
Session II

HOL = Functional programming + Logic

Proof by Term Rewriting

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- ▶ P_1, \dots, P_n must be proved by rewriting first.

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Variations:

- ▶ *(simp ... del: ...)* removes *simp*-lemmas
- ▶ *add* and *del* are optional

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How to ignore assumptions

Assumptions sometimes cause problems, e.g. nontermination. How to exclude them from *simp*:

apply(*simp* (*no_asm_simp*) ...)

Simplify only conclusion

apply(*simp* (*no_asm_use*) ...)

Simplify but do not use assumptions

apply(*simp* (*no_asm*) ...)

Ignore assumptions completely

Tracing

Set trace mode on/off in Proof General:

Isabelle/Isar → Settings → Trace simplifier

Output in separate buffer:

Proof-General → Buffers → Trace

auto

- ▶ *auto* acts on all subgoals
- ▶ *simp* acts only on subgoal 1
- ▶ *auto* applies *simp* and more

Demo: simp

Type definitions in Isabelle/HOL

Keywords:

- ▶ **typedecl**: pure declaration (session 1)
- ▶ **types**: abbreviation
- ▶ **datatype**: recursive datatype

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Type abbreviations are expanded after parsing
Not present in internal representation and Isabelle output

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Properties:

- ▶ **Types:** $Nil \quad :: \quad 'a \text{ list}$
 $Cons \quad :: \quad 'a \Rightarrow 'a \text{ list} \Rightarrow 'a \text{ list}$
- ▶ **Distinctness:** $Nil \neq Cons \ x \ xs$
- ▶ **Injectivity:** $(Cons \ x \ xs = Cons \ y \ ys) = (x = y \wedge xs = ys)$

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apply(*case_tac xs*) \Rightarrow one subgoal for each constructor

xs = Nil \Longrightarrow ...

xs = Cons a list \Longrightarrow ...

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- ▶ General proof method for induction: *(induct x)*
 - ▶ x must be a free variable in the first subgoal.
 - ▶ The type of x must be a datatype.

Induction heuristics

Theorems about recursive functions proved by induction

consts *itrev* :: 'a list \Rightarrow 'a list \Rightarrow 'a list

primrec

itrev [] ys = ys

itrev (x#xs) ys = *itrev* xs (x#ys)

lemma *itrev* xs [] = *rev* xs

Demo: proof attempt

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- ▶ Generates own induction principle.

Demo: recdef and induction

Sets

Notation

Type '*a set*: sets over type '*a*

- ▶ $\{\}, \{e_1, \dots, e_n\}, \{x. P x\}$
- ▶ $e \in A, A \subseteq B$
- ▶ $A \cup B, A \cap B, A - B, - A$
- ▶ $\bigcup_{x \in A} B x, \bigcap_{x \in A} B x$
- ▶ $\{i..j\}$
- ▶ $insert :: 'a \Rightarrow 'a set \Rightarrow 'a set$
- ▶ $f ' A \equiv \{y. \exists x \in A. y = f x\}$
- ▶ ...

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In Isabelle/HOL:

consts $Ev :: nat\ set$ — The set of all even numbers
inductive Ev

intros

$$0 \in Ev$$

$$n \in Ev \implies n + 2 \in Ev$$

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An elimination rule

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Isar

**A Language for Structured
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proposition = [name:] formula

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- ▶ ***rule***: tries elim rules first
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Practical Session II

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—Victor Carreno