

Natural Deduction Rules for Quantifiers

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

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

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

Safe and Unsafe Rules

Safe: **allI**, **exE**

Unsafe: **allE**, **exI**

Create parameters first, unknowns later

Instantiating Variables in Rules

`proof (rule_tac x = "term" in rule)`

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 Apply-Style Successful Proofs

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

Better practice:

`apply (rule exI)`
 1. $\Lambda x. x = ?yx$
`apply (rule refl)`

Exploration:

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

$?y \mapsto \lambda u. u$

simpler & cleaner

shorter & trickier

Successful Attempt in Isar

```
lemma shows "\ (x::'a). \ y. x = y"
proof (rule allI)
  fix x::'a
  show "\ y. x = y"
proof (rule exI)
  show "x = x" by (rule refl)
qed
qed
```

Two Unsuccessful Apply-Style Proof Attempts

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. $\Lambda x. x = ?y$
`apply (rule refl)`
 $?y \mapsto x$ yields $\Lambda x'. x' = x$

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

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!!

Better to use Isar, where you choose the name.

Forward Proofs: frule and drule

"Forward" rule: $A_1 \Rightarrow A$
Subgoal: 1. $\llbracket B_1; \dots; B_n \rrbracket \Rightarrow C$
Substitution: $\sigma(B_i) \equiv \sigma(A_1)$
New subgoal: 1. $\sigma(\llbracket B_1; \dots; B_n; A \rrbracket \Rightarrow C)$

Command:

```
apply(frule < rulename >)
```

Like **frule** but also deletes B_i :

```
apply(drule < rulename >)
```

frule and drule: The General Case

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

Creates additional subgoals:

```
1.  $\sigma(\llbracket B_1; \dots; B_n \rrbracket \Rightarrow A_2)$   
⋮  
 $m-1$ .  $\sigma(\llbracket B_1; \dots; B_n \rrbracket \Rightarrow A_m)$   
 $m$ .  $\sigma(\llbracket B_1; \dots; B_n; A \rrbracket \Rightarrow C)$ 
```

In Isar style, use **have**

Forward Proofs: OF and THEN

r [OF $r_1 \dots r_n$]

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

Rule r $\llbracket A_1; \dots; A_m \rrbracket \Rightarrow A$

Rule r_1 $\llbracket B_1; \dots; B_n \rrbracket \Rightarrow B$

Substitution $\sigma(B) \equiv \sigma(A_1)$

r [OF r_1] $\sigma(\llbracket B_1; \dots; B_n; A_2; \dots; A_m \rrbracket \Rightarrow A)$

r_1 [THEN r_2] means r_2 [OF r_1]

Forward Proofs: of

Given a theorem like `gcd_mult_distrib2`:

```
?k * gcd (?m, ?n) = gcd (?k * ?m, ?k * ?n)
```

- We want to replace `?m` by 1.
- `of` instantiates variables left to right
- In above the order is `?k`, `?m`, and `?n`
- `[of k 1]` replaces `?k` by `k`, and `?m` by 1.
- `gcd_mult_distrib2 [of k 1]` yields

```
k * gcd (1, ?n) = gcd (k * 1, k * ?n)
```

Forward Proofs: where

Alternately, with `where` you can specify the variable to get the term:

```
gcd_mult_distrib2 [where m = "1"] yields
```

```
?k * gcd (1, ?n) = gcd (?k * 1, ?k * ?n)
```

Same result given by `gcd_mult_distrib2 [of _ 1]`

```
gcd_mult_distrib2 [where m = "1" and k = "k"] yields
```

```
k * gcd (1, ?n) = gcd (k * 1, k * ?n)
```

Caution: `of` and `where` cannot use goal parameters

Forward Proofs: lemmas

- Can use `lemmas` to capture result of forward proof:
`lemmas gcd_mult0 = gcd_mult.distrib2 [of k 1]`
- Can follow on with more forward reasoning:
`lemmas gcd_mult1 = gcd_mult0 [simplified] yields`
`k = gcd (k, k * ?n)`
- `[simplified]` applies `simp` to theorem

Forward Proofs: lemmas

Can combine multiple steps together:

```
lemmas gcd_mult =  
gcd_mult.distrib2 [of _ 1, simplified, THEN sym]  
  
yields  
  
gcd (?k, ?k * ?n) = ?k
```

Adding Assumptions to Goals

- `cut_tac thm` insert `thm` as new assumption to current subgoal
- ```
lemma relprime_dvd_mult:
"gcd(k,n) = 1; k dvd m * n] ==> k dvd m"
apply (cut_tac gcd_mult.distrib2 [of m k n])

yields:

[gcd(k,n) = 1; k dvd m * n; m * gcd(k,n) = gcd(m * k, m * n)] ==>
k dvd m
```

## Adding Assumptions to Goals

**Note:** `of` and `where` can use only original user variables, but **not Isabelle generated parameters**

`cut_tac k="m" and m="k" and n="n" in gcd_mult.distrib2` yields same result as above

`cut_tac` can use parameters

## Adding Assumptions to Goals: subgoal\_tac

- Can always add assumption `asm` to current subgoal with  
`apply (subgoal_tac "asm")`
- Statement can use Isabelle parameters
- Adds new subgoal `asm` with same assumptions as current subgoal

## Adding Assumptions to Goals: subgoal\_tac

1.  $[A_1; \dots; A_n] \Rightarrow A$   
`apply (subgoal_tac "asm")`

yields

1.  $[A_1; \dots; A_n; \text{asm}] \Rightarrow A$
2.  $[A_1; \dots; A_n] \Rightarrow \text{asm}$

## Removing Assumptions: `thin_tac`

- Can remove unwanted assumption *asm* from current subgoal with `apply (thin_tac "asm")`

1.  $\llbracket A_1; \dots; A_{i-1}; A_i; A_{i+1}; \dots; A_n \rrbracket \Rightarrow A$   
`apply (thin_tac "A_i")`

yields

1.  $\llbracket A_1; \dots; A_{i-1}; A_{i+1}; \dots; A_n; \text{asm} \rrbracket \Rightarrow A$

## "Clarifying" the Goal

- `proof (intro ...)`  
Repeated application of intro rules  
**Example:** `proof (intro allI)`
- `proof (elim ...)`  
Repeated application of elim rules  
**Example:** `proof (elim conjE)`
- `proof (clarify)`  
Repeated application of safe rules without splitting goal
- `proof (clarsimp simp add: ...)`  
Combination of `clarify` and `simp`

## Other Automated Proof Methods

- `blast` Isabelle's most powerful classical reasoner.  
Useful for goals stated using only predicate logic and set theory  
Can be extended with rules (with `[iff]` attribute) to handle broader classes of goals
- `auto`  
Applies to all subgoals.  
Combines classical reasoning with simplification  
Does what it can; leaves unfinished subgoals  
Splits subgoals
- `force`  
Similar to `auto`, but only applies to one goal, and either finishes or fails.
- `safe`  
Like `clarify` but also splits goals

## Demo: Proof Methods