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# Overview

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- 2 Step Size - Observations & Modeling
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# Background: The DIALOG Project

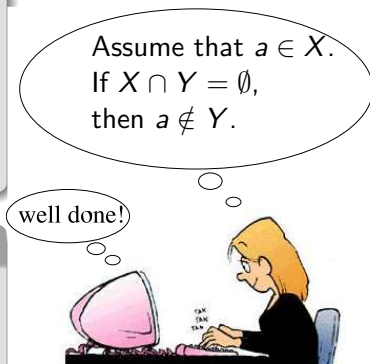
Tutorial Dialog for Mathematics.

## Employed Techniques

- ▶ Dyn. Domain Reasoning for math proofs: math assistant  $\Omega$ MEGA
- ▶ NL processing, dialogue management, teaching model

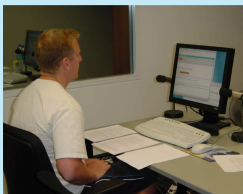
## Research Processes (in spiral model)

- ▶ DIALOG system design
- ▶ Prototype development
- ▶ Empirical studies





# Simulation (Wizard-of-Oz)



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A pair  $(x, y)$  is element of  $R \circ S$  iff there is a  $z$  in  $M$  such that  $(x, z) \in R$  and  $(z, y) \in S$

Correct!

Therefore a pair  $(x, y)$  is element of  $(R \circ S)^{-1}$  if there is a  $z$  in  $M$ , such that  $(x, z) \in S$  and  $(z, y) \in R$

That's not correct!



# Simulation (Wizard-of-Oz) [Ctd.]

Tutor: Let  $R$  and  $S$  be relations in a set  $M$ . It holds that:  $(R \circ S)^{-1} = S^{-1} \circ R^{-1}$ . Do the proof interactively with the system!

Student: Execute  $(R \circ S)^{-1} = S^{-1} \circ R^{-1}$ !

Tutor: That's what you have to prove. Would you like a hint?

Student: yes

Tutor: At first, try to show  $(R \circ S)^{-1} \subseteq S^{-1} \circ R^{-1}$ .

Student: How do I do that?

Tutor: You have to show that any element in  $(R \circ S)^{-1}$  is also in  $(R \circ S)^{-1} = S^{-1} \circ R^{-1}$ . You could start with: Let  $(a, b) \in (R \circ S)^{-1}$ .  
...Then it holds ...?



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# Step Size in Mathematics (Granularity)

Mathematical practice: skip intermediate steps when appropriate:

Proof Exercise:  $(R \circ S)^{-1} = S^{-1} \circ R^{-1}$

- ▶ We show  $(R \circ S)^{-1} \subseteq S^{-1} \circ R^{-1}$  and  $S^{-1} \circ R^{-1} \subseteq (R \circ S)^{-1}$
- ▶ We assume  $(y, x) \in (R \circ S)^{-1}$  and show  $(y, x) \in S^{-1} \circ R^{-1}$
- ▶ Hence,  $(x, y) \in R \circ S$
- ▶ Hence,  $\exists z$  s.t.  $(x, z) \in R \wedge (z, y) \in S$
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► We assume  $(y, x) \in (R \circ S)^{-1}$  and show  $(y, x) \in S^{-1} \circ R^{-1}$

► Hence,  $(x, y) \in R \circ S$

► Hence,  $\exists z$  s.t.  $(x, z) \in R \wedge (z, y) \in S$

~~Hence,  $\exists z$  s.t.  $(z, x) \in R^{-1} \wedge (z, y) \in S$~~

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⋮





# Step Size in the Experiments

Granularity: The question of the appropriate step size/complexity.

Exercise: z.Z.  $(R \circ S)^{-1} = (x, y) \in S^{-1} \circ R^{-1}$

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student]  $(x, y) \in (R \circ S)^{-1}$

tutor] Now try to draw conclusions from this!

correct appropriate relevant

student]  $(x, y) \in S^{-1} \circ R^{-1}$

tutor] This cannot be concluded directly.

You need some intermediate steps!

correct too coarse-grained relevant

Step size annotated by tutors as appropriate, too coarse-grained  
(too big a step) or too detailed (too small a step)



# Modeling (Suitable) Granularity

Goal: diagnose student's step size, granularity-adapted proof presentation.

## Previous Approach

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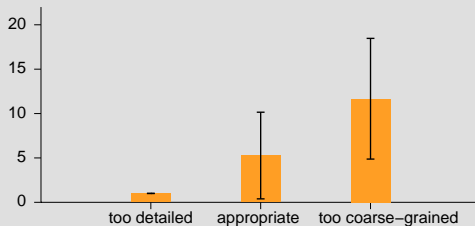


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⇒ not promising (cf. [Schiller et al. 2006]).



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## Recent Approach

**Modeling/representation of proofs:** choice of suitable proof calculus/mechanism (assertion level vs. ND or resolution)

**Analysis:** granularity-relevant criteria

**Classification:** classify (multi-inference) proof steps (as appropriate, too big or too small)

Learn classifier from empirical samples.



