

Natural Deduction in Coq

(Based on [Pfenning 2004], [Bertot and Castéran 2004],
and [Coq Reference Manual])

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Natural Deduction in the Sequent Form

$$\frac{}{\Gamma, A \vdash A} \text{ (Hyp)}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A \quad \Gamma \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash A \wedge B} \text{ (\wedge I)}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A \wedge B}{\Gamma \vdash A} \text{ (\wedge E}_1\text{)}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A \wedge B}{\Gamma \vdash B} \text{ (\wedge E}_2\text{)}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A}{\Gamma \vdash A \vee B} \text{ (\vee I}_1\text{)}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A \vee B \quad \Gamma, A \vdash C \quad \Gamma, B \vdash C}{\Gamma \vdash C} \text{ (\vee E)}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash A \vee B} \text{ (\vee I}_2\text{)}$$

Note: “ Γ, A ” is a shorthand for “ $\Gamma \cup \{A\}$ ”, I for Introduction, and E for Elimination.

Natural Deduction (cont.)

$$\frac{\Gamma, A \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash A \rightarrow B} (\rightarrow I)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A \rightarrow B \quad \Gamma \vdash A}{\Gamma \vdash B} (\rightarrow E)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, A \vdash B \wedge \neg B}{\Gamma \vdash \neg A} (\neg I)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A \quad \Gamma \vdash \neg A}{\Gamma \vdash B} (\neg E)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A}{\Gamma \vdash \neg\neg A} (\neg\neg I)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \neg\neg A}{\Gamma \vdash A} (\neg\neg E)$$

$$\frac{}{A_1, \dots, A_i, \dots, A_n \vdash A_i} (\text{Hyp}^i)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A \quad \Gamma \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash A \wedge B} (\wedge I)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A \wedge B}{\Gamma \vdash A} (\wedge E_1)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A \wedge B}{\Gamma \vdash B} (\wedge E_2)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A}{\Gamma \vdash A \vee B} (\vee I_1)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash A \vee B} (\vee I_2)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A \vee B \quad \Gamma, A \vdash C \quad \Gamma, B \vdash C}{\Gamma \vdash C} (\vee E)$$

Intuitionistic Natural Deduction (cont.)

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

$$\frac{\Gamma, A \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash A \rightarrow B} (\rightarrow I)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A \rightarrow B \quad \Gamma \vdash A}{\Gamma \vdash B} (\rightarrow E)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \perp}{\Gamma \vdash A} (\perp E)$$

Note:

- 🌐 The last rule says that, if we can deduce \perp (representing a contradiction), then we can deduce anything.
- 🌐 $\neg A$ is then represented (i.e., defined) as $A \rightarrow \perp$.
- 🌐 With the \rightarrow -elimination rule, one can deduce a contradiction (and hence anything) from $\neg A$ and A .

Quantifier Rules

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash B[y/x]}{\Gamma \vdash \forall x B} (\forall I)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \forall x B}{\Gamma \vdash B[t/x]} (\forall E)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash B[t/x]}{\Gamma \vdash \exists x B} (\exists I)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \exists x B \quad \Gamma, B[y/x] \vdash C}{\Gamma \vdash C} (\exists E)$$

Note: In the quantifier rules above, we assume that all substitutions are admissible and y does not occur free in Γ or B .

Equality Rules

Let t, t_1, t_2 be arbitrary terms and again assume all substitutions are admissible.

$$\frac{}{\Gamma \vdash t = t} (= I) \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash t_1 = t_2 \quad \Gamma \vdash A[t_1/x]}{\Gamma \vdash A[t_2/x]} (= E)$$

Note: The $=$ sign is part of the object language, not a meta symbol.

$$\frac{}{x_1 : A_1, \dots, x_i : A_i, \dots, x_n : A_n \vdash x_i : A_i} (\text{Hyp}^i)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t_1 : A \quad \Gamma \vdash t_2 : B}{\Gamma \vdash \mathbf{pair}(t_1, t_2) : A \wedge B} (\wedge I)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t : A \wedge B}{\Gamma \vdash \mathbf{fst}(t) : A} (\wedge E_1)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t : A \wedge B}{\Gamma \vdash \mathbf{snd}(t) : B} (\wedge E_2)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t : A}{\Gamma \vdash \mathbf{inl}(B, t) : A \vee B} (\vee I_1)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t : B}{\Gamma \vdash \mathbf{inr}(A, t) : A \vee B} (\vee I_2)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t : A \vee B \quad \Gamma, x : A \vdash t_1 : C \quad \Gamma, y : B \vdash t_2 : C}{\Gamma \vdash \mathbf{case}(t, x.t_1, y.t_2) : C} (\vee E)$$

