

# Proof assistants

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# Objectives

- ▶ Study proof assistants (**interactive** construction of proofs) based on higher-order **type theory** and more specifically the system Coq.
  - ▶ How to **build**/how to **use** an environment for developing **formal proofs** on computer.
- ▶ Study **inductive definitions**
  - ▶ Theory and practice
- ▶ Application to **proof of programs**.
  - ▶ Functional programming with dependent types
  - ▶ Modeling imperative programs

## Practical informations

- ▶ **WEB page** for the course (course notes, slides, exercises with solutions, old projects and exams) :  
`http://www.lri.fr/~paulin/MPRI`
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# Organisation

Two hours lecture + 1 hour Coq practice on computers (room 1C22)

## Evaluation

- ▶ Classical written exam.
- ▶ An optional project  
may count for **half** of the final grade  $\max(E, \frac{E+P}{2})$   
A good training for the exam
- ▶ The projet is done with Coq  
Expected result : source code, small report and an individual  
defense (10-15mn).  
Subject given after christmas

# Plan

- ▶ 07/12 - CP - Introduction to Coq theory, Inductive Definitions 1
- ▶ 14/12 - CP - Inductive Definitions 2
- ▶ 04/01 - BB - Functional Programming 1, structural versus well-founded induction, partial function, coinductive definitions.
- ▶ 11/01 - BB - Functional Programming 2, monadic constructions, modules. Models, realisability, extraction.
- ▶ 18/01 - BB - Architecture of a proof assistant, automated versus interactive proofs, tactic language
- ▶ 25/01 - GM - Proof of imperative programs
- ▶ 01/02 - GM - Automated proofs. Floating point arithmetic.
- ▶ 08/02 - support for project
- ▶ 15/02 - GM - Proof by reflexion (example on intervals).
- ▶ 01/03 or 08/03 - Exam + project defense

# Plan

## Introduction to the Calculus of Inductive Constructions

- Proof Assistants

- From the Calculus of Constructions to the Calculus of Inductive Constructions

- Examples of inductive definitions

## Specifics of the Calculus of Inductive Constructions

- Fixpoint operators

- Conditions for inductive definitions

- Advanced inductive definitions

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# Proofs on computers

For doing proofs with computers we need :

- ▶ A language to represent **objects** : integers, functions, sets, ...
- ▶ A language to represent **properties** of objects : first-order logic, higher-order logic.
- ▶ A method to construct/verify **proofs** (basic rules + a way to mechanize them).

Approach based on higher-order logic :

- ▶ **typed lambda-calculus** for representing objects and properties  
≠ set theory (first order)
- ▶ tactics or well-typed **proof terms** for building and verifying proofs.

# Examples of case studies

In the Coq proof assistant but analogous examples in Isabelle/HOL

- ▶ Formalisation of semantics of languages such as JavaCard, certification of security functionalities (Gemplus, Trusted Logic)
- ▶ Proof of the 4-colors theorem (G. Gonthier, B. Werner - INRIA - Microsoft Research)
- ▶ Development of a certified C compiler producing optimized code (Compcert, X. Leroy)
- ▶ Formalisation and reasoning on floating-point number arithmetic (S. Boldo, G. Melquiond . . .)
- ▶ Development of certified static analysers (D. Pichardie)
- ▶ . . .

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# History (1)

- ▶ Calculus of Constructions (Coquand-Huet, 1984)
  - ▶ Abstraction/Application/Product as only operators (PTS)
  - ▶ A unique sort **Prop** for representing types and propositions
  - ▶ All products where possible : polymorphism  $\forall A : \mathbf{Prop}, A \rightarrow A$ , dependent types  $P : A \rightarrow \mathbf{Prop}, P : \mathbf{Prop} \rightarrow \mathbf{Prop}$
  - ▶ Representing data and properties using impredicative encodings (Church's integers, Leibniz equality).
- ▶ A hierarchy of universes is added (Coquand, 1986).  
More polymorphism :  $A : \mathbf{Type}$  can be instantiated by **Prop**,  $A \rightarrow \mathbf{Prop}$ ,  $\mathbf{Prop} \rightarrow \mathbf{Prop} \dots$ )
- ▶ A distinction **Prop**, **Set** is added between logical properties and computational properties (program extraction, 1989).

## History (2)

### Inductive Definitions :

- ▶ Martin-Löf Type Theory (1984) : no impredicativity but basic inductive constructions added following a general scheme : rules for construction, elimination, computation.
- ▶ Calculus of Inductive Constructions (Coquand-Paulin, 1991). A tentative to merge the two formalisms :
  - ▶ (co)-inductives **primitive** definitions  
easy to use (less encoding than with impredicativity) and their generality (computational and logical properties)
  - ▶ An higher-order logic for more expressivity.

# The structure of the Calculus of Inductive Constructions

Calculus of Inductive Constructions (predicative – Coq  $\geq$  8.0)

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**Calculus of Constructions** on **Prop** and **Type**  
*for higher-order logic*  
*for impredicative types (historically)*

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**Type hierarchy** **Set** : **Type** = **Type**<sub>1</sub> : **Type**<sub>2</sub> : **Type**<sub>3</sub> ...  
*for program extraction*  
*for logical expressivity*

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**Inductive types**  
*for more  $\ll$  natural  $\gg$  formalisations and data-types*  
*more computational expressivity*  
*more logical expressivity*

# Reminder on Pure Type Systems (PTS)

- ▶ Atoms : sorts (types of types), organised in axioms  $\mathcal{A}$  and rules for product  $\mathcal{R}$ , Variables ;
- ▶ product types  $\Pi x : A.B$  (or  $\forall x : A.B$ ) with  $A$  and  $B$  types ; written  $A \rightarrow B$  when  $x$  is not free in  $B$  ;
- ▶ Abstraction  $\lambda x : A.t$  ; Application  $tu$

## Rules

$$\frac{\Gamma \text{ ok} \quad (s_1, s_2) \in \mathcal{A}}{\Gamma \vdash s_1 : s_2} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A : s}{\Gamma, x : A \text{ ok}} \quad \frac{\Gamma \text{ ok} \quad (x, A) \in \Gamma}{\Gamma \vdash x : A}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A : s_1 \quad \Gamma, x : A \vdash B : s_2 \quad (s_1, s_2, s_3) \in \mathcal{R}}{\Gamma \vdash \Pi x : A.B : s_3}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, x : A \vdash t : B \quad \Gamma \vdash \Pi x : A.B : s}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda x : A.t : \Pi x : A.B} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash t : \Pi x : A.B \quad \Gamma \vdash u : A}{\Gamma \vdash tu : B[x \leftarrow u]}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t : A \quad \Gamma \vdash B : s \quad A \equiv B}{\Gamma \vdash t : B} \quad \lambda x : A.tu \equiv t[x \leftarrow u]$$

