

# MPRI 2-7-2: Proof Assistants

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# Recap: Inductive Types and Elimination Rules

## Simple inductive types (datatypes):

```
Inductive nat : Type := 0 : nat | S : nat->nat.
```

```
Inductive bool := true | false.
```

```
Inductive list (A:Type) : Type :=  
  nil | cons (hd:A) (tl:list A).
```

```
Inductive tree (A:Type) :=  
  leaf | node (_:A) (_:nat->tree A).
```

## Smallest type closed by introduction rules (constructors)

Parameters: `cons : forall A:Type, A -> list A -> list A`

Coq prelude: `cons 0 nil : list nat`

## Recap: Elimination rules

Generated elimination scheme (not primitive):

```
nat_rect
: forall P:nat->Type,
  P 0 -> (forall n, P n -> P (S n)) ->
  forall n, P n.
:= fun P h0 hS => fix F n :=
  match n return P n with
  | 0 => h0
  | S k => hS k (F k)
  end
```

Eliminator of recursive type =  
dependent pattern-matching + guarded fixpoint

# Logical connectives

Logical connectives and their non-dependent elimination schemes:

```
Inductive True : Prop := I.
```

```
True_rect : forall P:Type, P -> True -> P.
```

```
Inductive False : Prop := .
```

```
False_rect : forall P:Type, False -> P
```

```
Inductive and (A B:Prop) : Prop :=
```

```
conj (_:A) (_:B).
```

```
and_rect : forall (A B:Prop) (P:Type), (A->B->P)-> A/\B  
-> P
```

```
Inductive or (A B:Prop) : Prop :=
```

```
or_introl (_:A) | or_intror (_:B).
```

```
or_ind : forall (A B P:Prop), (A->P) -> (B->P) -> P.
```

# Plan

## Inductive families

- Predicate defined by inference rules

- Definition of equality

- Vectors

## Non-uniform parameters

## Theory of Inductive types

- Strict Positivity

- Dependent pattern-matching

- Guarded fixpoint

- The guardedness check

# Limitations of parameters

Defining a predicate:

```
Inductive even (n:nat) : Prop :=  
  even_i (half:nat) (_:half+half=n).
```

Inductive types with parameters are some kind of “template”

```
Inductive listnat :=  
  nilnat | consnat (_:nat) (_:listnat).  
Inductive listbool :=  
  nilbool | consbool (_:bool) (_:listbool).
```

**No dependency** between both types.

But in the definition of  $\text{even} : \text{nat} \rightarrow \text{Prop}$  as an inductive type/set

$$\frac{}{E_0 : \text{even } 0} \qquad \frac{e : \text{even } n}{E_{SS}(e) : \text{even } (S (S n))}$$

$\text{even } (S (S 0))$  **depends on**  $\text{even } 0$ .

# Inductive families

Family = **indexed** type

$P : \text{nat} \rightarrow \text{Type}$  represents the type family  $(P(n))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$

Inductive family:

- ▶ Constructors do not inhabit **uniformly** the members of the family
- ▶ Recursive arguments can **change** the value of the index

Even numbers:

```
Inductive even : nat -> Prop :=  
  E0 : even 0  
| ESS (n:nat) (e:even n) : even (S (S n)).
```

Syntax very close to **inference rules**!

# Elimination scheme

Elimination scheme: minimality of predicate, **rule-induction**

```
even_ind : forall (P:nat->Prop),  
  P 0 -> (forall n, P n -> P (S (S n))) ->  
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Even's dependent scheme (refers to constructors `E0` and `ESS`):

```
forall (P : forall n, even n -> Prop),  
P 0 E0 ->  
(forall n (e:even n), P n e -> P (S (S n)) (ESS n e)) ->  
forall n (e:even n), P n e
```

Definable in Coq, but not automatically generated (why? wait and see...)

# Defining the dependent elimination scheme

Even more complex return clause: in

