

COMP 4161

NICTA Advanced Course

Advanced Topics in Software Verification

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Isar

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ISAR A LANGUAGE FOR STRUCTURED PROOFS

Motivation



Is this true: $(A \longrightarrow B) = (B \vee \neg A)$?



Is this true: $(A \longrightarrow B) = (B \lor \neg A)$?

YES!

```
apply (rule iffI)
 apply (cases A)
  apply (rule disjI1)
  apply (erule impE)
   apply assumption
  apply assumption
 apply (rule disjI2)
                               by blast
                          or
apply assumption
apply (rule impI)
apply (erule disjE)
 apply assumption
apply (erule notE)
apply assumption
done
```

OK it's true. But WHY?

Motivation



WHY is this true: $(A \longrightarrow B) = (B \lor \neg A)$?

Demo



apply scripts

What about...

- → unreadable → Elegance?
- → hard to maintain → Explaining deeper insights?
- → do not scale → Large developments?

No structure.

Isar!



```
proof
              assume formula_0
              have formula_1 by simp
              have formula_n by blast
              show formula_{n+1} by . . .
            qed
         proves formula_0 \Longrightarrow formula_{n+1}
(analogous to assumes/shows in lemma statements)
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Isar core syntax



```
proof = proof [method] statement* qed
        by method
method = (simp ...) | (blast ...) | (rule ...) | ...
statement = fix variables
             assume proposition (\Longrightarrow)
             [from name<sup>+</sup>] (have | show) proposition proof
             next
                                        (separates subgoals)
proposition = [name:] formula
```

proof and qed



proof [method] statement* qed

```
lemma "[A; B] \Longrightarrow A \land B"
proof (rule conjl)
assume A: "A"
from A show "A" by assumption
next
assume B: "B"
from B show "B" by assumption
qed
```

→ proof (<method>) applies method to the stated goal

→ proof applies a single rule that fits

proof - does nothing to the goal





Look at the proof state!

lemma "
$$[A; B] \Longrightarrow A \wedge B$$
" proof (rule conjl)

- → proof (rule conjl) changes proof state to
 - 1. $[A; B] \Longrightarrow A$
 - 2. $\llbracket A;B \rrbracket \Longrightarrow B$
- → so we need 2 shows: **show** "A" and **show** "B"
- \rightarrow We are allowed to **assume** A, because A is in the assumptions of the proof state.

The Three Modes of Isar



- **→** [prove]:
 - goal has been stated, proof needs to follow.
- **→** [state]:

proof block has openend or subgoal has been proved, new *from* statement, goal statement or assumptions can follow.

→ [chain]:

from statement has been made, goal statement needs to follow.

```
lemma "[A; B] \Longrightarrow A \land B" [prove]
proof (rule conjl) [state]
assume A: "A" [state]
from A [chain] show "A" [prove] by assumption [state]
next [state] ...
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Can be used to make intermediate steps.

Example:

```
lemma "(x:: nat) + 1 = 1 + x"
proof -
have A: "x + 1 = \operatorname{Suc} x" by simp
have B: "1 + x = \operatorname{Suc} x" by simp
show "x + 1 = 1 + x" by (simp only: A B)
qed
```



DEMO

Backward and Forward



Backward reasoning: ... have " $A \wedge B$ " proof

- → proof picks an intro rule automatically
- \rightarrow conclusion of rule must unify with $A \wedge B$

Forward reasoning: ...

assume AB: " $A \wedge B$ "

from AB have "..." proof

- → now **proof** picks an **elim** rule automatically
- → triggered by from
- → first assumption of rule must unify with AB

General case: from $A_1 \ldots A_n$ have R proof

- \rightarrow first n assumptions of rule must unify with $A_1 \ldots A_n$
- → conclusion of rule must unify with *R*

Fix and Obtain



fix
$$v_1 \dots v_n$$

Introduces new arbitrary but fixed variables $(\sim \text{parameters}, \land)$

obtain $v_1 \dots v_n$ where $\langle prop \rangle \langle proof \rangle$

Introduces new variables together with property



DEMO

Fancy Abbreviations



this = the previous fact proved or assumed

then = from this

thus = then show

hence = then have

with $A_1 \dots A_n$ = from $A_1 \dots A_n$ this

?thesis = the last enclosing goal statement





have X_1 : P_1 ... have P_1 ...

have X_2 : P_2 ... moreover have P_2 ...

have X_n : P_n ... moreover have P_n ...

from $X_1 \dots X_n$ show \dots ultimately show \dots

wastes lots of brain power on names $X_1 \dots X_n$





```
show formula
proof -
  have P_1 \vee P_2 \vee P_3 proof>
               { assume P_1 ... have ?thesis <proof> }
  moreover
  moreover { assume P_2 ... have ?thesis <proof> }
             { assume P_3 ... have ?thesis <proof> }
  moreover
  ultimately show ?thesis by blast
qed
      { ... } is a proof block similar to proof ... qed
           { assume P_1 \dots have P proof> }
                   stands for P_1 \Longrightarrow P
```





```
have ...

apply - make incoming facts assumptions

apply (...)

:

apply (...)

done
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