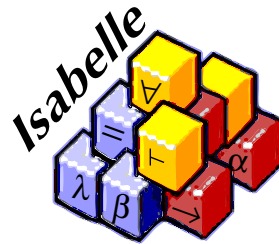


Proof terms in Isabelle

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Isabelle — a generic theorem prover

Meta logic

Intuitionistic higher order logic

- **Terms:** $t = x \mid c \mid \lambda x :: \tau. t \mid t t$
- **Types:** $\tau = \alpha \mid (\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n)tc$ where $tc \in \{\rightarrow, \text{prop}, \dots\}$
first order, Hindley-Milner polymorphism
- **Logical connectives:**

universal quantification	\bigwedge	::	$(\alpha \rightarrow \text{prop}) \rightarrow \text{prop}$
implication	\implies	::	$\text{prop} \rightarrow \text{prop} \rightarrow \text{prop}$
equality	\equiv	::	$\alpha \rightarrow \alpha \rightarrow \text{prop}$

Object logics

are formalized using meta logic

Formalizing object logics

Tr :: bool \rightarrow prop

\longrightarrow :: bool \rightarrow bool \rightarrow bool

\forall :: ($\alpha \rightarrow$ bool) \rightarrow bool

\exists :: ($\alpha \rightarrow$ bool) \rightarrow bool

impl : $\bigwedge A B. (\text{Tr } A \implies \text{Tr } B) \implies \text{Tr } (A \longrightarrow B)$

mp : $\bigwedge P Q. \text{Tr } (P \longrightarrow Q) \implies \text{Tr } P \implies \text{Tr } Q$

all : $\bigwedge P. (\bigwedge x. \text{Tr } (P x)) \implies \text{Tr } (\forall x. P x)$

spec : $\bigwedge P x. \text{Tr } (\forall x. P x) \implies \text{Tr } (P x)$

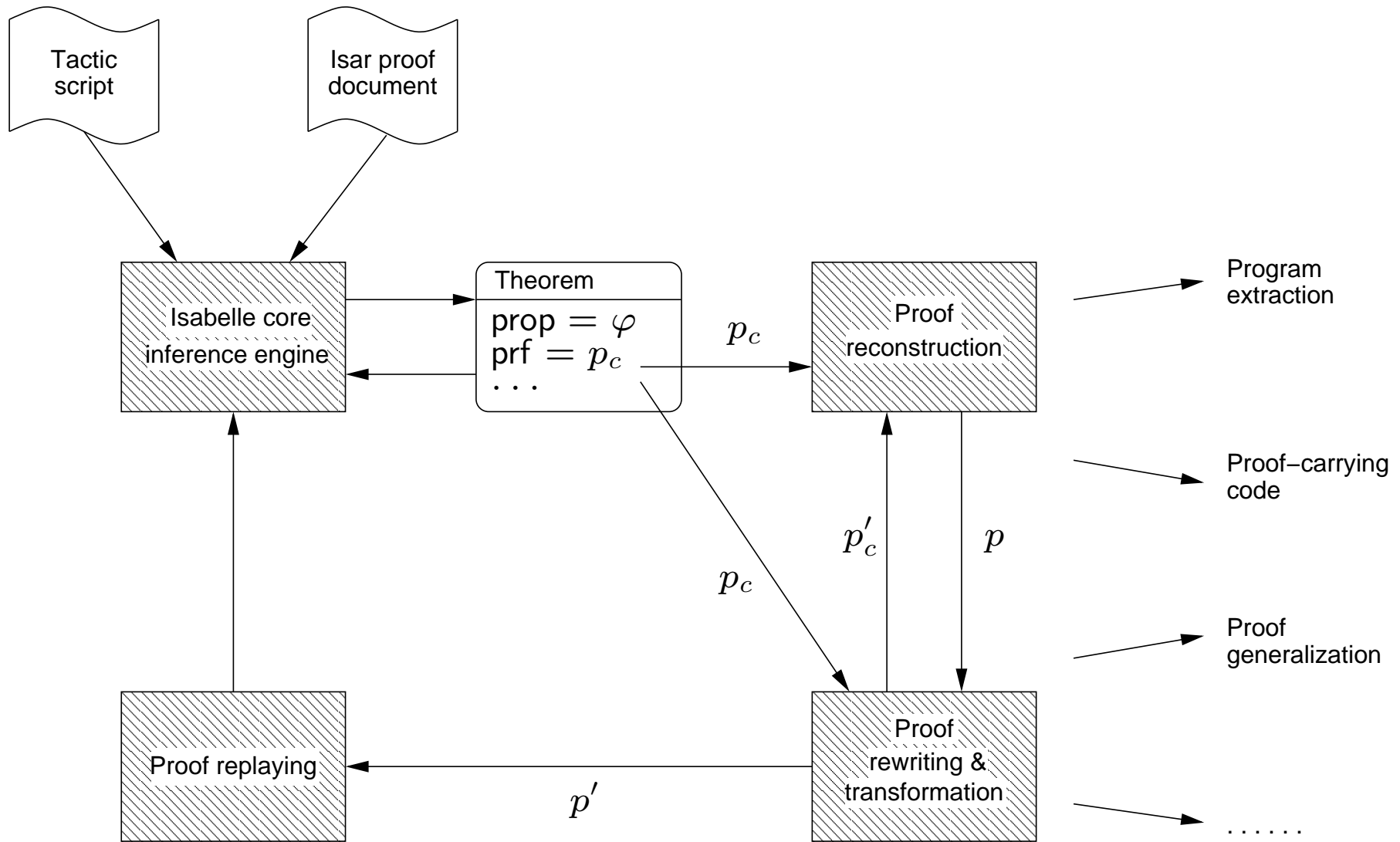
exI : $\bigwedge P x. \text{Tr } (P x) \implies \text{Tr } (\exists x. P x)$

