

# propositional logic & simple types

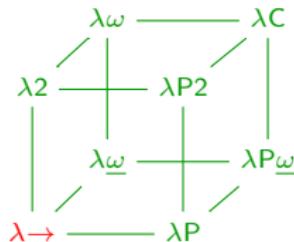
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## type systems and logics

teaser: a proof term for a proof

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$$\lambda x : a \rightarrow b \rightarrow c. \lambda y : a \rightarrow b. \lambda z : a. xz(yz)$$

$$\frac{[a \rightarrow b \rightarrow c^x] \quad [a^z]}{b \rightarrow c} E \rightarrow \frac{[a \rightarrow b^y] \quad [a^z]}{b} E \rightarrow$$
$$\frac{}{c} \frac{a \rightarrow c}{a \rightarrow c} I[z] \rightarrow$$
$$\frac{(a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow a \rightarrow c}{(a \rightarrow b \rightarrow c) \rightarrow (a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow a \rightarrow c} I[y] \rightarrow$$
$$I[x] \rightarrow$$

## many systems

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- ▶ one untyped lambda calculus  
(last week: recap)
- ▶ many typed lambda calculi = type theories
  - ▶ **Church-style**  
variables explicitly typed  
  
the systems in this course  
Rocq!
  - ▶ **Curry-style**  
assigning types to untyped terms  
(Herman's lecture next week)
- ▶ many logics

## Curry-Howard correspondence

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### 'propositions-as-types'

type systems  $\sim$  logics

datatypes  $\sim$  propositions

$A \times B$   $\sim$   $A \wedge B$

$A \rightarrow B$   $\sim$   $A \rightarrow B$

objects of a datatype  
'inhabitants'  $\sim$  proofs of a proposition  
'proof objects'

non-empty type  $\sim$  true proposition

empty type  $\sim$  false proposition

derivation in a type theory  $\sim$  derivation in a logic

## type systems in this course

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logics  $\sim$  type systems

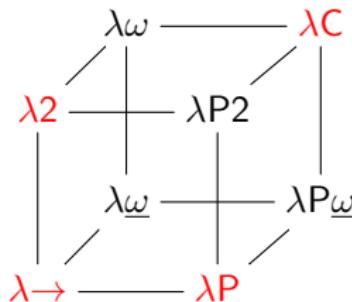
propositional logic  $\sim \lambda\rightarrow$  = simply typed lambda calculus

predicate logic  $\sim \lambda P$  = dependently typed lambda calculus

second order logic  $\sim \lambda 2$  = polymorphic lambda calculus

higher order logic  $\sim \lambda C$  = CC = Calculus of Constructions

'the logic of Rocq'  $\sim$  CIC = Calculus of Inductive Constructions



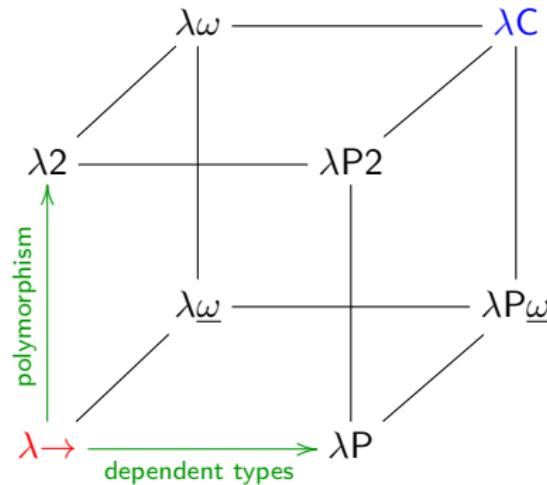
## the lambda cube

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the Barendregt cube

eight PTSs = **pure type systems**

(not explicitly in Femke's course notes)