# System F seen as (second-order) propositionnal logic

Axiom  $\mathcal{A} = \{\mathbf{Prop} : \mathbf{Type}\}$ ,

Rules  $\mathcal{R} = \{(\mathbf{Prop}, \mathbf{Prop}, \mathbf{Prop}); (\mathbf{Type}, \mathbf{Prop}, \mathbf{Prop})\}$

System F “propositional”

$\Pi A : \mathbf{Prop}. B$

$A \rightarrow B$

$\forall A : \mathbf{Prop}, B$

$A \Rightarrow B$

$\Pi C : \mathbf{Prop}. (A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C) \rightarrow C$

$\Pi C : \mathbf{Prop}. (\forall A : \mathbf{Prop}, B \rightarrow C) \rightarrow C$

conjunction  $A \wedge B$

existential  $\exists A : \mathbf{Prop}, B$

and abstraction, application, and variables  
implement inference rules for the logic

# System F as a calculus

Polymorphic Lambda-calculus (second order)

System F “computational”

$\Pi A : \mathbf{Prop}. B$

$A \rightarrow B$

$\forall A : \mathbf{Set}, B$

$A \rightarrow B$

$\Pi C : \mathbf{Prop}. (A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C) \rightarrow C$

product  $A \times B$

$\lambda A : \mathbf{Prop}. t$

$\lambda x : A. t$

$t A$

$t u$

$x$

$\mathbf{fun}(A : \mathbf{Set}) \Rightarrow t$

$\mathbf{fun}(x : A) \Rightarrow t$

$t A$

$t u$

$x$

$\lambda C : \mathbf{Prop}. \lambda f : A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C. f a b$

pair  $(a, b)$

# From System F to the Calculus of Constructions

- ▶ Goal : be able to talk about the computational part of System F inside the logical part of the system.
- ▶ Add product of the form **(Prop, Type, Type)**

$$A \rightarrow \mathbf{Prop} \qquad P : A \rightarrow \mathbf{Prop}, P t : \mathbf{Prop}$$

- ▶ ... and add higher-order polymorphism ; products with the form **(Type, Type, Type)**

$$(\mathbf{Prop} \rightarrow \mathbf{Prop}) \rightarrow \mathbf{Prop}$$

## From System F to the Calculus of Constructions (2)

- ▶  $\hookrightarrow$  The Calculus of Constructions implements the Curry-Howard-de Bruijn correspondance as an identity.
- ▶  $\hookrightarrow$  An original logic which can “speak of” proofs.
- ▶ It is possible to “forget” proof terms : rule **(Prop, Type, Type)**  
Consequence : conservativity of CC over  $F_\omega$ .  
With  $A : \mathbf{Prop}$ ,  $K : \mathbf{Type}$ ,  $P : K : \mathbf{Type}$  and  $t : A : \mathbf{Prop}$ .

$$\prod x : A.K \longrightarrow K \quad P t \longrightarrow P \quad \lambda x : A.P \longrightarrow P$$

# The Calculus of Constructions : a complex system

*Computational and logic levels are superposed*

↪ introduction of **Set** next to **Prop**

duplication of System F level with the following intended meaning :

- ▶ in **Prop**, the form of proofs does not matter ; the principle of indiscernability ( $\forall P : \mathbf{Prop}.\forall pq : P.p = q$ ) is admissible.
- ▶ in **Set**, the objets can be discriminated ; for instance in the type of booleans, `true`  $\neq$  `false` will be admissible.
- ▶ **Prop** can be interpreted as a boolean type : a proposition which is provable is interpreted by `true` and a proposition which is provably false is interpreted by `false`.
- ▶ We can encode the natural numbers but we cannot prove  $0 \neq 1$  (because we can forget about type depending on terms)

$$(\forall P.P 0 \rightarrow P 1) \rightarrow \forall C.C$$

# System U

what if the type level of System F is polymorphic and impredicative

Adding variables of type **Type** .

- ▶ Adding the axiom : (**Type**, **Type'**)

$$\frac{K : \mathbf{Type} \vdash A : \mathbf{Prop}}{\prod K : \mathbf{Type}. A : \mathbf{Prop}} \quad (\mathbf{Type}', \mathbf{Prop}, \mathbf{Prop})$$

$$\prod K : \mathbf{Type}. K : \mathbf{Type} \quad (\mathbf{Type}', \mathbf{Type}, \mathbf{Type})$$

- ▶ ... we obtain a provably inconsistent system :
  - ▶ encoding of Burali-Forti paradox (Girard 1978),
  - ▶ Russell paradox (Miquel 2000),
  - ▶ even a quasi fixpoint (Hurkens).
- ▶ reasoning on proofs of an impredicative system of predicates ... is inconsistent

# System $F_{\omega.2}$

what if the type level of  $F_{\omega}$  is simply polymorphic but predicative

- ▶ Adding **Type**<sub>2</sub> on top of **Type** introduces polymorphism at the type level of system  $F_{\omega}$  but without impredicativity

$$\prod K : \mathbf{Type}. A : \mathbf{Prop}$$
$$\prod K : \mathbf{Type}. K : \mathbf{Type}_2$$

- ▶ ... logical strength is equivalent to Zermelo set theory
- ▶ In particular : we can define integers with  $0 \neq 1$  provable.
- ▶ Natural generalisation : a hierarchy of universes

$$\mathbf{Type}_1 : \mathbf{Type}_2 : \mathbf{Type}_3 \dots$$

- ▶ ... adding types depending on proofs, we obtain the calculus of constructions extended with universes.

# Drawbacks of polymorphic encoding of inductive definitions

## *Case of impredicative encoding*

- ▶  $0 \neq 1$  is not provable
- ▶ induction is not « directly » provable (only the recursor is available)
- ▶ *Case of predicative encoding in the calculus with universes*
  - ▶ OK for expressivity (we have  $0 \neq 1$  and an « indirect » induction )
  - ▶ *But* no predecessor in 1 step
  - ▶ not “natural”
  - ▶ difficult to write automated tools that can distinguish between inductive types constructors and arbitrary terms
- ▶ Primitive inductive types « à la Martin-Löf » have been added.

