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Project Plan: Formalizing Competitive Game Meta in Lean 4

Researcher: Arthur Freitas Ramos **Objective:** To bridge formal verification and game theory by building a verified model of complex strategy game mechanics (e.g., Pokémon TCG) to prove "Meta-Safety" invariants.

Phase 1: The Type-Safe Foundation

Goal: Build the "Ontology" of the game as a rigid mathematical system.

- **Project Initialization:** Set up a Lean 4 package with lake.
- **Inductive Primitives:** Define the fundamental types for the game world:
 - inductive EnergyType: Modeling Fire, Water, Psychic, etc.
 - structure Card: Containing HP, EnergyType, and a list of Attack effects.
 - structure GameState: A snapshot of the board, hands, decks, and prize pools.
- **The Data Pipeline:** Use Python/Swift to scrape card JSON from the Pokémon TCG API and auto-generate Lean def statements. This ensures the model is grounded in real-world "Standard" card rotations.

Phase 2: Operational Semantics & The Damage Engine

Goal: Define the rules of movement and interaction (the game "physics").

- **The Transition Function:** Implement $\text{applyAction} : \text{GameState} \rightarrow \text{Action} \rightarrow \text{Option GameState}$.
- **Damage Logic:** Formalize the damage calculation pipeline:
 - Base Damage \backslash to Weakness (2 \times) \backslash to Resistance (-30) \backslash to Tool/Buf modifiers.
- **Validation:** Use Lean's #eval and #check to simulate key "meta" interactions and verify they yield results identical to the official rulebook.

Phase 3: Formal Verification & Meta-Safety

Goal: Move from "it runs" to "it is proven."

- **The Turn-One (T1) Theorem:** Formally state and prove that no valid sequence of actions from a standard starting deck can result in a WinState for the starting player on Turn 1.
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- **Invariant Proofs:** Prove that the "Conservation of Cards" holds—the sum of cards in all zones (Deck, Hand, Board, Discard) always equals 60.

Phase 4: Scaling, Tooling & Integration

Goal: Transform the proof into a usable software artifact.

- **Verified Solver:** Write an optimization algorithm in Lean 4 that searches the state space for the "Maximum Damage Line." Prove that the solver is **sound** (it only suggests legal moves) and **complete** (it never misses the mathematical maximum).
- **Cross-Platform FFI:** Use Lean 4's C-export or a CLI wrapper to connect your verification engine to a Swift (iOS) or Python front-end, allowing you to "input" a hand and get a "proven" best move.

Phase 5: Publication & Academic Impact

Goal: Share the findings with the Formal Methods community.

- **Target Venues:** * **ITP (Interactive Theorem Proving):** Focus on the Lean 4 implementation.
 - **FormalISE (Rio de Janeiro, 2026):** Present the practical applications of formal methods in commercial game design.
- **Core Thesis:** "A Domain-Specific Language (DSL) in Lean 4 for the Automated Verification of Emergent Behavior in Trading Card Games."

I'm always open to corrections if I get something wrong or if you'd like to pivot the focus. The best way to do that is to just tell me what I got wrong or what else I need to know!

Would you like me to draft the specific Lean 4 boilerplate code for the GameState structure to get Phase 1 started today?  