

Higher-Order Logics and Interactive Theorem Proving with Isabelle/HOL

Formal Systems II: Application

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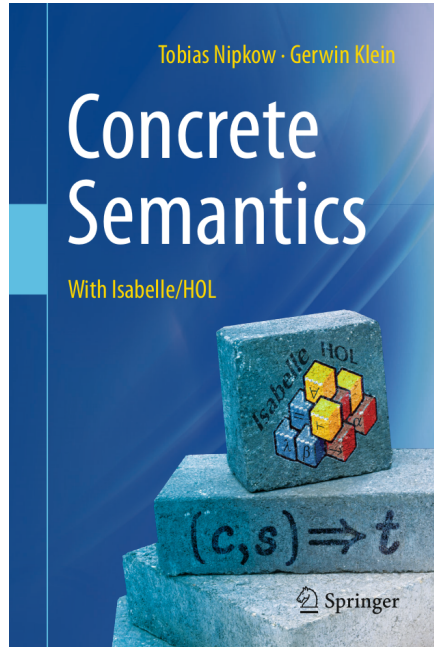
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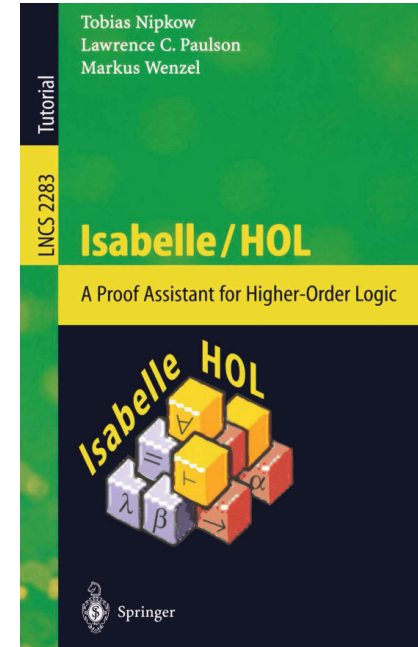
Literature



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**Concrete Semantics:
With Isabelle/HOL**

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**Isabelle/HOL:
A Proof Assistant for
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Functional Data Structures and Algorithms
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Under Development, 2025

<https://functional-algorithms-verified.org>

This book is meant to evolve over time. If you would like to contribute, get in touch!

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- Primitive recursive arithmetic (no explicit quantifiers): ACL2, NQTHM

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- **LCF approach (originally *Logic of Computable Functions* by R. Milner, 1979):**

Reduce all rules to sequences of primitive inferences implemented by a small logical *kernel*

- Specification methods and automatic proof procedures expand to full proofs
- Unsoundness less likely
- Implementation more complicated, performance can suffer
- Examples: Isabelle, HOL, Rocq

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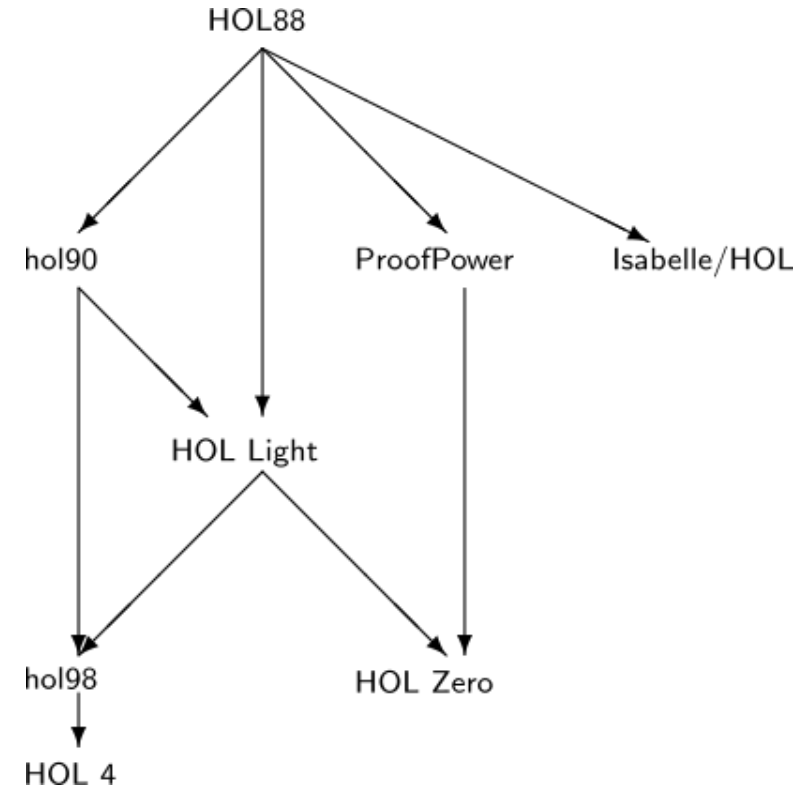
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System Requirements

- **Linux, Windows, or MacOS**
- TeXLive (only) for document generation
- Download from <https://isabelle.in.tum.de> with lots of documentation
- Browse <https://isabelle.systems> for community, infrastructure, (more) resources, tools

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- $$\frac{A_1 \quad \dots \quad A_n}{C} \quad \text{means} \quad A_1 \implies \dots \implies A_n \implies C$$