► **natural deduction**  $B_1, \dots, B_m \vdash A$

introduction and elimination rules for each connective

$$\frac{\dots \vdash \dots}{\dots \vdash \dots \otimes \dots} I$$

$$\frac{\dots \vdash \dots \otimes \dots}{\dots \vdash \dots} E$$

- **Gentzen–Prawitz style:** proof is a derivation tree
- Jaśkowski–Fitch style: proof consists of nested boxes / flags
- **sequent calculus:** LK & LJ  $B_1, \dots, B_m \vdash A_1, \dots, A_n$   
left and right rules for each connective

$$\frac{\dots \vdash \dots}{\dots \otimes \dots \vdash \dots} L$$

$$\frac{\dots \vdash \dots}{\dots \vdash \dots \otimes \dots} R$$

- **Hilbert-style**  $\vdash A$   
axioms for each connective (and at most two rules)

## defining a logic or type system

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### ► syntax

- ▶ terms
- ▶ types
- ▶ formulas
- ▶ contexts
- ▶ judgments

$$M, N ::= x \mid MN \mid \lambda x. M$$

### ► rules

- ▶ logics: proof rules
- ▶ type systems: typing rules

no rules for untyped lambda calculus

### ► reduction

$$(\lambda x. M) N \rightarrow_{\beta} M[x := N]$$

## propositional logic

### three propositional logics

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- ▶ **minimal propositional logic**

the logic that corresponds to simply typed lambda calculus  
only implication:  $\rightarrow$

- ▶ **constructive propositional logic**

all connectives:  $\rightarrow, \wedge, \vee, \neg, \perp, \top$

- ▶ **classical propositional logic**

$$\begin{array}{c} A \vee \neg A \\ \neg \neg A \rightarrow A \end{array}$$

## propositional logic: syntax

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### formulas

$$A, B ::= a \mid A \rightarrow B \mid A \wedge B \mid A \vee B \mid \neg A \mid \top \mid \perp$$

$a, b, c, \dots$  atomic propositions

later: propositional variables

$A, B, C, \dots$  meta-variables for arbitrary formulas

implication associates to the right:

$a \rightarrow b \rightarrow c$  means  $a \rightarrow (b \rightarrow c)$

order of binding strength:  $\neg > \wedge > \vee > \rightarrow$

$a \vee \neg b \wedge c \rightarrow d$  means  $(a \vee ((\neg b) \wedge c)) \rightarrow d$

## the two rules of minimal propositional logic

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the introduction and elimination rules of implication:

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} [A^x] \\ \vdots \\ B \end{array}}{A \rightarrow B} I[x] \rightarrow \quad \frac{\begin{array}{c} A \rightarrow B \\ A \end{array}}{B} E \rightarrow$$

in the introduction rule the assumption  $[A^x]$  may be used an arbitrary number of times: zero, one or more

in the elimination rule the proof of  $A \rightarrow B$  is on the *left* of the proof of  $A$

## example proof of minimal propositional logic

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$$\frac{\frac{[a \rightarrow b \rightarrow c^x] \quad [a^z]}{b \rightarrow c} E\rightarrow \quad \frac{[a \rightarrow b^y] \quad [a^z]}{b} E\rightarrow}{c \over a \rightarrow c} I[z] \rightarrow$$
$$\frac{a \rightarrow c \quad I[y] \rightarrow}{(a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow a \rightarrow c} I[y] \rightarrow$$
$$(a \rightarrow b \rightarrow c) \rightarrow (a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow a \rightarrow c \quad I[x] \rightarrow$$

## constructive propositional logic: the other rules

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$$\frac{\vdots \quad \vdots}{A \quad B} I\wedge \quad \frac{A \wedge B}{A \wedge B} El\wedge$$

$$\frac{\vdots}{A \wedge B} Er\wedge \quad \frac{A \wedge B}{B} Er\wedge$$

$$\frac{\vdots}{A} Il\vee \quad \frac{\vdots}{B} Ir\vee \quad \frac{A \vee B \quad A \rightarrow C \quad B \rightarrow C}{C} Ev$$

$[A^x]$

$$\frac{\vdots}{\perp} I\neg \quad \frac{\vdots \quad \vdots}{\neg A \quad A} E\neg$$

$$\frac{\perp}{\top} IT \quad \frac{\perp}{A} E\perp$$

$$\neg A := A \rightarrow \perp$$

## variants of elimination rules

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- ▶ often the disjunction elimination rule is:

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} [A^x] \quad [B^y] \\ \vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \\ A \vee B \quad C \quad C \end{array}}{C} E[x, y] \vee$$

not what Rocq's `elim` tactic implements for disjunction

- ▶ what Rocq's `elim` tactic implements for conjunction:

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \vdots \quad \vdots \\ A \wedge B \quad A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \end{array}}{C} E \wedge$$

## example proof beyond minimal propositional logic

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$$\frac{\frac{[a^y]}{b \vee a} Ir \vee \quad \frac{[b^z]}{b \vee a} Il \vee}{\frac{a \rightarrow b \vee a}{b \rightarrow b \vee a} I[y] \rightarrow \quad \frac{b \rightarrow b \vee a}{E \vee} I[z] \rightarrow} E \vee$$
$$\frac{b \vee a}{a \vee b \rightarrow b \vee a} I[x] \rightarrow$$

## alternative style: explicit assumption lists

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### syntax

$A, B ::= a \mid A \rightarrow B \mid \dots$  formulas

$\Gamma ::= \cdot \mid \Gamma, A$  assumption lists

$\mathcal{J} ::= \Gamma \vdash A$  sequents

we do not write the dot and the comma after the dot  
still natural deduction, *not* sequent calculus

### rules

$$\frac{}{\Gamma \vdash A} \text{ass} \quad \text{for } A \in \Gamma$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, A \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash A \rightarrow B} I \rightarrow \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A \rightarrow B \quad \Gamma \vdash A}{\Gamma \vdash B} E \rightarrow \quad \dots$$

the example proofs with explicit assumption lists

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$$\Gamma_1 := a \rightarrow b \rightarrow c, a \rightarrow b, a$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{\Gamma_1 \vdash a \rightarrow b \rightarrow c \text{ ass} \quad \Gamma_1 \vdash a \text{ ass}}{\Gamma_1 \vdash b \rightarrow c} E\rightarrow \quad \frac{\Gamma_1 \vdash a \rightarrow b \text{ ass} \quad \Gamma_1 \vdash a \text{ ass}}{\Gamma_1 \vdash b} E\rightarrow \\
 \frac{}{\Gamma_1 \vdash c} E\rightarrow \\
 \frac{}{a \rightarrow b \rightarrow c, a \rightarrow b \vdash a \rightarrow c} I\rightarrow \\
 \frac{}{a \rightarrow b \rightarrow c \vdash (a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow a \rightarrow c} I\rightarrow \\
 \vdash (a \rightarrow b \rightarrow c) \rightarrow (a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow a \rightarrow c
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{}{a \vee b \vdash a \vee b} \text{ ass} \quad \frac{}{a \vee b, b \vdash b} \text{ ass} \\
 \frac{\frac{\frac{}{a \vee b, a \vdash a} \text{ ass} \quad \frac{}{a \vee b, b \vdash b} \text{ ass}}{a \vee b, a \vdash b \vee a} Ir\vee \quad \frac{\frac{}{a \vee b, b \vdash b} \text{ ass} \quad \frac{}{a \vee b, b \vdash b} \text{ ass}}{a \vee b, b \vdash b \vee a} Il\vee}{a \vee b \vdash a \rightarrow b \vee a} I\rightarrow \quad \frac{\frac{}{a \vee b, b \vdash b} \text{ ass} \quad \frac{}{a \vee b, b \vdash b} \text{ ass}}{a \vee b, b \vdash b \rightarrow b \vee a} I\rightarrow} E\vee \\
 \frac{}{a \vee b \vdash b \vee a} I\rightarrow \\
 \vdash a \vee b \rightarrow b \vee a
 \end{array}$$

## simply typed lambda calculus

the S combinator

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untyped

typed: Curry-style

$$\lambda xyz. xz(yz)$$
$$(\lambda x. (\lambda y. (\lambda z. ((xz)(yz))))))$$

typed: Church-style

$$\lambda x : a \rightarrow b \rightarrow c. \lambda y : a \rightarrow b. \lambda z : a. xz(yz)$$

