

Quick reference to Coq commands and syntax

1 Programming

Loading preamble	<pre>SearchPattern (nat -> nat). SearchPattern (list _ -> list _).</pre>
<pre>Require Import Arith List Bool.</pre>	

Loading preamble for mathematical components	Notations for lists concatenation <code>l1 ++ l2</code>
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From <code>mathcomp</code> <pre>Require Import all_ssreflect.</pre>	Notations for numbers
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Plain definition	addition <code>x + y</code> subtraction <code>x - y</code> multiplication <code>x * y</code> division <code>x / y</code> modulo <code>x mod y</code>
Definition <pre>myfun (x : nat) := x + 2.</pre>	

Recursive definition	Testing you own code
Fixpoint <pre>addl (l : list nat) := match l with nil => 0 a :: s => a + addl s end.</pre>	<pre>Check fun x => myfun x. Compute addl (1 :: 2 :: nil).</pre>

Unnamed function	Using binary numbers
<pre>fun x : nat => x + 2</pre>	<pre>Require Import ZArith.</pre>

Finding predefined functions	<pre>Open Scope Z_scope. Check 3. Check 3%nat.</pre>
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2 Logical formulas

Example formula in Prop

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exists l : list nat, l <> nil /\
forall x,
  In x l -> x = 2 \/ In x + 3
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3 Proofs

Starting a proof

Qed.

Lemma addl_ge n l :

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In n l -> n <= addl l.
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Proof.

Finding an existing theorem

Ending a proof.

Search "sub" _ (_ = S _).

4 Tactics

Tactics to interact with logical connectives

	\Rightarrow	\forall	\wedge
Hypothesis H	apply H	apply H	destruct H as [H1 H2]
conclusion	intros H	intros H	split
	\neg	\exists	\vee
Hypothesis H	exfalso; apply H	destruct H as [x H1]	destruct H as [H1 H2]
conclusion	intros H	exists v	left or right
	$=$	False	
Hypothesis H	rewrite H rewrite <- H	destruct H	
conclusion	reflexivity ring		

Basic all-purpose tactics

assert, exact e, assumption

Tactics to control program computation

Tactics to interact with data

Expose function code : unfold f

Provoke recursive execution simpl,
simpl expr,cbn[function_name]

Choose final value : change expr,

change e1 with e2,

replace e1 with e2

Case based reasoning : case e or destruct e as [| a]

Case based reasoning : destruct e as [| a] eqn:e_eq
with memo. hypothesis

Data contradiction : discriminate or discriminate H

Decompose equality : injection H

5 Automatic tactics

Permanently available tactics auto, eauto, tauto, intuition, firstorder

Specialized tactics (available when loading a package)

equalities between expressions : ring

inequalities (linear) : lia (after Require Import Psatz.)