Deduction, Abduction and Induction

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Introduction to Abduction

- Consider K ⊨ F where K is a set of formulas called knowledge base and F is a formula
- ▶ In the next example I will use the following propositional atoms: grassIsWet, wheeIsAreWet, sprinklerIsRunning, raining
- $\blacktriangleright \ \mathsf{Let} \ \mathcal{K} = \{ g \to \mathsf{w}, \ \mathsf{s} \to \mathsf{w}, \ \mathsf{r} \to \mathsf{g} \}$
 - \triangleright Does $\mathcal{K} \models w$ hold?
- ▶ Idea Find an atom A such that $\mathcal{K} \cup \{A\} \models w$ and $\mathcal{K} \cup \{A\}$ is satisfiable
 - $\triangleright A = w$
 - $\triangleright A = g$
 - \triangleright A = s or A = r
- ► This process is called abduction

Introduction to Induction

- $\text{Let } \mathcal{K}_{\textit{plus}} = \{ (\forall Y : \textit{number}) \ \textit{plus}(0, Y) \approx Y, \\ (\forall X, Y : \textit{number}) \ \textit{plus}(s(X), Y) \approx s(\textit{plus}(X, Y)) \}$
 - ▶ Does $\mathcal{K}_{plus} \models (\forall X, Y : number) plus(X, Y) \approx plus(Y, X) hold?$
- ▶ Consider $\mathcal{D} = \mathbb{N} \cup \{\diamondsuit\}$ and $\begin{array}{c|ccc} I & 0 & s & plus \\ \hline & 0 & f & \oplus \end{array}$ where

- \triangleright + : $\mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{N}$ is the usual addition on \mathbb{N} and $\mathbb{N}^+ = \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$
- ▶ Then $I \models \mathcal{K}_{plus}$ but $(\diamondsuit \oplus 0) \neq (0 \oplus \diamondsuit) \rightsquigarrow$ Exercise

The Example Continued

- $\mathcal{K}_{\textit{plus}} = \{ (\forall Y : \textit{number}) \, \textit{plus}(0, Y) \approx Y, \\ (\forall X, Y : \textit{number}) \, \textit{plus}(s(X), Y) \approx s(\textit{plus}(X, Y)) \}$
 - ▶ Does $\mathcal{K}_{plus} \models (\forall X, Y : number) plus(X, Y) \approx plus(Y, X) hold?$
- ▶ In order to prove the commutativity of plus add Peano's induction principle

$$(P(0) \land (\forall M : number) (P(M) \rightarrow P(s(M)))) \rightarrow (\forall M : number) P(M)$$

to \mathcal{K}_{plus} (where P is a relational variable)

- ▶ For the induction base (X = 0) we replace P(Y) by $plus(Y, 0) \approx Y$
- Let \mathcal{K}_l be an appropriate set of induction axioms then

$$\mathcal{K}_{plus} \cup \mathcal{K}_{I} \models (\forall X, Y : number) \ plus(X, Y) \approx plus(Y, X)$$

▶ How does K₁ look like? → Exercise

Deduction, Abduction and Induction

- ▶ Peirce 1931 $\mathcal{K}_{facts} \cup \mathcal{K}_{rules} \models G_{result}$
 - Deduction is an analytic process based on the application of general rules to particular facts, with the inference as a result
 - Abduction is synthetic reasoning which infers a fact from the rules and the result
 - Induction is synthetic reasoning which infers a rule from the facts and the result

Deduction

- All reasoning processes considered in the module Foundations so far are deductions
- ► The logics (first-order, equational) are unsorted
- They can be easily extended to sorted logics
- ▶ We will use a sorted logic in the subsection on Induction

Sorts

- ▶ $(\forall X, Y)$ (number $(X) \land$ number $(Y) \rightarrow plus(X, Y) \approx plus(Y, X))$
 - \triangleright $(\forall X, Y : number) plus(X, Y) <math>\approx$ plus(Y, X)
- ▶ A first order language with sorts consists of
 - ightharpoonup a first order language $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{R},\mathcal{F},\mathcal{V})$ and
 - ight
 angle a function $\underbrace{sort}: \mathcal{V}
 ightarrow 2^{\mathcal{R}_S}$

where $\mathcal{R}_S \subseteq \mathcal{R}$ is a finite set of unary predicate symbols called base sorts