```
Definition even_ind_dep (P:forall n , even n -> Prop)
  (h0:P 0 E0)
  (hSS:forall n e, P n e -> P (S (S n)) (ESS n e))
  : forall n, even n -> P n :=
  fix F n e :=
  match e as e' in even k return P k e' with
  | E0 => h0 : P 0 E0
  | ESS k e' =>
    hSS k e' (F k e') : P (S (S k)) (ESS k e')
  end
```

Notation `as e' in even k return P k e'` is just a way to write the term `fun k e' => P k e'`.

Becomes natural with time...

# Equality: the paradigmatic indexed family

Propositional equality is defined as:

```
Inductive eq (A : Type) (a : A) : A -> Prop :=  
  eq_refl : eq A a a.  
Notation "x = y" := (eq x y).
```

Its dependent elimination principle is of the form:

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e : eq\ A\ t\ u \quad \Gamma, y:A, e':eq\ A\ t\ y \vdash C(y, e') : s \quad \Gamma \vdash t : C(t, eq\_refl_{A,t})}{\Gamma \vdash \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{match } e \text{ as } e' \text{ in } eq\_y \text{ return } C(y, e') \text{ with} \\ \quad eq\_refl \Rightarrow t \\ \quad \text{end} \end{array} \right) : C(u, e)}$$

# Tactics related to equality

## Tactics:

- ▶ `f_equal` (congruence)  $\frac{x=y}{f(x)=f(y)}$
- ▶ `discriminate` (constructor discrimination)  $\frac{C(t_1, \dots, t_n) = D(u_1, \dots, u_k)}{A}$
- ▶ `injection` (injectivity of constructors)  $\frac{C(t_1, \dots, t_n) = C(u_1, \dots, u_n)}{t_1 = u_1 \quad \dots \quad t_n = u_n}$
- ▶ `inversion` (necessary conditions)  $\frac{\text{even } (S(Sn))}{\text{even } n}$
- ▶ `rewrite` (substitution)  $\frac{x=y \quad P(y)}{P(x)}$
- ▶ `symmetry`, `transitivity`

# Inductive types with parameters and index

## *Example of vectors with size*

```
Inductive vect (A:Type) : nat -> Type :=  
| niln : vect A 0  
| consn :  
  A -> forall n:nat, vect A n -> vect A (S n).
```

*which defines*

- ▶ a family of types-predicates:  
 $\Gamma \vdash \text{vect} : \mathbf{Type} \rightarrow \text{nat} \rightarrow \mathbf{Type}$
- ▶ a set of introduction rules for the types in this family

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A : \mathbf{Type}}{\Gamma \vdash \text{niln}_A : \text{vect } A \ 0}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A : \mathbf{Type} \quad \Gamma \vdash a : A \quad \Gamma \vdash n : \text{nat} \quad \Gamma \vdash l : \text{vect } A \ n}{\Gamma \vdash \text{consn}_A \ a \ n \ l : \text{list } A \ (S \ n)}$$

# Inductive types with parameters and index

*vectors : elimination*

- ▶ an elimination rule (pattern-matching operator with a result depending on the object which is eliminated)

$$\frac{\begin{array}{l} \Gamma \vdash v : \mathit{vect} \ A \ n \quad \Gamma, m : \mathit{nat}, x : \mathit{vect} \ A \ m \vdash C(m, x) : s \\ \Gamma \vdash t_1 : C(O, \mathit{nil} \ n \ A) \\ \Gamma, a : A, n : \mathit{nat}, l : \mathit{vect} \ A \ n \vdash t_2 : C(S \ n, \mathit{cons} \ n \ A \ a \ n \ l) \end{array}}{\Gamma \vdash \left( \begin{array}{l} \mathit{match} \ v \ \mathit{as} \ x \ \mathit{in} \ \mathit{vect} \ \_ \ p \ \mathit{return} \ C(p, x) \ \mathit{with} \\ \quad \mathit{nil} \ n \Rightarrow t_1 \mid \mathit{cons} \ n \ a \ n \ l \Rightarrow t_2 \\ \mathit{end} \end{array} \right) : C(n, v)}$$

# Inductive types with parameters and index

- ▶ reduction rules preserve typing ( $\iota$ -reduction)

$$\begin{array}{l} \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{match niln}_A \text{ as } x \text{ in } \mathbf{vect\_p} \text{ return } C(x, p) \text{ with} \\ \quad \text{niln} \Rightarrow t_1 \mid \text{consn } a n l \Rightarrow t_2 \\ \text{end} \end{array} \right) \\ \rightarrow_{\iota} t_1 \\ \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{match consn}_A a' n' l' \text{ as } x \text{ in } \mathbf{vect\_p} \text{ return } C(x, p) \text{ with} \\ \quad \text{niln} \Rightarrow t_1 \mid \text{consn } a n l \Rightarrow t_2 \\ \text{end} \end{array} \right) \\ \rightarrow_{\iota} t_2[a', n', l' / a, n, l] \end{array}$$

# Non-uniform parameters

Non-uniform parameter:

- ▶ Like parameters: uniform conclusion
- ▶ Like indices: value can change in recursive subterms

