

# Preuves Interactives et Applications

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## Foundations: Deduction in HOL

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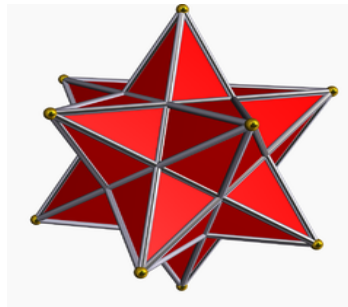
# Foundation: Introduction to Deduction

# Motivation

- “Logic Whirl-Pool” of the 20ies (Girard) as response to foundational problems in Mathematics
- growing uneasiness over the question:
  - What is a logic / a proof ?
  - What is a consistent logic ?
  - Are there limits of provability ?

# Deduction

- Historical context in the 20ies:
  - 1500 false proofs of „all parallels do not intersect in infinity“
  - lots of proofs and refutations of „all polyhedrons are eularian“ (Lakatosz)



$$E = F + K - 2 \quad ???$$

- Frege`s axiomatic set theory proven inconsistent by Russel
- Science vs. Marxism debate (Popper)

# Deduction

- Historical context in the 20ies:
  - this seemed quite far away from Leibnitz
    - „Calcuemus !“  
(We don't agree ? Let's calculate ...)
  - of what constitutes, well, the heart of  
**Science** ...

# Deduction

- Historical context in the 20ies:
  - attempts to formalize the intuition of „deduction“ by Frege, Hilbert, Russel, Lukasiewics, ...
  - 2 Calculi presented by Gerhard Gentzen in 1934.

- „natürliches Schliessen“

(natural deduction):

$$\begin{array}{c} [P] \\ \vdots \\ Q \\ \hline R \end{array}$$

- „Sequenzkalkül“ (sequent calculus)

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A \vee B \quad \Gamma \cup \{A\} \vdash C \quad \Gamma \cup \{B\} \vdash C}{\Gamma \vdash C}$$

# Deduction

- An Inference System (or Logic) allows to infer formulas from a set of elementary **judgements** (axioms) and inferred **judgements** by rules:

$$\frac{A_1 \quad \dots \quad A_n}{A_{n+1}}$$

“from the **assumptions**  $A_1$  to  $A_n$ , you can infer the conclusion  $A_{n+1}$ .” A rule with  $n=0$  is an elementary fact. Variables occurring in the formulas  $A_n$  can be arbitrarily substituted.



# Deduction

- **judgements** discussed in this course (or elsewhere):

$\Sigma, \Gamma \vdash t :: \tau$

“term  $t$  has type  $\tau$ ”

$\Gamma \vdash \phi$

“formula  $\phi$  is valid under assumptions  $\Gamma$ ”

$\vdash \{P\} x := x+1 \{Q\}.$

“Hoare Triple”

$\phi$  prop

“ $\phi$  is a property”

$\phi$  valid

“ $\phi$  is a valid (true) property”

$X$  mortal  $\implies$  sokrates mortal

--- judgements with free variable

etc ...

# Representing Logics

- An Inference System for the equality operator (presented in typed  $\lambda$ -calculus in  $\Sigma_{\text{Pure}}$ ) looks like this:

$$\frac{}{(s = s)prop} \quad \frac{(s = t)prop}{(t = s)prop} \quad \frac{(r = s)prop \quad (s = t)prop}{(r = t)prop}$$

$$\frac{(s(x) = t(x))prop}{(s = t)prop} \text{ where } x \text{ is fresh} \quad \frac{(s = t)prop \quad (P(s))prop}{(P(t))prop}$$

(where  $prop$  is  $Trueprop$  and “ $\frac{}{\quad}$ ” is  $\_ \implies \_$ ).

# Representing Logics

- the same thing presented a bit more neatly  
(not pretty-printing *Trueprop*, using  $\wedge_{\_}\_$  in  $\Sigma_{\text{Pure}}$ ):

$$\frac{}{x = x} \qquad \frac{s = t}{t = s} \qquad \frac{r = s \quad s = t}{r = t}$$

$$\frac{\bigwedge x. s \ x = t \ x}{s = t}$$

$$\frac{s = t \quad P \ s}{P \ t}$$

(equality on functions as above (“extensional equality”) is an higher-order principle, and it makes this logic “classic”).

# Representing Logics

- the same thing presented as core logic in Isabelle/HOL (not pretty-printing *Trueprop*, using  $\wedge\_.$  in  $\Sigma_{\text{Pure}}$ ):

$$\frac{}{x = x} \text{ refl} \qquad \frac{s = t}{t = s} \text{ sym} \qquad \frac{r = s \quad s = t}{r = t} \text{ trans}$$

$$\frac{\bigwedge x. s \ x = t \ x}{s = t} \text{ ext}$$

$$\frac{s = t \quad P \ s}{P \ t} \text{ subst}$$

(with the concrete names in Isabelle/HOL).

