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# Isar

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# ISAR

## A LANGUAGE FOR STRUCTURED PROOFS

# Isar

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## apply scripts

- unreadable
- hard to maintain
- do not scale

**No structure.**

## What about..

- Elegance?
- Explaining deeper insights?
- Large developments?

**Isar!**

## A typical Isar proof

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**proof**

**assume**  $formula_0$

**have**  $formula_1$  **by** simp

⋮

**have**  $formula_n$  **by** blast

**show**  $formula_{n+1}$  **by** ...

**qed**

proves  $formula_0 \implies formula_{n+1}$

(analogous to **assumes/shows** in lemma statements)

## Isar core syntax

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proof = **proof** [method] statement\* **qed**  
| **by** method

method = (simp ...) | (blast ...) | (rule ...) | ...

statement = **fix** variables  $(\wedge)$   
| **assume** proposition  $(\implies)$   
| [**from** name<sup>+</sup>] (**have** | **show**) proposition proof  
| **next** (separates subgoals)

proposition = [name:] formula

## proof and qed

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**proof** [method] statement\* **qed**

**lemma** "[ $A; B$ ]  $\implies A \wedge B$ "

**proof** (rule conjI)

**assume** A: "A"

**from** A **show** "A" **by** assumption

**next**

**assume** B: "B"

**from** B **show** "B" **by** assumption

**qed**

- **proof** (<method>) applies method to the stated goal
- **proof** applies a single rule that fits
- **proof -** does nothing to the goal

## How do I know what to Assume and Show?

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**Look at the proof state!**

**lemma** " $\llbracket A; B \rrbracket \implies A \wedge B$ "

**proof** (rule conjI)

- **proof** (rule conjI) changes proof state to
  1.  $\llbracket A; B \rrbracket \implies A$
  2.  $\llbracket A; B \rrbracket \implies B$
- so we need 2 shows: **show** " $A$ " and **show** " $B$ "
- We are allowed to **assume**  $A$ ,  
because  $A$  is in the assumptions of the proof state.



## The Three Modes of Isar

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- **[prove]**:  
goal has been stated, proof needs to follow.
- **[state]**:  
proof block has openend or subgoal has been proved,  
new *from* statement, goal statement or assumptions can follow.
- **[chain]**:  
*from* statement has been made, goal statement needs to follow.

**lemma** "[ $A; B$ ]  $\implies A \wedge B$ " **[prove]**

**proof** (rule conjI) **[state]**

**assume** A: "A" **[state]**

**from** A **[chain]** **show** "A" **[prove]** **by** assumption **[state]**

**next** **[state]** ...

## Have

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Can be used to make intermediate steps.

### Example:

**lemma** " $(x :: \text{nat}) + 1 = 1 + x$ "

**proof** -

**have** A: " $x + 1 = \text{Suc } x$ " **by** simp

**have** B: " $1 + x = \text{Suc } x$ " **by** simp

**show** " $x + 1 = 1 + x$ " **by** (simp only: A B)

**qed**

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## Backward and Forward

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### **Backward reasoning: ... have " $A \wedge B$ " proof**

- **proof** picks an **intro** rule automatically
- conclusion of rule must unify with  $A \wedge B$

### **Forward reasoning: ...**

**assume** AB: " $A \wedge B$ "

**from** AB **have** "... **proof**

- now **proof** picks an **elim** rule automatically
- triggered by **from**
- first assumption of rule must unify with AB

### **General case: from $A_1 \dots A_n$ have $R$ proof**

- first  $n$  assumptions of rule must unify with  $A_1 \dots A_n$
- conclusion of rule must unify with  $R$

## Fix and Obtain

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**fix**  $v_1 \dots v_n$

Introduces new arbitrary but fixed variables  
( $\sim$  parameters,  $\wedge$ )

**obtain**  $v_1 \dots v_n$  **where**  $\langle \text{prop} \rangle$   $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

Introduces new variables together with property

# DEMO

## Fancy Abbreviations

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<b>this</b>	=	the previous fact proved or assumed
<b>then</b>	=	<b>from this</b>
<b>thus</b>	=	<b>then show</b>
<b>hence</b>	=	<b>then have</b>
<b>with</b> $A_1 \dots A_n$	=	<b>from</b> $A_1 \dots A_n$ <b>this</b>
<b>?thesis</b>	=	the last enclosing goal statement

## Moreover and Ultimately

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**have**  $X_1: P_1 \dots$

**have**  $X_2: P_2 \dots$

⋮

**have**  $X_n: P_n \dots$

**from**  $X_1 \dots X_n$  **show**  $\dots$

**have**  $P_1 \dots$

**moreover have**  $P_2 \dots$

⋮

**moreover have**  $P_n \dots$

**ultimately show**  $\dots$

wastes lots of brain power

on names  $X_1 \dots X_n$



## General Case Distinctions

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**show** *formula*

**proof** -

**have**  $P_1 \vee P_2 \vee P_3$  <proof>

**moreover** { **assume**  $P_1$  ... **have** ?thesis <proof> }

**moreover** { **assume**  $P_2$  ... **have** ?thesis <proof> }

**moreover** { **assume**  $P_3$  ... **have** ?thesis <proof> }

**ultimately show** ?thesis **by** blast

**qed**

{ ... } is a proof block similar to **proof** ... **qed**

{ **assume**  $P_1$  ... **have**  $P$  <proof> }

stands for  $P_1 \implies P$

## Mixing proof styles

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**from ...**

**have ...**

**apply** - make incoming facts assumptions

**apply (...)**

**:**

**apply (...)**

**done**