exE : $\bigwedge P Q. \text{Tr } (\exists x. P x) \implies (\bigwedge x. \text{Tr } (P x) \implies \text{Tr } Q) \implies \text{Tr } Q$

Proofs

- **User-level view of theorem provers:**
 - Description of proof search using expressive tactic languages
 - Interpreter for “readable” proof documents (Isar [Wenzel, 2002])
 - ~> **Problem:** Checking requires complex machinery
- **Requirement:** simple, independently checkable proofs (Automath [de Bruijn, 1970], CVC [Stump / Dill, 2002])
 - ~> **more primitive proof format** needed
- **Applications:**
 - Proof-Carrying Code [Wildmoser, 2006]
 - Exchange of proofs with other systems [McLaughlin, 2006]
 - Proof generalization and reuse [Johnsen / Lüth, 2004]
 - Program extraction
 - “Proof Mining”

Architecture



Proof representation

Proofs as λ -terms

p, q	$=$	h	Hypothesis
		$c_{\{\bar{\alpha} \mapsto \bar{\tau}\}}$	Proof constant (reference to axiom / theorem)
		$p \cdot t$	\wedge -elimination
		$p \cdot q$	\implies -elimination
		$\lambda x :: \tau. p$	\wedge -introduction
		$\lambda h : \varphi. p$	\implies -introduction

Proof checking

$\frac{}{\Gamma, h : t, \Gamma' \vdash h : t}$	$\frac{\Sigma(c) = \varphi}{\Gamma \vdash c_{\{\bar{\alpha} \mapsto \bar{\tau}\}} : \varphi\{\bar{\alpha} \mapsto \bar{\tau}\}}$
$\frac{\Gamma \vdash p : \wedge x :: \tau. \varphi \quad \Gamma \vdash t :: \tau}{\Gamma \vdash p \cdot t : P\{x \mapsto t\}}$	$\frac{\Gamma, x :: \tau \vdash p : \varphi}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda x :: \tau. p : \wedge x :: \tau. \varphi}$
$\frac{\Gamma \vdash p : \varphi \implies \psi \quad \Gamma \vdash q : \varphi}{\Gamma \vdash p \cdot q : \psi}$	$\frac{\Gamma, h : \varphi \vdash p : \psi \quad \Gamma \vdash \varphi :: \text{prop}}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda h : \varphi. p : \varphi \implies \psi}$

Proofs and theorems in ML

```
datatype thm = Thm of
  {thy_ref: theory_ref,          (*reference to theory*)
   der: bool * proof,           (*derivation*)
   prop: term,                  (*conclusion*)
   hyps: term list,             (*hypotheses as ordered list*)
   shyps: sort list,           (*sort hypotheses as ordered list*)
   ...};
```

```
datatype proof =
  PBound of int
| Abst of string * typ option * proof
| AbsP of string * term option * proof
| % of proof * term option
| %% of proof * proof
| Hyp of term
| PThm of string * proof * term * typ list option
| ...;
```

