

# Preuves Interactives et Applications

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**Foundations: HOL Semantics and  
Specification Constructs**

# Overview

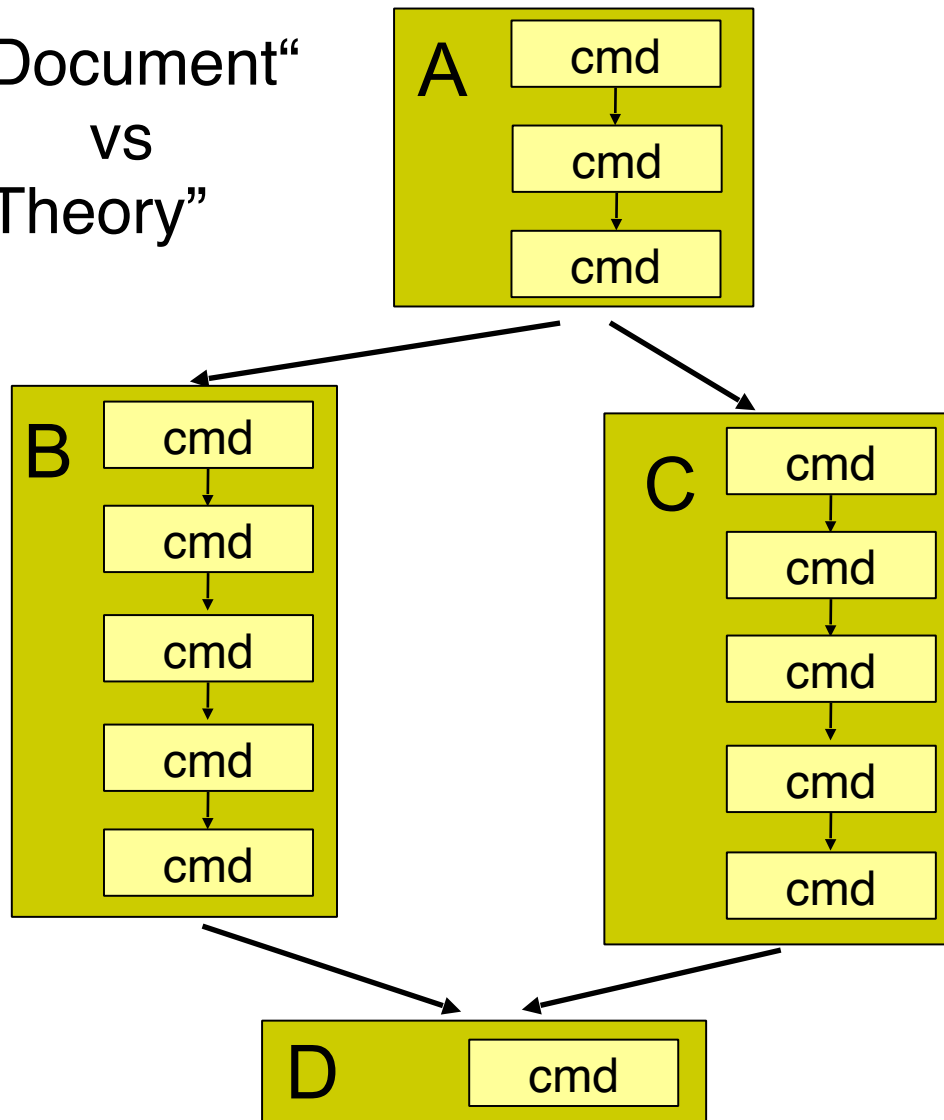
- Front-End: Isabelle's Document Model
- Back-End: Global/Local Contexts
- HOL Semantics and Foundations
- Conservative Extensions of Contexts
- Specification Constructs in Isabelle/HOL
- More on Proof Automation

# **Isabelle Document Model and Global/Local Contexts**

# What is Isabelle as a System ?

- Global View of a "session"

