Concrete Semantics
with Isabelle/HOL

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Part I

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Chapter 2

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Notation

Implication associates to the right:

\[ A \implies B \implies C \quad \text{means} \quad A \implies (B \implies C) \]

Similarly for other arrows: \( \Rightarrow, \quad \rightarrow \rightarrow \)

\[ \frac{A_1 \ldots A_n}{B} \quad \text{means} \quad A_1 \Rightarrow \ldots \Rightarrow A_n \Rightarrow B \]
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HOL = Higher-Order Logic
HOL = Functional Programming + Logic

HOL has
- datatypes
- recursive functions
- logical operators

HOL is a programming language!

Higher-order = functions are values, too!

HOL Formulas:
- For the moment: only $\text{term} = \text{term}$, e.g. $1 + 2 = 4$
- Later: $\land$, $\lor$, $\rightarrow$, $\forall$, ...
Overview of Isabelle/HOL

Types and terms

Interface

By example: types \textit{bool}, \textit{nat} and \textit{list}

Summary
Types

Basic syntax:

\[ \tau ::= (\tau) \]

| bool | nat | int | ... | base types |
| 'a | 'b | ... | type variables |
| \tau \Rightarrow \tau | functions |
| \tau \times \tau | pairs (ascii: *) |
| \tau \text{ list} | lists |
| \tau \text{ set} | sets |
| ... | user-defined types |

Convention: \[ \tau_1 \Rightarrow \tau_2 \Rightarrow \tau_3 \equiv \tau_1 \Rightarrow (\tau_2 \Rightarrow \tau_3) \]
Terms

Terms can be formed as follows:

- **Function application:** $f\ t$
  is the call of function $f$ with argument $t$.
  If $f$ has more arguments: $f\ t_1\ t_2\ \ldots$
  Examples: $\sin\ \pi$, $\text{plus}\ x\ y$

- **Function abstraction:** $\lambda x.\ t$
  is the function with parameter $x$ and result $t$,
  i.e. “$x \mapsto t$”.
  Example: $\lambda x.\ \text{plus}\ x\ x$
Terms

Basic syntax:

\[
t ::= (t)
\mid a \quad \text{constant or variable (identifier)}
\mid t \; t \quad \text{function application}
\mid \lambda x. \; t \quad \text{function abstraction}
\mid \ldots \quad \text{lots of syntactic sugar}
\]

Examples:
\[
f (g \; x) \; y
\]
\[
h (\lambda x. \; f (g \; x))
\]

Convention:
\[
f t_1 \; t_2 \; t_3 \equiv ((f \; t_1) \; t_2) \; t_3
\]

This language of terms is known as the \textit{\lambda-calculus}. 
The computation rule of the λ-calculus is the replacement of formal by actual parameters:

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

where \(t[u/x]\) is “\(t\) with \(u\) substituted for \(x\)”.

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

- The step from \((\lambda x. \ t) \ u\) to \(t[u/x]\) is called \(\beta\)-reduction.
- Isabelle performs \(\beta\)-reduction automatically.
Terms must be well-typed
(the argument of every function call must be of the right type)

Notation:
\( t :: \tau \) means “\( t \) is a well-typed term of type \( \tau \)”.

\[
\frac{t :: \tau_1 \Rightarrow \tau_2 \quad u :: \tau_1}{t \ u :: \tau_2}
\]
Type inference

Isabelle automatically computes the type of each variable in a term. This is called *type inference*.

In the presence of *overloaded* functions (functions with multiple types) this is not always possible.

User can help with *type annotations* inside the term. Example: \[ f(x::nat) \]
Currying

Thou shalt Curry your functions

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

Advantage:

Currying allows partial application

\[ f \ a_1 \quad \text{where} \quad a_1 :: \tau_1 \]
Predefined syntactic sugar

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

Prefix binds more strongly than infix:

\[
\! f x + y \equiv (f x) + y \not\equiv f (x + y) \! 
\]

Enclose *if* and *case* in parentheses:

\[
\! (if \_ then \_ else \_) \! 
\]
Theory = Isabelle Module

Syntax:  

\begin{verbatim}
theory MyTh
imports T_1 \ldots T_n
begin
(definitions, theorems, proofs, \ldots )*
end
\end{verbatim}

\textit{MyTh}: name of theory. Must live in file \texttt{MyTh.thy}

\textit{T_i}: names of imported theories. Import transitive.

Usually: \texttt{imports Main}
Concrete syntax

In .thy files:
Types, terms and formulas need to be inclosed in "

Except for single identifiers

" normally not shown on slides
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Summary
isabelle jedit

- Based on *jEdit* editor
- Processes Isabelle text automatically when editing *.thy* files (like modern Java IDEs)
Overview_Demo.thy
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Summary
Type `bool`

datatype `bool = True | False`

Predefined functions:
`∧, ∨, →, ... :: bool ⇒ bool ⇒ bool`

A formula is a term of type `bool`

if-and-only-if:  \(=\)
Type \textit{nat}

datatype \texttt{nat} = 0 \mid \textit{Suc} \texttt{nat}

Values of type \texttt{nat}: 0, \textit{Suc} 0, \textit{Suc}(\textit{Suc} 0), \ldots

Predefined functions: +, *, ... :: \texttt{nat} \Rightarrow \texttt{nat} \Rightarrow \texttt{nat}

! Numbers and arithmetic operations are overloaded:

0,1,2,... :: \texttt{'a}, + :: \texttt{'a} \Rightarrow \texttt{'a} \Rightarrow \texttt{'a}

You need type annotations: 1 :: \texttt{nat}, x + (y::\texttt{nat})

unless the context is unambiguous: \textit{Suc} z
Nat_Demo.thy
An informal proof

**Lemma** \( \text{add } m \ 0 = m \)

**Proof** by induction on \( m \).

- **Case** \( 0 \) (the base case):
  \( \text{add } 0 \ 0 = 0 \) holds by definition of \( \text{add} \).