# Foundation: Introduction to Deduction

# „Pure“: A (Meta)-Language for Deductive Systems

- Pure is a **language to write logical rules** (a “meta-logic”)
- Higher-Order Logic (HOL) is our **working logic**.
- Equivalent notations for natural deduction rules  
(Textbook and Isabelle/HOL:)

$$\frac{A_1 \quad \dots \quad A_n}{A_{n+1}}$$

$$A_1 \implies (\dots \implies (A_n \implies A_{n+1}) \dots),$$

$$\llbracket A_1; \dots; A_n \rrbracket \implies A_{n+1},$$

theorem

assumes  $A_1$

and ...

and  $A_n$

shows  $A_{n+1}$

# „Pure“: A (Meta)-Language for Deductive Systems

- Pure allows also to represent and reason over more complex rules involving the concept of “Discharge” of (hypothetical) assumptions:\*

$$(P \implies Q) \implies R :$$

theorem  
assumes " $P \implies Q$ "  
shows "R"

$$\begin{array}{c} [P] \\ \vdots \\ Q \\ \hline R \end{array}$$

# „Pure“: A (Meta)-Language for Deductive Systems

- Pure allows even more complex rules involving “local fresh variables” in sub-proofs:

$$\begin{array}{l} \wedge x. (P\ x \implies Q\ x) \implies R : \\ \text{theorem} \\ \text{fix } x \\ \text{assumes "P} \implies \text{Q"} \\ \text{shows "R"} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} [P]_x \\ \vdots \\ Q \\ \hline R \end{array}$$



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Important Example:

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} [P(n)]_n \\ \vdots \\ P(0) \quad P(\text{Suc } n) \end{array}}{\forall x.P(x)}$$

# Deduction Rules for HOL (in Isabelle/Pure)

# Propositional Logic as ND calculus

- Some (almost) basic rules in HOL  
(and the names in Isabelle/HOL)

$$\frac{Q}{\neg\neg Q}$$

$$\frac{\neg\neg Q}{Q} \text{notnotD}$$

$$\frac{}{\neg\neg Q = Q} \text{notnot}$$

$$\frac{A}{A \vee B} \text{disjI1}$$

$$\frac{B}{A \vee B} \text{disjI2}$$

$$\frac{A \vee B \quad \begin{array}{c} [A] \\ \vdots \\ Q \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} [B] \\ \vdots \\ Q \end{array}}{Q} \text{disjE}$$

# Propositional Logic as ND calculus

- Some (almost) basic rules in HOL

$$\frac{A \wedge B}{Q} \quad \frac{\begin{array}{c} [A, B] \\ \vdots \\ Q \end{array}}{Q} \text{conjE} \quad \frac{A \quad B}{A \wedge B} \text{conjI}$$

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$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} [A] \\ \vdots \\ B \end{array}}{A \rightarrow B} \text{impI} \quad \frac{A \rightarrow B \quad A}{B} \text{mp} \quad \frac{A \rightarrow B \quad A \quad \begin{array}{c} [B] \\ \vdots \\ R \end{array}}{R} \text{impE}$$

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# HOL Rules

- “Classic” consequences of not not  
(not true in a constructivistic version  
of HOL as used in the Coq-System)

$$\frac{\neg A \quad A}{Q} \text{notE} \qquad \frac{\begin{array}{c} [\neg Q] \\ \vdots \\ \text{False} \end{array}}{Q} \text{contr} \qquad \frac{\text{False}}{Q} \text{FalseE}$$

# HOL Rules

- The quantifier rules of HOL:

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} [P \ ?t; \forall x.P \ x] \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \forall x.P \ x \end{array} \quad Q}{Q}$$

alldupE  
(unsafe, but  
complete)



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# HOL Rules

- The quantifier rules of HOL:

$$\frac{P \ ?t}{\exists x.P \ x} \text{exI}$$
$$\frac{\exists x.P(x) \quad \begin{array}{c} [P(x)]_x \\ \vdots \\ Q \end{array}}{Q} \text{exE}$$

# Formal Proofs

# Key Concepts: Rule-Instances

- A **Rule-Instance** is a rule where the free variables in its judgements were substituted by a common substitution  $\sigma$ :

$$\frac{A \quad B}{A \wedge B} \text{conjI} \quad \xrightarrow{\sigma} \quad \frac{3 < x \quad x \leq y}{3 < x \wedge x \leq y}$$

where  $\sigma$  is  $\{A \mapsto 3 < x, B \mapsto x \leq y\}$ .

