
Isabelle's meta-logic

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$$1. \bigwedge x_1 \dots x_p. [A_1; \dots ; A_n] \implies B$$

$x_1 \dots x_p$ Local constants

$A_1 \dots A_n$ Local assumptions

B Actual (sub)goal

Type and function definition in Isabelle/HOL

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Introducing new types

Keywords:

- **typedecl**: pure declaration
- **types**: abbreviation
- **datatype**: recursive datatype

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Example:

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typedefcl addr -- "An abstract type of addresses"
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Type abbreviations are expanded immediately after parsing
Not present in internal representation and Isabelle output

datatype

The example

`datatype 'a list = Nil | Cons 'a "'a list"`

Properties:

- **Types:** $Nil \quad :: \quad 'a \text{ list}$
 $Cons \quad :: \quad 'a \Rightarrow 'a \text{ list} \Rightarrow 'a \text{ list}$
- **Distinctness:** $Nil \neq Cons \ x \ xs$
- **Injectivity:** $(Cons \ x \ xs = Cons \ y \ ys) = (x = y \wedge xs = ys)$

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! All functions in HOL must be total **!**

Function definition schemas in Isabelle/HOL

- Non-recursive with **defs/constdefs**
No problem
- Primitive-recursive with **primrec**
Terminating by construction
- Well-founded recursion with **recdef**
User must (help to) prove termination
(\rightsquigarrow later)

defs/constdefs

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Unfolding the definition of *sq*:

apply(*unfold sq_def*)

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app Nil *ys = ys*

app (Cons x xs) *ys = Cons x (app xs ys)*

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The recursive calls in r_i must be *structurally smaller*,
i.e. of the form $f \ a_1 \ \dots \ y_{i,j} \ \dots \ a_p$

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Functions on nat definable by primrec!

primrec

$f\ 0 = \dots$

$f(Suc\ n) = \dots f\ n \dots$

More predefined types and functions

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lookup k (x#xs) =

(if fst x = k then Some(snd x) else lookup k xs)

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Case distinctions

apply(*case_tac* t)

creates k subgoals

$$t = C_i x_1 \dots x_p \implies \dots$$

one for each constructor C_i .

Demo: trees