- **Case** \( \text{Suc } m \) (the induction step):
  We assume \( \text{add } m \ 0 = m \),
  the induction hypothesis (IH).
  We need to show \( \text{add } (\text{Suc } m) \ 0 = \text{Suc } m \).
  The proof is as follows:
  \[
  \text{add } (\text{Suc } m) \ 0 = \text{Suc } (\text{add } m \ 0) \quad \text{by def. of } \text{add} \\
  = \text{Suc } m \quad \text{by IH}
  \]
Type 'a list

Lists of elements of type 'a
datatype 'a list = Nil | Cons 'a ('a list)

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

Syntactic sugar:
• [] = Nil: empty list
• x # xs = Cons x xs: list with first element x ("head") and rest xs ("tail")
• [x₁, ..., xₙ] = x₁ # ... # xₙ # []
Structural Induction for lists

To prove that $P(xs)$ for all lists $xs$, prove

- $P([])$ and
- for arbitrary but fixed $x$ and $xs$,
  $P(xs)$ implies $P(x\#xs)$.

\[
\begin{align*}
P([]) & \land \forall x \; xs. \; P(xs) \implies P(x\#xs) \\
\hline
P(xs) \\
\end{align*}
\]
List_Demo.thy
An informal proof

**Lemma** \( \text{app} \left( \text{app} \ \text{xs} \ \text{ys} \right) \ \text{zs} = \text{app} \ \text{xs} \left( \text{app} \ \text{ys} \ \text{zs} \right) \)

**Proof** by induction on \( \text{xs} \).

- **Case** \( \text{Nil} \): \( \text{app} \left( \text{app} \ \text{Nil} \ \text{ys} \right) \ \text{zs} = \text{app} \ \text{ys} \ \text{zs} = \text{app} \ \text{Nil} \left( \text{app} \ \text{ys} \ \text{zs} \right) \) holds by definition of \( \text{app} \).

- **Case** \( \text{Cons} \ x \ \text{xs} \): We assume \( \text{app} \left( \text{app} \ \text{xs} \ \text{ys} \right) \ \text{zs} = \text{app} \ \text{xs} \left( \text{app} \ \text{ys} \ \text{zs} \right) \) (IH), and we need to show \( \text{app} \left( \text{app} \left( \text{Cons} \ x \ \text{xs} \right) \ \text{ys} \right) \ \text{zs} = \text{app} \left( \text{Cons} \ x \ \text{xs} \right) \left( \text{app} \ \text{ys} \ \text{zs} \right) \).

The proof is as follows:

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{app} \left( \text{app} \left( \text{Cons} \ x \ \text{xs} \right) \ \text{ys} \right) \ \text{zs} \\
= \text{Cons} \ x \ \left( \text{app} \left( \text{app} \ \text{xs} \ \text{ys} \right) \ \text{zs} \right) & \quad \text{by definition of } \text{app} \\
= \text{Cons} \ x \ \left( \text{app} \ \text{xs} \ \left( \text{app} \ \text{ys} \ \text{zs} \right) \right) & \quad \text{by IH} \\
= \text{app} \left( \text{Cons} \ x \ \text{xs} \right) \ \left( \text{app} \ \text{ys} \ \text{zs} \right) & \quad \text{by definition of } \text{app}
\end{align*}
\]
Large library: HOL/List.thy

Included in Main.

Don’t reinvent, reuse!

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

\[
map \ f \ [x_1, \ldots, x_n] = [f \ x_1, \ldots, f \ x_n]
\]

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

Note: \ map \ takes \ function \ as \ argument.
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Summary
• **datatype** defines (possibly) recursive data types.

• **fun** defines (possibly) recursive functions by pattern-matching over datatype constructors.
Proof methods

- *induction* performs structural induction on some variable (if the type of the variable is a datatype).

- *auto* solves as many subgoals as it can, mainly by simplification (symbolic evaluation):
  
  “=” is used only from left to right!
Proofs

General schema:

```plaintext
lemma name: "..."
apply (...)
apply (...)
::
done
```

If the lemma is suitable as a simplification rule:

```plaintext
lemma name[simp]: "..."
```
Top down proofs

Command

\textbf{sorry}

“completes” any proof.

Allows top down development:

\textit{Assume lemma first, prove it later.}
The proof state

1. $\bigwedge x_1 \ldots x_p. \ A \Rightarrow B$

$x_1 \ldots x_p$ fixed local variables
$A$ local assumption(s)
$B$ actual (sub)goal
Multiple assumptions

\[[ A_1; \ldots ; A_n ] \implies B\]

abbreviates

\[ A_1 \implies \ldots \implies A_n \implies B \]

; \approx \text{“and”}
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Type and function definitions

Type definitions

Function definitions
Type synonyms

\[ \text{type\_synonym \ name = } \tau \]

Introduces a \textit{synonym name} for type \( \tau \)

Examples

\[ \text{type\_synonym \ string = char list} \]
\[ \text{type\_synonym \ ('a,'b)foo = 'a list \times 'b list} \]

Type synonyms are expanded after parsing and are not present in internal representation and output.
datatype — the general case

datatype \((\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_n)t\) = \(\begin{array}{l}
C_1 \tau_{1,1} \ldots \tau_{1,n_1} \\
| \\
\vdots \\
| \\
C_k \tau_{k,1} \ldots \tau_{k,n_k}
\end{array}\)