- ▶ Elements of $2^{\mathcal{R}_S}$ are called sorts; $\emptyset \in 2^{\mathcal{R}_S}$ is called top sort
- We write X : s if sort(X) = s
- $lackbox{lack}$ We assume that for every sort s there are countably many variables X : $s \in \mathcal{V}$

Sorts - Semantics

▶ Let I be an interpretation with domain D

$$I: \mathbf{s} = \{p_1, \ldots, p_n\} \mapsto \mathbf{s}^I = \mathcal{D} \cap p_1^I \cap \ldots \cap p_n^I$$

- $\triangleright I: \emptyset \mapsto \mathcal{D}$
- ▶ A variable assignment \mathcal{Z} is sorted iff for all $X: s \in \mathcal{V}$ we find $X^{\mathcal{Z}} \in s^{l}$
- We assume that all sorts are non-empty
- F^{I,Z} is defined as usual except for

$$[(\exists X:s) F]^{I,Z} = \top$$
 iff there exists $d \in s^I$ such that $F^{I,\{X \mapsto d\}Z} = \top$
 $[(\forall X:s) F]^{I,Z} = \top$ iff for all $d \in s^I$ we find $F^{I,\{X \mapsto d\}Z} = \top$

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Relativization

 Sorted formulas can be mapped onto unsorted ones by means of a relativization function rel

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 \begin{array}{lll} rel(\rho(t_1,\ldots,t_n)) & = & \rho(t_1,\ldots,t_n) \\ rel(\neg F) & = & \neg rel(F) \\ rel(F_1 \wedge F_2) & = & rel(F_1) \wedge rel(F_2) \\ rel(F_1 \vee F_2) & = & rel(F_1) \vee rel(F_2) \\ rel(F_1 \to F_2) & = & rel(F_1) \to rel(F_2) \\ rel(F_1 \leftrightarrow F_2) & = & rel(F_1) \leftrightarrow rel(F_2) \\ rel((\forall X:s) F) & = & (\forall Y) \, (p_1(Y) \wedge \ldots \wedge p_n(Y) \to rel(F\{X \mapsto Y\})) \\ & \text{if } sort(X) = s = \{p_1,\ldots,p_n\} \text{ and } Y \text{ is a new variable} \\ rel((\exists X:s) F) & = & (\exists Y) \, (p_1(Y) \wedge \ldots \wedge p_n(Y) \wedge rel(F\{X \mapsto Y\})) \\ & \text{if } sort(X) = s = \{p_1,\ldots,p_n\} \text{ and } Y \text{ is a new variable} \\ \end{array}
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Sorting Function and Relation Symbols

Each atom of the form $p(t_1, \ldots, t_n)$ can be equivalently replaced by

$$(\forall X_1 \ldots X_n) (p(X_1, \ldots, X_n) \leftarrow X_1 \approx t_1 \wedge \ldots \wedge X_n \approx t_n)$$

▶ Each atom $A[f(t_1, ..., t_n)]$ can be equivalently replaced by

$$(\forall X_1 \ldots X_n) A \lceil f(t_1, \ldots, t_n) / f(X_1, \ldots, X_n) \rceil \leftarrow X_1 \approx t_1 \wedge \ldots \wedge X_n \approx t_n$$

- Each formula F can be transformed into an equivalent formula F', in which
 - \triangleright all arguments of function and relation symbols different from \approx are variables and
 - ▶ all equations are of the form $t_1 \approx t_2$ or $f(X_1, \ldots, X_n) \approx t$, where X_1, \ldots, X_n are variables and t, t_1 , and t_2 are variables or constants
- Sorting the variables occurring in F' effectively sorts the function and relation symbols

Sort Declaration

- F' is usually quite lengthy and cumbersome to read
- ▶ If sort(X) = s then the sort declaration for the variable X is