"Document"  
VS  
"Theory"

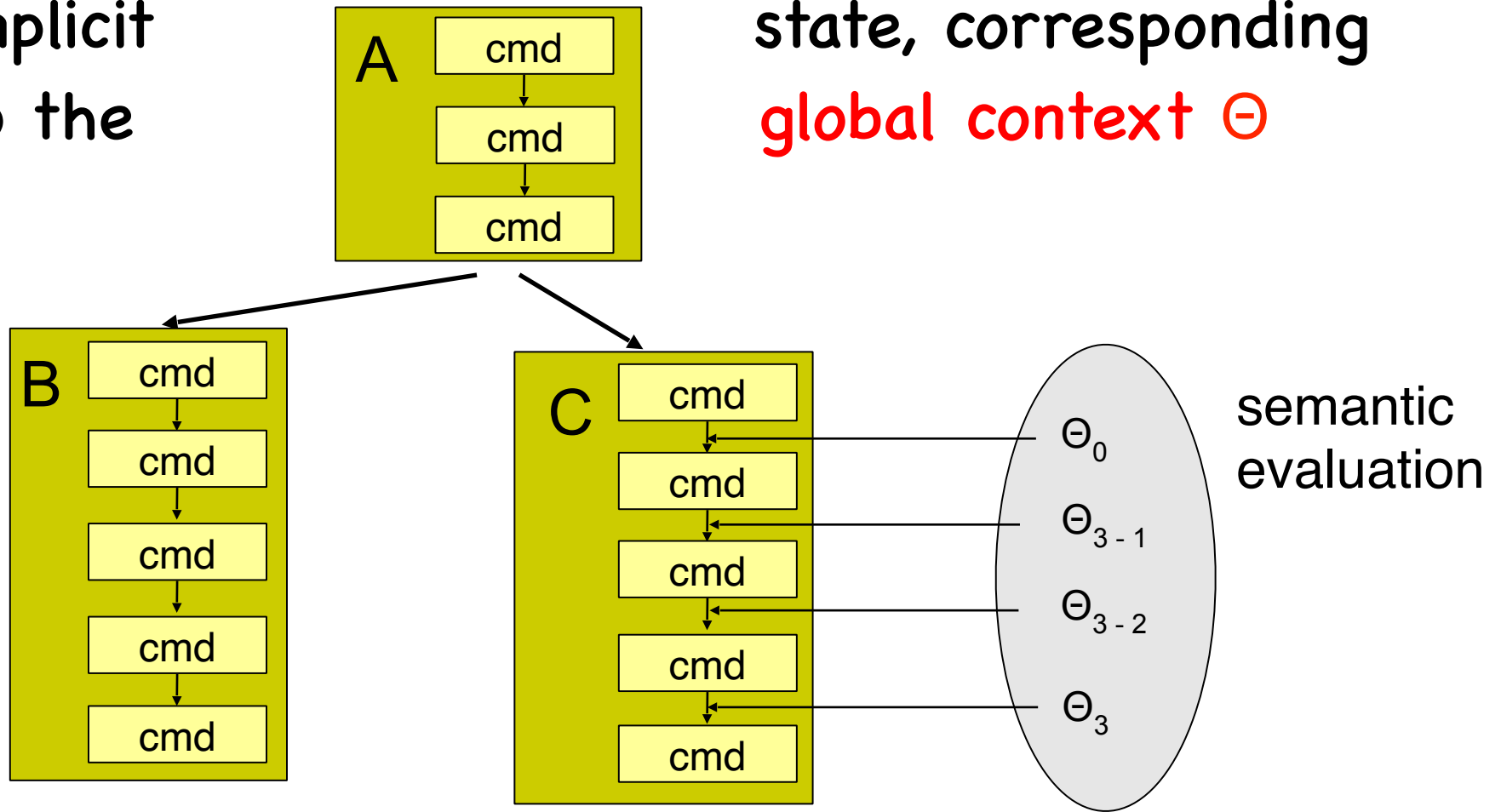


# Revision: Documents and Commands

- Each position in document corresponds
  - to a “global context”  $\Theta$   
(containing a signature  $\Sigma$  and a set of axioms  $A$ )
  - to a “local context”  $\Theta, \Gamma$
  - [reminder] composing a thm  $\Gamma \vdash_{\Theta} \varphi$
- There are specific „Inspection Commands” that give access to information in the contexts
  - thm, term, typ, value, prop : global context
  - thm, print\_cases, facts, ... , : local context

# What is Isabelle as a System ?

- Document “positions” were evaluated to an implicit state, corresponding to the **global context  $\Theta$**



# Commands for Basic Theory Extensions

- Isabelle has (similar to Eclipse) a „document-centric“ view of development: there is a notion on an entire “project” which is processed globally.
- Documents (projects in Eclipse) consists of files (with potentially different file-type); .thy files consists of headers commands.
- A Document Configuration is specified in ROOT file

# **Theory Extensions and Global/Local Contexts**



# Commands for Basic Theory Extensions

- Type Declaration

```
typedecl " $(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$  <typconstructor-id>"
```

example:    typedecl "L"

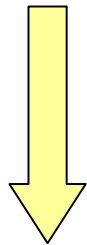
- (Unspecified) Constant Declaration:

```
consts c :: " $\tau$ "
```

example:    consts True :: "bool"

# Commands for Basic Theory Extensions

- Constant Declaration “Semantics”:

$$(\Sigma, A) \text{ “}\in\text{” } \Theta$$


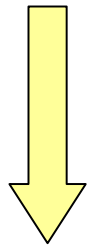
consts  $c :: \text{“}\tau\text{”}$

$$(\Sigma \oplus (c \mapsto \tau), A) \text{ “}\in\text{” } \Theta'$$