# The Calculus of Inductive Constructions (Coq $\geq$ 5.6)

*A general scheme for building inductive types*

- ▶ **positivity** criteria (to ensure the existence of a smallest subset which contains a given set of constructors)
- ▶ recursors (like in Gödel system T) are decomposed into an operator for **pattern-matching** (`match-with`) and a **fixpoint** combinator (`fix`)
- ▶ syntactic criteria for **terminaison** of fix-points
- ▶ *Specific elimination conditions according to sorts*
  - ▶ respect computational interpretation of **Set** and **Type** and the purely logical interpretation of **Prop**
  - ▶ avoid paradoxes related to impredicativity
- ▶ *A few consequences*
  - ▶  $0 \neq 1$  is derivable
  - ▶ induction principle is derivable
  - ▶ intuitionistic choice axiom is derivable

# The limits of the Calculus of Inductive Constructions

- ▶ **Set** impredicativity at the computational level gives to the Calculus of Inductive Constructions (CCI) a strong intuitionistic flavor (only computational models)
- ▶ Choice axiom with classical logic are inconsistent, extensionality of functions is not validated
- ▶ Limits the possibility to formalise classical mathematics
- ▶ **Choice** : change Coq default behavior : CCI with **Set predicative**  
Rule (**Type, Set, Type**) :  $\prod X : \mathbf{Set}. X : \mathbf{Type}$ .

# Calculus of Predicative Inductive Constructions

Coq  $\geq$  8.0

- ▶ Sort **Set** added to the hierarchy of types (**Set** = **Type**<sub>0</sub>)
- ▶ no difference (except for historical reasons) between data-types in **Set** or in **Type**.
- ▶ An approach closer to the HOL system (but with inductive types and a hierarchy of universes)
- ▶ Compatible with the standard mathematical axioms : classical logic, classical choice axiom, extensionnality (justified by embedding into set theory)

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# Inductive types : booleans

*in Objective Caml*

```
type bool = | true | false
```

*System F part of Coq*

```
Definition bool :=  $\forall P:\text{Prop}, P \rightarrow P \rightarrow P$ .
```

```
Definition true : bool := fun P:Prop => fun H1 H2 => H1.
```

```
Definition false: bool := fun P:Prop => fun H1 H2 => H1.
```

*as an inductive primitive type in the Calculus of Inductive Constructions*

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

## inductive types : booleans

*in Objective Caml*

```
type bool = | true | false  
let orb b1 b2 = match b1 with  
  | true -> true | false -> b1
```

*in System F, Coq syntax*

**Definition** bool :=  $\forall P:\text{Prop}, P \rightarrow P \rightarrow P$ .

**Definition** true : bool := **fun** P:Prop  $\Rightarrow$  **fun** H1 H2  $\Rightarrow$  H1.

**Definition** orb (b1 b2 :bool) : bool  
 := b1 bool true b2.

*in CCI, Coq syntax*

**Inductive** bool : **Type** := | true : bool | false : bool.

**Definition** orb b1 b2 :=  
 **match** b1 **with**  
 | true  $\Rightarrow$  true | false  $\Rightarrow$  b2  
 **end**.

# Inductive types : natural numbers

*in Objective Caml*

```
type nat = | O | S of nat  
let rec fact n = match n with  
  | O -> S(O) | S(p) -> n * fact p
```

*in CCI, Coq syntax*

```
Inductive nat : Type := | O : nat | S : nat -> nat.  
Fixpoint fact n := match n with  
  | O => S O | S p -> n * fact p  
end.
```

# Typing inductive types (first step)

## Booleans example

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

*Such a declaration defines :*

- ▶ a type  $\Gamma \vdash \text{bool} : \mathbf{Type}$
- ▶ a set of introduction rules for this type : constructors

$$\Gamma \vdash \text{true} : \text{bool} \quad \Gamma \vdash \text{false} : \text{bool}$$

- ▶ an elimination rule, as a pattern-matching operator

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t : \text{bool} \quad \Gamma \vdash A : \mathbf{s} \quad \Gamma \vdash t_1 : A \quad \Gamma \vdash t_2 : A}{\Gamma \vdash (\text{match } t \text{ with } \text{true} \Rightarrow t_1 \mid \text{false} \Rightarrow t_2 \text{ end}) : A}$$

- ▶ reduction rules, (a.k.a.  $\iota$ -reduction)

$$\begin{aligned} (\text{match } \text{true} \text{ with } \text{true} \Rightarrow t_1 \mid \text{false} \Rightarrow t_2 \text{ end}) &\rightarrow_{\iota} t_1 \\ (\text{match } \text{false} \text{ with } \text{true} \Rightarrow t_1 \mid \text{false} \Rightarrow t_2 \text{ end}) &\rightarrow_{\iota} t_2 \end{aligned}$$

# Inductive types with parameters

Example of disjonction

*in Objective Caml*

```
type ('a,'b) or =  
  | or_introl of 'a | or_intror of 'b
```

*in CCI, Coq syntax*

```
Inductive or (A:Prop) (B:Prop) : Prop :=  
  | or_introl : A → or A B  
  | or_intror : B → or A B.
```

# Inductive types with parameters

## Example of disjunction

```
Inductive or (A:Prop) (B:Prop) : Prop :=  
| or_introl : A → or A B  
| or_intror : B → or A B.
```

*which defines*

- ▶ a family of types

$$\frac{}{\Gamma \vdash \text{or} : \mathbf{Prop} \rightarrow \mathbf{Prop} \rightarrow \mathbf{Prop}}$$

- ▶ a set of introduction rules for the types in this family

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A : \mathbf{Prop} \quad \Gamma \vdash B : \mathbf{Prop} \quad \Gamma \vdash p : A}{\Gamma \vdash \text{or\_introl}_{A,B} p : \text{or } A B}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A : \mathbf{Prop} \quad \Gamma \vdash B : \mathbf{Prop} \quad \Gamma \vdash q : B}{\Gamma \vdash \text{or\_intror}_{A,B} q : \text{or } A B}$$

## Disjunction (2)

an elimination rule

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t : \text{or } A B \quad \Gamma \vdash C : \mathbf{Prop} \quad \Gamma, p : A \vdash t_1 : C \quad \Gamma, q : B \vdash t_2 : C}{\Gamma \vdash (\text{match } t \text{ with } \text{or\_introl}_{A,B} p \Rightarrow t_1 \mid \text{or\_intror}_{A,B} q \Rightarrow t_2 \text{ end}) : C}$$