Note: $\mathbf{case}(\mathbf{inl}(B, t), x.t_1, y.t_2) \stackrel{\Delta}{=} t_1[t/x]$;
 $\mathbf{case}(\mathbf{inr}(A, t), x.t_1, y.t_2) \stackrel{\Delta}{=} t_2[t/y]$.

$$\frac{}{\Gamma \vdash \mathbf{unit} : \top} (\top I)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, x : A \vdash t : B}{\Gamma \vdash \mathbf{fun}(x : A) \Rightarrow t : A \rightarrow B} (\rightarrow I)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t_1 : A \rightarrow B \quad \Gamma \vdash t_2 : A}{\Gamma \vdash t_1 t_2 : B} (\rightarrow E)$$

Note: In the $(\rightarrow I)$ rule above, it is assumed that B does not contain x (so B is independent of A).

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t : \perp}{\Gamma \vdash \mathbf{abort}(A, t) : A} (\perp E)$$

An Example Proof

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\overline{x : (A \vee B) \rightarrow C, y : A \vdash x : (A \vee B) \rightarrow C} \text{ (Hyp}^1)}{\quad} \alpha \text{ } (\rightarrow E)}{\frac{x : (A \vee B) \rightarrow C, y : A \vdash x \text{ inl}(B, y) : C}{\quad} (\rightarrow I)} \text{ } (\rightarrow I)}{\vdash \text{ fun}(x : (A \vee B) \rightarrow C) \Rightarrow \text{ fun}(y : A) \Rightarrow x \text{ inl}(B, y) : ((A \vee B) \rightarrow C) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow C)} (\rightarrow I)$$

$$\alpha: \frac{\frac{\overline{x : (A \vee B) \rightarrow C, y : A \vdash y : A} \text{ (Hyp}^2)}{\quad} (\vee I)}{x : (A \vee B) \rightarrow C, y : A \vdash \text{ inl}(B, y) : A \vee B}$$

Intuitionistic ND with Proof Terms (cont.)

$$\frac{\Gamma, y : A \vdash t : B[y/x]}{\Gamma \vdash \mathbf{fun}(x : A) \Rightarrow t : \forall x : A, B} (\forall I)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t_1 : \forall x : A, B \quad \Gamma \vdash t_2 : A}{\Gamma \vdash t_1 t_2 : B[t_2/x]} (\forall E)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t_1 : A \quad \Gamma \vdash t_2 : B[t_1/x]}{\Gamma \vdash \mathbf{pair}(t_1, t_2) : \exists x : A, B} (\exists I)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t' : \exists x : A, B \quad \Gamma, y : A, z : B[y/x] \vdash t : C}{\Gamma \vdash \mathbf{open}(t', y.z.t) : C} (\exists E)$$

Note: All substitutions are admissible and y does not occur free in Γ or B ; $\mathbf{open}(\mathbf{pair}(t_1, t_2), y.z.t) \triangleq t[t_2/z][t_1/y]$.

Curry-Howard Correspondence

Logic	Programming (Typed λ -Calculus)
proof	program (λ term)
proposition	type
proof checking	type checking

Main Typing/Inference Rules in Coq/CIC

- 🌐 A type is expressed as a term.
- 🌐 Every term has a type.
- 🌐 The type of a type is called a *sort*.
- 🌐 Sorts in (predicative) Calculus of Inductive Constructions (CIC, the type theory behind Coq):

$$\mathcal{S} = \{\text{SProp}, \text{Prop}, \text{Set}, \text{Type}(1), \text{Type}(2), \text{Type}(3), \dots\}$$

- ☀️ $\text{SProp} : \text{Type}(1)$.
- ☀️ $\text{Prop} : \text{Type}(1)$.
- ☀️ $\text{Set} : \text{Type}(1)$.
- ☀️ $\text{Type}(i) : \text{Type}(i + 1)$, for $i \geq 1$.

Main Typing/Inference Rules in CIC (cont.)

