

# IA008: Computational Logic

## 2. First-Order Logic

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# Basic Concepts

# First-Order Logic

## Syntax

- ▶ variables  $x, y, z, \dots$
- ▶ terms  $x, f(t_0, \dots, t_n)$
- ▶ relations  $R(t_0, \dots, t_n)$  and equality  $t_0 = t_1$
- ▶ operators  $\wedge, \vee, \neg, \rightarrow, \leftrightarrow$
- ▶ quantifiers  $\exists x\varphi, \forall x\varphi$

## Semantics

$$\mathfrak{A} \vDash \varphi(\bar{a}) \quad \mathfrak{A} = \langle A, R_0, R_1, \dots, f_0, f_1, \dots \rangle$$

## Examples

$$\varphi := \forall x \exists y [f(y) = x],$$

$$\psi := \forall x \forall y \forall z [x \leq y \wedge y \leq z \rightarrow x \leq z].$$

# Examples

## Structures

- graphs  $\mathfrak{G} = \langle V, E \rangle$

$E \subseteq V \times V$  binary relation

- words  $\mathfrak{W} = \langle W, \leq, (P_a)_a \rangle$

$\leq \subseteq W \times W$  linear ordering

$P_a \subseteq W$  positions with letter  $a$

- transition systems  $\mathfrak{S} = \langle S, (E_a)_a, (P_i)_i \rangle$

$E_a \subseteq V \times V$  binary relation

$P_i \subseteq V$  unary relation

# Examples

**Graphs**  $\mathfrak{G} = \langle V, E \rangle$ ,  $E \subseteq V \times V$

- ‘The graph is undirected.’ (i.e.,  $E$  is symmetric)

$$\forall x \forall y [E(x, y) \rightarrow E(y, x)]$$

- ‘The graph has no isolated vertices.’

$$\forall x \exists y [E(x, y) \vee E(y, x)]$$

- ‘Every vertex has outdegree 1.’

$$\forall x \exists y [E(x, y) \wedge \forall z [E(x, z) \rightarrow z = y]]$$

# Satisfiability

## Theorem

Satisfiability for first-order logic is **undecidable**.

# Proof

Turing machine  $\mathcal{M} = \langle Q, \Sigma, \Delta, q_0, F_+, F_- \rangle$

- $Q$  set of states
- $\Sigma$  tape alphabet
- $\Delta$  set of transitions  $\langle p, a, b, m, q \rangle \in Q \times \Sigma \times \Sigma \times \{-1, 0, 1\} \times Q$
- $q_0$  initial state
- $F_+$  accepting states
- $F_-$  rejecting states

## Encoding in FO

- $S_q(t)$  state  $q$  at time  $t$
- $h(t)$  head in field  $h(t)$  at time  $t$
- $W_a(t, k)$  letter  $a$  in field  $k$  at time  $t$
- $s$  successor function  $s(n) = n + 1$
- $0$  zero

$$\varphi_w := \text{ADM} \wedge \text{INIT} \wedge \text{TRANS} \wedge \text{ACC}$$

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0	zero

## Admissibility formula

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ADM} := & \forall t \bigwedge_{p \neq q} \neg [S_p(t) \wedge S_q(t)] && \text{unique state} \\ & \wedge \forall t \forall k \bigwedge_{a \neq b} \neg [W_a(t, k) \wedge W_b(t, k)] && \text{unique letter} \end{aligned}$$

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**Initialisation formula** for input:  $a_0 \dots a_{n-1}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{INIT} &:= S_{q_0}(0) && \text{initial state} \\ &\wedge h(0) = 0 && \text{initial head position} \\ &\wedge \bigwedge_{k < n} W_{a_k}(0, \underline{k}) \wedge \forall k [k \geq \underline{n} \rightarrow W_{\square}(0, k)] && \text{initial tape content} \end{aligned}$$

(here  $\underline{k} := s(s(\dots s(0)))$  and  $k \geq \underline{n} := \bigwedge_{i < n} k \neq \underline{i}$ )

**Acceptance formula**

$$\text{ACC} := \exists t \bigvee_{q \in F_+} S_q(t) \quad \text{accepting state}$$

# Proof

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$s$	successor function $s(n) = n + 1$