- where the constant  $c$  is “fresh” in  $S$

# Commands for Basic Theory Extensions

- Constant Declaration “Semantics”:

$$(\Sigma, A) \text{ "}\in\text{" } \Theta$$


axiomatization  $c :: \text{"}\tau\text{"}$   
where  $\langle \text{name} \rangle : \text{"}\langle \text{prop} \rangle\text{"}$

$$(\Sigma, A \oplus (\langle \text{name} \rangle \mapsto \langle \text{prop} \rangle)) \text{ "}\in\text{" } \Theta'$$

- where the constant  $c$  may be arbitrary.

# Foundation: Introduction to HOL Semantics

# A Critique on Axioms

- In general, theory extensions are problematic
- In particular, axioms are extremely dangerous.

Consider:

axiomatization  $Y :: \text{„}('α \Rightarrow 'α) \Rightarrow 'α\text{“}$   
where  $\text{rec} : \text{“}Y f = f(Y f)\text{“}$

- Wouldn't be dead useful, n'est-ce pas ?
- But is inconsistent:

Consider the instance:

$$Y(\neg) = \neg(Y(\neg))$$

# How to built theories in a logically safe manner ?

- This leads to are a number of questions:
  - Is the logic HOL consistent ?
  - Is HOL correctly implemented in Isabelle ?
  - How to extend HOL in a logically safe way ?
  - Is there a **method** that scales to the entire HOL library, i.e. to „Main“ ?

We will address these questions one by one ...

# How to built theories in a logically safe manner ?

- HOL consistency
  - ... can only be answered **relatively**,  
i.e. relative to a logical system which gives  
a formal „interpretation“ of HOL terms.
  - the gold-standard for mathematicians and  
logicians is „Zermelo-Fraenkel Set Theory“  
plus „axiom of choice“, called ZFC.
  - it is possible to give several interpretations of HOL  
in ZFC and prove the validity of HOL's core axioms  
relative to these interpretations.

