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Reasoning about Computational Systems using Abella

http://abella-prover.org

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Overview
Overview of Abella

Abella is an interactive tactics-based theorem prover for a logic with the following features

- its underlying substrate is an intuitionistic first-order logic over simply typed lambda terms
- it incorporates a mechanism for interpreting atoms through fixed-point definitions
- it allows for inductive and co-inductive forms of reasoning
- it includes logical devices for analyzing binding structure

Abella also builds in a special ability for reasoning about specifications expressed in a separate executable logic
Abella and Computational Systems

Abella offers intriguing capabilities for reasoning about syntax-directed and rule-based specifications

- such specifications can be formalized succinctly through fixed-point definitions
- formalizations adopt a natural and flexible relational style as opposed to a computational style
- the formalizations allow specifications to be interpreted either inductively or co-inductively in the reasoning process
- binding structure in object systems can be treated via a well-restricted and effective form of higher-order syntax
- a two-level logic approach allows intuitions about the object systems to be reflected into the reasoning process
Objectives for the Tutorial

We aim to accomplish at least the following goals through the tutorial

- to expose the novel features of the logic underlying Abella
- to provide a feel for Abella so that you will be able to (and interested in) experimenting with it on your own
- to show the applicability of Abella in mechanizing the meta-theory of formal systems
- to indicate the benefits of a special brand of higher-order abstract syntax in treating object-level binding structure

We will assume a basic familiarity with sequent-style logical systems and with intuitionistic logic
The Structure of the Tutorial

The tutorial will consist of the following conceptual parts:

- an exposure to the syntax of formulas in Abella and the basic theorem proving environment

- a presentation of the special logical features of Abella with examples of their use

- an exposition of the two-level logic approach a la Abella to formalization and reasoning

- extensions to reasoning about specifications in a dependently typed lambda calculus
Outline

1. Setup
2. The Reasoning Logic $\mathcal{G}$
3. The Two-Level Logic Approach
4. Co-Induction
5. Extensions
Setup
How to Run Abella in your Web-Browser

Go to:

http://abella-prover.org/try

- Everything runs inside your browser
- Interface reminiscent of ProofGeneral
Running Abella Offline

- You will need a working OCaml toolchain + OPAM
- `opam install abella`
- To get ProofGeneral support, read the instructions on: `http://abella-prover.org/tutorial/`
Code for This Tutorial

http://abella-prover.org/tutorial/try

Special on-line version just for this tutorial
## Some Concrete Syntax

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<td>( \forall x, y. F )</td>
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<td>( \exists x : A, y. F )</td>
<td>( \text{exists } (x : A \ y, F )</td>
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Declaring Basic Types and Term Constructors

• New basic types are introduced with Kind declarations.

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{Kind } & \text{nat } \text{type.} \\
\text{Kind } & \text{bt } \text{type.} \\
\text{Kind } & \text{tm,ty } \text{type.}
\end{align*}
\]

Reserved: o, olist, and prop.

• New term constructors are introduced with Type declarations.

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{Type } & \text{z } \text{nat.} \\
\text{Type } & \text{s } \text{nat } \rightarrow \text{nat.} \\
\text{Type } & \text{leaf } \text{nat } \rightarrow \text{bt.} \\
\text{Type } & \text{node } \text{bt } \rightarrow \text{bt } \rightarrow \text{bt.} \\
\text{Type } & \text{app } \text{tm } \rightarrow \text{tm } \rightarrow \text{tm.} \\
\text{Type } & \text{abs } \text{(tm } \rightarrow \text{tm)} \rightarrow \text{tm.}
\end{align*}
\]
Theorems and Proofs

1 - Syntax
The Reasoning Logic $\mathcal{G}$
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1. Ordinary Intuitionistic Logic
2. Equality
3. Fixed Point Definitions
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5. Higher-Order Abstract Syntax
   - Example: subject reduction for STLC
Ordinary Intuitionistic Logic

2.1 – Basic Logic
Equality

For closed terms M and N, the formula \( M = N \) is true if and only if M and N are \( \alpha \beta \eta \)-convertible.

Consequences

- Two closed first-order terms are equal iff they are identical.

```lean
Kind i type.
Type a, b i.

Theorem eq1 : a = a \&\& b = b.
Theorem eq2 : a = b -> false.
```

- Different constants are distinct.
Equality

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Type a,b  i.

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Theorem eq2 : a = b \rightarrow false.
```

- Different constants are distinct.
The Nature of Variables

Terminology: variable, eigenvariable, and universal variable used interchangeably in Abella.

Variables are interpreted extensionally in the term model of the underlying logic.

In other words, a variable stands for all its possible instances.

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The formula \( \forall x : \text{nat}. F \) stands for:

\[
[z/x]F \land [s z/x]F \land [s (s z)/x]F \land \cdots
\]
Equality and Extensional Variables

\[
\text{forall } (x: \text{nat}) \ y, \ x = y \rightarrow F \ x \ y
\]

We have:

<table>
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In other words, the formula is equivalent to:

\[
\text{forall } (x: \text{nat}), \ F \ x \ x
\]
More generally, given an assumption $M = N$:

1. Find all unifiers for $M$ and $N$.
   - A unifier of $M$ and $N$ is a substitution of terms for the free variables of $M$ and $N$ that makes them $\lambda$-convertible.

2. For each unifier, apply the unifier to the rest of the subgoal to generate a new subgoal.

Notes:

- There may be infinitely many unifiers
- Unification in the general case is undecidable
- In practice we work with complete sets of unifiers (csu) that cover all possibilities; csus are often finite, even singletons.
Equality Assumptions on Open Terms

Example:

```
Kind i  type
Type f  i -> i -> i.
Type g  i -> i.
```

Theorem eq3 : forall x y z,
  f x (g y) = f (g y) z  ->  x = z.

- A csu of \( f \ x \ (g \ y) \) and \( f \ (g \ y) \ z \) is the singleton set 
  \( \{(g \ y)/x, (g \ y)/z\}\).
- This substitution turns \( x = z \) into \( g \ y = g \ y \), which is \text{true}.  

Equality Example: Peano’s Axioms
Functions vs. Relations

Say you want to define addition on natural numbers.

- **Functional** approach:
  - Declare a new symbol:
    
    \[
    \text{Type \: \text{sum} \: \text{nat} \to \text{nat} \to \text{nat}}.
    \]
  - Define a closed set of computational rules:
    
    \[
    \text{Rule \: \text{sum} \: z \: \text{N} = \text{N}.}
    \]
    \[
    \text{Rule \: \text{sum} \: (s \: M) \: \text{N} = s \: \text{K \ where \ sum} \: M \: \text{N} = \text{K}}.
    \]

- **Relational** approach:
  - Declare a new predicate:
    
    \[
    \text{Type \: \text{plus} \: \text{nat} \to \text{nat} \to \text{nat} \to \text{prop}}.
    \]
  - Declare a closed set of properties of the predicate:
    
    \[
    \forall \: M, \: \text{plus} \: z \: M \: M.
    \]
    \[
    \forall \: M \: N \: K, \: \text{plus} \: M \: N \: K \to \: \text{plus} \: (s \: M) \: N \: (s \: K).
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# Functions vs. Relations

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Relational Definitions

Define \( \text{plus} : \text{nat} \rightarrow \text{nat} \rightarrow \text{nat} \rightarrow \text{prop} \) by

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{plus } z & \ N \ N \ ; \\
\text{plus } (s \ M) & \ N \ (s \ K) \ := \ \text{plus } M \ N \ K.
\end{align*}
\]

- All defined relations must have target type \( \text{prop} \).
- Clauses are universally closed over the capitalized identifiers.
- The body implies the head in each clause.
- An omitted body stands for \text{true}.
- The set of clauses is \text{closed}.
Multiple Clauses vs. Single Clause

Define \( \text{plus1} : \text{nat} \to \text{nat} \to \text{nat} \to \text{prop} \) by
\[
\begin{align*}
\text{plus1} \; z \; N \; N ;; \\
\text{plus1} \; (s \; M) \; N \; (s \; K) := \text{plus1} \; M \; N \; K.
\end{align*}
\]

is equivalent to

Define \( \text{plus2} : \text{nat} \to \text{nat} \to \text{nat} \to \text{prop} \) by
\[
\begin{align*}
\text{plus2} \; M \; N \; K := \\
(M = z \; /\; /\; N = K) \\
/\; (\text{exists} \; M' \; K', \; M = s \; M' /\; /\; K = s \; K' /\;
\text{plus2} \; M' \; N \; K').
\end{align*}
\]
Proving Defined Atoms

If $p$ is a defined relation, then to prove $p \ M_1 \ \cdots \ M_n$:

1. Find a clause whose head $\text{matches}$ with $p \ M_1 \ \cdots \ M_n$;
2. Apply the matching substitution to its body;
3. and prove that instance of the body.

Backtracks over clauses and ways to match.
Proving Defined Atoms: Example

Define `plus : nat -> nat -> nat -> prop` by

