

# 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Note: “ $\Gamma, A$ ” 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  $A$ .

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

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

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

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

Note: In the quantifier rules above, we assume that all substitutions are admissible and  $y$  does not occur free in  $\Gamma$  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  $B$  does not depend on  $x$ ).

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

# An Example Proof

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

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

## 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  $\Gamma$  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 $\lambda$ -Calculus)
proof	program ( $\lambda$ 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.)

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

where  $B$  does not depend on  $v$ .

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

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

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

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

# Main Typing/Inference Rules in CIC (cont.)

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

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

$$\mathbf{Let} \frac{E[\Gamma] \vdash t_1 : A \quad E[\Gamma :: (x := t_1 : A)] \vdash t_2 : B}{E[\Gamma] \vdash \text{let } x := t_1 : A \text{ in } t_2 : B[t_1/x]}$$

# 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:  $((A \vee B) \rightarrow C) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow C)$ .

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

# $\wedge$ -Introduction in Coq

## 🌐 Definition of and ( $\wedge$ ):

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

Note: “A /\ B” is a defined notation for “and A B”.

Note: the type of conj is actually

forall A B : Prop, A -> B -> A /\ B

where arguments A and B are implicit (as they can be inferred).

## 🌐 Proposition to prove:

Hypothesis t1: A.

Hypothesis t2: B.

Lemma and\_I: A /\ B.

## 🌐 A proof in Coq:

split; assumption; assumption.

## 🌐 The proof term in Coq:

and\_I = conj t1 t2  
 : A /\ B

# $\wedge$ -Elimination in Coq

- Automatically generated `and_ind`:

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

- Proposition to prove:

Hypothesis `t`: `A /\ B`.  
 Lemma `and_E1`: `A`.

- A proof in Coq:

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

- The proof term in Coq:

```
and_E1 = and_ind (fun (x : A) (_ : B) => x) t
      : A
```

# $\wedge$ -Elimination in Coq (cont.)

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

$\alpha$ :

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

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

Note: the antecedent (assumptions) in each sequent (judgement) should really be like  $E[\Gamma :: (t : A \wedge B) \dots]$  and is sometimes elided as a dot “.”. The upper occurrences of `and_ind` have  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $A$  as implicit arguments.

# $\wedge$ -Elimination in Coq (cont.)

- Automatically generated `and_ind`:

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

- Proposition to prove:

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

Lemma `and_E1_alt`: `A`.

- A proof in Coq:

`apply t`.

- The proof term in Coq:

```
and_E1_alt =
let H : A := match t with
              | conj x _ => x
              end in
H
      : A
```

# $\wedge$ -Elimination in Coq (cont.)

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

or

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

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

## Definition of or ( $\vee$ ):

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

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

## Proposition to prove:

Hypothesis t: A.

Lemma or\_I1: A  $\vee$  B.

## A proof in Coq:

```
left; assumption.
```

## The proof term in Coq:

```
or_I1 = or_introl t  
      : A \vee B
```

# V-Elimination in Coq

🌐 Automatically generated `or_ind`:

```
or_ind =
fun (A B P : Prop) (f : A -> P) (f0 : B -> P)
  (o : A \\/ 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 \\/ B -> P
```

🌐 Proposition to prove:

```
Hypothesis t: A \\/ B.
Hypothesis t1: A -> C.
Hypothesis t2: B -> C.
Lemma or_E: C.
```

🌐 A proof in Coq:

```
elim t; assumption; assumption.
```

🌐 The proof term in Coq:

```
or_E = or_ind t1 t2 t
      : C
```

# T-Introduction in Coq

## 🌐 Definition of True ( $\top$ ):

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

## 🌐 Automatically generated True\_ind:

```
True_ind =  
fun (P : Prop) (f : P) (t : True) =>  
match t with  
| I => f  
end  
      : forall P : Prop, P -> True -> P
```

## 🌐 Proposition to prove:

```
Lemma true_I: True.
```

## 🌐 A proof in Coq:

```
exact I.
```

## 🌐 The proof term in Coq:

```
true_I = I  
      : True
```

## $\perp$ -Elimination in Coq

- Definition of False ( $\perp$ ):

