metalogic is to provide a framework for reasoning about proof rules, and for deriving new proof rules from existing ones..

This lecture is loosely based on Paulson's work [Pau89]. It is maybe the most challenging lecture of this course.

²³⁶In Isabelle jargon, the metalogic is called **Pure**.

In this course, we will avoid calling the Isabelle metalogic **HOL**, although you may find such uses in the literature.

In the literature and in Isabelle formalizations, we find various definitions of **higher-order logic (HOL)** that differ more or less substantially.

But the important point to remember here is this: The Isabelle metalogic \mathcal{M} we study here is **not** identical to the logic **we** will study during the entire second half of this course. And the most important difference between \mathcal{M} and HOL is not in the logics themselves, but in the way we use them:

\mathcal{M} is a (the) metalogic!

HOL is an object logic!

Deriving proof rules

In a previous lecture we proved the derived rule \exists -E

$$\frac{\frac{\exists x. P(x)}{R} \quad \begin{array}{c} [P(x)] \\ \vdots \\ R \end{array}}{R} \exists\text{-E, proof of } R \text{ where } x \text{ does not occur in } R \text{ and in any open assumption}$$

How can we prove this formally using a meta-calculus and a meta-logic?

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- Using a metalogic such as \mathcal{M} has two benefits:
 - Shared implementational support for the “general principles”;

- to a wide extent, the “general principles” are formally derived in \mathcal{M} . This gives a high degree of confidence.

What Is Formality anyway?

- Ultimately, logic and formal reasoning have to resort to natural language. Proofs of, say, the soundness of a derivation system employ the usual mathematical rigor, but that's all. Imagine this for the situation that we just want to do reasoning²³⁷ in **propositional logic** and nothing else.
- We will now introduce a logic \mathcal{M} . Its **proof system** is **small!**

²³⁷We would formalize the language and the proof system as we did in the **first lecture**. Any proofs of soundness and completeness or other meta-properties should be rigorous, but they still resort to natural language.

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Expressing proof rules

The derived rule \exists - E is expressed in our metalogic as

$$\bigwedge P R. \exists x. Px \Rightarrow (\bigwedge x. Px \Rightarrow R) \Rightarrow R.$$

Here \Rightarrow can be read as “provability” and \bigwedge denotes that the proof does not depend on P, R resp. x . Thus the side condition of \exists - E is expressed by the nested $\bigwedge x$.

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So far, λ^{\rightarrow} is **not** a logic (no **connectives**, no **formulae**). We will now define a **particular language** of λ^{\rightarrow} that can be called a **logic**.

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Proof System for \mathcal{M}

The proof system will be presented in the style of **natural deduction**.

This is as formal as we get (for the metalogic): derivation trees in natural deduction style are authoritative.

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$$\frac{\dots}{\phi} \dots$$

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Note that these rules are Meta-Rules²⁴².

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Rules:

$$\frac{\phi x}{\bigwedge x. \phi x} \bigwedge-I^* \quad \frac{\bigwedge x. \phi x}{\phi b} \bigwedge-E$$

Side condition *: x is not free in any open assumption on which ϕx depends.

Just like rules for \forall .

Rules for α, β -Conversions

Isabelle always rewrites every proposition into its normal form using α, β -conversion in the background. This can be expressed by the rule

$$\frac{\phi}{\phi'} \text{ conv} \quad (\text{where } \phi =_{\alpha\beta} \phi')$$

Rules for \equiv : Equivalence Relation

Isabelle also adds a meta-equality \equiv , whose main purpose is to introduce new definitions. It satisfies the following axioms.

- \equiv -*refl*: $\bigwedge t. t \equiv t$
- \equiv -*subst*: $\bigwedge \phi. \bigwedge s. \bigwedge t. s \equiv t \Rightarrow \phi s \Rightarrow \phi t$
- \equiv -*ext*: $\bigwedge f. \bigwedge g. (\bigwedge x. f x \equiv g x) \Rightarrow f \equiv g$
- \equiv -*l*: $\bigwedge \phi. \bigwedge \psi. (\phi \Rightarrow \psi) \Rightarrow (\psi \Rightarrow \phi) \Rightarrow \phi \equiv \psi$.

Additionally a theory can introduce new axioms of the form *def*: $c \equiv t$ where c is a fresh constant symbol (which is then added to Σ) and t a λ -term containing no free variables.

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To encode a particular object logic L , we have to extend \mathcal{M} by extending the type language, the term language (the signature) and the proof rules. The thus extended logic will be called \mathcal{M}_L .

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Two types²⁴³ for truth values: o and $prop$.

We now need a more concise (*sweeter*) syntax or things will become hopelessly unreadable.

But this is also quite demanding: you should always be able to “unsugar” the syntax.

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- \rightarrow is both a constant declared in Σ and the **function type arrow**.
- $\wedge, \vee, \rightarrow$ will be written **infix**, and we may write $\forall x.\phi$ for $\forall(\lambda x.\phi)$, and likewise for \exists .
- $\text{true } A^{245}$ is usually written $[A]$.

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Encoding the Rules

The **rules** of the object logic are encoded as **axioms** of the metalogic. These axioms are added to the proof system of \mathcal{M} (to obtain \mathcal{M}_L).

To avoid confusion, we will use distinctive terminology:

- There is a **meta-rule** called \Rightarrow -E.
- There is a similar **object rule** that we call the \rightarrow -E rule.
- It is encoded as a **meta-axiom** that we call the \rightarrow -E axiom.

that $[A]$ is a meta-formula that may or may not be derivable in \mathcal{M}_L , and that this should reflect **derivability of A in L** .

In the file `IFOL.thy` in your **Isabelle distribution**, you find

```
Trueprop    :: "o => prop"
```

`Trueprop` corresponds to *true*.

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Faithful Metalogics

For any object logic L , we define:

- \mathcal{M}_L is **sound for L** if, for every proof of $[A_1] \Rightarrow \dots \Rightarrow [A_m] \Rightarrow [B]$ in \mathcal{M}_L , there is a proof of B from assumptions A_1, \dots, A_m in L .
- \mathcal{M}_L is **complete for L** if, for every proof of B from assumptions A_1, \dots, A_m in L , there is a proof of $[A_1] \Rightarrow \dots \Rightarrow [A_m] \Rightarrow [B]$ in \mathcal{M}_L .
- \mathcal{M}_L is **faithful for L** if \mathcal{M}_L is sound and complete for L .

Using concepts of Prawitz [Pra65, Pra71], one can show by structural induction that \mathcal{M}_{Prop} is faithful for *Prop*.

An Example Proof

$$\frac{}{\wedge AB.[A \wedge B] \Rightarrow [A]} \wedge\text{-}EL$$

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$\wedge\text{-}EL$ $\rightarrow\text{-}I$ are not **object rules** but **meta-axioms**!

10.3 Converting Proofs to Metaproofs

An application of a proof rule corresponds to applying \wedge -E and \Rightarrow -E in the metaproof, e.g.,

$$\frac{\frac{P \wedge Q}{Q} \wedge\text{-EL} \quad \frac{\frac{\wedge A B. [A \wedge B] \Rightarrow [B]}{\wedge B. [P \wedge B] \Rightarrow [B]} \wedge\text{-E}}{[P \wedge Q] \Rightarrow [Q]} \wedge\text{-E} \quad [P \wedge Q]}{[Q]} \Rightarrow\text{-E}$$

Natural Deduction Rules

For natural deduction style proofs \Rightarrow -I is used if the proof rule eliminates assumptions, e.g.,

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} [P] \\ \vdots \\ Q \end{array}}{P \rightarrow Q} \Rightarrow\text{-I}$$

converts to the metaproof

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\wedge A B. ([A] \Rightarrow [B]) \Rightarrow [A \rightarrow B]}{\wedge B. ([P] \Rightarrow [B]) \Rightarrow [P \rightarrow B]} \wedge\text{-E} \quad \frac{[[P]]}{[Q]} \Rightarrow\text{-I}}{([P] \Rightarrow [Q]) \Rightarrow [P \rightarrow Q]} \wedge\text{-E} \quad \frac{[P] \Rightarrow [Q]}{[P] \Rightarrow [Q]} \Rightarrow\text{-E}}{[P \rightarrow Q]} \Rightarrow\text{-E}$$

10.4 Quantification

We add the following meta-axioms to obtain \mathcal{M}_{FOL} :

$$\begin{aligned}\bigwedge F.(\bigwedge x.[F x]) &\Rightarrow [\forall x.F x] && (\forall-I) \\ \bigwedge Fy.[\forall x.F x] &\Rightarrow [F y] && (\forall-E) \\ \bigwedge Fy.[F y] &\Rightarrow [\exists x.F x] && (\exists-I) \\ \bigwedge FB.[\exists x.F x] &\Rightarrow (\bigwedge x.[F x] \Rightarrow [B]) \Rightarrow [B] && (\exists-E)\end{aligned}$$

Similarly as for *Prop*, one can show that \mathcal{M}_{FOL} is faithful for FOL.

Side condition checking is shifted to the meta-level.

Proof of $(\forall z.G z) \rightarrow (\forall z.G z \vee H z)$

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{[\forall z.G z]^1}{G z} \forall-E}{G z \vee H z} \vee-IL}{\forall z.G z \vee H z} \forall-I}{(\forall z.G z) \rightarrow (\forall z.G z \vee H z)} \rightarrow-I^1$$

How is it proved using metalogic?

Proof of $(\forall z.G z) \rightarrow (\forall z.G z \vee H z)$ (1)

We do the proof top-down. First \forall -E and \vee -IL:

$$\frac{\frac{\wedge Fy.[\forall x.F x] \Rightarrow [F y]}{[\forall z.G z \Rightarrow G z]} \wedge\text{-E} \quad [\forall z.G z]}{[G z]} \Rightarrow\text{-E}$$

$$\frac{\frac{\wedge FG.[F] \Rightarrow [F \vee G]}{[G z] \Rightarrow [G z \vee H z]} \wedge\text{-E} \quad \frac{\vdots}{[G z]} \Rightarrow\text{-E}}{[G z \vee H z]} \Rightarrow\text{-E}$$

Proof of $(\forall z.G z) \rightarrow (\forall z.G z \vee H z)$ (2)

Now \forall -E. Note that the proof of $[G z \vee H z]$ does not have z in any free assumption.

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\wedge F.(\wedge x.[F x]) \Rightarrow [\forall x.F x]}{\wedge F.(\wedge z.[F z]) \Rightarrow [\forall z.F z]} \text{conv} \quad \frac{\vdots}{[G z \vee H z]} \Rightarrow -E}{(\wedge z.[G z \vee H z]) \Rightarrow [\forall z.G z \vee H z]} \wedge -E \quad \frac{[G z \vee H z]}{\wedge z.[G z \vee H z]} \wedge -I}{[\forall z.G z \vee H z]} \Rightarrow -E$$

The *conv*-step uses α -renaming.

Strictly speaking, another *conv*-step after \wedge -E is necessary:

$$\frac{\frac{\wedge F.(\wedge z.[F z]) \Rightarrow [\forall z.F z]}{(\wedge z.[(\lambda x.G x \vee H x)z]) \Rightarrow [\forall z.(\lambda x.G x \vee H x)z]} \wedge -E}{(\wedge z.[G z \vee H z]) \Rightarrow [\forall z.G z \vee H z]} \text{conv}$$

Proof of $(\forall z.G z) \rightarrow (\forall z.G z \vee H z)$ (3)

In the final step we use $\Rightarrow-I$ and $\rightarrow-I$.

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\wedge AB.([A] \Rightarrow [B]) \Rightarrow [A \rightarrow B]}{([\forall z.G z] \Rightarrow [\forall z.G z \vee H z])} \Rightarrow [(\forall z.G z) \rightarrow (\forall z.G z \vee H z)]}{([\forall z.G z] \Rightarrow [\forall z.G z \vee H z])} \wedge-E \quad \frac{\frac{[\forall z.G z \vee H z]}{[\forall z.G z] \Rightarrow [\forall z.G z \vee H z]} \Rightarrow-I}{\frac{[\forall z.G z]}{\vdots} \Rightarrow-I} \Rightarrow-E}{[(\forall z.G z) \rightarrow (\forall z.G z \vee H z)]} \Rightarrow-E$$

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Why? Because, $p(x)$ may be false for some x and true for another x .

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$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{\frac{\frac{\neg-E}{\dots} \wedge-E}{\dots} [[\neg p(x)]]^1}{\dots} \Rightarrow-E \quad \frac{[\perp]}{[[p(x)]]^3} \Rightarrow-E \\
 \frac{\frac{\frac{\exists-E}{\dots} \wedge-E}{\dots} [[\exists x.p(x)]]^2}{\dots} \Rightarrow-E \quad \frac{\frac{[\perp]}{[p(x)] \Rightarrow [\perp]} \Rightarrow-I^3}{\wedge x.[p(x)] \Rightarrow [\perp]} \wedge-I \\
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Side condition of $\wedge-I$ is not satisfied!

10.5 Conclusion on Isabelle's Metalogic

The logic \mathcal{M} and its proof system are **small**.

What makes \mathcal{M} powerful enough to encode a large variety of object logics?

- The λ -calculus is very powerful for expressing syntax and syntactic manipulations (\rightarrow substitution). \mathcal{M} must be extended by appropriate **signature** for an object logic.
- Rules of the object logic can be encoded and added to \mathcal{M}^{246} as axioms.

²⁴⁶In some course on propositional logic, you may have learned that the connective \rightarrow is not really necessary since $A \rightarrow B$ is equivalent to $\neg A \vee B$. Likewise, we considered $\neg A$ as **syntactic sugar** for $A \rightarrow \perp$.

Therefore, when we introduce a logic \mathcal{M} that is so extremely simple as far as the number of **logical symbols** is concerned (just \Rightarrow , \equiv , \wedge), one might think that the idea is that all the other logical symbols one usually needs are just syntactic sugar. **This is not the case!**

To encode **propositional logic** or FOL in \mathcal{M} , we must add their rules as axioms.

Later, we will be working with a logic just slightly richer than \mathcal{M} but still quite simple, and there the idea is indeed that all the other logical symbols one usually needs are just syntactic sugar.

Conclusion (2)

General principles of proof building (e.g. resolution, proving by assumption, side condition checking) are **not** something that must be justified by complicated (and thus error-prone) explanations in natural language — they are formal derivations in the metalogic.

This has two big **advantages**: **shared support** and **high degree of confidence**.

11 Resolution

Three Sections on Deduction Techniques

After encoding `syntax` and encoding of `proofs`, the next topics are automated proof methods.

- Resolution
- Proof search
- Term rewriting

We will explain many techniques relevant for Isabelle, but not in extreme detail and rigor. We want to understand better how Isabelle works, but not provide a formal proof that she works correctly, or be able to rebuild her.

Resolution

Resolution is the basic mechanism for constructing proofs by applying proof rules (metatheorems).

It involves **unifying** a certain part of the current goal (state) with a certain part of a rule, and replacing that part of the current goal.

We have already explained this in the **labs** and you have been working with it all the time, but now we want to understand it more thoroughly.

We look at several variants of resolution.

Resolution (rule, as in Prolog²⁴⁷)

ϕ

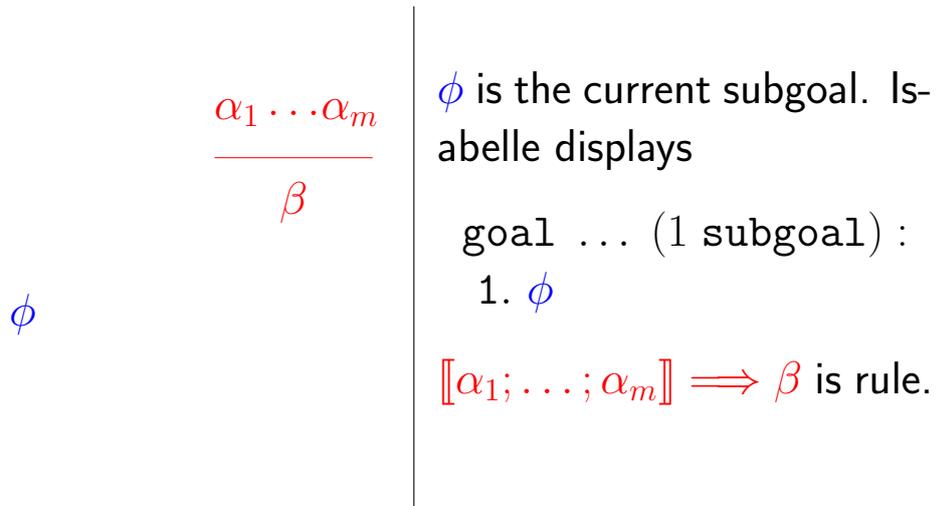
ϕ is the current subgoal. Isabelle displays

goal ... (1 subgoal) :
1. ϕ

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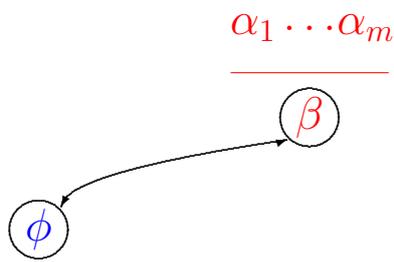
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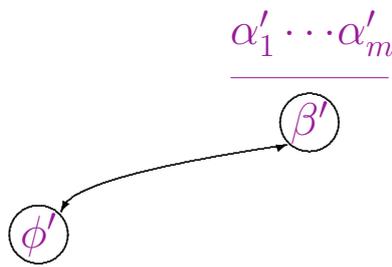


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Resolution (with Lifting over Parameters)

$$\bigwedge x.\phi$$

Now suppose the subgoal is preceded by \bigwedge (metalevel universal quantifier²⁵⁰).

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$$\frac{\alpha_1 \quad \cdots \quad \alpha_m}{\beta}$$

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Rule

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We replace ϕ' by the premises of the rule. $\alpha'_1, \dots, \alpha'_m$ are preceded by $\bigwedge x$.

Resolution (with Lifting over Assumptions)

$$\begin{array}{c} [\phi_1 \cdots \phi_k] \\ \vdots \\ \phi \end{array}$$

Now, suppose the subgoal has assumptions ϕ_1, \dots, ϕ_k .

Resolution (with Lifting over Assumptions)

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} [\phi_1 \cdots \phi_k] \\ \vdots \\ \phi \end{array}}{\alpha_1 \quad \cdots \quad \alpha_m} \beta$$

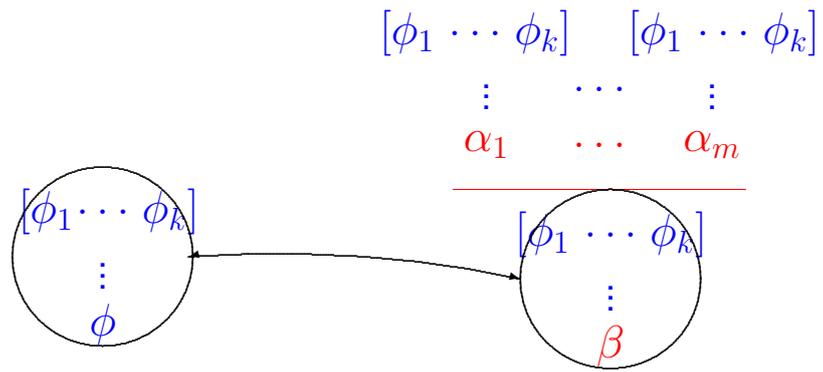
As before, we have a rule. Here, β is (hopefully) unifiable with ϕ , but β is not²⁵² unifiable with the entire subgoal.

Resolution (with Lifting over Assumptions)

$$\begin{array}{c}
 [\phi_1 \cdots \phi_k] \\
 \vdots \\
 \phi
 \end{array}
 \qquad
 \frac{
 \begin{array}{c}
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 \vdots \quad \cdots \quad \vdots \\
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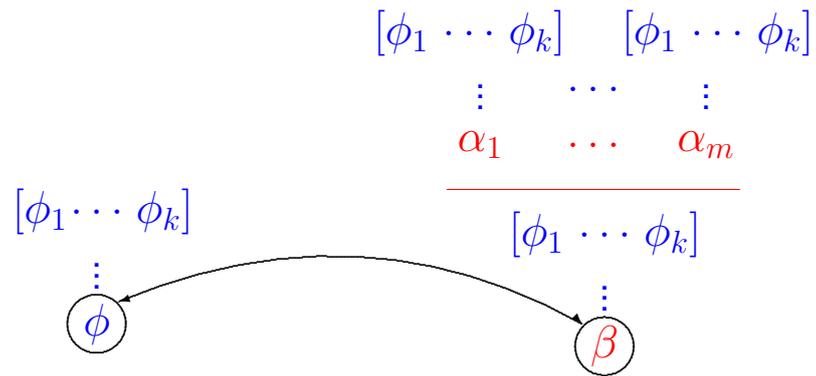
Rule must be lifted over assumptions²⁵³. No unification so far!

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We apply the **unifier**.

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$$\begin{array}{ccc} [\phi'_1 \cdots \phi'_k] & & [\phi'_1 \cdots \phi'_k] \\ \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ \alpha'_1 & \cdots & \alpha'_m \end{array}$$

We replace the subgoal.

Rule Premises Containing \implies

$$\begin{array}{c}
 [\phi'_1 \cdots \phi'_k] \\
 \vdots \\
 \phi'_1 \cdots \quad \alpha'_j \quad \cdots \phi'_n \\
 \hline
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 \phi
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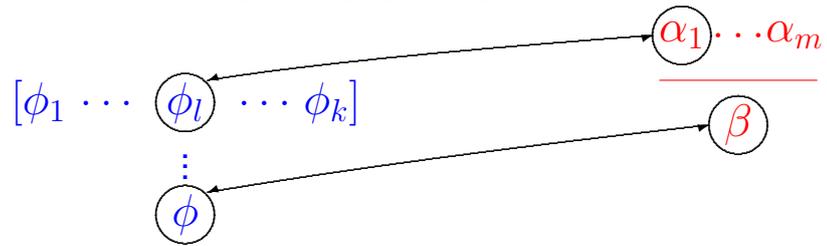
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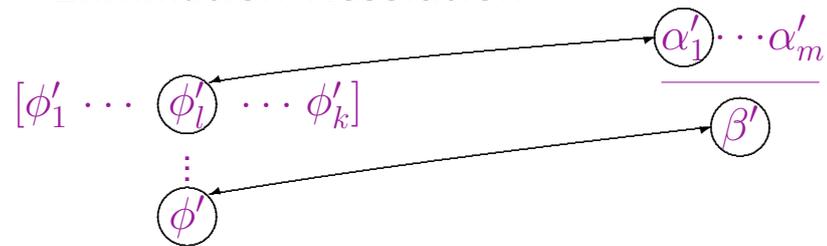
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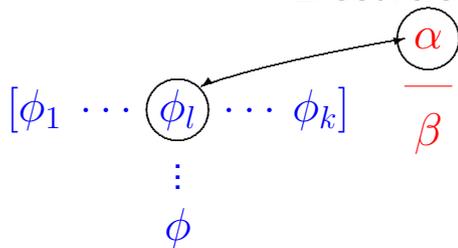
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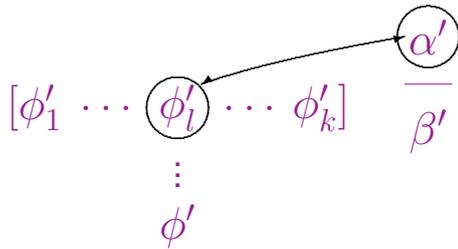
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- metavariables and **unification** to obtain appropriate instance of rule, delay commitments;
- lifting over **parameters** and **assumptions**;
- various techniques to manipulate premises or conclusions, as convenient: **rule**, **erule**, **drule**.

For example, if the current goal is

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} [A \wedge B] \\ \vdots \\ B \end{array}}{A \wedge B \rightarrow B}$$

and the rule is

$$\frac{P \wedge Q}{Q} \text{ conjunct2}$$

then the result of destruct-resolution is

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} [B] \\ \vdots \\ B \end{array}}{A \wedge B \rightarrow B}$$

If we had instead used rule

$$\frac{P \wedge Q}{P} \text{ conjunct1}$$

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the result would have been

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} [A] \\ \vdots \\ B \end{array}}{A \wedge B \rightarrow B}$$

and we would be stuck. We accidentally “threw away” the assumption B .

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In the following we will explain some underlying principles of this using `sequent style notation`.

Review: Natural Deduction

$$\frac{A \quad B}{A \wedge B} \wedge-I \quad \frac{A \wedge B}{A} \wedge-EL \quad \frac{A \wedge B}{B} \wedge-ER$$

$$\frac{A}{A \vee B} \vee-IL \quad \frac{B}{A \vee B} \vee-IR \quad \frac{A \vee B \quad \begin{array}{c} [A] \\ \vdots \\ C \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} [B] \\ \vdots \\ C \end{array}}{C} \vee-E$$

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} [A] \\ \vdots \\ B \end{array}}{A \rightarrow B} \rightarrow-I \quad \frac{A \rightarrow B \quad A}{B} \rightarrow-E \quad \frac{\perp}{A} \perp-E$$

Classification into safe and unsafe

The introduction rule

$$\frac{A \quad B}{A \wedge B} \wedge-I$$

can be applied blindly: if you can proof $A \wedge B$ you can always proof A and then B .

The introduction rule

$$\frac{A}{A \vee B} \vee-IL$$

is not safe to apply blindly. You may not be able to show A even though showing $A \vee B$ is possible.

Safe Disjunction Rule

For some rules it is possible to find safe alternatives

In classical logic, we can instead use a safe introduction rule:

$$\frac{[\neg B] \quad \vdots \quad A}{A \vee B} \vee\text{-IC}$$

Elim and Destruction Rules

In natural deduction we have two kinds of elimination rules, e.g.

$$\frac{A \rightarrow B \quad A}{B} \rightarrow\text{-}E \qquad \frac{A \vee B \quad \begin{array}{c} [A] \\ \vdots \\ C \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} [B] \\ \vdots \\ C \end{array}}{C} \vee\text{-}E$$

In Isabelle the first is called a destruction rule and would be applied using `drule`. The second is an elimination rule applied using `erule`.

Making (safe) Elimination Rules

One can easily make an elimination rule from a destruction rule:

$$\frac{A \rightarrow B \quad A \quad \begin{array}{c} [B] \\ \vdots \\ C \end{array}}{C} \rightarrow\text{-}E$$

We can combine $\wedge\text{-}EL$ and $\wedge\text{-}ER$ to a safe elimination rule:

$$\frac{A \wedge B \quad \begin{array}{c} [A, B] \\ \vdots \\ C \end{array}}{C} \wedge\text{-}E$$

Safe Rules for Propositional Logic

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{A \quad B}{A \wedge B} \wedge-I \qquad \frac{A \wedge B \quad \begin{array}{c} [A, B] \\ \vdots \\ C \end{array}}{C} \wedge-E \\
 \\
 \frac{\begin{array}{c} [\neg B] \\ \vdots \\ A \end{array}}{A \vee B} \vee-IC \qquad \frac{A \vee B \quad \begin{array}{c} [A] \\ \vdots \\ C \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} [B] \\ \vdots \\ C \end{array}}{C} \vee-E \\
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 \end{array}$$

A Proof by Blind Rule Application

Lets proof $(P \wedge Q) \rightarrow R \rightarrow Q$. Only applicable rule is $\rightarrow-I$.

New subgoal: $P \wedge Q \Rightarrow R \rightarrow Q$.

Applying $\rightarrow-I$ again yields
new subgoal: $P \wedge Q \Rightarrow R \Rightarrow Q$.

Applicable is only $\wedge-E$.
New subgoal: $P \Rightarrow Q \Rightarrow R \Rightarrow Q$.

The proof can now be completed by the [assumption rule](#).

Safe and Unsafe Rules

Combined tactics rely on **classification** of rules, maintained in Isabelle data structure `claset`²⁶⁰. New theorems can be added to these sets by giving them the attribute `intro` or `elim`.

Class:	To add use attribute:
Safe introduction rules	<code>intro!</code>
Safe elimination rules	<code>elim!</code>
Unsafe introduction rules	<code>intro</code>
Unsafe elimination rules	<code>elim</code>

²⁶⁰`claset` is an abstract datatype. Overloading notation, `claset` is also an ML unit function which will return a term of that datatype when applied to `()`, namely, the current classifier set.

A classifier set determines which rules are safe and unsafe introduction, respectively elimination rules. The current classifier set is a classifier set used by default in certain tactics.

The current classifier set can be accessed via special functions for that purpose.

Adapting Rules for Automated Proof Search

As seen for \wedge -E, rules must be suitably adapted in order to be useful in automated proof search. Another example:

Goal: $(P \rightarrow Q) \vee (Q \rightarrow P)$

Applying rule \vee -IC yields

Goal: $\neg(P \rightarrow Q) \Rightarrow (Q \rightarrow P)$

Applying rule \rightarrow -I yields

Goal: $\neg(P \rightarrow Q) \Rightarrow Q \Rightarrow P$

Applying rule \rightarrow -swapE yields

Goal: $P \Rightarrow \neg Q \Rightarrow Q \Rightarrow P$

Rule \rightarrow -swapE

The rule \rightarrow -swapE²⁶¹ is

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It is derived from \rightarrow -I and *swap*. The elimination rule *swap* allows to bring a negated assumption to the rhs:

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$$\frac{A, \neg C, \Gamma \vdash B}{\neg(A \rightarrow B), \Gamma \vdash C} \rightarrow\text{-swapE}$$

To derive it you need **classical** reasoning, as the rule exploits the equivalence of $\neg(A \rightarrow B)$ and $A \wedge \neg B$.

This is a standard technique in Isabelle, based on **swapping**. For dealing with negated formulas in the premises of the current subgoal, **introduction** rules are combined with *swap* using *erule*.

Generally, we have a formula $\neg(A \circ B)$ in the premises, where \circ is some binary connective. Swapping will put $(A \circ B)$ in the conclusion and put the old conclusion into the premises after negating it. Afterwards, an introduction rule for \circ will be used [Pau05, Section 11.2].

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²⁶²You should **do it** in Isabelle. The rule is:

$$\llbracket \text{ALL } x. P(x); P(x) \implies R \rrbracket \implies R$$

²⁶³As you may have noticed earlier, there is a confusion between the names of proof rules as we present them for the theory and the names used in Isabelle. For example, rule $\rightarrow\text{-}E$ is called `mp` in Isabelle. This confusion concerns elimination rules.

There is however a good reason for these choices. In traditional presentations of logic, one sets up the simplest possible elimination rules for the connectives which naturally arise from the meaning of those connectives. This is what we have done as well. However, as we see in this lecture, these rules cannot be applied blindly and are thus not very suitable for automation. Therefore, **combined tactics** in Isabelle use derived rules such as $\wedge\text{-}E$ (called `conjE` in Isabelle).

Since this is of such central importance for Isabelle, one

Solution: Introduce duplicating²⁶⁴ rules. Turns search infinite²⁶⁵!

prefers to have the obvious names `conjE`, `allE` etc. for the rules that are actually used in “advanced” applications of Isabelle.