```
Inductive tuple (A:Type) :=  
| H0 (_:A)  
| HS (_:tuple (A*A)).
```

```
Definition t4 : tuple nat :=  
HS nat (HS (nat*nat) (H0 _ ((1,2), (3,4)))).
```

## Elimination rules

Pattern-matching:

$$\frac{\begin{array}{l} \Gamma \vdash e : \text{tuple } A \quad \Gamma, h : \text{tuple } A \vdash P(h) : s \\ \Gamma, x : A \vdash t_0 : P(H0 A x) \quad \Gamma, h : \text{tuple}(A * A) \vdash t_S : P(HS A h) \end{array}}{\Gamma \vdash \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{match } e \text{ as } h \text{ return } P(h) \text{ with} \\ \quad H0 x \Rightarrow t_0 \\ \quad | HS h \Rightarrow t_S \\ \quad \text{end} \end{array} \right) : P(e)}$$

Elimination:

```
tuple_rect :  
  forall (P:forall A, tuple A -> Type),  
  (forall A x, P A (H0 A x)) ->  
  (forall A h, P (A*A) h -> P A (HS A h)) ->  
  forall A (h:tuple A), P A h.
```

Non-uniform parameters:

- ▶ In pattern-matching, behaves like a parameter
- ▶ In recursive principles, behaves like an index

# Encoding inductive families

Non-uniform parameters can encode inductive families:

```
Inductive even (n:nat) : Prop :=
  E0' (_:n=0)
| ESS' (k:nat) (e:even k) (_:n=S (S k)).
Definition E0 : even 0 := E0' 0 eq_refl.
Definition ESS n e : even (S (S n)) :=
  ESS' (S (S n)) n e eq_refl.
```

## Well-formed inductive definitions

# Issues

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We define:

```
Definition app (x y:lambda)  
:= match x with (Lam f) => f y end.  
Definition Delta := Lam (fun x => app x x).  
Definition Omega := app Delta Delta.
```

and the evaluation of  $\Omega$  loops.

# Necessity of restrictions

Things can even be worse:

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```

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```
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What happens with `(lambda_to_nat (Lam (fun x => x)))`?

## The way out: (strict) positivity condition

- ▶ An inductive type is defined as the smallest type generated by a set  $(\Gamma_i)_{1 \leq i \leq n}$  of constructors.
- ▶ We can see it as  $\mu X, \oplus_{1 \leq i \leq n} \Gamma_i(X)$  (with  $\mu$  a fixpoint operator on types).
- ▶ The existence of this smallest type can be proved at the impredicative level when the operator  $\lambda X, \oplus_{1 \leq i \leq n} \Gamma_i(X)$  is **monotonic**.
- ▶ In order both to ensure monotonicity and to avoid paradox, Coq enforces a **strict positivity** condition:  $X$  should never appear on the left of an arrow in the type of its constructors.

## The way out: (strict) positivity condition

More precisely, if the type (a.k.a arity) of a constructor is:

$$c : C_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow C_k \rightarrow \mathbb{I} \ a_1 \ \dots \ a_k$$

it is well-formed when:

- ▶  $\mathbb{I} \ a_1 \ \dots \ a_k$  is well-formed w.r.t. the uniformity of parametric arguments and typing constraints;
- ▶  $\mathbb{I}$  does not appear in any of the  $a_1, \dots, a_k$ ;
- ▶ Each  $C_i$  should either not refer to  $\mathbb{I}$  or be of the form:

$$C'_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow C'_m \rightarrow \mathbb{I} \ b_1 \ \dots \ b_k$$

well typed and with no other occurrence of  $\mathbb{I}$ .

And the rule generalizes as such to dependent products (instead of arrow).

## More well-formation conditions...

There are more constraints, that will be explained later:

1. predicativity/impredicativity  
An inductive is predicative when all constructor argument types live in a sort not bigger than the declared sort for the inductive
2. restriction on eliminations

# Dependent pattern-matching

