Propositions and Predicates

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In this class, we shall present how *Coq*'s type system allows us to express properties of programs and/or mathematical objects.
We will try to show the great expressive power of this formalism, mostly by examples.

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(Erratum: as noticed during the lecture,*
*2 < 3 actually is somewhat reducible *)*

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= (2 < 3)%nat (Erratum(2) : intended example was on nat *)*
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Notice that the following examples are well formed propositions :

```
Zlt_bool 2 3 = true
Zlt_bool 2 3 = false
Zeq_bool (6*6) (9*4) = true
6*6=9*4
45 <= Zmax 34 45
```

Quantifiers and Connectives

The following are well-formed propositions :

```
(* The square of any integer is greater or equal than 0 *)
forall n:Z, 0 <= n * n

(* There exists at least some integer whose square is 4 *)
exists n:Z, n * n = 4

(* Z is unbounded *)
forall n:Z, exists p:Z, n < p

(* A well-formed, unprovable proposition *)
forall n:Z, n^2 <= 2^n
```

There exists some useful notations for nested quantifiers, which we shall present in further examples.

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```
forall n : Z, ∼ n < n : Prop

```
(* There is no integer square root of 2 *)
Check ∼(exists n:Z, n*n = 2).

Require Import List.
(* No number in the empty list of integers ! *)
forall z:Z, ∼ In z nil.
∼ (exists z:Z, In z nil).
```

Implication (→, -> in ascii)

```
(*  Zle_trans *)
forall n m p : Z, n <= m → m <= p → n <= p.

(*  Zlt_asym *)
forall n p:Z,  n < p →  ~ p < n.
```

Disjunction (or, \/)

```
forall n:Z, 0 <= n \/ n < 0.

forall n p : Z, n < p \/ p <= n.

forall n p : Z, n < p \/ p = n \/ p < n.

(forall n : nat, n = 0 \/ exists p:nat, p < n)%nat.

forall l:list Z,
   l = nil \/ exists a, exists l', l = a::l'.
```

Conjonction (and, /\)

```
let (q,r) :=  Zdiv_eucl 456 37 in
                   456 = 37 * q + r /\
                   0 <= r < 37. (*  0 <= r /\ r < 37 *)

forall a b q r: Z, 0 < b →
                   a = b * q + r →
                   0 <= r < b →
                   q = a / b /\ r = a mod b.
```

Logical Equivalence (iff, ↔, <-> in ascii)

```
(* Zlt_is_lt_bool *)
forall n m : Z, n < m ↔ Zlt_bool n m = true

forall l1 l2 : list Z,
   (forall z:Z, In z (l1 ++ l2)  ↔
    In z l1 \/ In z l2).
```

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```
Definition is_square_root (n r : Z) :=
    r * r <= n < (r+1)*(r+1).
```

```
Check is_square_root 9 3.
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The `is_square_root` can be used to *specify* a square root function : If you build a `sqrt` function, you'll want to prove that :

```
forall n, 0<=n → is_square_root n (sqrt n)
```

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Definition is_prime (n:Z) :=
  2 <= n /\
  forall p q, 0 < p → 0 < q → n = p * q →
              p = n \/ q = n.
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Predicates can be built either directly, or inductively, or recursively. For instance, given a type `A`, membership in a `(list A)` can be written :

```
Fixpoint In (a:A) (l:list A) : Prop :=
    match l with
      | nil => False
      | b :: m => b = a \/ In a m
    end.
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(* number of occurences of n in l *)
Fixpoint multiplicity (n:Z)(l:list Z) : nat :=
  match l with
    nil => 0%nat
  | a::l' => if Zeq_bool n a
             then S (multiplicity n l')
             else multiplicity n l'
  end.

(* l' is a permutation of l *)
Definition is_perm (l l':list Z) :=
    forall n, multiplicity n l = multiplicity n l'.
```

Specifying a merge function

```
(* The binary function f preserves
  the elements' multiplicity  *)

Definition preserves_multiplicity
      (f : list Z → list Z → list Z) :=
  forall l l' n,
     multiplicity n (f l l') =
    (multiplicity n l + multiplicity n l')%nat.
```

Specifying a merge function (2)

```
(* let's assume the following predicate "to be sorted"
  is defined *)
Parameter sorted_Zle : list Z → Prop.

Definition preserves_sort
      (f : list Z → list Z → list Z) :=
  forall l l', sorted_Zle l → sorted_Zle l' →
               sorted_Zle (f l l').

Definition merge_spec (f : list Z → list Z → list Z):=
  preserves_sort f /\ preserves_multiplicity f.
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absurd: forall A C : Prop, A → ~ A → C
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  Lemma or_ex_not_iff : forall P Q, or_ex P Q →
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Definition sort_correct :=
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        (R : relation A)
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  decides2 A R r →
  forall l, let l' := sort A r l in
    sorted A R l' /\
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