

COMP4161

Advanced Topics in Software Verification



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^aa1 due; ^ba2 due; ^ca3 due

Datatypes

Example:

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

Properties:

→ Constructors:

Nil :: 'a list
Cons :: 'a ⇒ 'a list ⇒ 'a list

→ Distinctness: Nil \neq Cons x xs

→ Injectivity: (Cons x xs = Cons y ys) = (x = y \wedge xs = ys)

More Examples

Enumeration:

datatype answer = Yes | No | Maybe

Polymorphic:

datatype 'a option = None | Some 'a
datatype ('a,'b,'c) triple = Triple 'a 'b 'c

Recursion:

datatype 'a list = Nil | Cons 'a "'a list"
datatype 'a tree = Tip | Node 'a "'a tree" "'a tree"

Mutual Recursion:

datatype even = EvenZero | EvenSucc odd
and odd = OddSucc even

Nested

Nested recursion:

```
datatype 'a tree = Tip | Node 'a "'a tree list"
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```
datatype 'a tree = Tip | Node 'a "'a tree option"' "'a tree option"
```

→ Recursive call is under a **type constructor**.

The General Case

$$\text{datatype } (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \tau = \begin{array}{l} C_1 \tau_{1,1} \dots \tau_{1,n_1} \\ \vdots \\ C_k \tau_{k,1} \dots \tau_{k,n_k} \end{array}$$

- Constructors: $C_i :: \tau_{i,1} \Rightarrow \dots \Rightarrow \tau_{i,n_i} \Rightarrow (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \tau$
- Distinctness: $C_i \dots \neq C_j \dots$ if $i \neq j$
- Injectivity: $(C_i x_1 \dots x_{n_i} = C_i y_1 \dots y_{n_i}) = (x_1 = y_1 \wedge \dots \wedge x_{n_i} = y_{n_i})$

Distinctness and Injectivity applied automatically

How is this Type Defined?

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

- internally reduced to a single constructor, using product and sum
- constructor defined as an inductive set (like typedef)
- recursion: least fixpoint

More detail: Tutorial on (Co-)datatypes Definitions at isabelle.in.tum.de

Datatype Limitations

Must be definable as a (non-empty) set.

- Infinitely branching ok.
- Mutually recursive ok.
- Strictly positive (right of function arrow) occurrence ok.

Not ok:

```
datatype t = C (t ⇒ bool)
           | D ((bool ⇒ t) ⇒ bool)
           | E ((t ⇒ bool) ⇒ bool)
```

Because: Cantor's theorem (α set is larger than α)

Datatype Limitations

Not ok (nested recursion):

datatype ('a, 'b) fun_copy = Fun "'a \Rightarrow 'b"

datatype 'a t = F "('a t, 'a) fun_copy"

- recursion in ('a1, ..., 'an) t is only allowed on a subset of 'a1 ... 'an
- these arguments are called *live* arguments
- Mainly: in "'a \Rightarrow 'b", 'a is dead and 'b is live
- Thus: in ('a, 'b) fun_copy, 'a is dead and 'b is live
- type constructors must be registered as *BNFs** to have live arguments
- BNF defines well-behaved type constructors, ie where recursion is allowed
- datatypes automatically are BNFs (that's how they are constructed)
- can register other type constructors as BNFs — not covered here**

* BNF = Bounded Natural Functors.

** *Defining (Co)datatypes and Primitively (Co)recursive Functions in Isabelle/HOL*

Case

Every datatype introduces a **case** construct, e.g.

$$(\text{case } xs \text{ of } [] \Rightarrow \dots \mid y \#ys \Rightarrow \dots y \dots ys \dots)$$

In general: one case per constructor

- Nested patterns allowed: $x\#y\#zs$
- Dummy and default patterns with $_$
- Binds weakly, needs $()$ in context

Cases

apply (case_tac t)

creates k subgoals

$\llbracket t = C_i x_1 \dots x_p; \dots \rrbracket \implies \dots$

one for each constructor C_i

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RECURSION

Why nontermination can be harmful

How about $f\ x = f\ x + 1$?

Subtract $f\ x$ on both sides.

$$\implies \\ 0 = 1$$

! All functions in HOL must be total !