## Transition formula

$$\begin{aligned} \text{TRANS} := \forall t \quad & \bigvee_{\langle p,a,b,m,q \rangle \in \Delta} [S_p(t) \wedge W_a(t, h(t)) \wedge S_q(s(t)) \wedge \\ & h(s(t)) = h(t) + m \wedge W_b(s(t), h(t))] \\ & \wedge \forall t \forall k \bigwedge_{a \in \Sigma} [k \neq h(t) \rightarrow [W_a(t, k) \leftrightarrow W_a(s(t), k)]] \end{aligned}$$

where

$$y = x + m := \begin{cases} y = s(x) & \text{if } m = 1, \\ y = x & \text{if } m = 0, \\ s(y) = x & \text{if } m = -1. \end{cases}$$

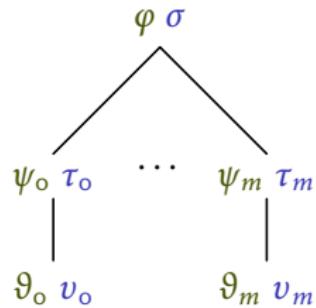
# Tableaux

# Tableau Proofs

For simplicity: first-order logic **without equality**

**Statements**  $\varphi$  true or  $\varphi$  false

**Rule**



**Interpretation**

If  $\varphi \sigma$  is **possible** then so is  $\psi_i \tau_i, \dots, \theta_i v_i$ , for some  $i$ .

# Tableaux

## Construction

A **tableau** for a formula  $\varphi$  is constructed as follows:

- ▶ start with  $\varphi$  false
- ▶ choose a branch of the tree
- ▶ choose a statement  $\psi$  value on the branch
- ▶ choose a rule with head  $\psi$  value
- ▶ add it at the bottom of the branch
- ▶ repeat until every branch contains both statements  $\psi$  true and  $\psi$  false for some formula  $\psi$

$\neg\varphi$  true $\varphi$  false $\neg\varphi$  false $\varphi$  true $\varphi \wedge \psi$  true $\varphi$  true $\psi$  true $\varphi \wedge \psi$  false $\varphi$  false $\psi$  false $\varphi \vee \psi$  true $\varphi$  true $\psi$  true $\varphi \vee \psi$  false $\varphi$  false $\psi$  false $\varphi \rightarrow \psi$  true $\varphi$  false $\psi$  true $\varphi \rightarrow \psi$  false $\varphi$  true $\psi$  false $\varphi \leftrightarrow \psi$  true $\varphi$  true $\psi$  true $\varphi \leftrightarrow \psi$  false $\varphi$  true $\varphi$  false $\psi$  true $\forall x\varphi$  true $\varphi[x \mapsto t]$  true $\forall x\varphi$  false $\varphi[x \mapsto c]$  false $\exists x\varphi$  true $\varphi[x \mapsto c]$  true $\exists x\varphi$  false $\varphi[x \mapsto t]$  false

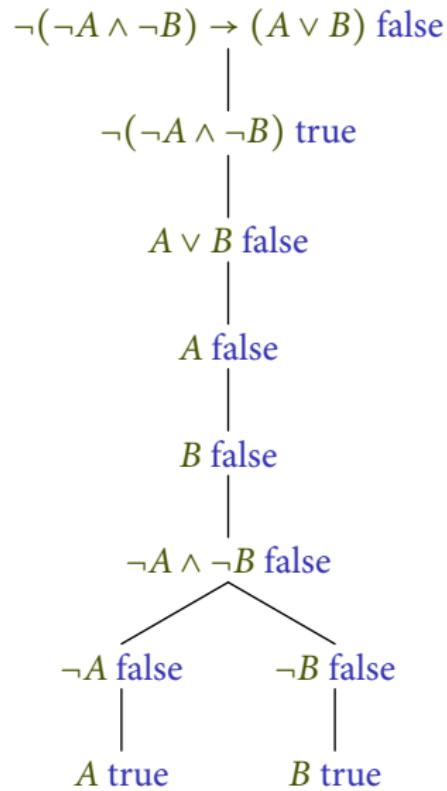
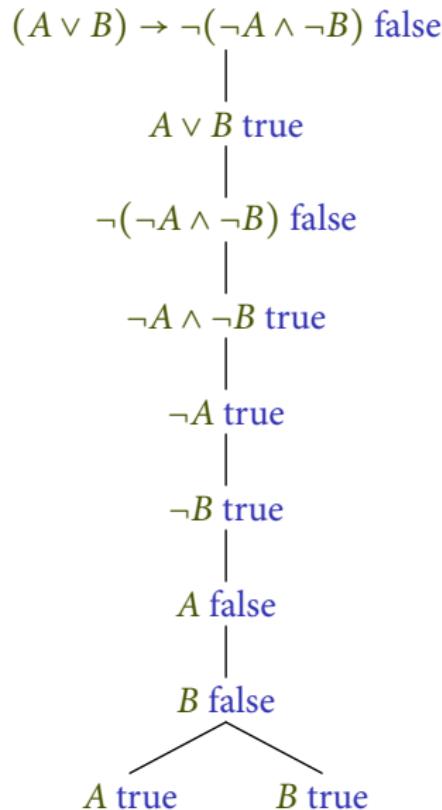
a new constant symbol,  $t$  an arbitrary term

