

# Haskell’s `Show`-Class in Isabelle/HOL\*

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## Abstract

We implemented a type-class for pretty-printing, similar to Haskell’s `Show`-class [1]. Moreover, we provide instantiations for Isabelle/HOL’s standard types like  $\mathbb{B}$ , *prod*, *sum*,  $\mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}$ , and  $\mathbb{Q}$ . It is further possible, to automatically derive “to-string” functions for arbitrary user defined datatypes similar to Haskell’s “`deriving Show`”.

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## 1 Converting Arbitrary Values to Readable Strings

A type class similar to Haskell’s `Show` class, allowing for constant-time concatenation of strings using function composition.

```
theory Show
imports
  Main
```

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*Deriving.Generator-Aux*  
*Deriving.Derive-Manager*  
**begin**

**type-synonym**  
*shows = string ⇒ string*

— show-functions with precedence

**type-synonym**  
*'a showsp = nat ⇒ 'a ⇒ shows*

## 1.1 The Show-Law

The "show law",  $shows-prec\ p\ x\ (r\ @\ s) = shows-prec\ p\ x\ r\ @\ s$ , states that show-functions do not temper with or depend on output produced so far.

**named-theorems** *show-law-simps* *<simplification rules for proving the show law>*

**named-theorems** *show-law-intros* *<introduction rules for proving the show law>*

**definition** *show-law* :: *'a showsp ⇒ 'a ⇒ bool*

**where**

*show-law\ s\ x*  $\longleftrightarrow (\forall p\ y\ z. s\ p\ x\ (y\ @\ z) = s\ p\ x\ y\ @\ z)$

**lemma** *show-lawI*:

$(\bigwedge p\ y\ z. s\ p\ x\ (y\ @\ z) = s\ p\ x\ y\ @\ z) \Longrightarrow show-law\ s\ x$   
*<proof>*

**lemma** *show-lawE*:

$show-law\ s\ x \Longrightarrow (s\ p\ x\ (y\ @\ z) = s\ p\ x\ y\ @\ z \Longrightarrow P) \Longrightarrow P$   
*<proof>*

**lemma** *show-lawD*:

$show-law\ s\ x \Longrightarrow s\ p\ x\ (y\ @\ z) = s\ p\ x\ y\ @\ z$   
*<proof>*

**class** *show* =

**fixes** *shows-prec* :: *'a showsp*

**and** *shows-list* :: *'a list ⇒ shows*

**assumes** *shows-prec-append* [*show-law-simps*]:  $shows-prec\ p\ x\ (r\ @\ s) = shows-prec\ p\ x\ r\ @\ s$  **and**

*shows-list-append* [*show-law-simps*]:  $shows-list\ xs\ (r\ @\ s) = shows-list\ xs\ r\ @\ s$

**begin**

**abbreviation** *shows\ x*  $\equiv shows-prec\ 0\ x$

**abbreviation** *show\ x*  $\equiv shows\ x\ ''''$

**end**

Convert a string to a show-function that simply prepends the string unchanged.

**definition** *shows-string* :: *string*  $\Rightarrow$  *shows*

**where**

*shows-string* = (@)

**lemma** *shows-string-append* [*show-law-simps*]:

*shows-string* *x* (*r* @ *s*) = *shows-string* *x* *r* @ *s*

*<proof>*

**fun** *shows-sep* :: ('*a*  $\Rightarrow$  *shows*)  $\Rightarrow$  *shows*  $\Rightarrow$  '*a* *list*  $\Rightarrow$  *shows*