Rocq syntax

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fun x : a -> b -> c => fun y : a -> b => fun z : a =>
  x z (y z)
```

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fun (x : a -> b -> c) (y : a -> b) (z : a) => x z (y z)
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## BHK interpretation

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Brouwer–Heyting–Kolmogorov

~ Curry–Howard correspondence

constructive ‘meaning’ of the logical connectives

connection between proofs and lambda calculus

proof of $A \rightarrow B$	=	function from proofs of $A$ to proofs of $B$
proof of $A \wedge B$	=	pair of a proof of $A$ and a proof of $B$
proof of $A \vee B$	=	either a proof of $A$ , or a proof of $B$
proof of $\neg A$	=	proof of $A \rightarrow \perp$
proof of $\top$		the object $I$
proof of $\perp$		does not exist

proof of  $a \wedge b \rightarrow b \wedge a$  is

a function that inputs a pair  $\langle x, y \rangle$ , and returns  $\langle y, x \rangle$   
with  $x$  a proof of  $a$  and  $y$  a proof of  $b$

$$\lambda p : a \wedge b. \langle \pi_2 p, \pi_1 p \rangle$$

different names for the same type theory

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simply typed lambda calculus

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simple type theory = STT

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$\lambda\rightarrow$

3 typing rules

$\not\models$

7 typing rules

same set of well-typed terms

## simply typed lambda calculus: syntax and rules

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### syntax

$A, B ::= a \mid A \rightarrow B$	types
$M, N ::= x \mid MN \mid \lambda x : A. M$	preterms
$\Gamma ::= \cdot \mid \Gamma, x : A$	contexts
$\mathcal{J} ::= \Gamma \vdash M : A$	judgments

### rules

$$\frac{}{\Gamma \vdash x : A} \quad \text{for } (x : A) \in \Gamma$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, x : A \vdash M : B}{\Gamma \vdash (\lambda x : A. M) : A \rightarrow B} \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash F : A \rightarrow B \quad \Gamma \vdash M : A}{\Gamma \vdash FM : B}$$

## well-typedness

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$\Gamma \vdash M : A$  is derivable  $\implies M$  is well-typed

well-typed preterms are called terms

## example type derivation

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$$\lambda f : a \rightarrow b. \lambda x : a. fx$$

$$\frac{\overline{f : a \rightarrow b, x : a \vdash f : a \rightarrow b} \quad \overline{f : a \rightarrow b, x : a \vdash x : a}}{\overline{f : a \rightarrow b, x : a \vdash fx : b}}$$
$$\frac{\overline{f : a \rightarrow b \vdash (\lambda x : a. fx) : a \rightarrow b}}{\vdash (\lambda f : a \rightarrow b. \lambda x : a. fx) : (a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow a \rightarrow b}$$

$$\frac{}{\Gamma \vdash x : A} \quad \frac{\Gamma, x : A \vdash M : B}{\Gamma \vdash (\lambda x : A. M) : A \rightarrow B} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash F : A \rightarrow B \quad \Gamma \vdash M : A}{\Gamma \vdash FM : B}$$

## proofs versus type derivations: type derivation

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$$\frac{\overline{f : a \rightarrow b, x : a \vdash f : a \rightarrow b} \quad \overline{f : a \rightarrow b, x : a \vdash x : a}}{\frac{f : a \rightarrow b, x : a \vdash fx : b}{\frac{f : a \rightarrow b \vdash (\lambda x : a. fx) : a \rightarrow b}{\vdash (\lambda f : a \rightarrow b. \lambda x : a. fx) : (a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow a \rightarrow b}}}$$

$$\frac{\overline{a \rightarrow b, a \vdash a \rightarrow b} \text{ ass} \quad \overline{a \rightarrow b, a \vdash a} \text{ ass}}{a \rightarrow b, a \vdash b} E \rightarrow$$
$$\frac{a \rightarrow b, a \vdash b}{a \rightarrow b \vdash a \rightarrow b} I \rightarrow$$
$$\frac{a \rightarrow b \vdash a \rightarrow b}{\vdash (a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow a \rightarrow b} I \rightarrow$$

## proofs versus type derivations: proof

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$$\frac{\frac{[a \rightarrow b^f] \quad [a^x]}{b} E \rightarrow}{\frac{a \rightarrow b}{I[x] \rightarrow}} I[f] \rightarrow$$
$$\frac{}{(a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow a \rightarrow b}$$

$$\frac{\overline{a \rightarrow b, a \vdash a \rightarrow b} \text{ ass} \quad \overline{a \rightarrow b, a \vdash a} \text{ ass}}{E \rightarrow}$$
$$\frac{a \rightarrow b, a \vdash b}{\frac{a \rightarrow b \vdash a \rightarrow b}{I \rightarrow}}$$
$$\frac{}{\vdash (a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow a \rightarrow b} I \rightarrow$$

## proofs versus type derivations: proof term

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$$\frac{\frac{[a \rightarrow b^f] \quad [a^x]}{b} E \rightarrow}{\frac{a \rightarrow b}{(a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow a \rightarrow b} I[x] \rightarrow} I[f] \rightarrow$$

$$\lambda f : a \rightarrow b. \lambda x : a. fx$$

## Curry-Howard correspondence

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propositions		types
implication	$\longleftrightarrow$	function type

proof rules		proof terms
introduction rule	$\longleftrightarrow$	lambda abstraction
elimination rule	$\longleftrightarrow$	function application
assumption rule	$\longleftrightarrow$	variable

## how to read proof terms

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$$M := (\lambda f : a \rightarrow b. \lambda x : a. fx) : (a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow a \rightarrow b$$

this proof term  $M$  is a function

that takes as its first argument a proof of  $a \rightarrow b$  called  $f$   
and as its second argument a proof of  $a$  called  $x$

and then maps those to a proof of  $b$

the argument  $f$  is itself a function that  
maps proofs of  $a$  to proofs of  $b$   
(conform the BHK-interpretation)

$x$  is an inhabitant of the type  $a$   
which corresponds to the proposition  $a$

to get a proof of  $b$ , the function  $f$  is applied to  $x$   
and the result of that application then is the result of  $M$

## Rocq

the example

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```
Parameter a b : Prop.      one = fun (f : a -> b) (x : a) => f x  
                           : (a -> b) -> a -> b
```

```
Lemma one :  
  (a -> b) -> a -> b.  
intros f x.  
apply f.  
apply x.  
Qed.
```