```
plus z N N ;
plus (s M) N (s K) := plus M N K.
```

Example: `plus (s z) (s (s z)) (s (s (s z)))`:

1. Pick second clause with unifier `[z/M, s(s z)/N, s(s z)/K]`.
2. Yields goal: `plus z (s (s z)) (s (s z))`.
3. Now pick first clause with unifier `[s(s z)/N]`.
4. Yields goal `true`, and we’re done!
Reasoning About Defined Atoms

To reason about hypothesis $p \ M_1 \ \cdots \ M_n$:

1. Find every way to unify $p \ M_1 \ \cdots \ M_n$ with some head;
2. Separately reason about each corresponding instance of the body as a new hypothesis.

Generates one premise (subgoal) per unification solution.

Observe the analogy with equality assumptions!
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& \text{plus } (s \ M) \ N \ (s \ K) := \text{plus } M \ N \ K.
\end{align*}
\]

Given hypothesis: `plus M N (s K)`: 

1. Generate one subgoal for the first clause and unifier 
   \([z/M, s \ K/N];\)
2. Another subgoal for the second clause and unifier \([s \ M' /M]\)

Theorem `plus_s : forall M N K, plus M N (s K) -> (exists J, M = s J) \lor (exists J, N = s J)`.  

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The **case and unfold** Tactics

2.3 - **case and unfold**
Consistency of Relational Definitions

- Relational definitions are given a fixed point interpretation.
- That is, every defined atom is considered to be equivalent to the disjunction of its unfolded forms.
- Such an equivalence can introduce inconsistencies.

\[
\text{Define } p : \text{prop by} \\
\quad p := p \rightarrow \text{false}.
\]

- Abella’s stratification condition guarantees consistency.
2.4 - Stratification
The Expressivity of \texttt{case} and \texttt{unfold}

Consider

\begin{verbatim}
Define is_nat1 : nat \to prop by
  is_nat1 z ;
  is_nat1 (s N) := is_nat1 N.

Define is_nat2 : nat \to prop by
  is_nat2 z ;
  is_nat2 (s N) := is_nat2 N.
\end{verbatim}

- With \texttt{case} and \texttt{unfold}, we cannot prove:

  \[
  \forall x, \text{is_nat1 } x \to \text{is_nat2 } x.
  \]

- Abella actually interprets fixed points as least fixed points.
- This in turn allows us to perform \texttt{induction} on such definitions.
The induction tactic

Given a goal

\[
\text{forall } X_1 \ldots X_n, \ F_1 \rightarrow \ldots \rightarrow F_k \rightarrow \ldots \rightarrow G
\]

where \( F_k \) is a defined atom, the invocation

\[
\text{induction on } k.
\]

1. Adds an inductive hypothesis (IH):

\[
\text{forall } X_1 \ldots X_n, \ F_1 \rightarrow \ldots \rightarrow F_k \ast \rightarrow \ldots \rightarrow G
\]

2. Then changes the goal to:

\[
\text{forall } X_1 \ldots X_n, \ F_1 \rightarrow \ldots \rightarrow F_k \ast \rightarrow \ldots \rightarrow G
\]
Inductive Annotations

Meaning of $F^*$

$F$ has resulted from at least one application of case to an assumption of the form $F' \sigma$.

- These annotations are only maintained on defined atoms.
- Applying case to $F\sigma$ changes the annotation to $*$ for the resulting bodies in every subgoal.
- The $*$ annotation percolates to:
  - Both operands of $\land$ and $\lor$;
  - Only the right operand of $\rightarrow$; and
  - The bodies of $\forall$ and $\exists$. 
Natural Number Induction

2.5 - Natural Numbers
Lists of Natural Numbers

2.6 – Lists
2.7 – Nested and Mutual Induction
The Reasoning Logic $G$

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The names of bound variables should be treated as the same kind of fiction as we treat white space: they are artifacts of how we write expressions and have no semantic content.

There is “one binder to ring them all.”

There is no such thing as a free variable.

– cf. Alan Perlis’ epigram #47

Bindings have mobility and the equality theory of expressions must support such mobility [...].
Higher-Order Abstract Syntax
Also known as: λ-Tree Syntax

- Binding constructs in syntax are represented with term constructors of higher-order types.
- The normal forms of the representation are in bijection with the syntactic constructs.
- Syntactic substitution is for free – part of the λ-converibility inherent in equality.
Warmup: simple types.

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{Kind} & \quad \text{ty} \quad \text{type}. \\
\text{Type} & \quad \text{bas} \quad \text{ty}. \\
\text{Type} & \quad \text{arrow} \quad \text{ty} \rightarrow \text{ty} \rightarrow \text{ty}.
\end{align*}
\]

\[
[b] = \text{bas} \quad \quad [A \rightarrow B] = \text{arrow} [A] [B]
\]
HOAS: Representing the Simply Typed Lambda Calculus

(Closed) \( \lambda \)-terms

- **Kind** \( \text{tm} \) \( \text{type} \).
- **Type** \( \text{app} \) \( \text{tm} \rightarrow \text{tm} \rightarrow \text{tm} \).
- **Type** \( \text{abs} \) \( (\text{tm} \rightarrow \text{tm}) \rightarrow \text{tm} \).

\[
\begin{align*}
\llbracket M \ N \rrbracket & = \text{app} \ [M] \ [N] \\
\llbracket \lambda x. \ M \rrbracket & = \text{abs} \ (x \ \llbracket x/x \rrbracket M) \\
\llbracket x \rrbracket & = x
\end{align*}
\]

Examples:

\[
\begin{align*}
\llbracket \lambda x. \ \lambda y. \ x \rrbracket & = \text{abs} \ x \ \text{abs} \ y \ x \\
\llbracket \lambda x. \ \lambda y. \ \lambda z. \ x \ z \ (y \ z) \rrbracket & = \text{abs} \ x \ \text{abs} \ y \ \text{abs} \ z \ \text{app} \ (\text{app} \ x \ z) \ (\text{app} \ y \ z) \\
\llbracket (\lambda x. \ x \ x) \ (\lambda x. \ x \ x) \rrbracket & = \text{app} \ (\text{abs} \ x \ \text{app} \ x \ x) \ (\text{abs} \ x \ \text{app} \ x \ x)
\end{align*}
\]
HOAS: Representing the Typing Relation

\[
\frac{\Gamma, x:A \vdash x : A}{\Gamma, x:A \vdash M : B} \quad \frac{\;}{\Gamma \vdash (\lambda x. M) : A \rightarrow B}
\]

\[
\frac{\Gamma \vdash M : A \rightarrow B \quad \Gamma \vdash N : A}{\Gamma \vdash MN : B}
\]

Kind \( \text{ctx} \) \( \text{type} \).

Type \( \text{emp} \) \( \text{ctx} \).

Type \( \text{add} \) \( \text{ctx} \rightarrow \text{tm} \rightarrow \text{ty} \rightarrow \text{ctx} \).