Proof synthesis

Resolution

$$\frac{\psi_1 \quad \dots \quad \psi_m \quad r}{\psi} \quad \frac{\varphi_1 \quad \varphi_2 \quad \dots \quad \varphi_n \quad s}{\varphi} \quad \mapsto \quad \theta \left(\frac{\psi_1 \quad \dots \quad \psi_m \quad \varphi_2 \quad \dots \quad \varphi_n}{\varphi} \right)$$

where $\theta(\psi) = \theta(\varphi_1)$

Resolution = function composition

$$\theta(\lambda(h_1 : \psi_1) \quad \dots \quad (h_m : \psi_m). \quad s \quad (r \quad h_1 \quad \dots \quad h_m))$$

Initial proof state = identity function

$$\lambda h : \varphi. h$$

Proof synthesis – continued

Lifting over assumptions

$$\frac{P_1 \dots P_m}{C} R \quad \mapsto \quad \frac{\overline{Q_n} \implies P_1 \dots \overline{Q_n} \implies P_m}{\overline{Q_n} \implies C}$$

proof term:

$$\lambda \overline{r_m} \overline{q_n}. R (\overline{r_m} \overline{q_n})$$

Lifting over parameters

$$\frac{P_1 [\overline{a_k}] \dots P_m [\overline{a_k}]}{C [\overline{a_k}]} R [\overline{a_k}] \quad \mapsto \quad \frac{\bigwedge \overline{x_n}. P_1 [\overline{a'_k} \overline{x_n}] \dots \bigwedge \overline{x_n}. P_m [\overline{a'_k} \overline{x_n}]}{\bigwedge \overline{x_n}. C [\overline{a'_k} \overline{x_n}]}$$

proof term:

$$\lambda \overline{r_m} \overline{x_n}. R [\overline{a'_k} \overline{x_n}] (\overline{r_m} \overline{x_n})$$

Inference rules in ML

```
fun assume (Cterm {t = prop, T, ...}) =
  Thm {der = (false, Hyp prop),
       prop = prop,
       hyps = [prop], ...};

fun implies_elim (Thm {der = (ora, prf), prop, hyps, ...})
  (Thm {der = (oraA, derA), prop = propA, hyps = hypsA, ...})
  case prop of
    Const ("==>", _) $ A $ B =>
      if A aconv propA then
        Thm {der = (ora orelse oraA, prf %% prfA),
             prop = B,
             hyps = union_hyps hypsA hyps, ...}
      else raise THM "bad proposition"
  | _ => raise THM "bad proposition";
```

Inference rules in ML – continued

```
fun implies_intr (Cterm {t = A, T, ...})
  (Thm {der = (ora, prf), prop, hyps, ...}) =
  if T <> propT then raise THM "assumptions must have type prop"
  else Thm {der = (ora, AbsP ("H", NONE, abshyp 0 A prf)),
    prop = implies $ A $ prop,
    hyps = remove_hyps A hyps, ...};

fun abshyp i h prf = (abshyp' i h prf handle SAME => prf)
and abshyp' i h (Hyp t) = if h aconv t then PBound i else raise SAME
  | abshyp' i h (Abst (s, T, prf)) = Abst (s, T, abshyp' i h prf)
  | abshyp' i h (AbsP (s, t, prf)) = AbsP (s, t, abshyp' (i+1) h prf)
  | abshyp' i h (prf % t) = abshyp' i h prf % t
  | abshyp' i h (prf1 %% prf2) = (abshyp' i h prf1 %% abshyp i h prf2
    handle SAME => prf1 %% abshyp' i h prf2)
  | abshyp' _ _ _ = raise SAME
```

Proof compression

Problem: proofs contain syntactic redundancies:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{impI} \cdot A \vee B \cdot B \vee A \cdot \\ & (\lambda H: A \vee B. \\ & \quad \text{disjE} \cdot A \cdot B \cdot B \vee A \cdot H \cdot (\text{disjI2} \cdot A \cdot B) \cdot (\text{disjI1} \cdot B \cdot A)) \end{aligned}$$

Solution: placeholders for terms

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{impI} \cdot _ \cdot _ \cdot \\ & (\lambda H: _. \\ & \quad \text{disjE} \cdot _ \cdot _ \cdot _ \cdot H \cdot (\text{disjI2} \cdot _ \cdot _) \cdot (\text{disjI1} \cdot _ \cdot _)) \end{aligned}$$

- Reconstruction of missing information by solving constraints between terms using **unification**
- Similar to **type inference** in functional programming languages
- Quantifier rules require **higher-order unification**
 - Undecidable in general [G. Huet, 1974]
 - **Pattern unification** [D. Miller, 1991]: decidable, most general unifiers
- See also: **implicit arguments** in Coq / Lego

Proof compression strategies

Goal: only omit information that can be reconstructed using [pattern unification](#).

