Proofs with Computers: Introduction

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Overview

- **Goal:** To learn how to formulate and program mathematical and logical proofs with computers.
- Plan:
 - First half: Basics of Lean.
 - Second half: We will decide later!
- Today:
 - Overview and rules for the lecture
 - Projects
 - History
 - Background
 - Logic
- Starting next week: Formalization in Lean

Logistik

- Everyone needs access to a laptop!
- 2 First steps: Installation of VS Code, Lean and Git and signing up in GitHub.
- 3 If there are any problems: Ask!

GitHub Page

Projects

- The grade is determined by a project.
- A project is a formalization and a presentation.
- Everyone who does a project passes.¹
- Exercises are optional, but strongly recommended.
- Everyone who needs a grade: Notify me by 02.05.2025!
 Otherwise, you cannot pass.
- Not sure? Still notify me!

¹Terms and Conditions apply.

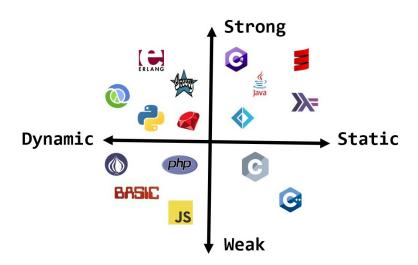
What is the Benefit of Computers?

- Computers check inputs
- Computers automate processes
- Computers manage data

Application of computers in proving programs and mathematics is called:

Formalization!

Programming Languages



Dynamic vs. Static Programming Languages

Where does Formalization come from?

- First steps in the 60s and 70s with Automath and Logic for Computable Functions
- In the 80s and 90s, we have the first languages that are still relevant: Coq, Isabelle, Agda, PVS
- Since the 2000s:
 - New languages: Metamath, Lean, ...
 - Formalization of interesting problems: Four color theorem (2005), Kepler conjecture (2014), ...
- **Why now?** User friendlier, AI, ...

Formalization in Programming

```
From iris.algebra Require Export view.
      From iris.algebra Require Import proofmode_classes big_op.
     From iris.prelude Require Import options.
 5 (** The authoritative camera with fractional authoritative elements *)
      (** The authoritative camera has 2 types of elements: the authoritative
      element [*(g) al and the fragment [() b] (of which there can be several). To
      enable sharing of the authoritative element [*(0) al. it is equiped with a
      fraction [g]. Updates are only possible with the full authoritative element
      [* a] (syntax for [*(1) all), while fractional authoritative elements have
      agreement, i.e., [/ (*{p1} a1 · *{p2} a2) .. a1 = a2]. *)
     (** The authoritative camera is obtained by instantiating the view camera, *)
15 Definition auth_view_rel_raw (A : ucmra) (n : nat) (a b : A) : Prop :=
17 Lemma auth_view_rel_raw_mono (A : ucmra) n1 n2 (a1 a2 b1 b2 : A) :
     auth_view_rel_raw n1 a1 b1 --
     a1 ={n21= a2 ...
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       b2 <{n2} b1 ...
        n2 s n1 ...
```

(a) Coq Iris

```
1 (-# OPTIONS --without-K #-)
    -- https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/e/e2/SHA-1.svg
     -- http://www.faqs.org/rfcs/rfc3174.html
     open import Data.Nat.Base using (N; zero; suc; _+_; _+_)
    import Data. Vec as V
6 open V using (Vec; []; _:_)
7 open import Function using (_--)
8 open import FunUniverse.Core hiding (_,_)
     open import Data. Fin using (Fin; zero; suc; #_; inject+; raise) renaming (toN to Fin=N)
    open import Solver Linear
     module shal where
     Endo : Set .. Set
     Endo A - A - A
     module FunSHA1
      (T : Set t)
       (funl) : Funliniverse T)
```

(C) Agda in Cryptography & Blockchain

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| No extension | No e
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(b) **PVS** in NASA

```
inductive Tp where
| u (size : Nat)
| i (size : Nat)
| bi -- BigInt
 I boot
 I str (size: U 32)
 | fmtStr (size : U 32) (argTps : List Tp)
 | slice (element : Tp)
 | array (element: Tp) (size: U 32)
| tuple (name : Option String) (fields : List Tp)
I ref (to : To)
 I fo (aroTos : List To) (outTo : To)
 motion1
 def tpsDecEq (a b : List Tp) : Decidable (a = b) := match a, b with
 | [], [] => isTrue rfl
 | [], _ :: _ => isFalse (by simp)
 | _ :: _, [] => isFalse (by simp)
```