- **Types:** \(C_i :: \tau_{i,1} \Rightarrow \cdots \Rightarrow \tau_{i,n_i} \Rightarrow (\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_n)t\)
- **Distinctness:** \(C_i \ldots \neq C_j \ldots \) if \(i \neq j\)
- **Injectivity:** \((C_i x_1 \ldots x_{n_i} = C_i y_1 \ldots y_{n_i}) = (x_1 = y_1 \land \cdots \land x_{n_i} = y_{n_i})\)

Distinctness and injectivity are applied automatically
Induction must be applied explicitly
Case expressions

Datatype values can be taken apart with \textit{case}:

\[(\text{case } xs \text{ of } [] \Rightarrow \ldots \ | \ y \# ys \Rightarrow \ldots y \ldots ys \ldots)\]

Wildcards: 

\[(\text{case } m \text{ of } 0 \Rightarrow \text{Suc} 0 \ | \ \text{Suc } _- \Rightarrow 0)\]

Nested patterns:

\[(\text{case } xs \text{ of } [0] \Rightarrow 0 \ | \ [\text{Suc } n] \Rightarrow n \ | \ _- \Rightarrow 2)\]

Complicated patterns mean complicated proofs!

Need $(\ )$ in context
Tree_Demo.thy
The option type

```plaintext
datatype 'a option = None | Some 'a

If 'a has values \( a_1, a_2, \ldots \)
then 'a option has values \( \text{None, Some } a_1, \text{Some } a_2, \ldots \)

Typical application:

```
2 Type and function definitions

Type definitions

Function definitions
Non-recursive definitions

Example

definition \textit{sq} :: \textit{nat} \Rightarrow \textit{nat} \textit{ where sq n = n}^*n

No pattern matching, just \( f x_1 \ldots x_n = \ldots \)
The danger of nontermination

How about $f \ x = f \ x + 1$?

All functions in HOL must be total.
Key features of \texttt{fun}

- Pattern-matching over datatype constructors
- Order of equations matters
- Termination must be provable automatically by size measures
- Proves customized induction schema
Example: separation

\[ \textbf{fun} \ \text{sep} :: \ 'a \Rightarrow \ 'a \ \text{list} \Rightarrow \ 'a \ \text{list} \ \textbf{where} \]
\[ \text{sep} \ a \ (x\#y\#zs) = x \# \ a \# \ \text{sep} \ a \ (y\#zs) \mid \]
\[ \text{sep} \ a \ xs = xs \]
Example: Ackermann

fun ack :: nat ⇒ nat ⇒ nat where
ack 0 n = Suc n |
ack (Suc m) 0 = ack m (Suc 0) |
ack (Suc m) (Suc n) = ack m (ack (Suc m) n)

Terminates because the arguments decrease lexicographically with each recursive call:

- (Suc m, 0) > (m, Suc 0)
- (Suc m, Suc n) > (Suc m, n)
- (Suc m, Suc n) > (m, _)
A restrictive version of `fun`  
Means *primitive recursive*  
Most functions are primitive recursive  
Frequently found in Isabelle theories

The essence of primitive recursion:

\[
\begin{align*}
  f(0) &= \ldots \quad \text{no recursion} \\
  f(Suc \ n) &= \ldots f(n) \ldots \\
  g([]) &= \ldots \quad \text{no recursion} \\
  g(x\#xs) &= \ldots g(xs) \ldots
\end{align*}
\]
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Basic induction heuristics

Theorems about recursive functions are proved by induction

Induction on argument number $i$ of $f$
if $f$ is defined by recursion on argument number $i$
A tail recursive reverse

Our initial reverse:

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

A tail recursive version:

```
fun itrev :: 'a list ⇒ 'a list ⇒ 'a list where
  itrev [] ys = ys |
  itrev (x#xs) ys =

lemma itrev xs [] = rev xs
```
Induction_Demo.thy

Generalisation
Generalisation

- Replace constants by variables
- Generalize free variables
  - by *arbitrary* in induction proof
  - (or by universal quantifier in formula)
So far, all proofs were by **structural induction** because all functions were **primitive recursive**.

In each induction step, 1 constructor is added. In each recursive call, 1 constructor is removed.

**Now**: induction for complex recursion patterns.
Computation Induction

Example

fun div2 :: nat ⇒ nat where
  div2 0 = 0 |
  div2 (Suc 0) = 0 |
  div2 (Suc (Suc n)) = Suc(div2 n)

⇝ induction rule div2.induct:

\[
P(0) \quad P(Suc \ 0) \quad \land \ n. \ P(n) \implies P(Suc(Suc \ n)) \quad \land \ m. \ P(m)
\]
Computation Induction

If $f :: \tau \Rightarrow \tau'$ is defined by \texttt{fun}, a special induction schema is provided to prove $P(x)$ for all $x :: \tau$:

for each defining equation

\[
f(e) = \ldots f(r_1) \ldots f(r_k) \ldots
\]

prove $P(e)$ assuming $P(r_1), \ldots, P(r_k)$.

Induction follows course of (terminating!) computation

Motto: properties of $f$ are best proved by rule \texttt{f.induct}
How to apply \texttt{f.induct}

If \( f :: \tau_1 \Rightarrow \cdots \Rightarrow \tau_n \Rightarrow \tau' \):

\[(induction \ a_1 \ldots \ a_n \ rule: \ f.induct)\]

Heuristic:

- there should be a call \( f \ a_1 \ldots \ a_n \) in your goal
- ideally the \( a_i \) should be variables.
Induction_Demo.thy

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Simplification means . . .