Rules for  $\iota$ -reduction

$$\begin{array}{l} (\text{match } \text{or\_introl}_{A,B} t \text{ with } \text{or\_introl}_{A,B} p \Rightarrow t_1 \mid \text{or\_intror}_{A,B} q \Rightarrow t_2 \text{ end}) \\ \rightarrow_{\iota} t_1[t/p] \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} (\text{match } \text{or\_intror}_{A,B} u \text{ with } \text{or\_introl}_{A,B} p \Rightarrow t_1 \mid \text{or\_intror}_{A,B} q \Rightarrow t_2 \text{ end}) \\ \rightarrow_{\iota} t_2[u/q] \end{array}$$

## Remark on the syntax

Coq defines constructors in a curried way (in Objective Caml, a constructor is always applied to arguments)

- ▶ introduction rules for disjunction implanted by Coq are :

$$\Gamma \vdash \text{or\_introl} : \forall A B : \mathbf{Prop}, A \rightarrow \text{or } A B$$

$$\Gamma \vdash \text{or\_intror} : \forall A B : \mathbf{Prop}, B \rightarrow \text{or } A B$$

- ▶ On the opposite the constructors parameters are omitted in the syntax of patterns in a `match` (information found in the type of the filtered argument).

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t : \text{or } A B \quad \Gamma \vdash C : \mathbf{Prop} \quad \Gamma, p : A \vdash t_1 : C \quad \Gamma, q : B \vdash t_2 : C}{\Gamma \vdash (\text{match } t \text{ with } \text{or\_introl } p \Rightarrow t_1 \mid \text{or\_intror } q \Rightarrow t_2 \text{ end}) : C}$$

- ▶ the rules of  $\iota$ -reduction can be written, in Coq : :

$$(\text{match } \text{or\_introl } A B t \text{ with } \text{or\_introl } p \Rightarrow t_1 \mid \text{or\_intror } q \Rightarrow t_2 \text{ end}) \rightarrow_{\iota} t_1[t/p]$$

# Inductive types (dependent elimination)

## Booleans example

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

- ▶ The general elimination rule :

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t : \mathit{bool} \quad \Gamma, x : \mathit{bool} \vdash A(x) : s \quad \Gamma \vdash t_1 : A(\mathit{true}) \quad \Gamma \vdash t_2 : A(\mathit{false})}{\Gamma \vdash (\mathit{match } t \text{ as } x \text{ return } A(x) \text{ with } \mathit{true} \Rightarrow t_1 \mid \mathit{false} \Rightarrow t_2 \text{ end}) : A(t)}$$

- ▶ Reduction rule

$$\begin{aligned} & (\mathit{match } \mathit{true} \text{ as } x \text{ return } A(x) \text{ with } \mathit{true} \Rightarrow t_1 \mid \mathit{false} \Rightarrow t_2 \text{ end}) \\ & \rightarrow_{\iota} t_1 \\ & (\mathit{match } \mathit{false} \text{ as } x \text{ return } A(x) \text{ with } \mathit{true} \Rightarrow t_1 \mid \mathit{false} \Rightarrow t_2 \text{ end}) \\ & \rightarrow_{\iota} t_2 \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ We check in particular that types are preserved by reduction.

# Inductive types (dependent elimination)

- ▶ From this scheme we get case analysis on booleans

$\lambda P : \text{bool} \rightarrow \mathbf{Prop}. \lambda H_{\text{true}} : P(\text{true}). \lambda H_{\text{false}} : P(\text{false}). \lambda x : \text{bool}.$   
 $\text{match } x \text{ as } y \text{ with } \text{true} \Rightarrow H_{\text{true}} \mid \text{false} \Rightarrow H_{\text{false}} \text{ end}$

- ▶ is a proof of

$\forall P : \text{bool} \rightarrow \mathbf{Prop}. P(\text{true}) \rightarrow P(\text{false}) \rightarrow \forall x : \text{bool}. P(x)$

Same using Coq syntax :

`Definition bool_case`

`:  $\forall P : \text{bool} \rightarrow \text{Prop}, P \text{ true} \rightarrow P \text{ false}$   
 $\rightarrow \forall b : \text{bool}, P b$`

`: = fun (P : bool  $\rightarrow$  Prop)`

`(Ht : P true) (Hf : P false) (b : bool)  $\Rightarrow$`

`match b as b0 return (P b0) with`

`| true  $\Rightarrow$  Ht | false  $\Rightarrow$  Hf`

`end.`

# Inductive types (dependent elimination)

## Boolean example

- ▶ Dependent elimination also gives the possibility to construct functions in product types

- ▶  $\lambda A : \text{bool} \rightarrow \text{Type}. \lambda H_{\text{true}} : A(\text{true}). \lambda H_{\text{false}} : A(\text{false}). \lambda x : \text{bool}.$   
     $\text{match } x \text{ as } y \text{ return } A(y) \text{ with } \text{true} \Rightarrow H_{\text{true}} \mid \text{false} \Rightarrow H_{\text{false}} \text{ end}$

- ▶ is a combinator of type :

$$\prod A : \text{bool} \rightarrow \text{Type}. A(\text{true}) \rightarrow A(\text{false}) \rightarrow \prod x : \text{bool}. A(x)$$

- ▶ It allows to build functions in the type  $\prod x : \text{bool}. A(x)$ .

Definition A x :=

    match x with true  $\Rightarrow$  nat | false  $\Rightarrow$  bool end.

Definition F x : A x :=

    match x return A x with

        true  $\Rightarrow$  0 | false  $\Rightarrow$  false

end.

# Inductive types with dependent proofs

## Disjunction example

```
Inductive or (A:Prop) (B:Prop) : Prop :=  
| or_introl : A → or A B  
| or_intror : B → or A B.
```

### ► General elimination rule

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t : \text{or } A B \quad \Gamma, x : \text{or } A B \vdash C(x) : \mathbf{Prop} \quad \Gamma, p : A \vdash t_1 : C(\text{or\_introl } p) \quad \Gamma, q : B \vdash t_2 : C(\text{or\_intror } q))}{\Gamma \vdash \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{match } t \text{ as } x \text{ return } C(x) \text{ with} \\ \quad \text{or\_introl } p \Rightarrow t_1 \mid \text{or\_intror } q \Rightarrow t_2 \\ \text{end} \end{array} \right) : C(t)}$$

# Inductive types with dependent proofs

Dependent elimination :

- ▶ allows to reason by case on the form of a proof.

