Domain-Specific Languages of Mathematics

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- The minicourse today and tomorrow gives a teaser: some functional programming in Haskell and a few examples of lectures from the course.

What is a Domain-Specific Language (DSL)

A DSL has four components:

- Surface syntax (mostly ignored in this course): a set of strings defined by a grammar
- Abstract syntax: usually a recursive Haskell datatype of syntax trees (AbsSyn)
- Semantic type: a type Sem of values (meanings) for the syntax
- Semantics: a function from eval : AbsSyn → Sem

Examples:

- date expressions ("2023-08-30", "last wed. in Aug.", "today", ...)
- excel-sheet formula ("SUM(A1:A9)", "RIGHT(LEFT(C7,4),2)", ...)
- first-order logic ($P \Rightarrow Q, \forall \epsilon > 0. \exists \delta > 0. \epsilon > \delta, \ldots$)

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- Interaction welcome: ask questions at any time and I will try to explain.

Haskell introduction

Live coding HaskellIntro.lhs