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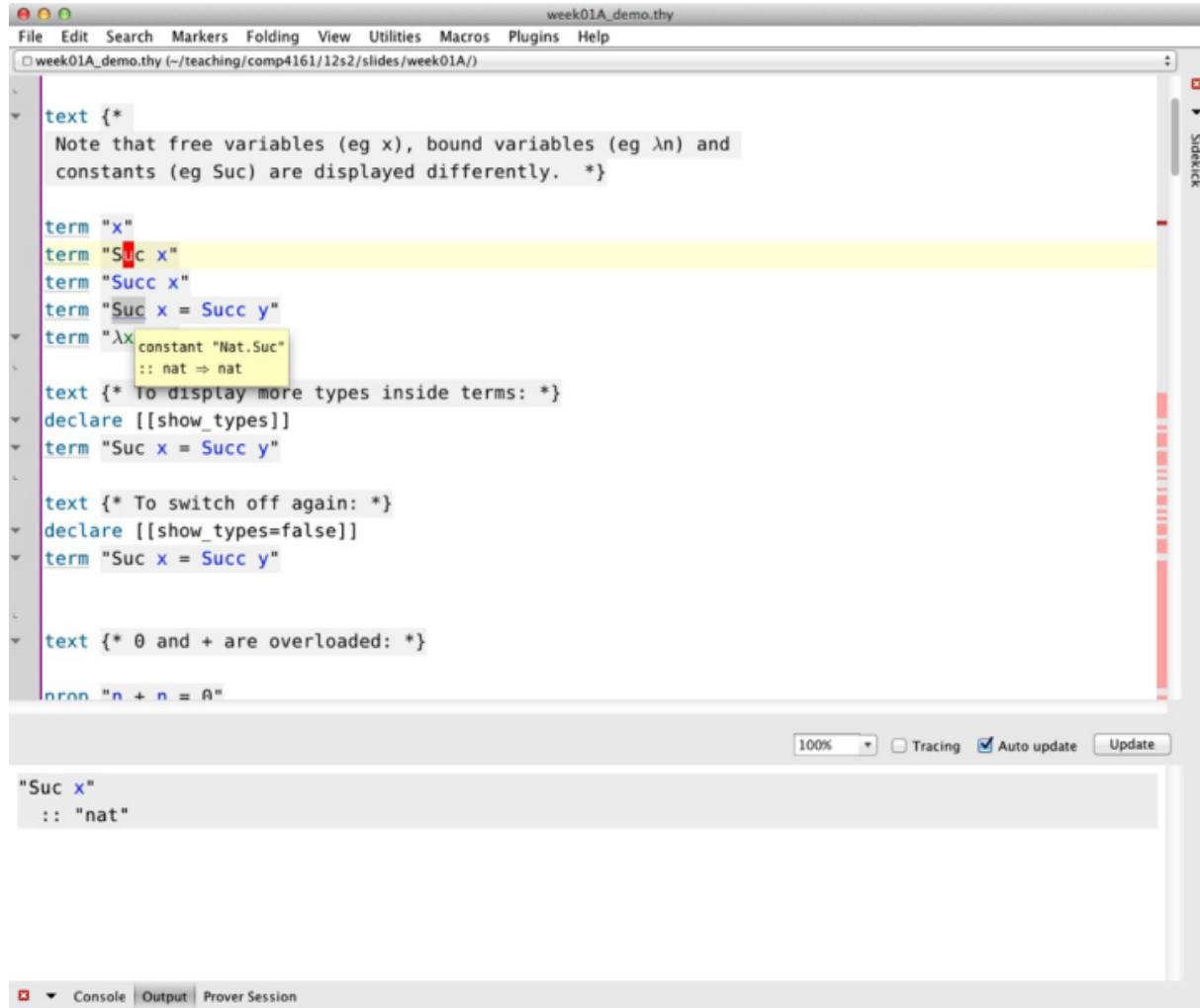
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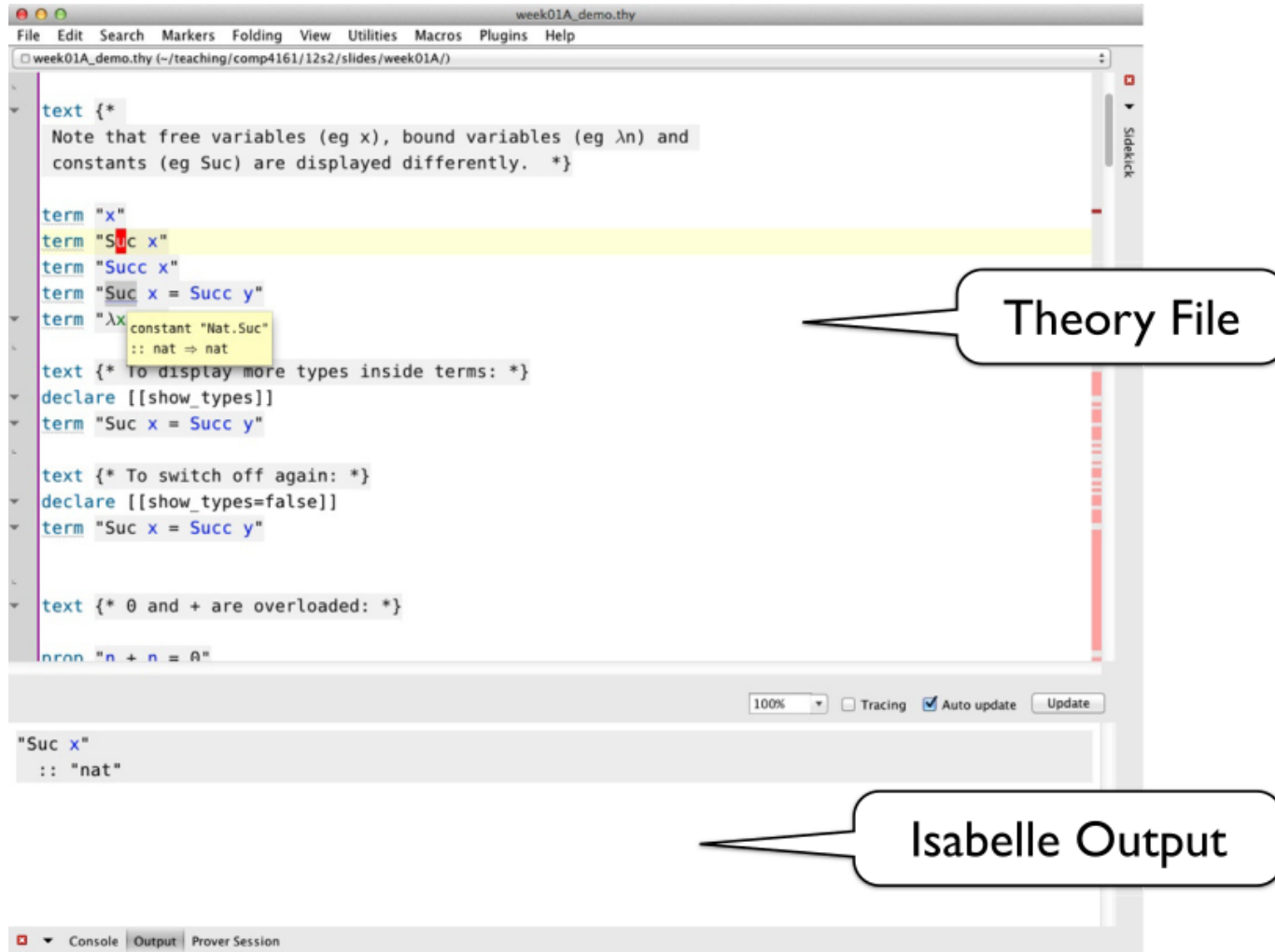