# Key Concepts: Formal Proofs

- A series of inference rule instances is usually displayed as a Proof Tree (or : **Derivation** or: **Formal Proof**)

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{sym} \frac{f(a, b) = a}{a = f(a, b)} \quad \frac{f(a, b) = a \quad f(f(a, b), b) = c}{f(a, b) = c} \text{ subst} \\
 \hline
 \frac{a = f(a, b) \quad f(a, b) = c}{a = c} \text{ trans} \quad \frac{}{g(a) = g(a)} \text{ refl} \\
 \hline
 \text{subst} \frac{a = c \quad g(a) = g(a)}{g(a) = g(c)}
 \end{array}$$

- The hypothetical facts at the leaves are called the **assumptions of the proof** (here  $f(a, b) = a$  and  $f(f(a, b), b) = c$ ).

# Key Concepts: Discharge

- A key requisite of ND is the concept of **discharge** of assumptions allowed by some rules (like impl)

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} [A] \\ \vdots \\ B \end{array}}{A \rightarrow B}$$

$$\text{sym} \frac{[f(a, b) = a]}{a = f(a, b)} \quad \text{subst} \frac{[f(a, b) = a] \quad f(f(a, b), b) = c}{f(a, b) = c} \quad \text{trans} \frac{a = c}{g(a) = g(a)} \quad \text{refl}$$


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$$\text{subst} \frac{g(a) = g(c)}{f(a, b) = a \rightarrow g(a) = g(c)}$$

- The set of assumptions is diminished by the **discharged** hypothetical facts of the proof (remaining:  $f(f(a, b), b) = c$ ).

# Key Concepts:

## Global Assumptions

- The set of (proof-global) assumptions gives rise to the notation:

$$\{f(a, b) = a, f(f(a, b), b) = c\} \vdash g(a) = g(c)$$

written:

$$A \vdash \varphi$$

or when emphasising the global theory  
(also called: global context):

$$A \vdash_E \phi$$

# Sequent-style calculus

- Gentzen introduced an alternative “style” to natural deduction: Sequent style rules.
  - Idea: using the tuples  $A \vdash \varphi$  as basic judgments of the rules.
  - $\text{impl}$  and  $\text{impE}$  look then like this:

$$\frac{\Gamma, A \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash A \rightarrow B}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A \rightarrow B \quad \Gamma \vdash A}{\Gamma \vdash B}$$



# Sequent-style calculus

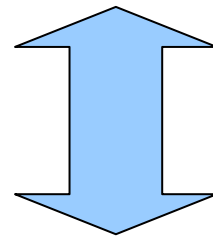
□ in contrast to:

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} [A] \\ \vdots \\ B \end{array}}{A \rightarrow B} \qquad \frac{A \rightarrow B \quad A}{B}$$

# Sequent-style vs. ND calculus

- Both styles are linked by two transformations called “lifting over assumptions” Lifting over assumptions transforms:

$$\frac{A_1 \quad \dots \quad A_n}{A_{n+1}}$$



where we consider  
for the moment  
 $\vdash$  just equivalent to  
meta implication  $\implies$

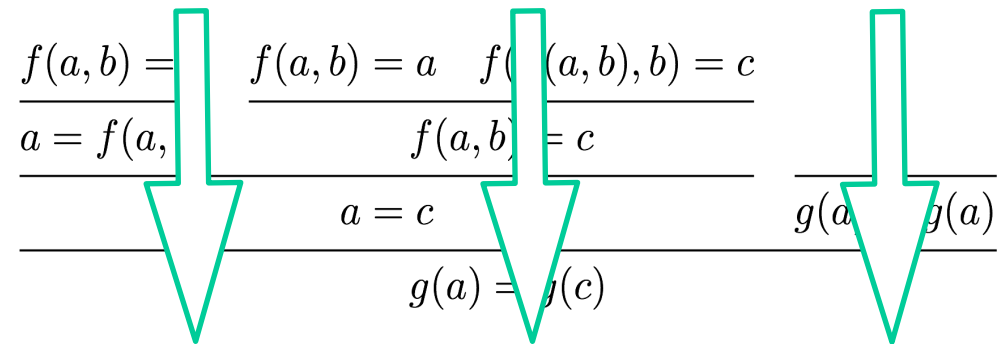
$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A_1 \quad \dots \quad \Gamma \vdash A_n}{\Gamma \vdash A_{n+1}}$$

