

# Quantifiers, equality, ...

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In this lecture, we shall see how to write (and hopefully prove) formulas containing predicates, quantifiers and the equality symbol.

$$\sim(\text{exists } x:\text{ nat}, S x = 0) \rightarrow \text{forall } y:\text{ nat}, S y \neq 0.$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{forall } (f:\text{ nat} \rightarrow \text{ nat}) \\ &(\text{forall } (x:\text{ nat}), f (f x) = f x) \rightarrow \\ &\text{exists } y:\text{ nat}, f y = y. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{forall } P Q : \text{ Prop}, P \rightarrow \sim P \rightarrow Q.$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{forall } (A:\text{ Type})(P: A \rightarrow \text{ Prop})(Q : \text{ Prop}), \\ &(\text{forall } x:A, P x \rightarrow Q) \leftrightarrow \\ &((\text{exists } x:A, P x) \rightarrow Q). \end{aligned}$$

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```
Check f (exp 2 10).
```

```
f (expt 2 10) : Z
```

```
Check reverse (reverse (1::2::3::nil)).
```

```
reverse (reverse (1::2::3::nil)) : list Z
```

## Predicates

A **predicate** is just any function whose result type is Prop

```
sorted : list Z -> Prop.
```

```
positive : Z -> Prop.
```

```
permutation : list Z -> list Z -> Prop.
```

```
Check sorted (1::2::6::4::nil).
```

```
sorted (1::2::6::4::nil) : Prop
```

```
Check positive (3 * 3).
```

```
positive (3 * 3) : Prop
```

```
Check permutation (1::nil) (2::nil). ...
```

It is always possible to declare or define new predicates :

Parameter  $P : \text{nat} \rightarrow \text{nat} \rightarrow \text{Prop}$ .

Definition  $\text{negative } (z:\mathbb{Z}) := z \leq 0$ .

Check  $\text{fun } n : \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow n * n < n + n$ .

*$\text{fun } n : \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow n * n < n + n : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \text{Prop}$*

Check  $\text{fun } n : \text{nat} \Rightarrow P \ n \ n$ .

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Check true <> 3. (* ~ true = 3 *)
      ^
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## Quantifiers

Let  $F$  be a proposition and  $x$  be a variable, then  $\forall x:A, F$  and  $\exists x : A, F$  are propositions.  $x$  is said to be **bound** in  $F$ .

ASCII notation : The symbol  $\forall$  is typed **forall** and  $\exists$  is typed **exists**.

## Examples

Parameter  $A : \text{Type}$ .

Parameter  $R : A \rightarrow A \rightarrow \text{Prop}$ .

Parameter  $f : A \rightarrow A$ .

Parameter  $a : A$ .

Check  $f (f a)$ .

$(f (f a)) : A$

Check  $R a (f (f a))$ .

$R a (f (f a)) : \text{Prop}$

Check forall  $x : A, R a x \rightarrow R a (f (f (f x)))$ .

$\text{forall } x : A, R a x \rightarrow R a (f (f (f x))) : \text{Prop}$ .



It is very usual to use **intros** on nested universal quantifications and implications :

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*forall x :A, P x → forall y: A, R x y → R x (f (f (f y)))*.

`intros x Hx y Hy.`

...

*x: A*

*Hx: P x*

*y: A*

*Hy: R x y*

=====

*R x (f (f (f y)))*

## Elimination tactic for the universal quantifier

The tactic `apply H` solves goals of the form :

```
...
H : forall x:A, P x.
=====
P t  (assuming t:A)
```

Example :