Using equations $l = r$ from left to right

As long as possible

Terminology: equation $\leadsto$ simplification rule

Simplification $= (\text{Term})$ Rewriting
An example

Equations:

1. \[ 0 + n = n \]
2. \[ (\text{Suc } m) + n = \text{Suc } (m + n) \]
3. \[ (\text{Suc } m \leq \text{Suc } n) = (m \leq n) \]
4. \[ (0 \leq m) = \text{True} \]

Rewriting:

1. \[ 0 + \text{Suc } 0 \leq \text{Suc } 0 + x \]
2. \[ \text{Suc } 0 \leq \text{Suc } 0 + x \]
3. \[ \text{Suc } 0 \leq \text{Suc } (0 + x) \]
4. \[ 0 \leq 0 + x \]

\text{True}
Conditional rewriting

Simplification rules can be conditional:

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
P_1; \ldots; P_k
\end{bmatrix} \implies l = r
\]

is applicable only if all \( P_i \) can be proved first, again by simplification.

Example

\[
p(0) = \text{True}
\]

\[
p(x) \implies f(x) = g(x)
\]

We can simplify \( f(0) \) to \( g(0) \) but we cannot simplify \( f(1) \) because \( p(1) \) is not provable.
Termination

Simplification may not terminate. Isabelle uses simp-rules (almost) blindly from left to right.

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

\[
[ P_1; \ldots; P_k ] \implies l = r
\]

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

\[
n < m \implies (n < \text{Suc} \; m) = True \quad \text{YES}
\]

\[
\text{Suc} \; n < m \implies (n < m) = True \quad \text{NO}
\]
Proof method \textit{simp}

Goal: 1. \[ [P_1; \ldots; P_m] \implies C \]

\textbf{apply}(\textit{simp add: eq_1 \ldots eq_n})

Simplify $P_1 \ldots P_m$ and $C$ using

- lemmas with attribute \textit{simp}
- rules from \textbf{fun} and \textbf{datatype}
- additional lemmas $eq_1 \ldots eq_n$
- assumptions $P_1 \ldots P_m$

Variations:

- $(\textit{simp} \ldots \textit{del:} \ldots)$ removes \textit{simp}-lemmas
- \textit{add} and \textit{del} are optional
auto versus simp

- *auto* acts on all subgoals
- *simp* acts only on subgoal 1
- *auto* applies *simp* and more
- *auto* can also be modified:
  
  \[
  \text{(auto simp add: \ldots simp del: \ldots)}
  \]
Rewriting with definitions

Definitions (definition) must be used explicitly:

\[(\text{simp add: } f\_\text{def} \ldots)\]

\(f\) is the function whose definition is to be unfolded.
Case splitting with \textit{simp/auto}

Automatic:

\[
P(\text{if } A \text{ then } s \text{ else } t) = (A \rightarrow P(s)) \land (\neg A \rightarrow P(t))
\]

By hand:

\[
P(\text{case } e \text{ of } 0 \Rightarrow a \mid \text{Suc } n \Rightarrow b) = (e = 0 \rightarrow P(a)) \land (\forall n.\ e = \text{Suc } n \rightarrow P(b))
\]

Proof method: \textit{(simp split: nat.split)}
Or \textit{auto}. Similar for any datatype \( t \): \textit{t.split}
Simp_Demo.thy
Chapter 3

Case Study: IMP Expressions
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This section introduces

*arithmetic and boolean expressions*

of our imperative language IMP.

IMP *commands* are introduced later.
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Arithmetic Expressions

Boolean Expressions

Stack Machine and Compilation
Concrete and abstract syntax

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

Abstract syntax: trees, eg

Parser: function from strings to trees

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

Abstract syntax trees/terms are datatype values!
Concrete syntax is defined by a context-free grammar, eg

\[ a ::= n \mid x \mid (a) \mid a + a \mid a \times a \mid \ldots \]

where \( n \) can be any natural number and \( x \) any variable.

We focus on abstract syntax which we introduce via datatypes.
Datatype $aexp$

Variable names are strings, values are integers:

**type_synonym** $vname = string$

**datatype** $aexp = N \text{ int} | V vname | Plus aexp aexp$

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Warning

This is syntax, not (yet) semantics!

\[ N \, 0 \neq \text{Plus} \,(N \, 0) \,(N \, 0) \]
The (program) state

What is the value of $x+1$?

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

```plaintext
type_synonym val = int

type_synonym state = vname ⇒ val
```
Function update notation

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

$$f(a := b)$$

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

$$f(a := b) = (\lambda x. \text{if } x = a \text{ then } b \text{ else } f x)$$
How to write down a state

Some states:

- \( \lambda x. 0 \)
- \((\lambda x. 0)("a" := 3)\)
- \(((\lambda x. 0)("a" := 5))("x" := 3)\)

Nicer notation:

\[
<"a" := 5, "x" := 3, "y" := 7>
\]

Maps everything to 0, but "a" to 5, "x" to 3, etc.
AExp.thy
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ASM.thy
This was easy.
Because evaluation of expressions always terminates.
But execution of programs may \textit{not} terminate.
Hence we cannot define it by a total recursive function.

\begin{quote}
We need more logical machinery
to define program execution and reason about it.
\end{quote}
Chapter 4

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9 Inductive Definitions
Syntax (in decreasing precedence):

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{form} & ::= \ (\text{form}) \\
& | \ \text{term} = \text{term} \\
& | \neg \text{form} \\
& | \text{form} \land \text{form} \\
& | \forall x. \text{form} \\
\end{align*}
\]

