

Automated Reasoning

Lecture 7: Locales in Isabelle/HOL

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- ▶ For example, the integers $\{\dots, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ form a group under the operation of addition i.e. we can instantiate *mult* to $+$ and *unit* to 0 . More on instantiation later.

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- ▶ The definition of this locale can be inspected by typing **thm finitegraph_def** in Isabelle:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{finitegraph } ?edges \ ?vertices \equiv \\ & \text{finite } ?vertices \wedge \\ & (\forall uv. (u, v) \in ?edges \longrightarrow u \in ?vertices \wedge v \in ?vertices) \end{aligned}$$

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Alternatively, we can enter a locale at the theory level using the **context** keyword and formalize new definitions and theorems:

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Viewed in terms of the imported *finitegraph* locale (and the weighted edges axiom), we have:

```
weighted_finitegraph ?edges ?vertices ?weight ≡  
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  by (unfold_locales) simp
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Summary

- ▶ Axiomatization at the Isabelle theory level (i.e. as an extension of Isabelle/HOL) is not favoured as it can be unsound (see the additional exercise on the AR web page).
- ▶ Locales provide a sound way of reasoning locally about axiomatic theories.
- ▶ This was an introduction to locale declarations, extensions and interpretations.
 - ▶ There are many other features involving representation and reasoning using locales in Isabelle.
 - ▶ Reading: Tutorial on Locales and Locale Interpretation (on the AR Lecture Schedule page in Learn).