



COMP4161: Advanced Topics in Software Verification



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# Content



→ Intro & motivation, getting started

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→ Foundations & Principles

- Lambda Calculus, natural deduction
- Higher Order Logic, Isar (part 1)
- Term rewriting

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→ Proof & Specification Techniques

- Inductively defined sets, rule induction
- Datatypes, recursion, induction, Isar (part 2)
- Hoare logic, proofs about programs, invariants
- C verification
- Practice, questions, exam prep

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<sup>a</sup>a1 due; <sup>b</sup>a2 due; <sup>c</sup>a3 due

# Datatypes



## Example:

**datatype** 'a list = Nil | Cons 'a "'a list"

## Properties:

→ Constructors:

Nil     :: 'a list  
Cons    :: 'a  $\Rightarrow$  'a list  $\Rightarrow$  'a list

→ Distinctness: Nil  $\neq$  Cons x xs

→ Injectivity: (Cons x xs = Cons y ys)  $\Rightarrow$  (x = y  $\wedge$  xs = ys)

# More Examples



## Enumeration:

**datatype** answer = Yes | No | Maybe

## Polymorphic:

**datatype** 'a option = None | Some 'a

**datatype** ('a,'b,'c) triple = Triple 'a 'b 'c

## Recursion:

**datatype** 'a list = Nil | Cons 'a "'a list"

**datatype** 'a tree = Tip | Node 'a "'a tree" "'a tree"

## Mutual Recursion:

**datatype** even = EvenZero | EvenSucc odd

# Nested



## Nested recursion:

```
datatype 'a tree = Tip | Node 'a "'a tree list"
```

```
datatype 'a tree = Tip | Node 'a "'a tree option" "'a tree  
option"
```

→ Recursive call is under a **type constructor**.

# The General Case



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

- Constructors:  $C_i :: \tau_{i,1} \Rightarrow \dots \Rightarrow \tau_{i,n_i} \Rightarrow (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \tau$
- Distinctness:  $C_i \dots \neq C_j \dots$  if  $i \neq j$
- Injectivity:  $(C_i x_1 \dots x_{n_i} = C_i y_1 \dots y_{n_i}) = (x_1 = y_1 \wedge \dots \wedge x_{n_i} = y_{n_i})$

**Distinctness and Injectivity applied automatically**

# How is this Type Defined?



**datatype** 'a list = Nil | Cons 'a "'a list"

- internally reduced to a single constructor, using product and sum
- constructor defined as an inductive set (like typedef)
- recursion: least fixpoint

**More detail: Tutorial on Datatype in Isabelle documentation**

# Datatype Limitations



**Must be definable as set.**

- Infinitely branching ok.
- Mutually recursive ok.
- Strictly positive (right of function arrow) occurrence ok.

**Not ok:**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{datatype } t &= C (t \Rightarrow \text{bool}) \\ &| D ((\text{bool} \Rightarrow t) \Rightarrow \text{bool}) \\ &| E ((t \Rightarrow \text{bool}) \Rightarrow \text{bool}) \end{aligned}$$

**Because:** Cantor's theorem ( $\alpha$  set is larger than  $\alpha$ )



# Datatype Limitations



## Not ok (nested recursion):

```
datatype ('a, 'b) fun_copy = Fun "'a  $\Rightarrow$  'b"
```

```
datatype 'a t = F "'a t, 'a) fun_copy"
```

- recursion in ('a1, ..., 'an) t is only allowed on a subset of 'a1 ... 'an
- these arguments are called *live* arguments
- Mainly: in "'a  $\Rightarrow$  'b", 'a is dead and 'b is live
- Thus: in ('a, 'b) fun\_copy, 'a is dead and 'b is live
- type constructors must be registered as *BNFs*\* to have live arguments
- BNF defines well-behaved type constructors, ie where recursion is allowed
- datatypes automatically are BNFs (that's how they are constructed)
- can register other type constructors as BNFs — not covered here\*\*

\* BNF — Bounded Natural Functors

# Case



Every datatype introduces a **case** construct, e.g.

$$(\text{case } xs \text{ of } [] \Rightarrow \dots \mid y \#ys \Rightarrow \dots y \dots ys \dots)$$

**In general:** one case per constructor

- Nested patterns allowed:  $x\#y\#zs$
- Dummy and default patterns with  $_$
- Binds weakly, needs  $()$  in context

**apply** (case\_tac  $t$ )

creates  $k$  subgoals

$\llbracket t = C_i \ x_1 \dots x_p; \dots \rrbracket \implies \dots$

one for each constructor  $C_i$

# Demo

# Recursion

# Why nontermination can be harmful



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

Subtract  $f\ x$  on both sides.

$$\implies 0 = 1$$

**! All functions in HOL must be total !**

# Primitive Recursion



**primrec guarantees termination structurally**

**Example primrec def:**

```
primrec app :: "'a list  $\Rightarrow$  'a list  $\Rightarrow$  'a list"  
where  
  "app Nil ys = ys" |  
  "app (Cons x xs) ys = Cons x (app xs ys)"
```