Examples:

\[
\begin{align*}
\neg A \land B \lor C & \equiv (\neg A) \land (B \lor C) \\
s = t \land C & \equiv (s = t) \land C \\
A \land B = B \land A & \equiv A \land (B = B) \land A \\
\forall x. P x \land Q x & \equiv \forall x. (P x \land Q x)
\end{align*}
\]

Input syntax: $\leftrightarrow$ (same precedence as $\rightarrow$)
Variable binding convention:

\[ \forall x \ y. \ P \ x \ y \ \equiv \ \forall x. \ \forall y. \ P \ x \ y \]

Similarly for \( \exists \) and \( \lambda \).
Warning

Quantifiers have low precedence and need to be parenthesized (if in some context)

\[ P \land \forall x. Q x \quad \leadsto \quad P \land (\forall x. Q x) \]
Mathematical symbols

... and their ascii representations:

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Sets over type 'a

'a set

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

\in\ \langle\text{in}\rangle \quad : \quad \subseteq\ \langle\text{subseteq}\rangle \ \leq\ \langle\text{union}\rangle \ \text{Un} \ \langle\text{inter}\rangle \ \text{Int}
Set comprehension

- \( \{x. \ P\} \) where \( x \) is a variable
- But not \( \{t. \ P\} \) where \( t \) is a proper term
- Instead: \( \{t \mid x \ y \ z. \ P\} \)
  is short for \( \{v. \ \exists x \ y \ z. \ v = t \land P\} \)
  where \( x, \ y, \ z \) are the free variables in \( t \)
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**simp and auto**

*simp*: rewriting and a bit of arithmetic

*auto*: rewriting and a bit of arithmetic, logic and sets

- Show you where they got stuck
- highly incomplete
- Extensible with new *simp*-rules

**Exception:** *auto* acts on all subgoals
fastforce

- rewriting, logic, sets, relations and a bit of arithmetic.
- incomplete but better than auto.
- Succeeds or fails
- Extensible with new simp-rules
• A **complete** proof search procedure for FOL . . .
• . . . but (almost) **without** “=”
• Covers logic, sets and relations
• Succeeds or fails
• Extensible with new deduction rules

**blast**
Automating arithmetic

\texttt{arith}:

- proves linear formulas (no "\(*\)"")
- complete for quantifier-free \textit{real} arithmetic
- complete for first-order theory of \textit{nat} and \textit{int} (Presburger arithmetic)
Sledgehammer
Architecture:

Isabelle

Goal
& filtered library

Proof

external
ATPs

Characteristics:

- Sometimes it works,
- sometimes it doesn’t.

Do you feel lucky?

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1Automatic Theorem Provers
by \( (proof\text{-}method) \)

\[ \approx \]

apply \( (proof\text{-}method) \)

done
Auto_Proof_Demo.thy
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Step-by-step proofs can be necessary if automation fails and you have to explore where and why it failed by taking the goal apart.
What are these ?-variables?

After you have finished a proof, Isabelle turns all free variables \( V \) in the theorem into \( ?V \).

Example: theorem \texttt{conjI}: \( [?P; ?Q] \Rightarrow ?P \land ?Q \)

These ?-variables can later be instantiated:

- By hand:
  \[
  \texttt{conjI[of "a=b" "False"]} \leadsto \\
  [a = b; False] \Rightarrow a = b \land False
  \]

- By unification:
  unifying \( ?P \land ?Q \) with \( a=b \land False \)
  sets \( ?P \) to \( a=b \) and \( ?Q \) to \( False \).
Rule application

Example: rule: $[?P; ?Q] \implies ?P \land ?Q$
subgoal: 1. ... $\implies A \land B$

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

The general case: applying rule $[ A_1; ... ; A_n ] \implies A$
to subgoal ... $\implies C$:
  • Unify $A$ and $C$
  • Replace $C$ with $n$ new subgoals $A_1 \ldots A_n$

apply(rule xyz)

“Backchaining”
Typical backwards rules

\[
\begin{align*}
\frac{\neg P \quad \neg Q}{\neg P \land \neg Q} & \quad \text{conjI} \\
\frac{\neg P \implies \neg Q}{\neg P \implies \neg Q} & \quad \text{impI} \\
\frac{\neg P \implies \neg Q}{\neg P \implies \neg Q} \quad \frac{\neg Q \implies \neg P}{\neg Q \implies \neg P} & \quad \text{iffI}
\end{align*}
\]

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

If $r$ is a theorem $[A_1; \ldots; A_n] \Rightarrow A$ then

$$(\text{blast intro: } r)$$

allows \textit{blast} to backchain on $r$ during proof search.

Example:

\begin{itemize}
  \item \textbf{theorem} \textit{le_trans}: $[?x \leq ?y; ?y \leq ?z] \Rightarrow ?x \leq ?z$
  \item \textbf{goal} 1. $[a \leq b; b \leq c; c \leq d] \Rightarrow a \leq d$
  \item \textbf{proof} \textbf{apply}(\text{blast intro: le_trans})
\end{itemize}

Also works for \textit{auto} and \textit{fastforce}

Can greatly increase the search space!
Forward proof: OF

If \( r \) is a theorem \( A \implies B \) and \( s \) is a theorem that unifies with \( A \) then

\[ r[\text{OF } s] \]

is the theorem obtained by proving \( A \) with \( s \).

Example: theorem \texttt{refl}: \( ?t = ?t \)

\[
\text{conjI}[\text{OF ref1[of "a"]}] \\
\implies \\
?Q \implies a = a \land ?Q
\]
The general case:

If $r$ is a theorem $[ \, A_1; \ldots; A_n \, ] \Longrightarrow A$
and $r_1, \ldots, r_m$ ($m \leq n$) are theorems then

$$r[ \, OF \ r_1 \ldots \ r_m \, ]$$

is the theorem obtained
by proving $A_1 \ldots A_m$ with $r_1 \ldots r_m$.

