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**Advanced Topics in Software Verification**

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# Isar

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

# ISAR

## A LANGUAGE FOR STRUCTURED PROOFS

# Motivation

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YES!

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

OK it's true. But WHY?

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

Demo

# Isar

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## apply scripts

- unreadable
- hard to maintain
- do not scale

**No structure.**

## What about..

- Elegance?
- Explaining deeper insights?
- Large developments?

**Isar!**

## A typical Isar proof

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**proof**

**assume**  $formula_0$

**have**  $formula_1$  **by** simp

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**have**  $formula_n$  **by** blast

**show**  $formula_{n+1}$  **by** ...

**qed**

proves  $formula_0 \implies formula_{n+1}$

(analogous to **assumes/shows** in lemma statements)



## Isar core syntax

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proof = **proof** [method] statement\* **qed**  
| **by** method

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

statement = **fix** variables  $(\wedge)$   
| **assume** proposition  $(\implies)$   
| [**from** name<sup>+</sup>] (**have** | **show**) proposition proof  
| **next** (separates subgoals)

proposition = [name:] formula

## proof and qed

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**proof** [method] statement\* **qed**

**lemma** "[ $A; B$ ]  $\implies A \wedge B$ "

**proof** (rule conjI)

**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

## How do I know what to Assume and Show?

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**Look at the proof state!**

**lemma** " $\llbracket A; B \rrbracket \implies A \wedge B$ "

**proof** (rule conjI)

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

## The Three Modes of Isar

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- **[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** "[ $A; B$ ]  $\implies A \wedge B$ " **[prove]**

**proof** (rule conjI) **[state]**

**assume** A: "A" **[state]**

**from** A **[chain]** **show** "A" **[prove]** **by** assumption **[state]**

**next** **[state]** ...

## Have

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Can be used to make intermediate steps.

### Example:

**lemma** " $(x :: \text{nat}) + 1 = 1 + x$ "

**proof** -

**have** A: " $x + 1 = \text{Suc } x$ " **by** simp

**have** B: " $1 + x = \text{Suc } x$ " **by** simp

**show** " $x + 1 = 1 + x$ " **by** (simp only: A B)

**qed**

# DEMO

## Backward and Forward

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

- **proof** picks an **intro** rule automatically
- 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 $A_1 \dots A_n$ have $R$ proof

- first  $n$  assumptions of rule must unify with  $A_1 \dots A_n$
- conclusion of rule must unify with  $R$

## Fix and Obtain

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**fix**  $v_1 \dots v_n$

Introduces new arbitrary but fixed variables  
( $\sim$  parameters,  $\wedge$ )

**obtain**  $v_1 \dots v_n$  **where**  $\langle \text{prop} \rangle$   $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

Introduces new variables together with property



# DEMO

## Fancy Abbreviations

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<b>this</b>	=	the previous fact proved or assumed
<b>then</b>	=	<b>from this</b>
<b>thus</b>	=	<b>then show</b>
<b>hence</b>	=	<b>then have</b>
<b>with</b> $A_1 \dots A_n$	=	<b>from</b> $A_1 \dots A_n$ <b>this</b>
<b>?thesis</b>	=	the last enclosing goal statement

## Moreover and Ultimately

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**have**  $X_1: P_1 \dots$

**have**  $X_2: P_2 \dots$

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**have**  $X_n: P_n \dots$

**from**  $X_1 \dots X_n$  **show**  $\dots$

**have**  $P_1 \dots$

**moreover have**  $P_2 \dots$

⋮

**moreover have**  $P_n \dots$

**ultimately show**  $\dots$

wastes lots of brain power

on names  $X_1 \dots X_n$

# General Case Distinctions

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**show** *formula*

**proof** -

**have**  $P_1 \vee P_2 \vee P_3$  <proof>

**moreover** { **assume**  $P_1$  ... **have** ?thesis <proof> }

**moreover** { **assume**  $P_2$  ... **have** ?thesis <proof> }

**moreover** { **assume**  $P_3$  ... **have** ?thesis <proof> }

**ultimately show** ?thesis **by** blast

**qed**

{ ... } is a proof block similar to **proof ... qed**

{ **assume**  $P_1$  ... **have**  $P$  <proof> }

stands for  $P_1 \implies P$

## Mixing proof styles

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**from ...**

**have ...**

**apply** - make incoming facts assumptions

**apply (...)**

**:**

**apply (...)**

**done**