

# A Gentle Introduction to the Coq Proof Assistant, from a Teaching Perspective

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# Three-part Course (Nicolas Magaud and Yves Bertot)

- 1 Monday 11:00-12:30 : Logic and Computation (Nicolas Magaud)
- 2 Tuesday 14:00-15:30 : Trusting Proof Automation (Nicolas Magaud)
- 3 Wednesday 17:00-18:00 : Numbers in Coq (Yves Bertot)

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## What you will learn in this course:

- 1 Better understand what a proof is, carry out proofs more carefully.
- 2 Discover the field of formal proofs.
- 3 Practical aspects: using Coq.
- 4 More theoretical aspects : the Curry-Howard isomorphism, ...

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- Gilles Dowek
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- Pierre Lescanne
- David Pichardie
- Benjamin Werner
- Laurent Théry
- ...

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# What is a proof ?

- something convincing,
- a sequence of deductions from the axioms,
- an algorithm (Curry-Howard isomorphism)

## Yes but...

It may be difficult to be sure that a proof is actually correct:

- the number of statements involved
- the occurrence of computations
- too many technical details, too many subcases
- the size of the proof



# Verifying that a proof is correct

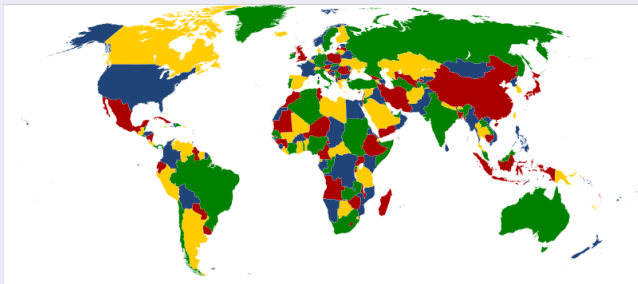
When computations occur

## Four color theorem

No more than four colors are required to color the regions of any map so that no two adjacent regions have the same color.

1976 Appel and Hake (1478 configurations, 1200 hours of computations)

2004 Formalized in Coq by Gonthier and Werner



# Verifying that a proof is correct

When computations occur

## Kepler conjecture/Hales theorem

For a packing of equally-sized spheres, the maximum density is obtained by a face-centered cubic arrangement.

1998 Mathematical proof by Thomas Hales

2004 - 2014 *Projct Flyspeck*: formalizing the theorem using HOL-light with contributions in Coq and Isabelle (more than 300 000 lines)



Photo by Robert Cudmore

Robert MacPherson, editor, wrote:

*"The news from the referees is bad, from my perspective. They have not been able to certify the correctness of the proof, and will not be able to certify it in the future, because they have run out of energy to devote to the problem. This is not what I had hoped for. The referees put a level of energy into this that is, in my experience, unprecedented. "*

# Verifying that a proof is correct

The proof size

## Théorème de Feit-Thompson

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Theorem Feit_Thompson (gT:finGroupType) (G:{group gT}):  
  odd ##|G| -> solvable G.
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Proof in Coq by Georges Gonthier et al. (september 2012)<sup>a</sup>:  
170 000 lines, 15 000 definitions, 4 200 theorems

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<sup>a</sup><https://mathlesstraveled.com/2012/11/11/a-computer-checked-proof-of-the-odd-order-theorem/>

# Verifying that a proof is correct

## Some success stories

- CompCert: a C compiler proved correct in Coq (Xavier Leroy et. al.)
- seL4: a micro kernel proved correct in Isabelle (Gerwin Klein et. al.)
- A payment system (Gemalto, Andronick et. al.)
- The automation of some underground lines (e.g. line 14 in Paris)
- A hash function (SHA 256, Andrew Appel, 2015)
- A cryptographic protocol (OpenSSL HMAC, Andrew Appel et. al., 2015)

# Improving the quality of proofs

- 1 Make the *hypotheses* clearer  
(as precise as possible, not too restrictive)
- 2 Make it clear what a *good proof* actually is
- 3 Be as precise as possible so that we do not need to understand the proof to check it.
- 4 Automate some parts of the proofs

# The Coq Proof Assistant

## What is Coq ?

- A Proof Assistant, developed and distributed by INRIA
- Try it easily ! <https://coq.vercel.app/>
- Install with opam: <https://coq.inria.fr/opam-using.html>

## It allows :

- to define mathematical notions/programs,
- and to prove some properties of these objects.

# ACM Software System Award

2015 GCC

2014 Mach

2013 **Coq**

2012 LLVM

2011 Eclipse

2010 GroupLensCFRS

2009 VMware

2008 Gamma Parallel Database System

2007 StateMate

2006 Eiffel

2005 The Boyer-Moore Theorem Prover

2004 Secure Network Programming

2003 Make

2002 Java

...

1991 TCP-IP

# Why do we (Need to) Formalize Mathematical Results?

- The Example of the Finite Projective Space  $PG(3,3)$ 
  - ▶ Projective Incidence Geometry only features points and lines, together with an incidence relation ( $\in$ ).
  - ▶ Projective Incidence Geometry can be captured by a set of axioms.
  - ▶  $PG(3,3)$  is a finite projective space with 35 points and 130 lines. It is a model of Projective Incidence Geometry.
  - ▶ Each line contains exactly 4 points.
  - ▶ Lines are easily represented as sets of points, as Alan R. Prince did in a journal article.<sup>1</sup>
  - ▶ The specification is actually wrong (this is a minor error, but still an error).