Example: theorem refl: $\ ?t = \ ?t$

$$\text{conjI}[ \, OF \ \text{refl}[ \, \text{of } \ "a" \, ] \ \text{refl}[ \, \text{of } \ "b" \, ] \, ]$$

$$\mapsto$$

$$a = a \land b = b$$
From now on: ? mostly suppressed on slides
Single_Step_Demo.thy
is part of the Isabelle framework. It structures theorems and proof states: \([ A_1; \ldots; A_n ] \implies A\)

is part of HOL and can occur inside the logical formulas \(A_i\) and \(A\).

Phrase theorems like this \([ A_1; \ldots; A_n ] \implies A\)
not like this \(A_1 \land \ldots \land A_n \implies A\)
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Example: even numbers

Informally:

- 0 is even
- If \( n \) is even, so is \( n + 2 \)
- These are the only even numbers

In Isabelle/HOL:

\[
\text{inductive } ev :: \text{nat} \Rightarrow \text{bool} \\
\text{where} \\
\quad ev \ 0 \\
\quad ev \ n \implies ev \ (n + 2)
\]
An easy proof: $ev_4$

$ev\ 0 \iff ev\ 2 \iff ev\ 4$
Consider

**fun evn :: nat ⇒ bool where**

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{evn } 0 &= \text{True} \\
\text{evn } (\text{Suc } 0) &= \text{False} \\
\text{evn } (\text{Suc } (\text{Suc } n)) &= \text{evn } n
\end{align*}
\]

A trickier proof:  \( \text{ev } m \implies \text{evn } m \)

By induction on the *structure* of the derivation of \( \text{ev } m \)

Two cases: \( \text{ev } m \) is proved by

- rule \( \text{ev } 0 \)
  \[ \implies m = 0 \implies \text{evn } m = \text{True} \]

- rule \( \text{ev } n \implies \text{ev } (n+2) \)
  \[ \implies m = n+2 \text{ and } \text{evn } n \text{ (IH)} \]
  \[ \implies \text{evn } m = \text{evn } (n+2) = \text{evn } n = \text{True} \]
Rule induction for $ev$

To prove

$$ev \ n \ \Rightarrow \ P \ n$$

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

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

Rule `ev.induct`:

$$
\begin{align*}
$ev \ n$ & \quad P \ 0 & \quad \land \ n. \ \llbracket \ ev \ n; \ P \ n \rrbracket & \quad \Rightarrow \quad P(n+2) \\
& \quad P \ n
\end{align*}
$$
Format of inductive definitions

\[
\text{inductive } I :: \tau \Rightarrow bool \text{ where }
\]
\[
\left[ I \ a_1 ; \ldots ; I \ a_n \right] \Rightarrow I \ a
\]

Note:

- \( I \) may have multiple arguments.
- Each rule may also contain \textit{side conditions} not involving \( I \).
Rule induction in general

To prove

\[ I \, x \implies P \, x \]

by *rule induction* on \( I \, x \)

we must prove for every rule

\[ [ I \, a_1; \ldots; I \, a_n ] \implies I \, a \]

that \( P \) is preserved:

\[ [ I \, a_1; P \, a_1; \ldots; I \, a_n; P \, a_n ] \implies P \, a \]
Rule induction is absolutely central to (operational) semantics and the rest of this lecture course
Inductive_Demo.thy
Inductively defined sets

\textbf{inductive\_set} \ I :: \ \tau \ \text{set where} \\
\left[ \ a_1 \in I; \ldots; \ a_n \in I \ \right] \Rightarrow a \in I \\
: \\

Difference to \textbf{inductive}:

- arguments of \( I \) are tupled, not curried
- \( I \) can later be used with set theoretic operators, eg \( I \cup \ldots \)
Chapter 5

Isar: A Language for Structured Proofs
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Apply scripts

- unreadable
- hard to maintain
- do not scale

No structure!
Apply scripts versus Isar proofs

Apply script = assembly language program
Isar proof = structured program with assertions

But: apply still useful for proof exploration
A typical Isar proof

proof

assume \( \text{formula}_0 \)

have \( \text{formula}_1 \) \hspace{1em} \text{by} \hspace{1em} \text{simp}

\vdots

have \( \text{formula}_n \) \hspace{1em} \text{by} \hspace{1em} \text{blast}

show \( \text{formula}_{n+1} \) \hspace{1em} \text{by} \hspace{1em} \ldots

qed

proves \( \text{formula}_0 \implies \text{formula}_{n+1} \)
Isar core syntax

proof = proof [method] step* qed
  | by method

method = (simp ...) | (blast ...) | (induction ...) | ...

step = fix variables (\land)
  | assume prop (\Rightarrow)
  | [from fact^+] (have | show) prop proof

prop = [name:] "formula"

fact = name | ...
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Example: Cantor’s theorem

lemma ¬ surj(f :: 'a ⇒ 'a set)

proof  default proof: assume surj, show False

  assume a: surj f

  from a have b: ∀ A. ∃ a. A = f a
    by (simp add: surj_def)

  from b have c: ∃ a. {x. x ∉ f x} = f a
    by blast

  from c show False
    by blast

qed
Isar_Demo.thy

Cantor and abbreviations
Abbreviations

\[this\] = the previous proposition proved or assumed
\[then\] = \textbf{from} \[this\]
\[thus\] = \textbf{then} show
\[hence\] = \textbf{then} have
using and with

\[(\text{have} | \text{show}) \text{ prop } \text{using} \text{ facts} = \text{from facts} (\text{have} | \text{show}) \text{ prop with facts} = \text{from facts} \text{ this}\]
Structured lemma statement

lemma

fixes $f :: 'a \Rightarrow 'a \text{ set}$
assumes $s: \text{surj } f$
shows $\text{False}$

proof — no automatic proof step

have $\exists \ a. \ \{x. \ x \notin f \ x\} = f \ a$ using $s$
  by (auto simp: surj_def)
thus $\text{False}$ by blast

qed

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

but $\text{surj } f$ becomes local fact $s$ in proof.
The essence of structured proofs