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\]

\[
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\]

\[
\frac{\Gamma \vdash M : A \rightarrow B \quad \Gamma \vdash N : A}{\Gamma \vdash MN : B}
\]

Kind  ctx   type.
Type  emp   ctx.
Type  add   ctx -> tm -> ty -> ctx.
HOAS: Representing the Typing Relation

\[
\Gamma, x : A \vdash x : A \quad \frac{\Gamma, x : A \vdash M : B}{\Gamma \vdash (\lambda x. M) : A \to B} \\
\frac{\Gamma \vdash M : A \to B \quad \Gamma \vdash N : A}{\Gamma \vdash MN : B}
\]

Kind ctx type.

Type emp ctx.
Type add ctx -> tm -> ty -> ctx.
Define \text{mem} : \text{ctx} \rightarrow \text{tm} \rightarrow \text{ty} \rightarrow \text{prop} \text{ by}

\text{mem} (\text{add} \ G \ X \ A) \ X \ A ;
\text{mem} (\text{add} \ G \ Y \ B) \ X \ A := \text{mem} \ G \ X \ A.

\[
\begin{align*}
\Gamma, x : A & \vdash x : A \\
\Gamma & \vdash (\lambda x. M) : A \rightarrow B \\
\Gamma & \vdash M : A \rightarrow B \quad \Gamma & \vdash N : A \\
\Gamma & \vdash MN : B
\end{align*}
\]

Define \text{of} : \text{ctx} \rightarrow \text{tm} \rightarrow \text{ty} \rightarrow \text{prop} \text{ by}

\text{of} G X A := \text{mem} G X A ;

\text{of} G (\text{app} M N) B :=
\text{exists} \ A, \ \text{of} \ M (\text{arrow} A B) \land\land \text{of} \ N \ A ;

\text{of} G (\text{abs} \ x \ M \ x) (\text{arrow} A B) :=
\text{of} (\text{add} \ G \ ?? \ A) (M ??) B
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\[
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\text{mem} \ (\text{add} \ G \ Y \ B) \ X \ A := \text{mem} \ G \ X \ A.
\]

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\[
\text{of} \ G \ X \ A := \text{mem} \ G \ X \ A ; \\
\text{of} \ G \ (\text{app} \ M \ N) \ B := \\
\quad \exists \ A, \ \text{of} \ M \ (\text{arrow} \ A \ B) \ \land \ \text{of} \ N \ A ; \\
\text{of} \ G \ (\text{abs} \ x \ M \ x) \ (\text{arrow} \ A \ B) := \\
\quad \text{of} \ (\text{add} \ G \ ? \ A) \ (M \ ?) \ B
\]
Contexts

What does $\Gamma, x:A$ mean?

- $x \notin \text{fv}(\Gamma)$
- $x \notin \text{fv}(A)$
- $(\Gamma, x:A)(y) = \begin{cases} A & \text{if } x = y \\ \Gamma(y) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
Names and the $\nabla$ (nabla) Quantifier

$\forall x. \ F$

For every term $M$, it is the case that $[M/x]F$ is true.

$\nabla x. \ F$

For any name $n$ that is not free in $F$, it is the case that $[n/x]F$ is true.

Every type is inhabited by an infinite set of names.

Terminology: sometimes we say nominal constant instead of name.
Some Properties of $\nabla$ vs. $\forall$

- $\nabla x. \nabla y. x \neq y$.
  - For any name $n \notin \{\}$, it is that $\nabla y. n \neq y$.
  - For any name $n \notin \{\}$, for any name $m \notin \{n\}$, it is that $n \neq m$.

- $\forall x. \forall y. x \neq y$ is not provable.
  - Given any term $M$, it must be that $M = M$.

- $(\forall x. \forall y. p x y) \supset (\forall z. p z z)$.
- $(\nabla x. \nabla y. p x y) \supset (\nabla z. p z z)$ is not provable.
  - $\nabla x. \nabla y. p x y$ means that $p$ holds for any two distinct names.
  - $\nabla z. p z z$ means that $p$ holds for any name, repeated.
Mobility of Binding

The equational theory of λ-terms is restated in terms of ∇.

\[(\lambda x. M) = (\lambda x. N) \text{ if and only if } \nabla x. (M = N).\]

Why not ∀?

- Differentiate between the identity function \(\lambda x. x\) and the constant function \(\lambda x. c\).
- \(\forall x. (x = c)\) is satisfiable.
- \(\nabla x. (x = c)\) is false, i.e., \(\neg \nabla x. (x = c)\) is provable.
Names and Equivariance

- Formulas are considered equivalent up to a permutation of their free names, known as equivariance.
- Example: if $m$ and $n$ are distinct names, then:
  - $p \, m \equiv p \, n$.
  - $p \, m \, n \equiv p \, n \, m$.
  - $p \, m \, m \not\equiv p \, m \, n$.
- Note: terms are not equal up to equivariance!
- In Abella, any identifier matching the regexp $n[0-9]+$ is considered to be a name.
Let \( \text{supp}(F) \) stand for the free names in \( F \).

\[ \forall x. \, F : \]

\[ \text{For every term } M, \text{ it is the case that } [M/x]F \text{ is true.} \]
Let $\text{supp}(F)$ stand for the free names in $F$.

$\forall x. F$:

\[
\text{For every term } M \text{ with } \text{supp}(M) = \{\}, \text{ it is the case that } [M \text{ supp}(F)/x]F \text{ is true.}
\]
Raising

∀x. F:

For every term M with \( \text{supp}(M) = \{\} \), it is the case that \([M \text{supp}(F)/x]F\) is true.

- \(∀x. ∇y. p x y\)
  - For every term M, it is that \(∇y. p M y\).
  - For every M, for any name \(n \notin \text{fn}(M)\), it is that \(p M n\).
  - Therefore M cannot mention \(n\).

- \(∇y. ∀x. p x y\)
  - For any name \(n \notin \{\}\), it is that \(∀x. p x n\).
  - For any name \(n\), for every term M, it is that \(p (M n) n\).
  - In other words, M is of the form \(λx. M'\) where \(M'\) can have \(x\) free.
  - Therefore, M can (indirectly) mention \(n\).
Back to HOAS: The Typing Relation

\[
\begin{align*}
\Gamma, x:A & \vdash x : A & \frac{\Gamma \vdash M : B}{\Gamma \vdash (\lambda x. M) : A \to B} & \frac{\Gamma \vdash M : A \to B \quad \Gamma \vdash N : A}{\Gamma \vdash MN : B}
\end{align*}
\]

Define \text{of} : \text{ctx} \to \text{tm} \to \text{ty} \to \text{prop} by

\[
\begin{align*}
of \mathit{G} X A & := \text{mem} \ \mathit{G} X A ; \\
of \mathit{G} (\text{app} M N) B & := \\
& \quad \exists A, \ of M (\text{arrow} A B) \ \land \ of N A ; \\
of \mathit{G} (\text{abs} x\ M x) (\text{arrow} A B) & := \\
& \quad \text{nabla} x, \ of (\text{add} \mathit{G} x A) (M x) B
\end{align*}
\]
Define \( \text{of} : \text{ctx} \rightarrow \text{tm} \rightarrow \text{ty} \rightarrow \text{prop} \) by

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{of } G \times A & := \text{mem } G \times A ; \\
\text{of } G \ (\text{app } M \ N) \ B & := \exists A, \ \text{of } M \ (\text{arrow } A \ B) \lor \lor \ \text{of } N \ A ; \\