$\lambda P : \text{or } A B \rightarrow \mathbf{Prop}.$

$\lambda H_l : (\forall p : A. P(\text{or\_introl } p)).$

$\lambda H_r : (\forall q : B. P(\text{or\_intror } q)). \lambda x : \text{or } A B.$

  match  $x$  as  $y$  return  $P(y)$  with

$\text{or\_introl } p \Rightarrow H_l p \mid \text{or\_intror } q \Rightarrow H_r q$

  end

- ▶ is a proof of :

$\forall P : (\text{or } A B) \rightarrow \mathbf{Prop}.$

$(\forall p : A, P(\text{or\_introl } p)) \rightarrow (\forall q : B, P(\text{or\_intror } q))$

$\rightarrow \forall x : (\text{or } A B). P(x)$

# Recursive inductive types

## Natural numbers example

```
Inductive nat : Type :=  
| O : nat | S : nat → nat.
```

*which defines*

- ▶ a type  $\Gamma \vdash \text{nat} : \mathbf{Type}$
- ▶ a set of introduction rules for this type : constructors

$$\Gamma \vdash O : \text{nat} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash n : \text{nat}}{\Gamma \vdash S n : \text{nat}}$$

# Recursive inductive types : Natural numbers example

*which defines also*

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

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t : \text{nat} \quad \Gamma, x : \text{nat} \vdash A(x) : s \quad \Gamma \vdash t_1 : A(O) \quad \Gamma, n : \text{nat} \vdash t_2 : A(S n)}{\Gamma \vdash (\text{match } t \text{ as } x \text{ return } A(x) \text{ with } O \Rightarrow t_1 \mid S n \Rightarrow t_2 \text{ end}) : A(t)}$$

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

$$(\text{match } O \text{ as } x \text{ return } A(x) \text{ with } O \Rightarrow t_1 \mid S n \Rightarrow t_2 \text{ end}) \rightarrow_{\iota} t_1$$

$$(\text{match } S m \text{ as } x \text{ return } A(x) \text{ with } O \Rightarrow t_1 \mid S n \Rightarrow t_2 \text{ end}) \rightarrow_{\iota} t_2[m/n]$$

# Recursive inductive types

## Example of natural numbers

- ▶ We obtain case analysis and construction by cases : the term

$\lambda P : \text{nat} \rightarrow \mathbf{s}.$

$\lambda H_O : P(O).$

$\lambda H_S : \forall m : \text{nat}. P(S m).$

$\lambda n : \text{nat}.$

match  $n$  as  $y$  return  $P(y)$  with

|  $O \Rightarrow H_O$

|  $S m \Rightarrow H_S m$

end

- ▶ is a proof of

$\forall P : \text{nat} \rightarrow \mathbf{s}. P(O) \rightarrow (\forall m : \text{nat}. P(S m)) \rightarrow \forall n : \text{nat}. P(n)$

# Inductive types with parameters

## Example of lists

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

*which defines*

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

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A : \mathbf{Type}}{\Gamma \vdash \text{nil}_A : \text{list } A} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A : \mathbf{Type} \quad \Gamma \vdash a : A \quad \Gamma \vdash l : \text{list } A}{\Gamma \vdash \text{cons}_A a l : \text{list } A}$$

# Inductive types with parameters

Example of lists : elimination

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

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash l : \text{list } A \quad \Gamma, x : \text{list } A \vdash C(x) : s \quad \Gamma \vdash t_1 : C(\text{nil}) \quad \Gamma, a : A, l : \text{list } A \vdash t_2 : C(\text{cons}_A a l)}{\Gamma \vdash \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{match } l \text{ as } x \text{ return } C(x) \text{ with} \\ \text{nil} \Rightarrow t_1 \mid \text{cons } a l \Rightarrow t_2 \\ \text{end} \end{array} \right) : C(l)}$$

- ▶ reduction rules which preserves typing ( $\iota$ -reduction)

$$\begin{array}{l} \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{match } \text{nil}_A \text{ as } x \text{ return } C(x) \text{ with} \\ \text{nil} \Rightarrow t_1 \mid \text{cons } a l \Rightarrow t_2 \\ \text{end} \end{array} \right) \\ \rightarrow_{\iota} t_1 \\ \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{match } \text{cons}_A a' l' \text{ as } x \text{ return } C(x) \text{ with} \\ \text{nil } p \Rightarrow t_1 \mid \text{cons } a l \Rightarrow t_2 \\ \text{end} \end{array} \right) \\ \rightarrow_{\iota} t_2[a', l'/a, l] \end{array}$$