²⁶⁴You should recall that elimination rules are used in combination with `erule`. Using `allE` will eliminate the quantifier.

You should [try a proof](#) of the formula $(\forall x.P(x)) \rightarrow (P(a) \wedge P(b))$ in Isabelle to convince yourself that this is a problem since the quantified formula $\forall x.P(x)$ is needed twice as an assumption, with two different instantiations of x .

The duplicating rule \forall -*dupE* has the effect that the universally quantified formula will still remain as an assumption.

²⁶⁵Given only the rules so far (in combination with the appropriate tactics, `rule` and `erule`, and `swapping`), excluding \forall -*dupE*, the proof search would be finite.

The rule \forall -*dupE* is responsible for making the proof search infinite. This can be no surprise however, as first-order logic is undecidable [[And02](#)], and so there can be no automatic

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procedure for proving all true first-order formulas.

²⁶⁶These files should be contained in your `Isabelle` distribution. Or, if you only have an Isabelle executable, you can find the sources here:

<http://isabelle.in.tum.de/library/>

Side question: What is the difference²⁶⁷ to \exists -E²⁶⁸?

²⁶⁷The difference between

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} [A(x)] \\ \vdots \\ \exists x.A(x) \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} B \\ \vdots \\ B \end{array}}{B} \exists\text{-E}$$

and

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} [A(x)] \\ \vdots \\ \forall x.A(x) \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} B \\ \vdots \\ B \end{array}}{B} \forall\text{-E}'$$

is that the first rule has a side condition: x must not occur free in any assumption on which B depends. See also what this means in terms of [Isabelle](#).

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12.2 Proof Search and Backtracking

- Need for more automation²⁶⁹
- Some aspects in proof construction are **non-deterministic**:
 - unification: **which unifier** to choose?

was derived **previously** (but in Isabelle, it is a basic rule in **IFOL.ML**). It is

$$\llbracket \text{ALL } x. P(x); !!x. P(x) \implies R \rrbracket \implies R$$

Note that the rule **allE** (\forall - E') is

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The difference is that the former rule contains a nested metalevel universal quantifier. In terms of paper-and-pencil proofs, \exists - E has the side condition that x must not occur free in any assumption on which B (see tree!) depends. There is no such side condition for \forall - E' .

²⁶⁹We have seen in the exercises that doing a proof step by step is very tedious and often involves difficult guessing or alternatively, backtracking. We cannot hope to prove anything about realistic systems if proving simple theorems is so tedious.

Efficiency considerations are important for automation. The

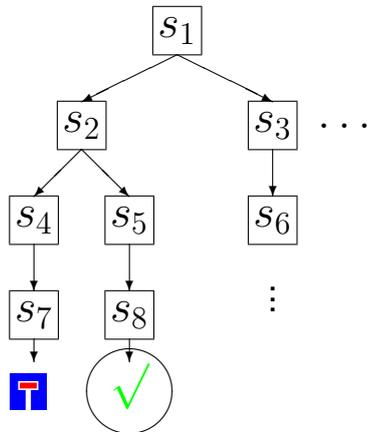
- resolution: where²⁷⁰ to apply a rule (which 'subgoal')?
- **which** rule to apply?

non-determinacy in proof search obviously leads to inefficiencies as many possibilities have to be explored.

²⁷⁰We have seen in the exercises (and also in [the lecture](#)) that one can choose the subgoal to which one wants to apply a rule.

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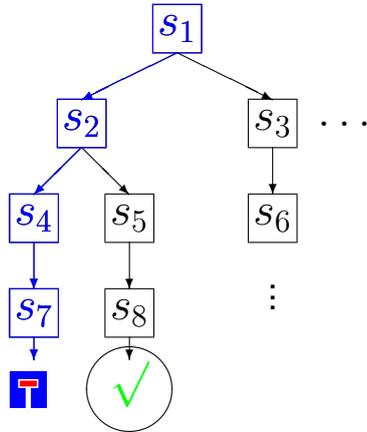
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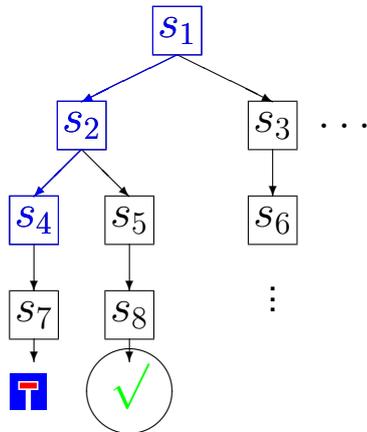
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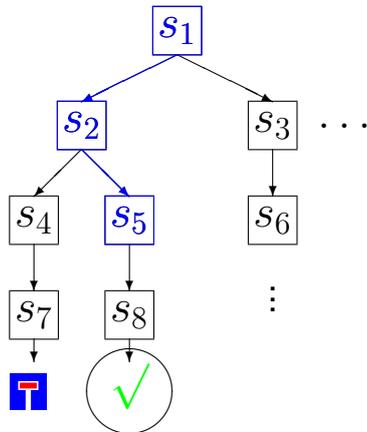
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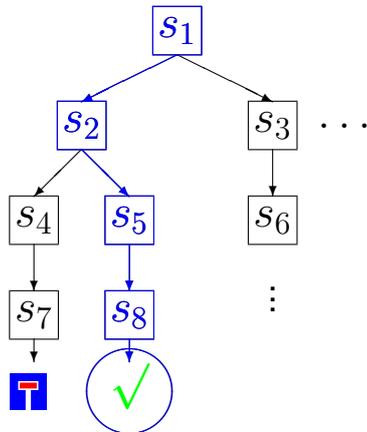
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Problems

The search space of proof search can be thought of as such a tree, but this tree can only be built on-demand:

- Explicit tree representation²⁷⁵ expensive in time and space.
- Even worse: Branching of the tree is infinite in general (HO-unification).

²⁷⁵Obviously, an infinite tree cannot be represented explicitly. But even if the tree is finite, it is generally expensive to represent it explicitly. In particular, the tree may contain many failing branches and only few successful ones, which begs the question if representing the unsuccessful branches cannot be avoided somehow.

Organizing Proof Search Operationally

Organize proof search as a function on theorems²⁷⁶ (thm's)

`type tactic = thm → thm seq`

where `seq`²⁷⁷ is the type constructor for infinite lists.

This allows us to have tacticals²⁷⁸:

- THEN
- ORELSE
- REPEAT
- ...

²⁷⁶This way of understanding and organizing proof search is rather operational. Instead of saying that ϕ and ϕ' are in a relation, one says that ϕ' is in the sequence returned by the tactic applied to ϕ . There is an **order** among the successors of a proof state.

One still does not represent a tree explicitly, although conceptually, proof search is about exploring **this tree**.

²⁷⁷For any type τ , the type τ seq (recall the **notation**) is the type of (possibly) infinite lists of elements of type τ . This is of course an abstract datatype. There should be functions to return the head and the tail of such an infinite list.

An **abstract datatype** is a type whose terms cannot be represented explicitly and accessed directly, but only via certain functions for that type.

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- THEN
- ORELSE

12.3 Proof Procedures (Simplified)

Tactics in *Isabelle* are performed in order²⁷⁹:

1. REPEAT (rule *safe_I_rules* ORELSE erule *safe_E_rules*)
2. canonize: propagate “ $x = t$ ” throughout subgoal
3. rule *unsafe_I_rules* ORELSE erule *unsafe_E_rules*
4. assumption

There are variants of this. We do not study them in detail, we just use them ...

- REPEAT

- ...

are called **tacticals**.

Tacticals are operations on tactics. They play an important role in automating proofs in *Isabelle*. The most basic tacticals are THEN and ORELSE. Both of those tacticals are of type `tactic * tactic → tactic` and are written infix: tac_1 THEN tac_2 applies tac_1 and then tac_2 , while tac_1 ORELSE tac_2 applies tac_1 if possible and otherwise applies tac_2 [Pau05, Ch. 4].

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Combined Proof Search Tactics

- `step_tac : claset → int → tactic`
(just safe steps)
- `fast_tac : claset → int → tactic`
(safe and unsafe steps in depth-first strategy)
- `best_tac : claset → int → tactic`
(safe and unsafe steps in breadth-first strategy)
- `slow_tac : claset → int → tactic`
(like `fast_tac`, but with backtracking assumption's)
- `blast_tac : claset → int → tactic`
(like `fast_tac`, but often more powerful)

One elementary proof step consists of trying a safe introduction rule with `rule`, or, if that is not possible, a safe elimination rule with `erule`. This will be repeated as long as possible.

Then in the current subgoal, any assumption of the form $x = t$ (where x is a metavariable) will be propagated throughout the subgoal, i.e., all occurrences of x will be replaced by t .

Then Isabelle will try **one** application of an unsafe introduction rule with `rule`, or, if that is not possible, an unsafe elimination rule with `erule`.

Finally, she will use `assumption`. Note that `assumption` is unsafe. In general, there are several premises in a subgoal and `assumption` may unify the conclusion of the subgoal with the wrong premise.

12.4 Summary on Automated Proof Search

- Proof search can be organized as a [tree of theorems](#).
- Calculi can be set up to facilitate proof search (although this must be done by specialists).
- Combined with [search strategies](#), powerful automatic procedures arise. Can prove well-known hard problems such as $((\exists y.\forall x.J(y, x)\vee\neg J(x, x)) \rightarrow \neg(\forall x.\exists y.\forall z.J(z, y)\vee\neg J(z, x)))$
- Unfortunately, failure is difficult to interpret²⁸⁰.

²⁸⁰`fast_tac`, `blast_tac` just tell you that the tactic failed, but not why. And it would be difficult to do that, since backtracking means that all attempts failed. This can have several reasons: a rule is missing, a rule has been [classified](#) wrongly, the [search strategy](#) was not adequate for the problem, enumeration of [unifiers](#) in a bad order. Or a combination thereof. Or it might be that [too many unsafe steps](#) are needed, since `fast_tac` limits their number.

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It is practical to view deduction to some extent as **equational proving** and give it some attention algorithmically. This will be even more true **later**. We speak of **simplification** or **(higher-order) rewriting**.

Simplification: Examples

- In a FOL proof: rewrite $(\forall x.P x \wedge Q x)$ to $(\forall x.P x) \wedge (\forall x.Q x)$.
- In school arithmetic: simplify $0 + (x + 0)$ ²⁸¹ to x .
- In functional programming: simplify $[a, b, d] @ [a, b]$ ²⁸² to $[a, b, d, a, b]$.

This is all based on **rewrite rules** as in functional programming²⁸³:

$$\begin{aligned} [] @ X &= X \\ (x :: X) @ Y &= x :: (X @ Y) \end{aligned}$$

²⁸¹Simplifying $0 + (x + 0)$ to x is something you have learned in school. It is justified by the usual semantics of arithmetic expressions. Here, however, we want to see more formally how such simplification works, rather than why it is justified.

²⁸²Lists are a common datatype in functional programming. $[a, b, d, a, b]$ is a list. Actually, this notation is **syntactic sugar** for $a :: (b :: (d :: (a :: (b :: []))))$. Here, $[]$ is the empty list and $::$ is a term constructor taking an element and a list and returning a list. $@$ stands for list concatenation.

Intuitively, it is clear that $[a, b, d]$ concatenated with $[a, b]$ yields $[a, b, d, a, b]$.

Term constructor is usual terminology in functional programming. In first-order logic, we would speak of a **function symbol**. In the λ -calculus, we would speak of a (special kind of) constant (this will become clear **later**).

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Why Higher-Order?

- Formally, rewriting operates on λ -terms, since we use the λ -calculus to encode object logics.
- We speak of higher-order rewriting because the variables in the rewriting rules might have functional type such as $i \rightarrow o$ or $(i \rightarrow o) \rightarrow o$. Higher-order rewriting involves higher-order unification.

define the list concatenation function @.

Term Rewriting: Foundation

- Recall: An **equational theory** consists of **rules**

$$\frac{}{x = x} \textit{ refl} \quad \frac{x = y}{y = x} \textit{ sym} \quad \frac{x = y \quad y = z}{x = z} \textit{ trans}$$

$$\frac{x = y \quad P(x)}{P(y)} \textit{ subst}$$

- plus additional (possibly conditional) rules of the form

$$\phi_1 = \psi_1, \dots, \phi_n = \psi_n \Rightarrow \phi = \psi.$$

The additional rules can be interpreted as rewrite rules²⁸⁴, i.e. they are applied from **left** to **right**.

²⁸⁴An equational theory is a formalism based on equational rules of the form $\phi_1 = \psi_1, \dots, \phi_n = \psi_n \implies \phi = \psi$.

A term rewriting system (to be defined shortly) is another formalism, based of **rewrite rules**. They also have the form $\phi_1 = \psi_1, \dots, \phi_n = \psi_n \implies \phi = \psi$, but they have a different flavor in that $=$ must be interpreted as a directed symbol. One could also write \rightsquigarrow instead of $=$ to emphasize this.

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 - rewriting does not yield a unique normal form (the usually mean “variables including metavariables”).

Nevertheless, some confusion may arise wherever we use the terminology from the point of view of an object logic.

See the following example:

The following is an example rewrite sequence, using the **rules for lists**. The picked subterm which is being replaced is underlined in each step:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{(a :: (b :: (d :: []))) \textcircled{ (a :: (b :: []))}}{a :: ((b :: (d :: [])) \textcircled{ (a :: (b :: []))})} &= [a, b, d, a, b] \rightsquigarrow \\
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Note that we are done now, as the right-hand side is identical to the left-hand side, modulo the use of **syntactic sugar**.

Note that generally, a term rewriting sequence rewrites arbitrary terms. Here we only rewrite equations. From the point of view of term rewriting, an equation is just a **special case** of

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- Idea: apply only if replaced term gets smaller w.r.t. some term ordering²⁹⁰. In example, if $(y + x)\theta$ is smaller than $(x + y)\theta$.
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One can define a term ordering by giving some function, called **norm**, from ground terms to natural numbers. Then a term is smaller than another term if the number assigned to the first term is smaller than the number assigned to the second term.

²⁹¹Consider an equational theory consisting only of those rules (apart from *refl*, *sym*, *trans*, *subst*). Apart from that, the language may contain arbitrary other constant symbols. For

Extension: HO-Pattern Rewriting

such a language, it is possible to give a term ordering that will assign more weight to the same term on the left-hand-side of a $+$ than on the right-hand side. We can base such a term ordering on a **norm**. For example, the inductive definition of a norm $|_$ might include the line:

$$|s + t| := 2|s| + |t|$$

This means that if $|s| > |t|$, then $|s + t| = 2|s| + |t| > 2|t| + |s| = |t + s|$.

This has two effects:

- Applications of (A) or (I) always decrease the weight of a term (provided the weight of s is > 0):

$$\begin{aligned} |(s + t) + r| &= 2|s + t| + |r| = 4|s| + 2|t| + |r| > \\ &2|s| + 2|t| + |r| = 2|s| + |t + r| = |s + (t + r)|. \end{aligned}$$

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Extensions Related to `if – then – else`

The `if-then-else` construct will play an important role later. It asks for special rewrite rules.

Extension: Congruence Rewriting

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²⁹⁴Rewrite rules have the form $\phi_1 = \psi_1, \dots, \phi_n = \psi_n \implies \phi = \psi$ (several equations imply one equation). It is not possible that any of the equations $\phi_1 = \psi_1, \dots, \phi_n = \psi_n$ again depend on some condition, as in

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Extension: Splitting Rewriting

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$$P(\text{if } A \text{ then } x \text{ else } y) = \text{if } A \text{ then } (P x) \text{ else } (P y)$$

is not a HO-pattern rule (since it is not **constant-head**).

Solution in **Isabelle**: explicitly admit this extra class of rules (**case splitting**).

13.3 Organizing Simplification Rules

- Standard (HO-pattern conditional ordered rewrite) rules;
- congruence rules;
- splitting rules.

Isabelle data structure: `simpset`²⁹⁵. Some operations²⁹⁶:

- `addsimps : simpset * thm list → simpset`
- `delsimps : simpset * thm list → simpset`
- `addcongs : simpset * thm list → simpset`
- `addsplits : simpset * thm list → simpset`

Commutativity can be added without losing termination.

²⁹⁵The `simpset` is an abstract datatype and at the same time an ML unit function for returning the current simplifier set. This is in analogy to the `classifier set`.

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How to Apply the Simplifier?

Several *versions* of the simplifier:

- `simp_tac : simpset → int → tactic`
- `asm_simp_tac : simpset → int → tactic`
(includes assumptions into `simpset`)
- `asm_full_simp_tac : simpset → int → tactic`
(rewrites assumptions, and includes them into `simpset`)

Using global²⁹⁷ simplifier sets: `Simp_tac`, `Asm_simp_tac`, `Asm_full_simp_tac`.

²⁹⁷`Simp_tac`, `Asm_simp_tac`, `Asm_full_simp_tac` work like their lower-case counterparts but use the current (global) simplifier set and hence do not take a simplifier set as first argument (e.g., `Simp_tac` has type `int → tactic`)

There are analogous capitalized versions for the tactics of the *classical reasoner*.

13.4 Summary on Term Rewriting

Simplifier is a powerful proof tool for

- conditional equational formulas
- ACI-rewriting
- quantifier reasoning
- congruence rewriting
- automatic proofs by case splitting.

Fortunately, failure is quite easy to interpret²⁹⁸.

²⁹⁸When you use `simp_tac`, usually you can just look at the term that you get to understand which simplification has not worked although you think that it should have worked.

13.5 Summary on Last Three Sections

- Although Isabelle is an **interactive** theorem prover, it is a flexible environment with powerful **automated** proof procedures.
- For **classical** logic and set theory, **procedures** like `blast_tac` and `fast_tac` decide many tautologies.
- For equational theories (**datatypes**, evaluating **functional programs**, but also **higher-order logic**) `simp_tac` decides many tautologies (and is fairly easy to control).

14 HOL: Foundations

14.1 Overview

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14 HOL: Foundations

14.1 Overview

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HOL is very similar to \mathcal{M} , but it “is” an object logic³⁰⁰!

- HOL is classical³⁰¹.
- Still³⁰² important: **modeling** of problems/domains (now within HOL).
- Still important: **deriving** relevant reasoning principles.

²⁹⁹Theorem proving in higher-order logic is an **active research area** with some impressive applications.

³⁰⁰The differences between \mathcal{M} and HOL are subtle and the matter is further complicated by the fact that there are some variations in the way in which the Isabelle metalogic \mathcal{M} on the one hand and the object logic HOL on the other hand are presented.

But what matters for us here is that HOL is an **object logic**, i.e., it is one of the object logics that can be represented by \mathcal{M} , just like **propositional logic** or **first-order logic**. That is to say, we **use** HOL as object logic.

³⁰¹Recall the distinction between classical and intuitionistic logics. There is a **particular rule** in HOL from which the rule of the **excluded middle** can be derived. This is in contrast to **constructive** (intuitionistic) logics.

³⁰²We have previously looked at **metatheory**, i.e., how can one logic be **represented/modeled** in a metalogic.

In particular, we have seen how **general reasoning principles**

Isabelle/HOL vs. Alternatives

We will use Isabelle/HOL³⁰³.

- Could forgo the use of a metalogic³⁰⁴ and employ alternatives, e.g., **HOL system** or **PVS**, or constructive provers³⁰⁵ such as **Coq** or **Nuprl**.
- Choice depends on culture and application.

can be derived in the metalogic.

We now set aside the issue of metalogics, but there is still an issue of modeling one system within another: how do we model problems/domains within HOL? How do we derive reasoning principles?

³⁰³We use Isabelle/HOL, and this means that HOL is an object logic represented by the metalogic \mathcal{M} .

³⁰⁴There are theorem proving systems that have no metalogic, but rather have a particular logic hard-wired into them, e.g. a HOL system or PVS.

³⁰⁵Constructive provers are based on **intuitionistic** logic. The rationale is that one has to give **evidence** for any statement. **Coq** and **Nuprl** are examples of such systems.

Safety through Strength

Safety³⁰⁶ via **conservative** (definitional) extensions:

- Small kernel of constants and rules;
- extend theory with new constants and types defined using existing ones;
- **derive** properties/theorems.

Contrast with:

- Weak logics (e.g., propositional logic): can't define much;
- axiomatic extensions³⁰⁷: can lead to inconsistency.

Bertrand Russell once likened the advantages of postulation over definition to the advantages of theft over honest toil!

³⁰⁶The principle is simple: the smaller a system is, the easier it is to check that it is correct, and the more confident one can be about it.

We have seen this before when we argued for the use of metalogics. However, in that context, we still had to add further axioms to \mathcal{M} . Here this is **not the case**.

Safety through strength means: HOL is strong enough to model interesting systems without having to add further axioms – that's what makes it safe.

³⁰⁷What we attempt to do here has similarities to the process of **representing** an object logic in a metalogic. But an important difference must be noted.

We will see many extensions of the HOL kernel by **constants** (and **types**). The definitions of those constants and types involve axioms that must be added **according to a strict discipline**. Other than that, we will **not add any axioms!**

Set Theory as Alternative?

Set theory is the logician's choice as basis for modern mathematics.

- ZFC³⁰⁸ [Zer07, Frä22]: has been implemented in Isabelle, with impressive applications!
- Neumann-Bernays-Gödel [Ber91]: equivalent to ZFC, but finitely axiomatizable³⁰⁹.

Set theories (both) distinguish between sets and classes.

- Consistency maintained as some collections are “too big” to be sets, e.g., class of all sets V is not a set.
- A class cannot belong to another class (let alone a set)!

³⁰⁸ZFC stands for **Zermelo-Fränkel** set theory with **choice** [Dev93, Ebb94].

³⁰⁹Strictly speaking, an **axiom** within the object language in question. In this sense, the **axiom of the excluded middle** from propositional logic, $A \vee \neg A$ (for example) is **not** an axiom, because A is a **meta-variable** which could stand for an arbitrary formula, and thus $A \vee \neg A$ is not within the object language of propositional logic. One says that $A \vee \neg A$ is an **axiom schema** that represents infinitely many axioms.

So far we have not made this distinction explicit in most places, although we have raised this issue **very early on**.

Now a theory is **finitely axiomatizable** if it only uses axioms, but no axiom schemata.

Finally: We Choose HOL!

HOL developed by [Chu40, Hen50] and rediscovered by [And02, GM93].

- **Rationale:** one usually works with typed entities.
- Reasoning is then easier with support for types.
HOL is **classical** logic based on λ^{\rightarrow} .
- Isabelle/HOL also supports “mod cons”³¹⁰ like **polymorphism** and **type classes**!

HOL is weaker than ZF set theory, but for most applications this does not matter. If you prefer ML to Lisp, you will probably prefer HOL to ZF. (Larry Paulson)

³¹⁰ “Mod cons” stands for “modern conveniences”.

What Does **Higher-Order** Mean?

“Type” order ³¹¹	Logic order	
		Example
Just <i>o</i>	0?	$A \wedge B \rightarrow B \wedge A$
1	1	$\forall x, y. R(x, y) \rightarrow R(y, x)$
+ quantification	2	$False \equiv \forall P. P$ $P \wedge Q \equiv \forall R. (P \rightarrow Q \rightarrow R)$
2	3	
+ quantification	4	$\forall X. (X(R, S) \leftrightarrow (\forall x. R(x) \rightarrow S(x)))$ $\rightarrow X(R', S') (\equiv subrel(R', S'))$
⋮	⋮	⋮

³¹¹Recall the definition of an **order on types** and assume here, as we did in the **lecture on representing syntax**, that there is a type *i* of individuals and a type *o* for truth values.

In the sequel, we follow [And02, §50], who uses a definition of order slightly different from ours. I will phrase his definition using the concept of **predicate type**:

- *i* is a type of order 0.
- every type of the form

$$\underbrace{i \rightarrow \dots i}_{n \text{ times}} \rightarrow o,$$

where $n \geq 0$, is a **predicate type** of order 1.

- If τ_1, \dots, τ_n are predicate types, then $\tau_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \tau_n \rightarrow o$ is a predicate type whose order is 1+ the maximum of the orders of τ_1, \dots, τ_n .

Note that this means that there are no function symbols, since we did not consider types of the form $\dots \rightarrow i$. How-

ever it is better to say that we simply **disregard** them in the subsequent explanations, for simplicity.

In the **table**, we classify logics by the **order** of the **non-logical symbols** (e.g., for first-order logic: variables, predicate symbols).

A hierarchy of logics is obtained by the following alternation:

- admit an additional order for the non-logical symbols in the logic;
- admit **quantification** over symbols of that order.

We start this hierarchy with **first-order logic**.

It has symbols of first-order type (predicate symbols), but quantification is allowed only over individuals, which are of order 0.

Now, if one admits quantification over symbols of first-order type, i.e., over symbols of type o or $i \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow i \rightarrow o$, one obtains **second-order** logic.

Now, if one admits symbols of second-order type (symbols taking predicate symbols as arguments), one obtains **third-order** logic.

Now, if one admits quantification over symbols of second-order type, one obtains **fourth-order** logic.

Hence quantification over n th-order variables corresponds to $(2n)$ th-order logic.

In the end, one will never bother to discuss, say, 7 th-order logic, since higher-order logic is the **union** of all logics of finite order, and this is what we will be working with.

Andrews has said that propositional logic might be regarded as **zeroth order logic**, but unfortunately, propositional logic cannot be found in this hierarchy in a straightforward way. According to the hierarchy, below first-order logic there should be a logic where the symbols are of order 0 and quantification over such symbols is allowed. But in fact, in propositional logic the symbols are of type \mathcal{o} , which is of order 1 but is not the only type of order 1, and no quantification is allowed at

all.

However, once you take higher-order logic as your point of reference and not propositional or first-order logic, which can just be viewed as special cases, you will probably not find this bothering anymore.

³¹²Consider the binary predicate $subrel$ which takes two unary relations as arguments. $subrel(R, S)$ is defined as true whenever R is a subrelation of S , i.e. when $\forall x. R(x) \rightarrow S(x)$.

Now instead of defining such a predicate and writing, say, a formula $subrel(R', S')$, one could abstract from that name and write

$$\forall X. (X(R, S) \leftrightarrow (\forall x. R(x) \rightarrow S(x))) \rightarrow X(R', S')$$

The subformula $X(R, S) \leftrightarrow (\forall x. R(x) \rightarrow S(x))$ is true if and only if X is indeed the predicate $subrel$ and so the entire formula is true if R' is indeed a subrelation of S' .

HOL = Union of All Finite Orders

ω -order logic, also called finite-type theory or higher-order logic (HOL), includes logics of all finite orders.

14.2 Syntax

Syntactically, HOL is a polymorphic (although not necessarily) variant of λ^{\rightarrow} with certain default **types** and **constants**. Default constants can be called **logical symbols**.

Types (Review)

Given a set of **type constructors**, say $\mathcal{B}^{313} = \{bool, _ \rightarrow _, ind^{314}, _ \times _^{315}, _ list, _ set, \dots\}$, **polymorphic types** are defined by $\tau ::= \alpha \mid (\tau, \dots, \tau) T$, where α is a type variable.

- *bool* is also called *o* in literature [Chu40, And02]. **Confusingly**, the truth value type in Isabelle/HOL (i.e., object-level) is called *bool*.
- *bool* and \rightarrow **always present in HOL**; *ind* will also play a special role; other type constructors may be defined.
- Note polymorphism³¹⁶!

³¹³As before, we use the letter \mathcal{B} to denote a particular set of type constructors.

Note that this set is not hard-wired into HOL, but can be specified as part of a particular HOL language. One can therefore speak of \mathcal{B} as a **type signature**.

\mathcal{B} is some fixed set “defined by the user”. In Isabelle, there is a syntax provided for this purpose.

However, some type constructors are **always present**.

³¹⁴*ind* (“**indefinite**”) is a type constructor which stands for a type with **infinitely** many members, a concept which is central in HOL, as we will see **later**.

³¹⁵For any two types τ and σ , we write $\tau \times \sigma$ for the type of pairs where the first component is of type τ and the second component is of type σ .

The infix syntax is in analogy to \rightarrow .

The pair type is not in the core of HOL, but it can be **defined** in it.

³¹⁶We have seen the **generalization** of λ^{\rightarrow} to polymorphism.

Terms

Reminder: $e ::= x \mid c \mid (ee) \mid (\lambda x^\tau . e)$

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Terms of type *bool* are called **(well-formed) formulae**.

In HOL, Σ always includes:

$True, False$ ³¹⁸ : *bool*

$=$: $\alpha \rightarrow \alpha \rightarrow bool$ (polymorphic, or **set**³¹⁹)

\rightarrow : *bool* \rightarrow *bool* \rightarrow *bool*

ϵ : $(\alpha \rightarrow bool) \rightarrow \alpha$ (in Isabelle: **Eps** or **SOME**³²⁰)

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- HOL extends idea: \mathcal{D} indexed by (infinitely many) types.
- Complications due to polymorphism [GM93].
- We only give a monomorphic variant of semantics here!

Model Based on Universe of Sets \mathcal{U}

\mathcal{U} is a collection of sets (**domains**), fulfilling **closure conditions**:

Inhab: Each $X \in \mathcal{U}$ is a nonempty set

Sub: If $X \in \mathcal{U}$ and $Y \subseteq X$ and $Y \neq \emptyset$, then $Y \in \mathcal{U}$

Prod: If $X, Y \in \mathcal{U}$ then $X \times Y \in \mathcal{U}$.

Pow: If $X \in \mathcal{U}$ then $\wp(X) = \{Y \mid Y \subseteq X\} \in \mathcal{U}$

Infty: \mathcal{U} contains a distinguished infinite set³²¹ I

Choice: There is a function $ch \in \prod_{X \in \mathcal{U}} X$.

³²¹The infinity axiom

$$\frac{\exists f^{(ind \rightarrow ind)}. injective f \wedge \neg surjective f}{infty}$$

says that there is a function from I to I (the postulated infinite set in \mathcal{U}) which is injective (any two different elements e, e' of I have different images under f) but not surjective (there exists an element of I which is not the image of any element).

Such a function can only exist if I is infinite, and in fact the axiom expresses the very essence of infinity, as we will see later.

Think of the natural numbers and the successor function as an example: for any two different natural numbers, the successors are different, and the number 0 is not the successor of any number.

Prod: Encoding $X \times Y$

$X \times Y$ is the **Cartesian** product, i.e., the set of pairs (x, y) such that $x \in X$ and $y \in Y$.

One can actually “encode” a tuple (x, y) without explicitly postulating the “existence of tuples”³²². E.g.: $(x, y) \equiv \{\{x\}, \{x, y\}\}$.

³²²According to usual mathematical practice, one would argue that if two sets A and B are well-defined, then the set $A \times B$ of pairs (tuples) (a, b) where $a \in A$ and $b \in B$ is also well-defined.

That is, we assume that if one understands what a and b are, then one also understands what the pair (a, b) is. A pair is a “semantic object”.

Ultimately, semantics can only be understood using one’s intuition, and only be explained using **natural language**. (One can only “hope” [GM93, page 193] that no confusion arises.) One should try to base the semantics on a very small number of fundamental concepts.