Let s_i , $1 \le i \le n$, and s be sorts, f a function and p a relation symbol, both with arity n. Then

$$f: s_1 \times \ldots \times s_n \to s$$

and

$$p: s_1 \times \ldots \times s_n$$

are sort declarations for f and p, respectively

Abduction

- Example Starting a car
- ► Applications
 - fault diagnosis
 - medical diagnosis
 - high level vision
 - natural language understanding
 - reasoning about states, actions, and causality
 - knowledge assimilation

A First Characterization of Abduction

- ▶ Given K and G; find explanation K' such that
 - $\triangleright \mathcal{K} \cup \mathcal{K}' \models G$ and
 - $\triangleright \mathcal{K} \cup \mathcal{K}'$ is satisfiable

The elements of \mathcal{K}' are said to be abduced

- Abducing atoms is no real restriction
- Weakness of this first characterization
 We want to abduce causes of effects but no other effects

Restrictions

- Abducible formulas
 - set of pre-specified and domain-dependent formulas
 - abduction is restricted to this set
 - default in logic programming: set of undefined predicates
- Typical criteria for choosing a set of abducible formulas
 - an explanation should be basic,
 i.e., it cannot be explained by another explanation
 - an explanation should be minimal,
 i.e., it cannot be subsumed by another explanation
 - additional information
 - domain-dependent preference criteria
 - integrity constraints

Abductive Framework

- ▶ Abductive framework $\langle \mathcal{K}, \mathcal{K}_A, \mathcal{K}_{IC} \rangle$ where
 - K is a set of formulas
 - $\triangleright \mathcal{K}_A$ is a set of ground atoms called abducibles
 - $\triangleright \mathcal{K}_{IC}$ is a set of integrity constraints
- ▶ Observation G is explained by K' iff
 - $ightharpoonup \mathcal{K}' \subseteq \mathcal{K}_A$
 - $ightharpoonup \mathcal{K} \cup \mathcal{K}' \models G$ and
 - $\triangleright \mathcal{K} \cup \mathcal{K}'$ satisfies \mathcal{K}_{IC}
- $\blacktriangleright \ \mathcal{K} \cup \mathcal{K}' \ \text{satisfies} \ \mathcal{K}_{\textit{IC}} \quad \text{iff} \quad$
 - $ightharpoonup \mathcal{K} \cup \mathcal{K}' \cup \mathcal{K}_{IC}$ are satisfiable (satisfiability view) or
 - $\triangleright \ \mathcal{K} \cup \mathcal{K}' \models \mathcal{K}_{\mathit{IC}} \ (\text{theoremhood view})$

Knowledge Assimilation

- Task assimilate new knowledge into a given knowledge base
- Example

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\mathcal{K} = \{ sibling(X, Y) \leftarrow parents(Z, X) \land parents(Z, Y), \}
             parents(X, Y) \leftarrow father(X, Y),
             parents(X, Y) \leftarrow mother(X, Y),
             father(john, mary),
             mother(jane, mary)
\triangleright \mathcal{K}_{IC} = \{ X \approx Y \leftarrow father(X, Z) \land father(Y, Z), \}
               X \approx Y \leftarrow mother(X, Z) \land mother(Y, Z) 
\triangleright \mathcal{K}_A = \{A \mid A \text{ is a ground instance of } father(john, Y) \text{ or } mother(jane, Y)\}
\triangleright \approx is a 'built-in' predicate such that
   \rightarrow X \approx X holds and

    s ≈ t holds for all distinct ground terms s and t

Task assimilate sibling(mary, bob)
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The Example Continued

- Two minimal explanations
 - ▶ {father(john, bob)}
 - ▶ {mother(jane, bob)}
- What happens if we additionally observe that mother(joan, bob)?
 - **belief revision**

Theory Revision

- Default reasoning and jumping to a conclusion
- Example

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\triangleright \mathcal{K} = \{ penguin(X) \rightarrow bird(X), \}
                      birdsFly(X) \rightarrow (bird(X) \rightarrow fly(X)),
                      penguin(X) \rightarrow \neg fly(X),
                      penguin(tweedy),
                      bird(john)
    \triangleright \mathcal{K}_{IC} = \emptyset
    \triangleright \mathcal{K}_A = \{A \mid A \text{ is a ground instance of } birdsFly(X)\}
► Task 1 Explain fly(john)
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- Task 2 Explain fly(tweedy)
- What happens if we additionally observe penguin(john)?