- **Dynamic:** analyze **data flow** in proof (\rightsquigarrow “bidirectional” algorithms)
- **Static:** analyze **signature**, i.e. “types” of inference rules

$$\text{impl} : \quad \bigwedge P Q. \quad (P \implies Q) \implies P \longrightarrow Q$$

$$\text{mp} : \quad \bigwedge P Q. \quad P \longrightarrow Q \implies P \implies Q$$

$$\text{all} : \quad \bigwedge P. \quad (\bigwedge x. P x) \implies \forall x. P x$$

$$\text{spec} : \quad \bigwedge P x. \quad \forall x. P x \implies P x$$

$$\text{exI} : \quad \bigwedge P x. \quad P x \implies \exists x. P x$$

$$\text{exE} : \quad \bigwedge P Q. \quad \exists x. P x \implies (\bigwedge x. P x \implies Q) \implies Q$$

We may **omit** a parameter of an inference rule if it ...

- ... only occurs with distinct bound variables as arguments, and ...
- ... does not occur as argument of another parameter

\rightsquigarrow “strict occurrences” in Twelf [Pfenning, Schürmann]

Reconstructing omitted information

Reconstruction judgement: $\Gamma \vdash p_p \triangleright (p, \varphi, C)$

- p_p Proof term with placeholders
- p Proof term with placeholders filled in
- φ Proposition proved by p
- C Constraints that must be satisfied in order for p to be a proof of φ

Reconstruction rules (\approx type inference)

$$\frac{\Gamma, h : ?f_{\tau_{\Gamma} \Rightarrow \text{prop}} \overline{V_{\Gamma}} \vdash p_p \triangleright (p, \psi, C)}{\Gamma \vdash (\lambda h : -. p_p) \triangleright ((\lambda h : ?f_{\tau_{\Gamma} \Rightarrow \text{prop}} \overline{V_{\Gamma}}. p), ?f_{\tau_{\Gamma} \Rightarrow \text{prop}} \overline{V_{\Gamma}} \Longrightarrow \psi, C)} \text{Impl}_p$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash p_p \triangleright (p, \varphi, C) \quad \Gamma \vdash q_p \triangleright (q, \psi, D)}{\Gamma \vdash (p_p \cdot q_p) \triangleright ((p \cdot q), ?f_{\tau_{\Gamma} \Rightarrow \text{prop}} \overline{V_{\Gamma}}, \{\varphi = ? (\psi \Longrightarrow ?f_{\tau_{\Gamma} \Rightarrow \text{prop}} \overline{V_{\Gamma}})\} \cup C \cup D)} \text{ImpE}$$

Proof size

theorem name	uncompressed		compressed	
	terms	size	size	ratio (%)
<i>IntArith.pos-zmult-eq-1-iff</i>	49046	247726	5615	97.73
<i>IntDiv.pos-zdiv-mult-2</i>	46985	245920	6218	97.47
<i>IntDiv.pos-zmod-mult-2</i>	33013	175819	4457	97.47
<i>Presburger.int-ge-induct</i>	29603	206508	4441	97.85
<i>List.nibble.split</i>	27938	114541	1792	98.44
<i>IntDiv.self-quotient</i>	27310	149712	3722	97.51
<i>IntArith.int-le-induct</i>	25381	191215	4055	97.88
<i>IntArith.int-ge-induct</i>	24962	187436	3962	97.89
<i>List.list-all2-append1</i>	23900	116870	2821	97.59
<i>IntDiv.divAlg-correct</i>	23886	117037	2892	97.53
<i>List.nibble.split-asm</i>	23762	116263	1808	98.44
<i>List.nth-upt</i>	21721	101355	2454	97.58
<i>IntDiv.zminus1-lemma</i>	18485	99613	3082	96.91
<i>IntDiv.zadd1-lemma</i>	17716	94929	3554	96.26
<i>IntDiv.quorem-neg</i>	17329	91425	2678	97.07