Therefore, one might want to avoid having a concept “pair” (“tuple”) explicitly, or put differently, one might want to reduce “pairs” to something even more fundamental. That’s what is intended by the encoding $\{\{x\}, \{x, y\}\}$.

Note that this reduction step somehow makes the **type discipline** invisible, because x and y might be semantic objects

Choice: Picking a Member

The function ch takes a set $X \in \mathcal{U}$ as argument and returns a **member** of X .

We hence write $ch \in \Pi_{X \in \mathcal{U}}.X$ ³²³, i.e., ch is of dependent type.

Essentially, the constant ϵ will be interpreted as ch , but you will see the technical details [later](#).

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³²³When we write $ch \in \Pi_{X \in \mathcal{U}}.X$, i.e., ch is of dependent type, then this is a statement on the semantic level. The expression $\Pi_{X \in \mathcal{U}}.X$ is not part of the formal syntax of HOL (unlike in LF, a system we have not treated here), and its meaning is only described in plain English, by saying that ch takes a set $X \in \mathcal{U}$ as argument and returns a **member** of X .

Function Space in \mathcal{U}

Define set $X \rightarrow Y$ as (graphs of) functions³²⁴ from X to Y .

- For nonempty X and Y ³²⁵, this set is nonempty and is a subset of $\wp(X \times Y)$.
- From **closure conditions**: $X, Y \in \mathcal{U}$ then $X \rightarrow Y \in \mathcal{U}$.

³²⁴In any basic math course on algebra, we learn that a binary relation between X and Y is set of a pairs of the form (x, y) where $x \in X$ and $y \in Y$. One also calls such a set a **graph** since one can view pairs (x, y) as edges.

We also learn that a relation R is called a **function** from X to Y if for each $x \in X$, there exists exactly one $y \in Y$ such that $(x, y) \in R$. Provided that Y is nonempty, a function from X to Y always exists.

Thus the **set of functions** from X to Y , denoted $X \rightarrow Y$, is a nonempty subset of the **set of relations** on X and Y , i.e., $\wp(X \times Y)$. Since $X \rightarrow Y$ is nonempty, by **Prod** we have that $X \rightarrow Y \in \mathcal{U}$.

³²⁵It is crucial in the semantics that any type is **inhabited**, i.e., has an element. The reason for this is that otherwise, there would be **terms** for which we cannot give a semantics:

Suppose ρ was an empty (non-inhabited) type. Then we cannot give any semantics to the term x^ρ . Moreover, if the **signature** includes a constant c^ρ , then we cannot give a se-

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it follows that the following sets exist in \mathcal{U} :

mantics to c^ρ . Even if we only consider closed terms (i.e., terms without free variables), and we explicitly forbid the existence of a constant c^ρ for an empty type ρ , there will be terms for which we cannot give a semantics. The simplest example is the term $\lambda x^\rho.x$.

We know that λ -terms denote functions, as in $\lambda x^\rho.x$, and so it is natural to expect that all functions we can write in the λ -calculus actually exist in the semantics. Generally, the function space $X \rightarrow Y$ is empty if X or Y is empty. This means that $\mathcal{D}_{\tau \rightarrow \sigma}$ would necessarily be empty if τ is empty.

One way of understanding why it would be bad if some λ -terms denoting functions had no semantics is by looking at β -reduction: for any types τ, σ and a constant c of type σ , we expect $(\lambda x^\tau.c) x = c$. But this wouldn't hold if we cannot give a semantics to $(\lambda x^\tau.c)$ since $\mathcal{D}_{\tau \rightarrow \sigma}$ is empty.

Therefore: inhabitation.

One specific point where inhabitation is crucial is related to the ϵ -operator, as we will see later.

Unit: A distinguished 1-element³²⁶ set $\{1\}$

Bool: A distinguished 2-element set $\{T, F\}$.

In the book [GM93] that is one of the sources for this lecture, inhabitation is mentioned, but it is not explained why it is crucial.

Here we speak of semantic inhabitation, i.e., our semantic universe must be big enough so that all terms (of type τ) can be given a meaning (in \mathcal{D}_τ). This is a different question from whether there might be types that are not inhabited (syntactically) in the first place, i.e., types for which there exists no term of this type (compare this to the [Curry-Howard isomorphism](#)). Thus we are concerned with making sure that every term has a meaning, not that every meaning has a term. However, it turns out that in HOL, each type τ is also syntactically inhabited, namely e.g. by the term $\epsilon_{(\tau \rightarrow \text{bool}) \rightarrow \tau}(\lambda x^\tau. \text{True})$.

³²⁶Of course, the conditions on \mathcal{U} do not per se enforce the existence of sets containing the elements 1 or T or F . Just as well, one could say that they enforce the existence of sets containing elements ☕ or 🚲 or ⚽.

The **name** of a semantic element is ultimately irrelevant, and

Frames

For semantics, we neglect polymorphism. τ and σ range over types.

A **frame** is a collection $\{\mathcal{D}_\tau\}_\tau$ of non-empty sets (domains) $\mathcal{D}_\tau \in \mathcal{U}$, one for each type τ , where:

- $\mathcal{D}_{bool} = \{T, F\}$;
- $\mathcal{D}_{\tau \rightarrow \sigma} \subseteq \mathcal{D}_\tau \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_\sigma$, i.e., **some** collection of functions from \mathcal{D}_τ to \mathcal{D}_σ .
- $\mathcal{D}_{ind} = I$.

Note: for fundamental reasons discussed **later**, one cannot simply define $\mathcal{D}_{\tau \rightarrow \sigma} = \mathcal{D}_\tau \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_\sigma$ at this stage.

therefore we claim, without loss of generality, that there is a 1-element set $\{1\}$ and a 2-element set $\{T, F\}$. We say that these sets are **distinguished** because they play a special role in the setup of the semantics.

Interpretations

An **interpretation** $\mathfrak{M} = \langle \{\mathcal{D}_\tau\}_\tau, \mathcal{J} \rangle$ is a frame $\{\mathcal{D}_\tau\}_\tau$ and a **denotation function** \mathcal{J} mapping each constant of type τ to an element of \mathcal{D}_τ where:

- $\mathcal{J}(True) = T$ and $\mathcal{J}(False) = F$;
- $\mathcal{J}(=_{\tau \rightarrow \tau \rightarrow bool})$ ³²⁷ is **equality** on \mathcal{D}_τ ;
- $\mathcal{J}(\rightarrow)$ is **implication** function over \mathcal{D}_{bool} . For $b, b' \in \{T, F\}$,

$$\mathcal{J}(\rightarrow)(b, b') = \begin{cases} F & \text{if } b = T \text{ and } b' = F \\ T & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

³²⁷For $=$ and ϵ , we give type subscripts in the presentation of the semantics since we assume, conceptually, that there are infinitely many **copies** of those constants, one for each type. We do this to avoid explicit polymorphism in this presentation.

Interpretations (Cont.)

- $\mathcal{J}(\epsilon_{(\tau \rightarrow bool) \rightarrow \tau})$ is defined by (for $f \in (\mathcal{D}_\tau \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_{bool})$):

$$\mathcal{J}(\epsilon_{(\tau \rightarrow bool) \rightarrow \tau})(f)^{328} = \begin{cases} ch(f^{-1}(\{T\})) & \text{if } f^{-1}(\{T\}) \neq \emptyset \\ ch(\mathcal{D}_\tau) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Note: If a frame $\{\mathcal{D}_\tau\}_\tau$ does not contain all of the functions used above, then $\{\mathcal{D}_\tau\}_\tau$ cannot belong to any interpretation.

³²⁸We have

$$\mathcal{J}(\epsilon_{(\tau \rightarrow bool) \rightarrow \tau})(f) = \begin{cases} ch(f^{-1}(\{T\})) & \text{if } f^{-1}(\{T\}) \neq \emptyset \\ ch(\mathcal{D}_\tau) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

ch is a (semantic) function which takes a nonempty set and returns an element from that set. f is a semantic function from \mathcal{D}_τ to \mathcal{D}_{bool} . However, f can be interpreted as set. This is done in all formality here: we write $f^{-1}(\{T\})$. One says that f is the characteristic function of the set $f^{-1}(\{T\})$.

Now the type of ϵ is $(\tau \rightarrow bool) \rightarrow \tau$ (for any τ), so ϵ expects a function as argument, which can be interpreted as a **set** as just stated. This set can be empty or nonempty. In case it is nonempty, an element is picked from the set non-deterministically. If the set is empty, an element from the **type** τ (which must be nonempty since each type is interpreted as nonempty set) is picked. Note the importance of **inhabitation**.

A Terminological Note

The terminology is slightly different from FOL:

In FOL, “ $\langle \{\mathcal{D}_\tau\}_\tau, \mathcal{J} \rangle$ ” is called **structure** and “ \mathcal{J} ” is called **interpretation**.

In HOL, $\langle \{\mathcal{D}_\tau\}_\tau, \mathcal{J} \rangle$ is called **interpretation** and \mathcal{J} is called **denotation function**.

The Value of Terms (Naïve)

In analogy to FOL, given an interpretation $\mathfrak{M} = \langle \{\mathcal{D}_\tau\}_\tau, \mathcal{J} \rangle$ and a type-indexed collection of assignments³²⁹ $A = \{A_\tau\}_\tau$, define $\mathcal{V}_A^{\mathfrak{M}}$ such that $\mathcal{V}_A^{\mathfrak{M}}(t_\rho) \in \mathcal{D}_\rho$ for all t , as follows:

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3. $\mathcal{V}_A^{\mathfrak{M}}(s_{\tau \rightarrow \sigma} \overset{330}{t}_\tau) = (\mathcal{V}_A^{\mathfrak{M}}(s))(\mathcal{V}_A^{\mathfrak{M}}(t))$, i.e., the value of the function $\mathcal{V}_A^{\mathfrak{M}}(s)$ at the argument $\mathcal{V}_A^{\mathfrak{M}}(t)$;
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³³⁰In the presentation of models, we give type subscripts for the cases $\mathcal{V}_A^{\mathfrak{M}}(s_{\tau \rightarrow \sigma} t_\tau)$ and $\mathcal{V}_A^{\mathfrak{M}}(\lambda x^\tau. t_\sigma)$ to indicate the types of s and t in those definitions. Note that a term has a type in a certain context Γ , which is suppressed in our presentation of models. The semantics is only defined for well-formed terms, in particular, applications and abstractions having types of the indicated forms.

³³¹ $A[x \leftarrow e]$ denotes the assignment that is identical to A except that $A(x) = e$.

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³²⁹An **assignment** (previously called **valuation**) maps variables to elements of a **domain**.

A type-indexed collection of assignments is an assignment that respects the types: a variable of type τ will be assigned to a member of \mathcal{D}_τ [GM93]. Note that a variable has a type by virtue of a context Γ , which is suppressed in our presentation of models.

³³⁰In the presentation of models, we give type subscripts for the cases $\mathcal{V}_A^{\mathfrak{M}}(s_{\tau \rightarrow \sigma} t_\tau)$ and $\mathcal{V}_A^{\mathfrak{M}}(\lambda x^\tau. t_\sigma)$ to indicate the types of s and t in those definitions. Note that a term has a type in a certain context Γ , which is suppressed in our presentation of models. The semantics is only defined for well-formed terms, in particular, applications and abstractions having types of the indicated forms.

³³¹ $A[x \leftarrow e]$ denotes the assignment that is identical to A except that $A(x) = e$.

Condition 4 Is Critical

For $\mathcal{V}_A^{\mathfrak{M}}$ to be well-defined, the function from \mathcal{D}_τ into \mathcal{D}_σ in condition 4 must live in $\mathcal{D}_{\tau \rightarrow \sigma}$ ³³²; for this, $\mathcal{D}_{\tau \rightarrow \sigma}$ must be **big enough**.

If $\mathcal{V}_A^{\mathfrak{M}}$ is well-defined, we call $\mathfrak{M} = \langle \mathcal{D}_\tau, \mathcal{J} \rangle$ a (general)³³³ **model**.

³³²In condition 4, the semantics of $\lambda x^\tau. t_\sigma$ is defined unambiguously as a certain function. But in general, there is no guarantee that this function is actually in $\mathcal{D}_{\tau \rightarrow \sigma}$, and in this case, $\mathfrak{M} = \langle \{\mathcal{D}_\tau\}_\tau, \mathcal{J} \rangle$ would not be a model.

³³³**General** models must be distinguished from **standard** models, as we will see **later**.

We sometimes omit the word “general” in **general model**.

Models

Hence: Not all interpretations are general models, but we restrict our attention to the general models.

If $\mathcal{D}_{\tau \rightarrow \sigma}$ is the set of **all** functions from \mathcal{D}_{τ} to \mathcal{D}_{σ} , then it is certainly “big enough”. In this case, we speak of a **standard model**. Important for **completeness**.

If \mathfrak{M} is a general model and A an assignment, **then** $\mathcal{V}_A^{\mathfrak{M}}$ is uniquely determined.

$\mathcal{V}_A^{\mathfrak{M}}(t)$ is **value** of t in \mathfrak{M} wrt. A .

Note that in **contrast to first-order logic**, “model” does **not** mean “an interpretation that makes a formula true”.

Satisfiability and Validity

A formula (term of type *bool*) ϕ is **satisfiable wrt. a model** \mathfrak{M} if there exists an assignment A such that $\mathcal{V}_A^{\mathfrak{M}}(\phi) = T$.

A formula ϕ is **valid wrt. a model** \mathfrak{M} if for all assignments A , we have $\mathcal{V}_A^{\mathfrak{M}}(\phi) = T$.

A formula ϕ is **valid in the general sense** if it is valid in every **general model**.

A formula ϕ is **valid in the standard sense** if it is valid in every **standard model**.

Existence of Values

Closure conditions for **general models** guarantee every well-formed term has a value under every assignment, and this means that certain values **must exist**, e.g.,

- Closure under functions: since $\mathcal{V}_A^{\mathfrak{M}}(\lambda x^\tau. x)$ is defined, the identity function from \mathcal{D}_τ to \mathcal{D}_τ must always belong to $\mathcal{D}_{\tau \rightarrow \tau}$.
- Closure under application: let $\mathcal{D}_\mathbb{N}$ be the natural numbers, and suppose we have a term ϕ denoting the successor function, then $\mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}}$ must contain k where $k x = x + 2$, since $k = \mathcal{V}_A^{\mathfrak{M}}(\lambda x_\mathbb{N}. \phi(\phi x))$.

Idea: if you can write it down, then it exists!

14.4 Basic Rules

We now give the core calculus of HOL. Its rules can be stated using only the constants $=$, \rightarrow , and ϵ . However, there will be one rule, *tof* (“true or false”), which would be hard to read if we did that.

So we allow ourselves to “cheat”³³⁴ and also use constants *True*, *False*, \vee to write rule *tof*.

Later we will **define** those constants, i.e., regard them as **syntactic sugar**.

³³⁴Rule *tof* can be written as follows:

$$\frac{(\lambda\psi. (\phi = (\lambda x.x = \lambda x.x) \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow (\phi = ((\lambda\eta.\eta) = \lambda x.(\lambda x.x = \lambda x.x)) \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow \psi) = (\lambda x.(\lambda x.x = \lambda x.x))}{\text{tof}}$$

This is very complicated, so let’s trace this back to the more readable phrasing

$$\begin{aligned} &(\lambda\psi. (\phi = \text{True} \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow (\phi = ((\lambda\eta.\eta) = \lambda x.\text{True}) \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow \psi) = \\ &(\lambda x.\text{True}) \equiv \\ &(\forall\psi. (\phi = \text{True} \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow (\phi = (\forall\eta.\eta) \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow \psi) \equiv \\ &(\forall\psi. (\phi = \text{True} \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow (\phi = \text{False} \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow \psi) \equiv \\ &\phi = \text{True} \vee \phi = \text{False} \end{aligned}$$

Our notation for rule *tof* is thus based on the following def-

Basic Rules in Sequent Notation

initions:

$$\mathit{True} = (\lambda x^{bool}.x = \lambda x.x)$$

$$\mathit{False} = \forall \phi^{bool}.\phi$$

$$\forall = \lambda \phi \eta.\forall \psi.(\phi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow (\eta \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow \psi$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
\frac{}{\Gamma \vdash \phi = \phi} \textit{refl} \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash \phi = \eta \quad \Gamma \vdash P(\phi)}{\Gamma \vdash P(\eta)} \textit{subst} \\
\frac{\Gamma \vdash \phi x = \eta x}{\Gamma \vdash \phi = \eta} \textit{ext}^{335} \qquad \frac{\Gamma, \phi \vdash \eta}{\Gamma \vdash \phi \rightarrow \eta} \textit{impl} \\
\frac{\Gamma \vdash \phi \rightarrow \eta \quad \Gamma \vdash \phi}{\Gamma \vdash \eta} \textit{mp} \\
\frac{}{\Gamma \vdash (\phi \rightarrow \eta) \rightarrow (\eta \rightarrow \phi) \rightarrow (\phi = \eta)} \textit{iff} \\
\frac{}{\phi = \textit{True} \vee \phi = \textit{False}} \textit{tof} \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash \phi x}{\Gamma \vdash \phi(\epsilon x. \phi x^{337})} \textit{select}^{336}
\end{array}$$

³³⁵The rule

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \phi x = \eta x}{\Gamma \vdash \phi = \eta} \textit{ext}$$

has the side condition that $x \notin FV(\Gamma)$.

Phrased like

$$\frac{\phi x = \eta x}{\phi = \eta} \textit{ext}$$

the rule has the side condition that x must not occur **freely** in the derivation of $\phi x = \eta x$.

³³⁶You may wonder why there is no rule for eliminating ϵ . We will **later** see a rule derivation where an ϵ is effectively eliminated, and we will also see that this is done without requiring a rule explicitly for this purpose.

Apart from that, the ϵ -operator is used in HOL as basis for **defining** \exists and the if-then-else constructs. Once we have derived the appropriate rules for those, we will not explicitly encounter ϵ anymore.

³³⁷For readability, we will frequently use a syntax that one is

Axiom of Infinity

There is one additional rule (axiom) that will give us the existence of **infinite sets**:

$$\frac{}{\exists f^{(ind \rightarrow ind)}.injective^{338} f \wedge \neg surjective f} \textit{infty}$$

Has special role. Interesting to look at HOL **with or without infinity**. **Won't** consider infinity today.

Note “cheating” (use of \exists).

These eight (nine) rules are the entire basis!

more used to than **higher-order abstract syntax**:

$\epsilon x.\phi x$ stands for $\epsilon(\phi)$.

$\forall x.\phi(x)$ stands for $\forall(\phi)$, and likewise for \exists .

We have done the same **previously** for \mathcal{M} .

Soundness and Completeness

Soundness is straightforward [[And02](#), p. 240].

Soundness and Completeness

Completeness only follows w.r.t. **general models**, as opposed to **standard models**. Recall that a **standard model** is one where $\mathcal{D}_{\tau \rightarrow \sigma}$ is always the set of **all** functions from \mathcal{D}_τ to \mathcal{D}_σ .

There are formulas that are **valid** in all standard models, but not in all general models, and which cannot be proven in our **calculus**. Our calculus can prove the formulas that are true in all general models including non-standard ones (**Henkin models** [Hen50]). This reconciles HOL with Gödel's incompleteness theorem³³⁹ [Hen50, Mil92].

If we consider a version of HOL without **infinity**, then every model is a standard model³⁴⁰ and so completeness holds.

³³⁹This is a standard trick when faced with the problem that a deductive system is not complete. One can either enlarge the set of axioms, or one can weaken the models by permitting more models. If we allow more models, then fewer theorems will be valid (i.e., hold in all models), and so fewer theorems will have to be provable in the derivation system.

Here, completeness is based on general models, and **not standard** models. This resolves the apparent contradiction with Gödel's incompleteness theorem: HOL with infinity contains I , hence the **natural numbers**, hence arithmetic By Gödel's incompleteness theorem, there cannot be a consistent derivation system that can prove all valid theorems in the natural numbers.

A readable account on this problem can be found in [And02, ch. 7].

³⁴⁰We might consider a version of HOL without infinity, i.e., one where each **domain** is finite (note that \mathcal{U} is still infinite, since there are infinitely many types, e.g., $bool$, $bool \rightarrow bool$,

14.5 Isabelle/HOL

We now look at a particular instance of HOL (given by defining certain types and constants) which essentially corresponds to the HOL theory of Isabelle³⁴¹.

$bool \rightarrow bool \rightarrow bool, \dots$)).

One can see that **every** function in such a finite domain is representable as a λ -term, and so for any σ and τ , we **must have** $\mathcal{D}_{\tau \rightarrow \sigma} = \mathcal{D}_{\tau} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_{\sigma}$.

For details consult [And02, §54].

³⁴¹This file should be contained in your Isabelle distribution. Or, if you only have an Isabelle executable, you can find the sources here:

<http://isabelle.in.tum.de/library/>

There you will also find all the derivations of the rules presented in this lecture.

However, the presentation of this lecture is partly based on [HOL.thy](#) of Isabelle 98, which in turn is based on a standard book [GM93]. E.g., the definition of `Ex_def` is now different from the one presented here.

Note also that here in the slides, we use a style of displaying Isabelle files which uses some symbols beyond the **usual ASCII set**.

We present language and rules³⁴² using “mathematical” syntax, but also comparing with Isabelle (concrete/HOAS) syntax.

We take **polymorphism** back on board.

³⁴²We will mix **natural deduction** (with discharging assumptions), natural deduction written in **sequent style**, and Isabelle syntax.

For a thorough account of this, consult [SH84].

Some **general** remarks about the correspondence: A rule

$$\frac{\psi}{\phi}$$

in ND notation corresponds to an Isabelle rule $\psi \Longrightarrow \phi$.

A rule

$$\frac{[\rho] \quad \vdots \quad \psi}{\phi}$$

is written as

$$\frac{\rho, \Gamma \vdash \psi}{\Gamma \vdash \phi}$$

(Central Parts of the) Language

in sequent style or

$$\frac{\rho \implies \psi}{\phi}$$

using the Isabelle meta-implication \implies .

A rule

$$\frac{\psi}{\phi(x)}$$

with side condition that x must not occur free in any undischarged assumption on which ψ depends is written as

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \psi}{\Gamma \vdash \phi(x)}$$

in sequent style, where the side condition reads: x must not occur free in Γ . Using the Isabelle meta-universal quantification, the rule is written

$$\frac{\bigwedge x. \psi}{\phi(x)}$$

$\Sigma_0 =$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \text{True}, \text{False}^{343} & : \text{bool}, \\ \neg_{-}^{344} & : \text{bool} \rightarrow \text{bool}, \\ _ \wedge _, _ \vee _, _ \rightarrow _ & : \text{bool} \rightarrow \text{bool} \rightarrow \text{bool}, \\ \forall _, \exists _ & : (\alpha \rightarrow \text{bool}) \rightarrow \text{bool}, \\ \epsilon _ & : (\alpha \rightarrow \text{bool}) \rightarrow \alpha, \\ \text{if_then_else_} & : \text{bool} \rightarrow \alpha \rightarrow \alpha \rightarrow \alpha, \\ _ = _ & : \alpha \rightarrow \alpha \rightarrow \text{bool} \end{array} \right\}$$

We will switch between the various ways of writing the rules! This means in particular that we will use \implies and \wedge from Isabelle's metalogic.

³⁴³For convenience (and to save space, we write $\dots a : \tau, b : \tau \dots$ as $\dots a, b : \tau \dots$ in a signature. This is of course **syntactic sugar**.

³⁴⁴We use a notation with $_$ to indicate the arity and fixity of constants, as this has been done for **type constructors** before.

The whole matter of arity of fixity is one of notational convenience. For example, as the type of \wedge indicates, we should write $(\wedge\phi)\psi$ (**Curried notation**), but we write $\phi \wedge \psi$ since it is more what we are used to.

Basic Rules in Isabelle Notation

```
refl:          "t = t"
subst:        "[| s = t; P(s) |] ==> P(t)"
ext:          "(!!x. (f x) = g x) ==>
              (%x. f x) = (%x. g x)"
impI:         "(P ==> Q) ==> P-->Q"
mp:          "[| P-->Q; P |] ==> Q"
iff:         "(P-->Q) --> (Q-->P) --> (P=Q)"
True_or_False: "(P=True) | (P=False)"
selectI:     "P (x) ==> P (@x. P x)"
```

See [HOL.thy](#).

Basic Rules in Mixed Notation

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{}{\phi = \phi} \textit{ refl} \\
 \frac{\phi x = \eta x}{\phi = \eta} \textit{ ext}^* \\
 \frac{\phi \rightarrow \eta \quad \phi}{\eta} \textit{ mp} \\
 \frac{}{(\phi \rightarrow \eta) \rightarrow (\eta \rightarrow \phi) \rightarrow (\phi = \eta)} \textit{ iff} \\
 \frac{}{\phi = \textit{ True} \vee \phi = \textit{ False}} \textit{ tof}
 \end{array}
 \qquad
 \begin{array}{c}
 \frac{\phi = \eta \quad P(\phi)}{P(\eta)} \textit{ subst} \\
 \frac{\phi \implies \eta}{\phi \rightarrow \eta} \textit{ impl} \\
 \frac{\phi x}{\phi(\epsilon x. \phi x)} \textit{ selectl}
 \end{array}$$

No more “Cheating”: The Definitions

$$\begin{aligned}
True^{345} &=^{346} (\lambda x^{bool}.x = \lambda x.x) \\
\forall^{347} &= \lambda \phi^{\alpha \rightarrow bool}.(\phi = \lambda x.True) \\
False^{348} &= \forall \phi^{bool}^{349}.\phi^{350} \\
\vee^{351} &= \lambda \phi \eta.\forall \psi.(\phi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow (\eta \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow \psi \\
\wedge^{352} &= \lambda \phi \eta.\forall \psi.(\phi \rightarrow \eta \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow \psi \\
\neg^{353} &= \lambda \phi.(\phi \rightarrow False) \\
\exists^{354} &= (\lambda \phi.\phi(\epsilon x.\phi x)) \\
If^{355} &= \lambda \phi^{bool}xy.\epsilon z.(\phi = True \rightarrow z = x) \wedge \\
&\quad (\phi = False \rightarrow z = y)
\end{aligned}$$

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$$True = (\lambda x^{bool}.x = \lambda x.x)$$

The term $\lambda x^{bool}.x = \lambda x.x$ **evaluates to T** , and so it is a suitable definition for the constant $True$.

Note that we give the type for x once. The right-hand side $\lambda x.x$ will thereby also be forced to be of type $bool \rightarrow bool$.

This is necessary for reasons that will become clear **later**.

Note that $(\lambda x^{bool}.x = \lambda x.x)$ is **closed**. Definitions **must always be closed**.

³⁴⁶It is a design choice if we want to add these definitions at the level of the **object logic (HOL)** or at the level of the metalogic \mathcal{M} . In the first case, we would use $=$ and have axioms such as

$$True = (\lambda x^{bool}.x = \lambda x.x)$$

In the second case, we would have meta-axioms

$$True \equiv (\lambda x^{bool}.x = \lambda x.x)$$

This would mean that we would regard $True$ merely as **syntactic sugar**. The second way corresponds to what is done in Isabelle, see **HOL.thy**. It is technically more convenient since **rewriting** is based on meta-level equalities.

Logically, it is not a big difference which way one chooses. We will have an **exercise** on **this**.

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$$\forall = \lambda \phi.(\phi = \lambda x.True)$$

$$If = \lambda\phi xy. \epsilon z. (\phi = True \rightarrow z = x) \wedge (\phi = False \rightarrow z = y)$$

The constant *If* stands for the if-then-else construct. Note first that $\epsilon z. (\phi = True \rightarrow z = x) \wedge (\phi = False \rightarrow z = y)$ is η -equivalent to $\epsilon z. (\lambda z. (\phi = True \rightarrow z = x) \wedge (\phi = False \rightarrow z = y)) z$, which is written $\epsilon(\lambda z. (\phi = True \rightarrow z = x) \wedge (\phi = False \rightarrow z = y))$ in the “real” HOL syntax, which uses the concept of **HOAS**.

The expression $\epsilon(\lambda z. (\phi = True \rightarrow z = x) \wedge (\phi = False \rightarrow z = y))$ picks a term from the set of terms z such that $(\phi = True \rightarrow z = x) \wedge (\phi = False \rightarrow z = y)$ holds. But this means that $z = x$ if $\phi = True$, or $z = y$ if $\phi = False$.

Since *If* should be a function which takes ϕ , x and y as arguments, we must abstract over those variables, giving $\lambda\phi xy. \epsilon z. (\phi = True \rightarrow z = x) \wedge (\phi = False \rightarrow z = y)$.

Note: Different Syntaxes

Mathematical

vs. Isabelle, e.g.

$\neg\phi$

Not Phi

$\lambda x^{bool}.P$

`%356x :: 357bool.P`

HOAS

vs. concrete, e.g.

$\forall (\lambda x^\tau. (\wedge p(x) q(x)))$

$\forall x^\tau. p(x) \wedge q(x)$

$\epsilon (P)$

$\epsilon x.P(x)$

We use all those forms as convenient. For displaying Isabelle files, we will sometimes use a style where some ASCII words (e.g. %) are replaced with mathematical symbols (e.g. λ).

³⁵⁶Note that the λ -binder of the object logic HOL is not distinguished from the λ -binder of Isabelle's metalogic \mathcal{M} . One could introduce an object level constant *lambda*, but one quickly sees that it would be an unnecessary overhead.

³⁵⁷As we have learned [previously](#), λ -abstracted variables should have a type superscript, although this superscript is often omitted since the type can be [inferred](#).

Since $\forall x.p(x) \wedge q(x)$ is the “concrete syntax” version of $\forall (\lambda x. (\wedge p(x) q(x)))$, it makes sense that we allow an optional superscript also for \forall -bound (and likewise for \exists -bound) variables.

In Isabelle the optional type annotation is written using `::` instead of a superscript.

14.6 Conclusions on HOL

- HOL generalizes semantics of FOL:
 - *bool* serves as type of propositions;
 - Syntax/semantics allows for higher-order functions.
- Logic is rather minimal: 8 or 9 rules, based on 3 constants, **soundness** straightforward.
- Logic **complete** (w.r.t. general models, but not **standard** models).
- Next lecture we will see how all well-known inference rules can be derived.

15 HOL: Deriving Rules

Outline

Last lecture: Introduction to HOL

- Basic syntax and semantics
- Basic eight (or nine) rules
- Definitions of *True*, *False*, \wedge , \vee , \forall ...

Today:

- Deriving rules for the defined constants
- Outlook on the rest of this course

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Derived Rules

The **definitions** can be understood either semantically (checking if each definition captures the usual meaning of that constant) or by their properties (= derived rules).

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- Rule *sym* and ND derivation³⁵⁸

$$\frac{s = t \quad \frac{}{s = s} \textit{refl}}{t = s} \textit{subst}$$

³⁵⁸We present most of those proofs by giving a [derivation tree](#) for it, but sometimes, we also give an Isabelle proof script.

Note also the [mix of syntaxes](#).

