

COMP 4161

NICTA Advanced Course

Advanced Topics in Software Verification

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Formal Methods



CONTENT

- Intro & motivation, getting started with Isabelle
- **Foundations & Principles**
 - Lambda Calculus
 - **Higher Order Logic, natural deduction**
 - **Term rewriting**
- Proof & Specification Techniques
 - Inductively defined sets, rule induction
 - Datatypes, recursion, induction
 - Calculational reasoning, mathematics style proofs
 - Hoare logic, proofs about programs

LAST TIME ON HOL

- Defining HOL
- Higher Order Abstract Syntax
- Deriving proof rules
- More automation

THE THREE BASIC WAYS OF INTRODUCING THEOREMS

→ Axioms:

Example: `axioms refl: "t = t"`

Do not use. Evil. Can make your logic inconsistent.

→ Definitions:

Example: `defs inj_def: "inj f ≡ ∀x y. f x = f y → x = y"`

→ Proofs:

Example: `lemma "inj (λx. x + 1)"`

The harder, but safe choice.

THE THREE BASIC WAYS OF INTRODUCING TYPES

→ **typedef**: by name only

Example: **typedef** names

Introduces new type *names* without any further assumptions

→ **types**: by abbreviation

Example: **types** α rel = " $\alpha \Rightarrow \alpha \Rightarrow bool$ "

Introduces abbreviation *rel* for existing type $\alpha \Rightarrow \alpha \Rightarrow bool$