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<sup>1</sup>Projective planes of order 12 and  $PG(3,3)$ . Discrete Mathematics, 208-209 :477-483, 1999.



# PG(3,3) - description of the incidence relation

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L1	0	1	4	13	L14	1	2	5	14	L27	1	7	12	33	L40	1	8	24	26	L53	1	10	37	38
L2	0	2	24	17	L15	2	3	6	15	L28	2	19	26	4	L41	2	22	12	32	L54	2	33	29	13
L3	0	3	12	39	L16	3	5	27	20	L29	3	38	32	24	L42	3	10	26	28	L55	3	4	7	16
L4	0	5	26	34	L17	5	6	9	18	L30	5	30	28	12	L43	5	33	32	36	L56	5	24	19	13
L5	0	6	32	11	L18	6	27	35	1	L31	6	16	36	26	L44	6	4	28	21	L57	6	12	38	17
L6	0	27	28	31	L19	27	9	25	2	L32	27	13	21	32	L45	27	24	36	23	L58	27	26	30	39
L7	0	9	36	37	L20	9	35	14	3	L33	9	17	23	28	L46	9	12	21	8	L59	9	32	16	34
L8	0	35	21	29	L21	35	25	15	5	L34	35	39	8	36	L47	35	26	23	22	L60	35	28	13	11
L9	0	25	23	7	L22	25	14	20	6	L35	25	34	22	21	L48	25	32	8	10	L61	25	36	17	31
L10	0	14	8	19	L23	14	15	20	6	L36	14	11	10	23	L49	14	28	22	33	L62	14	21	39	37
L11	0	15	22	38	L24	15	20	1	9	L37	15	31	33	8	L50	15	36	10	4	L63	15	23	34	29
L12	0	20	10	30	L25	20	18	2	35	L38	20	37	4	22	L51	20	21	33	24	L64	20	8	11	7
L13	0	18	33	16	L26	18	1	3	25	L39	18	29	24	10	L52	18	23	4	12	L65	18	22	31	19

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L66	1	11	21	31	L79	1	16	23	39	L92	1	17	19	34	L105	1	22	30	36	L118	1	28	29	32
L67	2	31	23	37	L80	2	13	8	34	L93	2	39	38	11	L106	2	10	16	21	L119	2	36	7	28
L68	3	37	8	29	L81	3	17	22	11	L94	3	34	30	31	L107	3	33	13	23	L120	3	21	19	36
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L72	9	38	4	30	L85	9	31	24	7	L98	9	29	39	19	L111	9	26	11	33	L124	9	10	13	22
L73	35	30	24	16	L86	35	37	12	19	L99	35	7	34	38	L112	35	32	31	4	L125	35	33	17	10
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# Proof Process in Coq

Developing a proof in Coq is achieved in two successive steps:

- first a proof is *interactively built* by the user;
- then the proof is *automatically checked* by the system.

**The user does the proof work,  
the system simply checks that the proof is actually correct.**

# Useful Ressources

- Coq web site:

- ▶ Download:

<http://coq.inria.fr/>

- ▶ Coq reference manual:

<http://coq.inria.fr/doc/>

- Books and Exercices :

- ▶ *Coq'Art* by Y. Bertot and P. Castéran  
(available in French, English and Chinese)

<http://www.labri.fr/perso/casteran/CoqArt/>

- ▶ *Software Foundations* par Benjamin C. Pierce, Chris Casinghino, Michael Greenberg, Vilhelm Sjöberg, Brent Yorgey

<http://www.cis.upenn.edu/~bcpierce/sf/>

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# Syntax

Logic	Coq
$\perp$	False
$\top$	True
$a = b$	a = b
$a \neq b$	a <> b
$\neg A$	~ A
$A \vee B$	A \\/ B
$A \wedge B$	A /\ B
$A \Rightarrow B$	A -> B
$A \Leftrightarrow B$	A <-> B
$f(x, y, z)$	(f x y z)
$\forall xy, P(x, y)$	forall (x y:A), P x y
$\exists xy, P(x, y)$	exists (x:A) (y:B), P x y

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# Sequent

Formal deduction systems, used to modelize logics, often rely on a language based on **sequents**. It is a couple  $(\Gamma, F)$  with:

- a multi-set of formula  $\Gamma$  (the order is not relevant, some elements may be repeated) and
- a formula  $F$ .

This couple is usually denoted by

$$\Gamma \vdash F$$

Intuitively, a sequent represents the fact that from the hypotheses of  $\Gamma$ , one can deduce  $F$ .



# Interaction with Coq

In Coq, instead of writing  $\{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n\} \vdash P$ , we write:

H\_1 : A\_1

H\_2 : A\_2

H\_n : A\_n

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# Natural Deduction

- We use sequents.
- We only handle hypotheses.