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Check one.
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```
Print one.
```

$$\frac{\frac{[a \rightarrow b^f] \quad [a^x]}{b} E \rightarrow}{\frac{a \rightarrow b}{I[x] \rightarrow}} I[f] \rightarrow$$
$$(a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow a \rightarrow b$$

$$(\lambda f : a \rightarrow b. \lambda x : a. fx) : (a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow a \rightarrow b$$

## example with disjunction

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Parameter a b : Prop.

Lemma two :

$$a \vee b \rightarrow b \vee a.$$

intros [y|z].

- right.

  apply y.

- left.

  apply z.

Qed.

$$\frac{\frac{[a^y]}{b \vee a} Ir\vee \quad \frac{[b^z]}{b \vee a} Il\vee}{\frac{a \rightarrow b \vee a \quad I[y] \rightarrow \quad b \rightarrow b \vee a \quad I[z] \rightarrow}{\frac{}{b \vee a} E\vee}} a \vee b \rightarrow b \vee a$$

## example with conjunction

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```
Parameter a b : Prop.
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Lemma three :
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  a /\ b -> b /\ a.
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intros [y z].
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split.
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```
- apply z.
```

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- apply y.
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```
Qed.
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$$\frac{\frac{\frac{[b^z] \quad [a^y]}{b \wedge a} I \wedge}{b \rightarrow b \wedge a} I[z] \rightarrow}{\frac{[a \wedge b^x] \quad \frac{a \rightarrow b \rightarrow b \wedge a}{b \wedge a} I[y] \rightarrow}{E \wedge}} E \wedge}{a \wedge b \rightarrow b \wedge a} I[x] \rightarrow$$

## tactics for proof rules

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$I \rightarrow I \neg$       intro intros

$E \rightarrow E \neg$       apply

ass                    exact apply

$E \wedge E \vee E \perp$       elim destruct  
                          intros with pattern

$I \wedge$                 split

$I l \vee$                 left

$I r \vee$                 right

$I \top$                 apply  $\text{I}$                              $\text{I} : \text{True}$

## bullets

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structure tactic scripts according to subgoals

related bullets need to match:

-    --    ---    ----    etc.