# Example

$$(A \vee B) \rightarrow \neg(\neg A \wedge \neg B) \text{ false}$$

$$\neg(\neg A \wedge \neg B) \rightarrow (A \vee B) \text{ false}$$

# Example



# Example

$$\exists x \forall y R(x, y) \rightarrow \forall y \exists x R(x, y) \text{ false}$$

$$\forall x R(x, x) \rightarrow \forall x \exists y R(f(x), y) \text{ false}$$

# Example

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$$\exists x \forall y R(x, y) \text{ true}$$

$$\forall y \exists x R(x, y) \text{ false}$$

$$\forall y R(c, y) \text{ true}$$

$$\exists x R(x, d) \text{ false}$$

$$R(c, d) \text{ true}$$

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$$\forall x R(x, x) \rightarrow \forall x \exists y R(f(x), y) \text{ false}$$

$$\forall x R(x, x) \text{ true}$$

$$\forall x \exists y R(f(x), y) \text{ false}$$

$$\exists y R(f(c), y) \text{ false}$$

$$R(f(c), f(c)) \text{ false}$$

$$R(f(c), f(c)) \text{ true}$$

# Soundness and Completeness

## Theorem

A first-order formula  $\varphi$  is valid if, and only if, there exists a tableau  $T$  for  $\varphi$  false where every branch is contradictory.

## Corollary

Validity of first-order formulae is **recursively enumerable**, but **not decidable**.

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## Terminology

A tableau **for** a statement  $\varphi$  value is a tableau  $T$  where the root is labelled with  $\varphi$  value.

A branch  $\beta$  is **contradictory** if it contains both statements  $\psi$  true and  $\psi$  false, for some formula  $\psi$ .

A branch  $\beta$  is **consistent with** a structure  $\mathfrak{A}$  if

- ▶  $\mathfrak{A} \models \psi$ , for all statements  $\psi$  true on  $\beta$  and
- ▶  $\mathfrak{A} \not\models \psi$ , for all statements  $\psi$  false on  $\beta$ .

A branch  $\beta$  is **complete** if, for every atomic formula  $\psi$ , it contains one of the statements  $\psi$  true or  $\psi$  false.

# Proof Sketch: Soundness

## Lemma

If  $\beta$  is consistent with  $\mathfrak{A}$  and we extend the tableau by applying a rule, the new tableau has a branch  $\beta'$  extending  $\beta$  that is consistent with  $\mathfrak{A}$ .

## Corollary

If  $\mathfrak{A} \not\models \varphi$ , then every tableau for  $\varphi$  false has a branch that is not contradictory.

## Corollary

If  $\varphi$  is not valid, there is no tableau for  $\varphi$  false where all branches are contradictory.

# Proof Sketch: Completeness

## Lemma

If every tableau for  $\varphi$  false has a non-contradictory branch, there exists a tableau for  $\varphi$  false with a branch  $\beta$  that is complete and non-contradictory.

## Lemma

If a branch  $\beta$  is complete and non-contradictory, there exists a structure  $\mathfrak{A}$  such that  $\beta$  is consistent with  $\mathfrak{A}$ .

## Corollary

If every tableau for  $\varphi$  false has a non-contradictory branch, there exists a structure  $\mathfrak{A}$  with  $\mathfrak{A} \not\models \varphi$ .