(d) Lean in Cryptography

Formalization in Mathematics

```
Lenma eqm_genus : genus G = genus G'.
    rewrite (2)/genus /Euler_lhs -eqm_gcomp; have [e n f Eenf Ee En Ef] := eqG6'.
458 by rewrite /Euler_rhs /= -(eq_fcard Ee) -(eq_fcard En) -(eq_fcard Ef).
468
       Lenma eqm_planar : planar G = planar G'.
462
       Proof. by rewrite (2)/planar -eqm genus. Oed.
464
     End EqualHypermap.
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466
       Notation "x '=m' v" := (egm x v) (at level 70, no associativity).
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468
       Lenma eom sym 6 6': 6 =m 6' -> 6' =m 6.
       Proof. by case: 6 -> d e n f E6 [] *; apply: EqHypermap -> x; auto. Qed.
       Lenma dual inv 6 : dual (dual 6) -m 6.
       case: G (BedgeI G) (BrodeI G) (BfaceI G) => d e n f /= eK eI nI fI.
       by apply: Ephypermap: apply: finy inv.
       Ded.
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(a) Four color theorem in Coq

```
π<sub>4</sub>S1=Z/2Z-direct : GroupEquiv (π 4 S1) (ZGroup/ 2)
      m.S1~Z/2Z-direct = DirectProof.BrunerieGroupEquiv
      -- This direct proof allows us to define a much simplified version of
124 .. the Brunerie number:
125 B' : Z
126 β' = fst DirectProof.computer η<sub>2</sub>'
127
128
     -- This number computes definitionally to -2 in a few seconds!
129 8'=-2 : 8' = -2
     B'=-2 = refl
       -- As a sanity check we have proved (commented as typechecking is quite slow):
        -- B'Spec : GroupEquiv (m 4 S3) (ZGroup/ abs B1)
       -- B'Spec = DirectProof.BrunerieGroupEquiv'
135
     -- Combining all of this gives us the desired equivalence of groups by
137
     -- computation as conjectured in Brunerie's thesis:
138 m.S1-Z/2Z-computation : GroupEquiv (m 4 S1) (ZGroup/ 2)
139 m.S1.Z/2Z-computation = DirectProof.BrunerieGroupEquiv'
```

(C) Homotopy groups in Cubical Agda

```
let float now nos lo no x tm n =
        let rec pow n =
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249
             | 0 -> INST[x_tm, x_var_real] float_pow0_lo
241
             | 1 -> INST[x_tm, x_var_real] float_pow1_lo
242
243
                let mul_lo = float_mul_lo pp x_tm x_tm in
244
                let lo_tm = lhand (concl mul_lo) in
                let th8 = INST[x_tm, x_var_real; lo_tm, lo_var_real] float_pow2_lo in
246
                  MY DROVE HYD mul to the
247
248
                 let \_ = assert (n > 2) in
249
                 if (m land 1) = 0 then
250
251
                   let t th = pow (n lsr 1) in
252
                    float pow pos double lo po x tm t th
253
                  (* odd *)
                  let t th = pow (n - 1) in
256
                   float now pos suc lo po x tm t th
257
```

(b) Kepler conjecture in Isabelle

```
/-- Theorem 9.4 in [Analytic] for weak bounded exactness -/
       theorem thm94 weak' :
         V m : N. 3 (k K : Ra0) (hk : fact (1 s k)) (c. : Ra0).
         V (S : Profinite) (V : SemiNormedGroup.(u)) [normed with aut r V].
           ((BD.data.system x r V r').ob1 (op 8 of r' ((Lbar.functor.f0 0) r').ob1 S)))
             .is weak bounded exact k K m c. :=
         obtain (k, K, hk, H) := thm95''.profinite BD r r' x m,
        obtain (c., H) := H Z,
         use fk. K. bk. c.1.
         introsI S V hV,
         let i := (BO.data.system x r V r').map_iso (HomZ_iso (of r' S (Lbar.functor.{8 0} r').obj !
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         refine H.of_iso i.symm _,
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         rw .. system_of_complexes.apply_hom_eq_hom_apply,
         apply SemiNormedGroup.iso isometry of norm noninc;
         apply breen deligne.data.complex.map norm noninc
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```

(d) Liquid Tensor Experiment in Lean

100 Problems

Lean

- We use Lean (Lean 4).
- 2 Lean is a functional programming language and proof assistant.
- Lean was developed in 2013 by Leonardo de Moura (first at Microsoft, now at Amazon).
- Lean 4 was released in 2021 and should not change anymore.
- 3 Structurally, it resembles Coq.
- Mathematics in Lean is in MathLib Library!
- Relatively easy to use and learn.
- But there are many other options!

Lean Online

Logic from a different Perspective

- In classical mathematics, there is **Mathematics** and **Logic**.
- Let f: S → T be a bijective function of sets. Then f is injective.
- Mathematics vs. Logic!

⇒ We need math and logic in one place!

Proofs as Elements

Examples

Classical	What we want
Prop P	P : Prop
Formula for Set X	Function f: $X \rightarrow Prop$
Proof for prop P	σ : P
Proof for $P \rightarrow Q$	Function $P o Q$
x = y	(x = y) not empty

Proof for prop

$$\exists S \forall X \forall f, g \colon S \to X(f = g)$$

A set S	A pair (S,π)
and a proof $f = g$	$\pi\colon (X,f,g)\to (f=g)$

Examples in Lean