



Introduction to PVS

- PVS is a comprehensive verification system with an expressive language, powerful theorem prover, Emacs-based user interface, and many other components
- The language is based on higher-order type theory, with support for functions, tuples, records, cotuples, predicate subtypes, dependent types, and inductive data types.
- Typechecking is undecidable, and leads to proof obligations, called *Type correctness conditions* (TCCs)

PVS Theories

- Specifications consist of a collection of *theories*, each of which primarily consists of types, constants, and formulas
- Theories may be parameterized with types or constants (or theories)
- Theories may import other theories, providing instances for the parameters
- Theories may include an ASSUMING section, imposing constraints on its parameters

Declarations of PVS include:

- types defined or uninterpreted, empty or nonempty
- constants and (logical) variables
- definitions recursive definitions need a *measure*
- formulas axioms, assumptions, lemmas, etc.
- inductive and coinductive definitions
- judgements provide typing judgements to the typechecker and prover
- conversions provide automatic conversions
- auto-rewrites used to initialize proofs
- libraries associates names with external directories
- macros expanded during typechecking

Example Theory

```
list2finseq[T: TYPE]: THEORY
BEGIN
 1: VAR list[T]
 fs: VAR finseq[T]
 n: VAR nat
 list2finseq(l): finseq[T] =
    (# length := length(l),
       seq := (LAMBDA (x: below[length(1)]): nth(1, x)) #)
  finseq2list_rec(fs, (n: nat | n <= length(fs))): RECURSIVE list[T] =</pre>
    TF n = 0
       THEN null
       ELSE cons(fs'seq(length(fs) - n), finseq2list_rec(fs, n-1))
   ENDIF
   MEASURE n
  finseq2list(fs): list[T] = finseq2list_rec(fs, length(fs))
 CONVERSION list2finseq, finseq2list
END list2finseq
```

PVS Tool

- Emacs user interface, but can be run stand-alone
- Proof trees and theory hierarchies may be displayed
- Extensive set of prelude theories
- Large number of libraries, including analysis, graph theory, finite sets
- Primarily implemented in Common Lisp
- Recently ported to CMU Common Lisp started SBCL port
- Soon will be open source (GPL)

What's New? - Summary

- Covered In this talk:
 - Cotuples
 - Type Extensions
 - Structural Subtypes
 - Recursive Judgements
 - Theory Interpretations
- Not covered:
 - Random Testing
 - **Yices** integration
 - Coinductive definitions
 - Codatatypes
 - PVSio
 - Translation to CLEAN

Cotuples

• Cotuples (also known as sums or coproducts) create a disjoint union of types:

```
[int + bool + [int -> bool]]
```

 This is roughly equivalent to the (non-recursive) datatype

```
co: DATATYPE
BEGIN
in_1(out_1: int): in?_1
in_2(out_2: bool): in?_2
in_3(out_3: [int -> bool]): in?_3
END co
```

but without the need to name the type, and without generating extra baggage (axioms, induction schemas, etc.)



- Expressions such as IN_1(3) cannot be typechecked inside out
- Two extensions made to handle this:
 - The typechecker now allows (internal) cotuple type variables - must be instantiated from the context
 - The grammar allows the type to be specified directly: IN_1[cT] (3)
- The latter is needed for situations where the context cannot determine the type: IN_1(3) = IN_1(4)
- These extensions were also applied to tuple projections, e.g., the type of PROJ_1 may be determined from context, or given explicitly as PROJ_1[[int, int, bool]]

• *Type extensions* make it easy to extend a record or tuple type by adding more components:

• Fields may be shared, as long as the types are the same:

[# x: int, y: above(x) #] WITH [# x: int, z: upfrom(x) #]

• Dependencies must stay local:

```
[# x, y: int #] WITH [# z: subrange(x, y)) #]
```

this is not allowed

• Similarly for tuple types - the types simply append

Structural subtypes provide partial support for object-oriented specifications by allowing class hierarchies to be modeled

```
genpoints[gpoint: TYPE <: [# x, y: real #]]: THEORY</pre>
 BEGIN
  move(p: gpoint)(dx, dy: real): gpoint =
    p WITH ['x := p'x + dx, 'y := p'y + dy]
 END genpoints
colored_points: THEORY
BEGIN
  Color: TYPE = {red, green, blue}
  colored_point: TYPE = [# x, y: real, color: Color #]
  IMPORTING genpoints[colored_point]
  x, y: real
 p: VAR colored_point
  move0: LEMMA move(p)(0, 0) = p
  same_color: LEMMA move(p)(x, y)'color = p'color
 END colored_points
```



