

# Inductive data types

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In this class, we shall present how *Coq*'s type system allows us to define **data types** using **inductive declarations**.

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An arbitrary type as assumed by :

Variable  $T$  : Type.

gives no a priori information on the nature, the number, or the properties of its inhabitants.

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Each such rule is called a **constructor**.

## Inductive declarations in *Coq*

Inductive types in *Coq* can be seen as the generalization of similar type constructions in more common programming languages.

They are in fact an extremely rich way of defining data-types, operators, connectives, specifications,...

They are at the core of powerful programming and reasoning techniques.

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Inductive color:Type :=  
| white | black | yellow | cyan | magenta  
| red | blue | green.
```

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*cyan : color*

Labels refer to **distinct** elements.

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= false  
: bool
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```
Lemma bool_case : forall b : bool, b = true ∨ b = false.
```

```
Proof.
```

```
intro b.
```

```
case b.
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Proof.

```
(* Case analysis + computation *)
```

```
intro x; case x; simpl; intro e.
```

```
(* In the three first cases: e: false = true *)
```

```
  discriminate e.
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(* Now: e: true = true *)
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Two important tactics, not specific to enumerated types :

- ▶ `simpl` : makes computation progress (pattern matching applied to a term starting with a constructor)
- ▶ `discriminate` : allows to use the fact that constructors are distincts :
  - ▶ `discriminate H` : closes a goal featuring a hypothesis  $H$  like  $(H : \text{true} = \text{false})$ ;
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Base case constructors do not feature self-reference to the type.  
**Recursive case** constructors do.

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```
Inductive term : Set :=  
| Zero : term  
| One : term  
| Plus : term -> term -> term  
| Mult : term -> term -> term.
```

An inhabitant of a recursive type is built from a **finite** number of constructor applications.

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Constructors are **injective** :

```
Lemma inj_leaf : forall x y, Leaf x = Leaf y -> x = y.
```

```
Proof.
```

```
  intros x y hLxLy.
```

```
  injection hLxLy.
```

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  trivial.
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Qed.

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The type `term` is the **smallest type** containing `Zero` and `One`, and closed under `Plus` and `Mult`.

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The induction principles generated at definition time by the system allow to :

- ▶ Program by recursion (Fixpoint)
- ▶ Prove by induction (induction)

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  | Node _ t1 t2 => (size t1) + (size t2) + 1  
  end.
```



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We can access some information contained in a term :

```
Require Import List.
```

```
Fixpoint label_at_occ (dflt : nat)
```

```
      (t : natBinTree)(u : list bool) :=
```

```
match u, t with
```

```
|nil, _ =>
```

```
  (match t with Leaf n => n | Node n _ _ => n end)
```

```
|b :: t1, t =>
```

```
  match t with
```

```
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```

```
    | Node _ t1 t2 =>
```

```
      if b then label_at_occ t2 t1 dflt
```

```
      else label_at_occ t1 t1 dflt
```

```
  end
```

```
end.
```

## Recursive types : proofs by structural induction

We have already seen induction at work on nats and lists.  
Here its goes on binary trees :

```
Lemma le_height_size : forall t : natBinTree,  
    height t <= size t.
```

Proof.

```
induction t; simpl.  
  auto.  
  apply plus_le_compat_r.  
  apply max_case.  
    apply (le_trans _ _ _ IHt1).  
    apply le_plus_l.  
    apply (le_trans _ _ _ IHt2).  
    apply le_plus_r.
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Use it to lift a type to a copy of this type but with a **default value** :

```
Fixpoint olast (A : Type)(l : list A) : option A :=
  match l with
  | nil => None
  | a :: nil => Some a
  | a :: l => olast A l
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The notation `A * B` denotes `(prod A B)`.

The notation `(x, y)` denotes `(pair x y)` (implicit argument).

```
Check (2, 4).      : nat * nat
```

```
Check (true, 2 :: nil). : bool * (list nat)
```

Fetching the components :

```
Eval compute in (fst (0, true)).
= 0 : nat
```

```
Eval compute in (snd (0, true)).
= true : bool
```

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Pairs can be nested :

```
Check (0, 1, true).
```

```
      : nat * nat * bool
```

```
Eval compute in (fst (0, 1, true)).
```

```
      = (0, 1)
```

```
      : nat * nat
```

This can also be adapted to polymorphic n-tuples :

```
Inductive triple (T1 T2 T3 : Type) :=
```

```
  Triple T1 -> T2 -> T3 -> triple T1 T2 T3.
```

## Record types

A record type bundles pieces of data you wish to gather in a single type.

```
Record admin_person := MkAdmin {  
  id_number : nat;  
  date_of_birth : nat * nat * nat;  
  place_of_birth : nat;  
  gender : bool}
```

They are also inductive types with a single constructor!



## Record types

You can access to the **fields** :

```
Variable t : admin_person.
```

```
Check (id_number t).
```

```
      : nat
```

```
Check id_number.
```

```
fun a : admin_person =>
```

```
    let (id_number, _, _, _) := a in id_number
```

```
    : admin_person -> nat
```

In proofs, you can break an element of record type with tactics `case/destruct`.