

*PVS for Computer Scientists*  
*Tutorial*

*Part 1: propositional and predicate logic*

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# *Talk's Plan*

*Motivation: formalization - proofs & deduction*

Deduction *à la* Gentzen

Exercise 1: propositional logic

*Formal proofs — Proofs in the Prototype Verification System - PVS*

Exercise 2: deduction in the predicate logic

*Summary Gentzen versus PVS*

Additional Exercise: correctness of algorithms

# *Gentzen Calculus*

*sequents:*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Gamma & \Rightarrow & \Delta \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ \text{antecedent} & & \text{succedent} \end{array}$$

## Gentzen Calculus

*Table:* RULES OF DEDUCTION *à la* GENTZEN FOR PREDICATE LOGIC

left rules	right rules
Axioms:	
$\Gamma, \varphi \Rightarrow \varphi, \Delta$ (Ax)	$\perp, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta$ ( $L\perp$ )
Structural rules:	
$\frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta}{\varphi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta}$ (LWeakening)	$\frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta}{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \varphi}$ (RWeakening)
$\frac{\varphi, \varphi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta}{\varphi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta}$ (LContraction)	$\frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \varphi, \varphi}{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \varphi}$ (RContraction)

# Gentzen Calculus

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left rules	right rules
Logical rules:	
$\frac{\varphi_{i \in \{1,2\}}, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta}{\varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta} (L_{\wedge})$	$\frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \varphi \quad \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \psi}{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \varphi \wedge \psi} (R_{\wedge})$
$\frac{\varphi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta \quad \psi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta}{\varphi \vee \psi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta} (L_{\vee})$	$\frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \varphi_{i \in \{1,2\}}}{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \varphi_1 \vee \varphi_2} (R_{\vee})$
$\frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \varphi \quad \psi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta}{\varphi \rightarrow \psi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta} (L_{\rightarrow})$	$\frac{\varphi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \psi}{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \varphi \rightarrow \psi} (R_{\rightarrow})$
$\frac{\varphi[x/t], \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta}{\forall_x \varphi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta} (L_{\forall})$	$\frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \varphi[x/y]}{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \forall_x \varphi} (R_{\forall}), \quad y \notin \text{fv}(\Gamma, \Delta)$
$\frac{\varphi[x/y], \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta}{\exists_x \varphi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta} (L_{\exists}), \quad y \notin \text{fv}(\Gamma, \Delta)$	$\frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \varphi[x/t]}{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \exists_x \varphi} (R_{\exists})$

# Gentzen Calculus

Derivation of the Peirce's law:

$$\begin{array}{c}
 (RW) \frac{\varphi \Rightarrow \varphi \text{ (Ax)}}{\varphi \Rightarrow \varphi, \psi} \\
 (R_{\rightarrow}) \frac{\varphi \Rightarrow \varphi, \psi}{\Rightarrow \varphi, \varphi \rightarrow \psi} \quad \varphi \Rightarrow \varphi \text{ (Ax)} \\
 \hline
 \frac{\Rightarrow \varphi, \varphi \rightarrow \psi \quad \varphi \Rightarrow \varphi \text{ (Ax)}}{(\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow \varphi \Rightarrow \varphi} \text{ (L}_{\rightarrow}\text{)} \\
 \hline
 \frac{(\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow \varphi \Rightarrow \varphi}{\Rightarrow ((\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow \varphi) \rightarrow \varphi} \text{ (R}_{\rightarrow}\text{)}
 \end{array}$$



## *Gentzen Calculus*

*Cut rule:*

$$\boxed{\frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \varphi \quad \varphi, \Gamma' \Rightarrow \Delta'}{\Gamma\Gamma' \Rightarrow \Delta\Delta'} \text{ (Cut)}}$$

## Gentzen Calculus - dealing with negation: c-equivalence

$$\varphi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta \quad \text{one-step c-equivalent} \quad \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \neg\varphi$$

$$\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \varphi \quad \text{one-step c-equivalent} \quad \neg\varphi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta$$

The **c-equivalence** is the equivalence closure of this relation.

*Lemma (One-step c-equivalence)*

(i)  $\vdash_G \varphi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta$  iff  $\vdash_G \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \neg\varphi$ ;

(ii)  $\vdash_G \neg\varphi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta$  iff  $\vdash_G \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \varphi$ .