- Isabelle rule $s=t \implies t=s$. Proof script:

```
Goal "s=t ==> t=s";  
by (etac subst 1);           (* P is %x.x=s *)  
by (rtac refl 1);          (* s=s *)  
qed "sym";
```

Equality: Transitivity and Congruences

- Rule *trans*

$$\frac{r = s \quad s = t}{r = t} \textit{trans}$$

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- Congruences (only Isabelle forms):

$(f :: 'a \Rightarrow 'b) = g \implies f(x) = g(x)$ (*fun_cong*)

$x = y \implies f(x) = f(y)$ (*arg_cong*)

Isabelle proofs using *subst* and *refl*.

Equality of Booleans (*iff*)

Rule *iff*

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} [P] \\ \vdots \\ Q \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} [Q] \\ \vdots \\ P \end{array}}{P = Q} \text{iff}$$

Equality of Booleans (*iff*)

Rule *iff* and ND derivation

$$\frac{\frac{(P \rightarrow Q) \rightarrow (Q \rightarrow P) \rightarrow (P = Q)}{(Q \rightarrow P) \rightarrow (P = Q)} \text{ iff} \quad \frac{\begin{array}{c} [P] \\ \vdots \\ Q \end{array}}{P \rightarrow Q} \text{ impl}}{\frac{\frac{(Q \rightarrow P) \rightarrow (P = Q)}{Q \rightarrow P} \text{ impl}}{P = Q} \text{ mp}} \text{ mp}$$

Isabelle rule [| P ==> Q; Q ==> P |] ==> P=Q.

Equality of Booleans (*iffD2*)

Rule *iffD2*

$$\frac{P = Q}{P} Q \text{ iffD2}$$

Equality of Booleans (*iffD2*)

Rule *iffD2* and ND derivation

$$\frac{\frac{P = Q}{Q = P} \textit{sym}}{P} Q \textit{subst}$$

Isabelle rule `[| P=Q; Q |] ==> P.`

15.2 *True*

$$\mathit{True} = ((\lambda x^{\mathit{bool}}.x) = (\lambda x.x))$$

- Rule *True1*

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- Rule *True1* and ND derivation

$$\frac{}{(\lambda x.x) = (\lambda x.x)} \mathit{refl}$$

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$$\mathit{True} = ((\lambda x^{\mathit{bool}}.x) = (\lambda x.x))$$

- Rule *TrueI* and ND derivation

$$\frac{}{(\lambda x.x) = (\lambda x.x)} \mathit{refl}$$

- Rule *eqTrueE*

$$\frac{P = \mathit{True}}{P} \mathit{eqTrueE}$$

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- Rule *TrueI* and ND derivation

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- Rule *eqTrueE* and ND derivation

$$\frac{P = \mathit{True} \quad \frac{}{\mathit{True}} \mathit{TrueI}}{P} \mathit{iffD2}$$

Isabelle rule $P = \mathit{True} \implies P$.

True (Cont.)

- Rule *eqTrueI*

$$\frac{P}{P = \text{True}} \text{eqTrueI}$$

True (Cont.)

- Rule *eqTrue1* and ND derivation

$$\frac{\overline{\text{True}} \quad \text{True1} \quad P}{P = \text{True}} \text{ iff1}$$

Note that 0 assumptions were discharged.

Isabelle rule $P \implies P = \text{True}$.

15.3 Universal Quantification

$$\forall P = (P = (\lambda x. True))$$

- Rule *all*

$$\frac{P(x)}{\forall P} \text{ all}$$

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- Rule *all*

$$P(x)$$

$$\frac{}{P = \lambda x. True} \text{ all}$$

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$$\forall P = (P = (\lambda x. True))$$

- Rule *all* and ND derivation

$$\frac{\frac{P(x)}{P(x) = True} \text{ eqTrueI}}{P = \lambda x. True} \text{ ext}$$

Inherits the side condition of *ext*: x must not occur freely in the derivation of $P(x)$.

Isabelle rule $(!!x. P(x)) \implies \text{ALL } x. P(x)$.

Example Illustrating Side Condition

$$\frac{\frac{[r(x)]^1}{r(x) \rightarrow r(x)} \rightarrow -I^1}{\forall x. r(x) \rightarrow r(x)} \text{ all}$$

Why is this correct?

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$$\frac{\frac{[r(x)]^1}{r(x) \rightarrow r(x)} \rightarrow -I^1}{\forall x. r(x) \rightarrow r(x)} \text{ all}$$

Why is this correct? Let's do it without using *all* explicitly:

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{[r(x)]^2}{r(x) \rightarrow r(x)} \rightarrow -I^2}{(r(x) \rightarrow r(x)) = True} \text{ eqTrueI}}{\lambda x. (r(x) \rightarrow r(x)) = \lambda x. True} \text{ ext}$$

The side condition is respected.

Universal Quantification (Cont.)

- Rule *spec* (recall $\forall P$ means $\forall x.Px$)

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$$P = \lambda x. True$$

$$\frac{}{P(t)} \text{ spec}$$

Universal Quantification (Cont.)

- Rule *spec* (recall $\forall P$ means $\forall x.Px$) and ND derivation

$$\frac{\frac{P = \lambda x. True}{P(t) = True} \text{ fun_cong}}{P(t)} \text{ eqTrueE}$$

Isabelle rule ALL $x :: 'a. P(x) ==> P(x)$.

Note: Need universal quantification to reason about *False* (since $False = (\forall P.P)$).

15.4 *False*

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- *False*: No rule!
- Rule *FalseE*

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- Rule *FalseE* and ND derivation

$$\frac{\forall P.P}{P} \text{spec}$$

Isabelle rule `False ==> P.`

False (Cont.)

- Rule *False_neq_True*

$$\textit{False} = \textit{True}$$

$$\frac{}{P} \textit{False_neq_True}$$

False (Cont.)

- Rule *False_neq_True* and ND derivation

$$\frac{\frac{False = True}{False} \text{ eqTrueE}}{P} \text{ FalseE}$$

Isabelle rule `False=True ==> P`.

- Similar:

$$\frac{True = False}{P} \text{ True_neq_False}$$

15.5 Negation

$$\neg P = P \rightarrow \textit{False}$$

- Rule *notI*

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} [P] \\ \vdots \\ \textit{False} \end{array}}{\neg P} \textit{notI}$$

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- Rule *notI* and ND derivation

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} [P] \\ \vdots \\ \text{False} \end{array}}{P \rightarrow \text{False}} \text{impl}$$

Isabelle rule $(P \implies \text{False}) \implies \sim P$.

Negation (2)

- Rule *notE*

$$\frac{\neg P \quad P}{R} \text{notE}$$

Negation (2)

- Rule *notE*

$$P \rightarrow \text{False} \quad P$$

$$\frac{\quad}{R} \text{notE}$$

Negation (2)

- Rule *notE* and ND derivation

$$\frac{\frac{P \rightarrow \text{False} \quad P}{\text{False}} \text{mp}}{R} \text{FalseE}$$

Isabelle rule [| $\sim P$; P |] ==> R.

Negation (3)

- Rule *True_Not_False*

$$\frac{}{\neg(\textit{True} = \textit{False})} \textit{True_Not_False}$$

Negation (3)

- Rule *True_Not_False* and ND derivation

$$\frac{\frac{[True = False]^1}{False} \text{ True_neq_False}}{\neg(True = False)} \text{ notI}^1$$

Isabelle rule `True ~ = False`.

15.6 Existential Quantification

$$\exists P = P(\epsilon x.P(x))$$

- Rule *existsI*

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- Rule *exists/* and ND derivation

$$\frac{P(x)}{P(\epsilon x.P(x))} \textit{select/}$$

Isabelle rule $P(x) \implies \text{EX } x :: 'a.P(x)$.

Existential Quantification (Cont.)

- Rule *existsE*

$$\begin{array}{c}
 P(x) \\
 \vdots \\
 Q \\
 \\
 \frac{\exists P \quad \text{---} \quad Q}{\text{---} \quad Q} \text{existsE}
 \end{array}$$

³⁶⁰One can write the derivation of *existsE* as follows:

$$\frac{\bigwedge x. P(x) \Rightarrow Q \quad P(\epsilon x. P(x))}{\text{---} \quad Q} \text{existsE}$$

This is an attempt to capture in an ad-hoc tree notation how this derivation can be done in Isabelle. In particular, *existsE* inherits a side condition from the meta-level universal quantification. However, while this may help to understand how this derivation works in Isabelle, it is not very rigorous and you could not be expected to believe that the side condition checking is correct.

For a thorough account of side conditions in ND proofs, consult [SH84].

You might also justify *existsE* in plain English words, i.e., completely on the meta-level: If I have a derivation of Q from $P(x)$ not making any assumptions about x , and in addition I have a derivation of $P(\epsilon x. P(x))$, then I can combine these

Existential Quantification (Cont.)

- Rule *existsE*

$$\begin{array}{c} P(x) \\ \vdots \\ Q \end{array}$$

$$\frac{P(\epsilon x.P(x))}{Q} \text{ existsE}$$

³⁶⁰One can write the derivation of *existsE* as follows:

$$\frac{P(\epsilon x.P(x)) \quad \frac{\bigwedge x.P(x) \Rightarrow Q}{P(\epsilon x.P(x)) \Rightarrow Q} \wedge -E}{Q} \Rightarrow -E$$

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Existential Quantification (Cont.)

- Rule *existsE* and ND derivation

$$\begin{array}{c}
 [P(x)]^1 \\
 \vdots \\
 Q \\
 \hline
 P(x) \rightarrow Q \quad \text{impl}^1 \\
 \hline
 \forall x.(P(x) \rightarrow Q) \quad \text{all} \\
 \hline
 P(\epsilon x.P(x)) \quad \text{spec} \\
 \hline
 P(\epsilon x.P(x)) \rightarrow Q \quad \text{mp}^{359} \\
 \hline
 Q
 \end{array}$$

Inherits side condition from *all* (just like in FOL). On the meta-level³⁶⁰, this derivation is extremely simple.

Isabelle rule `[| EX x.P(x); !!x.P(x)=>Q |] ==> Q.`

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 \\
 Q \qquad \qquad \qquad \Rightarrow -E
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15.7 Conjunction

$$P \wedge Q = \forall R. (P \rightarrow Q \rightarrow R) \rightarrow R$$

- Rule *conjI*

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

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P

Q

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15.7 Conjunction

$$P \wedge Q = \forall R.(P \rightarrow Q \rightarrow R) \rightarrow R$$

- Rule *conjI* and ND derivation

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{[P \rightarrow Q \rightarrow R]^1 \quad P}{Q \rightarrow R} \text{ mp} \quad Q}{R} \text{ mp}}{(P \rightarrow Q \rightarrow R) \rightarrow R} \text{ impl}^1}{\forall R.(P \rightarrow Q \rightarrow R) \rightarrow R} \text{ allI}$$

Isabelle rule $[| P; Q |] ==> P \ \& \ Q$.

two derivations: modify the first one by instantiating x with $\epsilon x.P(x)$. This justifies having *existsE*.

What happens in our rather **complicated derivation** is that we are turning a meta-level reasoning into an object-level one, which is more trustworthy for an ND derivation.

Conjunction (Cont.)

- Rule *conjEL*

$$\frac{P \wedge Q}{P} \text{ conjEL}$$

Conjunction (Cont.)

- Rule *conjEL*

$$\forall R.(P \rightarrow Q \rightarrow R) \rightarrow R$$

$$\frac{\quad}{P} \text{conjEL}$$

Conjunction (Cont.)

- Rule *conjEL* and ND derivation

$$\frac{\frac{\forall R.(P \rightarrow Q \rightarrow R) \rightarrow R}{(P \rightarrow Q \rightarrow P) \rightarrow P} \textit{spec} \quad \frac{\frac{[P]^1}{Q \rightarrow P} \textit{impl}}{P \rightarrow Q \rightarrow P} \textit{impl}^1}{P} \textit{mp}$$

Isabelle rule $P \ \& \ Q \ ==> \ P$.

Conjunction (Cont.)

- $P \wedge Q \Rightarrow Q$ (*conjER*)
- $\llbracket P \wedge Q; \llbracket P; Q \rrbracket \Rightarrow R \rrbracket \Rightarrow R$ (*conjE*) (rule analogous to *disjE*)

15.8 Disjunction

$$P \vee Q = \forall R. (P \rightarrow R) \rightarrow (Q \rightarrow R) \rightarrow R$$

- Rule *disjI*

P

$$\frac{}{P \vee Q} \text{disjI}$$

15.8 Disjunction

$$P \vee Q = \forall R.(P \rightarrow R) \rightarrow (Q \rightarrow R) \rightarrow R$$

- Rule *disjL*

P

$$\frac{}{\forall R.(P \rightarrow R) \rightarrow (Q \rightarrow R) \rightarrow R} \text{disjL}$$

15.8 Disjunction

$$P \vee Q = \forall R.(P \rightarrow R) \rightarrow (Q \rightarrow R) \rightarrow R$$

- Rule *disjL* and ND derivation

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{[P \rightarrow R]^1 \quad P}{R} \text{ mp}}{(Q \rightarrow R) \rightarrow R} \text{ impl}}{(P \rightarrow R) \rightarrow (Q \rightarrow R) \rightarrow R} \text{ impl}^1}{\forall R.(P \rightarrow R) \rightarrow (Q \rightarrow R) \rightarrow R} \text{ all}$$

Isabelle rule $P \implies P \mid Q$.

Disjunction (Cont.)

- $Q \Rightarrow P \vee Q$ (*disjI*R) similar
- Rule *disjE*

$$\begin{array}{c} P \vee Q \qquad \qquad \qquad \begin{array}{c} [P] \\ \vdots \\ R \end{array} \qquad \qquad \begin{array}{c} [Q] \\ \vdots \\ R \end{array} \\ \hline R \end{array} \quad \textit{disjE}$$

Disjunction (Cont.)

- $Q \Rightarrow P \vee Q$ (*disjIR*) similar
- Rule *disjE*

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \forall R.(P \rightarrow R) \rightarrow (Q \rightarrow R) \rightarrow R \qquad \begin{array}{c} [P] \\ \vdots \\ R \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{c} [Q] \\ \vdots \\ R \end{array} \\
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 R \qquad \text{disjE}
 \end{array}$$

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Isabelle rule `[| P | Q; P ==> R; Q ==> R |] ==> R.`

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Isabelle rule `[| P | Q; P ==> R; Q ==> R |] ==> R.`

- $P \vee \neg P$ (*excl_midd*). Follows using *tof*.

15.9 Miscellaneous Definitions

See [HOL.thy](#)!

Typical example (if-then-else):

$$\begin{aligned} \text{If} = \lambda\phi^{bool}xy.\epsilon z. & (\phi = \text{True} \rightarrow z = x) \\ & \wedge (\phi = \text{False} \rightarrow z = y) \end{aligned}$$

The way rules are derived should now be clear. E.g.,

$$\frac{P = \text{True}}{(\text{If } P \ x \ y) = x} \qquad \frac{P = \text{False}}{(\text{If } P \ x \ y) = y}$$

15.10 Summary on Deriving Rules

HOL is very powerful in terms of what we can represent/derive:

- All well-known inference rules can be derived.
- Other “logical” syntax (e.g. `if-then-else`) can be defined.
- Rich theories can be obtained by a method we see [next lecture](#).

15.11 Mathematics and Software Engineering in HOL

In coming weeks, we will see how Isabelle/HOL can be used as foundation for mathematics and computer science.

Outline:

- The central method for making HOL scale up: [conservative extensions](#) (< 1 week)
- How the different parts of mathematics are encoded in the [Isabelle/HOL library](#) (several weeks)
- How software systems are embedded in Isabelle/HOL (several weeks)

Outlook on Mathematics

After some historical background, we will look at how central parts of mathematics are encoded as Isabelle/HOL theories:

- Orders
- Sets
- Functions
- (Least) fixpoints and induction
- (Well-founded) recursion
- Arithmetic
- Datatypes

Outlook on Software Engineering

Some weeks from now, we will look at case studies of how HOL can be applied in software engineering, i.e. how software systems can be **embedded** in Isabelle/HOL:

- Foundations, functional languages and denotational semantics
- Imperative languages, Hoare logic
- Z^{361} and data-refinement, CSP and process-refinement
- Object-oriented languages (Java-Light ...)

We will do two case studies here: one on **functional** and one on **imperative** programming.

³⁶¹Z and CSP are specification languages. CSP stands for **communicating sequential processes**.

Conservative Extensions: Motivation

- We have already seen that starting from an extremely small kernel containing just $=$, \rightarrow and ϵ , we can define all the well-known logical symbols from FOL, plus the if-then-else.
- Our aim is to reason about a fairly large part of mathematics and computer science.
- When extending our language in this way, the general worry should be: could we get **inconsistencies**? We now consider more carefully how to prevent them.

16 Conservative Theory Extensions

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Some definitions [[GM93](#), [Hué](#)]

Definition (theory): A (syntactic) *theory* T is a triple (\mathcal{B}, Σ, A) , where \mathcal{B} is a *type signature*, Σ a *signature* and A a set of *axioms*³⁶².

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Consistency Preserved

Corollary (consistency):

If T' is a conservative extension of T , then

$$\text{False} \notin \text{Th}(T) \Rightarrow \text{False} \notin \text{Th}(T').$$

Syntactic Schemata for Conservative Extensions

- Constant definition
- Type definition
- Constant specification
- Type specification

Will look at first two schemata now.
For the other two see [[GM93](#)].

16.2 Constant Definition

Definition (constant definition): A theory extension $T' = (\mathcal{B}', \Sigma', A')$ of a theory $T = (\mathcal{B}, \Sigma, A)$ is a **constant definition**, iff

- $\mathcal{B}' = \mathcal{B}$ and $\Sigma' = \Sigma \cup \{c : \tau\}$, where $c \notin \text{dom}^{365}(\Sigma)$;
- $A' = A \cup \{c = E\}$;
- E does not contain³⁶⁶ c and is closed³⁶⁷;
- no subterm of E has a type containing a type variable that is not contained in the type of c .

³⁶⁵The **domain** of Σ , denoted $\text{dom}(\Sigma)$, is $\{c \mid c : A \in \Sigma \text{ for some } A\}$.

Likewise, the **domain** of Γ , denoted $\text{dom}(\Gamma)$, is $\{x \mid x : A \in \Gamma \text{ for some } A\}$.

Note the **abuse of notation**.

³⁶⁶If E did contain c then we would speak of a **recursive** definition, but at this stage, **recursion** is forbidden.

³⁶⁷A term is **closed** or **ground** if it does not contain any **free** variables.

Constant Definitions Are Conservative

Lemma (constant definitions):

Constant definitions are conservative [GM93, page 223].

Proof Sketch:

- $Th(T) \subseteq Th(T') \upharpoonright_{\Sigma}$: trivial.
- $Th(T) \supseteq Th(T') \upharpoonright_{\Sigma}$: let π' be a proof for $\phi \in Th(T') \upharpoonright_{\Sigma}$. We unfold any subterm in π' that contains c via $c = E$ into π . Then π must be a proof in T , implying $\phi \in Th(T)$.

The Need for the Side Conditions³⁶⁸

Here is a counterexample concerning closedness of E : Define $c : \text{bool}$ by the axiom $c = x$.

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{}{c = x} \text{ axiom}}{\forall x. c = x} \text{ all}}{c = \text{False}} \text{ spec}}{\frac{\frac{}{c = x} \text{ axiom}}{\forall x. c = x} \text{ all}}{c = \text{True}} \text{ spec}}{\frac{\text{False} = \text{True}}{\text{False}} \text{ subst}} \text{ False_neq_True}$$

Intuition: when you define c as the variable x , then c just isn't a constant! Usually taken for granted.

³⁶⁸By **side conditions** we mean

- E does not contain c and is closed;
- no subterm of E has a type containing a type variable that is not contained in the type of c ;

in the definition.

The second condition also has a name: one says that the definition must be **type-closed**.

The notion of **having a type** is defined by the **type assignment calculus**. Since E is required to be closed, all variables occurring in E must be λ -bound, and so the type of those variables is given by the **type superscripts**.

The Need for the Side Conditions (2)

Now **type-closedness**: Let $E \equiv \exists x^\alpha y^\alpha. x \neq y$ and suppose σ is a type **inhabited** by only one term, and τ is a type **inhabited** by at least two terms. Then we would have:

$$\begin{aligned}c = c & \quad \text{holds by } \mathit{refl} \\ \implies (\exists x^\sigma y^\sigma. x \neq y) &= (\exists x^\tau y^\tau. x \neq y) \\ \implies \mathit{False} &= \mathit{True} \\ \implies \mathit{False} &\end{aligned}$$

This explains definition of True ³⁶⁹. Other (standard) example later.

³⁶⁹ True is defined as $\lambda x^{\mathit{bool}}.x = \lambda x.x$ and not $\lambda x^\alpha.x = \lambda x.x$. The definition must be **type-closed**.

Constant Definition: Examples

Definitions of *True*, *False*, \wedge , \vee , \forall ...

Here the original Isabelle syntax (`Ex_def` changed). Note the use of `!`³⁷⁰ and meta-level equality.

```
True_def:  "True    == ((%x::bool. x) = (%x. x))"
All_def:   "All(P)  == (P = (%x. True))"
Ex_def:    "Ex(P)   == P (SOME x. P x)"
False_def: "False   == (!P. P)"
not_def:   "~ P     == P-->False"
and_def:   "P & Q   == !R. (P-->Q-->R) --> R"
or_def:    "P | Q   == !R. (P-->R) --> (Q-->R)
                                     --> R"
```

³⁷⁰ “!” is just another Isabelle notation for ALL, and “?” is just another Isabelle notation for EX. See `HOL.thy` in the section “syntax (HOL)” (this is Isabelle 2005).

More Constant Definitions in Isabelle

Function application (Let), if-then-else, unique existence³⁷¹:

consts

Let :: ['a, 'a => 'b] => 'b

If :: [bool, 'a, 'a] => 'a

defs

Let_def "Let s f == f(s)"

if_def "If P x y == @z::'a.(P=True-->z=x) &
(P=False-->z=y)"

Ex1_def "Ex1(P) == ?x. P(x) & (!y. P(y) --> y=x)"

Note use of ?.

Recall: => is function type arrow; also recall [] syntax.

³⁷¹We have never used **unique** existential quantification ($\exists!$) before. $\exists!x_1, \dots, x_n. \phi(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ is defined as $\exists x_1, \dots, x_n. \phi(x_1, \dots, x_n) \wedge (\forall y_1, \dots, y_n. \phi(y_1, \dots, y_n) \rightarrow x_1 = y_1 \wedge \dots \wedge x_n = y_n)$.

Note that in general $\exists!x. (\exists!y. \phi)$ is not the same as $\exists!xy. \phi$.

16.3 Type Definitions

Type definitions, explained intuitively: we have

- an existing type ρ ;

³⁷²Although a set is formally a different object than a predicate, it is standard to interpret a predicate a set: the set of terms for which the predicate returns true.

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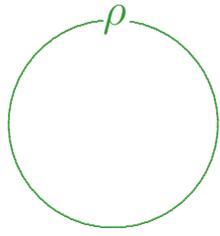
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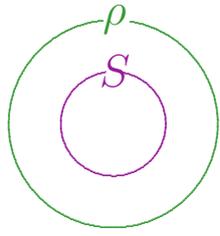
16.3 Type Definitions

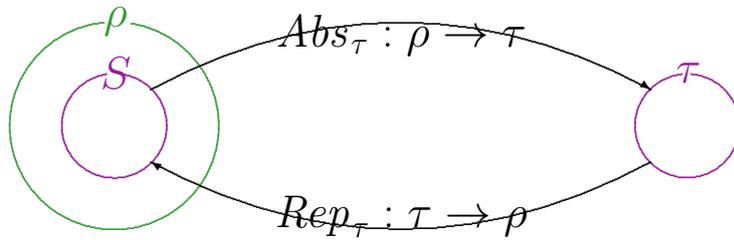
Type definitions, explained intuitively: we have

- an existing type ρ ;
- a predicate $S : \rho \rightarrow bool$, defining a non-empty “subset”³⁷² of ρ ;
- axioms stating an isomorphism between S and the new type τ .

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Type Definition: Definition

Assume a theory $T = (\mathcal{B}, \Sigma, A)$ and a type ρ and a term S ³⁷³ such that $\Sigma \vdash S : \rho \rightarrow \text{bool}$.

A theory extension $T' = (\mathcal{B}', \Sigma', A')$ of T is a **type definition** for type τ ³⁷⁴ (where τ fresh³⁷⁵), iff

³⁷³Here, S is any “**predicate**”, i.e., term of type $\rho \rightarrow \text{bool}$, not necessarily a constant.

³⁷⁴A type definition is supposed to define a **type constructor** (where the arity and fixity are indicated in some way). We abuse notation here: we use τ to denote a type constructor, but also the type obtained by applying the type constructor to a vector of different **type variables** (as many as the type constructor requires).

So think of τ as either being a **type constructor** or a “**generic**” **type** (just a type constructor being applied to type variables).

We do the same in examples.

³⁷⁵The type constructor τ must not occur in \mathcal{B} .

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{B}' &= \mathcal{B} \uplus^{376} \{\tau\}, \\
\Sigma' &= \Sigma \cup \{Abs_\tau^{377} : \rho \rightarrow \tau, Rep_\tau : \tau \rightarrow \rho\} \\
A' &= A \cup \{\forall x.S(Rep_\tau x), \\
&\quad \forall x.Abs_\tau(Rep_\tau x) = x^{378}, \\
&\quad \forall x.S x \rightarrow Rep_\tau(Abs_\tau x) = x\}
\end{aligned}$$

Proof obligation³⁷⁹ $\exists x.S x$ can be proven inside HOL!

³⁷⁶The symbol \uplus denotes disjoint union, so the expression $A \uplus B$ is well-formed only when A and B have no elements in common. One thus uses this notation to indicate this fact.

³⁷⁷Of course we are giving a schematic definition here, so any letters we use are metanotation.

Notice that Abs_τ and Rep_τ stand for new **constants**. For any new type τ to be defined, two such constants must be added to the signature to provide a generic way of obtaining terms of the new type. Since the new type is isomorphic to the “subset” S , whose members are of type ρ , one can say that Abs_τ and Rep_τ provide a type conversion between (the subset S of) ρ and τ .

So we have a new type τ , and we can obtain members of the new type by applying Abs_τ to a term t of type ρ for which $S t$ holds.

³⁷⁸The formulas

$$\begin{aligned}
&\forall x.Abs_\tau(Rep_\tau x) = x \\
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\end{aligned}$$

Type Definitions Are Conservative

Lemma (type definitions):

Type definitions are conservative.

Proof see [GM93, pp.230].

state that the “set” S and the new type τ are isomorphic. Note that Abs_τ should not be applied to a term not in “set” S . Therefore we have the premise $S x$ in the above equation.

Note also that S could be the “trivial filter” $\lambda x. True$. In this case, Abs_τ and Rep_τ would provide an isomorphism between the entire type ρ and the new type τ .

³⁷⁹We have said previously that S should be a non-empty “subset” of τ . Therefore it must be proven that $\exists x. S x$. This is related to the semantics.

Whenever a type definition is introduced in Isabelle, the proof obligation must be shown inside Isabelle/HOL. Isabelle provides the `typedef` syntax for type definitions, as we will see later. Using this syntax, the “author” of a type definition can either explicitly provide a proof (see `Product_Type.thy`), or the proof is so easy that Isabelle can do it automatically (see `Sum_Type.thy`).

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We now give three examples to convince you.

Example: Typed Sets

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Simplification since $S \equiv \lambda x. True$. **Proof obligation:** $(\exists x. Sx)$ trivial since $(\exists x. True) = True$. Inhabitation propagates³⁸⁰!

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More Constants for Sets

For convenient use of sets, we define more constants:

$$\begin{aligned} \{x \mid f x\} &= \text{Collect}^{382} f = \text{Abs}_{\text{set}} f \\ x \in A &= (\text{Rep}_{\text{set}} A)^{383} x \\ A \cup B &= \{x \mid x \in A \vee x \in B\} \\ &\vdots \end{aligned}$$

Consistent set theory³⁸⁴ adequate for most of mathematics

³⁸²We have seen *Collect* before in the theory file `NSet.thy` (naïve set theory).

Collect f is the set whose characteristic function is f . There is also a **concrete** (i.e., according to mathematical practice) syntax $\{x \mid f x\}$. It is called **set comprehension**. The correspondence between the **HOAS** *Collect* f and the concrete syntax $\{x \mid f x\}$ also makes it clear that set comprehension is a binding operator, as we learned **some time ago**.

Note also that *Collect* is **the same** as Abs_{set} here.

The file `Set.thy` should be contained in your Isabelle distribution. Or, if you only have an Isabelle executable, you can find the sources here:

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³⁸³We define

$$x \in A = (\text{Rep}_{\text{set}} A) x$$

Since Rep_{set} has type $\alpha \text{ set} \rightarrow (\alpha \rightarrow \text{bool})$, this means that

and computer science.

In Isabelle/HOL however, sets are a **special case**.

Here, sets are just an **example** to demonstrate type definitions. **Later** we study them for their own sake.

x is of type α and A is of type $(\alpha \rightarrow bool)$. Therefore \in is of type $\alpha \rightarrow (\alpha \text{ set}) \rightarrow bool$ (but written **infix**).

In the Isabelle theory file `Set.thy`, you will indeed find that the constant `:` (Isabelle syntax for \in) has type $\alpha \rightarrow (\alpha \text{ set}) \rightarrow bool$.

However, you will **not find anything** directly corresponding to Rep_{set} .

³⁸⁴ Typed set theory is a conservative extension of HOL and hence **consistent**.

Recall the problems with **untyped set theory**.

Example: Pairs

Consider type $\alpha \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow bool$. We can regard a term $f : \alpha \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow bool$ as a representation of the pair (a, b) , where $a : \alpha$ and $b : \beta$, iff $f\ x\ y$ is true exactly for $x = a$ and $y = b$.

Observe:

- For given a and b , there is exactly one³⁸⁵ such f (namely, $\lambda x^\alpha y^\beta. x = a \wedge y = b$).
- Some functions of type $\alpha \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow bool$ represent pairs and others don't (e.g., the function $\lambda xy. True$ does not represent a pair). The ones that do are exactly the ones that have the form $\lambda x^\alpha y^\beta. x = a \wedge y = b$, **for some** a and b .

³⁸⁵When we say that there is “exactly one” f , this is meant modulo equality in HOL. This means that e.g. $\lambda x^\alpha y^\beta. y = b \wedge x = a$ is also such a term since $(\lambda x^\alpha y^\beta. x = a \wedge y = b) = (\lambda x^\alpha y^\beta. y = b \wedge x = a)$ is derivable in HOL.

Type Definition for Pairs

This gives rise to a type definition where S is non-trivial:

$$\begin{aligned} \rho &\equiv \alpha \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow \text{bool} \\ S &\equiv \lambda f^{\alpha \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow \text{bool}}. \exists ab. f = \lambda x^\alpha y^\beta. x = a \wedge y = b \\ \tau &\equiv \alpha \times \beta \qquad (\times \text{ infix}) \end{aligned}$$

It is convenient to define a constant `Pair_Rep` (not to be confused with Rep_\times ³⁸⁶) as $\lambda a^\alpha b^\beta. \lambda x^\alpha y^\beta. x = a \wedge y = b$ ³⁸⁷. Then `Pair_Rep a b` = $\lambda x^\alpha y^\beta. x = a \wedge y = b$.