Type abbreviations are immediately expanded internally

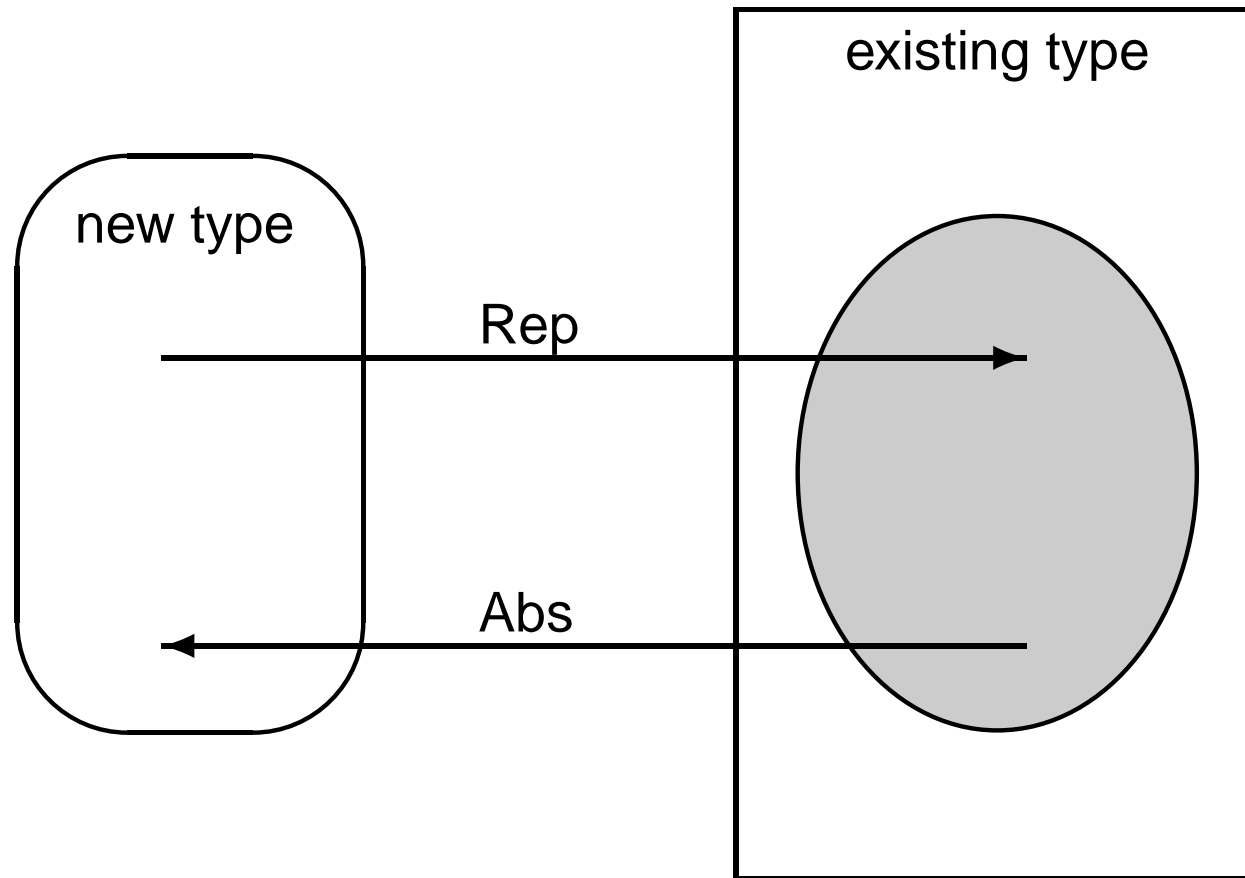
→ **typedef**: by definition as a set

Example: **typedef** new_type = "{some set}" <proof>

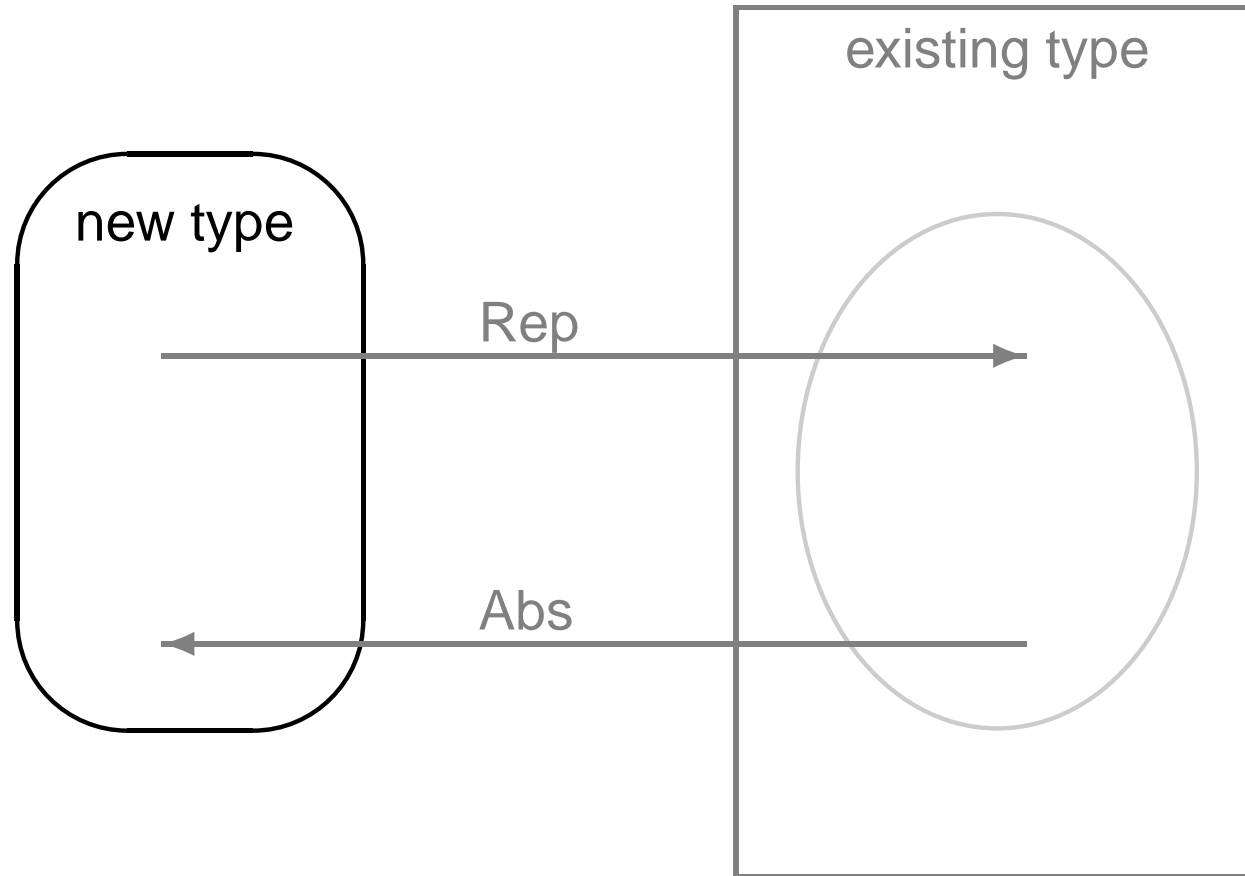
Introduces a new type as a subset of an existing type.

The proof shows that the set on the rhs is non-empty.

HOW TYPEDEF WORKS



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EXAMPLE: PAIRS

(α, β) Prod

- ① Pick existing type: $\alpha \Rightarrow \beta \Rightarrow \text{bool}$
- ② Identify subset:
 (α, β) Prod = $\{f. \exists a b. f = \lambda(x :: \alpha) (y :: \beta). x = a \wedge y = b\}$
- ③ We get from Isabelle:
 - functions Abs_Prod, Rep_Prod
 - both injective
 - Abs_Prod (Rep_Prod x) = x
- ④ We now can:
 - define constants Pair, fst, snd in terms of Abs_Prod and Rep_Prod
 - derive all characteristic theorems
 - forget about Rep/Abs, use characteristic theorems instead

DEMO: INTRODUCING NEW TYPES

TERM REWRITING

THE PROBLEM

Given a set of equations

$$l_1 = r_1$$

$$l_2 = r_2$$

$$\vdots$$

$$l_n = r_n$$

does equation $l = r$ hold?