# Natural Deduction

# Proof Calculi

## Notation

$\psi_1, \dots, \psi_n \vdash \varphi$      $\varphi$  is **provable** with **assumptions**  $\psi_1, \dots, \psi_n$

$\varphi$  is **provable** if  $\vdash \varphi$ .

## Rules

$$\frac{\Gamma_1 \vdash \varphi_1 \dots \Gamma_n \vdash \varphi_n}{\Delta \vdash \psi} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{premises} \\ \text{conclusion} \end{array} \quad \varphi_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \varphi_n \Rightarrow \psi$$

## Axiom

$$\frac{}{\Delta \vdash \psi} \quad \text{rule without premises}$$

## Remark

Tableaux speak about **possibilities** while Natural Deduction proofs speak about **necessities**.

# Proof Calculi

## Derivation

$$\frac{\frac{\overline{\Gamma \vdash \varphi} \quad \overline{\Delta_0 \vdash \psi_0}}{\Delta_1 \vdash \psi_1} \quad \frac{}{\Gamma' \vdash \varphi'}}{\Sigma \vdash \vartheta} \quad \text{tree of rules}$$

# Natural Deduction (propositional part)

$$(I_{\top}) \frac{}{\Gamma \vdash \top}$$

$$(I_{\wedge}) \frac{\Gamma \vdash \varphi \quad \Delta \vdash \psi}{\Gamma, \Delta \vdash \varphi \wedge \psi}$$

$$(I_{\vee}) \frac{\begin{array}{c} \Gamma, \neg \psi \vdash \varphi \\ \Gamma \vdash \varphi \vee \psi \end{array}}{\Gamma \vdash \varphi \vee \psi} \quad \frac{\Gamma, \neg \varphi \vdash \psi}{\Gamma \vdash \varphi \vee \psi}$$

$$(I_{\neg}) \frac{\Gamma, \varphi \vdash \perp}{\Gamma \vdash \neg \varphi}$$

$$(I_{\perp}) \frac{\Gamma \vdash \varphi \quad \Gamma \vdash \neg \varphi}{\Gamma \vdash \perp}$$

$$(I_{\rightarrow}) \frac{\Gamma, \varphi \vdash \psi}{\Gamma \vdash \varphi \rightarrow \psi}$$

$$(I_{\leftrightarrow}) \frac{\Gamma, \varphi \vdash \psi \quad \Delta, \psi \vdash \varphi}{\Gamma, \Delta \vdash \varphi \leftrightarrow \psi}$$

$$(Ax) \frac{}{\Gamma, \varphi \vdash \varphi}$$

$$(E_{\wedge}) \frac{\begin{array}{c} \Gamma \vdash \varphi \wedge \psi \\ \Gamma \vdash \varphi \end{array}}{\Gamma \vdash \psi} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash \varphi \wedge \psi}{\Gamma \vdash \psi}$$

$$(E_{\vee}) \frac{\begin{array}{c} \Gamma \vdash \varphi \vee \psi \quad \Delta, \varphi \vdash \vartheta \quad \Delta', \psi \vdash \vartheta \end{array}}{\Gamma, \Delta, \Delta' \vdash \vartheta}$$

$$(E_{\neg}) \frac{\Gamma, \neg \varphi \vdash \perp}{\Gamma \vdash \varphi}$$

$$(E_{\perp}) \frac{\Gamma \vdash \perp}{\Gamma \vdash \varphi}$$

$$(E_{\rightarrow}) \frac{\Gamma \vdash \varphi \quad \Delta \vdash \varphi \rightarrow \psi}{\Gamma, \Delta \vdash \psi}$$

$$(E_{\leftrightarrow}) \frac{\Gamma \vdash \varphi \quad \Delta \vdash \varphi \leftrightarrow \psi}{\Gamma, \Delta \vdash \psi} \quad (+ \text{ sym.})$$

# Examples

$$\frac{}{\vdash (\varphi \vee \psi) \rightarrow \neg(\neg\varphi \wedge \neg\psi)}$$