# How to built theories in a logically safe manner ?

- HOL consistency
  - ZFC gives a kind of „universe of sets“  $V$  with the properties:
    - an infinite set  $I$  is part of  $V$
    - any product  $V' \times V''$  is part of  $V$ , if  $V'$  and  $V''$  are
    - any potence set  $\mathcal{P}(V')$  is part of  $V$  provided that  $V'$  is.  
(this is not possible in a typed set-theory)
  - Since relations  $\mathcal{P}(V' \times V'')$  are part of  $V$ , it is possible to express in  $V$  function spaces.
  - ZFC gives us an “untyped set-theory”



# How to built theories in a logically safe manner ?

- HOL consistency
  - Since relations  $\mathcal{P}(V' \times V'')$  are part of  $V$ , it is possible to define in  $V$  the following function spaces:
    - $A \Rightarrow_{\text{standard}} B = \{f: \mathcal{P}(V' \times V'') \mid f \neq \emptyset \text{ and } f \text{ is function}\}$
    - $\emptyset \subset A \Rightarrow_{\text{henkin}} B \subseteq \{f: \mathcal{P}(V' \times V'') \mid f \neq \emptyset \text{ and } f \text{ is function}\}$
    - $A \Rightarrow_{\text{construct}} B = \{f: \mathcal{P}(V' \times V'') \mid f \neq \emptyset \text{ and } f \text{ is a computable function}\}$

# How to built theories in a logically safe manner ?

- HOL consistency
  - On this basis, we can give a standard / Henkin-style / constructivist interpretation of HOL types  $\tau$  into  $V$ :
    - $I_{\text{standard}}$  , the “standard model”
    - $I_{\text{henkin}}$  , the Henkin-model
    - $I_{\text{construct}}$  , the constructivist model

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  - On this basis, we can give a standard interpretation of HOL core types into  $V$ 
    - $I_{\text{standard}} \llbracket \text{bool} \rrbracket = \{a, b\}$  (where  $a, b$  are some distinct elements from the infinite set  $I$ )
    - $I_{\text{standard}} \llbracket \text{ind} \rrbracket = I$
    - $I_{\text{standard}} \llbracket \tau \Rightarrow \tau' \rrbracket = I_{\text{standard}} \llbracket \tau \rrbracket \Rightarrow_{\text{standard}} I_{\text{standard}} \llbracket \tau' \rrbracket$

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  - It is easy to show that our typing rules are consistent with  $I_{\text{standard}}$ ,  $I_{\text{henkin}}$ ,  $I_{\text{construct}}$ .

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- HOL consistency
  - Core HOL needs a small number of axioms.
  - Traditional papers [Andrews86] reduce it to 6 axioms plus the **axiom of infinity**:

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$$\exists f::\text{ind} \Rightarrow \text{ind. injective } f \wedge \neg\text{surjective } f$$

- The presentation of the **axiomatic core** in Isabelle/HOL looks as follows:

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- The presentation in Isabelle/HOL looks as follows:
  - refl:  $"t = (t::'a)"$
  - subst:  $"s = t \implies P s \implies P t"$
  - ext:  $"(\bigwedge x::'a. (f x ::'b) = g x) \implies (\lambda x. f x) = (\lambda x. g x)"$
  - the\_eq\_trivial:  $"(THE x. x = a) = (a::'a)"$
  - impI:  $"(P \implies Q) \implies P \longrightarrow Q"$
  - mp:  $"P \longrightarrow Q \implies P \implies Q"$
  - iff:  $"(P \longrightarrow Q) \longrightarrow (Q \longrightarrow P) \longrightarrow (P = Q)"$
  - True\_or\_False:  $"(P = True) \vee (P = False)"$