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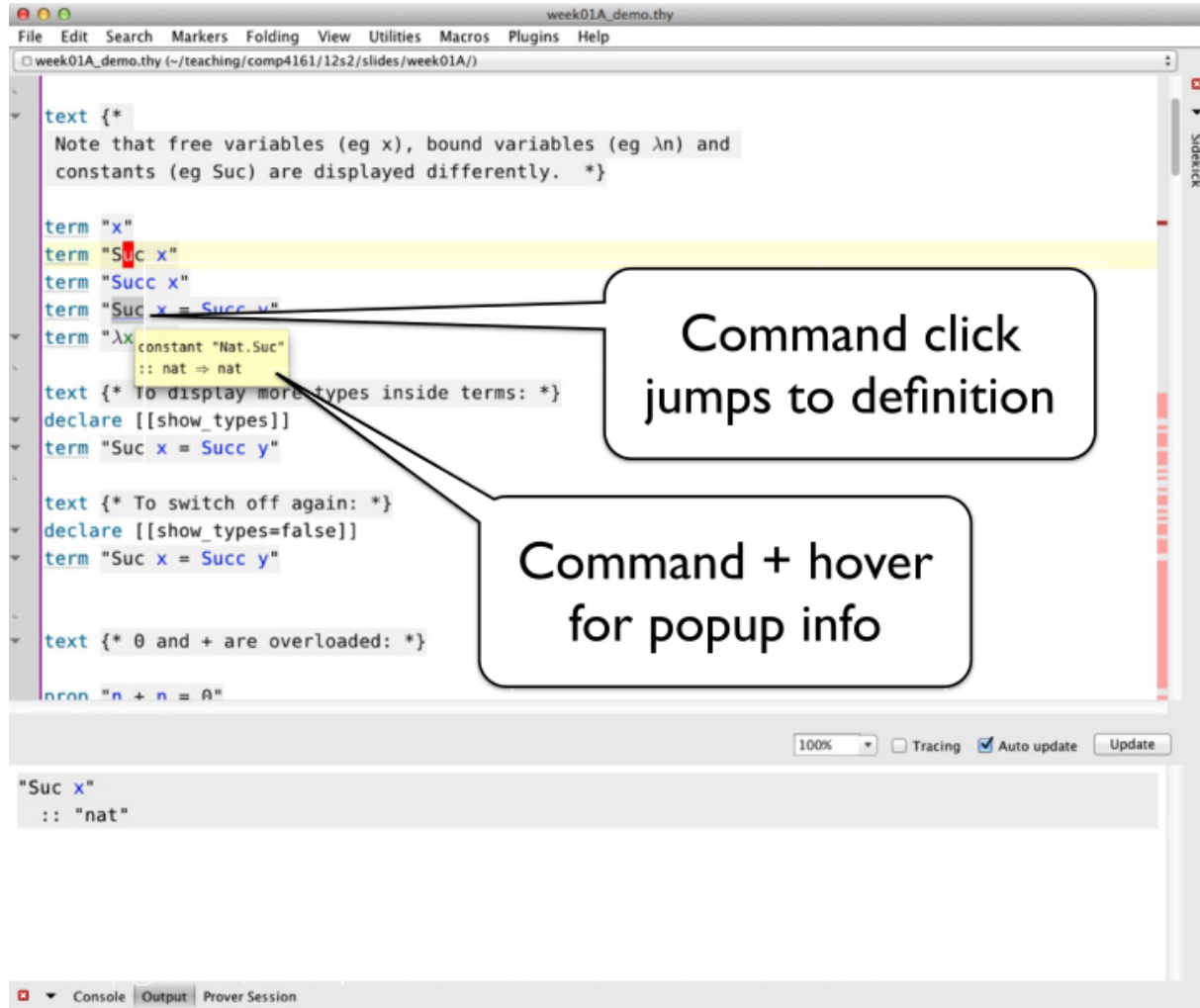
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- logic terms go in quotes: "x + 2"**: Points to the `term "Suc x"` line.
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unless the context is unambiguous: *Suc* z

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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!

