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# ***Isabelle's meta-logic***

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# The proof state

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$$1. \bigwedge x_1 \dots x_p. [ A_1; \dots ; A_n ] \implies B$$

$x_1 \dots x_p$  Local constants

$A_1 \dots A_n$  Local assumptions

$B$  Actual (sub)goal



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## *Type and function definition in Isabelle/HOL*

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# *Introducing new types*

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Keywords:

- **typedecl**: pure declaration
- **types**: abbreviation
- **datatype**: recursive datatype

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Example:

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Type abbreviations are expanded immediately after parsing  
Not present in internal representation and Isabelle output



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***datatype***

# The example

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

Properties:

- **Types:**  $Nil \quad :: \quad 'a \text{ list}$   
 $Cons \quad :: \quad 'a \Rightarrow 'a \text{ list} \Rightarrow 'a \text{ list}$
- **Distinctness:**  $Nil \neq Cons \ x \ xs$
- **Injectivity:**  $(Cons \ x \ xs = Cons \ y \ ys) = (x = y \wedge xs = ys)$

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Induction must be applied explicitly

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**!** All functions in HOL must be total **!**



# *Function definition schemas in Isabelle/HOL*

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- Non-recursive with **defs/constdefs**  
No problem
- Primitive-recursive with **primrec**  
Terminating by construction
- Well-founded recursion with **recdef**  
User must (help to) prove termination  
( $\rightsquigarrow$  later)

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## ***defs/constdefs***

# ***Definition (non-recursive) by example***

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Declaration:

**consts**

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Definition:

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*sq\_def*: *sq* *n*  $\equiv$  *n*\**n*

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Unfolding the definition of *sq*:

**apply**(*unfold sq\_def*)

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***primrec***

# *The example*

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**primrec**

*"app Nil ys = ys"*

*"app (Cons x xs) ys = Cons x (app xs ys)"*

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The recursive calls in  $r_i$  must be *structurally smaller*,  
i.e. of the form  $f\ a_1 \dots y_{i,j} \dots a_p$

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Functions on *nat* definable by primrec!

**primrec**

*f* 0 = ...

*f*(Suc *n*) = ... *f* *n* ...



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## ***More predefined types and functions***

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lookup k (x#xs) =

(if fst x = k then Some(snd x) else lookup k xs)

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Needs *( )* in context

# Case distinctions

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**apply**(*case\_tac*  $t$ )

creates  $k$  subgoals

$$t = C_i x_1 \dots x_p \implies \dots$$

one for each constructor  $C_i$ .

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## ***Demo: trees***