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type classes & locales

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Type Classes

Common pattern in Mathematics:

- ➜ Define abstract structures (semigroup, group, ring, field, etc)
- ➜ Study and derive properties in these structures
- ➜ Instantiate to concrete structure: (nats with + and * from a ring)
- ➜ Can use all abstract laws for concrete structure

Type classes in functional languages:

- ➜ Declare a set of functions with signatures (e.g. plus, zero)
- ➜ give them a name (e.g. c)
- ➜ Have syntax 'a :: c for: type 'a supports the operations of c
- ➜ Can write abstract polymorphic functions that use plus and zero
- ➜ Can instantiate specific types like nat to c

Isabelle supports both.

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Type Class Example

Example:

class semigroup =
  fixes mult :: 'a ⇒ 'a ⇒ 'a (**infix** ·) 70
  assumes assoc: $(x \cdot y) \cdot z = x \cdot (y \cdot z)$

Declares:

- ➜ a name (semigroup)
- ➜ a set of operations (fixes mult)
- ➜ a set of properties/axioms (assumes assoc)

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Type Class Use

Can constrain type variables 'a with a class:

definition sq :: ('a :: semigroup) ⇒ 'a **where** sq x ≡ x · x

More than one constraint allowed. Sets of class constraints are called **sort**.

Can reason abstractly:

lemma "sq x · sq x = x · x · x · x"

Can instantiate:

instantiation nat :: semigroup
begin
definition "(x::nat) · y = x * y"
instance $< proof >$
end

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Type constructors

Basic type instantiation is a special case.

In general:
Type constructors can be seen as functions from classes to classes.

Example:
product type prod :: (semigroup, semigroup) semigroup
(or: pairs of semigroup elements again form a semigroup)

Declarations such as *(semigroup, semigroup) semigroup* are called **arities**.

Fully integrated with automatic type inference.

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Subclasses

Type classes can be extended:

class rmonoid = semigroup +
fixes one :: 'a
assumes x · one = x

rmonoid is a **subclass** of semigroup

Has all operations & assumptions of semigroup + additional ones.

Can build hierarchies of abstract structures.

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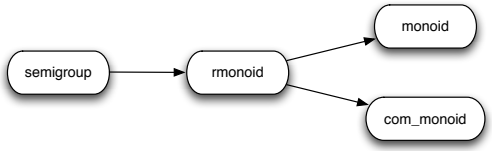
More Subclasses

Example structure:



Can prove: every com_monoid is also a monoid.

Can tell Isabelle that connection:

subclass (in com_monoid) monoid $< proof >$

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Result

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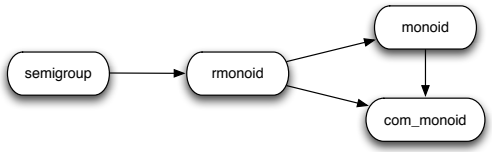

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Limitations

Operations (fixes) are implemented by overloading

➜ each type constructor can implement each operation only once

Type inference must remain automatic, with unique most general types

➜ type classes can mention only one type variable

➜ type constructor arities must be co-regular:
$K :: (c_1, ..., c_n)c$ and $K :: (c'_1, ..., c'_n)c'$ and $c \subseteq c' \implies \forall i.\ c_i \subseteq c'_i$

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Isar Is Based On Contexts

theorem $\bigwedge x.\ A \Longrightarrow C$
proof -
  fix x
  assume Ass: A
  ⋮ — x and Ass are visible inside this context
  from Ass **show** C ...
qed

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Beyond Isar Contexts

Locales are extended contexts, look similar to type classes

- ➜ Locales are **named**
- ➜ Fixed variables may have **syntax**
- ➜ It is possible to **add** and **export** theorems
- ➜ It is possible to **instantiate** locales
- ➜ Locale expression: **combine** and **modify** locales
- ➜ No limitation on type variables
- ➜ Term level, not type level: no automatic inference

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Context Elements

Locales consist of **context elements**.

fixes	Parameter, with syntax
assumes	Assumption
defines	Definition
notes	Record a theorem

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Declaring Locales

Declaring **locale** (named context) loc:

locale loc =
  $loc1$ + — Import
  fixes ... — Context elements
  assumes ...

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Declaring Locales

Theorems may be stated relative to a named locale.

lemma (**in** loc) P [simp]: $proposition$
$proof$

or

context loc **begin**
lemma P [simp]: $proposition$
$proof$
end

- ➜ Adds theorem P to context loc.
- ➜ Theorem P is in the simpset in context loc.
- ➜ Exported theorem $loc.P$ visible in the entire theory.

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Parameters Must Be Consistent!

- ➜ Parameters in **fixes** are distinct.
- ➜ Free variables in **defines** occur in preceding **fixes**.
- ➜ Defined parameters cannot occur in preceding **assumes** nor **defines**.

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Locale Expressions

Locale name: n

Rename: $n : e\ q_1 \ldots q_n$
Change names of parameters in e,
Give new locale the name prefix n (optional)

Merge: $e_1 + e_2$
Context elements of e_1, then e_2.

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Normal Form of Locale Expressions

Locale expressions are converted to flattened lists of locale names.

- ➜ With full parameter lists
- ➜ **Duplicates removed**

Allows for **multiple inheritance**!

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Instantiation

Move from **abstract** to **concrete**.

interpretation label: loc ”parameter 1” . . . ”parameter n”

- ➜ Instantiates locale **loc** with provided parameters.
- ➜ Imports all theorems of **loc** into current context.
  - Instantiates theorems with provided parameters.
  - Interprets attributes of theorems.
  - Prefixes theorem names with **label**
- ➜ version for local Isar proof: **interpret**

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Sublocales

Similar to type classes:

sublocale (in sub_loc) parent_loc $< proof >$

makes facts of parent_loc available in sub_loc.

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We have seen today ...

- ➜ Type Classes + Instantiation
- ➜ Locale Declarations + Theorems in Locales
- ➜ Locale Expressions + Inheritance
- ➜ Locale Instantiation

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