```
Inductive I (p:Par) : A -> s :=  
... |  $\Gamma (x_1:C_1) \dots (x_n:C_n) : I p u$   
| ...
```

```
match t as h in I _ a return P(a,h) with  
...  
|  $\Gamma x_1 \dots x_n => e$   
...  
end
```

Typing conditions:

- ▶  $\vdash t : I q a$
- ▶  $a : A[q/p], h : I q a \vdash P : s'$
- ▶  $x_1 : C_1[q/p], \dots, x_n : C_n[q/p] \vdash e : P(u[q/p], \Gamma q x_1 \dots x_n)$

Then the match has type  $P(a, t)$

# Tactics for case analysis

- ▶ `case t` is the most primitive. It:
  - ▶ generates a (proof) term of the form `match t with ...;`
  - ▶ guesses the return type from the goal (under the line);
  - ▶ does not introduce/name the arguments of the constructor by default, but there is a syntax for choosing names.
- ▶ The `case_eq` variant modifies the guessing of the return type so that equalities are generated.
- ▶ The `destruct` variant modifies the guessing of the return type so that it generalizes the hypotheses depending on `t`.

# The fixpoint operator (reduction)

Fixpoint expression with dependent result

$$(\text{fix } f (x : A) : B(x) := t(f, x))$$

► Typing

$$\frac{f : (\forall(x : A), B(x)), x : A \vdash t : B(x)}{\vdash (\text{fix } f (x : A) : B(x) := t(f, x)) : \forall(x : A), B(x)}$$

## Fixpoint operator : well-foundness

Requirement of the Calculus of Inductive Constructions :

- ▶ the **argument** of the fixpoint has type an **inductive** definition
- ▶ recursive calls are on arguments which are **structurally** smaller

Example of recursor on natural numbers

```
 $\lambda P : \text{nat} \rightarrow \mathbf{s},$   
 $\lambda H_O : P(O),$   
 $\lambda H_S : \forall m : \text{nat}, P(m) \rightarrow P(S m),$   
 $\text{fix } f (n : \text{nat}) : P(n) :=$   
  match  $n$  as  $y$  return  $P(y)$  with  
     $O \Rightarrow H_O \mid S m \Rightarrow H_S m (f m)$   
  end
```

is correct with respect to CCI : recursive call on  $m$  which is structurally smaller than  $n$  in the inductive  $\text{nat}$ .

# Fixpoint operator : typing rules

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash l : s \quad \Gamma, x : A \vdash C : s' \quad \Gamma, x : l, f : (\forall x : l, C) \vdash t : C \quad t|_f^\emptyset <_l x}{\Gamma \vdash (\text{fix } f(x : l) : C := t) : \forall x : l, C}$$

the main definition of  $t|_f^\rho <_l x$  are:

$$\frac{z \in \rho \cup \{x\} \quad (u_i|_f^\rho <_l x)_{i=1 \dots n} \quad A|_f^\rho <_l x \quad (t_i|_f^{\rho \cup \{x \in \vec{x}_i | x : \forall y : \vec{U}. l \vec{u}\}} <_l x)_i}{\text{match } z \ u_1 \dots u_n \ \text{return } A \ \text{with } \dots \ c_i \ \vec{x}_i \Rightarrow t_i \ \dots \ \text{end}|_f^\rho <_l x}$$

$$\frac{t \neq (z \vec{u}) \ \text{for } z \in \rho \cup \{x\} \quad t|_f^\rho <_l x \quad A|_f^\rho <_l x \quad \dots \ t_i|_f^\rho <_l x \quad \dots}{\text{match } t \ \text{return } A \ \text{with } \dots \ c_i \ \vec{x}_i \Rightarrow t_i \ \dots \ \text{end}|_f^\rho <_l x}$$

$$\frac{y \in \rho}{f \ y|_f^\rho <_l x} \quad \frac{f \notin t}{t|_f^\rho <_l x}$$

+ contextual rules ...

## Remarks on the criteria

- ▶ It covers simply the schema of primitive recursive definitions and proofs by induction which have recursive calls on all **immediate subterms**.

