Comparison of two theorem provers: Isabelle & Coq

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Über die Bedeutung des Satzes vom ausgeschlossenen Dritten in der Mathematik, insbesondere in der Funktionentheorie ').

Von L. E. J. Rrouwer in Amsterdam.

Innerhalb eines bestimmten endlichen "Hauptsystems" können Eigenschaften von Systemen, d. h. Abbildbarkeiten von Systemen auf andere Systeme mit vorgeschriebenen Elementkorrespondenzen, immer geprüft (d. h. entweder bewiesen oder ad absurdum geführt) werden; die durch die betreffende Eigenschaft angewiesene Abbildung besitzt nämlich auf ieden Fall nur eine endliche Anzahl von Ausführungsmöglichkeiten, von denen jede für sich unternommen und entweder bis zur Beendigung oder bis zur Hemmung fortgesetzt werden kann. (Hierbei liefert das Prinzip der mathematischen Induktion oft das Mittel, derartige Prüfungen ohne individuelle Betrachtung jedes an der Abbildung beteiligten Elementes bzw. ieder für die Abbildung bestehenden Ausführungsmöglichkeit durchzuführen: demzufolge kann die Prüfung auch für Systeme mit sehr großer Elementenzahl mitunter verhältnismäßig schnell verlaufen.)

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Elements of a formal system

• A formula (judgement, statement) $\phi \in \Phi$:

$$\begin{split} \phi := p \mid q \mid \dots \\ \mid \phi_1 \wedge \phi_2 \mid \phi_1 \vee \phi_2 \mid \neg \phi_1 \mid \phi_1 \rightarrow \phi_2 \\ \mid \textit{true} \mid \textit{false} \\ \mid \dots \end{split}$$

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$$\mid true \mid false$$

$$\mid \dots$$

- Propositional variables: $-p, q, ... \in V$
- An axiom $-\phi_A \in A$
- An inference rule τ a transition function $\tau:\Phi\to\Phi$
- A formula ϕ is provable from Φ $\Phi \vdash \phi$
- A tautology ⊤
- A contradiction \bot $\vdash \neg \varsigma$

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The formal system is a quadruple $\Gamma = \langle A, V, \Omega, R \rangle$, where

- A set of axioms
- V set of propositional variables
- Ω set of logical operators
- *R* set of inference rules

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Styles of proof writing:

- forward proof: $premises \xrightarrow{\tau} goals$
- backward proof: $goals \leftarrow^{\tau} premises$

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Classical Logic example: The Hilbert System

Set of axioms:

 $A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow A)$

$$(A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C)) \rightarrow ((A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow C))$$

$$A \lor \neg A$$

$$A, A \to B$$
 $\longrightarrow B$

$$eg \neg (A \lor \neg A)$$
 $A \to \neg \neg A$

 $((A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow A) \rightarrow B$

 $\neg \neg A \rightarrow A$

(DNe)

(PL)

$$\neg(A \land B) \rightarrow \neg A \lor \neg B$$

 $\neg (A \lor B) \rightarrow \neg A \land \neg B$

 $\neg A \land \neg B \rightarrow \neg (A \lor B)$

 $\neg A \lor \neg B \to \neg (A \land B)$

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Intuitionistic Logic

a.k.a. Constructive Logic

Set of axioms: $A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow A)$

 $(A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C)) \rightarrow ((A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow C))$

 $A \vee \neg A$

Single inference rule (*Modus Ponens*)

 $\llbracket A, A \rightarrow B \rrbracket \longrightarrow B$

Some provable tautologies:

 $\neg\neg(A\vee\neg A)$

 $A \rightarrow \neg \neg A$

 $\neg \neg A \rightarrow A$

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 $\neg A \land \neg B \rightarrow \neg (A \lor B)$

 $\neg (A \land B) \rightarrow \neg A \lor \neg B$ $\neg (A \lor B) \rightarrow \neg A \land \neg B$

 $\neg A \lor \neg B \to \neg (A \land B)$

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- based on classical higher-order logic
- created in 1986
 at University of Cambridge and Technische Universität München
- highly automated
- uses functional language HOL
- has large collection of formalised theories



- based on intuitionistic logic (Calculus of Inductive Constructions)
- created in 1984
 at INRIA (Paris, France)
- highly automated
- uses functional language Gallina
- has large collection of formalised theories

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Definition of the basic datatypes





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datatype bool =
  True | False
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Inductive False : Prop := .
```

```
Inductive True : Prop := I : True.
```

```
Inductive nat : Type :=
```

| 0 : nat

| S : nat -> nat.

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Definition of a recursive function