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

- Automatically generated False\_ind:

```
False_ind =
fun (P : Prop) (f : False) =>
match f return P with
end
      : forall P : Prop, False -> P
```

- Proposition to prove:

```
Hypothesis t: False.
Lemma false_E: A.
```

- A proof in Coq:

```
elim t.
```

- The proof term in Coq:

```
false_E = False_ind A t
      : A
```

## $\forall$ -Introduction in Coq

🌐 The universal quantifier `forall` ( $\forall$ ) is a primitive in Coq (CIC)

🌐 Proposition to prove:

```
Variable D: Set.
```

```
Variables P Q: D -> Prop.
```

```
Section All_I.
```

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

```
Lemma all_I: forall y, P y.
```

```
...
```

```
End All_I.
```

🌐 A proof in Coq:

```
intro; apply h.
```

🌐 The proof term in Coq:

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

# $\forall$ -Elimination in Coq

🌐 The universal quantifier forall ( $\forall$ ) is a primitive in Coq (CIC)

🌐 Proposition to prove:

Hypothesis h: forall x, P x.

Variable t: D.

Lemma all\_E: P t.

🌐 A proof in Coq:

apply h.

🌐 The proof term in Coq:

```
all_E = h t
      : P t
```

## $\exists$ -Introduction in Coq

### Definition of $\exists$ ( $\exists$ ):

Inductive  $\text{ex}$  (A : Type) (P : A  $\rightarrow$  Prop) : Prop :=  
 $\text{ex\_intro}$  : forall x : A, P x  $\rightarrow$  exists y, P y.

Note: “exists x, p” is a defined notation for  
 “ex (fun x => p)”.

Note: the type of  $\text{ex\_intro}$  is actually

forall (A: Type) (P: A  $\rightarrow$  Prop) (x: A), P x  $\rightarrow$  exists y, P y.

### Proposition to prove:

Variable y: D.

Hypothesis H: P y.

Lemma  $\text{exists\_I}$ : exists x, P x.

### A proof in Coq:

exists y; assumption.

### The proof term in Coq:

$\text{exists\_I}$  =  
 $\text{ex\_intro}$  (fun x : D => P x) y H  
 : exists x : D, P x

## Elimination in Coq

### Automatically generated `ex_ind`:

```

ex_ind =
fun (A : Type) (P : A -> Prop) (P0 : Prop)
  (f : forall x : A, P x -> P0) (e : exists y, P y) =>
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) ->
        (exists y, P y) -> P0

```

### Proposition to prove:

Hypothesis `t`: `exists x, P x`.

Lemma `exists_E`: `exists y, P y`.

### A proof in Coq:

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

### The proof term in Coq:

```

exists_E =
ex_ind
  (fun (x : D) (H : P x) =>
    ex_intro (fun y : D => P y) x H) t
  : exists y : D, P y

```



# =-Introduction in Coq

🌐 Definition of eq (=):

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

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

🌐 Proposition to prove:

```
Lemma eq_I: t1=t1.
```

🌐 A proof in Coq:

```
reflexivity.
```

🌐 The proof term in Coq:

```
eq_I = eq_refl  
      : t1 = t1
```

## =-Elimination in Coq

- Automatically generated `eq_ind`:

```

eq_ind =
fun (A : Type) (x : A) (P : A -> Prop)
  (f : P x) (y : A) (e : x = y) =>
match e in (_ = y0) return (P y0) with
| eq_refl => f
end
      : forall (A : Type) (x : A) (P : A -> Prop),
        P x -> forall y : A, x = y -> P y

```

- Proposition to prove:

Hypothesis H:  $t_1=t_2$ .

Lemma `eq_E`:  $t_2=t_1$ .

- A proof in Coq:

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

- The proof term in Coq:

```

eq_E =
eq_ind t1 (fun d : D => d = t1) eq_refl t2 H
      : t2 = t1

```

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