# Rules for Minimal Logic

$$\frac{}{\Gamma \vdash A} \text{ if } A \in \Gamma$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, A \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash A \rightarrow B} \text{ Intro } \rightarrow$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A \rightarrow B \quad \Gamma \vdash A}{\Gamma \vdash B} \text{ Elim } \rightarrow$$

# Proof of the formula K

$$\frac{\frac{A, B \vdash A}{A \vdash B \rightarrow A} \text{Intro } \rightarrow}{\vdash A \rightarrow B \rightarrow A} \text{Intro } \rightarrow$$

# Proof of the formula S

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C, A \rightarrow B, A \vdash A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \quad A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C, A \rightarrow B, A \vdash A}{A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C, A \rightarrow B, A \vdash B \rightarrow C} \text{MP} \quad \dots \text{X} \dots}{\frac{\frac{\frac{A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C, A \rightarrow B, A \vdash C}{A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C, A \rightarrow B \vdash A \rightarrow C} \text{Intro } \rightarrow}{A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \vdash (A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow A \rightarrow C} \text{Intro } \rightarrow}{\vdash (A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow A \rightarrow C} \text{Intro } \rightarrow} \text{MP}$$

X:

$$\frac{A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C, A \rightarrow B, A \vdash A \rightarrow B \quad A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C, A \rightarrow B, A \vdash A}{A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C, A \rightarrow B, A \vdash B} \text{MP}$$

## Rules for $\wedge$ (and)

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash P \quad \Gamma \vdash Q}{\Gamma \vdash P \wedge Q} \text{Intro } \wedge$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash P \wedge Q}{\Gamma \vdash P} \text{Elim } \wedge l$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash P \wedge Q}{\Gamma \vdash Q} \text{Elim } \wedge r$$

## Rules for $\vee$ (or)

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash P}{\Gamma \vdash P \vee Q} \text{Intro } \vee l$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash Q}{\Gamma \vdash P \vee Q} \text{Intro } \vee r$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash P \vee Q \quad \Gamma, P \vdash R \quad \Gamma, Q \vdash R}{\Gamma \vdash R} \text{Elim } \vee$$

## Rule for $\neg$ (not)

$$\frac{\Gamma, A \vdash \perp}{\Gamma \vdash \neg A} \text{Intro } \neg$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \neg A \quad \Gamma \vdash A}{\Gamma \vdash \perp} \text{Elim } \neg$$

### Note

We can also write  $\neg A$  as  $A \rightarrow \perp$ .



## Rule for $\perp$ (bottom)

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \perp}{\Gamma \vdash P} \text{Elim } \perp$$

## Rules for $\forall$ (forall)

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A}{\Gamma \vdash \forall x A} \quad \forall \text{ intro } (x \text{ is not free in } \Gamma)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \forall x A}{\Gamma \vdash A[x \leftarrow t]} \quad \forall \text{ elim}$$

## Rules of $\exists$ (exist)

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A[x \leftarrow t]}{\Gamma \vdash \exists x A} \exists \text{ intro}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \exists x A(x) \quad \Gamma, A(x) \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash B} \exists \text{ elim } (x \text{ is not free neither in } \Gamma \text{ nor in } B)$$

# Names

## Note

Rules are named after their behavior when read *from top to bottom*.

# Summary (cheat sheet)

$$\frac{\Gamma, A \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash A \rightarrow B} \text{Intro } \rightarrow$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A \rightarrow B \quad \Gamma \vdash A}{\Gamma \vdash B} \text{Elim } \rightarrow$$

$$\frac{}{\Gamma \vdash A} \text{ if } A \in \Gamma$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash P}{\Gamma \vdash P \vee Q} \text{Intro } \vee l$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash Q}{\Gamma \vdash P \vee Q} \text{Intro } \vee r$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash P \vee Q \quad \Gamma, P \vdash R \quad \Gamma, Q \vdash R}{\Gamma \vdash R}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash P \quad \Gamma \vdash Q}{\Gamma \vdash P \wedge Q} \text{Intro } \wedge$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash P \wedge Q}{\Gamma \vdash P} \text{Elim } \wedge l$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash P \wedge Q}{\Gamma \vdash Q} \text{Elim } \wedge r$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, A \vdash \perp}{\Gamma \vdash \neg A} \text{Intro } \neg$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \neg A \quad \Gamma \vdash A}{\Gamma \vdash \perp} \text{Elim } \neg$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \perp}{\Gamma \vdash P} \text{Elim } \perp$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \exists x A(x) \quad \Gamma, A(x) \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash B} \quad \exists \text{elim} \quad x \notin FV(\Gamma) \cup FV(B)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A[x \leftarrow t]}{\Gamma \vdash \exists x A} \exists \text{intro}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A}{\Gamma \vdash \forall x A} \forall \text{intro} \quad (x \notin FV(\Gamma))$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \forall x A}{\Gamma \vdash A[x \leftarrow t]} \forall \text{elim}$$

# Coq Tactics for Natural Deduction

Provided an inference rule  $R$  with  $n$  premisses of the shape:

$$\frac{\Gamma_1 \vdash P_1 \dots \Gamma_n \vdash P_n}{\Gamma \vdash G} R$$

Applying the corresponding Coq tactic transforms the current goal:

$$\Gamma \vdash G$$

into  $n$  new subgoals:

$$\Gamma_1 \vdash P_1$$

...

$$\Gamma_n \vdash P_n$$

## Axiom Rule

$$\frac{}{\Gamma \vdash A} \text{ if } A \in \Gamma$$

X : A  
=====  
A

Proof completed.

assumption. or apply X.

## Intro Rule for $\rightarrow$

$$\frac{\Gamma, A \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash A \rightarrow B} \text{Intro } \rightarrow$$

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A  $\rightarrow$  B

X : A

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B

`intro X.` or `intros.` to introduce several hypotheses.



## Elimination Rule for $\rightarrow$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A \rightarrow B \quad \Gamma \vdash A}{\Gamma \vdash B} \text{Elim } \rightarrow$$

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B

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A  $\rightarrow$  B

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A

cut A.

## An Alternative Eliminate Rule for $\rightarrow$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A \quad \Gamma, A \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash B}$$

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B

...