Proof simplification

$$(mp \cdot A \cdot B \cdot (impI \cdot A \cdot B \cdot prf)) \equiv prf$$

$$(impI \cdot A \cdot B \cdot (mp \cdot A \cdot B \cdot prf)) \equiv prf$$

$$(spec \cdot TYPE(\alpha) \cdot P \cdot x \cdot (allI \cdot TYPE(\alpha) \cdot P \cdot prf)) \equiv prf \cdot x$$

$$(allI \cdot TYPE(\alpha) \cdot P \cdot (\lambda x :: \alpha. spec \cdot TYPE(\alpha) \cdot P \cdot x \cdot prf)) \equiv prf$$

$$(exE \cdot TYPE(\alpha) \cdot P \cdot Q \cdot (exI \cdot TYPE(\alpha) \cdot P \cdot x \cdot prf_1) \cdot prf_2) \equiv (prf_2 \cdot x \cdot prf_1)$$

$$(exE \cdot TYPE(\alpha) \cdot P \cdot Q \cdot prf \cdot (exI \cdot TYPE(\alpha) \cdot P)) \equiv prf$$

$$(disjE \cdot P \cdot Q \cdot R \cdot (disjI_1 \cdot P \cdot Q \cdot prf_1) \cdot prf_2 \cdot prf_3) \equiv (prf_2 \cdot prf_1)$$

$$(disjE \cdot P \cdot Q \cdot R \cdot (disjI_2 \cdot Q \cdot P \cdot prf_1) \cdot prf_2 \cdot prf_3) \equiv (prf_3 \cdot prf_1)$$

$$(conjunct_1 \cdot P \cdot Q \cdot (conjI \cdot P \cdot Q \cdot prf_1 \cdot prf_2)) \equiv prf_1$$

$$(conjunct_2 \cdot P \cdot Q \cdot (conjI \cdot P \cdot Q \cdot prf_1 \cdot prf_2)) \equiv prf_2$$

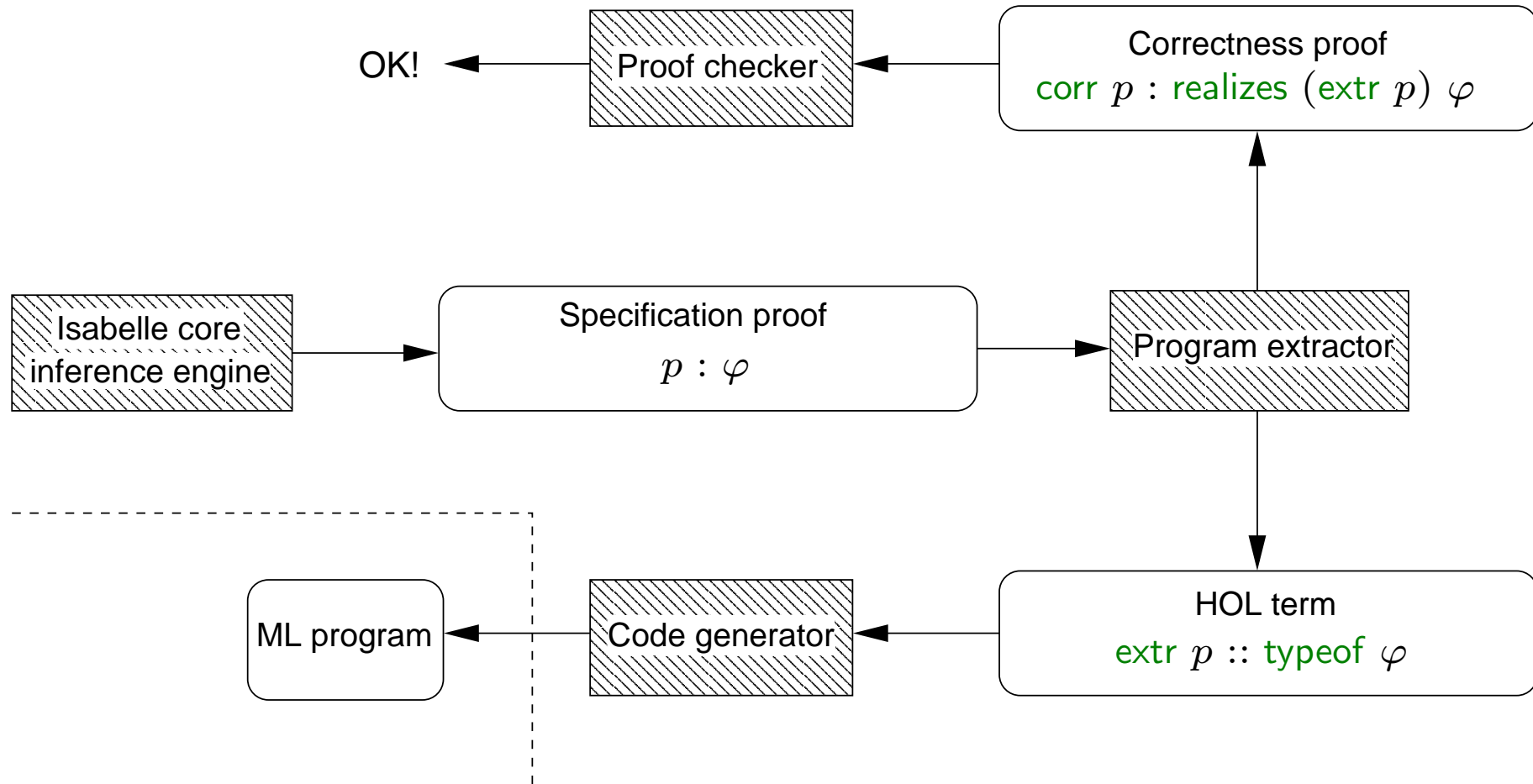
$$(iffD_1 \cdot A \cdot B \cdot (iffI \cdot A \cdot B \cdot prf_1 \cdot prf_2)) \equiv prf_1$$