Prod-Prop

$$\frac{E[\Gamma] \vdash A : s \quad s \in \mathcal{S} \quad E[\Gamma :: (a : A)] \vdash B : \text{Prop}}{E[\Gamma] \vdash \forall a : A, B : \text{Prop}}$$

Prod-Set /* Set is predicative. */

$$\frac{E[\Gamma] \vdash A : s \quad s \in \{\text{SProp}, \text{Prop}, \text{Set}\} \quad E[\Gamma :: (a : A)] \vdash B : \text{Set}}{E[\Gamma] \vdash \forall a : A, B : \text{Set}}$$

Prod-Type

$$\frac{E[\Gamma] \vdash A : s \quad s \in \{\text{SProp}, \text{Type}(i)\} \quad E[\Gamma :: (a : A)] \vdash B : \text{Type}(i)}{E[\Gamma] \vdash \forall a : A, B : \text{Type}(i)}$$

Main Typing/Inference Rules in CIC (cont.)

$$\text{Lam} \frac{E[\Gamma] \vdash A \rightarrow B : s \quad E[\Gamma :: (v : A)] \vdash e : B}{E[\Gamma] \vdash \text{fun } v : A \Rightarrow e : A \rightarrow B}$$

where B does not depend on v .

$$\text{App} \frac{E[\Gamma] \vdash e_1 : A \rightarrow B \quad E[\Gamma] \vdash e_2 : A}{E[\Gamma] \vdash e_1 e_2 : B}$$

$$\text{Lam} \frac{E[\Gamma] \vdash \forall v : A, B : s \quad E[\Gamma :: (v : A)] \vdash t : B}{E[\Gamma] \vdash \text{fun } v : A \Rightarrow t : \forall v : A, B}$$

Note: “ $A \rightarrow B$ ” is just a shorthand for “ $\forall v : A, B$ ”, when B does not depend on v .

$$\text{App} \frac{E[\Gamma] \vdash t_1 : \forall v : A, B \quad E[\Gamma] \vdash t_2 : A}{E[\Gamma] \vdash t_1 t_2 : B[t_2/v]}$$

The Example Proof in Coq

- The proposition to prove: $((A \vee B) \rightarrow C) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow C)$.

Formalization in Coq:

Variables `A B C: Prop.`

Lemma `t0: ((A \vee B) -> C) -> (A -> C).`

- A proof in Coq:

`intro x; intro y; apply x; left; assumption.`

- The proof term in Coq:

```
fun (x : A \vee B -> C) (y : A) => x (or_introl y)
  : (A \vee B -> C) -> A -> C
```

cf.: **fun**($x : (A \vee B) \rightarrow C$) \Rightarrow **fun**($y : A$) \Rightarrow $x \text{ inl}(-, y)$
 : $((A \vee B) \rightarrow C) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow C)$

\wedge -Introduction in Coq

Definitions for \wedge :

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

Note: “ $A \wedge B$ ” is a convenient notation for “and $A B$ ”.

Proposition to prove:

Hypothesis t1: A .

Hypothesis t2: B .

Lemma and_intro: $A \wedge B$.

A proof in Coq:

```
split; assumption; assumption.
```

The proof term in Coq:

```
and_intro = conj t1 t2
           : A /\ B
```

\wedge -Elimination in Coq

- Definitions for \wedge (`*_ind` and `*_rect` automatically generated):

```
and_ind =
fun A B P : Prop => and_rect (A:=A) (B:=B) (P:=P)
  : forall A B P : Prop, (A -> B -> P) -> A /\ B -> P

and_rect =
fun (A B : Prop) (P : Type) (f : A -> B -> P) (a : A /\ B) =>
match a with
| conj x x0 => f x x0
end
  : forall (A B : Prop) (P : Type), (A -> B -> P) -> A /\ B -> P
```

- Proposition to prove:

Hypothesis `t`: `A /\ B`.

Lemma `and_elim1`: `A`.

- A proof in Coq:

```
elim t; intro x; intro y; assumption.
```

- The proof term in Coq:

```
and_elim1 = and_ind (fun (x : A) (_ : B) => x) t
  : A
```

\wedge -Elimination in Coq (cont.)