```
H : forall x:Z, 0 <= x * x
```

```
=====
0 <= 3 * 3
```

```
apply H.
```

The tactic **apply** is generalized to the case of nested implications and universal quantifications, like, for instance :

$$H : \forall x:A, P x \rightarrow \forall y:A, R x y \rightarrow R x (f y)$$

On a goal like  $R a (f (f a))$ , the tactic **apply H** will generate two subgoals :  $P a$  and  $R a (f a)$ .

In fact, the comparison between the goal  $R a (f (f a))$  and the conclusion  $R x (f y)$  returns a substitution that maps  $x$  to  $a$  and  $y$  to  $f a$ .

## A Small Example

Hypothesis Hf : forall x y:A, R x y → R x (f y).

Hypothesis R\_refl : forall x:A, R x x.

Lemma Lf : forall x :A, R x (f (f (f x))).

Proof.

intro x;apply Hf.

*1 subgoal*

*Hf : forall x y : A, R x y → R x (f y)*

*R\_refl : forall x : A, R x x*

*x : A*

=====

*R x (f (f x))*

repeat apply Hf.

*1 subgoal*

*A : Set*

*f : A → A*

*Hf : forall x y : A, R x y → R x (f y)*

*R\_refl : forall x : A, R x x*

*x : A*

=====

*R x x*

apply R\_refl.

Qed.



## Helping apply

Let us use the following theorems from the library Arith :

*lt\_n\_Sn : forall n : nat, n < S n*

*lt\_trans : forall n m p : nat, n < m → m < p → n < p*

Lemma lt\_n\_SS n : forall i:nat, i < S (S i).

Proof.

intro i; apply lt\_trans.

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Proof.

```
intro i;apply lt_trans.
```

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```
intro i;apply lt_trans with (S i);apply lt_n_Sn.
```

Another possibility : use **eapply** (see the documentation).

See also the **pattern** tactic.

## Introduction rule for the existential quantifier

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash F\{x/t\} \quad t : A}{\Gamma \vdash \exists x : A, F} \exists_i$$

The associated tactic is `exists t`.

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*forall n:nat, exists p:nat, n < p.*

```
intro n; exists (S n).
```

*n : nat*

=====

*n < S n*

## Elimination rule for the existential quantifier

$$\frac{\overline{\Gamma, x : A, Hx : F \vdash G} \quad \Gamma \vdash \exists x : A, F}{\Gamma \vdash G} \quad x \text{ not bound in } \Gamma$$

The associated tactic is `destruct H as [x Hx]`, where  $H : \exists x : A, F$  w.r.t.  $\Gamma$ .

*H : exists n:nat, forall p: nat, p < n*

=====  
*False*

`destruct H as [n Hn]`.

*n : nat*

*Hn : forall p : nat, p < n*

=====  
*False*

## Rules and tactics for the equality

Introduction rule.

$$\frac{a : A}{a = a} \text{ refl\_equal}$$

Associated tactics : reflexivity, trivial, auto.

Lemma L36 : 9 \* 4 = 3 \* 12.

Proof.

  reflexivity.

Qed.

## The tactic `rewrite`

Let  $H : a = b$ . the tactic `rewrite -> H` replaces every occurrence of  $a$  by  $b$  in the conclusion of the current goal.

The tactic `rewrite <- H` replaces every occurrence of  $b$  by  $a$  in the conclusion of the current goal.

### Note

The tactic `rewrite` has a quite more complex behaviour, when  $H$  contains universal quantifiers. Look at the documentation.

**See also** : tactics `symmetry`, `transitivity`, `replace`, etc.

## Example

Lemma eq\_trans\_on\_A :

forall x y z:A, x = y → y = z → x = z.

Proof.

intros x y z e.

...

e : x = y

=====

y = z → x = z

rewrite → e.

...

e : x = y

=====

y = z → y = z

## Other tactics for equality

- ▶ **symmetry** transforms any goal  $t_1 = t_2$  into  $t_2 = t_1$
- ▶ **transitivity**  $t_3$  transforms any goal  $t_1 = t_3$  into two subgoals  $t_2 = t_3$  and  $t_3 = t_2$

See also **replace**, **subst**, etc.



## rewriting some occurrences

```

Lemma L1 : forall x y : nat,
  x = S (S y) -> 2 <= x * x .
intros x y e. rewrite e.

```

```

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```

```

  x : nat

```

```

  y : nat

```

```

  e : x = S (S y)

```

```

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```

```

  2 <= S (S y) * S (S y)

```

```

*)

```

Undo.

pattern x at 1; rewrite e.

*1 subgoal*

*x : nat*

*y : nat*

*e : x = S (S y)*

=====

*2 <= S (S y) \* x*

## Using function application

Let us consider rewrite again :

Variable `f : nat -> nat -> nat.`

Hypothesis `f_comm : forall x y, f x y = f y x.`

Lemma `L : forall x y z, f (f x y) z = f z (f y x).`

`intros x y z; rewrite f_comm.`

*1 subgoal*

*x : nat*

*y : nat*

*z : nat*

=====

*f z (f x y) = f z (f y x)*

## Using function application

Let us consider rewrite again :

Variable  $f : \text{nat} \rightarrow \text{nat} \rightarrow \text{nat}$ .