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A

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A

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B

`assert (A).`

## Another Alternative for Elim $\rightarrow$

$$\frac{\Gamma, H : A \rightarrow B \vdash A}{\Gamma, H : A \rightarrow B \vdash B}$$

H: A  $\rightarrow$  B

=====

B

H: A  $\rightarrow$  B

=====

A

apply H.

## Another Alternative for Elim $\rightarrow$

$$\frac{\Gamma, H : H_1 \rightarrow H_2 \rightarrow B \vdash A}{\Gamma, H : A \rightarrow B \vdash B}$$

H: H1 -> H2 -> B

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B

H: H1 -> H2 -> B

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H1

H: H1 -> H2 -> B

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H2

apply H.

## Introduction Rule for $\wedge$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A \quad \Gamma \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash A \wedge B} \text{Intro } \wedge$$

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A /\ B

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A

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B

split.

## Elimination Rule for $\wedge$ I

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A \wedge B}{\Gamma \vdash A} \text{Elim } \wedge$$

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A

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A /\ B

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assert (T: A /\ B); [idtac | elim T; intros; assumption].
```

## Introduction Rule for $\vee$ r

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash A \vee B} \text{Intro } \vee r$$

.....

=====

A  $\vee$  B

=====

B

right.

## Introduction Rule for $\vee$ I

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A}{\Gamma \vdash A \vee B} \text{Intro } \vee I$$

.....

=====

A  $\vee$  B

=====

A

left.



## Elimination Rule for $\vee$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A \vee B \quad \Gamma, A \vdash G \quad \Gamma, B \vdash G}{\Gamma \vdash G} \text{Elim } \vee$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, H : A \vee B, A \vdash G \quad \Gamma, H : A \vee B, B \vdash G}{\Gamma, H : A \vee B \vdash G}$$

....

H : A  $\vee$  B

=====

G

H : A  $\vee$  B

H0 : A

=====

G

H : A  $\vee$  B

H0 : B

=====

G

`elim H; intro.` or `destruct H.` or `decompose [or] H.`

## An Alternative Elimination Rule for $\wedge$

$$\frac{\Gamma, H : A \wedge B, H_0 : A, H_1 : B \vdash G}{\Gamma, H : A \wedge B \vdash G}$$

.....  
H : A /\ B  
=====

G

H : A /\ B

H0 : A

H1 : B

=====

G

`elim H;intro.` or `destruct H.` or `decompose [and] H.`

## Elimination Rule for $\perp$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \perp}{\Gamma \vdash P} \text{Elim } \perp$$

.....

=====

P

.....

=====

False

`exfalse.`

## Elimination Rule for $\perp$

$$\frac{\overline{\Gamma, H : \perp \vdash \perp} \text{ Ax}}{\Gamma, H : \perp \vdash P} \text{ Elim } \perp$$

....

H : False

=====

P

Proof completed.

elim H.

## Introduction Rule for $\neg$

$$\frac{\Gamma, A \vdash \perp}{\Gamma \vdash \neg A} \text{Intro } \neg$$

.....

=====

$\sim A$

H : A

=====

False

`intro.`

## Elimination Rule for $\perp$

$$\frac{\frac{\Gamma \vdash \neg A \quad \Gamma \vdash A}{\Gamma \vdash \perp} \text{Elim } \neg}{\Gamma \vdash G} \text{Elim } \perp$$

....

=====

G

...

=====

A

...

=====

~ A

absurd A.

## Some Coq tactics (to remember)

- `intro` (introduces hypotheses in the context)
- `assert` (assumes a statement holds)
- `apply` (applies a theorem)
- `exists` (provides a witness for a 'exists')
- `decompose [ex] H`  
(provides witnesses for all 'exists' in the hypothesis H)
- `decompose [and] H` (splits all 'and' of H)
- `decompose [or] H` (carries out case reasoning on all 'or' of H)
- `unfold t` (unfolds the definition of t)
- `simpl`
- `reflexivity`, `symmetry`, `transitivity`
- `rewrite`, `replace ... with`

## Exercises (exercises\_logic.v)

- 10:  $\forall A B C : \text{Prop}, ((A \rightarrow B) \wedge (B \rightarrow C)) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow C)$
- 11:  $\forall A B : \text{Prop}, A \vee B \rightarrow B \vee A$
- 12:  $\forall A B C : \text{Prop}, ((A \wedge B) \rightarrow C) \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C$
- 13:  $\forall A B C : \text{Prop}, (A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C) \rightarrow (A \wedge B) \rightarrow C$
- 14:  $\forall A B C : \text{Prop}, (A \wedge (B \vee C)) \rightarrow ((A \wedge B) \vee (A \wedge C))$
- 15:  $\forall A B C : \text{Prop}, ((A \wedge B) \vee (A \wedge C)) \rightarrow (A \wedge (B \vee C))$



## Composing tactics

`tac0; tac1` applies the tactic `tac0` to the current goal, and then the tactic `tac1` to the  $n$  subgoals generated by tactic `tac0`.

## Some notations

Logic	Coq
$\wedge$	$\wedge$
$\vee$	$\vee$
$\neg$	$\sim$
$\Rightarrow$	$\rightarrow$
$\Leftrightarrow$	$\leftrightarrow$
$\forall$	<code>forall</code>
$\exists$	<code>exists</code>

### Parentheses

The arrow is right-associative:  $(A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C)$  corresponds to  $(A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C))$ .

## Prop vs bool

**Prop** is the type of propositions that we prove.

Examples: True, False,  $2 < 3$ , forall  $x$ ,  $x = x$ ,  
`leb 2 3 = true`.

**bool** is the type of boolean values, which can be used in programs  
(in if-then-else constructs).

Examples: true, false, `leb 2 3`