Abduction and Model Generation

▶ Example

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        ➤ K = { wobblyWheel ↔ brokenSpokes ∨ flatTyre, flatTyre ↔ puncturedTube ∨ leakyValve }

        ➤ K<sub>IC</sub> = ∅

        ➤ K<sub>A</sub> = { brokenSpokes, puncturedTube, leakyValve}
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 $ightharpoonup \mathcal{K} = \mathcal{K}_{\leftarrow} \cup \mathcal{K}_{\rightarrow} \text{ where }$

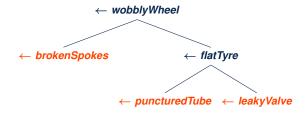
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 \mathcal{K}_{\leftarrow} = \{ & wobblyWheel \leftarrow brokenSpokes, \\ & wobblyWheel \leftarrow flatTyre, \\ & flatTyre \leftarrow puncturedTube, \\ & flatTyre \leftarrow leakyValve \\ \} \\ \triangleright \ \mathcal{K}_{\rightarrow} = \{ & wobblyWheel \rightarrow brokenSpokes \lor flatTyre, \\ & flatTyre \rightarrow puncturedTube \lor leakyValve \\ \end{cases}
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The Wobbly-Wheel Example

- ► Observation wobblyWheel
- What are the minimal and basic explanations?
- How can these explanation be computed?
 - SLD-resolution
 - Model generation

Abduction and SLD-Resolution

Consider the SLD-derivation tree for ← wobblyWheel wrt K←



Abduction and Model Generation

- Add wobblyWheel to K→
- What are the minimal models of the extended knowledge base?

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{wobblyWheel, flatTyre, puncturedTube}
{wobblyWheel, flatTyre, leakyValve}
{wobblyWheel, brokenSpokes}
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Restrict these models to the abducible predicates

Mathematical Induction

- Essential proof technique used to verify properties about recursively defined objects like natural numbers, lists, trees, logic formulas, etc.
- Central role in the fields of mathematics, algebra, logic, computer science, formal language theory, etc.

Some Typical Questions

- Should induction be really used to prove a statement?
- Should the statement be generalized before an attempt is made to prove it by induction?
- Which variable should be the induction variable?
- What induction principle should used?
- What property should be used within the induction principle?
- Should nested induction be taken into account?

Data Structures

- ► Function symbols are split into constructors and defined function symbols
- ightharpoonup Let $\mathcal F$ be the set of function symbols
 - ightharpoonup Constructors $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{F}$
 - $ight. Defined function symbols \ \mathcal{D} \subset \mathcal{F}$
 - $\triangleright \ \mathcal{C} \cap \mathcal{D} = \emptyset$
 - $\triangleright \ \mathcal{C} \cup \mathcal{D} = \mathcal{F}$
 - ho $\mathcal{T}(\mathcal{C})$ is called the set of constructor ground terms
- ▶ Data structures (or sorts) are sets of constructor ground terms

Data Structures – Examples

- ▶ 0 : number
 - $s: number \rightarrow number$
 - $ightharpoonup \mathcal{T}(\{0,\ s\})=\{0,\ s(0),\ s(s(0)),\ \ldots\}$ is called the sort *number*
- ▶ ⊤: bool
 - ⊥:bool
 - $\triangleright \mathcal{T}(\{\top, \perp\}) = \{\top, \perp\}$ is called the sort *bool*
- []: list(number)
 - $:: number \times list(number) \rightarrow list(number)$
 - $\mathcal{T}([],:]) = \{[], [0], [0,0], [s(0)], \ldots\}$ is called the sort *list(number)*

Well-Sortedness and Selectors

▶ Well-Sortedness

- Constants and variables are well-sorted
- ▶ If $f: sort_1 \times ... \times sort_n \rightarrow sort$ and for all $1 \le i \le n$ we find that t_i is well-sorted and of sort $sort_i$ then $f(t_1, ..., t_n)$ is well-sorted and of sort sort
- Assumption All terms are well-sorted!
- Selectors
 - For each *n*-ary constructor *c* we have *n* unary selectors s_i such that for all $1 \le i \le n$ we find $s_i(c(t_1, ..., t_n)) \approx t_i$