# Constructing Proofs

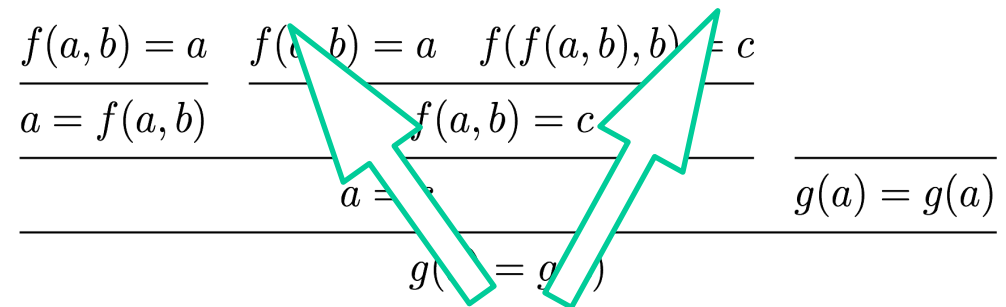
# Proof Construction

□ Proofs can be constructed in two ways

□ Top down,  
from assumptions  
to conclusions  
(Forward chaining)



□ Bottom up,  
decomposing conclusions  
to necessary assumptions  
(Backward Chaining)



# Proof Construction

- ❑ Forward Chaining / Forward Reasoning
  - ❑ Often intuitive for humans
  - ❑ Needs decomposition of assumptions
  - ❑ Needs “hindsight” towards the ultimate proof goal  
“guessing” the right substitutions for rule-instances
  - ❑ Forward Reasoning is done by elimination rules
  - ❑ In Isabelle indexed by `_E` :  
notE, conjE, disjE, impE

$$\frac{A \vee B \quad \begin{array}{c} [A] \\ \vdots \\ Q \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} [B] \\ \vdots \\ Q \end{array}}{Q} \qquad \frac{A \rightarrow B \quad A \quad \begin{array}{c} [B] \\ \vdots \\ R \end{array}}{R}$$

- ❑ A destructive variant of eliminations are destruction-rules. They allow transformations in assumptions.
- ❑ In Isabelle (usually) indexed by `_D`:

$$\frac{\neg\neg Q}{Q} \qquad \frac{A \rightarrow B \quad A}{B}$$

# Proof Construction

- Backward Chaining / Backward Reasoning
  - Often deterministic in a logic:  
we know which rules to apply from the syntactic structure of the root goal
  - Rule instances can often be constructed automatically
  - Schematic variables may help to delay decisions
  - Backward reasoning can lead in a loop
  - Backward reasoning is done by introduction rules
  - Suited rules are indexed by `_I` in Isabelle:  
`conjI`, `disjI1`, `implI`, ...

$$\frac{A \quad B}{A \wedge B} \text{conjI}$$

$$\frac{A}{A \vee B} \text{disjI1}$$

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} [A] \\ \vdots \\ B \end{array}}{A \rightarrow B} \text{implI}$$

# Proof Construction: Quantifiers

- ❑ For  $\exists$ ,  $\forall$ , Isabelle allows schematic variables  $?X$ ,  $?Y$ ,  $?Z$  that represent „holes“ in a term that can be filled in later by substitution; Coq requires the instantiation when applying the rule.
- ❑ Isabelle uses a built-in (“meta”)-quantifier  $\Lambda x. P\ x$  already seen; Coq uses internally a similar concept not explicitly revealed to the user.

# Constructing apply-style Proofs in Isabelle



# Apply-Style Proofs

- Isabelle supports a proof language for step-wise backwards proofs: “**apply style**” proofs
- General format:

```
lemma <name> : “<formula>”  
  apply(<method>)  
  ...  
  apply(<method>)  
  done
```

- Abbreviation:

by(<method>)      is      apply(<method>) done

# Apply-Style Proofs

- Isabelle displays intermediate steps in a format inspired by a sequent-calculus:
  - Each open “branch” is represented by a “**subgoal**”
  - Each subgoal is represented as a rule, meaning:  
**under assumptions  $A_1 \dots A_n$ , it remains to show  $A_{n+1}$**
- A **method** is usually applied to the first “subgoal”
- “done” closes a proof (if possible) and stores the lemma as theorem (a “<thm>”)
- Isabelle manages a data-base of theorems  
(recall “find\_theorem “name”” or “find\_theorem “pattern” for search)

# Apply-Style Proofs

- **core - methods** at a glance

assumption	— discharge conclusion
rule <thm>	— introduction rules
erule <thm>	— elimination rules
drule <thm>	— destruction rule

- Variants avec substitution

```
rule_tac <substitution> in <thm>  
erule_tac <substitution> in <thm>  
drule_tac <substitution> in <thm>
```

# Apply-Style Proofs

- Useful operation:

```
unfolding <thm> ... <thm>
prefer n                — rearranging goals
defer n
```

- Derived methods for one-step rewrites of an eqn:

```
subst <thm>
subst <thm>[symmetric] — “fold”
subst (asm) <thm>
```

# Conclusion

- Higher-Order Logic can be easily represented in typed  $\lambda$ -calculus,
- ... that includes also its rules
- Rules can be derived in Pure; HOL rules are “first-order citizens”(and not built-in)
- Isabelle supports backward and forward reasoning
- ... actually in several proof languages.