\text{of } G \ (\text{abs } x \ \text{\textbackslash } M \ x) \ (\text{arrow } A \ B) & := \text{nabla } x, \ \text{of } (\text{add } G \ x \ A) \ (M \ x) \ B
\end{align*}
\]
\( \nabla \) in the Body of a Clause

\[
\text{of } G \ (\text{abs } x \backslash M \ x) \ (\text{arrow } A \ B) := \\
\text{nabla } x, \ \text{of } (\text{add } G \ x \ A) \ (M \ x) \ B
\]

means

\[
\text{forall } G \ M \ A \ B, \\
\text{of } G \ (\text{abs } x \backslash M \ x) \ (\text{arrow } A \ B) \leftarrow \\
\text{nabla } x, \ \text{of } (\text{add } G \ x \ A) \ (M \ x) \ B.
\]

- None of \( G, M, A, B \) can mention \( x \).
- \( M \) can \textit{indirectly} mention \( x \).
HOAS: Typing Relation

2.8 - Properties of the Typing Relation
The main promise of HOAS: substitution “for free”

Define $\text{eval} : \text{tm} \to \text{tm} \to \text{prop}$ by

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{eval} (\text{abs } R) (\text{abs } R) ; \\
\text{eval} (\text{app } M N) V := \\
\quad \exists R, \text{eval } M (\text{abs } R) /\\text{eval } (R N) V.
\end{align*}
\]

Notes:

- $(R N)$ may be arbitrarily larger than $(\text{app } M N)$.
- However, proving $(\text{eval } (R N) V)$ will require strictly fewer unfolding steps than $(\text{eval } (\text{app } M N) V)$.
2.9 - Subject Reduction
INTERMISSION
The Two-Level Logic Approach
1. Focused Minimal Intuitionistic Logic
2. Two-Level Logic Approach
3. Context Structure
4. Examples
Meta-Theorems

• We have just seen several examples of meta-theorems:
  • Cut (for substituting in contexts)
  • Instantiation (for replacing names with terms)
  • Weakening

• Such theorems can be seen as instances of similar meta-theorems for a proof system

• If we can isolate this proof system and prove the meta-theorems once and for all, we can avoid a lot of boilerplate.
Small Aside: A Bit of Proof Theory

Let us start with intuitionistic minimal logic.

\[ F, G ::= A \mid F \Rightarrow G \mid \Pi x. F \]
\[ \Gamma ::= \cdot \mid \Gamma, F \]

We are going to build a focused proof system for this logic.

\( \Gamma \vdash F \) Goal decomposition sequent
\( \Gamma, [F] \vdash A \) Backchaining sequent
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\[ \Gamma \vdash F \quad \text{Goal decomposition sequent} \]
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Focused Proof System

Goal decomposition

\[
\Gamma, F \vdash G \\ \frac{\Gamma \vdash F \Rightarrow G}{\Gamma \vdash G} \\
\frac{(x \not\in \Gamma) \quad \Gamma \vdash F}{\Gamma \vdash \Pi x. F}
\]

Decision

\[
\Gamma, F, [F] \vdash A \\ \frac{\Gamma, F \vdash A}{\Gamma \vdash A}
\]

Backchaining

\[
\Gamma \vdash F \\ \Gamma, [G] \vdash A \\ \frac{\Gamma, [F \Rightarrow G] \vdash A}{\Gamma, [G] \vdash A} \\
\Gamma, [[t/x]F] \vdash A \\ \Gamma, [\Pi x. F] \vdash A \\ \Gamma, [A] \vdash A
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Focused Proof System

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\frac{\Gamma, F \vdash G}{\Gamma \vdash F \Rightarrow G} \quad \frac{(x \not\in \Gamma) \quad \Gamma \vdash F}{\Gamma \vdash \Pi x. F}
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Backchaining

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Synthetic (Derived) Rules

Imagine $\Gamma = R_1, R_2$ where:

$R_1$: $\Pi m, n, a, b. \text{of } m (\text{arr } a b) \Rightarrow \text{of } n a \Rightarrow \text{of } (\text{app } m n) b.$

$R_2$: $\Pi r, a, b. (\Pi x. \text{of } x a \Rightarrow \text{of } (r x) b) \Rightarrow \text{of } (\text{abs } r) (\text{arr } a b).$

Consider the result of deciding on $R_1$ and $R_2$.

\[
\frac{\Gamma \vdash \text{of } M (\text{arr } A B) \quad \Gamma \vdash \text{of } N A \quad \Gamma \vdash \text{of } (\text{app } M N) B}{\Gamma \vdash C}
\]

\[
\frac{\Gamma, M/m, N/n, A/a, B/b \Rightarrow \cdots \Rightarrow \cdots \Rightarrow \cdots}{\Gamma, [R_1] \vdash C}
\]

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\frac{\Gamma \vdash \text{of } M (\text{arr } A B) \quad \Gamma \vdash \text{of } N A}{\Gamma \vdash \text{of } (\text{app } M N) B}
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\end{array}
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\begin{array}{c}
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\end{array}
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Consider the result of deciding on \( R_1 \) and \( R_2 \).

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\begin{align*}
\Gamma \vdash \text{of } M (\text{arr } A B) & \quad \Gamma \vdash \text{of } N A & \quad \Gamma, [\text{of } (\text{app } M N) B] \vdash C \\
\Gamma, [[M/m, N/n, A/a, B/b] \Rightarrow \cdots \Rightarrow \cdots] \vdash C & \quad \Gamma, [R_1] \vdash C & \quad \Gamma \vdash C
\end{align*}
\]

\[
\begin{align*}
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Consider the result of deciding on $R_1$ and $R_2$.

\[
\frac{\Gamma \vdash \text{of } M \text{ (arr } A \ B) \quad \Gamma \vdash \text{of } N A}{\Gamma, \Gamma, [\text{of } (\text{app } M N) B] \vdash \text{of } (\text{app } M N) B}
\]

\[
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\quad \Gamma, [[M/m, N/n, A/a, B/b] \Rightarrow \ldots] \vdash \text{of (app } M \ N) \ B
\quad \Gamma, [R_1] \vdash \text{of (app } M \ N) \ B
\quad \Gamma \vdash \text{of (app } M \ N) \ B
}{
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$\Gamma, [[M/m, N/n, A/a, B/b] \ldots \Rightarrow \ldots \Rightarrow \ldots] \vdash \text{of } (\text{app } M \ N) \ B$

$\Gamma, [R_1] \vdash \text{of } (\text{app } M \ N) \ B$

$\Gamma \vdash \text{of } (\text{app } M \ N) \ B$

$\Gamma \vdash \text{of } M (\text{arr } A \ B) \quad \Gamma \vdash \text{of } N \ A$

$\Gamma \vdash \text{of } (\text{app } M \ N) \ B$
Deciding on $R_2$

\[\begin{array}{c}