Primitive Recursion

primrec guarantees termination structurally

Example primrec def:

```
primrec app :: "'a list  $\Rightarrow$  'a list  $\Rightarrow$  'a list"  
where  
  "app Nil ys = ys" |  
  "app (Cons x xs) ys = Cons x (app xs ys)"
```

The General Case

If τ is a datatype (with constructors C_1, \dots, C_k) then $f :: \tau \Rightarrow \tau'$ can be defined by **primitive recursion**:

$$\begin{aligned} f (C_1 y_{1,1} \dots y_{1,n_1}) &= r_1 \\ &\vdots \\ f (C_k y_{k,1} \dots y_{k,n_k}) &= r_k \end{aligned}$$

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

How does this Work?

primrec just fancy syntax for a **recursion operator**

Example: $\text{rec_list} :: \text{'a} \Rightarrow (\text{'b} \Rightarrow \text{'b list} \Rightarrow \text{'a} \Rightarrow \text{'a}) \Rightarrow \text{'b list} \Rightarrow \text{'a}$
 $\text{rec_list } f_1 f_2 \text{ Nil} = f_1$
 $\text{rec_list } f_1 f_2 (\text{Cons } x \text{ xs}) = f_2 x \text{ xs} (\text{rec_list } f_1 f_2 \text{ xs})$

$\text{app} \equiv \text{rec_list } (\lambda \text{ys. ys}) (\lambda x \text{ xs } \text{xs}'. \lambda \text{ys. Cons } x (\text{xs}' \text{ ys}))$

primrec $\text{app} :: \text{'a list} \Rightarrow \text{'a list} \Rightarrow \text{'a list}$

where

"app Nil ys = ys" |

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

rec_list

Defined: automatically, first inductively (set), then by epsilon

$$\frac{}{(\text{Nil}, f_1) \in \text{list_rel } f_1 f_2} \quad \frac{(xs, xs') \in \text{list_rel } f_1 f_2}{(\text{Cons } x \text{ } xs, f_2 \ x \text{ } xs \text{ } xs') \in \text{list_rel } f_1 f_2}$$

$\text{rec_list } f_1 f_2 \text{ } xs \equiv \text{THE } y. (xs, y) \in \text{list_rel } f_1 f_2$
Automatic proof that set def indeed is total function
(the equations for rec_list are lemmas!)

PREDEFINED DATATYPES

nat is a datatype

datatype nat = 0 | Suc nat

Functions on nat definable by primrec!

primrec

$f\ 0 = \dots$

$f\ (\text{Suc } n) = \dots f\ n \dots$

Option

datatype 'a option = None | Some 'a

Important application:

'b \Rightarrow 'a option \sim partial function:
None \sim no result
Some a \sim result a

Example:

primrec lookup :: 'k \Rightarrow ('k \times 'v) list \Rightarrow 'v option

where

lookup k [] = None |

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

DEMO

PRIMREC

INDUCTION

Structural induction

P xs holds for all lists xs if

→ P Nil

→ and for arbitrary x and xs , P $xs \implies P$ ($x\#xs$)

Induction theorem **list.induct**:

$\llbracket P []; \bigwedge a \text{ list. } P \text{ list} \implies P (a\#\text{list}) \rrbracket \implies P \text{ list}$

→ General proof method for induction: **(induct x)**

- x must be a free variable in the first subgoal.
- type of x must be a datatype.

Basic heuristics

Theorems about recursive functions are proved by induction

Induction on argument number i of f
if f is defined by recursion on argument number i

Example

A tail recursive list reverse:

primrec itrev :: 'a list \Rightarrow 'a list \Rightarrow 'a list

where

itrev [] ys = ys |

itrev (x#xs) ys = itrev xs (x#ys)

lemma itrev xs [] = rev xs

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PROOF ATTEMPT

Generalisation

Replace constants by variables

lemma $\text{itrev } xs \ ys = \text{rev } xs@ys$

Quantify free variables by \forall
(except the induction variable)

lemma $\forall ys. \text{itrev } xs \ ys = \text{rev } xs@ys$

Or: **apply (induct xs arbitrary: ys)**

We have seen today ...

- Datatypes
- Primitive recursion
- Case distinction
- Structural Induction

Exercises

- define a primitive recursive function **lsum** :: nat list \Rightarrow nat that returns the sum of the elements in a list.
- show " $2 * \text{lsum } [0.. < \text{Suc } n] = n * (n + 1)$ "
- show " $\text{lsum } (\text{replicate } n \ a) = n * a$ "
- define a function **lsumT** using a tail recursive version of listsum.
- show that the two functions are equivalent: $\text{lsum } xs = \text{lsumT } xs$