Isabelle/Isar quick reference

A.1 Proof commands

A.1.1 Primitives and basic syntax

fix x	augment context by $\bigwedge x$. \Box
assume $a: \varphi$	augment context by $\varphi \Longrightarrow \Box$
then	indicate forward chaining of facts
have $a: \varphi$	prove local result
show $a: \varphi$	prove local result, refining some goal
using a	indicate use of additional facts
unfolding a	unfold definitional equations
proof $m_1 \ldots$ qed m_2	indicate proof structure and refinements
{}	indicate explicit blocks
next	switch blocks
note $a = b$	reconsider facts
let $p = t$	abbreviate terms by higher-order matching
write c (mx)	declare local mixfix syntax
$proof = prfx^* \operatorname{proof} \\ prfx^* \operatorname{done} \\ prfx^* \operatorname{done} \\ urfx^* \operatorname{done} \\ using facts \\ unfolding f \\ stmt = \{ stmt^* \} \\ next \\ note name \\ let term = 1 \\ write name \\ fix var^+ \\ assume name \\ urfame data \\ $	<pre>method? stmt* qed method? od iacts = facts term (mixfix) ne: props</pre>
goal = have name: show name:	props proof props proof

A.1.2 Abbreviations and synonyms

by $m_1 m_2$	\equiv	proof m_1 qed m_2
••	\equiv	$\mathbf{by} \ rule$
•	\equiv	by this
hence	\equiv	then have
\mathbf{thus}	\equiv	then show
from a	\equiv	note a then
with a	\equiv	from a and this
from this	\equiv	then
from this have	\equiv	hence
from this show	\equiv	thus

A.1.3 Derived elements

$also_0$	\approx	note calculation $=$ this
\mathbf{also}_{n+1}	\approx	note calculation = trans $[OF \ calculation \ this]$
finally	\approx	also from <i>calculation</i>
moreover	\approx	note calculation = calculation this
ultimately	\approx	moreover from calculation
presume $a: \varphi$	\approx	assume $a: \varphi$
def $a: x \equiv t$	\approx	fix x assume $a: x \equiv t$
obtain x where $a: \varphi$	\approx	\dots fix x assume a: φ
case c	\approx	fix x assume $c: \varphi$
sorry	\approx	by cheating

A.1.4 Diagnostic commands

$print_state$	print proof state
print_statement	print fact in long statement form
thm \overline{a}	print fact
$\mathbf{prop}\;\varphi$	print proposition
term t	print term
typ $ au$	print type

A.2 Proof methods

Single steps (forward-chaining facts)

assumption	apply some assumption
this	apply current facts
rule a	apply some rule
rule	apply standard rule (default for proof)
contradiction	apply \neg elimination rule (any order)
cases t	case analysis (provides cases)
induct x	proof by induction (provides cases)

Repeated steps (inserting facts)

_	no rules
intro a	introduction rules
$intro_classes$	class introduction rules
elim a	elimination rules
unfold a	definitional rewrite rules

Automated proof tools (inserting facts)

i prover	intuitionistic proof search
blast, fast	Classical Reasoner
$simp, simp_all$	Simplifier $(+$ Splitter $)$
auto, force	Simplifier + Classical Reasoner
arith	Arithmetic procedures

A.3 Attributes

Rules

OF a	rule resolved with facts (skipping "_")
of t	rule instantiated with terms (skipping "_")
where $x = t$	rule instantiated with terms, by variable name
symmetric	resolution with symmetry rule
THEN b	resolution with another rule
$rule_format$	result put into standard rule format
$elim_format$	destruct rule turned into elimination rule format

Declarations

simp	Simplifier rule
intro, elim, dest	Pure or Classical Reasoner rule
iff	Simplifier + Classical Reasoner rule
split	case split rule
trans	transitivity rule
sym	symmetry rule

A.4 Rule declarations and methods

	rule	i prover	blast	simp	auto
			fast	$simp_all$	force
Pure.elim! Pure.intro!	×	×			
Pure.elim Pure.intro	\times	×			
elim! intro!	×		×		×
elim intro	\times		×		×
$i\!f\!f$	×		×	Х	×
iff ?	\times				
elim? intro?	×				
simp				Х	×
cong				Х	×
split				×	×