\frac{\Gamma, [\text{of (abs } R\text{) (arr } A\text{ } B)] \vdash \text{of (abs } R\text{) (arr } A\text{ } B)}{\Gamma, [[R/r, A/a, B/b] (\Pi x. \cdots \Rightarrow \cdots) \Rightarrow \cdots] \vdash \text{of (abs } R\text{) (arr } A\text{ } B)}
\end{array}\]

\[\begin{array}{c}
\frac{\Gamma, [R_2] \vdash \text{of (abs } R\text{) (arr } A\text{ } B)}{\Gamma \vdash \text{of (abs } R\text{) (arr } A\text{ } B)}
\end{array}\]

where \(\Box\) is:

\[\begin{array}{c}
\frac{(x\#\Gamma) \quad \Gamma, \text{of } xA \vdash \text{of } (R x) B}{\Gamma \vdash \Pi x. \text{of } xA \Rightarrow \text{of } (R x) B}
\end{array}\]

So:

\[\begin{array}{c}
\frac{(x\#\Gamma) \quad \Gamma, \text{of } xA \vdash \text{of } (R x) B}{\Gamma \vdash \text{of (abs } R\text{) (arr } A\text{ } B)}
\end{array}\]
Deciding on $R_2$

\[
\begin{align*}
\Gamma, [\text{of (abs } R) (\text{arr } A B)] & \vdash \text{of (abs } R) (\text{arr } A B) \\
\Gamma, [[R/r, A/a, B/b](\Pi x. \cdots \Rightarrow \cdots) \Rightarrow \cdots] & \vdash \text{of (abs } R) (\text{arr } A B) \\
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\Gamma & \vdash \text{of (abs } R) (\text{arr } A B)
\end{align*}
\]

where \( \boxed{1} \) is:

\[
\begin{align*}
(x \# \Gamma) & \quad \Gamma, \text{of } x A \vdash \text{of } (R \times) B \\
\Gamma & \vdash \Pi x. \text{of } x A \Rightarrow \text{of } (R \times) B
\end{align*}
\]

So:

\[
\begin{align*}
(x \# \Gamma) & \quad \Gamma, \text{of } x A \vdash \text{of } (R \times) B \\
\Gamma & \vdash \text{of (abs } R) (\text{arr } A B)
\end{align*}
\]
Synthetic Rules vs. SOS rules

\[ \Gamma \vdash M : A \rightarrow B \quad \Gamma \vdash N : A \]

\[ \Gamma \vdash (M \, N) : B \]

\[ \Gamma \vdash \text{of } M \, (\text{arr } A \, B) \quad \Gamma \vdash \text{of } N \, A \]

\[ \Gamma \vdash \text{of } (\text{app } M \, N) \, B \]

\[ \Gamma, x : A \vdash M : B \]

\[ \Gamma \vdash (\lambda x. \, M) : A \rightarrow B \]

\[ (x \# \Gamma) \quad \Gamma, \, \text{of } x \, A \vdash \text{of } (R \, x) \, B \]

\[ \Gamma \vdash \text{of } (\text{abs } R) \, (\text{arr } A \, B) \]

Reasoning about SOS derivations is isomorphic to reasoning about focused derivations for its minimal theory.
Synthetic Rules vs. SOS rules

\[
\Gamma \vdash M : A \rightarrow B \quad \Gamma \vdash N : A \\
\Gamma \vdash (M \cdot N) : B
\]

\[
\Gamma \vdash \text{of } M \cdot (\text{arr } A B) \quad \Gamma \vdash \text{of } N A \\
\Gamma \vdash \text{of } (\text{app } M \cdot N) B
\]

\[
\Gamma, x : A \vdash M : B \\
\Gamma \vdash (\lambda x. M) : A \rightarrow B
\]

\[
(x\#\Gamma) \quad \Gamma, \text{of } x A \vdash \text{of } (R x) B \\
\Gamma \vdash \text{of } (\text{abs } R) \cdot (\text{arr } A B)
\]

Reasoning about SOS derivations is isomorphic to reasoning about focused derivations for its minimal theory.
Minimal Logic Definable in \( G \)

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{Kind } o & \quad \text{type.} \\
\text{Type } => & \quad o \rightarrow o \rightarrow o. \\
\text{Type } \pi & \quad (A \rightarrow o) \rightarrow o. \\
\text{Kind } o\text{list} & \quad \text{type} \\
\text{Type } nil & \quad o\text{list}. \\
\text{Type } :: & \quad o \rightarrow o\text{list} \rightarrow o\text{list}. \\
\end{align*}
\]

Define \text{member} : o \rightarrow o\text{list} \rightarrow \text{prop by} \ldots

\begin{align*}
\text{Sequent} & & \text{Encoding} \\
\Gamma \vdash F & \quad & \text{seq } L \ F \\
\Gamma, [F] \vdash A & \quad & \text{bch } L \ F \ A
\end{align*}
Minimal Logic Definable in $\mathcal{G}$

Kind $o$ type.

Type $=>$ $o \rightarrow o \rightarrow o$.

Type $\pi$ $(A \rightarrow o) \rightarrow o$.

Kind $olist$ type

Type $nil$ $olist$.

Type $::$ $o \rightarrow olist \rightarrow olist$.

Define $member : o \rightarrow olist \rightarrow prop$ by ...
Define $\text{seq} : \text{olist} \to o \to \text{prop}$,
$\text{bch} : \text{olist} \to o \to o \to \text{prop}$ by

% goal reduction
$\text{seq} \ L \ (F \Rightarrow G) := \text{seq} \ (F :: L) \ G ;$
$\text{seq} \ L \ (\pi \ F) := \text{nabla} \ x, \ \text{seq} \ L \ (F \ x) ;$

% decision
$\text{seq} \ L \ A :=$
$\exists F, \ \text{member} \ F \ L /\ \text{bch} \ L \ F \ A ;$

% backchaining
$\text{bch} \ L \ (F \Rightarrow G) \ A := \text{seq} \ L \ F /\ \text{bch} \ L \ G \ A ;$
$\text{bch} \ L \ (\pi \ F) \ A := \exists T, \ \text{bch} \ L \ (F \ T) \ A$
$\text{bch} \ L \ A \ A.$
Meta-Theory of Minimal Sequent Calculus

Theorem cut : forall L C F,
    seq L C -> seq (C :: L) F -> seq L F.

Theorem inst : forall L F, nabla x,
    seq (L x) (F x) ->
    forall T, seq (L T) (F T).

Theorem monotone : forall L1 L2 F,
    \%\% L1 ⊆ L2
    (forall G, member G L1 -> member G L2) ->
    seq L1 F -> seq L2 F.
The Two Level Logic Approach of Abella

- **Specification Logic**
  - Focused sequent calculus for minimal intuitionistic logic
  - Shares the type system of \( G \), but formulas of type \( \odot \)
  - Concrete syntax the same as \( \lambda \)Prolog

- **Reasoning Logic**
  - Inductive definition of the specification logic proof system
  - Inductive reasoning about specification logic derivations
  - Syntactic sugar:
    - `seq L F` \( \{L \ |-\ F\} \)
    - `bch L F A` \( \{L, \ [F] \ |-\ A\} \)
Example: STLC Specification

3.1 – Typing and Subject Reduction
Uniqueness of Typing

Change to a Church style representation:

\[ \text{type abs ty} \to (\text{tm} \to \text{tm}) \to \text{tm}. \]

\[
\text{of (abs A R) (arr A B) :-}\] 
\[\pi x \\text{of } x \ A \Rightarrow \text{of } (R \ x) \ B.\]

Want to show that every term has a unique type.

\textbf{Theorem} \ type\textunderscore uniq : \ \forall \ M \ A \ B, \ \\ \{\text{of } M \ A\} \to \{\text{of } M \ B\} \to A = B.

Need to generalize!

\textbf{Theorem} \ type\textunderscore uniq\textunderscore open : \ \forall \ L \ M \ A \ B, \ \\ \{L \vdash \text{of } M \ A\} \to \{L \vdash \text{of } M \ B\} \to A = B.
Uniqueness of Typing

Change to a Church style representation:

```
type abs ty -> (tm -> tm) -> tm.
----
of (abs A R) (arr A B) :-
  pi x\ of x A => of (R x) B.
```

Want to show that every term has a unique type.

**Theorem** `type_uniq` : `forall` `M A B`,
```
{of M A} -> {of M B} -> A = B.
```

Need to generalize!

**Theorem** `type_uniq_open` : `forall` `L M A B`,
```
{L |- of M A} -> {L |- of M B} -> A = B.
```
Uniqueness of Typing

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\text{type abs ty} \rightarrow (\text{tm} \rightarrow \text{tm}) \rightarrow \text{tm}.
\]

\[
\text{of (abs A R) (arr A B)} :-
\pi \ x \ of \ x \ A \Rightarrow \ of \ (R \ x) \ B.
\]

Want to show that every term has a unique type.

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Need to generalize!

**Theorem** type_uniq_open : \(\forall L M A B, \{L \ |- \ \text{of} \ M \ A\} \rightarrow \{L \ |- \ \text{of} \ M \ B\} \rightarrow A = B.\)
Structure of Contexts

- The typing **dynamic context** \( L \) is a list of assumptions.
- Already seen how to inductively define the structure of lists.
- Therefore:

  ```
  Define ctx : olist \rightarrow prop by
  ctx nil ;
  ctx (of X A :: L) := ctx L.
  ```

- But this does not capture \( x \# L \)!
Meaning of the second clause:

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forall L A X,
ctx L -> ctx (of X A :: L).
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Let us change the “flavor” of x.

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“∇ In The Head”

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Extended Example: Uniqueness of Typing

3.2 - Type Uniqueness
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Define ctx_len : olist -> nat -> prop by
  ctx_len nil z ;
  nabla x, ctx_len (of x A :: L) (s N) :=
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Define ctxs : olist -> olist -> prop by
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  nabla x, ctxs (term x :: L) (neutral x :: K) :=
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Example: Partitioning of Lambda Terms

3.3 - Partitioning
Extended Example: Relating HOAS and De Bruijn Representations

3.4 - HOAS vs. Indexed
Co-Induction
Interpretations of Co-Induction

- Non-termination
- Greatest Fixed Point
- Dual of Induction

\begin{verbatim}
Define p : prop by
    p := p.

Theorem pth : p -> false.

CoDefine q : prop by
    q := q.

Theorem qth : q.
\end{verbatim}
The coinduction Tactic

Given a goal

\[ \forall X_1 \ldots X_n, F_1 \rightarrow \ldots \rightarrow F_n \rightarrow G \]

where \( G \) is a co-inductively defined atom, the invocation

\texttt{coinduction}

1. Adds a co-inductive hypothesis (CH):

\[ \forall X_1 \ldots X_n, F_1 \rightarrow \ldots \rightarrow F_n \rightarrow G + \]

2. Then changes the goal to:

\[ \forall X_1 \ldots X_n, F_1 \rightarrow \ldots \rightarrow F_n \rightarrow G \# . \]
## Annotations

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**Definition:** \( q \) simulates \( p \), written \( p \preceq q \), iff:

- for every \( p' \), \( a \) such that \( p \xrightarrow{a} p' \),
- there is a \( q' \) such that \( q \xrightarrow{a} q' \), and
- \( p' \preceq q' \).

Here,

- \( q_0 \preceq p_0 \).
- \( q_1 \preceq p_0 \).
- \( p_0 \not\preceq q_0 \).
Example: Automata Simulation

4.1 - Automata
Example: Diverging $\lambda$-Terms

4.2 - Divergence
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Type z nat.
Type s nat -> nat.

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Sometimes the typing relation can be reified.

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& \quad \text{is}_\text{nat} \ (s \ N) := \text{is}_\text{nat} \ N. \\
\textbf{Theorem} & \quad \text{nat}_\text{str} : \forall x, \text{is}_\text{nat} \ x \to \\
& \quad \ x = z \ \lor \ \exists y, \text{is}_\text{nat} \ y \ \land \ x = s \ y.
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But not always!

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Define is_nat : nat -> prop by
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Theorem nat_str : forall x, is_nat x ->
x = z \or exists y, is_nat y \and x = s y.
...

But not always!

Define is_tm : tm -> prop by
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is_tm (abs R) := nabla x, is_tm x -> is_tm (R x).

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Two-Level Reification

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\textbf{type} is\_nat nat \rightarrow o.
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----

% typing.mod

\textbf{is\_nat} z.
\textbf{is\_nat} (s N) :\textbf{- is\_nat} N.

\textbf{is\_tm} (\textbf{app} M N) :\textbf{- is\_tm} M, \textbf{is\_tm} N.
\textbf{is\_tm} (\textbf{abs} R) :\textbf{- pi x\\{is\_tm\! x\} -> is\_tm (R x).}

Then

\textbf{Theorem} nat\_str : \textbf{forall} x, \{\textbf{is\_nat} x\} \rightarrow
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\textbf{Theorem} tm\_str : \textbf{forall} T, \{\textbf{is\_tm} T\} \rightarrow
\quad (\textbf{exists} M N, \{\textbf{is\_tm} M\} \; \textbf{/} \; \{\textbf{is\_tm} N\} \; \textbf{/} \; T = \textbf{app} M N)
\; \textbf{/}
\quad (\textbf{exists} R, (\textbf{forall} x, \{\textbf{is\_tm} x\} \rightarrow \{\textbf{is\_tm} R x\})
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Then

