

Working Principles Of Proof Assistants And Formalization Of Some Proofs In Linear Algebra

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1 Introduction

Proof assistants help with formalization of mathematical proofs in computer which enables faster proofs computations. Some proofs could have many special cases which isn't easy to figure out using traditional methods, but with the use of proof assistant these cases can easily be accounted for. Proof assistants aren't just about guiding with complicated proofs but also can help to check if the proof that is written is correct especially for those long and tedious proofs.

In 1998 Thomas C. Hales announced that he had proved the Kepler conjecture in 1998 (Solomon, 1998). However, the peer review took over 4 years, especially due to the proof being incredibly difficult to check, with over a dozen of mathematicians to referee the proof and although they were 99% certain it was not until the proof became formalized that they were able to completely validate the correctness of the proof, which according to Thomas Hales would have taken 20 person-years of manual work. (Szpiro, G., 2003)

2 Problem statement

This project aims to design and implement a Haskell-Based proof assistant software and formalize some of the proofs of linear Algebra. Leveraging Haskell's strong type system and its purely functional nature.

3 Research objectives

1. To investigate the current existing proof assistant software and identify the mathematics behind them.
2. To implement an intuitionistic type theory and apply the logic of constructivism.
3. To formalize some selected proofs of Linear Algebra

4 Literature Review

5 Methodology

6 Expected Outcomes

7 Significance

8 Work Plan

9 References

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