# Semantics of Programming Languages Exercise Sheet 1

Before beginning to solve the exercises, open a new theory file named Ex01.thy and add the the following three lines at the beginning of this file.

theory Ex01 imports Main begin

# Exercise 1.1 Calculating with natural numbers

Use the **value** command to turn Isabelle into a fancy calculator and evaluate the following natural number expressions:

"(2::nat)" "(2::nat) \* (5 + 3)" "(3::nat) \* 4 - 2 \* (7 + 1)" Can you explain the last result?

# Exercise 1.2 Natural number laws

Formulate and prove the well-known laws of commutativity and associativity for addition of natural numbers.

# Exercise 1.3 Counting elements of a list

Define a function which counts the number of occurrences of a particular element in a list.

**fun** count :: "'a list  $\Rightarrow$  'a  $\Rightarrow$  nat"

Test your definition of *count* on some examples and prove that the results are indeed correct.

Prove the following inequality (and additional lemmas if necessary) about the relation between *count* and *length*, the function returning the length of a list.

**theorem** "count xs  $x \leq length xs$ "

## Exercise 1.4 Adding elements to the end of a list

Recall the definition of lists from the lecture. Define a function *snoc* that appends an element at the right end of a list. Do not use the existing append operator @ for lists.

**fun** snoc :: "'a list  $\Rightarrow$  'a  $\Rightarrow$  'a list"

Convince yourself on some test cases that your definition of *snoc* behaves as expected, for example run:

value "snoc [] c"

Also prove that your test cases are indeed correct, for instance show:

lemma "snoc [] c = [c]"

Next define a function *reverse* that reverses the order of elements in a list. (Do not use the existing function *rev* from the library.) Hint: Define the reverse of x # xs using the *snoc* function.

**fun** reverse :: "'a list  $\Rightarrow$  'a list"

Demonstrate that your definition is correct by running some test cases, and proving that those test cases are correct. For example:

value "reverse [a, b, c]" lemma "reverse [a, b, c] = [c, b, a]"

Prove the following theorem. Hint: You need to find an additional lemma relating *reverse* and *snoc* to prove it.

**theorem** "reverse (reverse xs) = xs"

# Homework 1.1 More Finger Exercise with Lists

Submission until Tuesday, October 23, 10:00am.

# Submission Instructions

Submissions are handled via https://competition.isabelle.systems/.

- Register an account in the system and send the tutor an e-mail with your username.
- Select the competition "Semantics" and submit your solution following the instructions on the website.
- The system will check that your solution can be loaded in Isabelle2018 without any errors and reports how many of the main theorems you were able to prove.
- You can upload multiple times; the last upload before the deadline is the one that will be graded.

• If you have any problems uploading, or if the submission seems to be rejected for reasons you cannot understand, please contact the tutor.

General hints:

- If you cannot prove a lemma, that you need for a subsequent proof, assume this lemma by using sorry.
- Define the functions as simply as possible. In particular, do not try to make them tail recursive by introducing extra accumulator parameters this will complicate the proofs!
- All proofs should be straightforward, and take only a few lines.

Define a function fold\_right that iteratively applies a function to the elements of a list. More precisely fold\_right  $f [x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n]$  a should compute  $f x_1 (f x_2 (\ldots (f x_n a)))$ . The following evaluate to true, for instance:

**value** "fold\_right (+) [1,2,3] (4 :: nat) = 10" **value** "fold\_right (#) [a,b,c] [] = [a,b,c]"

Prove that *fold\_right* applied to the result of *map* can be contracted into a single *fold\_right*:

#### lemma

"fold\_right f (map g xs)  $a = fold_right$  (f o g) xs a"

Here o is the regular composition operator on functions, i.e.  $f \circ g = (\lambda x. f (g x)).$ 

Prove the following lemma on *fold\_right* and *append*:

#### lemma

"fold\_right f (xs @ ys)  $a = fold_right f xs$  (fold\_right f ys a)"

For the remainder of the homework we will consider the special case where f is the addition operation on natural numbers. Prove that sums over natural numbers can be "pulled apart":

#### lemma

"fold\_right (+) (xs @ ys) (0 :: nat) = fold\_right (+) xs 0 + fold\_right (+) ys 0"

The notation (+) is just a shorthand for  $\lambda x y$ . x + y.

Finally prove that calculating the sum from the right and from the left yields the same result:

## lemma

"fold\_right (+) (reverse xs) (x :: nat) = fold\_right (+) xs x"

You may need a lemma about *snoc* and *fold\_right*.