```
Theorem nat_str : forall x, {is_nat x} ->
   x = z \/ exists y, {is_nat y} \/ x = s y.

Theorem tm_str : forall T, {is_tm T} ->
   (exists M N, {is_tm M} \/ {is_tm N} \/ T = app M N)
   \/
   (exists R, (forall x, {is_tm x} -> {is_tm R x})
    \/ T = abs R).
```
Beyond Simple Types: LF (a.k.a. λΠ)

http://abella-prover.org/lf

- All kinds of typing relations can be reified.
- Encoding dependent types (and DTλ terms):

\[
\begin{align*}
\lf\Pi x : A. U & = \lf[A] \to \lf[U] \\
\lf[M N] & = \lf[M] \lf[N] \\
\lf[a \ M_1 \cdots M_n] & = a \ M_1 \cdots M_n \\
\lf[\lambda x : A. M] & = \lambda x : \lf[A]. \lf[M] \\
\lf[type] & = \lf[lttype]
\end{align*}
\]

- Encoding typing as specification formulas:

\[
\begin{align*}
\lf[M : \Pi x : A. U] & = \Pi x. [x : A] \Rightarrow [M \ x : U] \\
\lf[A : type] & = \lf[istype] \lf[A]
\end{align*}
\]

- Encoding LF signatures

\[
\begin{align*}
\lf[[c : U]] & = \lf[type] \ c \ \lf[U]. \\
\end{align*}
\]
Abella/LF Examples
Automation

• Many theorems about contexts are:
  • Tedious, and
  • Predictable
• This is particularly the case for regular contexts.
• We have a proof of concept for some rather sophisticated and certifying automation procedures (LFMTP 2014)
• Look out for it in Abella 2.1!
More Resources
Related Material

- See list on: http://abella-prover.org/tutorial/
- Course notes by Gopalan Nadathur for: Specification and Reasoning About Computational Systems
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