+    ++    +++    +++++    etc.

\*    \*\*    \*\*\*    \*\*\*\*    etc.

## intro patterns

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only works with `intros`, not with `intro`

the pattern needs to match the shape of assumptions

goal	tactic
$A \rightarrow G$	<code>intros HA.</code>
$A \rightarrow B \rightarrow G$	<code>intros HA HB.</code>
$A \wedge B \rightarrow G$	<code>intros [HA HB].</code>
$A \vee B \rightarrow G$	<code>intros [HA HB].</code>
$A \vee (B \wedge C) \rightarrow D \rightarrow G$	<code>intros [HA [HB HC]] HD.</code>

## apply

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the number  $n$  of antecedents in the type of  $H$  may be zero  
 $H$  may be an arbitrary term

$$H : A_1 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow A_n \rightarrow B$$

$$\text{goal } B \xrightarrow{\text{apply } H} \text{new goals } A_1, \dots, A_n$$

$$\frac{[A_1 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow A_n \rightarrow B^H] \quad A_1}{\frac{A_2 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow A_n \rightarrow B}{\frac{}{\ddots}} \xrightarrow{E \rightarrow} \frac{A_2}{\frac{A_{n-1} \rightarrow A_n \rightarrow B}{\frac{A_n \rightarrow B}{\frac{}{B}} \xrightarrow{E \rightarrow} \frac{A_{n-1}}{A_n}} \xrightarrow{E \rightarrow}}} \xrightarrow{E \rightarrow}$$

## elim

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$$H : A_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow A_n \rightarrow B \otimes C$$

elim H and destruct eliminate the connective  $\otimes$   
but also generate extra subgoals  $A_1, \dots, A_n$

$$\frac{[A_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow A_n \rightarrow B \otimes C^H] \quad A_1}{A_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow A_n \rightarrow B \otimes C} \frac{E \rightarrow}{A_2} \frac{[A_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow A_n \rightarrow B \otimes C] \quad A_2}{\dots} \frac{E \rightarrow}{A_3} \dots$$
$$\frac{A_{n-1} \rightarrow A_n \rightarrow B \otimes C \quad A_{n-1}}{A_n \rightarrow B \otimes C} \frac{E \rightarrow}{A_n} \frac{[A_n \rightarrow B \otimes C] \quad A_n}{B \otimes C} \frac{E \rightarrow}{B \otimes C} \dots$$
$$\dots \frac{E \otimes}{B \otimes C}$$

## summary

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full constructive logic

Rocq type theory

Rocq

implication

introduction rule

lambda abstraction

intro

elimination rule

function application

apply

the other connectives

introduction rules

(in three weeks)

constructor  
left/right

elimination rules

(in three weeks)

elim

for more about the tactics  
**read the Rocq manual!**



## T-shirt

### a lambda calculus self-interpreter

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$$U_k^i \equiv \lambda x_1 \dots x_k. x_i$$

$$\langle M_1, \dots, M_k \rangle \equiv \lambda z. z M_1 \dots M_k$$

$$\langle \langle K, S, C \rangle \rangle \ulcorner M \urcorner \rightarrow M$$

$$\ulcorner x \urcorner \equiv \lambda e. e U_3^1 x e$$

$$\ulcorner P Q \urcorner \equiv \lambda e. e U_3^2 \ulcorner P \urcorner \ulcorner Q \urcorner e$$

$$\ulcorner \lambda x. P \urcorner \equiv \lambda e. e U_3^3 (\lambda x. \ulcorner P \urcorner) e$$

$$K \equiv \lambda x y. x$$

$$S \equiv \lambda x y z. x z (y z)$$

$$C \equiv \lambda x y z. x z y$$

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