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   $\vdots$   
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```

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  show  $formula_{n+1}$  by  $\dots$   
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But: **apply** still useful for proof exploration

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Syntactic Sugar:

- $[] = \text{Nil}$ empty list
- $x \# xs = \text{Cons } x \text{ xs}$: list with first element x ("head ") and rest xs ("tail ")
- $[x_1, \dots, x_n] = x_1 \# \dots \# x_n \# []$

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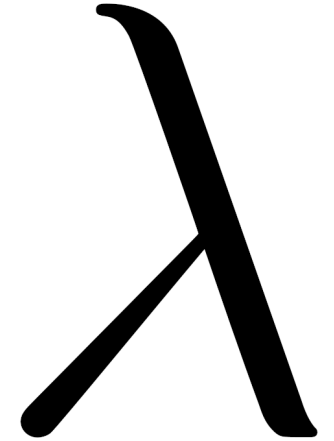
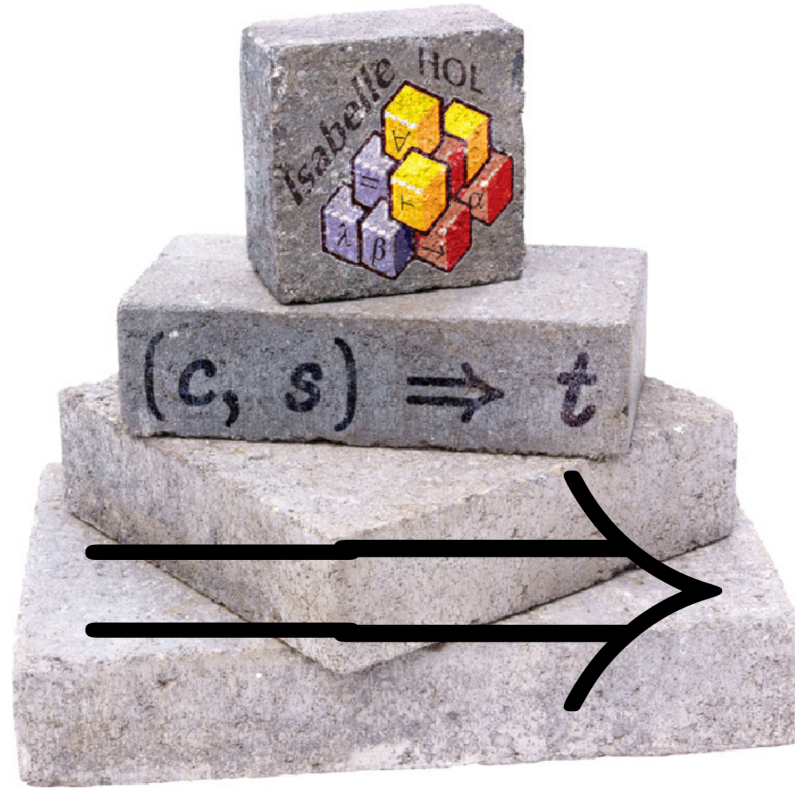
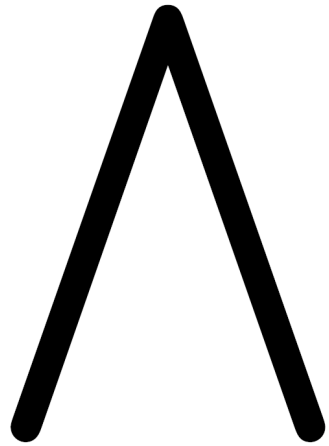
$$\frac{P([]) \quad \bigwedge x \, xs. P(xs) \implies P(x \# xs)}{P(xs)}$$

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(Possibly) recursive functions: **fun**

- Pattern-matching over datatype constructors
- Order of equation matters
- Termination must be provable automatically by size measures
- Proves customized induction schema
- Example: **fun** $ack :: nat \Rightarrow nat \Rightarrow nat$ **where**

$$\begin{aligned} &ack\ 0\ n = Suc\ n \mid \\ &ack\ (Suc\ m)\ 0 = ack\ m\ (Suc\ 0) \mid \\ &ack\ (Suc\ m)\ (Suc\ n) = ack\ m\ (ack\ (Suc\ m)\ n) \end{aligned}$$

Proof method *simp*

Goal: 1. $\llbracket P_1; \dots; P_m \rrbracket \Longrightarrow C$

apply(*simp add: eq₁ ... eq_n*)

Simplify $P_1 \dots P_m$ and C using

- lemmas with attribute *simp*
- rules from **fun** and **datatype**
- additional lemmas $eq_1 \dots eq_n$
- assumptions $P_1 \dots P_m$

Variations:

- (*simp ... del: ...*) removes *simp*-lemmas
- *add* and *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:
(*auto simp add: ... simp del: ...*)

Rewriting with definitions

Definitions (**definition**) must be used **explicitly**:

$$(simp\ add: f_def \dots)$$

f is the function whose definition is to be unfolded.

Case Splitting with *simp/auto*

Automatic:

$$\begin{aligned} &P \text{ (if } A \text{ then } s \text{ else } t) \\ &= \\ &(A \longrightarrow P(s)) \wedge (\neg A \longrightarrow P(t)) \end{aligned}$$

By hand:

$$\begin{aligned} &P \text{ (case } e \text{ of } 0 \Rightarrow a \mid \text{Suc } n \Rightarrow b) \\ &= \\ &(e = 0 \longrightarrow P(a)) \wedge (\forall n. e = \text{Suc } n \longrightarrow P(b)) \end{aligned}$$

Proof method: (*simp split: nat.split*)

Or *auto*. Similar for any datatype *t*: *t.split*

More Proof Methods

<code>intro</code>	<code><intro-rules></code>	repeatedly applies introduction rules
<code>elim</code>	<code><elim-rules></code>	repeatedly applies elimination rules
<code>clarify</code>		applies all safe rules that do not split the goal
<code>safe</code>		applies all safe rules
<code>blast</code>		an automatic tableaux prover (works well on predicate logic)
<code>fast</code>		another automatic search tactic
<code>fastforce</code>		rewriting, logic, sets, relations and a bit of arithmetic
<code>arith</code>		proves linear formulas (no “*”), complete for quantifier-free real and Presburger arithmetic

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\Longrightarrow **versus** \longrightarrow

\Longrightarrow is part of the Isabelle framework. It structures theorems and proof states: $\llbracket A_1; \dots; A_n \rrbracket \Longrightarrow A$

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

Phrase theorems like this $\llbracket A_1; \dots; A_n \rrbracket \Longrightarrow A$
not like this $A_1 \wedge \dots \wedge A_n \longrightarrow A$

Sets over type 'a

'a set

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

\in	<code>\<in></code>	:
\subseteq	<code>\<subseq></code>	<code><=</code>
\cup	<code>\<union></code>	<code>Un</code>
\cap	<code>\<inter></code>	<code>Int</code>

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 $\{v. \exists x \ y \ z. v = t \wedge P\}$
where x, y, z are the free variables in t

Isar Core Syntax

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

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

step = **fix** variables (\wedge)
 | **assume** prop (\implies)
 | [**from** fact⁺] (**have** | **show**) prop proof

prop = [name:] "formula"

fact = name | ...