³⁸⁶ Rep_\times would be the generic name for one of the two isomorphism-defining functions.

Since Rep_\times looks funny, the definition scheme for type definitions in Isabelle is such that it provides two names for a type, one if the type is used as such, and one for the purpose of generating the names of the isomorphism-defining functions.

³⁸⁷We write $\lambda a^\alpha b^\beta. \lambda x^\alpha y^\beta. x = a \wedge y = b$ rather than $\lambda a^\alpha b^\beta x^\alpha y^\beta. x = a \wedge y = b$ to emphasize the idea that one first applies `Pair_Rep` to a and b , and the result is a function representing a pair, which can then be applied to x and y .

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- the new type is called T' ;
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('a, 'b) prod (infixr "*" 20) =
  "{f.?a b. f=Pair_Rep(a::'a)(b::'b)}"
```

The keyword definition³⁸⁹ introduces a constant definition. The definition and use of `Pair_Rep` is for convenience. There are “two names” `*` and `prod`.

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Example: Sums

An element of (α, β) `sum`³⁹¹ is either *Inl* a where $a : \alpha$ or *Inr* b where $b : \beta$.

So think of *Inl* a and *Inr* b as syntactic objects that we want to represent.

Consider type $\alpha \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow \text{bool} \rightarrow \text{bool}$. We can regard $f : \alpha \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow \text{bool} \rightarrow \text{bool}$ as a

representation of ...	iff $f\ x\ y\ i$ is true for ...
<i>Inl</i> a	$x = a$, y arbitrary, and $i = \text{True}$
<i>Inr</i> b	x arbitrary, $y = b$, and $i = \text{False}$.

Similar to [pairs](#).

³⁹¹Idea of **sum** or **union** type: t is in the sum of τ and σ if t is either in τ or in σ . To do this formally in our [type system](#), and also in the type system of functional programming languages like ML, t must be wrapped to signal if it is of type τ or of type σ .

For example, in ML one could define

```
datatype  $(\alpha, \beta)$  sum = Inl  $\alpha$  | Inr  $\beta$ 
```

So an element of (α, β) `sum` is either *Inl* a where $a : \alpha$ or *Inr* b where $b : \beta$.

Isabelle Syntax for Sum Example

definition

```
Inl_Rep :: "'a => 'a => 'b => bool => bool"  
where "Inl_Rep == (%a. %x y p. x=a & p)"
```

definition

```
Inr_Rep :: "'b => 'a => 'b => bool => bool"  
where "Inr_Rep == (%b. %x y p. y=b & ~p)"
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```
typedef ('a,'b) sum =
```

```
"{f. (?a. f = Inl_Rep(a::'a)) |
    (?b. f = Inr_Rep(b::'b))}"
```

See `Sum_Type.thy`³⁹².

How would you define³⁹³ a type even based on nat?

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The following choice of S is adequate:

$$S \equiv \lambda x. \exists n. x = n + n$$

Using the Isabelle scheme, this would be

```
typedef (Even)
  even = "{x. ?y. x=y+y}"
```

We could then go on by defining an operation PLUS on even,

16.4 Summary on Conservative Extensions

We have seen two schemata:

- **Constant definition:** new constant must be defined using old constants. No **recursion!** Subtle **side condition** concerning types.
- **Type definition:** new type must be isomorphic to a “subset” S of an existing type ρ . Not possible to define any type that is “structurally” richer than the types one already has. But HOL is **rich enough**.

say as follows:

```
definition
```

```
  PLUS:: [even, even] => even (infixl 56)
```

```
where PLUS_def "PLUS ==
```

```
  %xy. Abs_Even (Rep_Even(x)+Rep_Even(x))"
```

Note that we chose to use names **even** and **Even**, but we could have used the same name twice as well.

17 Mathematics in the Isabelle/HOL Library: Introduction

Isabelle/HOL at Work

We have seen how the mechanism of conservative extensions works in principle.

For several lectures, we will now look at theories of the Isabelle/HOL library, all built by conservative extensions and modelling significant portions of mathematics.

Sets: The Basis of Principia Mathematica

Sets are ubiquitous in mathematics:

- 17th century: geometry can be reduced to numbers [Des16, vL16].
- 19th century: numbers can be reduced to sets [Can18, Pea18, Fre93, Fre03].
- 20th century: sets can be represented in logics [Zer07, Frä22, WR25, Göd31, Ber91, Chu40].

We call this the **Principia Mathematica Structure** [WR25].

The libraries of theorem provers follow this Principia Mathematica Structure — in reverse order!³⁹⁴

³⁹⁴It is not surprising that the logical built-up of theorem prover is reversed w.r.t. to the historical development of mathematics and logics. Research usually starts from applications and the intuition and works its way back to the foundations.

The Roadmap

- Orders
- Sets
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- (Least) fixpoints and induction
- (Well-founded) recursion
- Arithmetic
- Datatypes

18 Orders

The Roadmap

We are looking at how the different parts of mathematics are encoded in the [Isabelle/HOL](#) library.

- Orders
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We then define two **axiomatic classes** `order` and `linorder` for which `<` and `<=` are required to have certain properties, that of being a **partial order**, or a **linear order**, resp.

Orders (in Orderings.thy³⁹⁵)

```
axclass ord < type
consts
  "op <"  :: ['a::ord, 'a] => bool
  "op <=" :: ['a::ord, 'a] => bool
definition
  min :: "'a::ord, 'a] => 'a"
  where "min a b == (if a <= b then a else b)"
definition
  max :: "'a::ord, 'a] => 'a"
  where "max a b == (if a <= b then b else a)"
```

Recall [definition](#) syntax and note two uses of $<$ ³⁹⁶.

³⁹⁵ In [previous versions of Isabelle](#), there used to be a theory file `Ord.thy`. Nowadays orders are defined in `Orderings.thy`.

³⁹⁶The line

```
axclass order < ord
```

in the theory file states that `order` is a [subclass](#) of `ord`.

The line

```
"op <" :: ['a::ord, 'a] => bool ("(_ < _)" [50, 51] 50)
```

in the theory file declares a constant `<` with a certain type.

`type` is the class containing all types. In [previous versions of Isabelle](#), it used to be called `term`.

Orders (Cont.)

```
axclass order < ord
  order_refl      "x <= x"
  order_trans    "[|x <= y; y <= z|] ==> x <= z"
  order_antisym "[|x <= y; y <= x|] ==> x = y"
  order_less_le  "x < y = (x <= y & x ~ = y)"
%
axclass linorder < order
  linorder_linear "x <= y | y <= x"
```

Least Elements

In `Orderings.thy`, `least elements` used to be defined as:

```
Least :: "('a::ord => bool) => 'a"  
Least_def "Least P == @x. P(x) &  
            (ALL y. P(y) ==> x <= y)"
```

Now it is done without using the `Hilbert operator`.

Monotonicity

In `Orderings.thy`, `monotonicity` used to be defined as:

```
mono      :: ['a::ord => 'b::ord] => bool
mono_def  "mono(f) ==
           (!A B. A <= B --> f(A) <= f(B))"
```

Now it is done using a completely different syntax, but one can still use monotonicity as before.

Some Theorems³⁹⁷ about Orders

<code>monoI</code>	$(\bigwedge AB. A \leq B \implies f A \leq f B)$ $\implies \text{mono } f$
<code>monoD</code>	$\llbracket \text{mono } f; A \leq B \rrbracket \implies f A \leq f B$
<code>order_eq_refl</code>	$x = y \implies x \leq y$
<code>order_less_irrefl</code>	$\neg x < x$
<code>order_le_less</code>	$(x \leq y) = (x < y \vee x = y)$
<code>linorder_less_linear</code>	$x < y \vee x = y \vee y < x$
<code>linorder_neq_iff</code>	$(x \neq y) = (x < y \vee y < x)$
<code>min_same</code>	$\text{min } x x = x$
<code>le_min_iff_conj</code>	$(z \leq \text{min } x y) = (z \leq x \wedge z \leq y)$

18.1 Summary on Orders

Type classes are a structuring mechanism in Isabelle:

³⁹⁷In the rest of the course, we will mostly be dealing with Isabelle HOL, and so when we speak of a **theorem**, we usually mean an Isabelle theorem, i.e., a theorem in Isabelle's meta-logic, what we also call a **thm**. Such theorems may contain the meta-level implication \implies and universal quantifier \bigwedge .

So they are not theorems within HOL. Logically, this is not a big deal as one switches between object and meta-level by the introduction and elimination rules for \rightarrow and \forall . But technically (for the proof procedures), it makes a difference.

To see a theorem displayed in Isabelle, simply type the name of the theorem followed by “;”.

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³⁹⁸The Isabelle type system records for any type variable what **class constraints** there are for this type variable. These class constraints may arise from the types of the constants used in an expression, or they may be given explicitly by the user in a goal. E.g. one might type

```
Goal "(x::'a::order)<y ==> x<=y";
```

to specify that x must be of a type in the type class `order`.

The axioms of an axiomatic class can only be applied if any constant declared in the axiomatic class (or a syntactic superclass) is applied to arguments of a type in the axiomatic class. E.g. `order_refl` can only be used to prove $y <= y$ if the type of y is in the type class `order`.

In this sense the type information (y is of type in class `order`) is semantic knowledge ($y <= y$ holds).

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Set.thy

```
theory Set = HOL:
  typedecl 'a set
  instance set :: (type) ord ..
  consts
    "{}"      :: 'a set ("{}")
    UNIV     :: 'a set
    insert   :: ['a, 'a set] => 'a set
    Collect  :: ('a => bool) => 'a set
    "op :"   :: "'a => 'a set => bool"
```

Note that `Collect` and `:"` correspond to Abs_{set} and Rep_{set} .

Sets Are a Special Case

Recall that the `typedef` syntax is based on set comprehension. Therefore, sets are a special case of type definitions.

In deviation from our conservative approach, sets are **axiomatized** as follows³⁹⁹:

axioms

```
mem_Collect_eq [iff]: "(a : {x. P(x)}) = P(a)"
```

```
Collect_mem_eq [simp]: "{x. x:A} = A"
```

One can see though that this is equivalent⁴⁰⁰ to the type definition scheme.

³⁹⁹Theorems marked with `[iff]` and `[simp]` flags are automatically added to the `simplifier`. Additionally `[iff]` marked theorems are added to the `classical reasoner`.

⁴⁰⁰We earlier presented a definition of α set according to the scheme of type definitions. However, in Isabelle/HOL (`Set.thy`), it is not done exactly like that. The reason lies in the special set-based syntax used for type definitions.

The type α set is defined in Isabelle/HOL in a way which essentially corresponds to the type definition scheme, but is different in the technical details. In particular, there are no constants Abs_{set} and Rep_{set} . **Instead**, we have *Collect* and the \in -sign. We will now explain how.

Concerning Abs_{set} , there is no worry, since it corresponds **exactly** to *Collect*.

Rep_{set} is related to the \in -sign via

$$x \in A = (Rep_{set} A) x$$

Let us see that this setup is equivalent to the scheme of type

Set.thy: More Constant Declarations

```
Un, Int      :: ['a set, 'a set] => 'a set
Ball, Bex    :: ['a set, 'a => bool] => bool
UNION, INTER:: ['a set, 'a => 'b set] => 'b set
Union, Inter:: (('a set) set) => 'a set
Pow          :: 'a set => 'a set set
"image"      :: ['a => 'b, 'a set] => ('b set)
```

We use [old syntax](#) here but only since it is more concise.

In what follows, recall that

$$\{x \mid f x\} = \mathit{Collect} f = \mathit{Abs}_{\mathit{set}} f$$

definitions. There are two axioms in [Set.thy](#):

axioms

```
mem_Collect_eq [iff]: "(a : {x. P(x)}) = P(a)"
```

```
Collect_mem_eq [simp]: "{x. x:A} = A"
```

We translate these axioms using the [definitions](#):

$$\begin{aligned} a \in \{x \mid P x\} &= P a \rightsquigarrow \\ a \in (\mathit{Collect} P) &= P a \rightsquigarrow \\ a \in (\mathit{Abs}_{\mathit{set}} P) &= P a \rightsquigarrow \\ \mathit{Rep}_{\mathit{set}}(\mathit{Abs}_{\mathit{set}} P) a &= P a \rightsquigarrow \\ \mathit{Rep}_{\mathit{set}}(\mathit{Abs}_{\mathit{set}} P) &= P \end{aligned}$$

The last step uses [extensionality](#).

Now the second one:

$$\begin{aligned} \{x \mid x \in A\} &= A \rightsquigarrow \\ \{x \mid (\mathit{Rep}_{\mathit{set}} A) x\} &= A \rightsquigarrow \\ \mathit{Collect}(\mathit{Rep}_{\mathit{set}} A) &= A \end{aligned}$$

Ignoring some universal quantifications (these are implicit in Isabelle), these are the [isomorphism axioms](#) for *set*.

Set.thy: **Constant Definitions**

```
empty_def:          "{} == {x. False}"
UNIV_def:           "UNIV == {x. True}"
Un_def:             "A Un B == {x. x:A | x:B}"
Int_def:            "A Int B == {x. x:A & x:B}"
insert_def:         "insert a B == {x. x=a} Un B"
Ball_def:           "Ball A P == ALL x. x:A --> P(x)"
Bex_def:            "Bex A P == EX x. x:A & P(x)"
```

Nice syntax:

```
{x, y, z}          for insert x (insert y (insert z {}))
ALL x : A. Sx      for Ball A S
EX x : A. Sx       for Bex A S
```

Set.thy: Constant Definitions (2)

```
subset_def:    "A <= B == ALL x:A. x:B"  
Compl_def:    "- A == {x. ~x:A}"  
set_diff_def: "A - B == {x. x:A & ~x:B}"  
UNION_def:    "UNION A B == {y. EX x:A. y: B(x)}"  
INTER_def:    "INTER A B == {y. ALL x:A. y: B(x)}"
```

Note use of \leq ⁴⁰¹ instead of \subseteq !

Nice syntax:

$\text{UN } x : A. S x$ or $\bigcup_{x \in A} . S x$ for `UNION A S`
 $\text{INT } x : A. S x$ or $\bigcap_{x \in A} . S x$ for `INTER A S`

⁴⁰¹Sets are an instance of the type class `ord`, where the generic constant `<=` is the subset relation in this particular case.

In fact, the subset relation is reflexive, transitive and anti-symmetric, and so sets are an instance of the `axiomatic class order`. This is non-obvious and must be proven, which is done not in `Set.thy` itself but in `Fun.thy`, [later](#). This is a technicality of Isabelle.

Set.thy: **Constant Definitions (3)**

Union_def: "Union S == $(\text{UN } x:S. x)$ "

Inter_def: "Inter S == $(\text{INT } x:S. x)$ "

Pow_def: "Pow A == $\{B. B \leq A\}$ "

image_def: " $f' A$ == $\{y. \text{EX } x:A. y = f(x)\}$ "

Nice syntax:

$\bigcup S$ for Union S

$\bigcap S$ for Inter S

Some Theorems in Set.thy

CollectI	$P a \implies a \in \{x.P x\}$
CollectD	$a \in \{x.P x\} \implies P a$
set_ext	$(\bigwedge x.(x \in A) = (x \in B)) \implies A = B$
subsetI	$(\bigwedge x.x \in A \implies x \in B) \implies A \subseteq B$
eqset_imp_iff	$A = B \implies (x \in A) = (x \in B)$
UNIV_I	$x \in \text{UNIV}$
subset_UNIV	$A \subseteq \text{UNIV}$
empty_subsetI	$\{\} \subseteq A$
Pow_iff	$(A \in \text{Pow } B) = (A \subseteq B)$
IntI	$\llbracket c \in A; c \in B \rrbracket \implies c \in A \cap B$

More Theorems in Set.thy

insert_iff $(a \in \text{insert } b \ A) = (a = b \vee a \in A)$
image_Un $f'(A \cup B) = f'A \cup f'B$
Inter_lower $B \in A \implies \bigcap A \subseteq B$
Inter_greatest $(\bigwedge X. X \in A \implies C \subseteq X) \implies C \subseteq \bigcap A$

19.1 Summary on Sets

Rich and powerful set theory available in HOL:

- No problems with consistency
- **Weaker** than ZFC (due to the type system): there is no “union of sets⁴⁰²”; but: complement-closed⁴⁰³

⁴⁰²In typed set theory (what we have here in HOL), it is not possible to form the union of two sets of different type. This is in contrast to ZFC.

⁴⁰³The complement of a typed set A , i.e.

$$\{x \mid x \notin A\}$$

is again a set, whose type is the same as the type of A . In ZFC, the complement construction is not generally allowed since it opens the door to Russell’s Paradox.

- Good mechanical support for many set tautologies (Fast_tac, fast_tac set_cs, fast_tac eq_cs, ... simp_tac set_ss ...)
- Powerful basis for many problems in modeling

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Fun.thy

The theory `Fun.thy`⁴⁰⁴ defines some important notions on functions, such as concatenation, the identity function, the image of a function, etc.

We look at it briefly.

⁴⁰⁴This file should be contained in your Isabelle distribution. Or, if you only have an Isabelle executable, you can find the sources here:

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`Fun.thy` builds on `Set.thy`, and it is here that it is proven and used that sets are an instance of the type class `order`.

Two Extracts from Fun.thy

Composition and the identity function:

```
definition
```

```
  id :: "'a => 'a"  
where "id == %x. x"
```

```
  comp :: "[ 'b => 'c, 'a => 'b, 'a ] => 'c"  
"f o g == %x. f(g(x))"
```

Recall `definition` syntax.

Instantiating an Axiomatic Class

Sets are **partial orders**: `set` is an **instance** of the axiomatic class `order`.

For some reason, this is proven in `Fun.thy`.

```
instance set :: (type) order
  by (intro_classes,
      (assumption | rule subset_refl
        subset_trans subset_antisym psubset_eq)+)
```

- **Axiomatic classes** result in proof obligations⁴⁰⁵.
- These are discharged⁴⁰⁶ whenever instance is stated.
- **Type-checking** has access to the established properties.

⁴⁰⁵To claim that a type is an instance of an **axiomatic class**, it has to be proven that the axioms (in the case of `order`: `order_refl`, `order_trans`, `order_antisym`, and `order_less_le`) are indeed fulfilled by that type.

⁴⁰⁶The Isabelle mechanism is such that the line

```
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```

instructs Isabelle to prove the **axioms** using the previously proven **theorems** `subset_refl`, `subset_trans`, `subset_antisym`, and `psubset_eq`.

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- Will see more examples: Isabelle/HOL contains some 10000 **thm**'s.

21 Background: Recursion, Induction, and Fixpoints

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Recursion Based on Set Theory

Current stage of our course:

- On the basis of conservative extensions, set theory can be built safely.
- But: our mathematical world is still quite small and quite remote from computer science: we have no means of introducing recursive definitions (recursive programs, recursive set equations, ...).

How can we benefit from set theory to introduce recursion?

Recursion and General Fixpoints

Naïve Approach: One could **axiomatize** fixpoint combinator Y as

$$\overline{Y = \lambda F.F(Y F)} \text{ fix}$$

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- **Recursively defined functions** are solutions of such equations (example: fac ⁴¹⁰).
- **Inductively defined sets** are solutions of such equations

⁴⁰⁹By a recursive equation, we mean an equation of the form

$$f = e$$

where f occurs in e . A fortiori, such an equation does not qualify as **constant definition**.

⁴¹⁰In the following explanations, any constants like 1 or + or **if-then-else** are intended to have their usual meaning.

A **fixpoint combinator** is a function Y that returns a fixpoint of a function F , i.e., Y must fulfill the equation $YF = F(YF)$. Doing λ -abstraction over F on both sides and η -conversion (backwards) on the left-hand side, we have

$$Y = \lambda F.F(YF)$$

This is a recursive equation. We will now demonstrate how a definition of a function fac (factorial) using a recursive equation can be transformed to a definition that uses Y instead of using recursion directly.

In a functional programming language we might define

$$fac\ n = (\mathbf{if}\ n = 0\ \mathbf{then}\ 1\ \mathbf{else}\ n * fac\ (n - 1)).$$

We now massage this equation a bit. Doing λ -abstraction on both sides we get

$$\lambda n. fac\ n = (\lambda n. \mathbf{if}\ n = 0\ \mathbf{then}\ 1\ \mathbf{else}\ n * fac(n - 1))$$

which is the η -conversion of

$$fac = (\lambda n. \mathbf{if}\ n = 0\ \mathbf{then}\ 1\ \mathbf{else}\ n * fac(n - 1))$$

which in turn is a β -reduction of

$$fac = \underline{((\lambda f. \lambda n. \mathbf{if}\ n = 0\ \mathbf{then}\ 1\ \mathbf{else}\ n * f(n - 1))\ fac)} \quad (3)$$

We are looking for a solution to (3). We abbreviate the underlined expression by Fac . We claim $fac = Y\ Fac$, i.e., it is a solution to (3). Simply replacing fac with $Y\ Fac$ in (3) we get

$$Y\ Fac = Fac\ (Y\ Fac)$$

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We are interested in Y because it is the mother of all re-

which holds by the definition of Y .

Thus we see that a recursive definition of a function can be transformed so that the function is the fixpoint of an appropriate functional (a function taking a function as argument).

⁴¹¹We want to define the set of all finite sets (of a given type τ), call it *Finites*.

How do you construct the set of all finite sets? The following pseudo-code suggests what you have to do:

```
S := {{}};  
forever do  
  foreach a ::  $\tau$  do  
    foreach B  $\in$  S do  
      add ({a}  $\cup$  B) to S;  
    od od od
```

This means that you have to add new sets forever (however, when you actually do this construction for a **finite** type τ , it will indeed reach a fixpoint, i.e., adding new sets won't change anything).

Generally (even if τ is infinite), $Finities$ is a set such that adding new sets as suggested by the pseudo-code won't change anything. Written as recursive equation:

$$Finities = \{\{\}\} \cup \bigcup x :: \tau.((\text{insert } x) \text{' } (Finities))$$

Recall that ' is nice syntax for *image*, defined in `Set.thy`.

The above is a β -reduction of

$$Finities = \underline{(\lambda X. \{\{\}\} \cup \bigcup x :: \tau.((\text{insert } x) \text{' } X))} (Finities) \quad (4)$$

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$$Y \text{ } FA = FA(Y \text{ } FA),$$

which holds by the definition of Y .

cursions. With Y , recursive axioms can be converted⁴¹² into constant definitions.

You should compare this to what we said about *fac*. Note that in this example, there is no such thing as a recursive call to a “smaller” argument as in *fac* example.

⁴¹²Any recursive function can be defined by an expression (functional) which is not itself recursive, but instead relies on the recursive equation defining Y .

Consider *fac* or *Finites* as an example.

What's the Problem with such an Axiom?

Such a definition would lead to **inconsistency**.

This is not surprising because not all functions have a fixpoint.

Therefore we only consider **special forms** of fixpoint combinators.

We consider two approaches: **Least fixpoints** (Tarski) and **well-founded orderings**.

22 Least Fixpoints

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22.1 First Approach: Least Fixpoints (Tarski)

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- Restriction: F is of set type ($\alpha \text{ set} \rightarrow \alpha \text{ set}$).
- Instead of Y define lfp by an equation which is not recursive.
- lfp is fixpoint combinator, but only under additional condition that F is monotone⁴¹³, and: this is not obvious (requires non-trivial proof)!

This leads us towards recursion and induction.

⁴¹³A function f is monotone w.r.t. a partial order \leq if the following holds: $A \leq B$ implies $f(A) \leq f(B)$.

In particular, we consider the order given by the subset relation.

```
Lfp = Product_Type +
constdefs
  lfp :: ['a set => 'a set] => 'a set
  "lfp(f) == Inter({u. f(u) <= u})"
```

- \Rightarrow is function type arrow.
- \leq (" \subseteq ") is a partial order.
- **Inter** (" \bigcap ") gives a "minimum": $\forall A \in S. (\bigcap S) \subseteq A$.
Note that $\{u \mid f(u) \subseteq u\} \neq \emptyset$, because $f(\text{UNIV}) \subseteq \text{UNIV}$.

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Is it a Fixpoint?

We have

$$lfp(f) := \bigcap \{u \mid f(u) \subseteq u\}$$

Definition of lfp is conservative. That's fine. But is it a fixpoint combinator?

22.2 Tarski's Fixpoint Theorem

Theorem (Tarski):

If f is monotone, then $\text{lfp } f = f (\text{lfp } f)$.

In Isabelle, the theorem is shown in `Lfp.ML` and called `lfp_unfold`.

We show the theorem using mathematical notation and a graphical illustration to help intuition.

The proof has four steps.

Tarski's Fixpoint Theorem (1)

Claim 1 (“*lfp* lower bound”): If $f A \subseteq A$ then $\text{lfp } f \subseteq A$.

⁴¹⁵ α is not a set but a type (variable). But we can consider the set of all terms of that type (UNIV of type α).

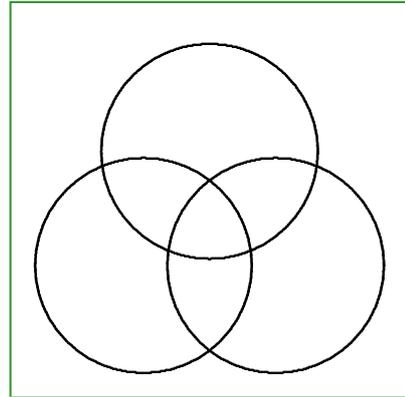
The polymorphic constant UNIV was defined in [Set.thy](#). UNIV of type τ set is the set containing all terms of type τ .

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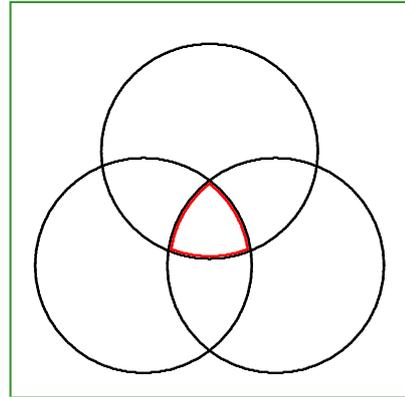
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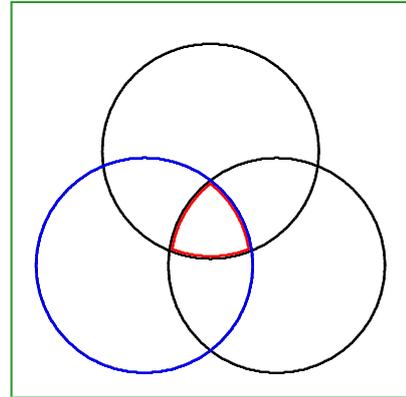
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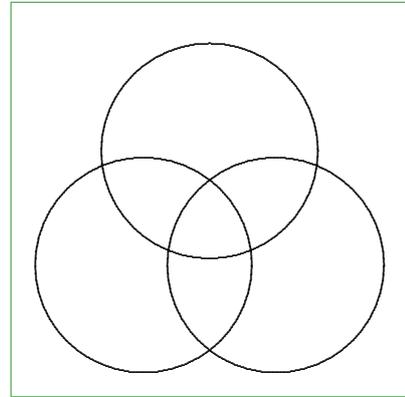
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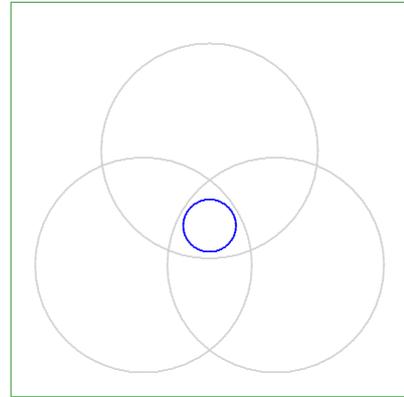


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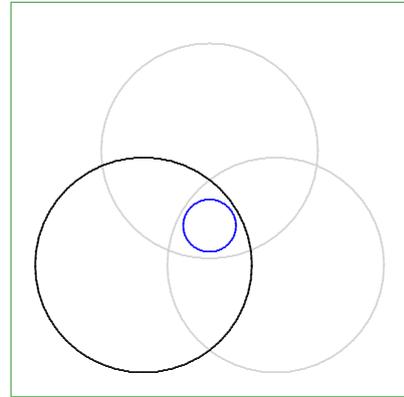


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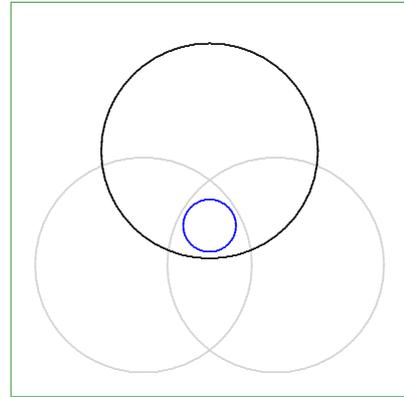


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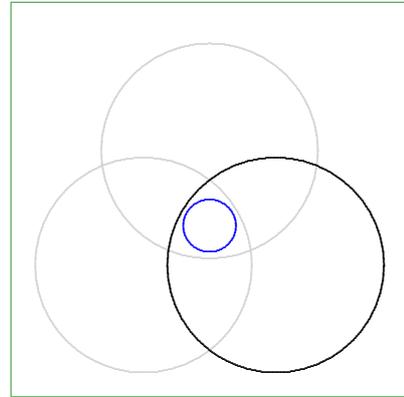