# How to built theories in a logically safe manner ?

- where:
  - True is an abbreviation for  $((\lambda x::\text{bool}. x) = (\lambda x. x))$
  - All(P) for  $(P = (\lambda x. \text{True}))$
  - False for  $(\forall P. P)$
  - Not P for  $P \longrightarrow \text{False}$
  - and for  $\forall R. (P \longrightarrow Q \longrightarrow R) \longrightarrow R$
  - or for  $\forall R. (P \longrightarrow R) \longrightarrow (Q \longrightarrow R) \longrightarrow R$



# How to built theories in a logically safe manner ?

- It is straight-forward to prove for the semantic interpretations  $I_{\text{standard}}$ ,  $I_{\text{henkin}}$ ,  $I_{\text{construct}}$  for HOL types, terms and formulas in ZFC

- (Meta) Theorem: Consistency relative to ZFC

$I_{\text{standard}} : \tau \Rightarrow V$  and  $I_{\text{standard}} : T \Rightarrow V$  build a model for Core-HOL, i.e. they satisfy all core axioms for all assignments of the free variables they contain.

- (Meta) Theorem: Incompleteness

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$I_{\text{Henkin}} : \tau \Rightarrow V$  and  $I_{\text{Henkin}} : T \Rightarrow V$  build a model for Core-HOL, i.e. they satisfy all core axioms for all assignments of the free variables they contain.

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This model is **incomplete** for Core-HOL, but there exists an Isomorphism between proofs and (inhabited) types (HoCuSo).

# How to built theories in a logically safe manner ?

- Is Isabelle/HOL a correct implementation of HOL?
  - Isabelle as a system clearly contains bugs; but that does not mean that logical inferences produce false results
  - Isabelle has a kernel architecture  
it is a member of the LCF-style systems that protects „theorems“, i.e. triples of the form:

$$\Gamma \vdash_{\Theta} \phi$$

by a fairly small abstract data-type.

- Isabelle can generate proof-objects which can be checked outside Isabelle, in principle by any other HOL prover.
- It is heavily tested and used for a long time.

# **Conservative Theory Extensions in Isabelle/HOL**

# How to built theories in a logically safe manner ?

- Are Extensions of HOL, so for example, the library „Main“, logically safe ?
  - not necessarily, adding arbitrary axioms command ruins consistency easily.
  - some proof-methods are not based on the kernel (sorry, self-built oracles, the code-generator)
  - However, Isabelle encourages to use **conservative specification constructs** which are in some cases even formally shown to be logically safe.

# Isabelle Specification Constructs

- Constant Definitions:

```
definition f::"< $\tau$ >"  
  where <name> : "f x1 ... xn = <t>"
```

example: definition C::"bool  $\Rightarrow$  bool" where "C x = x"

- Type Definitions:

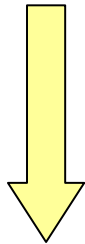
```
typedef ('a1.. 'an)  $\kappa$  =  
  "<set-expr>" <proof>
```

example: typedef even = "{x::int. x mod 2 = 0}"

# Specification Commands

- Simple Definitions (Non-Rec. core variant):

$(\Sigma, A) \text{ "}\in\text{" } \Theta$



definition  $f::\text{"}\langle\tau\rangle\text{"}$

where  $\langle\text{name}\rangle : \text{"}f x_1 \dots x_n = \text{expr}\text{"}$

$(\Sigma \oplus f::\tau, A \oplus \text{"}f x_1 \dots x_n = \text{expr}\text{"}) \text{ "}\in\text{" } \Theta'$

– Side-Conditions

- constant symbol  $f$  must be fresh
- $f$  must not be contained in  $\text{"expr"}$
- (all type-variables occurring in  $\text{expr}$  must occur in  $\tau$ )