Example: Cantor's Theorem

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

proof default proof: assume *surj*, show *False*

assume *a*: *surj f*

from *a* have *b*: $\forall A. \exists a. A = f a$

by(*simp add: surj_def*)

from *b* have *c*: $\exists a. \{x. x \notin f x\} = f a$

by *blast*

from *c* show *False*

by *blast*

qed

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Abbreviations

this = the previous proposition proved or assumed
then = **from** *this*
thus = **then show**
hence = **then have**

using and with

(**have|show**) prop **using** facts

=

from facts (**have|show**) prop

with facts

=

from facts *this*

Structured Lemma Statement

lemma

fixes $f :: 'a \Rightarrow 'a \text{ set}$

assumes $s: \text{surj } f$

shows False

proof — *no automatic proof step*

have $\exists a. \{x. x \notin f x\} = f a$ **using** s

by $(\text{auto simp: surj_def})$

thus 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

fixes $x :: \tau_1$ **and** $y :: \tau_2 \dots$
assumes $a: P$ **and** $b: Q \dots$
shows R

- **fixes** and **assumes** sections optional
- **shows** optional if no **fixes** and **assumes**

Case Distinction

```
show  $R$   
proof cases  
  assume  $P$   
   $\vdots$   
  show  $R$   $\langle proof \rangle$   
next  
  assume  $\neg P$   
   $\vdots$   
  show  $R$   $\langle proof \rangle$   
qed
```

```
have  $P \vee Q$   $\langle proof \rangle$   
then show  $R$   
proof  
  assume  $P$   
   $\vdots$   
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next  
  assume  $Q$   
   $\vdots$   
  show  $R$   $\langle proof \rangle$   
qed
```

Set Equality and Subset

show $A = B$

proof

show $A \subseteq B$ $\langle proof \rangle$

next

show $B \subseteq A$ $\langle proof \rangle$

qed

show $A \subseteq B$

proof

fix x

assume $x \in A$

\vdots

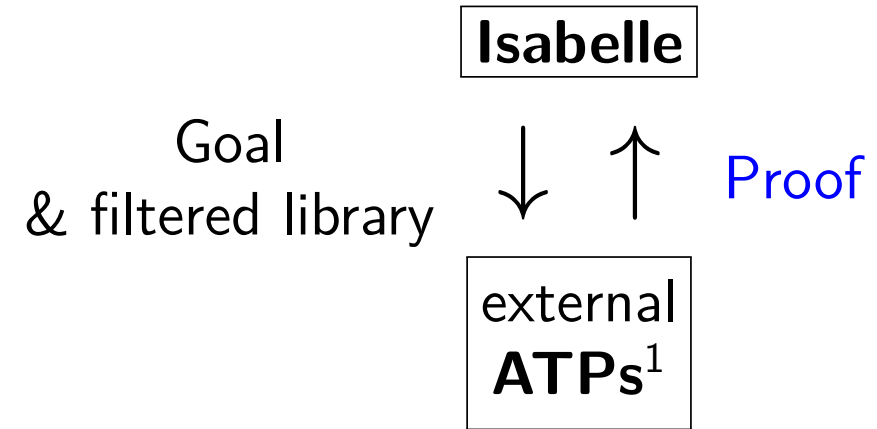
show $x \in B$ $\langle proof \rangle$

qed

Sledgehammer



Architecture:



Characteristics:

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

Do you feel lucky?

¹Automatic Theorem Provers

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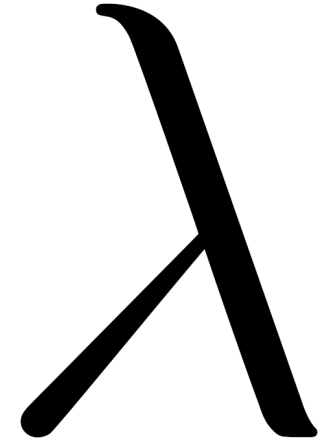
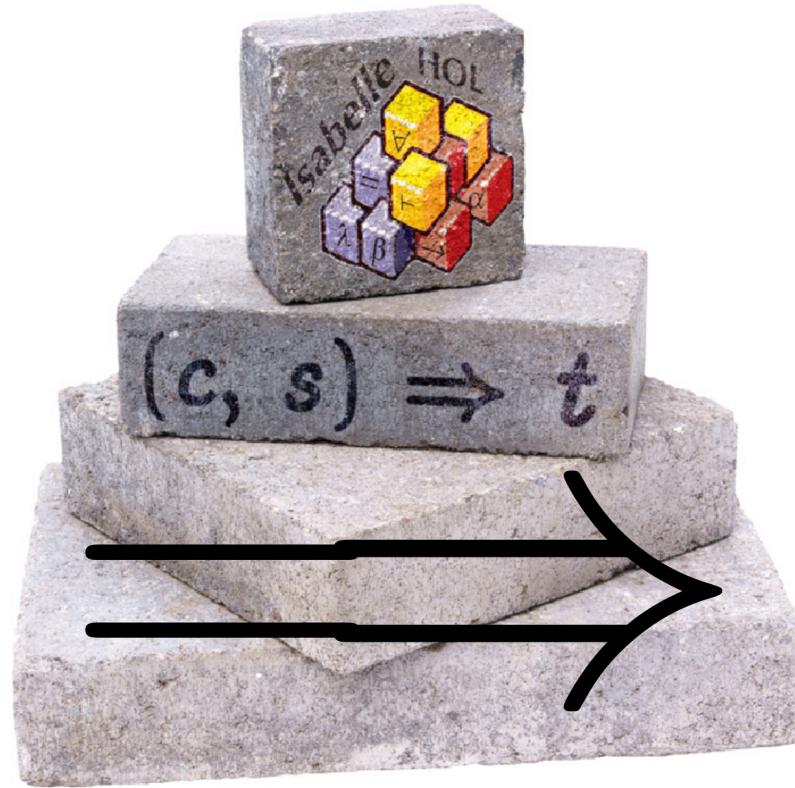
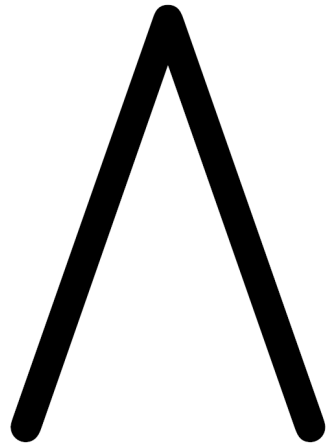
Sledgehammer:

- *Connects Isabelle with ATPs and SMT solvers:
E, SPASS, Vampire, CVC3, Yices, Z3*
- *Simple invocation:*
 - *Users don't need to select or know facts*
 - *or ensure the problem is first-order*
 - *or know anything about the automated prover*
- *Exploits local parallelism and remote servers*

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Higher-Order Logics and Interactive Theorem Proving with Isabelle/HOL III

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Back to HOL

Base: $bool, \Rightarrow, ind \quad =, \longrightarrow, \varepsilon$

And the rest is definitions:

$\text{True} \quad \equiv \quad (\lambda x :: bool. x) = (\lambda x. x)$

$\text{All } P \quad \equiv \quad P = (\lambda x. \text{True})$

$\text{Ex } P \quad \equiv \quad \forall Q. (\forall x. P \ x \longrightarrow Q) \longrightarrow Q$

$\text{False} \quad \equiv \quad \forall P. P$

$\neg P \quad \equiv \quad P \longrightarrow \text{False}$

$P \wedge Q \quad \equiv \quad \forall R. (P \longrightarrow Q \longrightarrow R) \longrightarrow R$

$P \vee Q \quad \equiv \quad \forall R. (P \longrightarrow R) \longrightarrow (Q \longrightarrow R) \longrightarrow R$

$\text{If } P \ x \ y \quad \equiv \quad \text{SOME } z. (P = \text{True} \longrightarrow z = x) \wedge (P = \text{False} \longrightarrow z = y)$

$\text{inj } f \quad \equiv \quad \forall x \ y. f \ x = f \ y \longrightarrow x = y$

$\text{surj } f \quad \equiv \quad \forall y. \exists x. y = f \ x$

The Axioms of HOL

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{}{t = t} \text{ refl} \qquad \frac{s = t \quad P \ s}{P \ t} \text{ subst} \qquad \frac{\bigwedge x. f \ x = g \ x}{(\lambda x. f \ x) = (\lambda x. g \ x)} \text{ ext} \\
 \\
 \frac{P \implies Q}{P \longrightarrow Q} \text{ impl} \qquad \frac{P \longrightarrow Q \quad P}{Q} \text{ mp} \\
 \\
 \frac{}{(P \longrightarrow Q) \longrightarrow (Q \longrightarrow P) \longrightarrow (P = Q)} \text{ iff} \\
 \\
 \frac{}{P = \text{True} \vee P = \text{False}} \text{ True_or_False} \\
 \\
 \frac{P \ ?_x}{P \ (\text{SOME } x. P \ x)} \text{ someI} \\
 \\
 \frac{}{\exists f :: \text{ind} \Rightarrow \text{ind}. \text{inj } f \wedge \neg \text{surj } f} \text{ infTy}
 \end{array}$$

That's it.

- 3 basic constants
- 3 basic types
- 9 axioms

With this you can define and derive all the rest.

Isabelle knows 2 more axioms:

$$\frac{x = y}{x \equiv y} \text{ eq_reflection} \qquad \frac{}{(\text{THE } x. x = a) = a} \text{ the_eq_trivial}$$

Induction: Example for Even Numbers

Informally:

- 0 is even
- If n is even, so is $n + 2$
- These are the only even numbers

In Isabelle/HOL:

inductive $ev :: nat \Rightarrow bool$

where

$ev\ 0$ |
 $ev\ n \Longrightarrow ev\ (n + 2)$

An easy proof: $ev\ 4$

$ev\ 0 \Longrightarrow ev\ 2 \Longrightarrow ev\ 4$

Consider

```
fun evn :: nat  $\Rightarrow$  bool where  
  evn 0 = True |  
  evn (Suc 0) = False |  
  evn (Suc (Suc n)) = evn n
```

A trickier proof: $ev\ m \Longrightarrow evn\ m$

By induction on the *structure* of the derivation of $ev\ m$

Two cases: $ev\ m$ is proved by

- rule $ev\ 0$
 $\Longrightarrow m = 0 \Longrightarrow evn\ m = True$
- rule $ev\ n \Longrightarrow ev\ (n+2)$
 $\Longrightarrow m = n+2$ and $evn\ n$ (IH)
 $\Longrightarrow evn\ m = evn\ (n+2) = evn\ n = True$

Rule induction for ev

To prove

$$ev\ n \Longrightarrow P\ n$$

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

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

Rule $ev.induct$:

$$\frac{ev\ n \quad P\ 0 \quad \bigwedge n. \llbracket ev\ n; P\ n \rrbracket \Longrightarrow P(n+2)}{P\ n}$$

Format of Inductive Definitions

inductive $I :: \tau \Rightarrow bool$ **where**

$\llbracket I\ a_1; \dots ; I\ a_n \rrbracket \Longrightarrow I\ a \mid$

\vdots

Note:

- I may have multiple arguments.
- Each rule may also contain *side conditions* not involving I .