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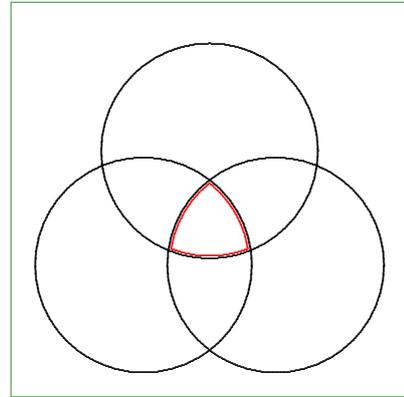
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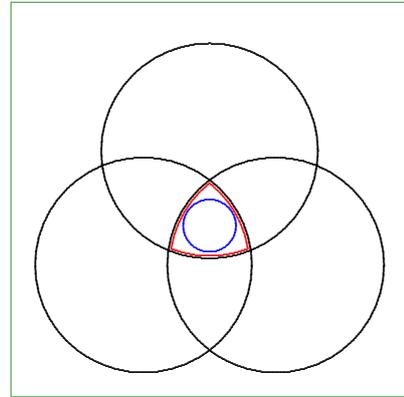
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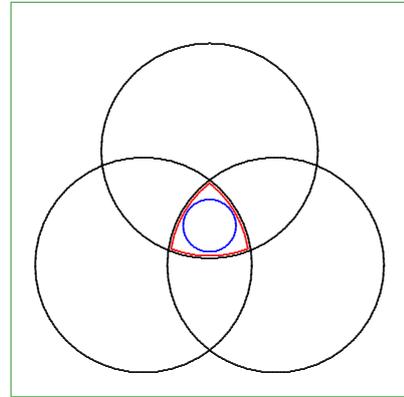
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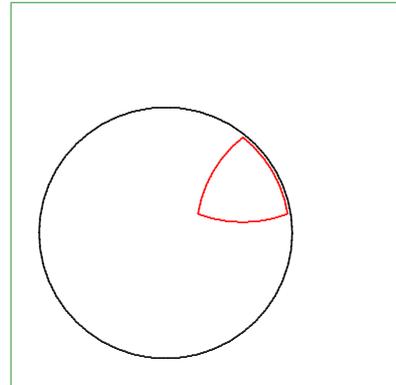
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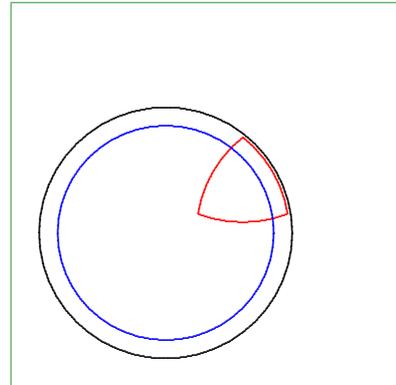
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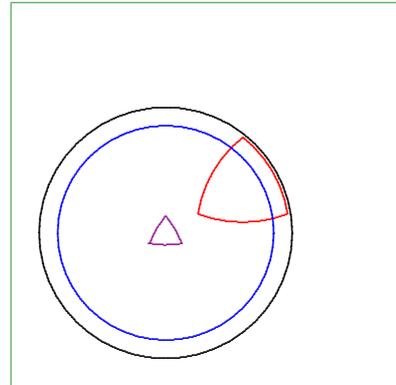
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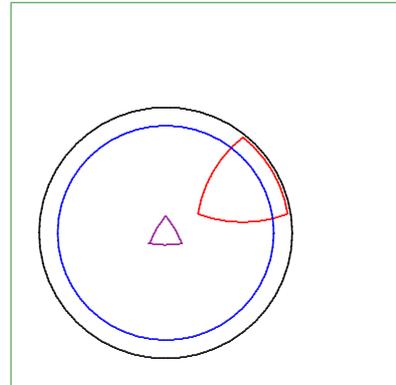
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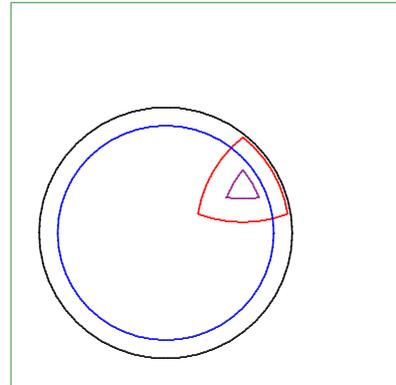
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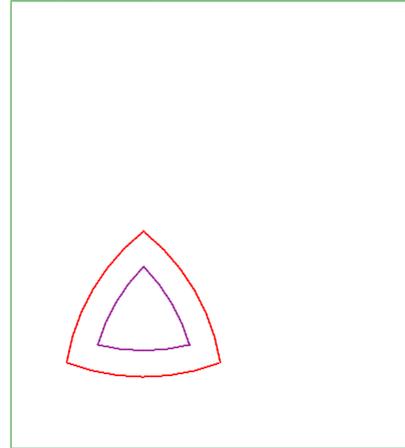
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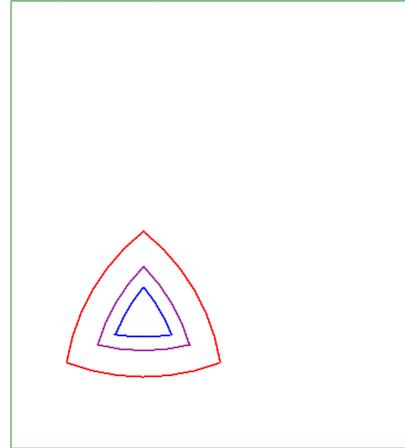
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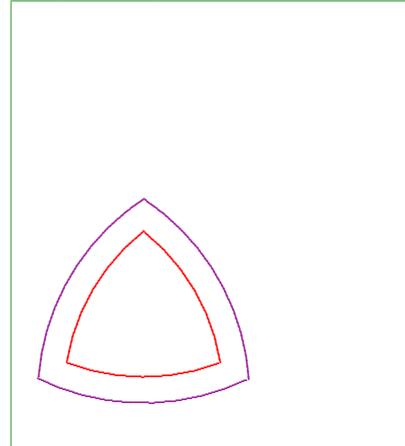
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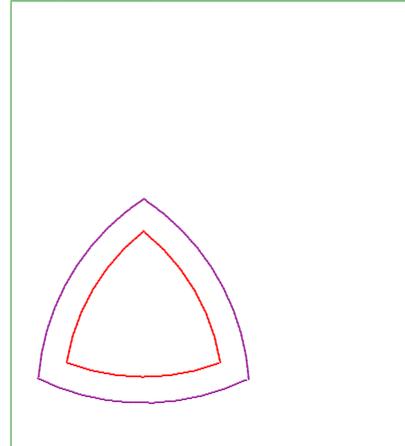
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If f is monotone, then $lfp\ f = f(lfp\ f)$.

So under appropriate conditions, lfp is a fixpoint combinator.

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In Isabelle⁴¹⁷, it is called `lfp_induct`:

$$\llbracket a \in \text{lfp } f; \text{mono } f; \bigwedge x. x \in f(\text{lfp } f \cap \{x. P x\}) \implies P x \rrbracket \\ \implies P a$$

We now show the theorem similarly as [Tarski's Theorem](#).

⁴¹⁷The theorem is phrased a bit differently in the “mathematical” version we give here and in the Isabelle version (see [Lfp.ML](#)). This is convenient for the graphical illustration of the proof.

The “mathematical phrasing” corresponding closely to the Isabelle version would be the following:

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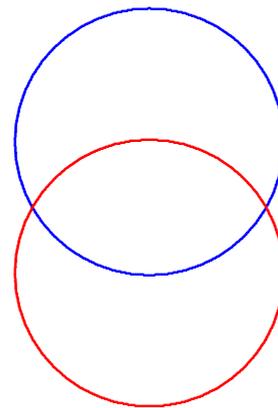
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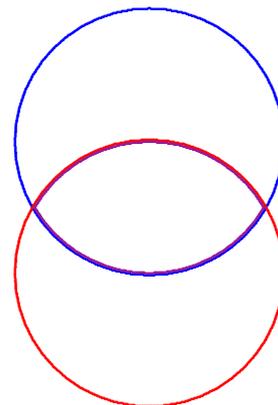
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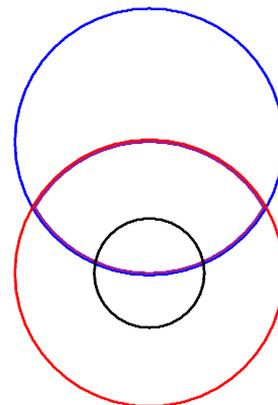
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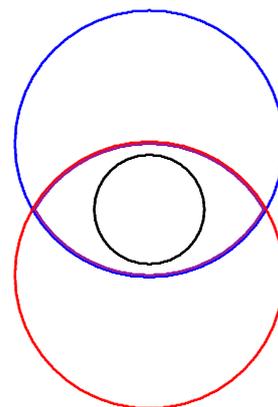
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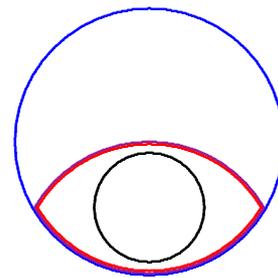
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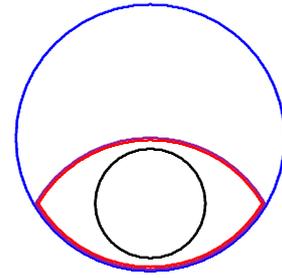
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Approximating Fixpoints

Looking ahead: Suppose we have the set \mathbb{N} of natural numbers (the **type** is formally introduced **later**). The theorem **approx**

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shows a way of approximating lfp , which is important for algorithmic solutions⁴²¹ (e.g. in program analysis).

There will be an **exercise** on this.

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says that under a certain condition, $\text{lfp } f$ can be computed by applying f to the empty set over and over again:

- although the expression uses the union over all natural numbers, which is an infinite set, this can sometimes effectively be computed. Under certain conditions, there exists a k such that $f^k \{\} = f^{k+1} \{\}$.
- Even if $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} f^n \{\}$ cannot be effectively computed, it can still be **approximated**: for any k , we know that $\bigcup_{i \leq k} f^i \{\} \subseteq \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} f^n \{\}$.

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At the same time, S is the smallest solution of the **recursive equation** $S = F(S)$.

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Example: Finite Sets

The set of all finite sets (of a certain type, of course) is defined by:

$$Finites = lfp F$$

where $F \equiv \lambda S. \{x \mid x = \{\} \vee (\exists A a. x = insert\ a\ A \wedge A \in S)\}$.

Thus we can do using *lfp* what we would have wanted to do using *Y*.

To show: F is monotone⁴²³!

We next consider the Isabelle support for this ...

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Consider again the example of finite sets. In `Finite_Set.thy`⁴²⁴, we have:

```
inductive "Finites"
  intros
    emptyI [simp, intro!]: "{} : Finites"
    insertI [simp, intro!]: "A : Finites ==>
      insert a A : Finites"
```

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Translation of inductive

The Isabelle mechanism⁴²⁵ of interpreting the keyword `inductive` translates this into the following definition: $Finites = lfp F$ where

$$F \equiv \lambda S. \{x \mid x = \{\} \vee (\exists A a. x = insert\ a\ A \wedge A \in S)\}$$

as stated above.

⁴²⁵In `Finite_Set.thy` a constant `Finites` is defined. It has polymorphic type `α set set`. We have $A \in Finites$ if and only if A is a finite set. However, it would be wrong to think of `Finites` as one single set that contains all finite sets. Instead, for each τ , there is a **polymorphic instance** of `Finites` of type `τ set set` containing all finite sets of element type τ .

You can see this by typing in your proof script:

```
open Finites;  
defs;
```

Talking (ML-)technically, `Finites` is a **structure** (module), and `defs` is a value (component) of this **structure**.

As a sanity-check, consider **the type** of this expression. The expression `insert a A` forces A to be of type `τ set` for some τ and a to be of type τ . Next, `insert a A` is of type `τ set`, and hence x is also of type `τ set`. Moreover, the expression `A ∈ S` forces S to be of type `τ set set`. The expression $\{x \mid x = \{\} \vee (\exists A a. x = insert\ a\ A \wedge A \in S)\}$ is of type `τ set set`. Next, G is of type `τ set set → τ set set`, and so

finally, *Finities* is of type τ *set set*. But actually, since τ is arbitrary, we can replace it by a type variable α .

Note that there is a convenient syntactic translation

```
translations "finite A" == "A : Finities"
```

When does Isabelle generate ML-structures, and what are the names of those structures?

This question is highly Isabelle-technical, related to different formats used for writing theory files, which is in turn partly due to mere historic reasons.

It used to be the case that for a theory file called *F.thy*, a structure *F* would be generated. Certain keywords in *F.thy* such as *inductive*, *recursive*, and *datatype*, would trigger the creation of substructures, so for example *inductive I* would call for the creation of a substructure *I*.

For a newer format of theory files, this is no longer the case.

The treatment of the keyword *constdefs*, followed by the declaration and definition of a constant *C*, also depends on

Package relies on proven lemma⁴²⁶ `lfp_unfold`.

the format used for writing theory files.

- Sometimes (when an older format is used), it will automatically generate a `thm` called `C_def` which is the definition of `C`.
- Sometimes (when a newer format is used), it will insert the definition of `C` into a database which can be accessed by a function called `thm` taking a string as argument. In this case, not `C_def` would be the definition of `C`, but rather

`thm "C_def"`

You should be aware of such problems, but we do not treat them in this course.

⁴²⁶If you look around in the ML-files of the Isabelle/HOL library, you might not find any uses of `lfp_unfold`, so you may wonder: why is it important then? But you must bear in mind that the `package for inductive sets` relies on these lemmas.

Technical Support for Inductive Definitions

Support important in practice since many constructions are based on inductively defined sets (`datatypes`, ...). Support provided for:

- Automatic proof of monotonicity
- Automatic proof of **induction rule**, for example⁴²⁷:

$$\llbracket xa \in \text{Finites}; P \{\}; \bigwedge a b. \llbracket b \in \text{Finites}; P b \rrbracket \implies P (\text{insert } a b) \rrbracket \implies P xa$$

This is a general insight about proven results in the library: Even though you might not find them being used in other ML-files, special packages of Isabelle/HOL might use those results.

⁴²⁷The theorem

$$\llbracket xa \in \text{Finites}; P \{\}; \bigwedge ab. \llbracket b \in \text{Finites } A; P b \rrbracket \implies P (\text{insert } a b) \rrbracket \implies P xa$$

is an instance of the general **induction scheme**. That is to say, if we take the general induction scheme `lfp_induct`

$$\llbracket a \in \text{lfp } f; \text{mono } f; \bigwedge x. x \in f(\text{lfp } f \cap \{x.P x\}) \implies P x \rrbracket \implies P a$$

and instantiate f to $\lambda S. \{x \mid x = \{\} \vee (\exists A a. x = \text{insert } a A \wedge A \in S)\}$ then some massaging using the definitions will give us the first theorem.

Note here that monotonicity has disappeared from the assumptions. This is because the **monotonicity of F** is shown by Isabelle **once and for all**. This is one aspect of what we mean by **special proof support for inductive definitions**.

22.5 Summary on Least Fixpoints

We are interested in recursion because **inductively defined sets** and **recursively defined functions** are solutions to recursive equations.

We cannot have general fixpoint operator Y , but we have, by conservative extension, least fixpoints for **defining sets**.

There is an induction scheme (**lfp induction**) for proving theorems about an inductively defined set.

Restriction of F to **set type** ($\alpha \text{ set} \rightarrow \alpha \text{ set}$) means that least fixpoints are not generally suitable for defining **functions**

...

The least fixpoint of the functional is *Finites* (the set of finite sets) in this case.

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Well-Founded Recursion

After least fixpoints, **well-founded recursion** is our second concept of recursion (and fixpoint combinator).

Idea: Modeling “terminating” recursive functions, i.e. recursive definitions that use “smaller” arguments for the recursive call.

23.1 Prerequisite: Relations

We need some standard operations on **binary relations** (sets of **pairs**), such as converse, composition, image of a set and a relation, the identity relation, ...

These are provided by `Relation.thy`⁴²⁸.

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Relation.thy (Fragment)

constdefs

```
converse :: "('a * 'b) set => ('b * 'a) set"
"r-1 == {(y, x). (x, y):r}"
rel_comp  :: "[('b * 'c) set, ('a * 'b) set] =>
              ('a * 'c) set"
"r O s == {(x,z). EX y. (x, y):s & (y, z):r}"
Image    :: "[('a * 'b) set, 'a set] => 'b set"
"r `` s == {y. EX x:s. (x,y):r}"
Id       :: "('a * 'a) set"
"Id == {p. EX x. p = (x,x)}"
```

Somewhat similar to [Fun.thy](#).

23.2 Prerequisite: Closures

We need the transitive, as well as the reflexive transitive closure of a relation.

These are provided by `Transitive_Closure.thy`⁴²⁹.

How would you define those inductively, ad-hoc?⁴³⁰

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⁴³⁰ r^* is the smallest set such that:

- $Id \subseteq r^*$;
- if $r' \subseteq r^*$ then $r' \cup r \circ r' \subseteq r^*$.

Or, in line with the [schema for inductive definitions](#):

- $\emptyset \subseteq r^*$;
- if $r' \subseteq r^*$ then $(\lambda s. Id \cup (r \circ s))r' \subseteq r^*$.

The latter form corresponds to the definition in [Transitive_Closure.thy](#).

The definition of r^+ is similar.

Transitive_Closure.thy (**Fragment**)

consts

```
rtrancl :: "('a * 'a) set => ('a * 'a) set"  
          ("(_^*)" [1000] 999)
```

inductive "r^*"

intros

```
rtrancl_refl [...]: "(a, a) : r^*"  
rtrancl_into_rtrancl [...]: "(a, b) : r^* ==>  
                              (b, c) : r ==> (a, c) : r^*"
```

Transitive_Closure.thy (Fragment Cont.)

```
consts
  trancl :: "('a * 'a) set => ('a * 'a) set"
          ("(_^+)" [1000] 999)
inductive "r^+"
  intros
    r_into_trancl [...]: "(a, b) : r ==>
                          (a, b) : r^+"
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23.3 Well-Founded Orderings

Defined in `Wellfounded_Recursion.thy`⁴³¹.

```
Wellfounded_Recursion = Transitive_Closure +  
constdefs
```

```
wf          :: "('a * 'a) set => bool"  
"wf(r) ==  
  (!P. (!x. (!y. (y,x):r --> P(y)) --> P(x))  
        --> (!x. P(x)))"
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What does this mean? r is **well-founded** if well-founded (Noetherian) induction based on r is a valid proof scheme⁴³².

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In older versions the file used to be called `WF.thy`.

⁴³²For a moment, forget everything you have ever heard about proofs using induction! The definition of wf has the form

$$wf(r) \equiv \forall P. \phi(r, P) \rightarrow \forall x. P(x)$$

That is, it says: a relation r is well-founded if a certain scheme ϕ can be used to show a property P that holds for all x .

By the fact that this is a **constant definition** (conservative extension), it is immediately clear that this gives us a **correct method** of proving $\forall x. P(x)$. To prove $\forall x. P(x)$ for some given P , find some r such that $\forall P. \phi(r, P) \rightarrow \forall x. P(x)$ holds, and show $\phi(r, P)$.

Once again, this method is correct regardless of what ϕ is. Forget about induction!

Example: Is \emptyset well-founded⁴³³? $<$ on the integers⁴³⁴?

But how is that possible? How is it ensured that only true statements can be proven, if the method is correct for any ϕ no matter how strange?

The point is this: The method is correct in principle, but it will typically not work unless ϕ is something sensible, e.g. an induction scheme as in the **actual definition of wf** . It will not work simply because we will fail to show either $\forall P.\phi(r, P) \rightarrow \forall x.P(x)$ or $\phi(r, P)$.

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Intuition of Well-Foundedness

Intuition of *wf*: All descending chains are finite.

gers is well-founded. So we must check whether

$$(\forall P.(\forall x.(\forall y.y < x \rightarrow P(y)) \rightarrow P(x)) \rightarrow (\forall x.P(x)))$$

holds. Instantiating P to $\lambda x.False$ we obtain

$$(\forall x.(\forall y.y < x \rightarrow False) \rightarrow False) \rightarrow (False)$$

Now since for every x there exists a y with $y < x$, it follows that $(\forall y.y < x \rightarrow False)$ is equivalent to $False$ and hence we obtain

$$(\forall x.False \rightarrow False) \rightarrow (False)$$

and thus

$$False$$

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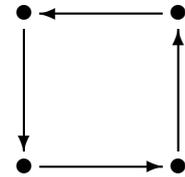
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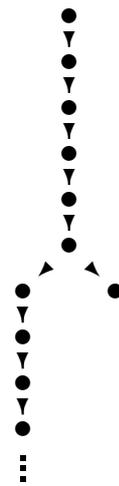
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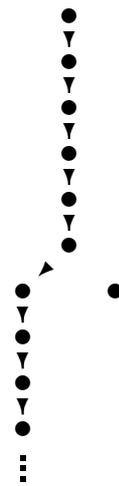
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All these attempts are just **necessary** but not **sufficient** conditions for well-foundedness.

The following theorem `wf_eq_minimal` gives a characterization of well-foundedness⁴³⁷ .:

$$wf\ r = (\forall Q\ x.\ x \in Q \rightarrow (\exists z \in Q.\forall y.(y, z) \in r \rightarrow y \notin Q))$$

Proof uses split =⁴³⁸, `wf_def`, rest routine.

Ergo: Definition of `wf` meets textbook definitions “every non-empty set Q has a minimal element in r ”.

definition.

In fact, this problem was already present for the previous attempt where we just required $\exists x.\forall y.(y, x) \notin r$ (i.e., r has a minimal element).

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$$(\forall Q.\ x \in Q \rightarrow (\exists z \in Q.\forall y.(y, z) \in r \rightarrow y \notin Q))$$

expresses the absence of infinite descending chains without explicitly using the concept of infinity.

It is a characterization of well-foundedness. One could say that the above formula expresses what well-foundedness **is**, while the “official” definition is somewhat indirect since it defines well-foundedness by **what one can do with it**.

⁴³⁸By this we simply mean to split a proof of $\phi = \psi$ into two proofs $\phi \implies \psi$ and $\psi \implies \phi$.

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Let's see some theorems to confirm our intuition, including the characterization attempts just seen.

A Theorem⁴³⁹ on the Empty Set

`wf_empty wf {}`

Proof sketch: `wf_empty`: substitute r into definition, simplify.

⁴³⁹The theorems we present here are proven in `WellfoundedRecursion.ML`.

This file should be contained in your Isabelle distribution. Or, if you only have an Isabelle executable, you can find the sources here:

<http://isabelle.in.tum.de/library/>

but in older versions the file used to be called `WF.ML`

A Theorem for Induction

By massage⁴⁴⁰ of the definition of well-foundedness

$$\forall P. (\forall x. (\forall y. (y, x) \in r \rightarrow P y) \rightarrow P x) \rightarrow (\forall x. P x)$$

one obtains the theorem `wf_induct`

$$\llbracket wf\ r; \bigwedge x. \forall y. (y, x) \in r \rightarrow P y \implies P x \rrbracket \implies P a.$$

This is a form suitable for doing induction proofs in Isabelle.

⁴⁴⁰As far as the induction principle is concerned, `induct_wf` states the same as the very [definition of wf](#). All that happens is that some explicit universal object-level quantifiers are [removed](#) and the according variables are (implicitly) universally quantified on the meta-level, and some [shifting](#) from object-level implications to meta-level implications using `mp`. This is why we dare say “logical massage”. See [Wellfounded Recursion.ML](#).

Induction Theorem as Proof Rule

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as proof rule:

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A Theorem on Antisymmetry

`wf_not_sym` $\llbracket wf\ r; (a, x) \in r \rrbracket \implies (x, a) \notin r$

Proof sketch:

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In both cases $x < z \rightarrow z \not< x$ holds, and thus $\forall z. x < z \rightarrow z \not< x$.

The Induction Part Formally

We will now give the induction part at a level of detail that shows the essential reasoning but hides all the [swapping](#) involved in the Isabelle proof.

A variation will be done as [exercise](#).

The Induction Part in More Detail

$$\frac{\frac{\forall y.(y, x) \in r \rightarrow (\forall z.(y, z) \in r \rightarrow (z, y) \notin r)}{(w, x) \in r \rightarrow (\forall z.(w, z) \in r \rightarrow (z, w) \notin r)} \forall\text{-E}}{(w, x) \notin r \vee (\forall z.(w, z) \in r \rightarrow (z, w) \notin r)} \text{(c)}^{441} \equiv \phi$$

“(c)” stands for classical reasoning steps.

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Theorems on Absence of Cycles

`wf_not_refl` $wf\ r \implies (a, a) \notin r$

`wf_trancl` $wf\ r \implies wf(r^+)$

`wf_acyclic` $wf\ r \implies acyclic\ r$

($acyclic\ r \equiv \forall x.(x, x) \notin r^+$)

`wf_not_refl`: Corollary of `wf_not_sym`.

Proof sketch: `wf_trancl`: Uses induction.

`wf_acyclic`: Apply `wf_not_refl` and `wf_trancl`

Ergo: Definition of *wf* really meets our intuition of “no cycles”.

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... and the proof by induction.

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We used an **instance** of `wf_induct`, where we instantiated x by v , y by w , and P by $\lambda w.(\exists x.\forall y.(y, x) \notin r^+)$. I.e., ϕ does **not contain** the “induction variables” w and v .

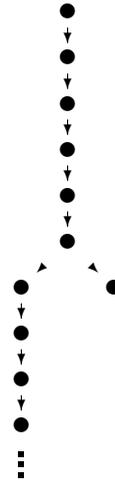
Still this is a “proper” induction proof: Although ϕ does not contain the “induction variables”, the proof **does depend** on the actual form of ϕ ! (Try doing it without induction . . .)

Scoping of quantifiers (e.g., in general $(\forall w.(w, v) \in r^+ \rightarrow \phi) \not\equiv (\forall w.(w, v) \in r^+) \rightarrow \phi$) and **side conditions** are very subtle in this proof. Underlines the importance of machine-checked proofs.

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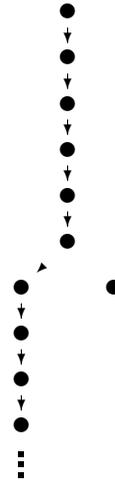
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A Theorem on Subsets

`wf_subset` $[[wf\ r; p \subseteq r]] \implies wf\ p$

Proof sketch: `wf_subset`: simplification tactic using `wf_eq_minimal`.

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Proof sketch:

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We say: F is the **functional defining f** .

Recall that $Y F$ would solve $f = e$, but we don't have Y , so what can we do?

Coherent Functionals

A functional F is **coherent w.r.t.** $<$ if all recursive calls are with arguments “smaller” than the original argument. This means that if F has the form

$$\lambda f.\lambda n.e'$$

then for any $(f\ m)$ occurring in e' , we have $m < n$.

Here $<$ could be any relation (although the idea is that it should be a well-founded ordering).

(Simplification, assumes that recursion is on the first argument of f .)

Using Bad f 's

Let $f|_{<a}$ be a function that is like f on all values $< a$, and arbitrary elsewhere. $f|_{<a}$ is an approximation, a “bad” f .

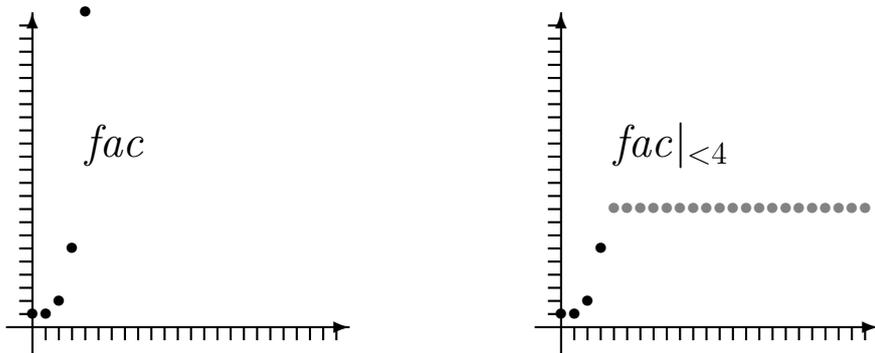
If F is **coherent**, then we would expect that for any a ,

$$f a = (F f) a = (F f|_{<a}) a. \quad (5)$$

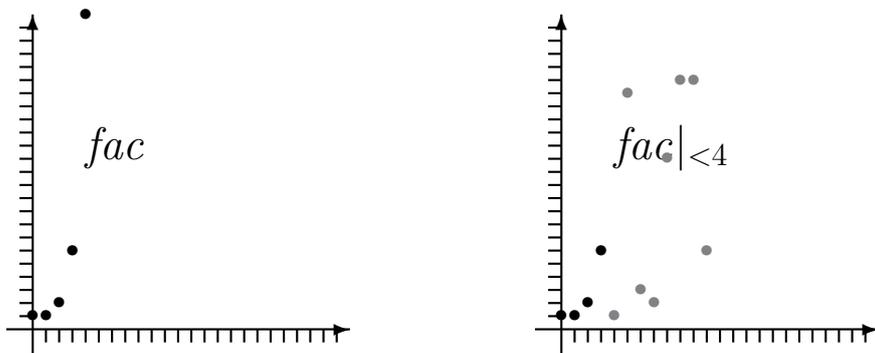
It's not that we are ultimately interested in constructing such a “bad” f , but our formalization of well-founded recursion **defines** coherence by the fact that one **could** use such a “bad” f , i.e., via (5).

“Bad” f 's: Example

Consider fac . On the right-hand side, we show one possibility⁴⁴⁵ for $fac|_{<4}$:



⁴⁴⁵For the construction we have in mind, it would be fine if $f|_{<a}$ was any function that is like f on all values $< a$, and arbitrary elsewhere. E.g., $fac|_{<4}$ could be



However, such a $fac|_{<4}$ could not be in a **model** for HOL (with the extensions we consider here). The way that arbitrary elements are formalized in `HOL.thy`, it turns out that in any model and for each type, there must be **one specific** domain element for the constant arbitrary (you don't have to understand why this is so). That is, in different models we could have different ones, but within each model the element must be a specific one. Since the value of $fac|_{<4}$ is “arbi-

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constdefs

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```

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```

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The function cut $f r x$ is **unspecified** for arguments y where $(y, x) \notin r$, but for each such argument, $(\text{cut } f r x) y$ must be the same (in any particular model).

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Theorems Involving `cut`

$$\begin{aligned} \text{cuts_eq} & \quad (\text{cut } f \ r \ x = \text{cut } g \ r \ x) = \\ & \quad (\forall y. (y, x) \in r \rightarrow f \ y = g \ y) \\ \text{cut_apply} & \quad (x, a) \in r \implies \text{cut } f \ r \ a \ x = f \ x \end{aligned}$$

Or, using the more intuitive notation:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{cuts_eq} & \quad (f|_{<x} = g|_{<x}) = (\forall y. y < x \rightarrow f \ y = g \ y) \\ \text{cut_apply} & \quad x < a \implies f|_{<a} \ x = f \ x \end{aligned}$$

wfrec_rel (**in** Wellfounded_Recursion.thy)

Auxiliary construction: “approximate” f by a **relation** $wfrec_rel\ R\ F$.

```
wfrec_rel :: "('a * 'a) set =>
  (('a => 'b) => 'a => 'b) => ('a * 'b) set"
inductive "wfrec_rel R F"
intrs
  wfrecI
  "ALL z. (z, x) : R -->
    (z, g z) : wfrec_rel R F
    ==> (x, F g x) : wfrec_rel R F"
```

wfrec_rel Explained

$$\forall z. (z, x) \in R \rightarrow (z, g z) \in wfrec_rel R F \implies \\ (x, F g x) \in wfrec_rel R F$$

- For R and F arbitrary, $wfrec_rel R F$ is defined but we wouldn't want to know what it is.
- But if R is well-founded and F is coherent, $wfrec_rel R F$ defines a recursive "function"⁴⁴⁶.

Show that $(4, 24) \in (wfrec_rel '<' Fac)$!

Now let us really turn $wfrec_rel R F$ into a function ...