# Inductive types with parameters and index

## *Example of vectors with size*

```
Inductive vect (A:Type) : nat → Type :=  
| niln : vect A 0  
| consn : A → ∀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)

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

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

$$\begin{array}{l} \left( \begin{array}{l} \mathit{match} \ \mathit{nil} \ n \ A \ \mathit{as} \ x \ \mathit{in} \ \mathit{vect} \ \_ \ p \ \mathit{return} \ C(x, p) \ \mathit{with} \\ \quad \mathit{nil} \ n \Rightarrow t_1 \mid \mathit{cons} \ n \ a \ n \ l \Rightarrow t_2 \\ \quad \mathit{end} \end{array} \right) \\ \rightarrow_{\iota} \quad t_1 \\ \left( \begin{array}{l} \mathit{match} \ \mathit{cons} \ n \ A \ a' \ n' \ l' \ \mathit{as} \ x \ \mathit{in} \ \mathit{vect} \ \_ \ p \ \mathit{return} \ C(x, p) \ \mathit{with} \\ \quad \mathit{nil} \ n \Rightarrow t_1 \mid \mathit{cons} \ n \ a \ n \ l \Rightarrow t_2 \\ \quad \mathit{end} \end{array} \right) \\ \rightarrow_{\iota} \quad t_2[a', n', l' / a, n, l] \end{array}$$

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# Recursive inductive types : example of natural numbers

Case analysis and construction by case : the term

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

is a proof of

$$\forall P : \text{nat} \rightarrow \mathbf{s}, P(O) \rightarrow (\forall m : \text{nat}, P(S m)) \rightarrow \forall n : \text{nat}, P(n)$$

*How to derive the standard recursion scheme ?*

## Fixpoint operator (first step)

We add an anonymous typed fixpoint construction

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

... the type of the result may depend on the argument

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

Comparison with `let rec` à la ML (named fixpoint)

$$\begin{aligned} &(\text{fix } f (x : A) : B(x) := t(f, x)) \\ &= \\ &\text{let rec } f (x : A) = t(f, x) \text{ in } f \end{aligned}$$

Coq has a specific construction for named fixpoints :

`Fixpoint` `f (x:A) := t.`

# The fixpoint operator (reduction)

Fixpoint expression with dependent result

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

► Typing

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

► Reduction rule (**first approximation**) : unfold the fixpoint

$$\begin{array}{c} (\text{fix } f (x : A) : B(x) := t) u \\ \longrightarrow \\ t[\text{fix } f (x : A) : B(x) := t, u/f, x] \end{array}$$

# Fixpoint operator : application

From case analysis to recursor on natural numbers

case-analysis

$$\begin{aligned} &\lambda P : \text{nat} \rightarrow \mathbf{s}, \\ &\lambda H_O : P(O), \\ &\lambda H_S : \forall m : \text{nat}, P(S\ m), \\ &\lambda n : \text{nat}, \\ &\quad \text{match } n \text{ as } y \text{ return } P(y) \text{ with} \\ &\quad \quad O \Rightarrow H_O \mid S\ m \Rightarrow H_S\ m \\ &\quad \text{end} \end{aligned}$$

has type

$$\begin{aligned} &\forall P : \text{nat} \rightarrow \mathbf{s}, \\ &\quad P(O) \rightarrow \\ &\quad (\forall m : \text{nat}, P(S\ m)) \rightarrow \\ &\quad \forall n : \text{nat}, P(n) \end{aligned}$$

recursor

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

has type

$$\begin{aligned} &\forall P : \text{nat} \rightarrow \mathbf{s}, \\ &\quad P(O) \rightarrow \\ &\quad (\forall m : \text{nat}, P(m) \rightarrow P(S\ m)) \rightarrow \\ &\quad \forall n : \text{nat}, P(n) \end{aligned}$$

# Fixpoint operator : the termination problem

Implementation in the Calculus of Inductive Constructions :

- ▶ built on decidability of typing and conversion
- ▶ must forbid unfolding fixpoints ad infinitum

Consistency of the Calculus of Inductive Constructions :

- ▶ must forbid infinite proofs such that  
 $(\text{fix } f (n : \text{nat}) : \text{False} := f n) : \text{False}$

↪ choice to require a syntactic criteria for well-founded fixpoints.

# 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

$$\frac{l \text{ inductif } \Gamma \vdash l : s \quad \Gamma, x : A \vdash C : s \quad \Gamma, x : l, f : (\forall x : l, C) \vdash t : C \quad t|_f^{\emptyset} <_l x}{\Gamma \vdash (\text{fix } f (x : l) : C := t) : \forall x : l, C}$$

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

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

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

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

+ contextual rules ...

## Remarks on the criteria

- ▶ Cover simply the schema of primitive recursive definitions and proofs by induction

Recursive call on all immediate subterms :

```
 $\lambda P : \text{list } A \rightarrow s,$   
 $\lambda f_1 : P_{\text{nil}},$   
 $\lambda f_2 : \forall (a : A)(l : \text{list } A), P l \rightarrow P(\text{cons } a l),$   
 $\text{fix } \mathbf{Rec} (x : \text{list } A) : P x :=$   
  match  $x$  return  $P x$  with  
    nil  $\Rightarrow f_1$  | (cons  $a l$ )  $\Rightarrow f_2 a l (\mathbf{Rec} l)$   
  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` `T : Prop := ∀ (A:Prop), A → A.`

`Definition` `t : T := fun A x ⇒ x.`

`Fixpoint` `f (x : Singl T) : bool :=  
 match x with (c a) ⇒ f (a (Singl T) (c T t)) end.`

$$f(c T t) \longrightarrow f(t(\text{Singl } T)(c T t)) \longrightarrow f(c T t)$$

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# Terminology

- ▶ The Calculus of predicative Inductive Constructions has sorts **Prop**, **Set** = **Type**<sub>0</sub>, **Type**<sub>1</sub>, **Type**<sub>2</sub>, ...
- ▶ **Prop** and **Set** are said **small** (because they do not type another sort)
- ▶ sorts **Type**<sub>*i*</sub> (for  $i \geq 1$ ) are said **large** (because they type **Prop** and **Set**)

## Inductive definitions : positivity condition

Condition of strict positivity. The recursive argument of a constructor of the inductive definition  $I$  has type

$$\forall (z_1 : C_1) \dots (z_k : C_k). I t_1 \dots t_n$$

Example of a non monotonic inductive definition which contradicts normalisation :

```
Inductive lambda : Type :=  
| Lam : (lambda → lambda) → lambda
```

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.

## Inductive definitions : positivity condition

- ▶ An inductive type is defined as the smallest type generated by a set 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) and 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**.
- ▶ It is sufficient for  $X$  to appear only in **positive** position.
- ▶ In practice, we require **strict positivity** ( $X$  never appears on the left of an arrow, even in a positivity position).  
Strict positivity avoids the encoding of Russell paradox (in **Type**) and is often sufficient for applications.

# Inductive : strict positivity condition

Monotonicity is sufficient at the impredicative level :

$$\mu F := \forall (X : \mathbf{Prop}), (F X \rightarrow X) \rightarrow X$$

But problematic at level **Type**.

**Inductive**  $X : \mathbf{Type} := \text{inj} : ((X \rightarrow \mathbf{Prop}) \rightarrow \mathbf{Prop}) \rightarrow X$ .

$$P_0 \quad \triangleq \quad \lambda x : X, \exists P', x = \text{inj}(\lambda P : X \rightarrow \mathbf{Prop}, P = P') \wedge \neg P'(x)$$

$$x_0 \quad \triangleq \quad \text{inj}(\lambda P : X \rightarrow \mathbf{Prop}, P = P_0)$$

$$P_0(x_0) \quad \leftrightarrow \quad \exists P', x_0 = \text{inj}(\lambda P. P = P') \wedge \neg P'(x_0)$$

$$\leftrightarrow \quad \exists P', \text{inj}(\lambda P, P = P_0) = \text{inj}(\lambda P. P = P') \wedge \neg P'(x_0)$$

$$\leftrightarrow \quad \exists P', P' = P_0 \wedge \neg P'(x_0)$$

$$\leftrightarrow \quad \exists P', P' = P_0 \wedge \neg P_0(x_0)$$

$$\leftrightarrow \quad \neg P_0(x_0)$$

## Conditions on sorts for the inductive definitions

- ▶ arity and sort of the inductive definition  $I : \forall(x_1 : A_1) \dots (x_n : A_n) \mathbf{s}$
- ▶ a constructor has the form  $c : \forall(y_1 : B_1) \dots (y_p : B_p) I u_1 \dots u_n$
- ▶ typing condition

$$I : (x_1 : A_1) \dots (x_n : A_n) \mathbf{s} \vdash \forall(y_1 : B_1) \dots (y_p : B_p) I u_1 \dots u_n : \mathbf{s}$$

- ▶ The sort of a **predicative** inductive definition (in the hierarchy **Type**) is the maximum of sorts of the types of the arguments of these constructors.
- ▶ The sort of a **impredicative** inductive definition (type **Prop**) has no constraint.