**where**

*shows-sep* *s* *sep* [] = *shows-string* "" |

*shows-sep* *s* *sep* [*x*] = *s* *x* |

*shows-sep* *s* *sep* (*x*#*xs*) = *s* *x* *o sep o shows-sep* *s* *sep* *xs*

**lemma** *shows-sep-append* [*show-law-simps*]:

**assumes**  $\bigwedge r s. \forall x \in \text{set } xs. \text{shows } x (r @ s) = \text{shows } x r @ s$

**and**  $\bigwedge r s. \text{sep } (r @ s) = \text{sep } r @ s$

**shows** *shows-sep* *shows* *x* *sep* *xs* (*r* @ *s*) = *shows-sep* *shows* *x* *sep* *xs* *r* @ *s*

*<proof>*

**lemma** *shows-sep-map*:

*shows-sep* *f* *sep* (*map* *g* *xs*) = *shows-sep* (*f* *o* *g*) *sep* *xs*

*<proof>*

**definition**

*shows-list-gen* :: ('*a*  $\Rightarrow$  *shows*)  $\Rightarrow$  *string*  $\Rightarrow$  *string*  $\Rightarrow$  *string*  $\Rightarrow$  *string*  $\Rightarrow$  '*a* *list*  $\Rightarrow$  *shows*

**where**

*shows-list-gen* *shows* *x* *e* *l* *s* *r* *xs* =

(if *xs* = [] then *shows-string* *e*

else *shows-string* *l* *o shows-sep* *shows* *x* (*shows-string* *s*) *xs* *o shows-string* *r*)

**lemma** *shows-list-gen-append* [*show-law-simps*]:

**assumes**  $\bigwedge r s. \forall x \in \text{set } xs. \text{shows } x (r @ s) = \text{shows } x r @ s$

**shows** *shows-list-gen* *shows* *x* *e* *l* *sep* *r* *xs* (*s* @ *t*) = *shows-list-gen* *shows* *x* *e* *l* *sep* *r* *xs* *s* @ *t*

*<proof>*

**lemma** *shows-list-gen-map*:

*shows-list-gen* *f* *e* *l* *sep* *r* (*map* *g* *xs*) = *shows-list-gen* (*f* *o* *g*) *e* *l* *sep* *r* *xs*

*<proof>*

**definition** *pshowsp-list* :: *nat*  $\Rightarrow$  *shows* *list*  $\Rightarrow$  *shows*

**where**

*pshowsp-list* *p* *xs* = *shows-list-gen* *id* "" "" ["", ""], "" "" *xs*

**definition** *showsp-list* :: '*a* *showsp*  $\Rightarrow$  *nat*  $\Rightarrow$  '*a* *list*  $\Rightarrow$  *shows*

**where**

[*code del*]: *showsp-list* *s* *p* = *pshowsp-list* *p* *o map* (*s* *0*)

**lemma** *showsp-list-code* [*code*]:  
*showsp-list s p xs = shows-list-gen (s 0) "" "" "" "" "" "" xs*  
 ⟨*proof*⟩

**lemma** *show-law-list* [*show-law-intros*]:  
 $(\bigwedge x. x \in \text{set } xs \implies \text{show-law } s \ x) \implies \text{show-law } (\text{showsp-list } s) \ xs$   
 ⟨*proof*⟩

**lemma** *showsp-list-append* [*show-law-simps*]:  
 $(\bigwedge p \ y \ z. \forall x \in \text{set } xs. s \ p \ x \ (y \ @ \ z) = s \ p \ x \ y \ @ \ z) \implies$   
 $\text{showsp-list } s \ p \ xs \ (y \ @ \ z) = \text{showsp-list } s \ p \ xs \ y \ @ \ z$   
 ⟨*proof*⟩

## 1.2 Show-Functions for Characters and Strings

**instantiation** *char* :: *show*  
**begin**

**definition** *shows-prec*  $p \ (c::\text{char}) = (\#) \ c$   
**definition** *shows-list*  $(cs::\text{string}) = \text{shows-string } cs$   
**instance**  
 ⟨*proof*⟩

**end**

**definition** *shows-nl* = *shows* (CHR "↵")  
**definition** *shows-space* = *shows* (CHR " ")  
**definition** *shows-paren*  $s = \text{shows } (CHR "(") \ o \ s \ o \ \text{shows } (CHR ")")$   
**definition** *shows-quote*  $s = \text{shows } (CHR "0x27") \ o \ s \ o \ \text{shows } (CHR "0x27")$   
**abbreviation** *apply-if*  $b \ s \equiv (\text{if } b \ \text{then } s \ \text{else } \text{id})$  — conditional function application

Parenthesize only if precedence is greater than 0.