$$(iffD_2 \cdot A \cdot B \cdot (iffI \cdot A \cdot B \cdot prf_1 \cdot prf_2)) \equiv prf_2$$

Application: Program extraction

- Based on **modified realizability** [Kleene, Kreisel]
- **Internal extraction**: Programs extracted from HOL proofs are HOL functions
- Use **constructive** fragment of HOL for proving **computationally relevant** statements.
- **Computationally irrelevant** statements may also be proved using **classical reasoning**
- **Case studies**:
 - Higman's lemma (also available as a Coq contribution, thanks to Pierre Letouzey)
 - Normalization algorithm for simply-typed λ -calculus
 - Euclid's theorem: There are infinitely many primes ("romantic proof" by Freek)
 - Pigeonhole principle
 - Warshall algorithm
 - Quotient and remainder
- **TODO**:
 - Program extraction from classical proofs (what approach?)
 - Program extraction for other logics (e.g. CZF)

A framework for program extraction



From proofs to programs — (1) Readable Isar proof document

theorem *division*: $\exists r q. a = \text{Suc } b * q + r \wedge r \leq b$

proof (*induct a*)

case 0

have $0 = \text{Suc } b * 0 + 0 \wedge 0 \leq b$ **by** *simp*

thus *?case* **by** *rules*

next

case (*Suc a*)

then obtain $r q$ **where** $I: a = \text{Suc } b * q + r$ **and** $r \leq b$ **by** *rules*

from *nat-eq-dec* **show** *?case*

proof

assume $r = b$

with I **have** $\text{Suc } a = \text{Suc } b * (\text{Suc } q) + 0 \wedge 0 \leq b$ **by** *simp*

thus *?case* **by** *rules*

next

assume $r \neq b$ **hence** $r < b$ **by** (*simp add: order-less-le*)

with I **have** $\text{Suc } a = \text{Suc } b * q + (\text{Suc } r) \wedge (\text{Suc } r) \leq b$ **by** *simp*