Data Structures – Requirements

- Different constructors denote different objects
- Constructors are injective
- Each object can be denoted as an application of some constructor to its selectors (if any exist)
- Each selector is 'inverse' to the constructor it belongs to
- Each selector returns a so-called witness term if applied to a constructor it does not belong to

Requirements for Numbers

- The requirements can be translated into first order formulas
- ▶ The requirements for number are

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 \mathcal{K}_{\text{number}} = \{ \begin{array}{l} (\forall N : number) \ 0 \not\approx s(N), \\ (\forall N, M : number) \ (s(N) \approx s(M) \rightarrow N \approx M), \\ (\forall N : number) \ (N \approx 0 \lor N \approx s(p(N))), \\ (\forall N : number) \ p(s(N)) \approx N, \\ p(0) \approx 0, \end{array}
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where

- p is the selector for the only argument of the constructor s and
- \triangleright 0 is the witness term assigned to p(0)
- Note p is a defined function symbol!

Defined Function Symbols

- Functions are defined on top of data structures
- We define functions with the help of a set of conditional equations, i.e., universally closed equations of the form

$$\forall I \approx r \leftarrow Body$$

such that I is a non-variable term (i.e. of the form $g(s_1, \ldots, s_n)$),

$$var(I) \supseteq var(r) \cup var(Body)$$

and Body denotes a conjunction of literals

- We sometimes omit the universal quantifiers in writing conditional equations

$$g(t_1,\ldots,t_n)\approx r\leftarrow Body$$

The set of conditional equations of this form in K is called definition of g wrt K

Defined Function Symbols – Examples

▶ Predecessor on number \mathcal{K}_p

$$(\forall N : number) p(s(N)) \approx N$$

 $p(0) \approx 0$

► Addition on number K_{plus}

$$(\forall X, Y : number) (plus(X, Y) \approx Y \qquad \leftarrow \quad X \approx 0) \\ (\forall X, Y : number) (plus(X, Y) \approx s(plus(p(X), Y)) \qquad \leftarrow \quad X \not\approx 0)$$

▶ Less-than on number K_{lt}

Rewriting Extended to Conditional Equations

- Let K be a finite set of conditional equations
- ▶ A term t can be rewritten wrt K iff
 - 1 t is well-sorted and ground
 - 2 t contains a subterm of the form $g(t_1, \ldots, t_n)$ where for all $1 \le i \le n$ we find that t_i is a constructor ground term
 - 3 $g(s_1,\ldots,s_n)\approx r\leftarrow \textit{Body}\in\mathcal{K}$ and
 - 4 we find an mgu θ for $g(s_1,\ldots,s_n)$ and $g(t_1,\ldots,t_n)$ such that $\mathcal{K}\models Body\theta$
- In this case t is rewritten to the term obtained from t by replacing $g(t_1, \ldots, t_n)$ by $r\theta$
- Note θ is a matcher because t is ground

Cases

▶ Let $g(s_1, ..., s_n) \approx r \leftarrow Body$ be a rule and $X_1, ..., X_n$ new variables

$$g(X_1,\ldots,X_n)\approx r\leftarrow X_1\approx s_1\wedge\ldots\wedge X_n\approx s_n\wedge Body$$

is called homogeneous form of this rule

Example

$$(\forall X, N : number) (p(X) \approx N \leftarrow X \approx s(N))$$

is the homogeneous form of

$$(\forall N : number) p(s(N)) \approx N$$

- ▶ Obervation A rule is semantically equivalent to its homogeneous form
- ▶ The case of a rule is the condition of its homogeneous form

Programs

- A program is a set of clauses consisting of data structure declarations and function definitions
- ightharpoonup Example $\mathcal{K}_{number} \cup \mathcal{K}_{plus}$ is a program