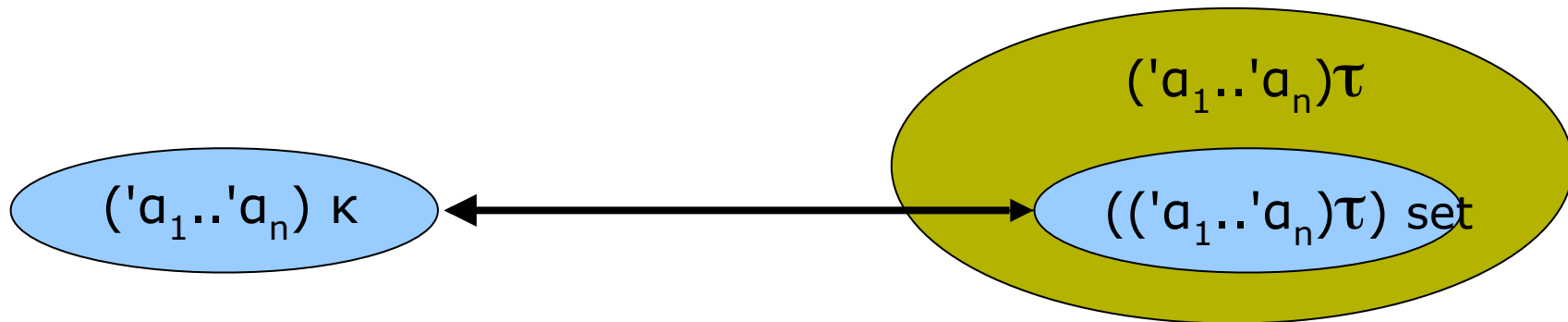


# Semantics of a „Type Definition“

- Idea: Similar to constant definitions; we define the new entity (“a type”) by an old one.
- For Type Definitions, we define the new type to be isomorphic to a (non-empty) subset of an old one.
- The Isomorphism is stated by three (conservative) axioms.

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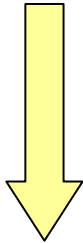
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# Isabelle Specification Constructs

- Type definition:

$(\Sigma, A) \text{ "}\in\text{" } \Theta$



```
typedef ('a1.. 'an) κ =
  "<expr :: (('a1.. 'an)τ) set>" <proof>
```

$(\Sigma \oplus ('a_1.. 'a_n) \kappa \oplus \text{Abs\_}\kappa::('a_1.. 'a_n)\tau \Rightarrow ('a_1.. 'a_n)\kappa$

$\oplus \text{Rep\_}\kappa::('a_1.. 'a_n)\kappa \Rightarrow ('a_1.. 'a_n)\tau$

$A \oplus \{ \text{Rep\_}\kappa\_inverse \mapsto \text{Abs\_}\kappa (\text{Rep\_}\kappa x) = x \}$

$\oplus \{ \text{Rep\_}\kappa\_inject \mapsto (\text{Rep\_}\kappa x = \text{Rep\_}\kappa y) = (x = y) \}$

$\oplus \{ \text{Rep\_}\kappa \mapsto \text{Rep\_}\kappa x \in \{x. \text{expr } x\} \} \text{ "}\in\text{" } \Theta'$

- where the type-constructor  $\kappa$  is "fresh" in  $\Theta$  and  $\text{expr}$  is closed
- $\langle \text{expr}:: ('a_1.. 'a_n)\tau \text{ set} \rangle$  is non-empty (to be proven by a witness)

# Semantics of a „Type Definition“

- Major example: Typed sets can be built following this scheme. The trick is to identify a set with characteristic functions  $\alpha \Rightarrow \text{bool}$ .
- In Isabelle/HOL, a set is introduced via an equivalent axiom scheme; the type-definition uses already implicitly the a set isomorphism to  $\alpha \Rightarrow \text{bool}$ .

