

# A Tool for Simplifying ACL2 Definitions

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Feel free to ask questions!

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# BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF IT ALL

```

ACL2 !>(show-simplify-defun foo)
  (PROGN
    (ENCAPSULATE NIL (SET-INHIBIT-WARNINGS "theory")
      (SET-IGNORE-OK T) (SET-IRRELEVANT-FORMALS-OK T)
      (LOCAL (INSTALL-NOT-NORMALIZED FOO))
      (DEFUN FOO$1 (X)
        (DECLARE (XARGS :NORMALIZE NIL :GUARD T :VERIFY-GUARDS NIL)
          (+ 2 X))
        (LOCAL ; local proof details
          (PROGN
            (DEFCONST *FOO-RUNES* ...))
            (DEFTHM FOO$1-BEFORE-VS-AFTER-0
              (IMPLIES (AND
                (EQUAL (+ 1 1 X) (+ 2 X))))
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          (EQUAL (FOO X) (FOO$1 X))
          :HINTS ...)
        (TABLE TRANSFORMATION-TABLE ...)
        (VALUE-TRIPLE '(DEFUN FOO$1 (X)
          (DECLARE (XARGS :NORMALIZE NIL :GUARD T :VERIFY-GUARDS NIL)
            (+ 2 X))))))

```

ACL2 !>

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```

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    ... ; Preamble (set-ignore-ok etc.)
    (DEFUN FOO$1 (X) ; Simplified definition
      (DECLARE (XARGS ...))
      (+ 2 X))
    (LOCAL ; Proof of ``BECOMES'' lemma
      (PROGN ...))
    (DEFTHM FOO-BECOMES-FOO$1 ; ``BECOMES'' lemma
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    ... ) ; For database (e.g., redundancy)
  (VALUE-TRIPLE ; Value returned in the loop
    ' (DEFUN FOO$1 (X) (DECLARE (XARGS ...)) (+ 2 X)))

```

# PREAMBLE

```

(SET-INHIBIT-WARNINGS "theory")
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## SIMPLIFIED DEFINITION

The expander (`books/misc/expander.lisp`) provides our interface to the rewriter, to simplify the definition.

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Let's look at <proof\_of\_becomes-lemma>.



# PROOF OF “BECOMES” LEMMA (1): OVERVIEW

```

(DEFCONST *FOO-RUNES* ...)
(DEFTHM FOO$1-BEFORE-VS-AFTER-0
  (IMPLIES (AND
            (EQUAL (+ 1 1 X) (+ 2 X)))
            :HINTS ... :RULE-CLASSES NIL)
  (ENCAPSULATE ((FOO-COPY *) => *)
    (LOCAL (DEFUN FOO-COPY (X)
              (DECLARE (XARGS :NORMALIZE NIL))
              (FOO X)))
    (DEFTHM FOO-COPY-DEF
      (EQUAL (FOO-COPY X)
              (BINARY-+ '1 (BINARY-+ '1 X)))
      :HINTS ... :RULE-CLASSES ...))
  (DEFTHM FOO-IS-FOO-COPY
    (EQUAL (FOO X) (FOO-COPY X))
    :HINTS ... :RULE-CLASSES NIL)
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## PROOF OF “BECOMES” LEMMA (2)

```
(DEFCONST *FOO-RUNES*
  ' ((:REWRITE FOLD-CONSTS-IN-+)
      (:EXECUTABLE-COUNTERPART BINARY-+)
      (:DEFINITION SYNOPSIS)))
(DEFTHM FOO$1-BEFORE-VS-AFTER-0 ...)
(ENCAPSULATE (((FOO-COPY *) => *)
  (LOCAL ...))
  (DEFTHM FOO-COPY-DEF ...))
(DEFTHM FOO-IS-FOO-COPY
  (EQUAL (FOO X) (FOO-COPY X))
  :HINTS ... :RULE-CLASSES NIL)
(DEFTHM FOO-BECOMES-FOO$1
  (EQUAL (FOO X) (FOO$1 X))
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```

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(DEFCONST *FOO-RUNES* ...)
(DEFTHM FOO$1-BEFORE-VS-AFTER-0
  (IMPLIES (AND
            (EQUAL (+ 1 1 X) (+ 2 X))))
  :HINTS
  (("Goal" :IN-THEORY *FOO-RUNES* :EXPAND NIL))
  :RULE-CLASSES NIL)
(ENCAPSULATE (((FOO-COPY *) => *)
  (LOCAL ...))
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```

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  ... (EQUAL (+ 1 1 X) (+ 2 X)) ...)
(ENCAPSULATE ((FOO-COPY *) => *))
  (LOCAL (DEFUN FOO-COPY (X)
    (DECLARE (XARGS :NORMALIZE NIL))
    (FOO X)))
  (DEFTHM FOO-COPY-DEF
    (EQUAL (FOO-COPY X)
      (BINARY-+ '1 (BINARY-+ '1 X)))
    :HINTS (("Goal"
      :IN-THEORY ' (:D FOO-COPY)
      :EXPAND ((FOO X))))
    :RULE-CLASSES ((:DEFINITION :INSTALL-BODY T))))
(DEFTHM FOO-IS-FOO-COPY
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  (LOCAL (DEFUN FOO-COPY (X) ...))
  (DEFTHM FOO-COPY-DEF
    (EQUAL (FOO-COPY X)
            (BINARY-+ '1 (BINARY-+ '1 X)))
    :HINTS ... :RULE-CLASSES ...))
(DEFTHM FOO-IS-FOO-COPY
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  :HINTS ("Goal" :IN-THEORY
          '(FOO$NOT-NORMALIZED FOO-COPY-DEF))
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(ENCAPSULATE ((FOO-COPY *) => *))
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(DEFTHM FOO-BECOMES-FOO$1
  (EQUAL (FOO X) (FOO$1 X))
  :HINTS
  ("Goal" ; Avoid induction in recursive case
   :BY (:FUNCTIONAL-INSTANCE FOO-IS-FOO-COPY
      (FOO-COPY FOO$1))
   :IN-THEORY (THEORY 'MINIMAL-THEORY))
  ' (:USE (FOO$1-BEFORE-VS-AFTER-0 FOO$1)))

```

## PROOF OF “BECOMES” LEMMA (7)

The value of functional instantiation is more clear for a recursive definition. Given