# Examples

$$\frac{}{\varphi \vee \psi, \neg\varphi \wedge \neg\psi \vdash \varphi \vee \psi}$$

$$\frac{\varphi \vdash \varphi}{\varphi \vee \psi, \neg\varphi \wedge \neg\psi \vdash \perp} \quad \frac{\neg\varphi \wedge \neg\psi \vdash \neg\varphi \wedge \neg\psi}{\neg\varphi \wedge \neg\psi \vdash \neg\varphi} \quad \dots$$
$$\frac{\varphi \vee \psi, \neg\varphi \wedge \neg\psi \vdash \perp}{\varphi \vee \psi, \neg\varphi \wedge \neg\psi \vdash \neg(\neg\varphi \wedge \neg\psi)}$$
$$\frac{\varphi \vee \psi \vdash \neg(\neg\varphi \wedge \neg\psi)}{\vdash (\varphi \vee \psi) \rightarrow \neg(\neg\varphi \wedge \neg\psi)}$$

# Natural Deduction (quantifiers and equality)

$$(I_{\exists}) \frac{\Gamma \vdash \varphi[x \mapsto t]}{\Gamma \vdash \exists x \varphi}$$

$$(E_{\exists}) \frac{\Gamma \vdash \exists x \varphi \quad \Delta, \varphi[x \mapsto c] \vdash \psi}{\Gamma, \Delta \vdash \psi}$$

$$(I_{\forall}) \frac{\Gamma \vdash \varphi[x \mapsto c]}{\Gamma \vdash \forall x \varphi}$$

$$(E_{\forall}) \frac{\Gamma \vdash \forall x \varphi}{\Gamma \vdash \varphi[x \mapsto t]}$$

$$(I_=) \frac{}{\Gamma \vdash t = t}$$

$$(E_=) \frac{\Gamma \vdash s = t \quad \Delta \vdash \varphi[x \mapsto s]}{\Gamma, \Delta \vdash \varphi[x \mapsto t]}$$

$c$  a new constant symbol,  $s, t$  arbitrary terms

# Examples

$$s = t \vdash t = s \quad \frac{\overline{s = t \vdash s = t} \quad \overline{\vdash s = s}}{s = t \vdash t = s} \quad (\text{E}_=)$$

$$s = t, t = u \vdash s = u \quad \frac{\overline{t = u \vdash t = u} \quad \overline{s = t \vdash s = t}}{s = t, t = u \vdash s = u} \quad (\text{E}_=)$$

$$\frac{\exists x \forall y R(x, y) \vdash \forall y \exists x R(x, y)}{\exists x \forall y R(x, y) \vdash \exists x \forall y R(x, y)} \quad \frac{\overline{\forall y R(c, y) \vdash \forall y R(c, y)}}{\overline{\forall y R(c, y) \vdash R(c, d)}} \quad (\text{E}_\forall)$$
$$\frac{\overline{\forall y R(c, y) \vdash R(c, d)}}{\overline{\forall y R(c, y) \vdash \exists x R(x, d)}} \quad (\text{I}_\exists)$$
$$\frac{\overline{\forall y R(c, y) \vdash \exists x R(x, d)}}{\overline{\forall y R(c, y) \vdash \forall y \exists x R(x, y)}} \quad (\text{I}_\forall)$$
$$\frac{\exists x \forall y R(x, y) \vdash \exists x \forall y R(x, y) \quad \forall y R(c, y) \vdash \forall y \exists x R(x, y)}{\exists x \forall y R(x, y) \vdash \forall y \exists x R(x, y)} \quad (\text{E}_\exists)$$

# Soundness and Completeness

## Theorem

A formula  $\varphi$  is provable using Natural Deduction if, and only if, it is valid.

## Corollary

The set of valid first-order formulae is recursively enumerable.

# Isabelle/HOL

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Proof assistant designed for software verification.

## General structure

```
theory T
imports T1 ... Tn
begin
  declarations, definitions, and proofs
end
```

# Syntax

Two levels:

- ▶ the **meta-language** (Isabelle) used to define theories,
- ▶ the **logical language** (HOL) used to write formulae.

To distinguish the levels, one encloses formulae of the logical language in quotes.

```
datatype 'a list = Nil           ("[]")  
              | Cons 'a "'a list"  (infixr "#" 65)
```

```
primrec app :: "'a list => 'a list => 'a list"  
              (infixr "@" 65)
```

**where**

```
"[] @ ys      = ys" |  
"(x # xs) @ ys = x # (xs @ ys)"
```

# Logical Language

## Types

- ▶ **base types:** bool, nat, int, ...
- ▶ **type constructors:**  $\alpha$  list,  $\alpha$  set, ...
- ▶ **function types:**  $\alpha \Rightarrow \beta$
- ▶ **type variables:** 'a, 'b, ...