Applications in:

- **Mathematics** (algebra, group theory, etc)
- **Functional Programming** (model of execution)
- **Theorem Proving** (dealing with equations, simplifying statements)

TERM REWRITING: THE IDEA

use equations as reduction rules

$$l_1 \longrightarrow r_1$$

$$l_2 \longrightarrow r_2$$

$$\vdots$$

$$l_n \longrightarrow r_n$$

decide $l = r$ **by deciding** $l \overset{*}{\longleftrightarrow} r$

ARROW CHEAT SHEET

$\xrightarrow{0}$	$= \{(x, y) x = y\}$	identity
$\xrightarrow{n+1}$	$= \xrightarrow{n} \circ \longrightarrow$	n+1 fold composition
$\xrightarrow{+}$	$= \bigcup_{i>0} \xrightarrow{i}$	transitive closure
$\xrightarrow{*}$	$= \xrightarrow{+} \cup \xrightarrow{0}$	reflexive transitive closure
$\xrightarrow{=}$	$= \longrightarrow \cup \xrightarrow{0}$	reflexive closure
$\xrightarrow{-1}$	$= \{(y, x) x \longrightarrow y\}$	inverse
\longleftarrow	$= \xrightarrow{-1}$	inverse
\longleftrightarrow	$= \longleftarrow \cup \longrightarrow$	symmetric closure
$\xleftrightarrow{+}$	$= \bigcup_{i>0} \xleftrightarrow{i}$	transitive symmetric closure
$\xleftrightarrow{*}$	$= \xleftrightarrow{+} \cup \xleftrightarrow{0}$	reflexive transitive symmetric closure

HOW TO DECIDE $l \overset{*}{\longleftrightarrow} r$

Same idea as for β : look for n such that $l \overset{*}{\longrightarrow} n$ and $r \overset{*}{\longrightarrow} n$

Does this always work?

If $l \overset{*}{\longrightarrow} n$ and $r \overset{*}{\longrightarrow} n$ then $l \overset{*}{\longleftrightarrow} r$. Ok.

If $l \overset{*}{\longleftrightarrow} r$, will there always be a suitable n ? **No!**

Example:

Rules: $f x \longrightarrow a, \quad g x \longrightarrow b, \quad f (g x) \longrightarrow b$

$f x \overset{*}{\longleftrightarrow} g x$ because $f x \longrightarrow a \longleftarrow f (g x) \longrightarrow b \longleftarrow g x$

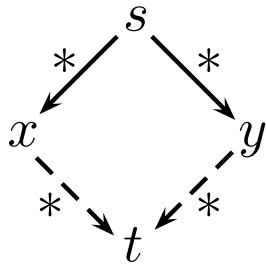
But: $f x \longrightarrow a$ and $g x \longrightarrow b$ and a, b in normal form

Works only for systems with **Church-Rosser** property:

$$l \overset{*}{\longleftrightarrow} r \implies \exists n. l \overset{*}{\longrightarrow} n \wedge r \overset{*}{\longrightarrow} n$$

Fact: \longrightarrow is Church-Rosser iff it is confluent.

CONFLUENCE

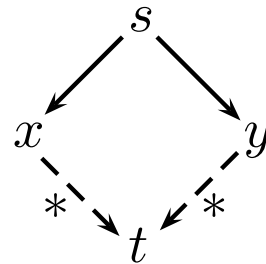


Problem:

is a given set of reduction rules confluent?

undecidable

Local Confluence



Fact: local confluence and termination \implies confluence

TERMINATION

- is **terminating** if there are no infinite reduction chains
- is **normalizing** if each element has a normal form
- is **convergent** if it is terminating and confluent

Example:

- _β in λ is not terminating, but confluent
- _β in λ^{\rightarrow} is terminating and confluent, i.e. convergent

Problem: is a given set of reduction rules terminating?

undecidable

WHEN IS \longrightarrow TERMINATING?

Basic Idea: when the r_i are in some way simpler than the l_i

More formally: \longrightarrow is terminating when

there is a well founded order $<$ in which $r_i < l_i$ for all rules.

(well founded = no infinite decreasing chains $a_1 > a_2 > \dots$)

Example: $f(gx) \longrightarrow gx, g(fx) \longrightarrow fx$

This system always terminates. Reduction order:

$s <_r t$ iff $size(s) < size(t)$ with

$size(s)$ = number of function symbols in s

- ① $gx <_r f(gx)$ and $fx <_r g(fx)$
- ② $<_r$ is well founded, because $<$ is well founded on \mathbb{N}

TERM REWRITING IN ISABELLE

Term rewriting engine in Isabelle is called **Simplifier**

apply simp

- uses simplification rules
- (almost) blindly from left to right
- until no rule is applicable.

termination: not guaranteed
(may loop)

confluence: not guaranteed
(result may depend on which rule is used first)

- Equations turned into simplification rules with **[simp]** attribute
- Adding/deleting equations locally:
apply (simp add: <rules>) and **apply** (simp del: <rules>)
- Using only the specified set of equations:
apply (simp only: <rules>)

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