```
 $\lambda P : \text{list } A \rightarrow s,$   
 $\lambda f_1 : P \text{ nil},$   
 $\lambda f_2 : \forall (a : A)(l : \text{list } A), P l \rightarrow P (\text{cons } a l),$   
 $\text{fix } \textit{Rec} (x : \text{list } A) : P x :=$   
   $\text{match } x \text{ return } P x \text{ with}$   
     $\text{nil} \Rightarrow f_1 \mid (\text{cons } a l) \Rightarrow f_2 a l (\textit{Rec } l)$   
   $\text{end}$ 
```

- ▶ has type

```
 $\forall P : \text{list } A \rightarrow s,$   
 $P \text{ nil}, \rightarrow$   
 $(\forall (a : A)(l : \text{list } A), P l \rightarrow P (\text{cons } a l)) \rightarrow$   
 $\forall (x : \text{list } A), P x$ 
```

## Remarks on the criteria

### Possibility of recursive call on deep subterms

```
Fixpoint mod2 (n:nat) : nat :=
  match n with 0 => 0 | S 0 => S 0
              | S (S x) => mod2 x
end
```

### Possibility of recursive call on terms build by case analysis if each branch is a strict subterm:

```
Definition pred (n:nat) : n<>0->nat:=
  match n return n<>0->nat with
  | S p => (fun (h:S p<>0) => p)
  | 0    => (fun (h:0<>0) =>
            match h (refl_equal 0) return nat with end
          )
end

Fixpoint F (n:nat) : C :=
  match iszero n with
  | (left (H:n=0)) => ...
  | (right (H:n<>0)) => F (pred n H)
end
```

## Remarks on the criteria

Note : only the recursive arguments with the *same* type are considered recursive (otherwise paradox related to impredicativity)

```
Inductive Singl (A:Prop) : Prop := c : A -> Singl A.  
Definition ID : Prop := forall (A:Prop), A -> A.  
Definition id : ID := fun A x => x.  
Fixpoint f (x : Singl ID) : bool :=  
  match x with (c a) => f (a (Singl ID) (c ID id)) end.
```

$$f(c\ ID\ id) \longrightarrow f(id\ (Singl\ ID)\ (c\ ID\ id)) \longrightarrow f(c\ ID\ id)$$

# Tactics for induction

`fix`  $\langle n \rangle$ , where  $\langle n \rangle$  is a numeral is the most primitive. It:

- ▶ generates a (proof) term of the form:

```
fun g1 g2 => fix f h1 h2 t h3 {struct t} := ?F h1 h2 t
```

where:

- ▶  $g1, g2$  are the objects in the context (above the line);
- ▶  $h1, h2, t, h3$  are the objects quantified in the goal (under the line);
- ▶ `?F` can call `f` (= recursive calls);
- ▶ the termination of `f` is should eventually be guaranteed by structural recursion on `t`;

`Qed` checks the well-formedness, which was not guaranteed so far: error messages come late and may be difficult to interpret.

# Tactics for induction

`elim t` applies an induction scheme, i.e. a lemma of the form:

```
forall P : T -> Type, .... -> forall t' : T, P t'
```

- ▶ It guesses argument `P` from the goal (under the line), abstracting all the occurrences of `t`.
- ▶ It guesses the elimination scheme to be used (`T_ind`, `T_rect`,...) from the sort of the goal and the type of `t`.
- ▶ The `elim t using s` variant allows to provide a custom elimination scheme (or lemma!) `s`, with the same unification heuristic.
- ▶ The `induction t` tactic guesses argument `P` taking into account the possible hypotheses depending on `t` present in the context (above the line). Plus it can introduce and name things automatically.

Remark: the `rewrite` tactic does a similar guessing job...

# Fixpoint expansion

We would expect the usual expansion rule for fixpoints:

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Solution: allow this reduction only when  $e$  is a **constructor**