⁴⁴⁶When we say that a binary relation $r : \tau \times \sigma$ is in fact a function, we mean that for $t : \tau$, there is exactly one $s : \sigma$ such that $(t, s) \in r$.

wfrec (in `Wellfounded_Recursion.thy`)

```
wfrec :: "('a * 'a) set =>
  (( 'a => 'b) => 'a => 'b) => 'a => 'b"
"wfrec R F == %x. THE y.
  (x, y) : wfrec_rel R (%f x. F (cut f R x) x)"

THE  $x.P x$ 447 picks the unique  $a$  such that  $P a$  holds, if it
exists. We don't care what it does otherwise (see HOL.thy).
```

⁴⁴⁷The operator `THE` is similar to the [Hilbert operator](#), but it returns the unique element having a certain property rather than an arbitrary one. The Isabelle formalization of HOL nowadays heavily relies on `THE` rather than the Hilbert operator.

wfrec Explained

$$\begin{aligned} wfrec\ R\ F &\equiv \\ \lambda x.\text{THE } y.(x, y) \in wfrec_rel\ R(\lambda f x.F\ (cut\ f\ R\ x)\ x) \end{aligned}$$

We don't care what this means for arbitrary R and F .

But if R is well-founded and F is coherent, then $F\ (cut\ f\ R\ x)\ x = F\ f\ x$ (by (5)), and so $\lambda f x.F\ (cut\ f\ R\ x)\ x = F$, and so $\lambda x.\text{THE } y.(x, y) \in wfrec_rel\ R(\lambda f x.F\ (cut\ f\ R\ x)\ x)$ is the function defined by $wfrec_rel\ R\ F$ in the obvious way.

$wfrec\ R\ F$ is the recursive function defined by functional F .

The “Fixpoint” Theorem

$$\text{wfrec } wf\ r \implies \text{wfrec } r\ H\ a = H(\text{cut}(\text{wfrec } r\ H)\ r\ a)\ a$$

Note that `wfrec` is used here both as a name of a constant (defined [above](#)) and a theorem.

So if r is well-founded and H is coherent, we have (by (5))

$$\text{wfrec } r\ H\ a = H(\text{wfrec } r\ H)\ a$$

Theorem states that `wfrec` is like a fixpoint combinator (disregarding the additional argument r).

Thus we can do using `wfrec` what we would have liked to do using `Y`.

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First, define predecessor relation:

```
constdefs
  pred_nat :: "(nat * nat) set"
  pred_nat_def "pred_nat == {(m,n). n = Suc m}"
```

Defining Addition and Subtraction

```
add :: [nat, nat] => nat    (infixl 70)
"m add n == wfrec (pred_nat^+)
  (%f j. if j=0 then n else Suc (f (pred j))) m"
```

Recursive in first argument⁴⁴⁸.

```
subtract :: [nat, nat] => nat    (infixl 70)
"m subtract n == wfrec (pred_nat^+)
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Recursive in [second argument](#).

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Here we suppose that we have a predecessor function `pred`. The implementation in Isabelle is [different](#), but conceptually, the above is a definition of the `add` function.

Note that `add` is a function of type $nat \rightarrow nat \rightarrow nat$ (written infix), but it is only recursive in one argument, namely the first one.

You may be confused about this and wonder: how do I know that it is the first? Is this some Isabelle mechanism saying that it is always the first? The answer is: no. You must look at the two sides in isolation. On the right-hand side, we have

```
wfrec (pred_nat^+)
  (%f j. if j=0 then n else Suc (f (pred j)))
```

By the definitions (of *wfrec* most importantly), this expression is a function of type $nat \rightarrow nat$, namely the function that

Defining Division and Modulus

```
div :: ['a::div, 'a] => 'a      (infixl 70)
"m div n == wfrec (pred_nat^+)
(%f j. if j<n | n=0 then 0 else Suc (f (j-n))) m"
```

```
mod :: ['a::div, 'a] => 'a      (infixl 70)
"m mod n == wfrec (pred_nat^+)
(%f j. if j<n | n=0 then j else f (j-n)) m"
```

Here, `div` is a syntactic class for which division is defined (don't worry about it). We know how to define `—`.

The functions are recursive in **one** argument (just like `add`).

adds n (which is not known looking at this expression alone; it occurs on the left-hand side) to its argument. The function is recursive in its argument (and hence not in n). Now, this function is applied to m . Therefore we say that the final function `add` is recursive in m but not in n .

Now look at subtraction:

```
subtract :: [nat, nat] => nat    (infixl 70)
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```

Note that `subtract` is recursive in its **second** argument, simply because the right-hand side of the defining equation was constructed in a different way than for `add`.

Similar considerations apply for other binary functions defined by recursion in one argument.

Theorems of the Example

`wf_pred_nat` $wf\ pred_nat$

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This is very similar to functional programming code and hence lends itself to real **computations** (rewriting), as opposed to only doing **proofs**.

23.6 Conclusion on Well-founded Recursion

Well-founded recursion allows us to define recursive functions in HOL and thus reason about **computations**.

We can derive recursive **theorems** that can be used for **rewriting** just like in a functional programming language.

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Recursion and Arithmetic

primrec

add_0: "0 + n = n"

add_Suc: "Suc m + n = Suc (m + n)"

primrec

diff_0: "m - 0 = m"

diff_Suc: "m - Suc n =

(case m - n of 0 => 0 | Suc k => k)"

primrec

mult_0: "0 * n = 0"

mult_Suc: "Suc m * n = n + (m * n)"

23.7 Conclusion on Recursion and Induction

We are interested in recursion because **inductively defined sets** and **recursively defined functions** are solutions to recursive equations.

We cannot have general fixpoint operator Y , but we have, by conservative extension:

- Least fixpoints for defining sets;
- well-founded orders for defining functions.

Both concepts come with induction schemes (lfp induction and definition of well-foundedness) for proving properties of the defined objects.

Summary: Proof Support

The methodological overhead can be faced by powerful mechanical support in Isabelle, since many proof-tasks are routine.

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- $\forall x y. Suc(x) = Suc(y) \rightarrow x = y$
- $\forall P. (P(0) \wedge \forall n. (P(n) \rightarrow P(Suc(n)))) \rightarrow \forall n. P(n).$

However, there are various ways of phrasing the Peano axioms.

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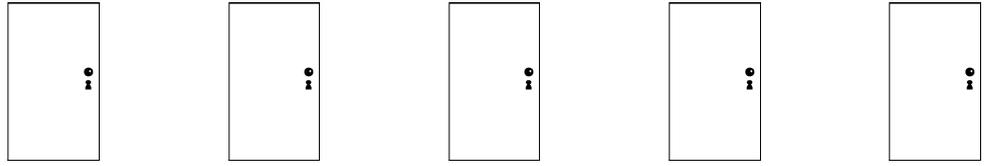
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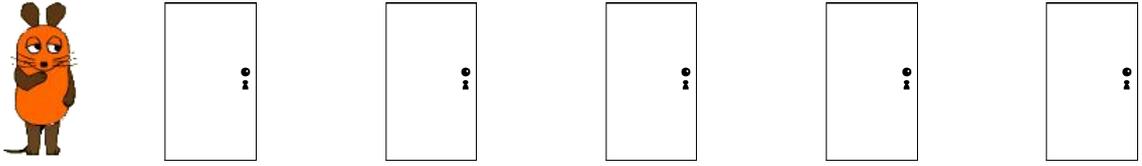
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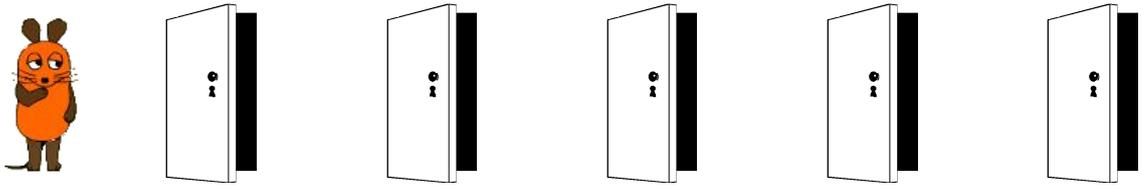
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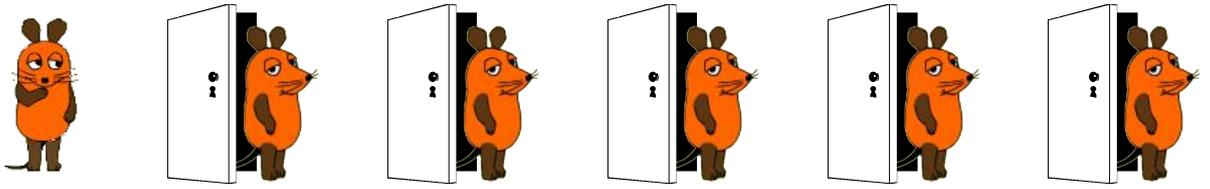
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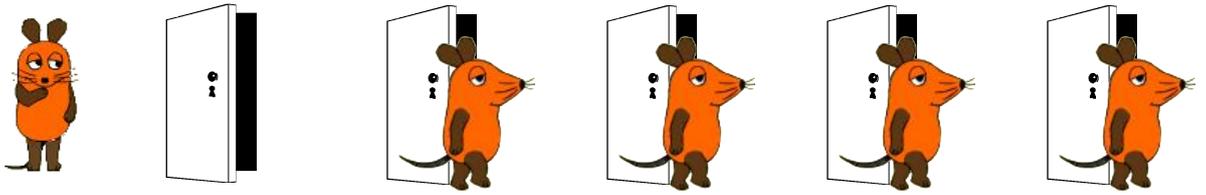
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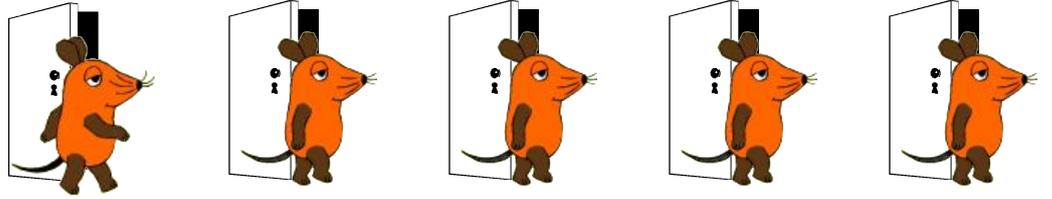
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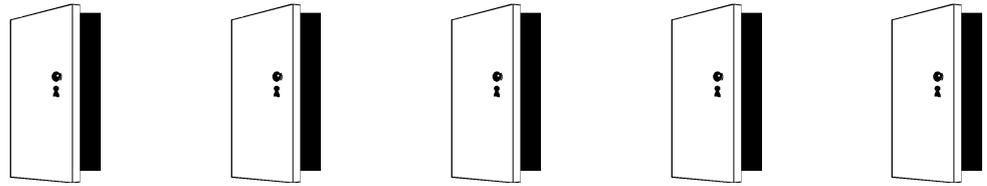
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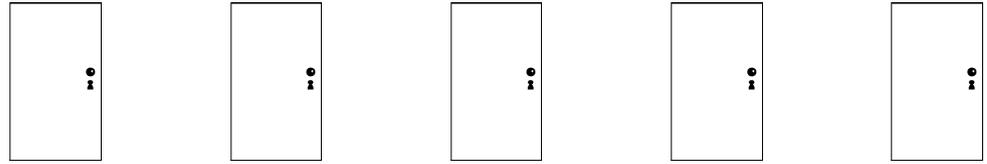
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⁴⁵³This means, there must be a successor function on rooms. To each room, it assigns the "next" room.

Axiom of Infinity

The axiomatic core⁴⁵⁴ of numbers⁴⁵⁵:

$$\frac{}{\exists f :: (ind \rightarrow ind). \textit{injective } f \wedge \neg \textit{surjective } f} \textit{infty}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \textit{injective}^{456} f &= \forall xy. f x = f y \rightarrow x = y \\ \textit{surjective} f &= \forall y. \exists x. y = f x \end{aligned}$$

Forces *ind* to be “infinite type” (called “*I*” in [Chu40]).

We will see soon how this is done in Isabelle.

⁴⁵⁴Note that theoretically, it is not needed to add the infinity axiom (or some equivalent formulation) to HOL. Instead one could add the infinity axiom as premise to each arithmetic theorem that one wants to prove.

However this would not be a viable approach since the resulting formulas would be very, very complicated.

⁴⁵⁵The natural numbers can be built as an algebraic datatype by having a constant 0 and a term constructor *Suc* (for **suc**-**cessor**).

⁴⁵⁶These constants (actually called *inj* and *sur*) are defined in `Fun.thy`.

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Then the type of H is *bool*, but H contains a subterm of type $\alpha \Rightarrow \alpha$ (H is not type-closed).

Then we could reason as follows ...

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 $\quad \exists f :: \text{ind} \Rightarrow \text{ind.inj } f \wedge \neg \text{sur } f$
 $\Rightarrow \text{False} = \text{True}$
 $\Rightarrow \text{False}$

(unfolding H using two different type instantiations, and then using *axiom of infinity* and the fact that there are only finitely many functions on bool).

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Types Affect the Semantics

Type instantiations may change semantic values, and hence cause **inconsistency**!

This example was somewhat more concrete than our **previous simpler example**.

24.3 Natural Numbers: Nat.thy

consts

Zero_Rep :: ind

Suc_Rep :: "ind => ind"

axioms

inj_Suc_Rep: "inj Suc_Rep"

Suc_Rep_not_Zero_Rep: "Suc_Rep x \sim Zero_Rep"

So the *axiom of infinity* is formulated by defining a constant *Suc_Rep* having the two required properties.

inj is defined in *Fun.thy*.

Think of Zero_Rep, Suc_Rep as **provisional** 0, successor.

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By induction using the **inductive syntax**:

```
inductive Nat
```

```
intros
```

```
Zero_RepI: "Zero_Rep : Nat"
```

```
Suc_RepI: "i : Nat ==> Suc_Rep i : Nat"
```

Translated by Isabelle to:

$$Nat = lfp (\lambda X. \{Zero_Rep\} \cup (Suc_Rep \text{ ` } X))$$

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Define the **type** *nat*, isomorphic to *Nat*, using the **typedef** syntax:

```
typedef (open Nat)
  nat = "Nat" by (rule exI, rule Nat.Zero_RepI)
```

After these two steps⁴⁵⁸ we have the type *nat*.

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Constants in *nat*

Moreover, define⁴⁵⁹:

```
consts
```

```
  Suc :: "nat => nat"
```

```
  pred_nat :: "(nat * nat) set"
```

```
defs
```

```
  Zero_nat_def: "0 == Abs_Nat Zero_Rep"
```

```
  Suc_def:      "Suc ==
```

```
                (%n. Abs_Nat (Suc_Rep (Rep_Nat n)))"
```

```
  pred_nat_def: "pred_nat == {(m, n). n = Suc m}"
```

⁴⁵⁹Based on the generic constants `Abs_Nat` and `Rep_Nat`, we define all the constants that we need to work conveniently with `nat`, most importantly, `0` and `Suc`.

Some Theorems in `Nat.thy`⁴⁶⁰

`nat_induct` $\llbracket P\ 0; \bigwedge n. P\ n \implies P\ (Suc\ n) \rrbracket \implies P\ n$

`diff_induct` $\llbracket \bigwedge x. P\ x\ 0; \bigwedge y. P\ 0\ (Suc\ y);$
 $\bigwedge xy. P\ x\ y \implies P\ (Suc\ x)\ (Suc\ y) \rrbracket$
 $\implies P\ m\ n$

We can now exploit that `nat` is defined based on a `set` defined using `least fixpoints`. In particular, `nat_induct` follows from the `induct` theorem of `Lfp`.

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Nat and Well-Founded Orders

Examples of theorems involving well-founded orders:

`wf_pred_nat` *wf pred_nat*

`less_linear` $m < n \vee m = n \vee n < m$

`Suc_less_SucD` $Suc\ m < Suc\ n \implies m < n$

Using Primitive Recursion

`Nat.thy` defines rich theory on *nat*. Uses `primrec` syntax for defining recursive functions, and `case`⁴⁶¹ construct.

```
primrec
  add_0      "0 + n = n"
  add_Suc   "Suc m + n = Suc(m + n)"
primrec
  diff_0    "m - 0 = m"
  diff_Suc  "m - Suc n =
    (case m - n of 0 => 0 | Suc k => k)"
primrec
  mult_0    "0 * n = 0"
  mult_Suc  "Suc m * n = n + (m * n)"
```

⁴⁶¹The case statement for *nat* is a function of type $nat \Rightarrow (nat \Rightarrow nat) \Rightarrow nat \Rightarrow nat$. `case z f n` is defined as follows (using a common mathematical notation):

$$\text{case } z \ f \ n = \begin{cases} z & \text{if } n = 0 \\ f \ k & \text{if } n = \text{Suc } k \end{cases}$$

The syntax

```
diff_Suc "m - Suc n = (case m - n of 0 => 0 | Suc k => k)"
```

used on the slide is a paraphrasing (“concrete syntax”) of the original (“abstract”) syntax. In the original syntax it would read `case 0 ($\lambda x.x$) (n - m)`.

Some Theorems in Nat

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$$\text{add_ac} \quad m + n + k = m + (n + k)$$

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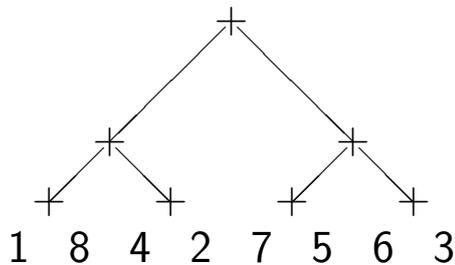
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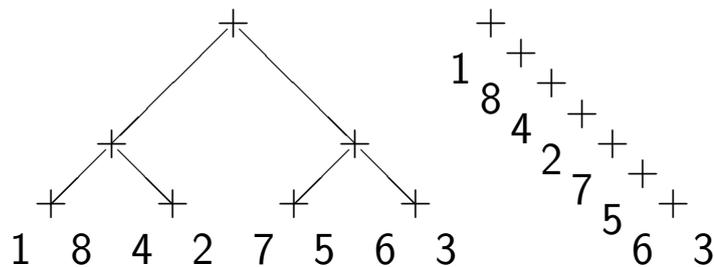
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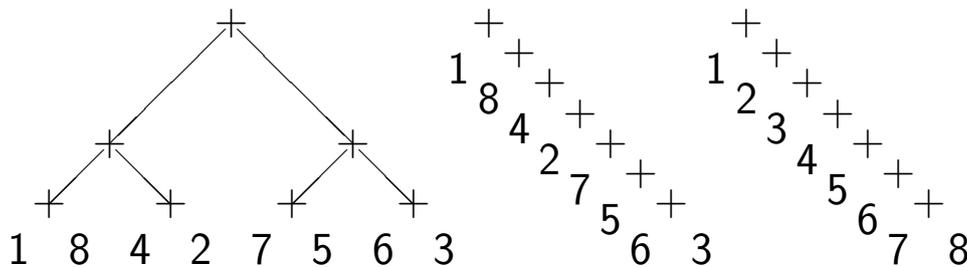
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`add_0_right`

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$$n + 0 = n$$

$$\frac{\frac{\text{add_0}}{0 + 0 = 0} \quad \text{Suc } n + 0 = \text{Suc } n}{m + 0 = m} \text{nat.induct}$$

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24.4 Integers

The integers are implemented⁴⁶³ as equivalence classes⁴⁶⁴ over $\text{nat} \times \text{nat}$.

```
IntDef = Equiv + NatArith +
constdefs
  intrel :: "(nat * nat) * (nat * nat) set"
  "intrel == {p. EX x1 y1 x2 y2.
    p=((x1::nat,y1),(x2,y2)) & x1+y2 = x2+y1}"

typedef (Integ)
  int = "UNIV//intrel"  (quotient_def)
```

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⁴⁶⁴Recall the general concept of an **equivalence relation**. Generally, for a set S and an equivalence relation R defined on the set, one can define $S//R$, the **quotient of S w.r.t. R** .

$$S//R = \{A \mid A \subseteq S \wedge \forall x, y \in A. (x, y) \in R\}$$

That is, one partitions the set S into subsets such that each subset collects equivalent elements. This is a standard mathematical concept.

We do not go into the Isabelle details here, but we explain how this works for the integers. One can view a pair (n, m) of natural numbers as representation of the integer $n - m$. But then (n, m) and (n', m') represent the same integer if and only if $n - m = n' - m'$, or equivalently, $n + m' = n' + m$.

Some Theorems in IntArith

<code>zminus_zadd_distrib</code>	$-(z + w) = -z + -w$
<code>zminus_zminus</code>	$-(-z) = z$
<code>zadd_ac</code>	$z1 + z2 + z3 = z1 + (z2 + z3)$
	$z + w = w + z$
	$x + (y + z) = y + (x + z)$
<code>zmult_ac</code>	$z1 * z2 * z3 = z1 * (z2 * z3)$
	$z * w = w * z$
	$z1 * (z2 * z3) = z2 * (z1 * z3)$

Compare to *nat* theorems.

In this case (n, m) and (n', m') are said to be **equivalent**. The construction of the integer type is based on this equivalence relation, called `intrel`. More precisely, the definition of the integers will be **based on** the set of **all** pairs of naturals (which corresponds to the `UNIV` constant on the type `nat × nat`) **modulo** the equivalence `intrel`. In other words, it will be based on the quotient of the set of pairs of naturals w.r.t. `intrel`.

24.5 Further Number Theories

- Binary Integers (Integ/Bin.thy⁴⁶⁵, for fast computation)
- Rational Numbers (Real/PRat.thy⁴⁶⁶)
- Reals⁴⁶⁷ (Real/PReal.thy⁴⁶⁸: based on Dedekind-cuts of rationals [Fle00])
- Machine numbers (floats); see work for Intel's PentiumIV; built in HOL-light [Har98, Har00]

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⁴⁶⁷The reals have been axiomatized by Dedekind by stating that a set R is partitioned into two sets A and B such that $R = A \cup B$ and for all $a \in A$ and $b \in B$, we have $a < b$. Now there is a number s such that $a \leq s \leq b$ for all $a \in A$ and $b \in B$. The irrational numbers are characterised by the fact that there exists exactly one such s . This axiomatization has been used as a basis for formalizing real numbers in Isabelle/HOL.

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⁴⁶⁹In non-standard analysis, one works with sequences that are not necessarily converging. This is a relatively new field in mathematics and Isabelle/HOL has been successfully applied in it [FP98].

This is the Isabelle file `Real/RealDef.thy` which should be contained in your Isabelle distribution. Or, if you only have an Isabelle executable, you can find the sources here:

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We just mention this here to say that Isabelle/HOL is used for “cutting-edge” mathematics and not just toy examples.

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Potential for

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- **function analysis** in HOL (combination with computer algebra systems such as Mathematica).

The methodological overhead can be tackled by powerful mechanical support, since many proof-tasks are routine.

25 Datatypes

The Roadmap

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First of all, a datatype must be of order 0, so it must be a non-functional type. Note that if we do not have polymorphism, this means that a datatype must be in \mathcal{B} . But if we have polymorphism, it just means that the type must not contain \rightarrow . E.g., α list could be a datatype. However, when one describes a datatype, one would usually speak about generic instances such as α list, and not about, say, *nat list*.

Secondly, the terms that inhabit a datatype τ must be defined using a finite set of term constructors that have τ as result type. At least one term constructor should just have type τ . E.g., $Nil : \alpha$ list and $Cons : \alpha \rightarrow (\alpha$ list) $\rightarrow \alpha$ list are the term constructors that define the list datatype. One also finds a syntax where *Nil* is written \square and *Cons* is written $::$. Intuitively, we could say: the terms of a datatype are exactly the terms that can be constructed by some finite syntactic construction rule.

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Counterexample⁴⁷¹: α set.

ment as well as result, the construction rule is **inductive**. E.g., we have

- Nil is a list;
- if t is a list h is of type α , then $Cons(h, t)$ is a list.

This is an inductive construction of lists. Usually, when one speaks about datatypes, one has inductively defined ones in mind. Examples are lists, **natural numbers**, trees. One could say that e.g. $bool$ is also a datatype defined by the constants $True$ and $False$, but it is not particularly interesting in this context.

At the same time, each term constructed by such a syntactic rule is **unique**. So if we say: lists are defined by the above inductive construction, then we imply that $Cons(1, Nil)$ must **not** be equal to $Cons(1, Cons(1, Nil))$.

⁴⁷¹To understand better the distinction of a **datatype** from another type, consider the following **counterexample**: α set. Sets are not a datatype:

Datatypes: Motivation

We will now construct “datatypes” (as in ML [Pau96]). This construction is based on so-called **S-expressions** [Pau97].

Caveat: We will only **sketch** the construction and we will **simplify**, meaning that the technical details will not be strictly

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1. While the type α *set* does not contain an \rightarrow , it is **isomorphic** to $\alpha \rightarrow \text{bool}$ which does contain an \rightarrow .
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 3. One could define sets similarly to lists by an inductive rule saying: $\{\}$ is a set; if S is a set and h is some term of type α , then $\text{Insert}(h, S)$ is a set. But then $\text{Insert}(1, \{\})$ would be **different** from $\text{Insert}(1, \text{Insert}(1, \{\}))$, which is not what we want! Moreover, we could not define **infinite** sets this way.
 4. In point 2 we say: the definition of the terms called “sets” is not an inductive definition. This is not in contradiction to the **inductive definition** of particular sets. These inductive definitions have the form: If foo is **in** the set then bar is **in** the set, e.g., if n is in the set then $\text{Suc } n$

correct! See `Datatype_Universe.thy`⁴⁷² and [Wen99].

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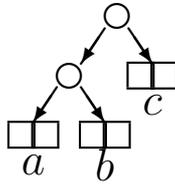
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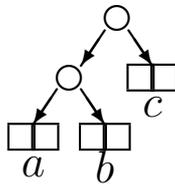
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- `either` with a term of arbitrary type, in which case the leaf would be an actual “piece of content” in the datastructure,
- `or` with a natural number, in which case the leaf serves special purposes for organizing our datastructure, as we will see later.

I.e., such binary trees have a type parametrized by a type variable α , the type of the former kind of leaves. Let us call the type of such trees $\alpha \text{ dtree}$.

As always with `parametric polymorphism`, when we consider how the datastructure as such works, we are not interested in what the values in the former kind of leaves are. This is just like the type and values of list elements are irrelevant for `concatenating` two lists. Of course, α could, by coincidence,

This is encoded as a set of “leaves”⁴⁷⁴ (defined by their path from the root and a value), e.g.:

$$\{(\langle 0, 0 \rangle, a), (\langle 0, 1 \rangle, b), (\langle 1 \rangle, c)\}$$

The **type definition** of α *dtree* uses such an encoding.

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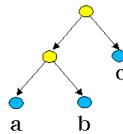
Think of a label of the first kind as **content label** and a label of the second kind as **administration label**.

Technically, if something is **either** of this type or of that type, we are talking about a **sum type**. So a **leaf label** has type $\alpha + \text{nat}$ (written (α, nat) *sum* before), and it has the form either *Inl*(*a*) for some $a :: \alpha$, or *Inr*(*n*) for some $n :: \text{nat}$.

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The path $\langle 0, 0 \rangle$ means: from the root take left subtree, then again left subtree. The path $\langle 1 \rangle$ means: take right subtree.

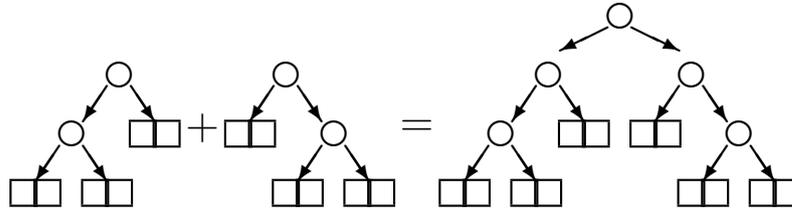
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Building Trees

- $Atom(n)$ ⁴⁷⁵



- $Scons\ X\ Y$ ⁴⁷⁶



to use the function $f :: nat \Rightarrow nat$ defined by

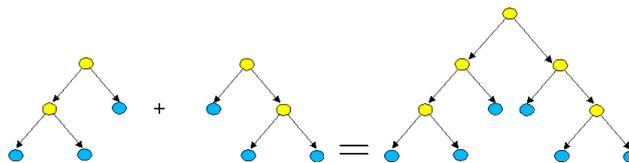
$$f\ i = \begin{cases} p_i & \text{if } i \leq n \\ 2 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

as representation of $\langle p_0, \dots, p_n \rangle$.

⁴⁷⁵*Atom* takes a **leaf label** and turns it into a (simplest possible) **S-expression** (tree).

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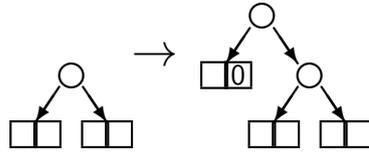


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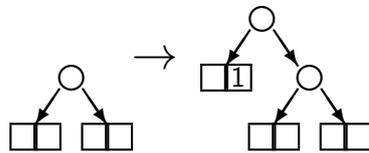
Tagging Trees

We want to **tag** an S-expression by either 0 or 1. This can be done by “*Scons*”-ing it with an S-expression consisting of an **administration label**. By convention, the tag is to the left.

- **In0_def** $In0(X) \equiv Scons\ Atom(Inr(0))\ X$



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Lists as S-Expressions: Inductive Construction

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```
list      :: "'a dtree set => 'a dtree set"
inductive "list(A)"
  intrs
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See `SList.thy`⁴⁸² for how it's really done!

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Choosing A as $\text{range}(Atom \circ Inl)$ together with the explicit type declaration forces A to be the set containing all $Atom(Inl t)$, for each $t :: \alpha$.

Example of a definition of a [polymorphic type](#).