Rule Induction in General

To prove

$$I\ x \Longrightarrow P\ x$$

by *rule induction* on $I\ x$
we must prove for every rule

$$\llbracket I\ a_1; \dots ; I\ a_n \rrbracket \Longrightarrow I\ a$$

that P is preserved:

$$\llbracket I\ a_1; P\ a_1; \dots ; I\ a_n; P\ a_n \rrbracket \Longrightarrow P\ a$$

Inductively Defined Set

inductive_set $I :: \tau \text{ set}$ **where**

$\llbracket a_1 \in I; \dots ; a_n \in I \rrbracket \Longrightarrow a \in I \mid$

\vdots

Difference to **inductive**:

- arguments of I are tupled, not curried
- I can later be used with set theoretic operators, eg $I \cup \dots$

Named Assumptions

In a proof of

$$I \dots \Longrightarrow A_1 \Longrightarrow \dots \Longrightarrow A_n \Longrightarrow B$$

by rule induction on $I \dots$:

In the context of

case R

we have

$R.IH$ the induction hypotheses

$R.hyps$ the assumptions of rule R

$R.prem$ s the premises A_i

R $R.IH + R.hyps + R.prem$ s

Rule Induction

```
inductive  $I :: \tau \Rightarrow \sigma \Rightarrow \text{bool}$   
where  
   $\text{rule}_1: \dots$   
   $\vdots$   
   $\text{rule}_n: \dots$ 
```

```
show  $I\ x\ y \Longrightarrow P\ x\ y$   
proof (induction rule: I.induct)  
  case  $\text{rule}_1$   
     $\dots$   
    show  $?case$   
next  
   $\vdots$   
next  
  case  $\text{rule}_n$   
     $\dots$   
    show  $?case$   
qed
```

Style Remark

- **case** $(Suc\ n) \dots$ **show** $?case$
is easy to write and maintain
- **fix** n **assume** $formula \dots$ **show** $formula'$
is easier to read:
 - all information is shown locally
 - no contextual references (e.g. $?case$)

More on (Data) Types

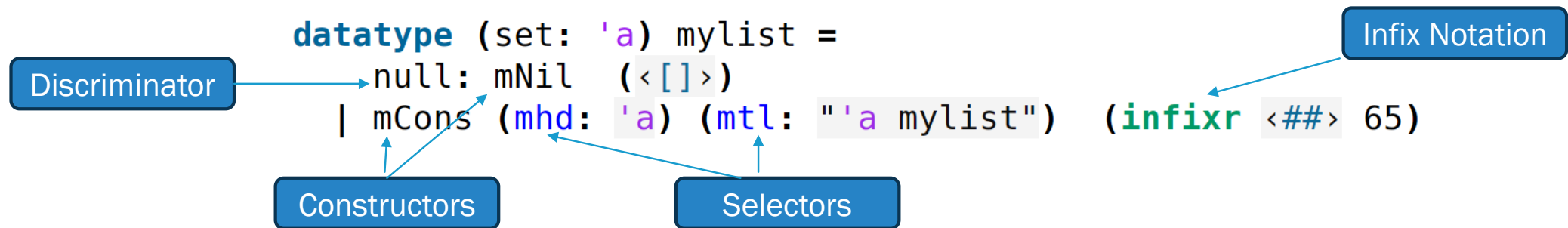
- One common use case of datatypes is an option datatype

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

- Datatypes can be parameterised by multiple types:

```
datatype ('a, 'b, 'c) three = Three 'a 'b 'c
```

- Datatypes can also be annotated:



- The datatypes (and co-datatypes) tutorial has significantly more information.

Type Synonyms, Declarations, and Definitions

- A type synonym can be useful to make a formalisation more readable/descriptive. E.g.

```
type_synonym 'a edge = "'a set"
```

- declares a parameterised edge type which is the same as a set
- A type declaration declares a new type without defining it

```
typedecl Test
```

- A type definition allows you to define a new type

```
typedef three = "{0:: nat, 1, 2}"  
  apply (intro exI[of _ 0]) (* Goal must show RHS is non-empty *)  
  by simp
```

- You must prove the type is not empty
- Introduces Rep and Abs properties to convert between reasoning on base type and new type (then you need to establish useful properties)...
- Or in this case just use a datatype which does the setup for you!

Application: Programming Language Semantics

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type_synonym *vname* = *string*

datatype *aexp* = *Num int* | *Val vname* | *Plus aexp aexp*

datatype

```
com = Assign vname aexp      (<_ ::= _> [1000, 61] 61)  
      | Seq com com          (<_;;/ _> [60, 61] 60)
```


Application: Programming Language Semantics

Predicate $(c, s) \Rightarrow s'$: program c executed in state s yields state s' .

type_synonym *val* = *int*

type_synonym *state* = "*vname* \Rightarrow *val*"

fun *aval* :: "*aexp* \Rightarrow *state* \Rightarrow *val*" **where**

"*aval* (*Num* *n*) *s* = *n*" |

"*aval* (*Val* *x*) *s* = *s* *x*" |

"*aval* (*Plus* *a*₁ *a*₂) *s* = *aval* *a*₁ *s* + *aval* *a*₂ *s*"

inductive

big_step :: "*com* \times *state* \Rightarrow *state* \Rightarrow *bool*" (**infix** $\langle \Rightarrow \rangle$ 55) **where**

Assign: "*(x ::= a, s)* \Rightarrow *s* (*x := aval a s*)" |

Seq: " $\llbracket (c_1, s_1) \Rightarrow s_2; (c_2, s_2) \Rightarrow s_3 \rrbracket \Longrightarrow (c_1;;c_2, s_1) \Rightarrow s_3$ "

Application: Toy Assembly and Compiler

Simple assembly language with four instructions:

```
datatype instr =  
  LOADI int | LOAD vname | ADD | STORE vname  
  
fun acomp :: "aexp  $\Rightarrow$  instr list" where  
  "acom (Num n) = [LOADI n]" |  
  "acom (Val x) = [LOAD x]" |  
  "acom (Plus a1 a2) = acomp a1 @ acomp a2 @ [ADD]"  
  
fun ccomp :: "com  $\Rightarrow$  instr list" where  
  "ccomp (x ::= a) = acomp a @ [STORE x]" |  
  "ccomp (c1;;c2) = ccomp c1 @ ccomp c2"
```