# Isabelle Specification Constructs

- Major example:

The construction of the cartesian product:

```
definition Pair_Rep :: "'a  $\Rightarrow$  'b  $\Rightarrow$  'a  $\Rightarrow$  'b  $\Rightarrow$  bool"
```

```
  where   "Pair_Rep a b = ( $\lambda$ x y. x = a  $\wedge$  y = b)"
```

```
definition "prod = {f.  $\exists$  a b. f = Pair_Rep (a :: 'a) (b :: 'b)}"
```

```
typedef ('a, 'b) prod (infixr "*" 20) = "prod :: ('a  $\Rightarrow$  'b  $\Rightarrow$  bool) set" <proof>
```

```
type_notation (xsymbols) "prod" ("(_  $\times$  / _)" [21, 20] 20)
```

# Specification Mechanism Commands

- Extended Notation for Cartesian Products: records (as in SML or OCaml; gives a slightly OO-flavor)

```
record    <c> = [ <record> + ]
          tag1 :: "<τ1>"
          ...
          tagn :: "<τn>"
```

- ... introduces also semantics and syntax for
  - selectors :  $\text{tag}_1 x$
  - constructors :  $\langle \text{tag}_1 = x_1, \dots, \text{tag}_n = x_n \rangle$
  - update-functions :  $x \langle \text{tag}_1 := x_n \rangle$

# Specification Mechanism Commands

- Inductively Defined Sets:

```
inductive_set   <c> :: "  $\tau \Rightarrow \tau'$  set" for A:: $\tau$ 
  where <thmname> : "< $\varphi$ >"
        | ...
        | <thmname> = < $\varphi$ >
```

```
example: inductive_set   Even :: "int set"
  where  null: "0  $\in$  Even"
        | plus:"x  $\in$  Even  $\implies$  x+2  $\in$  Even"
        | min : "x  $\in$  Even  $\implies$  x-2  $\in$  Even"
```

# Specification Mechanism Commands

- These are not built-in constructs, rather they are based on a series of definitions and typedefs.

The machinery behind is based on a fixed-point combinator on sets :

$\text{lfp} :: \text{"('}\alpha \text{ set} \Rightarrow \text{'}\alpha \text{ set)} \Rightarrow \text{'}\alpha \text{ set}"$

which can be conservatively defined by

$\text{"lfp } f = \bigcap \{u. f \ u \subseteq u\}"$

and which enjoys a constrained fixed-point property:

$\text{mono } f \Longrightarrow \text{lfp } f = f (\text{lfp } f)$



# Specification Mechanism Commands

- Example : Even (see before)

- the set Even is conservatively defined by:

$$\text{Even} = \text{lfp } (\lambda X. \{0\} \cup (\lambda x. x + 2) ` X \cup (\lambda x. x - 2) ` X)$$

- from which the properties:

    null: "0 ∈ Even"

    plus: "x ∈ Even ⇒ x+2 ∈ Even"

    min : "x ∈ Even ⇒ x-2 ∈ Even"

are derived automatically behind the scenes

# Specification Mechanism Commands

- Variante: Inductively Defined Predicates:

```
inductive <c> [ for <v> :: "<τ>" ]  
  where <thmname> : "<φ>"  
        | ...  
        | <thmname> = <φ>
```

example: inductive path for rel :: "'a ⇒ 'a ⇒ bool"

where base : "path rel x x"

| step : "rel x y ⇒ path rel y z ⇒ path rel x z"

# Specification Mechanism Commands

- Datatype Definitions (similar SML/OCaml/Haskell):  
(Machinery behind : complex series of const and typedefs !)

```
datatype ('a1.. 'an) T =  
  <C> :: "<τ>" | ... | <C> :: "<τ>"
```

- Recursive Function Definitions:  
(Machinery behind: Veeery complex series of const and typedefs and automated proofs!)

```
fun <C> :: "<τ>" where  
  "<C> <pattern> = <t>"  
  | ...  
  "<C> <pattern> = <t>"
```

# Specification Mechanism Commands

- Datatype Definitions (similar SML):  
Examples:

```
datatype mynat = ZERO | SUC mynat
```

```
datatype 'a list = MT | CONS "'a" "'a list"
```