**Inductive** PB : Prop := in : Prop → Pb.

Potentially problematic because  $PB : \mathbf{Prop}$  but  $PB$  intuitively isomorphic to **Prop**.

# Restrictions of elimination depending on sorts

Elimination rule for type *bool* (all sorts possible)

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t : \mathit{bool} \quad \Gamma, x : \mathit{bool} \vdash A(x) : \mathit{s} \quad \Gamma \vdash t_1 : A(\mathit{true}) \quad \Gamma \vdash t_2 : A(\mathit{false})}{\Gamma \vdash (\mathit{match } t \text{ as } x \text{ return } A(x) \text{ with } \mathit{true} \Rightarrow t_1 \mid \mathit{false} \Rightarrow t_2 \text{ end}) : A(t)}$$

Elimination rule for the type *or A B* (only on **Prop**)

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t : \mathit{or } A B \quad \Gamma, p : A \vdash t_1 : C(\mathit{or\_intror } p) \quad \Gamma, q : B \vdash t_2 : C(\mathit{or\_intror } q)}{\Gamma \vdash \left( \begin{array}{l} \mathit{match } t \text{ as } x \text{ return } C(x) \text{ with} \\ \mathit{or\_intror } p \Rightarrow t_1 \mid \mathit{or\_intror } q \Rightarrow t_2 \\ \mathit{end} \end{array} \right) : C(t)}$$

## Rules on the sorts for the elimination

- ▶ The elimination of inductive types in **Type** (predicative hierarchy) has no restriction (*weak elimination – towards Prop and Set – and strong – towards Type*)
- ▶ Elimination of inductive types in **Prop** is restricted :
  - ▶ in general, one cannot build a type in **Type** by case on the proof-term in a proposition according to the implicit interpretation of **Prop** as **proof-irrelevant** (*propositional elimination only*)

```
fun (p:or A B) => match p with
  (or_introl a) => true | (or_intror b) => false
end.
```
  - ▶ exception **Singleton types** : if the type in **Prop** has **zero** constructor (absurdity) or a **unique** constructor whose arguments are in **Prop** (equality, conjunction ...).  
We allow *weak and strong elimination*
  - ▶ partial exception : if the type in **Prop** has a unique constructor which arguments are either propositions of type **Prop** or small arities (type schemes which build in **Prop**), then elimination towards **Set** is allowed (*weak elimination – only towards small types –*)

## In practice in Coq

For each inductive definition of a type  $I$ , Coq defines automatically associated elimination schemes (when allowed)

- ▶ strong elimination (to **Type**) :  $I\_rect$
- ▶ elimination to small computational types (to **Set**) :  $I\_rec$
- ▶ elimination to logical propositions (to **Prop**) :  $I\_ind$

Moreover, by default, eliminations are dependent when  $I$  is computational (in **Set** or **Type**) and non-dependent when in **Prop**.

# Examples

```
Inductive True : Prop := I : True.  
True_rect :  $\forall P : \text{Type}, P \rightarrow \text{True} \rightarrow P$   
True_rec :  $\forall P : \text{Set}, P \rightarrow \text{True} \rightarrow P$   
True_ind :  $\forall P : \text{Prop}, P \rightarrow \text{True} \rightarrow P$ 
```

```
Inductive unit : Type := tt : unit.  
unit_rect :  $\forall P : \text{unit} \rightarrow \text{Type}, P \text{ tt} \rightarrow \forall u : \text{unit}, P u$   
unit_rec :  $\forall P : \text{unit} \rightarrow \text{Set}, P \text{ tt} \rightarrow \forall u : \text{unit}, P u$   
unit_ind :  $\forall P : \text{unit} \rightarrow \text{Prop}, P \text{ tt} \rightarrow \forall u : \text{unit}, P u$ 
```

To generate schemes which are not automatically generated, one can use the command `Scheme`. Example :

```
Scheme True_indd := Induction for True Sort Prop.  
True_indd  
  :  $\forall P : \text{True} \rightarrow \text{Prop}, P I \rightarrow \forall t : \text{True}, P t$ 
```

# Strong elimination

- ▶ Possibility to build a proposition or a type by case analysis or recursion.
- ▶ Proof of `true ≠ false`

`Inductive` False : Prop :=.

`Definition` P (b: bool) : Prop := `match` b `with`  
true ⇒ True | false ⇒ False `end`

$$\frac{\text{true} = \text{false} \quad P(\text{true}) \equiv \text{True}}{P(\text{false}) \equiv \text{False}}$$

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# Inductive definitions with internal dependencies

```
Inductive ex (A:Type) (P:A → Prop) : Prop :=  
  ex_intro : ∀x:A, P x → ex (A:=A) P.
```

Can we project on first and second components ?

```
Inductive sigT (A:Type) (P:A → Type) : Type :=  
  existT : ∀x:A, P x → sigT P.
```

Can we project on first and second components ?

# Higher-order inductive definitions

Example of Kleene's recursive ordinals.

```
Inductive ord : Type :=  
| O : ord  
| S : ord → ord  
| lim : (nat → ord) → ord
```

Induction schemes (Coq syntax)

```
fun (P:ord→Type) (f:P O) (f0:∀o : ord, P o → P (S o))  
  (f1 : ∀o:nat→ord, (∀n:nat,P (o n)) → P (lim o)) ⇒  
fix F (o : ord) : P o :=  
  match o as o0 return (P o0) with  
  | O ⇒ f  
  | S o0 ⇒ f0 o0 (F o0)  
  | lim o0 ⇒ f1 o0 (fun n : nat ⇒ F (o0 n))  
end  
: ∀P : ord → Type,  
  P O → (∀o:ord, P o→P (S o)) →  
  (∀o:nat→ord, (∀n:nat,P (o n)) → P (lim o)) →  
  ∀o:ord, P o
```

# Dependent inductive definitions : example of equality

**Inductive** eq (A:Type) (x:A) : A → Prop :=  
 refl\_equal : eq A x x.

- ▶ a family of inductive types

$$\frac{}{\Gamma \vdash \text{eq} : \forall A : \text{Type}, A \rightarrow A \rightarrow \text{Prop}}$$

