

Intuition v.0.3 — User Manual*

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Abstract

We present here the information on how to use the Intuition typechecker and prover.

1 Preliminaries

Intuition consists of two independent programs: typechecker and prover. The typechecker takes a first-order formula in TPTP format with its potential proof written in own syntax and checks if the proof indeed proves the formula. The prover generates proofs of first-order formulae. The typechecker is written in C programming language while the prover is written in Haskell.

This document is constructed as follows. We present the way the typechecker can be used in Section 2 and in Section 3.

2 How to Use the Typechecker?

The typechecker `intuitiontc` can be called in two ways

```
> ./intuitiontc -F <filename>
```

where `<filename>` is the name of a file in TPTP format with a FOF formula. In this case the program just parses the formula and exits. Alternatively the program can be invoked as

```
> ./intuitiontc -P <filename>
```

where `<filename>` is the name of a file in TPTP format with a FOF formula, and its proof in natural deduction form. In this case the program checks if the proof contained in the file is indeed a proof of the formula present there.

For example one can parse the following formula written in the TPTP format

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```
fof(example_07,conjecture, (! [X] : vP(X)) => (? [X] : vP(X))).
```

that represents the formula

$$(\forall X.vP(X)) \implies (\exists X.vP(X)).$$

More examples of the formulas can be found in the `.tptp` files located in `tests/examples-formulas/` directory of the typechecker source code distribution file.

One can also check the correctness of a proof. For instance for the extended TPTP code

```
fof(example_04,conjecture,
  (vA | vB) => (vB | vA),
inference(
lambda(x, fof(vA | vB),
  case(var(x),
    y, fof(vA),
      in2(var(y), fof(vB | vA)),
    z, fof(vB),
      in1(var(z), fof(vB | vA))
  ))) .
```

Note that the portion of the expression enclosed in `inference(...)` block represents the proof written in the format presented below in Section 2.1. The code above represents the assignment to check correctness of the judgement

$$\begin{aligned} \vdash \lambda x : vA \vee vB. \text{case } x \text{ in} \\ \quad \text{left } y.in_{2,vB \vee vA}(y) \\ \quad \text{right } z.in_{1,vB \vee vA}(z) : vA \vee vB \implies vB \vee vA \end{aligned}$$

More examples of formulas and their proofs can be found in `tests/examples-proofs/` directory of the typechecker source code distribution file.

2.1 The Grammar of Proofs

The proof terms analysed by `intuitiontc` should be located in the formula annotations section of the `fof` TPTP expression. They are enclosed in `inference(...)` expression there. The grammar of proof terms themselves is as presented in Figure 1. The grammar uses TPTP productions for first-order formulas (`fof_formula`) and atomic words, i.e. words that start with a small letter (`atomic_word`).

3 How to Use the Prover?

The prover program can be used interactively from the Haskell interactive environment. One has to construct a formula to generate proof for and then invoke the `convertType`

```

proof_term ::=
  exfalse ( proof_term, term_fof_formula )
| lambda ( atomic_word, term_fof_formula, proof_term )
| app ( proof_term, proof_term )
| abstract ( atomic_word, term_fof_formula,
            atomic_word, term_fof_formula,
            proof_term, proof_term )
| existI ( proof_term, proof_term, term_fof_formula )
| case ( proof_term, case_term , case_term )
| in1 ( proof_term, term_fof_formula )
| in2 ( proof_term, term_fof_formula )
| proj1 ( proof_term )
| proj2 ( proof_term )
| tuple ( proof_term, proof_term, term_fof_formula )
| var ( atomic_word )
term_fof_formula ::= fof ( fof_formula )
case_term ::= atomic_word, term_fof_formula, proof_term

```

Figure 1: The grammar of proof terms.

function. For example to construct a proof for the formula

$$\forall x.(a \implies b \implies c) \implies a \implies c$$

one can in Haskell build the formula

```

let
  tested = Tall "x" (Tall "_" a (Tall "_" b c))
                (Tall "_" a c)
  a = Tvar "a"
  b = Tvar "b"
  c = Tvar "c"
in

```

and then invoke `convertType` as follows

```

print $ convertType tested

```

More examples are available in the directory `tests` of the prover source code distribution file.