**definition** *shows-pl*  $(p::\text{nat}) = \text{apply-if } (p > 0) \ (\text{shows } (CHR "("))$   
**definition** *shows-pr*  $(p::\text{nat}) = \text{apply-if } (p > 0) \ (\text{shows } (CHR ")")$

**lemma**  
*shows-nl-append* [*show-law-simps*]: *shows-nl*  $(x \ @ \ y) = \text{shows-nl } x \ @ \ y$  **and**  
*shows-space-append* [*show-law-simps*]: *shows-space*  $(x \ @ \ y) = \text{shows-space } x \ @ \ y$   
**and**  
*shows-paren-append* [*show-law-simps*]:  
 $(\bigwedge x \ y. s \ (x \ @ \ y) = s \ x \ @ \ y) \implies \text{shows-paren } s \ (x \ @ \ y) = \text{shows-paren } s \ x \ @ \ y$  **and**  
*shows-quote-append* [*show-law-simps*]:  
 $(\bigwedge x \ y. s \ (x \ @ \ y) = s \ x \ @ \ y) \implies \text{shows-quote } s \ (x \ @ \ y) = \text{shows-quote } s \ x \ @ \ y$   
**and**  
*shows-pl-append* [*show-law-simps*]: *shows-pl*  $p \ (x \ @ \ y) = \text{shows-pl } p \ x \ @ \ y$  **and**  
*shows-pr-append* [*show-law-simps*]: *shows-pr*  $p \ (x \ @ \ y) = \text{shows-pr } p \ x \ @ \ y$   
 ⟨*proof*⟩

**lemma** *o-append*:

$(\bigwedge x y. f (x @ y) = f x @ y) \implies g (x @ y) = g x @ y \implies (f o g) (x @ y) = (f o g) x @ y$   
*<proof>*

*<ML>*

**instantiation** *list* :: (*show*) *show*  
**begin**

**definition** *shows-prec* (*p* :: *nat*) (*xs* :: 'a *list*) = *shows-list xs*

**definition** *shows-list* (*xss* :: 'a *list list*) = *showsp-list shows-prec 0 xss*

**instance**

*<proof>*

**end**

**definition** *shows-lines* :: 'a::*show list*  $\Rightarrow$  *shows*

**where**

*shows-lines* = *shows-sep shows shows-nl*

**definition** *shows-many* :: 'a::*show list*  $\Rightarrow$  *shows*

**where**

*shows-many* = *shows-sep shows id*

**definition** *shows-words* :: 'a::*show list*  $\Rightarrow$  *shows*

**where**

*shows-words* = *shows-sep shows shows-space*

**lemma** *shows-lines-append* [*show-law-simps*]:

*shows-lines xs (r @ s) = shows-lines xs r @ s*  
*<proof>*

**lemma** *shows-many-append* [*show-law-simps*]:

*shows-many xs (r @ s) = shows-many xs r @ s*  
*<proof>*

**lemma** *shows-words-append* [*show-law-simps*]:

*shows-words xs (r @ s) = shows-words xs r @ s*  
*<proof>*

**lemma** *shows-foldr-append* [*show-law-simps*]:

**assumes**  $\bigwedge r s. \forall x \in \text{set } xs. \text{showx } x (r @ s) = \text{showx } x r @ s$

**shows** *foldr showx xs (r @ s) = foldr showx xs r @ s*

*<proof>*

**lemma** *shows-sep-cong* [*fundef-cong*]:

**assumes** *xs = ys* **and**  $\bigwedge x. x \in \text{set } ys \implies f x = g x$

**shows** *shows-sep f sep xs = shows-sep g sep ys*  
⟨*proof*⟩

**lemma** *shows-list-gen-cong [fundef-cong]*:  
**assumes** *xs = ys and  $\bigwedge x. x \in \text{set } ys \implies f x = g x$*   
**shows** *shows-list-gen f e l sep r xs = shows-list-gen g e l sep r ys*  
⟨*proof*⟩