Hypothesis  $f\_comm : \text{forall } x \ y, f \ x \ y = f \ y \ x$ .

Lemma L :  $\text{forall } x \ y \ z, f \ (f \ x \ y) \ z = f \ z \ (f \ y \ x)$ .

`intros x y z; rewrite f_comm.`

*1 subgoal*

*x : nat*

*y : nat*

*z : nat*

=====

*f z (f x y) = f z (f y x)*

`rewrite (f_comm x y); reflexivity.`

```
Require Import Omega.
```

```
Lemma L : forall n:nat, n < 2 -> n = 0 \/ n = 1.
```

```
Proof.
```

```
  intros;omega.
```

```
Qed.
```

```
Lemma L2 : forall i:nat, i < 2 -> i*i = i.
```

```
Proof.
```

```
  intros i H; destruct (L _ H); subst i; trivial.
```

```
Qed.
```

## Higher Order Predicate Logic

It is possible to quantify over types, functions, predicates ...

```
Lemma or_comm : forall P Q:Prop, P  $\vee$  Q -> Q  $\vee$  P.
```

```
Proof.
```

```
  intros P Q H; destruct H; [right | left];assumption.  
Qed.
```

```
Lemma not_ex_all_not : forall (A:Type)(P:A->Prop),  
  ( $\sim$ exists a:A, P a) -> forall a,  $\sim$  P a.
```

```
Proof.
```

```
  intros A P H a Ha; destruct H;exists a;assumption.  
Qed.
```

Lemma L:  $\exists P:\text{nat}\rightarrow\text{Prop},$   
 $P\ 0 \wedge \sim P\ 1.$   
Proof.

Lemma L: exists P:nat->Prop,  
P 0 /\ ~ P 1.

Proof.

exists (fun n => n = 0).

*1 subgoal*

=====

*0 = 0 /\ 1 <> 0*

split;[reflexivity|discriminate].

Qed.



```
Lemma exf :exists f:nat->nat,  
  forall n p, 0 < p -> p <= n ->  
    exists q, f n = q * p.
```

Proof.

Lemma exf :exists f:nat->nat,  
 forall n p, 0 < p -> p <= n ->  
 exists q, f n = q \* p.

Proof.

exists fact.

*1 subgoal*

=====

*forall n p : nat, 0 < p -> p <= n ->  
 exists q : nat, fact n = q \* p*

...

*Qed.*

Section H0.

Variable A : Type.

Variable f : A -> A.

Hypothesis f\_idem : forall a, f (f a) = a.

Lemma f\_onto : forall b, exists a, b = f a.

Proof.

intro b; exists (f b); rewrite f\_idem; reflexivity.

Qed.

End H0.

Check f\_onto.

*f\_onto*

*: forall (A : Type) (f : A -> A),  
(forall a : A, f (f a) = a) ->  
forall b : A, exists a : A, b = f a*

## A useful tactic

The tactic `f_equal` breaks a goal of the form  
`f a b ... x = f a' b' ... x'` into the subgoals  
`a = a', b = b', ..., x = x'`

```
Require Import ZArith.
```

```
Require Import Ring.
```

```
Open Scope Z_scope.
```

```
Parameter f : Z -> Z -> Z -> Z.
```

```
Goal forall x y z : Z ,
```

```
  f (x+y) z 0 = f(y+x+0) (z*(1+0)) (x-x).
```

```
intros x y z; f_equal; ring.
```

```
Qed.
```

## Rewriting a logical equivalence

The tactic `rewrite H` and its derivatives can be used even if `H` is a logical equivalence.

Note that in some old versions of *Coq*, you have to require a module by `Require Import Setoid`.

```
Variables (A:Type)(P Q : A -> Prop).
```

```
Hypothesis H : forall a:A, P a <-> ~ Q a.
```

```
Goal (exists a, P a) -> ~(forall x, Q x).
```

```
intros [a Ha] H0.
```

```
H : forall a : A, P a <-> ~ Q a
```

```
a : A
```

```
Ha : P a
```

```
H0 : forall x : A, Q x
```

```
=====
```

```
False
```

```
rewrite H in Ha.
```

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 $H : \text{forall } a : A, P a \leftrightarrow \sim Q a$  $a : A$  $Ha : \sim Q a$  $H0 : \text{forall } x : A, Q x$ 

=====

*False*

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`destruct Ha; apply H0.``Qed.`