```
Compute (leb 2 3).
```

```
= true
```

```
: bool
```

```
Compute (2 <= 3).
```

```
= 2 <= 3
```

```
: Prop
```

One may prove that forall  $b$ : bool,  $b = \text{true} \vee b = \text{false}$ .

But we do not always consider that forall  $P$ ,  $P \vee \sim P$  holds.

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# Intuitionist vs Classical Logic

The following formulae are valid in classical logic:

excluded middle  $P \vee \neg P$

elimination of double negation  $\neg\neg P \rightarrow P$

Pierce's law  $((P \rightarrow Q) \rightarrow P) \rightarrow P$

These propositions acknowledge that there are some proofs which do not build an object satisfying the considered statement.

Some mathematicians rejected these propositions:

- Brouwer,
- Heyting, . . .

A proof is said to be constructive if it does not require the excluded middle principle.

# Properties of intuitionist logic

## Disjunction

From a proof of  $A \vee B$ , we can extract a proof of  $A$  or a proof of  $B$ .

## Witness

From a proof of  $\exists x, A(x)$  we can extract a witness  $t$  and a proof of  $A(t)$ .

## Example of a classic proof

Let us show that:

$$\exists x, y \notin \mathbb{Q}, x^y \in \mathbb{Q}$$

Consider  $\sqrt{2}^{\sqrt{2}}$ .

a If  $\sqrt{2}^{\sqrt{2}} \in \mathbb{Q}$ .

We choose  $x = \sqrt{2}$  et  $y = \sqrt{2}$ .

b Otherwise  $\sqrt{2}^{\sqrt{2}} \notin \mathbb{Q}$ .

We choose  $x = \sqrt{2}^{\sqrt{2}}$  and  $y = \sqrt{2}$ .

$$x^y = (\sqrt{2}^{\sqrt{2}})^{\sqrt{2}} = \sqrt{2}^{\sqrt{2} \times \sqrt{2}} = \sqrt{2}^2 = 2 \in \mathbb{Q}$$

A theorem in analysis actually states that  $\sqrt{2}^{\sqrt{2}}$  is irrational and that we must choose the case “b”, but the proof relying on the excluded middle **does not tell this**.



# Classic propositional logic

We add the rule:

## Reductio ad absurdum

$$\frac{\Gamma, \neg P \vdash \perp}{\Gamma \vdash P} \text{RAA}$$

## Note

We could have written:

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \neg\neg P}{\Gamma \vdash P} \text{RAA}'$$

# Double Negation

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{}{\neg\neg A, \neg A \vdash \neg\neg A} \quad \frac{}{\neg\neg A, \neg A \vdash \neg A}}{\neg\neg A, \neg A \vdash \perp} \text{elim } \neg}{\frac{\frac{}{\neg\neg A \vdash A} \text{RAA}}{\vdash \neg\neg A \rightarrow A} \text{intro } \rightarrow}}{\vdash \neg\neg A \rightarrow A} \text{intro } \rightarrow$$

# Law of Excluded Middle

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{\frac{\frac{}{\neg(A \vee \neg A), A \vdash A}}{\neg(A \vee \neg A), A \vdash A \vee \neg A} \text{ intro } \vee l \quad \frac{}{\neg(A \vee \neg A), A \vdash \neg(A \vee \neg A)}}{\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{}{\neg(A \vee \neg A), A \vdash \perp}}{\neg(A \vee \neg A) \vdash \neg A} \text{ intro } \perp}{\neg(A \vee \neg A) \vdash A \vee \neg A} \text{ intro } \vee r}}{\frac{}{\neg(A \vee \neg A) \vdash \neg(A \vee \neg A)}}{\frac{}{\vdash A \vee \neg A}} \text{ RAA}}
 \end{array}$$

# Pierce law

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{(A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow A, \neg A \vdash \neg A}{(A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow A, \neg A \vdash \perp} \text{elim } \neg}{(A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow A, \neg A \vdash A} \text{intro } \rightarrow}{(A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow A, \neg A \vdash A} \text{elim } \perp}{\vdash ((A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow A) \rightarrow A} \text{Intro } \rightarrow$$
$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\Gamma, \neg A, A \vdash A}{\Gamma, \neg A, A \vdash \perp} \text{elim } \neg}{(A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow A, \neg A, A \vdash B} \text{intro } \rightarrow}{(A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow A, \neg A \vdash A \rightarrow B} \text{elim } \rightarrow}{(A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow A, \neg A \vdash A} \text{elim } \perp}{(A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow A, \neg A \vdash (A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow A} \text{RAA}}{(A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow A, \neg A \vdash A} \text{Intro } \rightarrow$$

## Exercises

Definition EM := (forall A:Prop, A\~/~A).

Definition DN := (forall A:Prop, ~~A->A).

Definition contrap := (forall A B:Prop, (~B->~A) -> (A->B)).

Definition Pierce := (forall A B:Prop, ((A->B)->A) -> A).

Definition neg\_impl := forall P Q:Prop, (P->Q)->(~P\~/Q).

Definition all := [EM; DN; contrap; Pierce; neg\_impl].

Lemma all\_equiv :

forall x y, In x all -> In y all -> x <-> y.

## Coq is an intuitionist system

By default, Coq works in intuitionist logic.

To use the excluded middle, we must explicitly require it by the command:

```
Require Export Classical.
```

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# Introduction to currying

Prove that the following formula holds:

$$(A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C)) \leftrightarrow (A \wedge B \rightarrow C)$$

**Note:** As  $\rightarrow$  is right-associative, we could have written:

$$(A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C) \leftrightarrow (A \wedge B \rightarrow C)$$



# Currying

## Definition

Currying consists in transforming a function with takes several arguments into a function with a single argument returning a function which takes as arguments all the remaining arguments.



Note: this operation is named after Haskell Curry (1900-1982).

## Example

### In OCaml

Instead of writing:

```
# let f(x,y) = x + y;;  
val f : int * int -> int = <fun>
```

We write:

```
# let f x = fun y -> x + y;;  
val f : int -> int -> int = <fun>
```

or

```
# let f x y = x + y;;  
val f : int -> int -> int = <fun>
```

## Example

### In Coq

We usually curry all functions and statements. We shall rather write

```
Lemma foo : forall p q : R, p > 0 -> q > 0 -> p*q > 0.
```

than:

```
Lemma foo : forall p q : R, p > 0 /\ q > 0 -> p*q > 0.
```

## Why use currying?

To be able to carry out *partial applications* more easily.

## Transition: Sorts

A sort is a type for types.

Propositions  $A$ ,  $B$ , etc. are types (those of their proof terms).

These types are of type `Prop`.

We say that  $A$ ,  $B$ , etc. are of sort `Prop`.

On the other side, boolean `bool`, integers `nat` are types whose type is `Set`.

`Set` et `Prop` are of type `Type`.

`Set` : where we compute

`Prop` : where we reason

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# Inductive Datatypes

Coq relies on a formalism called the *Calculus of Inductive Constructions*.

## Main features

- Based on type theory
- Higher-order logic (functions are first-class citizens)
- Data-structures can be represented by Inductive Types
- There is no distinction between terms and types:  
`bool` is the type of `true` and `false` and `bool` is also a term of type `Set`.

# Inductive Definitions

Inductive definitions consist in:

- providing the basic elements,
- providing rules to build new elements from the already-known elements.

## Examples

- Natural Numbers
- Lists, Trees, ...
- Inductive Predicates



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# Peano integers (natural numbers)

- 1 The element zero, denoted by  $0$  is a natural number.
- 2 If  $n$  is a natural number, then its successor  $S(n)$  is a natural number.

Alternative notation:  $P ::= 0 \mid S P$

# Coq vs OCaml

## Coq

```
Inductive nat : Set :=  
  0 : nat  
| S : nat -> nat.
```

## Caml

```
type nat =  
  0  
| S of nat
```

# Recursion/Induction on nat

```
forall P : nat -> Prop,  
  P 0 ->  
  (forall n : nat, P n -> P (S n)) ->  
  forall n : nat, P n
```

- Universal Quantification on a property  $P: \text{nat} \rightarrow \text{Prop}$
- Conclusion :  $\text{forall } n : \text{nat}, P n$
- 2 cases:
  - ① one base case
  - ② one induction case

# Induction Principle

Applying the induction principle: `elim n` generates 2 subgoals.

`forall n : nat, P n`

-----  
`P 0`

`n : nat`  
`IHn : P(n)`

-----  
`P(S(n))`

In Coq, an induction principle is automatically generated after each inductive definition.

## Constructors are distinct (free)

To use the specific property, we can use the tactic `discriminate`.

```
Lemma true_false : true<>false.  
intro H; discriminate.  
Qed.
```

```
Lemma zero_succ : forall n:nat, ~(S n)=0.  
intros n H; discriminate H.  
Qed.
```

## Constructors are injective

To use the specific property, we can use the tactic `injection`.

```
Lemma test_injection: forall x y, S x = S y -> x=y.
```

```
Proof.
```

```
intros.
```

```
injection H.
```

```
intro.
```

```
assumption.
```

```
Qed.
```

## Aparté: equality in Coq

Check eq.

```
eq : forall A : Type, A -> A -> Prop
```

Check refl\_equal.

```
refl_equal : forall (A : Type) (x : A), x = x
```

- It is a polymorphic type ( $A:\text{Type}$ ). Thus the equality relation is generic and its first argument is the type of elements to be compared.
- Equality is a reflexive, symmetric and transitive relation. These properties can be used through the tactics `reflexivity`, `symmetry` and `transitivity t`.



# Reasoning about equality

## Principle of Leibnitz equality

Check `eq_ind`.

```
eq_ind : forall (A : Type) (x : A) (P : A -> Prop),  
P x -> forall y : A, x = y -> P y
```

## Tactics for equality

- `rewrite`
- `rewrite in`
- `replace with`
- `replace with in`
- `subst`

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## Recursive Function: fixpoint definition

Adding natural numbers:

```
Fixpoint plus (n m : nat) {struct n} : nat :=
match n with
| 0   => m
| S p => S (plus p m)
end.
```

Eval compute in (plus 0 56).

Eval compute in (plus 12 67).

Eval compute in (plus 67 12).

# Termination

In Coq, functions must always terminate!

The annotation `{struct n}` tells the system which argument decreases structurally at each recursive call. Recursive calls are carried out on strict subterms. This enables to ensure the termination of the function.

## Example

```
Fixpoint bar (n:nat) : nat := bar n.
```

This definition is rejected by the system and leads to the following error:

```
Error: Recursive definition of bar is ill-formed.
```

Otherwise we get ...

... a contradiction!

