



COMP4161: Advanced Topics in Software Verification

# Isar

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A Language for Structured Proofs

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  show "x + 1 = 1 + x" by (simp only: A B)
qed
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**General case: from  $A_1 \dots A_n$  have  $R$  proof**

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stands for  $P_1 \implies P$

# Mixing proof styles



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from ...  
have ...  
  apply -      make incoming facts assumptions  
  apply (...)  
  ⋮  
  apply (...)  
done
```



# Datatypes in Isar

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# Structural induction for nat



```
show  $P\ n$ 
proof (induct  $n$ )
  case 0            $\equiv$  let ?case =  $P\ 0$ 
  ...
  show ?case
next
  case (Suc  $n$ )     $\equiv$  fix  $n$  assume Suc:  $P\ n$ 
  ...              let ?case =  $P\ (\text{Suc } n)$ 
  ...  $n$  ...
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# Structural induction: $\implies$ and $\wedge$



**show** " $\wedge x. A\ n \implies P\ n$ "

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  ...

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**next**

**case** (Suc  $n$ )

  ...

  ...  $n$  ...

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                  " $A\ (Suc\ n)$ "  
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# Computational Reasoning

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Prove:  
 $x \cdot x^{-1} = 1$

using:    assoc:     $(x \cdot y) \cdot z = x \cdot (y \cdot z)$   
          left\_inv:     $x^{-1} \cdot x = 1$   
          left\_one:     $1 \cdot x = x$





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$$\begin{aligned}\text{assoc:} & \quad (x \cdot y) \cdot z = x \cdot (y \cdot z) \\ \text{left\_inv:} & \quad x^{-1} \cdot x = 1 \\ \text{left\_one:} & \quad 1 \cdot x = x\end{aligned}$$

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A background pattern of white hexagons on a teal background, arranged in a staggered grid.

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