Assumptions and intermediate facts can be named and referred to explicitly and selectively
Structured lemma statements

\textbf{fixes} \( x :: \tau_1 \) \textbf{and} \( y :: \tau_2 \ldots \)
\textbf{assumes} \( a: P \) \textbf{and} \( b: Q \ldots \)
\textbf{shows} \( R \)

\begin{itemize}
  \item \textbf{fixes} and \textbf{assumes} sections optional
  \item \textbf{shows} optional if no \textbf{fixes} and \textbf{assumes}
\end{itemize}
Isar by example

Proof patterns

Streamlining Proofs

Proof by Cases and Induction
Case distinction

\[
\text{show } R \\
\text{proof cases} \\
\quad \text{assume } P \\
\quad : \\
\quad \text{show } R \langle \text{proof} \rangle \\
\text{next} \\
\quad \text{assume } \neg P \\
\quad : \\
\quad \text{show } R \langle \text{proof} \rangle \\
\text{qed}
\]

\[
\text{have } P \lor Q \langle \text{proof} \rangle \\
\text{then show } R \\
\text{proof} \\
\quad \text{assume } P \\
\quad : \\
\quad \text{show } R \langle \text{proof} \rangle \\
\text{next} \\
\quad \text{assume } Q \\
\quad : \\
\quad \text{show } R \langle \text{proof} \rangle \\
\text{qed}
\]
show \( \neg P \)
proof
  assume \( P \)
  : 
  show \( \text{False} \) \langle proof \rangle
qed

show \( P \)
proof (rule ccontr)
  assume \( \neg P \)
  : 
  show \( \text{False} \) \langle proof \rangle
qed
show  \( P \iff Q \)

proof
  assume \( P \)
  ::= 
  show  \( Q \) \langle proof \rangle

next
  assume \( Q \)
  ::= 
  show  \( P \) \langle proof \rangle

qed
\[ \forall \text{ and } \exists \text{ introduction} \]

\textbf{show} \( \forall x. P(x) \)
\textbf{proof}
\textbf{fix} \( x \) \hspace{1cm} \text{local fixed variable}
\textbf{show} \( P(x) \langle proof \rangle \)
\textbf{qed}

\textbf{show} \( \exists x. P(x) \)
\textbf{proof}
\textbf{:}
\textbf{:}
\textbf{show} \( P(\text{witness}) \langle proof \rangle \)
\textbf{qed}
∃ elimination: obtain

have ∃ x. P(x)
then obtain x where p: P(x) by blast

: x fixed local variable

Works for one or more x
obtain example

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

proof

assume \( \text{surj} \ f \)

hence \( \exists \ a. \ \{x. \ x \notin f \ x\} = f \ a \) by (auto simp: \text{surj\_def})

then obtain \( a \) where \( \{x. \ x \notin f \ x\} = f \ a \) by blast

hence \( a \notin f \ a \leftrightarrow a \in f \ a \) by blast

thus \( \text{False} \) by blast

qed
Set equality and subset

\[
\text{show } A = B \\
\text{proof} \\
\quad \text{show } A \subseteq B \langle \text{proof} \rangle \\
\text{next} \\
\quad \text{show } B \subseteq A \langle \text{proof} \rangle \\
\text{qed}
\]

\[
\text{show } A \subseteq B \\
\text{proof} \\
\quad \text{fix } x \\
\quad \text{assume } x \in A \\
\quad : \\
\quad \text{show } x \in B \langle \text{proof} \rangle \\
\text{qed}
\]
Isar_Demo.thy

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Streamlining Proofs
Pattern Matching and Quotations
Top down proof development
moreover
Local lemmas
Raw proof blocks
Example: pattern matching

show $\text{formula}_1 \leftrightarrow \text{formula}_2$ (is $\text{?L} \leftrightarrow \text{?R}$)

proof

assume $\text{?L}$

::

show $\text{?R}$ ⟨proof⟩

next

assume $\text{?R}$

::

show $\text{?L}$ ⟨proof⟩

qed
Every show implicitly defines \(?thesis\)
Introducing local abbreviations in proofs:

```plaintext
let ?t = "some-big-term"

: have "...?t..."
```
Quoting facts by value

By name:

```plaintext
have x0: "x > 0" ...
```

By value:

```plaintext
have "x > 0" ...
```

`↑ ↑
back quotes`
Isar_Demo.thy

Pattern matching and quotations
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Example

lemma

\[(\exists \ ys \ zs. \ xs = ys @ zs \land length \ ys = length \ zs) \lor (\exists \ ys \ zs. \ xs = ys @ zs \land length \ ys = length \ zs + 1)\]

proof ???
Isar_Demo.thy

Top down proof development
When automation fails

Split proof up into smaller steps.

Or explore by apply:

have . . . using . . .
apply -
apply auto
apply . . .