thus *?case* **by** *rules*

qed

qed

From proofs to programs — (2) Primitive proof object

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{nat.induct} \cdot (\lambda u. \exists r q. u = \text{Suc } b * q + r \wedge r \leq b) \cdot a \cdot \\
 & (\text{exI} \cdot (\lambda r. \exists q. 0 = \text{Suc } b * q + r \wedge r \leq b) \cdot 0 \cdot \\
 & (\text{exI} \cdot (\lambda q. 0 = \text{Suc } b * q + 0 \wedge 0 \leq b) \cdot 0 \cdot \\
 & (\text{conjI} \cdot 0 = \text{Suc } b * 0 + 0 \cdot 0 \leq b \cdot \dots \cdot \dots))) \cdot \\
 & (\lambda n H : \exists r q. n = \text{Suc } b * q + r \wedge r \leq b. \\
 & \text{exE} \cdot (\lambda r. \exists q. n = \text{Suc } b * q + r \wedge r \leq b) \cdot \exists r q. \text{Suc } n = \text{Suc } b * q + r \wedge r \leq b \cdot H \cdot \\
 & (\lambda r H : \exists q. n = \text{Suc } b * q + r \wedge r \leq b. \\
 & \text{exE} \cdot (\lambda q. n = \text{Suc } b * q + r \wedge r \leq b) \cdot \exists r q. \text{Suc } n = \text{Suc } b * q + r \wedge r \leq b \cdot H \cdot \\
 & (\lambda q H : n = \text{Suc } b * q + r \wedge r \leq b. \\
 & \text{disjE} \cdot r = b \cdot r \neq b \cdot \exists r q. \text{Suc } n = \text{Suc } b * q + r \wedge r \leq b \cdot \\
 & (\text{nat-eq-dec} \cdot r \cdot b) \cdot \\
 & (\lambda H' : r = b. \\
 & \text{exI} \cdot (\lambda r. \exists q. \text{Suc } n = \text{Suc } b * q + r \wedge r \leq b) \cdot 0 \cdot \\
 & (\text{exI} \cdot (\lambda q. \text{Suc } n = \text{Suc } b * q + 0 \wedge 0 \leq b) \cdot \text{Suc } q \cdot \\
 & (\text{conjI} \cdot \text{Suc } n = \text{Suc } b * \text{Suc } q + 0 \cdot 0 \leq b \cdot \dots \cdot \dots))) \cdot \\
 & (\lambda H' : r \neq b. \\
 & \text{exI} \cdot (\lambda r. \exists q. \text{Suc } n = \text{Suc } b * q + r \wedge r \leq b) \cdot \text{Suc } r \cdot \\
 & (\text{exI} \cdot (\lambda q. \text{Suc } n = \text{Suc } b * q + \text{Suc } r \wedge \text{Suc } r \leq b) \cdot q \cdot \\
 & (\text{conjI} \cdot \text{Suc } n = \text{Suc } b * q + \text{Suc } r \cdot \text{Suc } r \leq b \cdot \dots \cdot \dots))))))
 \end{aligned}$$

From proofs to programs — (3) Extracted program

nat-rec

(0,
0)

($\lambda n H :: \text{nat} \times \text{nat}.$

case H of

(r, q) \Rightarrow

case

nat-eq-dec $r b$ of

Left \Rightarrow

(0,
Suc q)

| Right \Rightarrow

(Suc r ,
 q))

Extraction in ML

```
fun extr d defs vs ts Ts hs (PBound i) = (defs, Bound i)

| extr d defs vs ts Ts hs (Abst (s, SOME T, prf)) =
  let val (defs', t) = extr d defs vs []
      (T :: Ts) (dummyt :: hs) (incr_pboundvars 1 0 prf)
  in (defs', Abs (s, T, t)) end

| extr d defs vs ts Ts hs (AbsP (s, SOME t, prf)) =
  let
    val T = etype_of thy' vs Ts t;
    val (defs', t) = extr d defs vs [] (T :: Ts) (t :: hs)
      (incr_pboundvars 0 1 prf)
  in (defs',
     if T = nullT then subst_bound (nullt, t) else Abs (s, T, t))
  end
```

Extraction in ML – continued

```
| extr d defs vs ts Ts hs (prf % SOME t) =  
  let val (defs', u) = extr d defs vs (t :: ts) Ts hs prf  
  in (defs', u $ t) end  
  
| extr d defs vs ts Ts hs (prf1 %% prf2) =  
  let  
    val (defs', f) = extr d defs vs [] Ts hs prf1;  
    val prop = Reconstruct.prop_of' hs prf2;  
    val T = etype_of thy' vs Ts prop  
  in  
    if T = nullT then (defs', f) else  
      let val (defs'', t) = extr d defs' vs [] Ts hs prf2  
      in (defs'', f $ t) end  
  end  
end
```

