CS477 Formal Software Development Methods

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Defining Things

Introducing New Types

- `typedef`: Primitive for type definitions; Only real way of introducing a new type with new properties
  - Must build a model and prove it nonempty
  - Probably won't use in this course
- `typedecl`: Pure declaration; New type with no properties (except that it is non-empty)
- `type_synonym`: Abbreviation - used only to make theory files more readable
- `datatype`: Defines recursive data-types; solutions to free algebra specifications

Datatypes: An Example

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

- Type constructors: `list` of one argument
- Term constructors: `Nil :: 'a list`
  `Cons :: 'a ⇒ 'a list ⇒ 'a list`
- Distinctness: `Nil` ≠ `Cons x xs`
- Injectivity:
  `(Cons x xs = Cons y ys) = (x = y ∧ xs = ys)`

Structural Induction on Lists

- To show `P` holds of every list
  - show `P Nil`, and
  - for arbitrary `a` and `list`, show `P list` implies `P (Cons a list)`

$$\frac{\texttt{P Nil} \qquad \begin{array}{c}\texttt{P list}\\ \vdots \\ \texttt{P (Cons a list)}\end{array}}{\texttt{P xs}}$$

In Isabelle:

$[|?P\ [\,];\ \Lambda a\ list.\ ?P\ list \Longrightarrow ?P\ (a\#list)|] \Longrightarrow ?P\ ?list$

datatype: The General Case

$$\texttt{datatype}\ (\alpha_1,\ldots,\alpha_m)\tau \ = \ C_1\ \tau_{1,1}\ldots\tau_{1,n_1} \ \mid \ \ldots \ \mid \ C_k\ \tau_{k,1}\ldots\tau_{k,n_k}$$

- Term Constructors:
  $C_i :: \tau_{i,1} \Rightarrow \ldots \Rightarrow \tau_{i,n_i} \Rightarrow (\alpha_1,\ldots,\alpha_m)\tau$
- Distinctness: $C_i\ x_i \ldots x_{i,n_i} \neq C_j\ y_j \ldots y_{j,n_j}$ if $i \neq j$
- Injectivity: $(C_i\ x_1 \ldots x_{n_i} = C_i\ y_1 \ldots y_{n_i}) = (x_1 = y_1 \wedge \ldots \wedge x_{n_i} = y_{n_i})$

Distinctness and Injectivity are applied by `simp`
Induction must be applied explicitly

Proof Method

- **Syntax:** (induct_tac x)
  x must be a free variable in the first subgoal
  The type of x must be a datatype
- **Effect:** Generates 1 new subgoal per constructor
- Type of x determines which induction principle to use

case

Every datatype introduces a case construct, e.g.

(case xs of [ ] ⇒. . . | y#ys ⇒ . . .y . . .ys . . .)

In general: case *Arbitrarily nested pattern* ⇒ *Expression using pattern variables* | . . .
Patterns may be non-exhaustive, or overlapping
Order of clauses matters - early clause takes precedence.

HOL Functions are Total

Why nontermination can be harmful:

- If f x is undefined, is f x = f x?
- Excluded Middle says it must be True or False
- Reflexivity says it's True
- How about f x = 0? f x = 1? f x = y?
- If f x ≠ y then ∀y. f x ≠ y.
- Then f x ≠ f x #

! All functions in HOL must be total !

Function Definition in Isabelle/HOL

- Non-recursive definitions with definition
  No problem
- Well-founded recursion with fun
  Proved automatically, but user must take care that recursive calls are on "obviously" smaller arguments
- Well-founded recursion with function
  User must (help to) prove termination
  (⇝ later)
- Role your own, via definition of the functions graph
  use of choose operator, and other tedious approaches, but can work when built-in methods don't.
- Shouldn't need last two in this class

A Recursive Function: List Append

Declaration:
consts app :: "'a list ⇒ 'a list ⇒ 'a list
and definition by *recursion*:
```
fun
app Nil ys = ys
app (Cons x xs) ys = Cons x (app xs ys)
```

Uses heuristics to find termination order
Guarantees termination (total function) if it succeeds

Demo: Another Datatype Example