```
fun add ::
  "nat \Rightarrow nat \Rightarrow nat"
where
  "add 0 n = n"
  "add (Suc m) n =
         Suc(add m n)"
```



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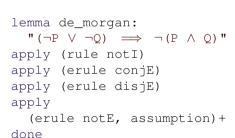
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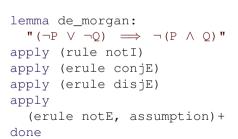
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Theorem de_morgan:
 forall P Q : Prop,
 (¬P \/ ¬Q) -> ¬(P /\ Q).

Proof.
 intros P Q H [Hp Hq].
 destruct H as [Hnp | Hnq].
 - apply Hnp. assumption.
 - apply Hnq. assumption.
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Isabelle: Backward proof example

```
fun range sum :: "nat => nat"
 where "range sum n = (\sum k::nat=0..n.k)"
theorem arith progr sum: "2 * (range sum n) = n * (n + 1)"
 proof (induct n)
   show "2 * range sum 0 = 0 * (0 + 1)" by simp
 next
 fix n have "2 * range sum (n + 1) = 2 * (range sum n) + 2 * (n + 1) " by simp
 also assume "2 * (range sum n) = n * (n + 1)"
 also have "... + 2 * (n + 1) = (n + 1) * (n + 2)" by simp
 finally show "2 * (range sum (Suc n)) = (Suc n) * (Suc n + 1)" by simp
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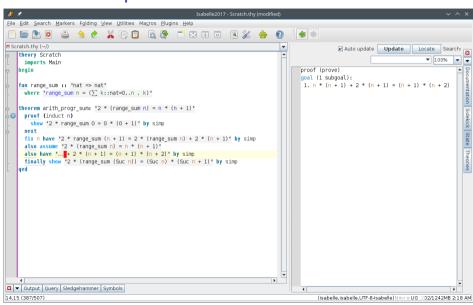
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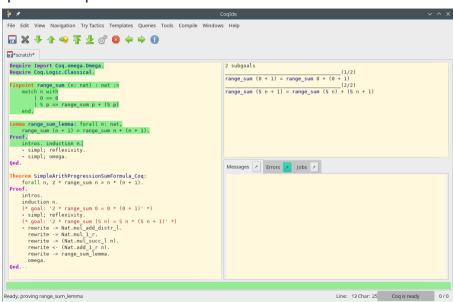
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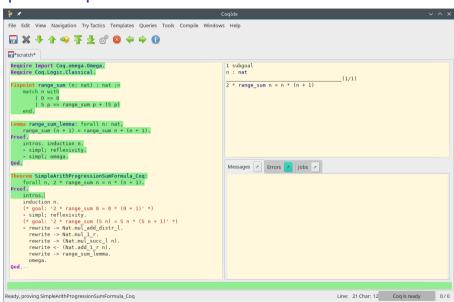
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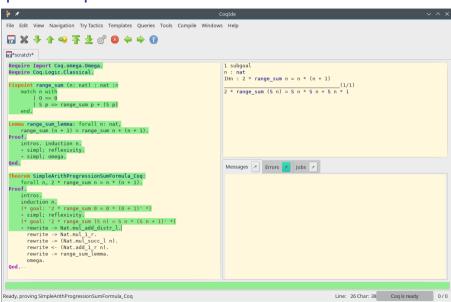
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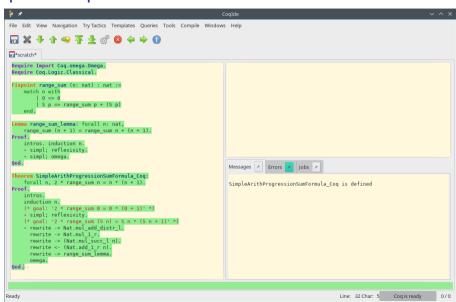
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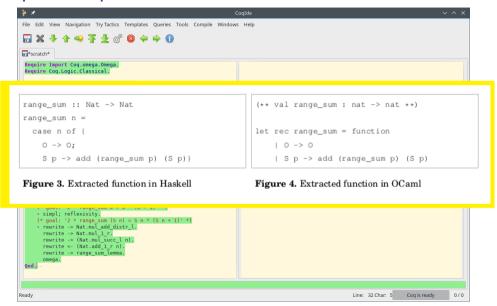
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Coq: Proof process + verified code extraction



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Summary

- Two widespread theorem provers were considered: Isabelle and Cog
- The tools are based on different logics ⇒
 - unprovable statements and invalid classical proofs in Coq
 - sometimes more complex proof in Coa
 - * constructive proof in Cog
- Nonetheless, they both may be used to solve applied problems, such as software testing and verification

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