**lemma** *showsp-list-cong [fundef-cong]*:  
*xs = ys  $\implies p = q \implies$*   
*( $\bigwedge p x. x \in \text{set } ys \implies f p x = g p x$ )  $\implies$  showsp-list f p xs = showsp-list g q ys*  
⟨*proof*⟩

**abbreviation** (*input*) *shows-cons :: string  $\Rightarrow$  shows  $\Rightarrow$  shows (infixr +#+ 10)*  
**where**  
*s +#+ p  $\equiv$  shows-string s  $\circ$  p*

**abbreviation** (*input*) *shows-append :: shows  $\Rightarrow$  shows  $\Rightarrow$  shows (infixr +@+ 10)*  
**where**  
*s +@+ p  $\equiv$  s  $\circ$  p*

**instantiation** *String.literal :: show*  
**begin**

**definition** *shows-prec-literal :: nat  $\Rightarrow$  String.literal  $\Rightarrow$  string  $\Rightarrow$  string*  
**where** *shows-prec p s = shows-string (String.explode s)*

**definition** *shows-list-literal :: String.literal list  $\Rightarrow$  string  $\Rightarrow$  string*  
**where** *shows-list ss = shows-string (concat (map String.explode ss))*

**lemma** *shows-list-literal-code [code]*:  
*shows-list = foldr ( $\lambda s. \text{shows-string (String.explode s)}$ )*  
⟨*proof*⟩

**instance** ⟨*proof*⟩

**end**

Don't use Haskell's existing "Show" class for code-generation, since it is not compatible to the formalized class.

**code-reserved** *Haskell Show*

**end**

## 2 Instances of the Show Class for Standard Types

**theory** *Show-Instances*  
**imports**  
*Show*

*HOL.Rat*  
**begin**

**definition** *showsp-unit* :: *unit showsp*  
**where**  
  *showsp-unit* *p* *x* = *shows-string* "()"

**lemma** *show-law-unit* [*show-law-intros*]:  
  *show-law* *showsp-unit* *x*  
  ⟨*proof*⟩

**abbreviation** *showsp-char* :: *char showsp*  
**where**  
  *showsp-char* ≡ *shows-prec*

**lemma** *show-law-char* [*show-law-intros*]:  
  *show-law* *showsp-char* *x*  
  ⟨*proof*⟩

**primrec** *showsp-bool* :: *bool showsp*  
**where**  
  *showsp-bool* *p* *True* = *shows-string* "True" |  
  *showsp-bool* *p* *False* = *shows-string* "False"

**lemma** *show-law-bool* [*show-law-intros*]:  
  *show-law* *showsp-bool* *x*  
  ⟨*proof*⟩

**primrec** *pshowsp-prod* :: (*shows* × *shows*) *showsp*  
**where**  
  *pshowsp-prod* *p* (*x*, *y*) = *shows-string* "(" o *x* o *shows-string* ", " o *y* o *shows-string*  
  ")"

**definition** *showsp-prod* :: '*a* *showsp* ⇒ '*b* *showsp* ⇒ ('*a* × '*b*) *showsp*  
**where**  
  [*code del*]: *showsp-prod* *s1* *s2* *p* = *pshowsp-prod* *p* o *map-prod* (*s1* 1) (*s2* 1)

**lemma** *showsp-prod-simps* [*simp*, *code*]:  
  *showsp-prod* *s1* *s2* *p* (*x*, *y*) =  
  *shows-string* "(" o *s1* 1 *x* o *shows-string* ", " o *s2* 1 *y* o *shows-string* ")"  
  ⟨*proof*⟩