## *Gentzen Calculus - dealing with negation*

*Proof.*

(i) **Necessity:**

$$\frac{\varphi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta}{\varphi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \perp} \text{ (RW)}$$

$$\frac{\varphi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \perp}{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \neg\varphi} \text{ (R}_{\rightarrow}\text{)}$$

**Sufficiency:**

$$\text{(LW)} \frac{\frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \neg\varphi}{\varphi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \neg\varphi} \quad \frac{\text{(Ax)} \varphi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \varphi \quad \perp, \varphi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta \text{ (L}_{\perp}\text{)}}{\neg\varphi, \varphi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta} \text{ (L}_{\rightarrow}\text{)}}{\varphi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta} \text{ (CUT)}$$

## Gentzen Calculus - dealing with negation

(ii) **Necessity:**

$$\frac{
 \begin{array}{c}
 \text{(R}_{\rightarrow}\text{)} \frac{\text{(Ax)} \varphi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \varphi, \varphi, \perp}{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \varphi, \varphi, \neg \varphi} \quad \perp, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \varphi, \varphi \text{ (L}_{\perp}\text{)} \\
 \text{(L}_{\rightarrow}\text{)} \frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \varphi, \varphi, \neg \varphi}{\neg \neg \varphi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \varphi, \varphi} \\
 \text{(R}_{\rightarrow}\text{)} \frac{\neg \neg \varphi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \varphi, \varphi}{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \varphi, \neg \varphi \rightarrow \varphi}
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \frac{
 \frac{\neg \varphi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta}{\neg \varphi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \varphi, \perp} \text{(RW)} \quad \text{(R}_{\rightarrow}\text{)} \frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \varphi, \neg \varphi}{\varphi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \varphi} \text{(Ax)}
 }{\neg \neg \varphi \rightarrow \varphi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \varphi}
 }{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \varphi}$$

**Sufficiency:**

$$\frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \varphi \quad \perp, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta}{\neg \varphi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta} \text{(L}_{\rightarrow}\text{)}$$

□





## *There is no Plan B - Exercise 1*

See the file `planetB.pvs` in:

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or

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# *The Prototype Verification System - PVS*

**PVS** is a verification system, developed by the SRI International Computer Science Laboratory, which consists of

- 1 a *specification language*:
  - HO functional language;
  - a type system based on Church's simple theory of types augmented with *subtypes* and *dependent types*.
- 2 an *interactive theorem prover*:
  - based on Gentzen's **sequent calculus**:  $\Gamma \vdash \Delta$ , where  $\Gamma$  and  $\Delta$  are finite sequences of formulae, with the usual Gentzen semantics.

## *Sequent calculus in PVS*

- Representation of  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m \vdash B_1, B_2, \dots, B_n$ :

$$\begin{array}{c}
 [-1] A_1 \\
 \vdots \\
 [-m] A_m \\
 | \text{---} \\
 [1] B_1 \\
 \vdots \\
 [n] B_n
 \end{array}$$

- Proof tree: each node is labelled by a sequent.
- A PVS proof command corresponds to the application of an inference rule.
  - In general:

$$\frac{\Gamma | \text{---} \Delta}{\Gamma_1 | \text{---} \Delta_1 \dots \Gamma_n | \text{---} \Delta_n} \text{ (Rule Name)}$$

## *Some inference rules in PVS*

- Structural:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ [-i] A \wedge \neg B \\ \vdots \\ | \text{---} \\ \vdots \\ [j] \neg C \rightarrow D \\ \vdots \end{array} & \text{(copy - i)} & \begin{array}{c} [-1] A \wedge \neg B \\ \vdots \\ [-(i+1)] A \wedge \neg B \\ \vdots \\ | \text{---} \\ \vdots \\ [j] \neg C \rightarrow D \\ \vdots \end{array}
 \end{array}$$

## *Some inference rules in PVS*

- Structural:

$$[-1] A \wedge \neg B$$
$$\vdots$$
$$[-(i+1)] A \wedge \neg B$$
$$\vdots$$
$$|---$$
$$\vdots$$
$$[j] \neg C \rightarrow D$$
$$\vdots$$

(hide  $- (i + 1)$ )

$$[-1] A \wedge \neg B$$
$$\vdots$$
$$|---$$
$$\vdots$$
$$[j] \neg C \rightarrow D$$
$$\vdots$$



## *Some inference rules in PVS*

- Propositional:

|---

[1]  $A \wedge B \rightarrow (C \vee D \rightarrow C \vee (A \wedge C))$

(flatten)

[-1]  $A$

[-2]  $B$

[-3]  $C \vee D$

|---

[1]  $C$

[2]  $A \wedge C$

## *Some inference rules in PVS*

- Propositional:

$$\begin{array}{l} [-1] (A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow A \\ |--- \\ [1] A \end{array}$$

(split -1)

$$\begin{array}{l} [-1] A \\ |--- \\ [1] A \\ \\ |--- \\ [1] A \rightarrow B \\ [2] A \end{array}$$