# Some more Automation in Isabelle/HOL

# More on Proof-Methods

- Some advanced automated proof-methods use theorem data-bases stored in the global context of a theory
- This holds for:
  - equational reasoning (rewriting : simp, metis)
  - classical reasoning (fast, blast)
  - combined methods (auto, cases, induct)
- Specification Constructs generate theorems and sets up these “background theories” automatically

# More on Proof-Methods

- Some composed methods  
(internally based on `assumption`, `erule_tac` and `rule_tac` + tactic code that constructs the substitutions)
  - `simp`  
(arbitrary number of left-to-right rewrites, `assumption` or `rule refl` attempted at the end; a global `simpset` in the background is used.)
  - `simp add: <equation> ... <equation>`
  - `simp only: <equation> ... <equation>`

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- Some composed methods  
(internally based on assumption, erule\_tac and rule\_tac + tactic code that constructs the substitutions)
  - auto  
(apply in exhaustive, non-deterministic manner:  
all introduction rules, elimination rules and
  - auto intro: <rule> ... <rule>  
elim: <erule> ... <erule>  
simp: <equation> ... <equation>



# More on Proof-Methods

- Some composed methods  
(internally based on assumption, erule\_tac and rule\_tac + tactic code that constructs the substitutions)
  - cases „<formula>“  
(split top goal into 2 cases:  
    <formula> is true or <formula> is false)
  - cases „<variable>“  
(- precondition : <variable> has type t which is a data-type)  
search for splitting rule and do case-split over this variable.
  - induct\_tac „<variable>“  
(- precondition : <variable> has type t which is a data-type)  
search for induction rule and do induction over this variable.

# Screenshot with Examples

The screenshot shows the Isabelle/Isabelle IDE interface. The main editor window displays the source code for a theory `Seq.thy`. The code defines a datatype `'a seq` and two functions: `conc` and `reverse`. The `conc` function is defined as a function that takes two `'a seq` arguments and returns a `'a seq`. The `reverse` function is defined as a function that takes a `'a seq` argument and returns a `'a seq`. The code is as follows:

```
imports Main
begin

datatype 'a seq = Empty | Seq 'a "'a seq"

fun conc :: "'a seq ⇒ 'a seq ⇒ 'a seq"
where
  "conc Empty ys = ys"
  | "conc (Seq x xs) ys = Seq x (conc xs ys)"

fun reverse :: "'a seq ⇒ 'a seq"
where
  "reverse Empty = Empty"
  | "reverse (Seq x xs) = conc (reverse xs) (Seq x Empty)"
```

The right-hand side of the IDE shows a tree view of the theory `Seq`. The tree view shows the following structure:

- Seq.thy
  - theory Seq
    - header {\* Finite sequences \*}
    - theory Seq
    - datatype 'a seq = Empty | Seq 'a "'a seq"
    - fun conc :: "'a seq ⇒ 'a seq ⇒ 'a seq"
    - fun reverse :: "'a seq ⇒ 'a seq"
    - lemma conc\_empty: "conc xs Empty = xs" by
    - lemma conc\_assoc: "conc (conc xs ys) zs = conc xs (conc ys zs)"
    - lemma reverse\_conc: "reverse (conc xs ys) = conc (reverse xs) (reverse ys)"
    - lemma reverse\_reverse: "reverse (reverse xs) = xs" end

The bottom status bar shows the prover session output, including the termination order for the `conc` function:

```
constants
  conc :: "'a seq ⇒ 'a seq ⇒ 'a seq"
Found termination order: "(λp. size (fst p)) <*mlex*> {}"
```

# Conclusion

- HOL has several Models in ZFC, incomplete, complete, and constructivist ones
- Models justify the notion of “conservative theory extensions” (definition, type-definition, ...)
- Isabelle supports a number of “specification constructs” built from conservative theory extensions
- Isabelle/HOL’s library is built uniquely from them which guarantees logical consistency by construction
- Isabelle/HOL possesses a kernel-architecture in the tradition of so-called “LCF-style provers”