# The General Case



If  $\tau$  is a datatype (with constructors  $C_1, \dots, C_k$ ) then  $f :: \tau \Rightarrow \tau'$  can be defined by **primitive recursion**:

$$\begin{aligned} f (C_1 y_{1,1} \dots y_{1,n_1}) &= r_1 \\ &\vdots \\ f (C_k y_{k,1} \dots y_{k,n_k}) &= r_k \end{aligned}$$

The recursive calls in  $r_i$  must be **structurally smaller**  
(of the form  $f a_1 \dots y_{i,j} \dots a_p$ )



# How does this Work?



primrec just fancy syntax for a **recursion operator**

**Example:**  $\text{list\_rec} :: "'b \Rightarrow ('a \Rightarrow 'a \text{ list} \Rightarrow 'b \Rightarrow 'b) \Rightarrow 'a \text{ list} \Rightarrow 'b"$   
 $\text{list\_rec } f_1 \ f_2 \ \text{Nil} = f_1$   
 $\text{list\_rec } f_1 \ f_2 \ (\text{Cons } x \ xs) = f_2 \ x \ xs \ (\text{list\_rec } f_1 \ f_2 \ xs)$

$\text{app} \equiv \text{list\_rec } (\lambda ys. \ ys) \ (\lambda x \ xs \ xs'. \ \lambda ys. \ \text{Cons } x \ (xs' \ ys))$

**primrec**  $\text{app} :: "'a \text{ list} \Rightarrow 'a \text{ list} \Rightarrow 'a \text{ list}"$

**where**

$\text{"app Nil ys = ys"}$  |

$\text{"app (Cons x xs) ys = Cons x (app xs ys)"}$

**Defined:** automatically, first inductively (set), then by epsilon

$$\frac{}{(\text{Nil}, f_1) \in \text{list\_rel } f_1 f_2} \qquad \frac{(xs, xs') \in \text{list\_rel } f_1 f_2}{(\text{Cons } x \ xs, f_2 \ x \ xs \ xs') \in \text{list\_rel } f_1 f_2}$$

$\text{list\_rec } f_1 f_2 \ xs \equiv \text{THE } y. (xs, y) \in \text{list\_rel } f_1 f_2$   
Automatic proof that set def indeed is total function  
(the equations for list\_rec are lemmas!)

# Predefined Datatypes

# nat is a datatype



**datatype** nat = 0 | Suc nat

Functions on nat definable by primrec!

**primrec**

$f\ 0 = \dots$

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

# Option



**datatype** 'a option = None | Some 'a

## Important application:

'b  $\Rightarrow$  'a option  $\sim$  partial function:  
None  $\sim$  no result  
Some a  $\sim$  result a

## Example:

**primrec** lookup :: 'k  $\Rightarrow$  ('k  $\times$  'v) list  $\Rightarrow$  'v option

**where**

lookup k [] = None |

lookup k (x #xs) = (if fst x = k then Some (snd x) else lookup k xs)

# Demo

primrec

# Induction

# Structural induction



$P$   $xs$  holds for all lists  $xs$  if

- $P$  Nil
- and for arbitrary  $x$  and  $xs$ ,  $P$   $xs \implies P$  ( $x \# xs$ )

Induction theorem **list.induct**:

$$[[P []; \bigwedge a \text{ list. } P \text{ list} \implies P (a \# \text{list})]] \implies P \text{ list}$$

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



**Theorems about recursive functions are proved by induction**

Induction on argument number  $i$  of  $f$   
if  $f$  is defined by recursion on argument number  $i$

# Example



**A tail recursive list reverse:**

**primrec** itrev :: 'a list  $\Rightarrow$  'a list  $\Rightarrow$  'a list

**where**

itrev []  $\quad$   $ys = ys$  |

itrev (x#xs)  $\quad$   $ys = \text{itrev } xs \ (x\#ys)$

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

# Demo

## Proof Attempt

**Replace constants by variables**

**lemma** itrev xs ys = rev xs@ys

**Quantify free variables by  $\forall$**   
(except the induction variable)

**lemma**  $\forall$ ys. itrev xs ys = rev xs@ys

Or: **apply (induct xs arbitrary: ys)**

# We have seen today ...



- Datatypes
- Primitive recursion
- Case distinction
- Structural Induction

# Exercises



- define a primitive recursive function **lsum** :: nat list  $\Rightarrow$  nat that returns the sum of the elements in a list.
- show " $2 * \text{lsum } [0.. < \text{Suc } n] = n * (n + 1)$ "
- show " $\text{lsum } (\text{replicate } n \ a) = n * a$ "
- define a function **lsumT** using a tail recursive version of listsum.
- show that the two functions are equivalent:  $\text{lsum } xs = \text{lsumT } xs$