**lemma** *show-law-prod* [*show-law-intros*]:  
  ( $\bigwedge x. x \in \text{Basic-BNFs.fsts } y \implies \text{show-law } s1 \ x \implies$   
  ( $\bigwedge x. x \in \text{Basic-BNFs.snds } y \implies \text{show-law } s2 \ x \implies$   
  *show-law* (*showsp-prod* *s1* *s2*) *y*  
  ⟨*proof*⟩

**fun** *string-of-digit* :: nat ⇒ string  
**where**

*string-of-digit* n =  
  (if n = 0 then "0"  
  else if n = 1 then "1"  
  else if n = 2 then "2"  
  else if n = 3 then "3"  
  else if n = 4 then "4"  
  else if n = 5 then "5"  
  else if n = 6 then "6"  
  else if n = 7 then "7"  
  else if n = 8 then "8"  
  else "9")

**fun** *showsp-nat* :: nat showsp  
**where**

*showsp-nat* p n =  
  (if n < 10 then shows-string (string-of-digit n)  
  else showsp-nat p (n div 10) o shows-string (string-of-digit (n mod 10)))

**declare** *showsp-nat.simps* [simp del]

**lemma** *show-law-nat* [show-law-intros]:

*show-law* showsp-nat n  
  ⟨proof⟩

**lemma** *showsp-nat-append* [show-law-simps]:

*showsp-nat* p n (x @ y) = showsp-nat p n x @ y  
  ⟨proof⟩

**definition** *showsp-int* :: int showsp

**where**

*showsp-int* p i =  
  (if i < 0 then shows-string "-" o showsp-nat p (nat (- i)) else showsp-nat p  
  (nat i))

**lemma** *show-law-int* [show-law-intros]:

*show-law* showsp-int i  
  ⟨proof⟩

**lemma** *showsp-int-append* [show-law-simps]:

*showsp-int* p i (x @ y) = showsp-int p i x @ y  
  ⟨proof⟩

**definition** *showsp-rat* :: rat showsp

**where**

*showsp-rat* p x =  
  (case quotient-of x of (d, n) ⇒  
  if n = 1 then showsp-int p d else showsp-int p d o shows-string "/" o showsp-int  
  p n)

**lemma** *show-law-rat* [*show-law-intros*]:

```
show-law showsp-rat r  
⟨proof⟩
```

**lemma** *showsp-rat-append* [*show-law-simps*]:

```
showsp-rat p r (x @ y) = showsp-rat p r x @ y  
⟨proof⟩
```

Automatic show functions are not used for *unit*, *prod*, and numbers: for *unit* and *prod*, we do not want to display "*Unity*" and "*Pair*"; for *nat*, we do not want to display "*Suc (Suc (... (Suc 0) ...))*"; and neither *int* nor *rat* are datatypes.

⟨*ML*⟩

**derive** *show option sum prod unit bool nat int rat*

**export-code**

```
shows-prec :: 'a::show option showsp  
shows-prec :: ('a::show, 'b::show) sum showsp  
shows-prec :: ('a::show × 'b::show) showsp  
shows-prec :: unit showsp  
shows-prec :: char showsp  
shows-prec :: bool showsp  
shows-prec :: nat showsp  
shows-prec :: int showsp  
shows-prec :: rat showsp
```

**checking**

**end**

## 2.1 Displaying Polynomials

We define a method which converts polynomials to strings and registers it in the Show class.