At the end:

• done

• Better: convert to structured proof
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Local lemmas

Raw proof blocks
moreover—ultimately

have $P_1$ 
moreover
have $P_2$ 
moreover
: 
moreover
have $P_n$ 
ultimately
have $P$

have $lab_1$: $P_1$ 
have $lab_2$: $P_2$ 
: 
have $lab_n$: $P_n$ 
from $lab_1$ $lab_2$ 
have $P$

With names
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Top down proof development

Moreover
Local lemmas
Raw proof blocks
Local lemmas

have \( B \) if name: \( A_1 \ldots A_m \) for \( x_1 \ldots x_n \)

proves \( [ A_1 ; \ldots ; A_m ] \implies B \)

where all \( x_i \) have been replaced by \( ?x_i \).
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Local lemmas

Raw proof blocks
{ \textbf{fix} \ x_1 \ldots \ x_n \\
\textbf{assume} \ A_1 \ldots \ A_m \\
\vdots \\
\textbf{have} \ B \\
}\}

proves \ [ \ A_1; \ldots; A_m \ ] \implies B

where all \ x_i \ have \ been \ replaced \ by \ ?x_i.
Isar_Demo.thy

moreover and {   }
In general: \textbf{proof} method

Applies \textit{method} and generates subgoal(s):

$$\forall x_1 \ldots x_n. [A_1; \ldots ; A_m] \implies B$$

How to prove each subgoal:

\begin{verbatim}
fix  x_1 \ldots x_n
assume A_1 \ldots A_m :
show  B
\end{verbatim}

Separated by \textbf{next}
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Proof by cases
Datatype case analysis

```plaintext
datatype \( t = C_1 \vec{\tau} \mid \ldots \)

proof (cases "term")
  case \((C_1 x_1 \ldots x_k)\)
  \ldots \(x_j\) \ldots
  next
  :
  qed

where case \((C_i x_1 \ldots x_k)\) \equiv

fix \(x_1 \ldots x_k\)
assume \(C_i\): \(\text{term} = (C_i x_1 \ldots x_k)\)
```

label \(\text{term} = (C_i x_1 \ldots x_k)\) formula
Isar_Induction_Demo.thy

Structural induction for $\textit{nat}$
Structural induction for \textit{nat}

\begin{verbatim}
show \( P(n) \)
proof \textit{(induction} \( n \))
  case 0 \equiv let \(?case = P(0)\)
  :
  show \(?case\)
next
  case \((Suc \ n)\)
  : let \(?case = P(Suc \ n)\)
  show \(?case\)
qed
\end{verbatim}
show $A(n) \implies P(n)$

proof (induction $n$)

  case 0
    :
    show $?\text{case}$

next

case $(\text{Suc } n)$
    :
    :
    show $?\text{case}$

qed
Named assumptions

In a proof of
\[ A_1 \Rightarrow \ldots \Rightarrow A_n \Rightarrow B \]
by structural induction:
In the context of
\textbf{case} \( C \)
we have
\[ C.IH \quad \text{the induction hypotheses} \]
\[ C.prems \quad \text{the premises} \; A_i \]
\[ C \; C.IH + C.prems \]
A remark on style

- **case** $(\text{Suc } n)$ \ldots **show** \( ?\text{case} \)
  is easy to write and maintain

- **fix** \( n \) \textbf{assume} **formula** \ldots **show** **formula'**
  is easier to read:
    - all information is shown locally
    - no contextual references (e.g. \( ?\text{case} \))
Proof by Cases and Induction

Rule Induction

Rule Inversion
Isar_Induction_Demo.thy

Rule induction
Rule induction

\textbf{inductive} \quad I :: \tau \Rightarrow \sigma \Rightarrow \text{bool}

\textbf{where}

\textbf{rule}_1: \ldots

\vdots

\textbf{rule}_n: \ldots

\textbf{show} \quad I \ x \ y \ \Rightarrow \ P \ x \ y

\textbf{proof} \quad (\textit{induction rule: } I.\text{induct})

\textbf{case} \quad \textbf{rule}_1

\vdots

\textbf{show} \quad ?\text{case}

\textbf{next}

\vdots

\textbf{next}

\textbf{case} \quad \textbf{rule}_n

\vdots

\textbf{show} \quad ?\text{case}

\textbf{qed}
Fixing your own variable names

\texttt{case} \ (rul_e_i \ x_1 \ldots \ x_k)

Renames the first $k$ variables in $rul_e_i$ (from left to right) to $x_1 \ldots x_k$. 
Named assumptions

In a proof of

\[ I \ldots \implies A_1 \implies \ldots \implies A_n \implies B \]

by rule induction on \( I \ldots \):

In the context of

**case** \( R \)

we have

- **R.IH** the induction hypotheses
- **R.hyps** the assumptions of rule \( R \)
- **R.prems** the premises \( A_i \)

\[ R \quad R.IH + R.hyps + R.prems \]
Proof by Cases and Induction

Rule Induction

Rule Inversion
Rule inversion

\textbf{inductive} \ ev :: \ \textit{n} \rightarrow \ \textit{b} \ \textbf{where}

\hspace{1cm} \textit{ev0}: \ ev \ 0 \ |

\hspace{1cm} \textit{evSS}: \ ev \ n \ \Rightarrow \ ev(Suc(Suc \ n))

What can we deduce from \textit{ev} \ \textit{n} \ ?
That it was proved by either \textit{ev0} or \textit{evSS} !

\hspace{1cm} ev \ n \ \Rightarrow \ n = 0 \ \lor \ (∃ \ k. \ n = Suc(Suc \ k) \ \land \ ev \ k)

\textbf{Rule inversion} = \textbf{case distinction over rules}
Isar_Induction_Demo.thy

Rule inversion
Rule inversion template

from 'ev n' have P
proof cases
  case ev0
  : show ?thesis ...
next
  case (evSS k)
  : show ?thesis ...
qed

Impossible cases disappear automatically