Application: Execution

Predicate: $instr \vdash (i, s, stk) \rightarrow^* (i', s', stk')$

“*instr* executed on *stk* with state *s* at instruction counter *i* leads to state *s'* on *stk'* with new instruction counter *i'*.”

type_synonym *stack* = "val list"

type_synonym *config* = "int × state × stack"

fun *iexec* :: "instr ⇒ config ⇒ config" **where**

"*iexec instr (i,s,stk)* = (case *instr* of

LOADI n ⇒ (*i*+1,*s*, *n*#*stk*) |

LOAD x ⇒ (*i*+1,*s*, *s* *x* # *stk*) |

ADD ⇒ (*i*+1,*s*, (*hd2 stk* + *hd stk*) # *tl2 stk*) |

STORE x ⇒ (*i*+1,*s*(*x* := *hd stk*),*tl stk*))"

IMP: A Small Imperative Language

Commands:

datatype com	=	SKIP	
		Assign vname aexp	{ _ := _ }
		Semi com com	{ _ ; _ }
		Cond bexp com com	{ IF _ THEN _ ELSE _ }
		While bexp com	{ WHILE _ DO _ OD }

type_synonym vname	=	string
type_synonym state	=	vname \Rightarrow nat

type_synonym aexp	=	state \Rightarrow nat
type_synonym bexp	=	state \Rightarrow bool

Example Program

Usual syntax:

```
 $B := 1;$   
WHILE  $A \neq 0$  DO  
   $B := B * A;$   
   $A := A - 1$   
OD
```

Expressions are functions from state to bool or nat:

```
 $B := (\lambda\sigma. 1);$   
WHILE  $(\lambda\sigma. \sigma A \neq 0)$  DO  
   $B := (\lambda\sigma. \sigma B * \sigma A);$   
   $A := (\lambda\sigma. \sigma A - 1)$   
OD
```

Structural Operational Semantics

$$\frac{}{\langle \text{SKIP}, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow \sigma}$$

$$\frac{e \ \sigma = v}{\langle x := e, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow \sigma[x \mapsto v]}$$

$$\frac{\langle c_1, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow \sigma' \quad \langle c_2, \sigma' \rangle \rightarrow \sigma''}{\langle c_1; c_2, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow \sigma''}$$

$$\frac{b \ \sigma = \text{True} \quad \langle c_1, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow \sigma'}{\langle \text{IF } b \text{ THEN } c_1 \text{ ELSE } c_2, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow \sigma'}$$

$$\frac{b \ \sigma = \text{False} \quad \langle c_2, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow \sigma'}{\langle \text{IF } b \text{ THEN } c_1 \text{ ELSE } c_2, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow \sigma'}$$

Structural Operational Semantics Cont'd

$$\frac{b \ \sigma = \text{False}}{\langle \text{WHILE } b \text{ DO } c \text{ OD}, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow \sigma}$$

$$\frac{b \ \sigma = \text{True} \quad \langle c, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow \sigma' \quad \langle \text{WHILE } b \text{ DO } c \text{ OD}, \sigma' \rangle \rightarrow \sigma''}{\langle \text{WHILE } b \text{ DO } c \text{ OD}, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow \sigma''}$$

Isabelle's Module System: Locales

- Locales are Isabelle's module system. From a logical perspective, they are simply persistent contexts.

$$\bigwedge x_1 \dots x_n. \llbracket A_1; \dots; A_m \rrbracket \Rightarrow C.$$

- Provides fixed type and term variables and contextual assumptions within a local context.
- Type classes use and can interact with the underlying locale infrastructure.

```
locale semigroup_orig =  
  fixes mult :: "'a ⇒ 'a ⇒ 'a" (infixl "⊗" 70)  
  assumes assoc: "(x ⊗ y) ⊗ z = x ⊗ (y ⊗ z)"
```

Same params/assumptions
as before

Locale inheritance

```
class semigroup_orig_add = plus +  
  assumes add_assoc: "(a + b) + c = a + (b + c)"  
begin  
  
  sublocale add: semigroup_orig plus  
  by standard (fact add_assoc)  
  
end
```

Class

Locales Cont'd

- Locales allow us to work explicitly with “carrier sets” (if we want to)

```
locale semigroup = Carrier set  
  fixes M and composition (infixl "." 70)  
  assumes composition_closed [intro, simp]: "[ a ∈ M; b ∈ M ] ⇒ a · b ∈ M"  
  assumes assoc[intro]: "[ a ∈ M; b ∈ M; c ∈ M ] ⇒ (a · b) · c = a · (b · c) "
```

- Think of locales as more of a set-based rather than type-based approach.

Interpreting a Locale

- Global theory interpretation:

`interpretation ints: semigroup \mathbb{Z} plus`
`by unfold_locales simp_all`

Diagram annotations:

- Label interpretation (points to `ints`)
- Locale being interpreted (points to `semigroup \mathbb{Z} plus`)
- Terms to “instantiate” locale parameters with (points to `\mathbb{Z}` and `plus`)
- locale tactic (points to `unfold_locales`)

- Can also now use inherited locale properties outside locale context

`lemma "(1 + 2) + (3 :: int) = 1 + (2 + 3)"`
`using ints.assoc by simp`

Must reference named interpretation

Other Facets of Isabelle

- Document preparation:

You can generate \LaTeX documents from your theories

- Axiomatic type classes:

A general approach to polymorphism and overloading when there are shared laws

- Code generation:

You can generate executable code from the formal functional programs you have verified

⇒ Algorithms can be verified and then executed (ML, Haskell, Scala, ...)

- Archive of formal proofs:

A massive collection of proven und useful theories, which you can extend!

- More on program verification:

Imperative HOL and refinement to efficient compiler code using separation logic