- ▶ the first two parameters are “family” parameters
- ▶ the third one is an “index”
- ▶ elimination rule without dependency with the filtered term :  
**rewriting !**

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t : \text{eq } A \ a \ b \quad \Gamma, c : A \vdash A(c) : s \quad \Gamma \vdash u : A(a)}{\Gamma \vdash \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{match } t \text{ in } \text{eq} \_ \_ c \text{ return } A(c) \text{ with} \\ \text{refl\_equal} \Rightarrow u \\ \text{end} \end{array} \right) : A(b)}$$

Remark : elimination on all sorts because equality is a singleton type

# Mutual inductive definitions : example of forests and trees

```
Inductive tree (A:Type) : Type :=
  | node : A → (forest A) → (tree A)
with forest (A:Type) : Type :=
  | empty : (forest A)
  | add : (tree A) → (forest A) → (forest A).
```

Can be simulated by :

```
Inductive tree_for (A:Type) : bool → Type :=
  | node : A → tree_for A false → tree_for A true
  | empty : tree_for A false
  | add : tree_for A true → tree_for A false
        → tree_for A false.
```

**Definition** tree (A:Type) := tree\_for A true.

**Definition** forest (A:Type) := tree\_for A false.

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Can also be simulated by

```
Inductive tree_aux (A:Type) (forest:Type): Type :=  
  | node : A → forest → tree A forest.
```

```
Inductive forest (A:Type) : Type :=  
  | empty : (forest A)  
  | add : tree_aux A (forest A) → forest A → forest A.
```

```
Definition tree (A:Type) := tree_aux A (forest A).
```

When mutually inductive definitions are in different sorts, only the second encoding is possible. It requires an extended strict positivity condition which allows imbricated definitions.

## Mutual fixpoints : example of the size of a forest

```
Definition tree_size := fun (A:Type) =>
  fix tree_size (t:tree A) : nat :=
    match t with
    | node A f => S (forest_size f)
    end
  with forest_size (f:forest A) : nat :=
    match f with
    | empty => 0
    | add t f' => tree_size t + forest_size f'
    end
  for tree_size.
```

## Fixpoints with parameters

A fixpoint in the Calculus of Inductive Constructions may have several arguments.

```
Inductive vect : nat → Type :=  
| vnil : vect 0  
| vcons : ∀n, nat → vect n → vect (S n).
```

```
Definition sum :=  
  fix sum (n:nat) (ln:vect n) {struct ln} : nat :=  
    match ln return nat with  
    | vnil ⇒ 0  
    | vcons n' p ln' ⇒ p + sum n' ln'  
  end.
```

We use the notation `{struct x}` structurally decreasing argument.

## Dependent inductive definitions : example of accessibility

```
Inductive Acc (A:Type) (R:A→A→Prop) : A→Prop :=  
  Acc_intro : ∀x:A, (∀y:A, R y x → Acc R y) → Acc R x.
```

$Acc\ A\ R\ x$  expresses that any decreasing (following  $R$ ) chain from  $x$  is well-founded.

$\forall x, Acc\ A\ R\ x$  expresses that  $R$  is a well-founded relation in  $A$ .

## Non structural decreasing

*Acc* is the natural tool to transform any well-founded relation into a structural order. A function  $f(x)$  provably terminating through a well-founded order  $\leq$  can be defined by

```
fix msort (l:list nat) (H:Acc le (length l)) {struct H}
  : list nat :=
  match H with Acc n Hn =>
    ..msort l1 (Hn (length l1) (* proof of |l1|<|l| *))..
    ..msort l2 (Hn (length l2) (* proof of |l1|<|l| *))..
  end.
```

One actually writes

```
msort l1
  (match H with
    Acc n Hn => Hn (length l1) (* proof of |l1|<|l| *)
  end)
```

# Non structural termination

Coq has a macro for doing that : `Function`.

```
Definition R (l1 l2:list nat) := length l1 < length l2.
```

```
Function msort (l:list nat) {wf R l} : list nat :=  
  match H with Acc n Hn =>  
    ..msort l1 (Hn (length l1) (* proof of |l1|<|l| *))..  
    ..msort l2 (Hn (length l2) (* proof of |l1|<|l| *))..  
  end.
```

## Parameters recursively non uniform

Coq 8.1 allows parameters which are recursively non uniform. So one can rewrite *Acc* as

```
Inductive Acc (A:Type) (R:A→A→Prop) (x:A) : Prop :=  
  Acc_intro : (∀y:A, R y x → Acc R y) → Acc R x.
```

## Dependent Inductive definitions : example

```
Inductive prove : list formula → formula → Prop :=
| ProofImplyE : ∀A B Gamma,
  Gamma |- (A → B) → Gamma |- A → Gamma |- B
| ProofImplyI : ∀A B Gamma,
  (A::Gamma) |- B → Gamma |- (A → B)
| ProofAx : ∀A Gamma C, In A Gamma → Gamma |- A
```

where "Gamma |- A" := (prove Gamma A).

**equivalent to**

```
Inductive prove (Gamma:list formula)(C:formula) :Prop :=
| ProofImplyE
  : ∀A, Gamma |- (A→C) → Gamma |- A → Gamma |- C
| ProofImplyI
  : ∀A B, C=A→B → (A::Gamma) |- B → Gamma |- C)
| ProofAx : In C Gamma → Gamma |- C
```

where "Gamma |- A" := (prove Gamma A).

# Inversion

## Inversion principle

prove Gamma C  $\rightarrow$   
( $\exists A, \exists B, C=A \rightarrow B \wedge \text{prove } (A :: \text{Gamma}) B$ )  $\vee$   
( $\exists A, \text{prove Gamma } (A \rightarrow B) \wedge \text{prove Gamma } A$ )  $\vee$   
(In C Gamma)

Free if we choose a fully parameterized definition.

# Coinductive types

```
Inductive Stream : Set
  := Cons : A → Stream → Stream.
```

This type is empty

```
Fixpoint empty (s:Stream A) : False :=
  match s with (Cons _ t) => empty t end
```

```
CoInductive Stream : Set
  := Cons : A → Stream → Stream.
```

```
CoFixpoint zeros : Stream nat := Cons 0 zeros.
```

```
CoFixpoint from (n:nat) : Stream nat
  := Cons n (from (S n)).
```

Guard conditions : recursive calls protected by a constructor.