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{Lam} \frac{}{t : A \wedge B, x : A, y : B \vdash x : A} \\
 \text{Lam} \frac{}{t : A \wedge B, x : A \vdash \text{fun}(y : B) \Rightarrow x : B \rightarrow A} \\
 \text{App} \frac{\alpha \quad \text{Lam} \frac{}{t : A \wedge B \vdash \text{fun}(x : A)(y : B) \Rightarrow x : A \rightarrow B \rightarrow A}}{t : A \wedge B \vdash \text{and_ind}(\text{fun}(x : A)(y : B) \Rightarrow x) : A \wedge B \rightarrow A} \quad \frac{}{t : A \wedge B \vdash t : A \wedge B} \\
 \text{App} \frac{}{t : A \wedge B \vdash \text{and_ind}(\text{fun}(x : A)(y : B) \Rightarrow x) t : A}
 \end{array}$$

α :

(Let a denote `and_ind`; further details omitted)

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{App} \frac{\cdot \vdash a : \forall A, B, P : \text{Prop}, (A \rightarrow B \rightarrow P) \rightarrow A \wedge B \rightarrow P \quad \cdot \vdash A : \text{Prop}}{\cdot \vdash a A : \forall B, P : \text{Prop}, (A \rightarrow B \rightarrow P) \rightarrow A \wedge B \rightarrow P} \quad \frac{}{\cdot \vdash B : \text{Prop}} \\
 \text{App} \frac{}{\cdot \vdash a A B : \forall P : \text{Prop}, (A \rightarrow B \rightarrow P) \rightarrow A \wedge B \rightarrow P} \quad \frac{}{\cdot \vdash A : \text{Prop}} \\
 \text{App} \frac{}{t : A \wedge B \vdash a A B A : (A \rightarrow B \rightarrow A) \rightarrow A \wedge B \rightarrow A}
 \end{array}$$

- Upper occurrences of `and_ind` (a) have A , B , and A as implicit arguments.
- Some assumptions are elided as a dot “.”.

\wedge -Elimination in Coq (cont.)

Definitions for \wedge :

```
and_ind =
fun A B P : Prop => and_rect (A:=A) (B:=B) (P:=P)
  : forall A B P : Prop, (A -> B -> P) -> A /\ B -> P

and_rect =
fun (A B : Prop) (P : Type) (f : A -> B -> P) (a : A /\ B) =>
match a with
| conj x x0 => f x x0
end
  : forall (A B : Prop) (P : Type), (A -> B -> P) -> A /\ B -> P
```

Proposition to prove:

Hypothesis t : $A \wedge B$.

Lemma `and_elim1_alt`: A .

A proof in Coq:

apply `t`.

The proof term in Coq:

```
and_elim1_alt = let H : A := match t with
  | conj x _ => x
end in H

: A
```

\wedge -Elimination in Coq (cont.)

Apply $\frac{t : A \wedge B \vdash t : A \wedge B}{t : A \wedge B \vdash \text{let } H : A := \text{match } t \text{ with } | \text{conj } x_ \Rightarrow x \text{ end in } H : A}$

or

Apply $\frac{t : A \wedge B \vdash t : A \wedge B}{t : A \wedge B \vdash \text{match } t \text{ with } | \text{conj } x_ \Rightarrow x \text{ end} : A}$

Note : the term “match t with | conj $x_ \Rightarrow x$ end” plays the role of $\mathbf{fst}(t)$ as in the $\wedge E_1$ rule of the Intuitionistic ND with Proof Terms, as shown again below.

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t : A \wedge B}{\Gamma \vdash \mathbf{fst}(t) : A} (\wedge E_1)$$

\vee -Introduction in Coq

Definitions for \vee :

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

Note: “ $A \vee B$ ” is a convenient notation for “or $A B$ ”.

Proposition to prove:

Lemma or_intro: $A \rightarrow (A \vee B)$.

A proof in Coq:

```
intro x; left; assumption.
```

The proof term in Coq:

```
or_intro = fun x : A => or_introl B x  
          : A -> A \\/ B
```


\forall -Elimination in Coq

Definitions for \forall :

```
or_ind =
fun (A B P : Prop) (f : A -> P) (f0 : B -> P)
  (o : A  $\vee$  B) =>
match o with
| or_introl x => f x
| or_intror x => f0 x
end
      : forall A B P : Prop, (A -> P) -> (B -> P)
      -> A  $\vee$  B -> P
```

\vee -Elimination in Coq (cont.)

Proposition to prove:

Lemma or_elim: $(A \rightarrow C) \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C) \rightarrow ((A \vee B) \rightarrow C)$.