Structural and Predicate Subtypes It is possible to use both: genpoints[gpoint: TYPE <: [# x, y: real #],</pre> spoint: TYPE FROM gpoint]: THEORY BEGIN move(p: spoint)(dx, dy: real): spoint = LET newp = p WITH ['x := p'x + dx, 'y := p'y + dy] IN IF spoint_pred(newp) THEN newp ELSE p ENDIF END genpoints

- *Recursive judgements* are judgements that apply to recursive functions
- As judgements, they work exactly the same as the corresponding non-recursive judgements
- The advantage is that the TCCs generated follow the structure of the recursive definition, and thus are generally easier to prove
- In effect, the TCCs include the base case(s) and the inductive step(s) separately
- The (slight) disadvantage is that it is no longer obvious which TCCs are associated with the judgement
- This supports the specification style in which all proofs are pushed into TCCs, and are made as automatic as possible

Recursive Judgement Example

```
append_int(l1, l2: list[int]): RECURSIVE list[int] =
   CASES 11 OF
     null: 12,
     cons(x, y): cons(x, append_int(y, 12))
   ENDCASES
   MEASURE length(11)
append_nat: JUDGEMENT append_int(a, b: list[nat]) HAS_TYPE list[nat]
This yields the TCC
append_nat: OBLIGATION
 FORALL (a, b: list[nat]):
   every[int]({i: int | i >= 0})(append_int(a, b));
Which is difficult to prove automatically (or manually)
```

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Recursive Judgement Example
Adding the RECURSIVE keyword:
append_nat: RECURSIVE JUDGEMENT
  append_int(a, b: list[nat]) HAS_TYPE list[nat]
We get the TCC
append_nat_TCC1: OBLIGATION
 FORALL (a, b: list[nat], x: int, y: list[int]):
   every({i: int | i >= 0})(append_int(a, b)) AND a = cons(x, y) IMPLIES
    every[int]({i: int | i >= 0})(cons[int](x, append_int(y, b)));
Which is easily discharged with grind
```

Theory Interpretations

- Theory interpretations allow a given source theory to be viewed as another target theory, for example, viewing the integers as a group over addition.
- A theory interpretation gives values to uninterpreted types and constants of the source in terms of the target
- Axioms of the source are interpreted as TCCs that must be proved for soundness
- All other *formulas* are interpreted, and considered to be proved if their parent formula is (*proofchain analysis*)





```
th[T: TYPE, x: T]: THEORY
BEGIN
  S: TYPE
  y: S
  . . .
 END
thi: THEORY
BEGIN
  IMPORTING[nat, 0]{{S := bool, y := true}}
  . . .
END thi
```





In addition to type and constants, theories may takes other *theories as parameters*

```
gr[grp: THEORY group]: THEORY
BEGIN
x, y: VAR G
unique_id: LEMMA (FORALL x: x + -x = y AND -x + x = y) => y = 0
END gr
```

Theory declarations may be also declared in-line (as with types and constants):

```
gr: THEORY
BEGIN
grp: THEORY group
x, y: VAR G
unique_id: LEMMA (FORALL x: x + -x = y AND -x + x = y) => y = 0
END gr
```



- As the theory copies must be "stand-alone", this generally means that there must not be any declarations preceding the theory declaration (IMPORTINGs are OK)
- Otherwise there will either be circular references, or ambiguity.
- In the future, we plan to allow references to partial theories (theories up to a declaration), which will then allow more freedom in theory declaration placement
- Theory copies differ according to whether the interpreted symbols are substituted away, become definitions, or are simple renamings

Theory Copies Example

```
group: THEORY
 BEGIN
  G: TYPE+
  +: [G, G -> G]
  0: G
  -: [G -> G]
  x, y, z: VAR G
  associative_ax: AXIOM FORALL x, y, z: x + (y + z) = (x + y) + z
  identity_ax: AXIOM FORALL x: x + 0 = x
   inverse ax: AXIOM FORALL x: x + -x = 0
   idempotent_is_identity: LEMMA x + x = x \Rightarrow x = 0
 END group
group_mappings: THEORY
  BEGIN
   G1: THEORY = group{{G := int, + := +, 0 := 0, - := -}}
   G2: THEORY = group{{G = int, + = +, 0 = 0, - = -}}
   G3: THEORY = group{{G ::= g, + ::= *, 0 ::= 1, - ::= inv}}
  END group_mappings
```



- There is more to theory interpretations:
 - Theory views
 - Naming conventions
 - Nested theories
- See the Theory Interpretations document at http://pvs.csl.sri.com/docuimentation and the release notes for more information
- Very likely to be new theory interpretation features as we gain experience