Properties of Programs

- ▶ A program K is
 - ightharpoonup well-formed iff it can be ordered such that each function symbol occurring in the definition of a function g in $\mathcal K$ either is introduced before by a data structure declaration or another function definition or, otherwise, is g in which case the function is recursive
 - ightharpoonup well-sorted iff each term occurring in ${\mathcal K}$ is well-sorted
 - ▷ deterministic iff for each function definition occurring in K the cases are mutually exclusive
 - case-complete iff for each function definition of an n-ary function g occurring in K and each well-sorted n-tuple of constructor ground terms given as input to g there is at least one of the cases which is satisfied
 - terminating iff there is no infinite rewriting sequence for any well-sorted ground term
 - admissible iff it is well-formed, well-sorted, deterministic, case-complete and terminating
- ► The rewrite relation wrt an admissible program is confluent → Exercise

Evaluation

- Admissible programs K define a unique evaluator eval_K which maps terms to their normal form
- ightharpoonup eval $_{\mathcal{K}}:~\mathcal{T}(\mathcal{F})
 ightarrow \mathcal{T}(\mathcal{C})$
- $ightharpoonup eval_{\mathcal{K}}(t)$ is called value of t
- $ightharpoonup eval_{\mathcal{K}}$ is an interpretation with domain $\mathcal{T}(\mathcal{C})$
- ightharpoonup eval $_{\mathcal{K}}$ is called standard interpretation of \mathcal{K}
- ightharpoonup Example Consider $\mathcal{K}_{number} \cup \mathcal{K}_{plus}$

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\begin{array}{l} \textit{plus}(s(0), s(0)) \\ \rightarrow s(\textit{plus}(p(s(0)), s(0))) \\ \rightarrow s(\textit{plus}(0, s(0))) \\ \rightarrow s(s(0)) \end{array}
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Evaluation – Example

- ▶ Consider $K = K_{number} \cup K_{plus}$
 - $ightharpoonup eval_{\mathcal{K}} \models \mathcal{K}$ $eval_{\mathcal{K}} \models (\forall X, Y : number) \ plus(X, Y) \approx plus(Y, X),$ $eval_{\mathcal{K}} \models (\forall X : number) \ X \not\approx s(X)$
 - $\mathcal{K} \not\models (\forall X, Y : number) \ plus(X, Y) \approx plus(Y, X)$ $\mathcal{K} \not\models (\forall X : number) \ X \not\approx s(X)$

Theory of Admissible Programs

- Let K be an admissible program
- ▶ We consider $\{G \mid eval_{\mathcal{K}} \models G\}$
- In other words, we restrict us to one specific interpretation
 This interpretation is sometimes called standard or intended interpretation
- ▶ Idea Add formulas to K such that non-standard interpretations are no longer models of K
 - These formulas are called induction axioms
 - ▶ Let \mathcal{K}_l be a decidable set of induction axioms such that $eval_{\mathcal{K}} \models \mathcal{K}_l$

Induction - Example

- ▶ Let $\mathcal{K} = \mathcal{K}_{number} \cup \mathcal{K}_{plus}$
- ▶ Let \mathcal{K}_I be the set of all formulas of the form

$$(P(0) \land (\forall X : number) (P(X) \rightarrow P(s(X)))) \rightarrow (\forall X : number) P(X)$$

▶ This scheme can be instantiatied by, e.g., replacing P(X) by $X \approx s(X)$

$$\begin{array}{l} (0 \not\approx s(0) \wedge (\forall X : number) \ (X \not\approx s(X) \rightarrow s(X) \not\approx s(s(X)))) \\ \rightarrow \ (\forall X : number) \ X \not\approx s(X) \end{array}$$

- $ightharpoonup eval_{\mathcal{K}} \models (1) \rightsquigarrow \text{Exercise}$
- ▶ $\mathcal{K} \cup \{(1)\} \models (\forall X : number) X \not\approx s(X) \rightarrow \text{Exercise}$
 - ► The proof is finite (in contrast to a proof of eval_K |= (∀X: number) X ≈ s(X)))

Inductive Theorem Proving

- Theorem proving by induction is incomplete (Gödel's incompleteness theorem)
- Induction axioms may be computed from inductively defined data structures
- Heuristics may guide selection of
 - the induction variable
 - the induction schema and
 - the induction axiom
- Several theorem provers based on induction are available, e.g.,
 - ▶ NQTHM
 - ▶ OYSTER-CLAM
 - ► INKA