## Terms

- ▶ **application:**  $f x y$ ,  $x + y$ , ...
- ▶ **abstraction:**  $\lambda x.t$
- ▶ **type annotation:**  $t :: \alpha$
- ▶ **if  $b$  then  $t$  else  $u$**
- ▶ **let  $x = t$  in  $u$**
- ▶ **case  $x$  of  $p_0 \Rightarrow t_0 | \dots | p_n \Rightarrow t_n$**

## Formulae

- ▶ terms of type bool
- ▶ boolean operations  $\neg$ ,  $\wedge$ ,  $\vee$ ,  $\rightarrow$
- ▶ quantifiers  $\forall x$ ,  $\exists x$
- ▶ predicates  $==$ ,  $<$ , ...

# Basic Types

```
datatype bool = True | False

fun conj :: "bool => bool => bool" where
"conj True True = True" |
"conj _ _ = False"
```

```
datatype nat = 0 | Suc nat

fun add :: "nat => nat => nat" where
"add 0 n = n" |
"add (Suc m) n = Suc (add m n)"
```

```
lemma add_02: "add m 0 = m"
apply (induction m)
apply (auto)
done
```

# Proofs

```
lemma add_02: "add m 0 = m"
```

```
apply (induction m)
```

```
1. add 0 0 = 0
```

```
2.  $\wedge m. \text{add } m 0 = m \implies \text{add } (\text{Suc } m) 0 = \text{Suc } m$ 
```

```
apply (auto)
```

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fun app :: "'a list => 'a list => 'a list"
      (infixr "@" 65)

where

"[] @ ys      = ys" |
"(x # xs) @ ys = x # (xs @ ys)"

fun rev :: "'a list => 'a list" where
"rev []        = []" |
"rev (x # xs) = (rev xs) @ (x # [])"
```

```
theorem rev_rev [simp]: "rev (rev xs) = xs"
apply(induction xs)
1. rev (rev Nil) = Nil
2.  $\wedge x_1 \text{ xs}. \text{rev} (\text{rev} \text{ xs}) = \text{xs} \implies$ 
    $\text{rev} (\text{rev} (\text{Cons } x_1 \text{ xs})) = \text{Cons } x_1 \text{ xs}$ 
apply(auto)
1.  $\wedge x_1 \text{ xs}.$ 
    $\text{rev} (\text{rev} \text{ xs}) = \text{xs} \implies$ 
    $\text{rev} (\text{rev} \text{ xs} @ \text{Cons } x_1 \text{ Nil}) = \text{Cons } x_1 \text{ xs}$ 
```

```
lemma app_Nil2 [simp]: "xs @ Nil = xs"  
apply(induction xs)  
apply(auto)  
done
```

```
lemma rev_app [simp]: "rev (xs @ ys) = rev ys @ rev xs"  
apply(induction xs)  
apply(auto)
```

1.  $\lambda x_1 \text{ xs}.$   
 $\text{rev } (\text{xs} @ \text{ys}) = \text{rev } \text{ys} @ \text{rev } \text{xs} \Rightarrow$   
 $(\text{rev } \text{ys} @ \text{rev } \text{xs}) @ \text{Cons } x_1 \text{ Nil} =$   
 $\text{rev } \text{ys} @ (\text{rev } \text{xs} @ \text{Cons } x_1 \text{ Nil})$

```
lemma app_assoc [simp]: "(xs @ ys) @ zs = xs @ (ys @ zs)"  
apply (induction xs)  
apply (auto)  
done
```

```
lemma app_Nil2 [simp]: "xs @ [] = xs"
apply(induction xs)
apply(auto)
done

lemma app_assoc [simp]: "(xs @ ys) @ zs = xs @ (ys @ zs)"
apply(induction xs)
apply(auto)
done

lemma rev_app [simp]: "rev(xs @ ys) = (rev ys) @ (rev xs)"
apply(induction xs)
apply(auto)
done

theorem rev_rev [simp]: "rev(rev xs) = xs"
apply(induction xs)
apply(auto)
done

end
```