Computational content of inductive datatypes and predicates

Proof

Induction on datatype

$$\begin{aligned} \text{nat-induct} : P\ 0 \implies \\ (\bigwedge x. P\ x \implies P\ (\text{Suc}\ x)) \implies P\ z \end{aligned}$$

Inductive predicate Introduction rules

inductive *bar*

$$\begin{aligned} \text{bar1} : \bigwedge ws. ws \in \text{good} \implies ws \in \text{bar} \\ \text{bar2} : \bigwedge ws. (\bigwedge w. w \# ws \in \text{bar}) \implies \\ ws \in \text{bar} \end{aligned}$$

Induction on derivation

$$\begin{aligned} \text{bar-induct} : vs \in \text{bar} \implies \\ (\bigwedge ws. ws \in \text{good} \implies P\ ws) \implies \\ (\bigwedge ws. (\bigwedge w. w \# ws \in \text{bar}) \implies \\ (\bigwedge w. P\ (w \# ws)) \implies P\ ws) \implies \\ P\ vs \end{aligned}$$

Program

Recursion on datatype

$$\begin{aligned} \text{nat-rec} : \text{nat} \Rightarrow \alpha_P \Rightarrow \\ (\text{nat} \Rightarrow \alpha_P \Rightarrow \alpha_P) \Rightarrow \alpha_P \end{aligned}$$

Inductive datatype Constructors

datatype *barT* =

$$\begin{aligned} \text{bar1}\ (\text{letter list list}) \\ | \text{bar2}\ (\text{letter list list})\ (\text{letter list} \Rightarrow \text{barT}) \end{aligned}$$

Recursion on datatype

$$\begin{aligned} \text{bar-rec} : \text{barT} \Rightarrow \\ (\text{letter list list} \Rightarrow \alpha_P) \Rightarrow \\ (\text{letter list list} \Rightarrow (\text{letter list} \Rightarrow \text{barT}) \Rightarrow \\ (\text{letter list} \Rightarrow \alpha_P) \Rightarrow \alpha_P) \Rightarrow \\ \alpha_P \end{aligned}$$

Equality in Isabelle/Pure

- Internal equality: all proofs are modulo β and η (but not modulo δ or ι)
- Axiomatized meta equality \equiv [Paulson 1989]

$$\frac{f \equiv g \quad x \equiv y}{f x \equiv g y} \text{ combination} \qquad \frac{\bigwedge x. f x \equiv g x}{\lambda x. f x \equiv \lambda x. g x} \text{ abstract}$$

$$\frac{x \equiv y \quad y \equiv z}{x \equiv z} \text{ transitive} \qquad \frac{x \equiv y}{y \equiv x} \text{ symmetric} \qquad \overline{x \equiv x} \text{ reflexive}$$

$$\frac{P \implies Q \quad Q \implies P}{P \equiv Q} \text{ equal_intr} \qquad \frac{P \equiv Q \quad P}{Q} \text{ equal_elim}$$

- Strange “feature” of \equiv : rewriting also possible on prop
- Powerful automatic procedure for (contextual) rewriting using \equiv
- **Note:** set of rewrite rules may be non-confluent and non-terminating!

Rewriting on prop

Can construct equality proofs unsuitable for normalization:

```
equal_elim (A ==> C) (B ==> D)
  (combination ==> A) ==> B C D
  (combination ==> ==> A B (reflexive ==>) prf1) prf2) prf3 prf4
```

Better:

```
equal_elim (A ==> C) (B ==> D)
  (equal_intr (A ==> C) (B ==> D)
    (λH1 : (A ==> C) H2 : B. equal_elim C D prf2
      (H1 (equal_elim B A (symmetric A B prf1) H2)))
    (λH1 : (B ==> D) H2 : A. equal_elim D C (symmetric C D prf2)
      (H1 (equal_elim A B prf1 H2)))) prf3 prf4
```

Reduction rules:

```
equal_elim _ _ (equal_intr _ _ prf1 prf2) prf3 ↦ prf1 prf3
equal_elim _ _ (symmetric _ _ (equal_intr _ _ prf1 prf2)) prf3 ↦ prf2 prf3
```

Conclusions and future work

- Proof terms for Isabelle/Pure (simply-typed minimal higher order logic)
- Available for all object logics
- Quite effective compression: over 90% of terms can be omitted

Future work

- More compact representation for equality proofs
- Support for type class reasoning
- Independent checker (e.g. Twelf, CC)