```
Fixpoint foo (b :bool) : bool := negb (foo b).
```

We have `foo true = negb (foo true)`

- If `foo true = false` then `foo true = true`.
- If `foo true = true` then `foo true = false`.

# Functions are total!

In Coq, all functions must be total!

What to do when we need to non total function?

We can use the option type:

```
Inductive option (A:Type) : Type :=  
  | Some : A -> option A  
  | None : option A.
```

The depth of filtering can be more than 1.

This is useful for checking parity or computing Fibonacci:

```
Fixpoint even (n:nat) : Prop :=  
  match n with 0 => True  
  | (S 0) => False  
  | (S (S p)) => pair p  
end.
```

```
Eval compute in (even 8789).
```

```
Eval compute in (even 8790).
```

## Example: Fibonacci

```
Fixpoint fib n {struct n} :=
  match n with
  | 0 => 1
  | S 0 => 1
  | S ((S p) as p1) => fib p + fib p1
end.
```



# Computing with Functions

Once a fixpoint definition is entered, additional computational rules are added to the system (one by match branches).

- tactics `compute`, `vm_compute`, `simpl` are useful to compute in the current goal.
- `simpl in H`, to compute in a specific hypothesis `H`.

## Example:

Reductions for `plus`:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{plus } 0 \ m &\longrightarrow_{\iota} m \\ \text{plus } (S \ n) \ m &\longrightarrow_{\iota} S \ (\text{plus } n \ m) \end{aligned}$$

# Associativity of addition +

Lemma plus\_assoc: forall n m p : nat,  
 (plus (plus n m) p) = (plus n (plus m p))

Proof by induction : intros n m p; elim n.

- 1 Base case :  $0 + (m + p) = 0 + m + p$ 
  - ▶ simplification; reflexivity of equality.
- 2 induction case:...

## Three Examples of Proofs

- proving a statement about natural numbers (by induction)

$$6 \mid n^3 - n$$

- sum of the  $n$  first integers (interactive example)

$$2 * \sum_{i=0}^n i = n * (n + 1).$$

- making an amount greater than 8 with coins of 3 and 5

$$\forall m : \text{nat}, \exists i : \text{nat}, \exists j : \text{nat}, 8 + m = 5 * i + 3 * j.$$

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# Tarski Semantics

## Truth Tables

$p$	0	0	1	1
$q$	0	1	0	1
$p \wedge q$	0	0	0	1
$p \vee q$	0	1	1	1
$p \rightarrow q$	1	1	0	1

# Heyting-Kolmogorov Semantics

Heyting-Kolmogorov semantics consist in providing a functional interpretation to proofs.

- A proof of  $A \rightarrow B$  is a *function* which, from a proof of  $A$  produces a proof of  $B$ .
- A proof of  $A \wedge B$  is a *couple* composed of a proof of  $A$  and of a proof of  $B$ .
- A proof of  $A \vee B$  is a couple  $(i, p)$  with ( $i = 0$  and  $p$  a proof of  $A$ ) or ( $i = 1$  and  $p$  a proof of  $B$ ).
- A proof of  $\forall x.A$  is a function which, for each object  $t$  builds an object of type  $A[x := t]$ .

This interpretation consists in *computing with proofs*. This is very close to functional programming and  $\lambda$ -calculus.

## Example

Example from a type point of view:

If  $H$  has type  $A \rightarrow B$  et  $H'$  has type  $A$   
then  
 $H H'$  has  $B$ .

Example from a proof point of view:

If  $H$  is a proof of  $A \rightarrow B$  and  $H'$  is a proof of  $A$   
then  
 $H H'$  is a proof of  $B$ .

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# Curry-Howard Isomorphism I

logic	programming
$\frac{\Gamma, A \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash A \Rightarrow B}$	$\frac{\Gamma, x : A \vdash t : B}{\Gamma \vdash (\text{fun } x : A \mapsto t) : A \rightarrow B}$
$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A \Rightarrow B \quad \Gamma \vdash A}{\Gamma \vdash B}$	$\frac{\Gamma \vdash f : A \rightarrow B \quad \Gamma \vdash a : A}{\Gamma \vdash f(a) : B}$

# Curry-Howard Isomorphism II

$$\begin{array}{c|c} \frac{\Gamma \vdash A \quad \Gamma \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash A \wedge B} & \frac{\Gamma \vdash a : A \quad \Gamma \vdash b : B}{\Gamma \vdash (a, b) : A \times B} \\ \frac{\Gamma \vdash A \wedge B}{\Gamma \vdash A} & \frac{\Gamma \vdash t : A \times B}{\Gamma \vdash \text{fst } t : A} \\ \frac{\Gamma \vdash A \wedge B}{\Gamma \vdash B} & \frac{\Gamma \vdash t : A \times B}{\Gamma \vdash \text{snd } t : B} \end{array}$$

# Curry-Howard Isomorphism III

$$\frac{\frac{\Gamma \vdash A}{\Gamma \vdash A \vee B} \quad \left| \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash a : A}{\Gamma \vdash \mathit{inl} \ a : A + B} \right.}{\frac{\Gamma \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash A \vee B} \quad \left| \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash b : B}{\Gamma \vdash \mathit{inr} \ b : A + B} \right.} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A \vee B \quad \Gamma, A \vdash C \quad \Gamma, B \vdash C}{\Gamma \vdash C}$$
$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash m : A \vee B \quad \Gamma, x : A \vdash t : C \quad \Gamma, x : B \vdash u : C}{\Gamma \vdash \mathit{case} \ m \ \mathit{of} \ \mathit{inl}(a) \Rightarrow t \mid \mathit{inr}(a) \Rightarrow u : C}$$

# Simplification Rules

$$\text{fst}(A, B) = A$$

$$\text{snd}(A, B) = B$$

$$\text{case } (inl\ m) \text{ of } inl(a) \Rightarrow t | inr(a) \Rightarrow u = t[x := m]$$

$$\text{case } (inr\ m) \text{ of } inl(a) \Rightarrow t | inr(a) \Rightarrow u = u[x := m]$$

# Curry-Howard Isomorphism

<b>Logic</b>	<b><math>\lambda</math>-calculus/programming</b>
formula	type
proof	term/program
proof checking	type checking
proof normalization	$\beta$ -reduction

## Example : building a proof term

Building a proof, as a  $\lambda$ -term for the formula:  $A \rightarrow (A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow B$ .

- Make it a closed formula, i.e.  $\forall A B : Prop, A \rightarrow (A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow B$ .

- We must now build a  $\lambda$ -term whose type is:

$\forall A B : Prop, A \rightarrow (A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow B$ .

- ▶ This shall be a function whose arguments are  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $H_1$  and  $H_2$ , its body of type  $B$  must be built from  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $H_1$  et  $H_2$ .

`fun (A:Prop) (B:Prop) (H1:A) (H2:A->B) => ... :B`

- ▶ A way to build a term of type  $B$  is to take the term  $H_1$  of type  $A$  and to apply the (functional) term  $H_2$  to it. This yields the application  $(H_2 H_1)$ .
- ▶ A possible proof term for  $\forall A B : Prop, A \rightarrow (A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow B$  is `fun (A:Prop) (B:Prop) (H1:A) (H2:A->B) => (H2 H1)`.

## Exercises

Assume we have the following terms available:

```
and_ind    : forall A B P : Prop,  
              (A -> B -> P) -> A /\ B -> P  
conj       : forall A B : Prop, A -> B -> A /\ B  
or_ind     : forall A B P : Prop,  
              (A -> P) -> (B -> P) -> A \/ B -> P  
or_introl  : forall A B : Prop, A -> A \/ B  
or_intror  : forall A B : Prop, B -> A \/ B
```

Build a proof term for the following statements:

- 1  $(A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow A \rightarrow C$
- 2  $(A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow C)$
- 3  $A \wedge B \rightarrow B \wedge A$
- 4  $A \wedge B \rightarrow A \vee B$
- 5  $A \vee B \rightarrow B \vee A$

# Checking Proof Automation

## Proof checking

We can use arbitrary tool to generate proofs. In the end, it should produce a proof term (a trace), which is type-checked by the system to ensure that it really is a proof of the statement at stake.



## Examples of Proof Automation (`lia_example.v`)

- Automated Tactics for logic: `intuition`, `first_order`, ...
- Decision Procedures for numbers: `lia`
- Going further: using external SMT solvers and importing traces

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In Coq, some logic connectives are primitive and others are defined using inductive types:

#### Defined ones:

- $\top$
- $\perp$
- $\wedge$
- $\vee$
- $\exists$
- $\neg A \equiv A \Rightarrow \perp$

#### Primitive ones:

- $\forall$
- $\Rightarrow$

# True

```
Inductive True : Prop :=  
  I : True.
```

```
True_ind  
  : forall P : Prop, P -> True -> P
```

Useless...

# False

```
Inductive False : Prop := .
```

```
False_ind
```

```
  : forall P : Prop, False -> P
```

## Example

```
Theorem ex_falso_quodlibet : forall (P:Prop),
```

```
  False -> P.
```

```
Proof.
```

```
  intros P F.
```

```
  inversion F.
```

```
Qed.
```

# AND

```
Inductive and (A B : Prop) : Prop :=  
  conj : A -> B -> and A B.
```

```
and_ind  
  : forall A B P : Prop,  
    (A -> B -> P) -> and A B -> P
```

# OR

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

`or_ind`

```
  : forall A B P : Prop,  
  (A -> P) -> (B -> P) -> or A B -> P
```



# Existential quantification

```
Inductive ex (A: Set) (P: A -> Prop) : Prop :=  
  | ex_intro : forall x : A, P x -> ex A P.
```

```
ex_ind  
  : forall (A : Set) (P : A -> Prop) (P0 : Prop),  
    (forall x : A, P x -> P0) -> ex A P -> P0
```

# Equality

```
Inductive eq (A:Type) (x:A) : A -> Prop :=  
  refl_equal : eq A x x.
```

```
eq_ind: forall (A:Type)(x:A)(P:A->Prop),  
  P x -> forall y: A, x=y -> P y
```

# Function vs Predicate

We can use an inductive *predicate* to describe a function in a Prolog-like style:

## Example: Syracuse

$$U_0 = N \qquad U_{n+1} = \begin{cases} \frac{U_n}{2} & \text{if } U_n \text{ is even} \\ 3U_n + 1 & \text{if } U_n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

```
Inductive syracuse (N:nat) : nat -> nat -> Prop :=
  done : syracuse N 0 N
| even_case : forall n p, even p ->
  syracuse N n p -> syracuse N (S n) (div2 p)
| odd_case : forall n p , odd p ->
  syracuse N n p -> syracuse N (S n) (S(p+p+p)).
```

## Syracuse :how to carry out a proof?

```
Lemma example : syracuse 15 1 46.  
  replace (46) with (S(15+15+15)) by reflexivity.  
  apply odd_case.  
  repeat constructor.  
  constructor.  
Qed.
```