**theory** *Show-Poly*

**imports**

*Show-Instances*

*HOL-Computational-Algebra.Polynomial*

**begin**

**fun** *show-factor* :: *nat* ⇒ *string* **where**

```
show-factor 0 = []  
| show-factor (Suc 0) = "x"  
| show-factor n = "x^" @ show n
```

**fun** *show-coeff-factor* **where**

```
show-coeff-factor c n = (if n = 0 then show c else if c = 1 then show-factor n  
else show c @ show-factor n)
```

```

fun show-poly-main :: nat ⇒ 'a :: {zero,one,show} list ⇒ string where
  show-poly-main [] = "0"
| show-poly-main n [c] = show-coeff-factor c n
| show-poly-main n (c # cs) = (if c = 0 then show-poly-main (Suc n) cs else
  show-coeff-factor c n @ " + " @ show-poly-main (Suc n) cs)

```

```

definition show-poly :: 'a :: {zero,one,show}poly ⇒ string where
  show-poly p = show-poly-main 0 (coeffs p)

```

```

definition showsp-poly :: 'a :: {zero,one,show}poly showsp
where
  showsp-poly p x = shows-string (show-poly x)

```

```

instantiation poly :: ({show,one,zero}) show
begin

```

```

definition shows-prec p (x :: 'a poly) = showsp-poly p x

```

```

definition shows-list (ps :: 'a poly list) = showsp-list shows-prec 0 ps

```

```

lemma show-law-poly [show-law-simps]:
  shows-prec p (a :: 'a poly) (r @ s) = shows-prec p a r @ s
  ⟨proof⟩

```

```

instance ⟨proof⟩

```

```

end

```

```

end

```

### 3 Show for Real Numbers – Interface

We just demand that there is some function from reals to string and register this as show-function. Implementations are available in one of the theories *Show-Real-Impl* and *../Algebraic-Numbers/Show-Real-....*

```

theory Show-Real
imports
  HOL.Real
  Show
begin

```

```

consts show-real :: real ⇒ string

```

```

definition showsp-real :: real showsp
where

```

```

  showsp-real p x y =
    (show-real x @ y)

```

**lemma** *show-law-real* [*show-law-intros*]:

*show-law showsp-real r*  
*<proof>*

**lemma** *showsp-real-append* [*show-law-simps*]:

*showsp-real p r (x @ y) = showsp-real p r x @ y*  
*<proof>*

*<ML>*

**derive** *show real*  
**end**

## 4 Show for Complex Numbers

We print complex numbers as real and imaginary parts. Note that by transitivity, this theory demands that an implementations for *show-real* is available, e.g., by using one of the theories *Show-Real-Impl* or *../Algebraic-Numbers/Show-Real-....*

**theory** *Show-Complex*

**imports**

*HOL.Complex*

*Show-Real*

**begin**

**definition** *show-complex*  $x = ($

*let*  $r = \text{Re } x; i = \text{Im } x$  *in*

*if*  $(i = 0)$  *then* *show-real*  $r$  *else if*

$r = 0$  *then* *show-real*  $i @ "i"$  *else*

$"(" @ \text{show-real } r @ "+" @ \text{show-real } i @ "i)"$ )

**definition** *showsp-complex* :: *complex showsp*

**where**

*showsp-complex p x y =*

*(show-complex x @ y)*

**lemma** *show-law-complex* [*show-law-intros*]:

*show-law showsp-complex r*  
*<proof>*

**lemma** *showsp-complex-append* [*show-law-simps*]:

*showsp-complex p r (x @ y) = showsp-complex p r x @ y*  
*<proof>*

*<ML>*

**derive** *show complex*

end

## 5 Show Implementation for Real Numbers via Rational Numbers

We just provide an implementation for show of real numbers where we assume that real numbers are implemented via rational numbers.

**theory** *Show-Real-Impl*

**imports**

*Show-Real*

*Show-Instances*

**begin**

We now define *show-real*.

**overloading** *show-real*  $\equiv$  *show-real*

**begin**

**definition** *show-real*

**where** *show-real*  $x \equiv$

(if  $(\exists y. x = \text{Ratreal } y)$  then show (THE  $y. x = \text{Ratreal } y$ ) else "Irrational")

**end**

**lemma** *show-real-code*[code]: *show-real* (Ratreal  $x$ ) = show  $x$

*<proof>*

**end**

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