List Constructors

We define the real constructor names for lists:

```
Nil_def  "Nil::'a list == Abs_list(NIL)"
Cons_def "x#(xs::'a list) ==
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We then forget about *NIL* and *CONS*.

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Summary (Cont.)

We conclude: HOL is a logical framework for computer science. Its features are:

- a clean methodology, which can be supported automatically to a surprising extent;
- a powerful set theory and proof support;
- adequate theories for arithmetics;
- a package for induction;
- a package for recursion;
- a package for datatypes.

Outline

We could now look at how various formalisms (specification and programming languages) can be **embedded** in HOL:

- the specification language Z
- Imperative languages
- Denotational semantics and functional languages
- Object-oriented languages (Java-Light ...)

In previous years, a varying choice of these topics has been presented. Now, we do imperative languages in the lecture and something resembling functional languages in the labs.

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For **operational semantics**, the idea is that our machine is always in some **state**, essentially consisting of the values of the **program variables**. The instructions of a program transform a state into a new state. Operational semantics are useful for compiler construction.

For **denotational semantics**, the idea is that the meaning of a particular program is a **relation** between “input” states and “output” states.

Axiomatic semantics consist of a calculus for constructing proof obligations. This allows us to state the desired behavior of a program as a logic formula and check it.

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Imperative Languages in the Isabelle/HOL Library

There are several embeddings of imperative languages in Isabelle/HOL [Nip02]:

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Explanations of Hoare⁴⁸⁵ and shallow/deep⁴⁸⁶.

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An Imperative Language Embedding

We will now **define** the syntax and various semantics of IMP, but in fact, we define those as Isabelle theories. We say that we **embed** IMP in Isabelle/HOL.

You will see that such an embedding is more abstract and less detailed than if we were really going to define IMP for use as a programming language, i.e., if we were going to define a compiler for it.

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The type *loc* stands for locations⁴⁸⁹.

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⁴⁸⁹We realize program variables via pointers (locations). The type of pointers is an **abstract datatype**.

We take the type of **values** to be *nat*, just to have something simple.

A **state** is a function taking a location to a value, i.e. intuitively, each program variable has a value in a state.

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Now, our notion of expressions (as realized by the types *aexp* and *bexp*) is much more abstract than that. An expression is a **function** taking a **state** to a value or Boolean, as applicable.

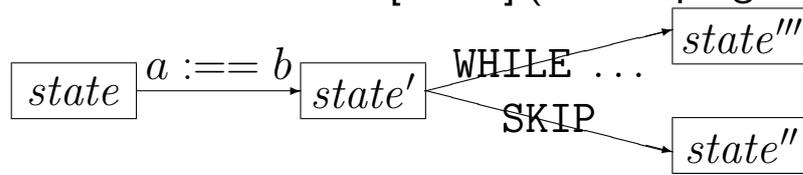
The fact that IMP has no explicit expression language allows for simple and abstract proofs.

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⁴⁹²We have Boolean expressions, but we do not consider Boolean variables here. If we wanted to introduce Boolean variables, we would need to generalize our language *Com*: we would need another location type, say *boolloc*, and another “state component”, say *boolstate*, of type $boolloc \Rightarrow bool$.

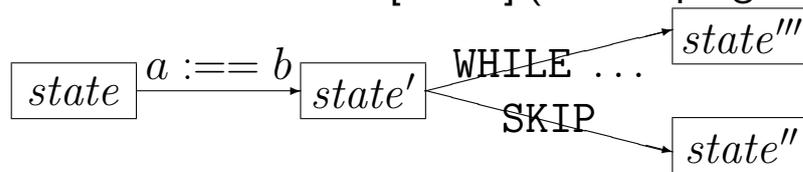
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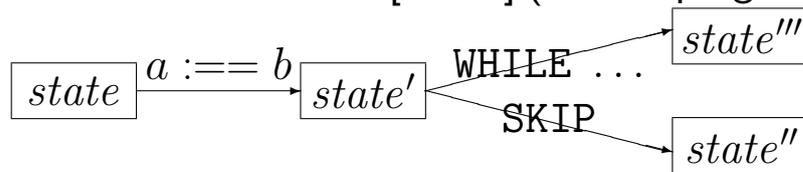
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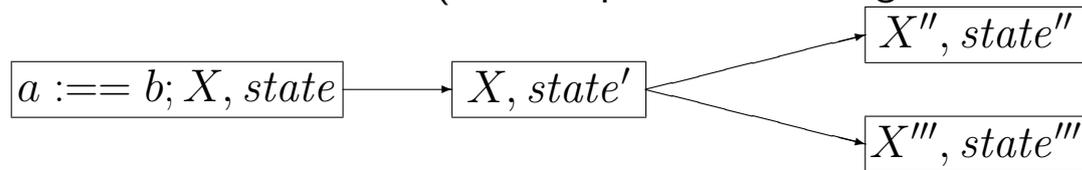
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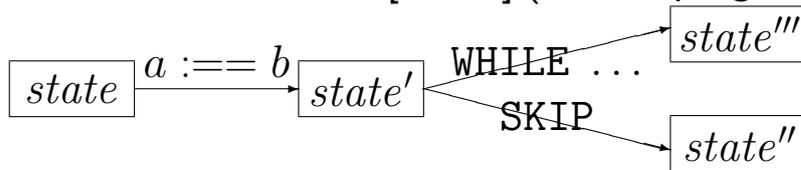
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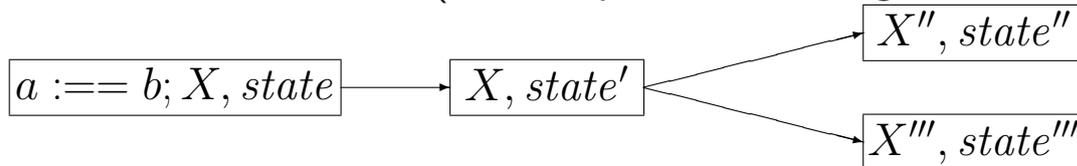
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⁴⁹³The idea of the natural semantics is that a program relates two states, the “input state” and the “output state”.

This may remind you of **denotational** semantics, and in fact, the natural semantics is a kind of hybrid between operational and denotational semantics.

The fact that the natural semantics just relates an “input state” and an “output state” means, so to say, that it does not record what happens in between, i.e. at the single steps of a computation. In that respect, it resembles denotational semantics.

But the way the meaning of a whole program is defined is still operational in nature. Essentially, it is **defined** in terms of the meaning of the first execution step and the meaning of the rest of the program.

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Unlike the **natural semantics**, the transition semantics records the single steps of the computation. A **configuration** is a pair consisting of a program and a state, and one

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We now start giving the actual inductive definition. It defines the \xrightarrow{c} transitions (implicit: these are the **only** \xrightarrow{c} transitions) ...

step reaches a new program and a new state.

Why “reaching a new program”? This realizes a **program counter**. For example, if the first line of the program is an assignment, then the new program is obtained by removing that line from the old program.

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inductive *eval*/c

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Skip and Assign are just names for the clauses of the inductive definition.

$s[x ::= v]$ is short for *update s x v*, where

$$\text{update } s\ x\ v \equiv \lambda y. \text{ if } y = x \text{ then } v \text{ else } (s\ y)$$

Note that a is of type *aexp*.

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The rationale of natural semantics: To figure out the meaning of a program consisting of a “first instruction” c_0 and a “rest” c_1 , starting from state s , you have to show two **sub-goals**: c_0 starting from state s goes to some state s_1 , and c_1 starting in state s_1 goes to some state s_2 .

Note that by the definition of **Semi**, c_0 does not have to be “atomic” (whatever this means).

Inductive Definition: Control

$$\begin{aligned} \text{IfTrue:} \quad & \llbracket b \ s; \langle c_0, s \rangle \xrightarrow{c} s_1 \rrbracket \\ & \implies \langle \text{IF } b \ \text{THEN } c_0 \ \text{ELSE } c_1, s \rangle \xrightarrow{c} s_1 \\ \text{IfFalse:} \quad & \llbracket \neg b \ s; \langle c_1, s \rangle \xrightarrow{c} s_1 \rrbracket \\ & \implies \langle \text{IF } b \ \text{THEN } c_0 \ \text{ELSE } c_1, s \rangle \xrightarrow{c} s_1 \\ \text{WhileFalse:} \quad & \llbracket \neg b \ s \rrbracket \implies \langle \text{WHILE } b \ \text{DO } c, s \rangle \xrightarrow{c} s \\ \text{WhileTrue:} \quad & \llbracket b \ s; \langle c, s \rangle \xrightarrow{c} s_1; \langle \text{WHILE } b \ \text{DO } c, s_1 \rangle \xrightarrow{c} s_2 \rrbracket \\ & \implies \langle \text{WHILE } b \ \text{DO } c, s \rangle \xrightarrow{c} s_2 \end{aligned}$$

Note the termination problem in `WhileTrue`! Simplest example: $b \equiv \lambda x. \text{True}$. Then, no proof is possible and no s_2 can effectively be computed.

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Inductive Definition

inductive *evalc1*

intrs

Assign: " $(x ::= a, s) \xrightarrow{1} (\text{SKIP}, s[x ::= (a\ s)])$ "

Semi1: " $(\text{SKIP}; c, s) \xrightarrow{1} (c, s)$ "

Semi2: " $(c_0, s) \xrightarrow{1} (c'_0, s') \implies (c_0; c_1, s) \xrightarrow{1} (c'_0; c_1, s')$ "

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So far, we see that the component of *com* type in the configuration corresponds to a program stack (built by ";"), which represents a **program counter**.

Inductive Definition: Control

IfTrue: " $b \ s \implies (\text{IF } b \ \text{THEN } c_1 \ \text{ELSE } c_2, s) \xrightarrow{1} (c_1, s)$ "
IfFalse: " $\neg b \ s \implies (\text{IF } b \ \text{THEN } c_1 \ \text{ELSE } c_2, s) \xrightarrow{1} (c_2, s)$ "
WhileFalse: " $\neg b \ s \implies (\text{WHILE } b \ \text{DO } c, s) \xrightarrow{1} (\text{SKIP}, s)$ "
WhileTrue: " $b \ s \implies (\text{WHILE } b \ \text{DO } c, s) \xrightarrow{1} (c; \text{WHILE } b \ \text{DO } c, s)$ "

Termination problem [as before](#), but somehow less disturbing: we cannot be shocked about the fact that some computations are infinite, and at least, the transition semantics assigns a meaning to any **finite prefix** of an infinite computation.

Generalizations to more than one Step

n -step semantics:

$$"cs_0 \xrightarrow{n} cs_1" \equiv "(cs_0, cs_1) \in evalc1^n"$$

Unlike \xrightarrow{c} and $\xrightarrow{1}$, \xrightarrow{n} is not a fixed arrow symbol, but **meta-notation**: for any number n , there is the paraphrasing⁴⁹⁵ \xrightarrow{n} defined as above. Here, $evalc1^n$ (ASCII: \hat{n}) is defined in `Relation_Power.thy`⁴⁹⁶.

multistep-semantics:

$$"cs_0 \xrightarrow{*} cs_1" \equiv "(cs_0, cs_1) \in evalc1^{*}"$$

$\xrightarrow{*}$ is a fixed arrow symbol.

⁴⁹⁵As you see, paraphrasing in Isabelle is very powerful. One can think of \xrightarrow{c} and $\xrightarrow{1}$ as **infix symbols**. But \xrightarrow{n} is by no means one single symbol. In fact the term $cs_0 \xrightarrow{n} cs_1$ is a paraphrasing of $(cs_0, cs_1) \in evalc1^n$.

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Equivalence of Semantics

Natural semantics vs. transition semantics.

Theorem (evalc1_eq_evalc):

$$(c, s) \xrightarrow{*} (\text{SKIP}, t) = (\langle c, s \rangle \xrightarrow{c} t)$$

The proof is by induction on the structure of programs.

27.5 Embedding of the Denotational Semantics

Domain: A semantics relates states (similar to **natural** semantics)

$$com_den = (state * state) set$$

Semantic **function**: assigns semantics to a program

$$consts C :: com \Rightarrow com_den$$

Before, semantics were **relations**.

Characteristics of Denotational Semantics

A denotational semantics is a **function** (here: C) assigning a meaning to a program. More precisely, the meaning of a program is some “mathematical” function of the meanings of its components.

This is in contrast to the operational view where **computation order** (“first do this, then that. . .”) and logical reasoning using **proof rules** (“if (. . .) computes (. . .) **then** (. . .) computes (. . .)”) are focused.

The “mathematics” uses the *lfp* operator.

The Recursive Definition

The semantics C is defined recursively⁴⁹⁷:

primrec

C_skip " $C(\text{SKIP}) = Id$ "

C_assign " $C(x ::= a) = \{(s, t) \mid t = s[x ::= (a\ s)]\}$ "

C_comp " $C(c_0; c_1) = C(c_1) \circ C(c_0)$ "

C_if " $C(\text{IF } b \text{ THEN } c_1 \text{ ELSE } c_2) =$
 $\{(s, t) \mid (s, t) \in C(c_1) \wedge b(s)\} \cup$
 $\{(s, t) \mid (s, t) \in C(c_2) \wedge \neg b(s)\}$ "

C_while " $C(\text{WHILE } b \text{ DO } c) = lfp(\Gamma b (C\ c))$ "

where⁴⁹⁸ " $\Gamma b\ cd \equiv (\lambda\phi. \{(s, t) \mid (s, t) \in (\phi \circ cd) \wedge b(s)\} \cup$
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⁴⁹⁷Recall that the primrec syntax is used for defining functions recursively. Here, the argument type of the function C is the datatype *com*. It is characteristic for the definition of a datatype that its elements are defined by (structural) induction, i.e., its elements are syntactic terms formed from previously generated syntactic forms using a specific set of **term constructors**. For datatypes, it is clear that the **sub-term relation** is a well-founded order. Hence it is legitimate to define C using recursion.

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The following is an equivalence relating program fragments.

Theorem (C_While_If):

$$C(\text{WHILE } b \text{ DO } c) = C(\text{IF } b \text{ THEN } (c; \text{WHILE } b \text{ DO } c) \text{ ELSE SKIP})$$

Such a result is important because it justifies a **program transformation** (the two fragments have the same semantics and so they are interchangeable).

Equivalence of Semantics

We have already suggested that the natural semantics is a hybrid between operational and denotational semantics. In fact, there is a simple equivalence relationship between the two:

Theorem (denotational is natural):

$$((s, t) \in C\ c) = (\langle c, s \rangle \xrightarrow{c} t)$$

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So rather than reasoning about single **states**, we reason about **properties** or **sets** of states. This is what we really need for verification of programs.

Semantics called **axiomatic** for historic reasons⁴⁹⁹. It is also called **Hoare** semantics.

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In terms of Isabelle/HOL, the semantics is not defined by **axioms**, but is an **inductive definition**.

Embedding of the Hoare Semantics

The Hoare semantics encoding in Isabelle is **also** given by an inductive definition. We first declare its type and a paraphrasing:

```
consts hoare :: "(assn * com * assn) set"  
translations  " ⊢ {P} c {Q}" ≡ "(P, c, Q) ∈ hoare"
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An object of the form $\{P\} c \{Q\}$ is called a **Hoare-triple**. We now start giving the actual inductive definition ...

Inductive Definition: SKIP

inductive hoare

intra

skip " $\vdash \{P\} \text{SKIP } \{P\}$ "

No surprise here.

The Inductive Definition

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Intuitively: P is an assertion allowing any state obtained from a state allowed by Q by updating that state at location x with the expression a . Now consider the rule for assignment:

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Since we are reasoning about sets of states, $b s$ may sometimes be true and sometimes false, and so we have two premises for those two cases. It turns out that if $b s$ is trivially true or trivially false, then one of the premises will be trivial to prove.

follows:

$\lambda s. \overline{P(s[x ::= (a s)])} \longrightarrow_{\beta}$

$\lambda s. (\exists s'. Q s' \wedge s[x ::= (a s)] = s'[x ::= (a s')]) \longrightarrow_{\beta} \dots$

$\lambda s. (\exists s'. Q s' \wedge s = s') \longrightarrow_{\beta} \dots \lambda s. (Q s) \longrightarrow_{\eta} Q$

So you see that any pre-state Q will be related to a post-state P as given above.

By this argument, we have only shown which post-states **are** possible given an arbitrary pre-state, not which post-states **are not**. Such an argument is more complicated.

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This has a flavor of **loop invariants**: in the pre-state, $b \ s$ holds, in the post-state, $b \ s$ does not hold, and P holds all the time.

Inductive Definition: Weakening and Strengthening

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One can always **strengthen** the pre-condition or **weaken** the post-condition.

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inductive hoare

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Relating Hoare and Denotational Semantics

Theorem (Hoare soundness):

$$\vdash \{P\} c \{Q\} \implies \models \{P\} c \{Q\}$$

Theorem (Hoare relative completeness):

$$\models \{P\} c \{Q\} \implies \vdash \{P\} c \{Q\}$$

Why relative⁵⁰³?

So the Hoare relation is in fact compatible with the denotational semantics of IMP.

would seem quite far-fetched, because the semantics speaks about properties of states rather than about states directly.

Together this explains why we call a Hoare triple valid if it is correct w.r.t. the denotational semantics.

⁵⁰³We will not give any details here, but the completeness result is restricted in the same way that the completeness of HOL is restricted to **general** models, as opposed to standard models.

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Try $a = 1$, $a = 2$, \dots , and look at $i!$ ⁵⁰⁴ (Note that a is of type *nat* and hence $a \geq 0$.)

⁵⁰⁴ a is not modified anywhere. You should think of a as input of the program.

i counts the number of times the loop is entered, i.e. the final value of i is the number of times the loop was entered. This number depends on a . The following table shows that final values of i , tm and sum depending on the value of a :

	i	tm	sum
$0 \leq a < 1$	0	1	1
$1 \leq a < 4$	1	3	4
$4 \leq a < 9$	2	5	9
$9 \leq a < 16$	3	7	16
$16 \leq a < 25$	4	9	25
$25 \leq a < 36$	5	11	36
$36 \leq a < 49$	6	13	49

sum takes the values of all squares successively, computed by the famous binomial formula:

$$(i + 1)^2 = i^2 + 2i + 1$$

Since tm takes the value $2i + 1$ for all i successively, it follows that $sum + tm$ always gives the next value of sum .

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Proving $\{Pre\} \dots \{Post\}$

We will now construct a proof tree showing that the program computes the square root.

Generally, the difficulty⁵⁰⁶ is to know when to apply *conseq*.

We try to illustrate the search for the proof tree by animation. Still you may not understand each choice immediately, but only in **hindsight!**

We use two metavariables: *Inv* for the loop invariant, *PW* for the enter condition of the loop. We instantiate later.

Abbreviation: $ExC \equiv \lambda s. Inv\ s \wedge \neg s\ sum \leq s\ a$ (“exit condition”). We omit $\vdash!$

⁵⁰⁶The *conseq* rule can always be applied. If one decides not to apply the *conseq* rule, then the choice of **any other rule** is deterministic.

Proof

$$\{Pre\} \boxed{tm \dots}^{507} \{Post\}$$

This is what we want to prove.

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$\square^{508} \{ \quad \} tm \dots \{ ExC \} \quad \square^{520} \mathcal{I}_2$ *conseq*

Nothing happens **after** the loop, so **intuition** says that ExC must imply $Post$.

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Apply *semi* three times. $\{Pre\} \boxed{tm \dots}^{507} \{Post\}$ *PW* (“pre while”) is just a sensible choice of name: we don’t know yet what it is.

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Of course, we are not ready yet. . .

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Solution (recall that $Pre \equiv \lambda s. True$):

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Guessing the right *Inv* is obviously difficult! **Informally**

$$\text{Inv} \equiv "(i + 1)^2 = \text{sum} \wedge tm = (2 * i) + 1 \wedge i^2 \leq a"$$

Checking that *Inv* Fulfills Equation

$$s \text{ sum} \leq s a \quad \wedge \quad (6)$$

$$(s i + 1)^2 = (s \text{ sum}) \quad \wedge \quad (7)$$

$$s \text{ tm} = (2 * (s i)) + 1 \quad \wedge \quad (8)$$

$$(s i)^2 \leq (s a) \quad \wedge \quad (9)$$

$$\text{(recall: } = \text{ means } \leftrightarrow) \quad = \quad (10)$$

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$$(s \text{ tm} + 2) = (2 * (s i + 1)) + 1 \quad \wedge \quad (12)$$

$$(s i + 1)^2 \leq (s a) \quad (13)$$

Proof Sketch

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(11) is shown as follows:

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$(s\ i)^2 \leq (s\ a)$ follows from (9)

$(s\ a) < (s\ i + 1)^2$ follows from $\neg s\ sum \leq (s\ a)$ and (7).

The Final Missing Part

\mathcal{I}_3 remains to be shown, i.e.

$$\forall s. PW\ s \rightarrow Inv\ s$$

or, expanding the solutions for PW and Inv

$$\begin{aligned} \forall s. \ s\ i = 0 \wedge s\ sum = 1 \wedge s\ tm = 1 \rightarrow \\ (s\ i + 1)^2 = s\ sum \wedge \\ s\ tm = (2 * (s\ i)) + 1 \wedge \\ (s\ i)^2 \leq (s\ a) \end{aligned}$$

This is easy to check.

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Alternative (Cont.)

Applying *ass* as before gives

$$\text{Inv}' = \lambda s. \text{Inv}(s[i ::= s\ i + 1][tm ::= s\ tm + 2] \\ [sum ::= s\ tm + 2 + s\ sum])$$

We are left with the proof obligation

$$\forall s. (\text{Inv}\ s \wedge s\ sum \leq s\ a) \rightarrow \text{Inv}(s[i ::= s\ i + 1] \\ [tm ::= s\ tm + 2][sum ::= s\ tm + 2 + s\ sum])$$

Just this could be shown setting *weak Inv* $\equiv (7) \wedge (8)$, but for actually showing *Post*, $i^2 \leq a$ is still needed.

27.8 Automating Hoare Proofs

In the [example](#), we have verified a program computing the square root.

But this was tedious, and parts of the task can be automated.

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Equivalence Proofs

Main results of the wp-generator are:

wp_SKIP:	$wp \text{ SKIP } Q = Q$
wp_Ass:	$wp (x ::= a) Q = (\lambda s. Q (s[x ::= a s]))$
wp_Semi:	$wp (c; d) Q = wp c (wp d Q)$
wp_If:	$wp (\text{IF } b \text{ THEN } c \text{ ELSE } d) Q =$ $(\lambda s. (b s \rightarrow wp c Q s) \wedge (\neg b s \rightarrow wp d Q s))$
wp_While_True:	$b s \implies wp (\text{WHILE } b \text{ DO } c) Q s =$ $wp (c; \text{WHILE } b \text{ DO } c) Q s$
wp_While_False:	$\neg b s \implies wp (\text{WHILE } b \text{ DO } c) Q s = Q s$
wp_While_if:	$wp (\text{WHILE } b \text{ DO } c) Q s =$ $(\text{if } b s \text{ then } wp(c; \text{WHILE } b \text{ DO } c) Q s \text{ else } Q s)$

Last case summarises the two before.

WP-Semantics

Except for termination problem due to *While*, (weakest liberal) precondition wp can be computed.

This fact can be used for further proof support by verification condition generation.

Verification Condition Generation

First, we must enrich the syntax by loop-invariants:

```
datatype acom =  
  Askip  
  | Aass loc aexp  
  | Asemi acom acom  
  | Aif bexp acom acom  
  | Awhile bexp assn acom
```

Almost same as *com*, but *While* gets an additional argument for asserting a loop invariant. Asserting this is the difficult, creative step to be done by a human.

Computing a Weakest Liberal Precondition

We define a function that computes a **wp**:

primrec

"*awp Askip Q = Q*"

"*awp (Aass x a) Q = (λs.Q(s[x ::= as]))*"

"*awp (Asemi c d) Q = awp c (awp d Q)*"

"*awp (Aif b c d) Q = (λs.(b s → awp c Q s) ∧
(¬b s → awp d Q s))*"

"*awp (Awhile b Inv c) Q = Inv*"

Idea: for all statements, the **exact wp** is computed, except for *While*, where the assertion provided by the user is taken as approximation. **Proof obligation**: show that such an assertion is compatible with the program and the desired property ...

A Verification Condition

Construct a formula $vc\ c\ Q\ s$ with the intuitive reading: as far as the **invariant assertions** are concerned, s is a good pre-state for reaching desired post-property Q using **annotated program** c .

This is not about distinguishing good pre-states from bad pre-states! It is about formalising **well-chosen invariants**. For an annotated program with well-chosen invariants, $\forall s. vc\ c\ Q\ s$ holds, i.e. $vc\ c\ Q \equiv \lambda s. True$.

The Definition of vc

Roughly, an annotated program has well-chosen invariants if its components have well-chosen invariants, so most of the definition is saying just that:

primrec

" $vc \text{ Askip } Q = (\lambda s. True)$ "

" $vc \text{ (Aass } x \ a) \ Q = (\lambda s. True)$ "

" $vc \text{ (Asemi } c \ d) \ Q = (\lambda s. vc \ c \ (awp \ d \ Q) \ s \wedge vc \ d \ Q \ s)$ "

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" $vc \text{ (Awhile } b \ Inv \ c) \ Q = (\lambda s. (Inv \ s \wedge \neg b \ s \rightarrow Q \ s) \wedge$
 $(Inv \ s \wedge b \ s \rightarrow awp \ c \ Inv \ s) \wedge vc \ c \ Inv \ s)$ "

Only the case for *While* is non-trivial ...

vc: **The While case**

$$\text{''}vc (A \textit{while} b \textit{ Inv} c)Q = (\lambda s. (\textit{Inv} s \wedge \neg b s \rightarrow Q s) \wedge (\textit{Inv} s \wedge b s \rightarrow \textit{awp} c \textit{ Inv} s) \wedge vc c \textit{ Inv} s)\text{''}$$

Why is *Inv* a well-chosen invariant?

- *Inv* + exit condition imply *Q*: $\textit{Inv} s \wedge \neg(b s) \rightarrow Q s$;
- *Inv* + loop condition imply precondition of *Inv* (so that *Inv* will hold after one execution of *c*): $\textit{Inv} s \wedge (b s) \rightarrow \textit{awp} c \textit{ Inv} s$.
- $vc c \textit{ Inv} s$ is in the spirit of the rest of the definition of *vc*: call *vc* recursively for the component.

Results of the wp-Generator

$vc_sound: \forall Q. (\forall s. vc\ ac\ Q\ s) \rightarrow$

$\vdash \{awp\ ac\ Q\} \text{astrip}^{524}\ ac\ \{Q\}$

$vc_complete: \vdash \{P\} c\ \{Q\} \implies \exists ac. \text{astrip}\ ac = c \wedge$

$(\forall s. vc\ ac\ Q\ s) \wedge (\forall s. P\ s \rightarrow awp\ ac\ Q\ s)$

To prove that c has property Q after execution, **annotate** it with loop invariants (ac) and show $\forall s. vc\ ac\ Q\ s$. This implies that a Hoare proof exists, for the computable precondition $awp\ ac\ Q$. For good (robust) programs, $awp\ ac\ Q = \lambda s. True$.

Summary

IMP closely follows the standard textbook [Win96].

Isabelle/HOL is a powerful framework for embedding imperative languages.

Isabelle/HOL is also a framework for state-of-the-art languages like JAVA including interfaces, inheritance, dynamic methods.

It works in theory and for non-trivial problems in practice.

28 A Taste of some Isabelle and HOL Applications

Just a few Isabelle or HOL Applications

We briefly introduce two Isabelle/HOL applications, and one application of [HOL Light](#):

- Java bytecode verification;
- floating-point arithmetic;
- red-black trees.

This is just to stimulate you to look for [more applications](#) on your own!

28.1 Java Bytecode Verification

Typically, Java programs are delivered as **bytecode**, as opposed to **source** code on the one hand and **machine** code on the other hand. Bytecode is **machine-independent**.

A Java runtime system provides the **Java Virtual Machine**, i.e., an interpreter for Java bytecode.

Java is a **typed** language: the type system forbids things like pointer arithmetic, thus preventing illegal⁵²⁵ memory access.

However, bytecode is not type-safe by itself. For various reasons, bytecode could be corrupted. This is obviously critical for security and possibly safety.

⁵²⁵By “illegal memory access”, we mean access to regions not assigned to the program.

Ensuring Type Safety

The loader of a typical JVM has a **bytecode verifier**: A program that checks whether bytecode is type-safe.

Klein and Nipkow have specified a JVM and a bytecode verifier in Isabelle and proved its correctness using Isabelle [KN03, Nip03].

Such applications may have big impact since they are concerned with the correctness of not just some particular program, but rather the programming language (implementation) itself.

JavaCard

JavaCard is a subset of Java employed on **smart cards**. Aspects in contrast to full Java:

- Memory on smart cards is limited⁵²⁶.
- Security is vital for smart card applications (banking etc.).

Project **Verificard** concerned with ensuring reliability of smart card applications.

Verificard @ Munich have applied the work on bytecode verification (using Isabelle) to JavaCard.

End user panel includes **Ericsson**, **France Télécom R&D**, and **Gemplus**.

⁵²⁶The memory on smart cards is limited. A full-fledged bytecode verifier would be too large/slow. One approach to tackling this problem is to work with bytecode programs with **type annotations**. Checking if a bytecode program is consistent with its type annotations is a much simpler task than computing these type annotations, which is what a bytecode verifier is supposed to do. The task can therefore be performed on a smart card more easily than full bytecode verification.

28.2 Floating Point Arithmetic

[John Harrison](#) has done much work on verifying arithmetic functions operating on various number types adhering to certain standards [[Har98](#), [Har99](#), [Har00](#)].

He has used [HOL Light](#), not Isabelle. This means: no metalogic, specialized theorem prover for HOL.

He formally proved that the floating point operations of an Intel processor behave according to the IEEE standard 754 [[IEE85](#)]. First machine-checked proof of this kind.

We briefly review his work [[Har99](#)] using an Isabelle-like syntax where helpful.

What Are Floats?

Conventionally: floats have the form $\pm 2^e \cdot k$.

e is called **exponent**, $E_{min} \leq e \leq E_{max}$.

k is called **mantissa**, can be represented with p bits.

Floats in HOL

For formalization in HOL, equivalent representation

$$(-1)^s \cdot 2^{e-N} \cdot k$$

with $k < 2^p$ and $0 \leq e < E$.

Thus a particular float **format** is characterized by maximal exponent E , precision p , and exponent offset (“ulpscale”) N . The set of **real** numbers representable by a triple is:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{format } (E, p, N) = \\ \{x \mid \exists s e k. s < 2 \wedge e < E \wedge k < 2^p \wedge x = (-1)^s \cdot 2^e \cdot k / 2^N\} \end{aligned}$$

Rounding

Rounding takes a real to a **representable** real nearby. E.g. rounding up:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{round } \text{fmt } x = \epsilon a. & a \in \text{format } \text{fmt} \wedge a \leq x \wedge \\ & \forall b \in \text{format } \text{fmt}. b \leq x \rightarrow b \leq a \end{aligned}$$

Formalization of the Standard [IEE85].

Useful lemmas such as:

$$\begin{aligned} x \leq y & \implies \text{round } \text{fmt } x \leq \text{round } \text{fmt } y \\ a \in \text{format } \text{fmt} \wedge b \in \text{format } \text{fmt} \wedge 0.5 \leq \frac{a}{b} \leq 2 & \implies \\ (b - a) \in \text{format } \text{fmt} & \end{aligned}$$

Operations

For operations such as addition, multiplication etc., it is proven in HOL that they behave as if they computed the exact result and rounded afterwards.

However, there are some debatable questions related to the **sign of zeros**.

28.3 Red-Black Trees

Red-black trees are trees that can be used for implementing sets/dictionaries, just like **AVL trees**. To formulate “balancedness” invariants, nodes are **colored**:

1. Every red node has a black parent.
2. Each path from the root to a leaf has the same number of black nodes.

Together these invariants ensure that maximal paths can differ in length by at most factor 2.

These invariants must be maintained by insertion and deletion operations.

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Red-black trees provided in [New Jersey SML](#) library [Pau96].

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- There is a mistake in the implementation of red-black trees in New Jersey SML! Insertion may lead to a violation of the first invariant, since the root may become red.
- As long as one just inserts, this is just a slight constant deterioration.
- Angelika has suggested a fix and proven the correctness of red-black tree insertion using Isabelle.

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Node Deletion

- **Deletion** is also wrongly implemented!
- With deletion, not just the root can become red, but the tree coloring can become completely wrong.
- Angelika has an idea for fixing deletion as well, but no proof (yet?).

Read the [Studienarbeit](#) for more details [\[Kim03\]](#)!

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