```
(defun bar (x)
  (if (zp x)
      0
      (+ 1 1 (bar (+ -1 x))))))
```

— we generate:

```
(DEFTHM BAR-BECOMES-BAR$1
  (EQUAL (BAR X) (BAR$1 X))
  :HINTS
  (("Goal"
    :BY (:FUNCTIONAL-INSTANCE BAR-IS-BAR-COPY
                               (BAR-COPY BAR$1))
    :IN-THEORY (THEORY 'MINIMAL-THEORY))
   ' (:USE (BAR$1-BEFORE-VS-AFTER-0 BAR$1))))
```

## PROOF OF “BECOMES” LEMMA (8)

The `:by` hint works, so the proof proceeds as follows.

```
Goal' ; bar$1 satisfies the definition of bar-copy
(EQUAL (BAR$1 X)
  (IF (ZP X) 0 (+ 1 1 (BAR$1 (+ -1 X))))).
```

We augment the goal with the hypotheses provided by the `:USE` hint. These hypotheses can be obtained from `BAR$1-BEFORE-VS-AFTER-0` and `BAR$1`. We are left with the following subgoal.

```
Goal''
(IMPLIES
  (AND (IMPLIES ; use bar$1-before-vs-after-0
    T
    (EQUAL (IF (ZP X) 0 (+ 1 1 (BAR$1 (+ -1 X))))
      (IF (ZP X) 0 (+ 2 (BAR$1 (+ -1 X))))))
    (EQUAL (BAR$1 X) ; use bar$1
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  (EQUAL (BAR$1 X)
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But we reduce the conjecture to `T`, by primitive type reasoning.



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Let's start by looking at some challenges and their solutions.

New general features developed for MUSE are in **color**.

|                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| prove termination      | appeal to previous function's <i>unnorm-<br/>malized</i> body ( <b>install-not-normalized</b> )<br>and <b>:termination-theorem</b> |
| verify guards          | appeal to the previous function's<br><b>:guard-theorem</b>   |
| support<br>assumptions | require a proof that assumptions are<br>preserved on recursive calls   |
| preserve structure     | use <b>directed-untranslate</b>  |
| use context            | simplify and <i>flatten</i> assumptions and<br>governing <b>IF</b> tests   |
| suppress output        | turn off warnings; return and print<br>only the new definition   |
| ease debugging         | <b>show-simplify-defun, :verbose t</b>   |
| control                | patterns, hints, . . .   |
| support redundancy     | use a table  |
| automate reasoning     | functional instantiation, theories, . . .  |

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## REUSE FOR GUARDS, MEASURES, AND THEIR PROOFS

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  (declare (xargs :guard (natp x)))
  (if (zp x) 0 (+ 1 1 (bar (+ -1 x))))))
```

...

```
ACL2 !>(simplify-defun bar)
(DEFUN BAR$1 (X)
  (DECLARE
    (XARGS
      :NORMALIZE NIL
      :GUARD (NATP X)
      :MEASURE (ACL2-COUNT X)
      :VERIFY-GUARDS T
      :GUARD-HINTS
      (("Goal" :USE (:GUARD-THEOREM BAR)))
      :HINTS
      (("Goal" :USE (:TERMINATION-THEOREM BAR))))))
(IF (ZP X) 0 (+ 2 (BAR$1 (+ -1 X))))))
```

## SIMPLIFYING UNDER ASSUMPTIONS (1)

```
ACL2 !>(defun f (x)
  (declare (xargs :guard (true-listp x)))
  (if (consp x)
      (f (cdr x))
      x))
```

...

```
ACL2 !>(simplify-defun f :assumptions :guard)
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Note that we get the same result from the following; the use of `:assumptions :guard` is just a handy shortcut.

```
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```

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```
(DEFUN F-HYPS (X)
  (TRUE-LISTP X))

(DEFTHM F-HYPS-PRESERVED-FOR-F
  (IMPLIES (AND (F-HYPS X) (CONSP X))
            (F-HYPS (CDR X))))
:HINTS (("Goal"
         :EXPAND ((:FREE (X) (F-HYPS X)))
         :USE (:GUARD-THEOREM F)))
:RULE-CLASSES NIL)
```

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                                           (IF X (IF Y 'NIL 'T) 'T)
                                           NIL |current-acl2-world|)
  <1 (DIRECTED-UNTRANSLATE (IMPLIES X (NOT Y)))
    (DEFUN F3$1 (X Y)
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      (IMPLIES X (NOT Y))))
ACL2 !>
```

## SIMPLIFYING SUBTERMS

```
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```
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  :simplify-body
  (list @ (and _ @) @ _))
(DEFUN H$1 (X)
  (DECLARE (XARGS ...))
  (LIST (+ 2 X)
        (AND (INTEGERP X) X)
        (IF (ACL2-NUMBERP X) X 0)
        (+ 4 4 X)))
```

```
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Not discussed here, but analogous: `simplify-defun-sk`.

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