A proof in Coq:

```
intro xt1; intro xt2; intro t; elim t;  
assumption; assumption.
```

The proof term in Coq:

```
fun (xt1 : A -> C) (xt2 : B -> C) (t : A \vee B)  
  => or_ind xt1 xt2 t  
  : (A -> C) -> (B -> C) -> A \vee B -> C
```

T-Introduction in Coq

🌐 Definitions for \top :

```
Inductive True : Prop := I : True
True_ind =
fun P : Prop => True_rect (P:=P)
      : forall P : Prop, P -> True -> P
```

🌐 Proposition to prove:

```
Lemma True_intro: True.
```

🌐 A proof in Coq:

```
exact I.
```

🌐 The proof term in Coq:

```
True_intro = I
      : True
```

\perp -Elimination in Coq

🌐 Definitions for \perp :

```
Inductive False : Prop := /* nothing */  
False_ind = fun P : Prop => False_rect P  
      : forall P : Prop, False -> P
```

🌐 Proposition to prove:

```
Lemma False_elim: False -> A.
```

🌐 A proof in Coq:

```
intro bot; elim bot.
```

🌐 The proof term in Coq:

```
False_elim = fun bot : False => False_ind A bot  
      : False -> A
```

\forall -Introduction and Elimination in Coq

🌐 \forall is a primitive in Coq (pCIC)

🌐 Proposition to prove:

Variable D: Set.

Variables P Q: D \rightarrow Prop.

Section All.

Hypothesis h: (forall x, P x).

Lemma all_intro: (forall y, P y).

End All.

🌐 A proof in Coq:

intro; apply h.

🌐 The proof term in Coq:

```
all_intro = fun y : D => h y
           : forall y : D, P y
```

\forall -Elimination in Coq

🌐 \forall is a primitive in Coq (pCIC)

🌐 Proposition to prove:

```
Section All_Elim.
```

```
Hypothesis h: (forall x, P x).
```

```
Variable t: D.
```

```
Lemma all_elim: P t.
```

```
End All_Elim.
```

🌐 A proof in Coq:

```
apply h.
```

🌐 The proof term in Coq:

```
all_elim = h t
          : P t
```

\exists -Introduction in Coq

Definitions for \exists :

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

```
Notation "'exists' x , p" := (ex (fun x => p))  
  (at level 200, x ident, right associativity)  
  : type_scope.
```

Proposition to prove:

Variable t: D.

Lemma exists_intro: P t -> exists x, P x.

☰-Introduction in Coq (cont.)

🌐 A proof in Coq:

```
intro; exists t; assumption.
```

🌐 The proof term in Coq:

```
exists_intro =  
fun H : P t => ex_intro (fun x : D => P x) t H  
  : P t -> exists x : D, P x
```


\exists -Elimination in Coq

Definitions for \exists :

```
ex_ind =  
fun (A : Type) (P : A -> Prop) (P0 : Prop)  
  (f : forall x : A, P x -> P0)  
  (e : ex P) => match e with  
    | ex_intro x x0 => f x x0  
  end  
: forall (A : Type) (P : A -> Prop) (P0 : Prop),  
  (forall x : A, P x -> P0) -> ex P -> P0
```

Proposition to prove:

```
Lemma exist_elim: (exists x, P x /\ Q x)  
  -> (exists x, P x).
```

☰-Elimination in Coq (cont.)

🌐 A proof in Coq:

```
intro; elim H; intro; intro; elim H0;  
intro; intro; exists x; assumption.
```

🌐 The proof term in Coq:

```
exists_elim =  
fun H : exists x : D, P x /\ Q x =>  
ex_ind  
  (fun (x : D) (H0 : P x /\ Q x) =>  
    and_ind (fun (H1 : P x) (_ : Q x) =>  
      ex_intro (fun x0 : D => P x0) x H1) H0) H  
  : (exists x : D, P x /\ Q x) -> exists x : D, P x
```

=-Introduction in Coq

🌐 Definitions for =:

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

Note: “ $x = x$ ” is a convenient notation for “`eq x x`”.

🌐 Proposition to prove:

Lemma `eq_intro`: `t1=t1`.

🌐 A proof in Coq:

`reflexivity`.

🌐 The proof term in Coq:

```
eq_intro = eq_refl t1  
          : t1 = t1
```

=-Elimination in Coq

🌐 Definitions for =:

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


🌐 Proposition to prove:

Lemma eq_elim: $t1=t2 \rightarrow t2=t1$.

🌐 A proof in Coq:

```
intro; rewrite <- H; reflexivity.
```

=-Elimination in Coq (cont.)

 The proof term in Coq:

```
eq_elim =  
fun H : t1 = t2 => eq_ind t1 (fun d : D => d = t1)  
                        eq_refl t2 H  
  : t1 = t2 -> t2 = t1
```