

# Topics in Automated Deduction (CS 576)

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# Safe and Unsafe Rules

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**Safe rules** preserve provability:

`conjI, impI, notI, iffI, refl, ccontr, classical, conje, disjE`

**Unsafe rules** can reduce a provable goal to one that is not:

`disjI1, disjI2, impE, iffD1, iffD2, notE`

**Try safe rules before unsafe ones**

$\Longrightarrow$  **VS**  $\longrightarrow$

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- Theorems usually more useful written as

$$\llbracket A_1; \dots; A_n \rrbracket \Longrightarrow A$$

instead of  $A_1 \wedge \dots \wedge A_n \longrightarrow A$  (easier to apply)

- **Exception:** (in `apply`-style): induction variable must not occur in premises

- Example: For induction on  $x$ , transform:

$$\llbracket A; B(x) \rrbracket \Longrightarrow C(x) \rightsquigarrow A \Longrightarrow B(x) \longrightarrow C(x)$$

Reverse transformation (after proof):

$$\text{lemma abc [rule\_format]: } A \Longrightarrow B(x) \longrightarrow C(x)$$

# Parameters

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Subgoal:

1.  $\Lambda x_1 \dots x_n. Formula$

The  $x_i$  are called *parameters* of the subgoal

Intuition: local constants, i.e. arbitrary fixed values

Rules are automatically lifted passed  $\Lambda x_1 \dots x_n$  and applied directly to *Formula*

# Scope

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- Scope of parameters: whole subgoal
- Scope of  $\forall$ ,  $\exists$ , ...: ends with ; or  $\implies$ , or enclosing )

$$\Lambda xy. \llbracket \forall y. P y \longrightarrow Q z y; Q x y \rrbracket \implies \exists x. Q x y$$

means

$$\Lambda xy. \llbracket (\forall y_1. P y_1 \longrightarrow Q z y_1); Q x y \rrbracket \implies \exists x_1. Q x_1 y$$

# $\alpha$ -Conversion and Scope of Variables

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- $\forall x. P \ x$ :  $x$  can appear in  $P \ x$ .

Example:  $\forall x. x = x$  is obtained by  $P \mapsto \lambda u. u = u$

- $\forall x. P$ :  $x$  cannot appear in  $P$

Example:  $P \mapsto x = x$  yields  $\forall x'. x = x$

Bound variables are renamed automatically to avoid name clashes with other variables.

# Natural Deduction Rules for Quantifiers

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$$\frac{\Lambda x. P x}{\forall x. P x} \text{ allI}$$

$$\frac{\forall x. P x \quad P ?x \implies R}{R} \text{ allE}$$

$$\frac{P ?x}{\exists x. P x} \text{ exI}$$

$$\frac{\exists x. P x \quad \Lambda x. P x \implies R}{R} \text{ exE}$$

- **allI** and **exE** introduce new parameters ( $\Lambda x$ )
- **allE** and **exI** introduce new unknowns ( $?x$ )

# Safe and Unsafe Rules

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Safe: `allI`, `exE`

Unsafe: `allE`, `exI`

Create parameters first, unknowns later

# Instantiating Variables in Rules

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apply (rule_tac  $x = \textit{term}$  in  $rule$ )
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Like `rule`, but  $?x$  in  $rule$  is instantiated with  $term$  before application.

$?x$  must be schematic variable occurring in statement of  $rule$ .

Similar: `erule_tac`

**!  $x$  is in rule, not in goal !**

# Two Successful Proofs

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1.  $\forall x. \exists y. x = y$   
`apply (rule allI)`  
1.  $\Lambda x. \exists y. x = y$

Better practice:

`apply(rule_tac x = "x" in exI)`  
1.  $\Lambda x. x = x$   
`apply (rule refl)`

simpler & cleaner

Exploration:

`apply (rule exI)`  
1.  $\Lambda x. x = ?y \ x$   
`apply (rule refl)`  
 $?y \mapsto \lambda u. u$

shorter & trickier

# Two Unsuccessful Proof Attempts

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1.  $\exists y. \forall x. x = y$

`apply(rule_tac`

`x = ??? in exI)`

`apply (rule exI)`

1.  $\forall x. x = ?y$

`apply(rule allI)`

1.  $\wedge x. x = ?y$

`apply(rule refl)`

`?y  $\mapsto$  x yields  $\wedge x'. x' = x$`

Principles: `?f  $x_1 \dots x_n$`  can only be replaced by term  $t$

if  $params(t) \subseteq \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$

# Parameter Names

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Parameter names are chosen by Isabelle

1.  $\forall x. \exists y. x = y$

`apply(rule allI)`

1.  $\Lambda x. \exists y. x = y$

`apply(rule_tac x = "x" in exI)`

**Works, but is brittle!!**

# Renaming Parameters

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1.  $\forall x. \exists y. x = y$

`apply(rule allI)`

1.  $\Lambda x. \exists y. x = y$

`apply(rename_tac xxx)`

1.  $\Lambda xxx. \exists y. xxx = y$

`apply(rule_tac x = "xxx" in exI)`

In general: `(rename_tac  $x_1 \dots x_n$ )` renames the right-most (inner)  $n$  parameters to  $x_1 \dots x_n$

# Forward Proofs: `frule` and `drule`

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“Forward” rule:  $A_1 \implies A$

Subgoal: 1.  $\llbracket B_1; \dots; B_n \rrbracket \implies C$

Substitution:  $\sigma(B_i) \equiv \sigma(A_1)$

New subgoal: 1.  $\sigma(\llbracket B_1; \dots; B_n; A \rrbracket) \implies C$

Command:

`apply(frule < rulename >)`

Like `frule` but also deletes  $B_i$ :

`apply(drule < rulename >)`

# frule and drule: The General Case

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Rule:  $\llbracket A_1; \dots; A_m \rrbracket \Longrightarrow A$

Creates additional subgoals:

$$1. \sigma(\llbracket B_1; \dots; B_n \rrbracket \Longrightarrow A_2)$$

$\vdots$

$$m - 1. \sigma(\llbracket B_1; \dots; B_n \rrbracket \Longrightarrow A_m)$$

$$m. \sigma(\llbracket B_1; \dots; B_n; A \rrbracket \Longrightarrow C)$$

# Forward Proofs: OF

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$$r \text{ [OF } r_1 \dots r_n \text{]}$$

Prove assumption 1 of theorem  $r$  with theorem  $r_1$ ,  
and assumption 2 with theorem  $r_2$ , etc.

$$\text{Rule } r \quad \llbracket A_1; \dots; A_m \rrbracket \implies A$$

$$\text{Rule } r_1 \quad \llbracket B_1; \dots; B_n \rrbracket \implies B$$

$$\text{Substitution} \quad \sigma(B) \equiv \sigma(A_1)$$

$$r \text{ [OF } r_1 \text{]} \quad \sigma(\llbracket B_1; \dots; B_n; A_2; \dots; A_m \rrbracket \implies A)$$