## *Some inference rules in PVS*

- Propositional - semantics of PVS instructions:

$$\frac{\frac{a, \Gamma \vdash \Delta, b}{\Gamma \vdash \Delta, a \rightarrow b} \text{ (flatten)}}{\Gamma \vdash \Delta, \text{if } a \text{ then } b \text{ else } c \text{ endif}} \quad \frac{\frac{\Gamma \vdash \Delta, a, c}{\Gamma \vdash \Delta, \neg a \rightarrow c} \text{ (flatten)}}{\text{ (split)}}$$

$$\frac{\frac{a, b, \Gamma \vdash \Delta}{a \wedge b, \Gamma \vdash \Delta} \text{ (flatten)}}{\text{if } a \text{ then } b \text{ else } c \text{ endif}, \Gamma \vdash \Delta} \quad \frac{\frac{c, \Gamma \vdash \Delta, a}{\neg a \wedge c, \Gamma \vdash \Delta} \text{ (flatten)}}{\text{ (split)}}$$

## *Some inference rules in PVS*

- Propositional:

|---  
[1]  $\text{gcd}(m, n) = \text{gcd}(n, m)$       (case “ $m \geq n$ ”)

[−1]  $m \geq n$   
|---  
[1]  $\text{gcd}(m, n) = \text{gcd}(n, m)$

|---  
[1]  $m \geq n$   
[2]  $\text{gcd}(m, n) = \text{gcd}(n, m)$

## *Some inference rules in PVS*

- Propositional (propax):

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

$$\frac{\Gamma, \text{FALSE} \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma, \text{FALSE} \vdash \Delta} \text{ (FALSE } \vdash \text{)}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash \text{TRUE}, \Delta} \text{ (}\vdash \text{TRUE)}$$

*Some inference rules in PVS*● Predicate:

$$\begin{array}{l}
 [-1] \forall_{x:T} : P(x) \\
 [-2] \exists_{x:T} : \neg P(x) \\
 |--- \\
 \end{array}
 \quad (\text{skolem } -2 \text{ "z"})
 \quad
 \begin{array}{l}
 [-1] \forall_{x:T} : P(x) \\
 |--- \\
 [1] P(z)
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 [-1] \forall_{x:T} : P(x) \\
 |--- \\
 [1] P(z)
 \end{array}
 \quad (\text{inst } -1 \text{ "z"})
 \quad
 \left( \begin{array}{l}
 [-1] P(z) \\
 |--- \\
 [1] P(z)
 \end{array} \right) \text{ Q.E.D.}$$



## *Analysis of GCD properties - Exercise 2*

See the file [pred\\_gcd.pvs](#) in:

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## Summary - Gentzen Deductive Rules vs Proof Commands

*Table:* STRUCTURAL LEFT RULES VS PROOF COMMANDS

Structural left rules	PVS commands
$\frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta}{\varphi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta} \text{ (LW)}$	$\frac{\varphi, \Gamma \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash \Delta} \text{ (hide)}$
$\frac{\varphi, \varphi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta}{\varphi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta} \text{ (LC)}$	$\frac{\varphi, \Gamma \vdash \Delta}{\varphi, \varphi, \Gamma \vdash \Delta} \text{ (copy)}$

# Summary - Gentzen Deductive Rules vs Proof Commands

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Structural right rules	PVS commands
$\frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta}{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \varphi} \text{ (RW)}$	$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \Delta, \varphi}{\Gamma \vdash \Delta} \text{ (hide)}$
$\frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \varphi, \varphi}{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \varphi} \text{ (RC)}$	$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \Delta, \varphi}{\Gamma \vdash \Delta, \varphi, \varphi} \text{ (copy)}$

# Summary - Gentzen Deductive Rules vs Proof Commands

Table: LOGICAL LEFT RULES VS PROOF COMMANDS

left rules	PVS commands
$\frac{\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta}{\varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta} \text{ (L}\wedge\text{)}$	$\frac{\varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2, \Gamma \vdash \Delta}{\varphi_{i \in \{1,2\}}, \Gamma \vdash \Delta} \text{ (flatten)}$
$\frac{\varphi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta \quad \psi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta}{\varphi \vee \psi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta} \text{ (L}\vee\text{)}$	$\frac{\varphi \vee \psi, \Gamma \vdash \Delta}{\varphi, \Gamma \vdash \Delta \quad \psi, \Gamma \vdash \Delta} \text{ (split)}$
$\frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \varphi \quad \psi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta}{\varphi \rightarrow \psi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta} \text{ (L}\rightarrow\text{)}$	$\frac{\varphi \rightarrow \psi, \Gamma \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash \Delta, \varphi \quad \psi, \Gamma \vdash \Delta} \text{ (split)}$
$\frac{\varphi[x/t], \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta}{\forall_x \varphi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta} \text{ (L}\forall\text{)}$	$\frac{\forall_x \varphi, \Gamma \vdash \Delta}{\varphi[x/t], \Gamma \vdash \Delta} \text{ (inst)}$
$\frac{\varphi[x/y], \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta}{\exists_x \varphi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta} \text{ (L}\exists\text{)}$	$\frac{\exists_x \varphi, \Gamma \vdash \Delta}{\varphi[x/y], \Gamma \vdash \Delta} \text{ (skolem), } y \notin \text{fv}(\Gamma, \Delta)$

# Summary - Gentzen Deductive Rules vs Proof Commands

*Table:* LOGICAL RIGHT RULES VS PROOF COMMANDS

right rules	PVS commands
$\frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \varphi \quad \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \psi}{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \varphi \wedge \psi} \text{ (R}\wedge\text{)}$	$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \Delta, \varphi \wedge \psi}{\Gamma \vdash \Delta, \varphi \quad \Gamma \vdash \Delta, \psi} \text{ (split)}$
$\frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \varphi_{i \in \{1,2\}}}{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \varphi_1 \vee \varphi_2} \text{ (R}\vee\text{)}$	$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \Delta, \varphi_1 \vee \varphi_2}{\Gamma \vdash \Delta, \varphi_1, \varphi_2} \text{ (flatten)}$
$\frac{\varphi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \psi}{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \varphi \rightarrow \psi} \text{ (R}\rightarrow\text{)}$	$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \Delta, \varphi \rightarrow \psi}{\varphi, \Gamma \vdash \Delta, \psi} \text{ (flatten)}$
$\frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \varphi[x/y]}{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \forall_x \varphi} \text{ (R}\forall\text{)}$	$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \Delta, \forall_x \varphi}{\Gamma \vdash \Delta, \varphi[x/y]} \text{ (skolem), } y \notin \text{fv}(\Gamma, \Delta)$
$\frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \varphi[x/t]}{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \exists_x \varphi} \text{ (R}\exists\text{)}$	$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \Delta, \exists_x \varphi}{\Gamma \vdash \Delta, \varphi[x/t]} \text{ (inst)}$

## *PVS proof rules versus Gentzen SC rules*

	(hide)	(copy)	(flatten)	(split)	(skolem)	(inst)	(lemma)	(case)
(Ax)			✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
(L <sub>⊥</sub> )			✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
(LW)	×							
(LC)		×						
(L <sub>∧</sub> )			×					
(L <sub>∨</sub> )				×				
(L <sub>→</sub> )				×				
(L <sub>∀</sub> )						×		
(L <sub>∃</sub> )					×			
(RW)	×							
(RC)		×						
(R <sub>∧</sub> )				×				
(R <sub>∨</sub> )			×					
(R <sub>→</sub> )			×					
(R <sub>∀</sub> )					×			
(R <sub>∃</sub> )						×		
(Cut)							×	×

## *GCD algorithm correctness - Additional Exercise*

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## Checking algorithmic properties - Additional Exercise

```

euclidean_gcd(m, (n | NOT m=0 OR NOT n=0)) : RECURSIVE posnat =
  IF abs(m) = abs(n) THEN abs(m)
  ELSE IF (m = 0 OR n = 0) THEN abs(m+n)
    ELSE IF (abs(n) > abs(m)) THEN
      euclidean_gcd(rem(abs(m))-abs(n), abs(m))
    ELSE euclidean_gcd(rem(abs(n))(abs(m)),abs(n))
    ENDIF
  ENDIF
ENDIF
MEASURE abs(m)+abs(n)

```

It works?

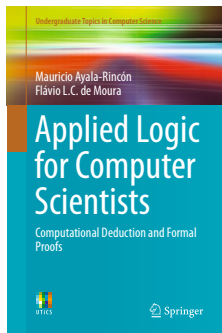
Does this specification compute correctly the ‘gcd’ of the definition?

## *Checking algorithmic properties - Additional Exercise*

```
euclidean_gcd_is_correct : COROLLARY
  FORALL (m, (n | NOT m=0 OR NOT n=0)) :
    divides(euclidean_gcd(m,n),m) AND
    divides(euclidean_gcd(m,n),n) AND
  FORALL (k) : divides(k,m) AND divides(k,n) =>
    k <= euclidean_gcd(m,n)
```



## References



Logic for CS with applications  
to algorithm verification and  
details on the relations between  
Gentzen DN and SC rules  
and PVS proof commands

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