# Approach: Model Student Proofs as Assertion Level Proofs

## Student's Proof

Ex: Show

$$(R \circ S)^{-1} = S^{-1} \circ R^{-1}!$$

## Assertion Level Proof

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Exercise:  $\vdash \underbrace{(R \circ S)^{-1}}_{\Gamma} = \underbrace{S^{-1} \circ R^{-1}}_{\Theta}$



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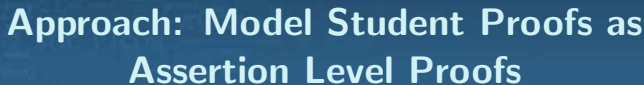
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s1: Let  $(x, y) \in (R \circ S)^{-1}$ .

## Assertion Level Proof

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## Assertion Level Proof

$$(R \circ S)^{-1} = S^{-1} \circ R^{-1}!$$

s2: Hence  $(y, x) \in (R \circ S)$ .

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s2: Hence  $(y, x) \in (R \circ S)$ .

s3: Hence  
 $(y, z) \in R \wedge (z, x) \in S$ .

## Assertion Level Proof

s3:  $(y, z) \in R \wedge (z, x) \in S \vdash (x, y) \in \Theta$

s2:  $(y, x) \in (R \circ S) \vdash (x, y) \in \Theta$

s1:  $(x, y) \in (R \circ S)^{-1} \vdash (x, y) \in \Theta$

Def.  $\vdash (R \circ S)^{-1} \subseteq S^{-1} \circ R^{-1}$  Def.  $\vdash \Theta \subseteq \Gamma$

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# Approach: Model Student Proofs as Assertion Level Proofs

## Student's Proof

Ex: Show

$$(R \circ S)^{-1} = S^{-1} \circ R^{-1}$$

s1: Let  $(x, y) \in (R \circ S)^{-1}$ .

s2: Hence  $(y, x) \in (R \circ S)$ .

s3: Hence  
 $(y, z) \in R \wedge (z, x) \in S$ .

s4: Hence  
 $(z, y) \in R^{-1} \wedge (x, z) \in S^{-1}$ .

## Assertion Level Proof

$$\frac{s4: (z, y) \in R^{-1} \wedge (x, z) \in S^{-1} \vdash (x, y) \in \Theta}{(y, z) \in R \wedge (x, z) \in S^{-1} \vdash (x, y) \in \Theta} \text{Def.}^{-1}$$

$$\frac{s3: (y, z) \in R \wedge (z, x) \in S \vdash (x, y) \in \Theta}{s2: (y, x) \in (R \circ S) \vdash (x, y) \in \Theta} \text{Def.}^{-1}$$

$$\frac{s1: (x, y) \in (R \circ S)^{-1} \vdash (x, y) \in \Theta}{\vdash (R \circ S)^{-1} \subseteq S^{-1} \circ R^{-1}} \text{Def.}^{-1}$$

$$\frac{\vdash (R \circ S)^{-1} \subseteq S^{-1} \circ R^{-1}}{\vdash \Theta \subseteq \Gamma} \text{Def. } \subseteq$$

$$\text{Exercise: } \vdash \underbrace{(R \circ S)^{-1}}_{\Gamma} = \underbrace{S^{-1} \circ R^{-1}}_{\Theta}$$

Typically: 1 student step  $\cong$  1 or several assertion level steps  
 (experiment: usually 1-3, seldomly more), cf. [Buckley & Dietrich 2007], [Benzmüller et al. 2007]



# Granularity Criteria

## Possible criteria for size of a (multi-)inference step (“features”)

- ▶ How many assertion level inference applications? (total)
- ▶ What concepts are used? (concepts)
- ▶ How many concepts are not yet known to the student? (unmastered)
- ▶ Are the concepts named? (verb)
- ▶ etc.

Student step	Infs	Features	Verdict
1. We assume $(y, x) \in (R \circ S)^{-1}$ and show $(y, x) \in S^{-1} \circ R^{-1}$	Def.=, Def. $\subseteq$	total:2, concepts:2, relations:0, verb:0,...	?
2. Hence, $(x, y) \in R \circ S$	Def $^{-1}$	total:1, concepts:1, relations:1, verb:0,...	?

...



# Example Classifier

## Sample ruleset classifier

- \*  $\text{total} \in \{0, 1, 2\} \Rightarrow \text{"appropriate"}$
- \*  $\text{unmastered} \in \{2, 3, 4\} \wedge \text{relations} \in \{2, 3, 4\} \Rightarrow \text{"step-too-big"}$
- \*  $\text{total} \in \{3, 4\} \wedge \text{relations} \in \{0, 1\} \Rightarrow \text{"step-too-big"}$
- \*  $\text{unmastered} \in \{0, 1\} \Rightarrow \text{"appropriate"}$
- \*  $\_ \Rightarrow \text{"appropriate"}$

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# Study Environment - Motivation

- ▶ Learn classifiers via annotations from expert tutors using standard machine learning
- ▶ WoZ experiments not ideal for focused study on granularity

## Idea

- ▶ Automate student's role using  $\Omega_{\text{MEGA}}$
- ▶ More control over “student”
- ▶ More granularity annotations in less time (compared to WoZ)



# Study Environment

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***** Proof Exercise: *****
The exercise is to show that for all R: for all S:  $(R \circ S)^{-1} = S^{-1} \circ R^{-1}$ 

***** Previous Steps: *****
***** Current Step: *****
We assume  $(y, x) \in (R \circ S)^{-1}$  and show  $(y, x) \in S^{-1} \circ R^{-1}$ 

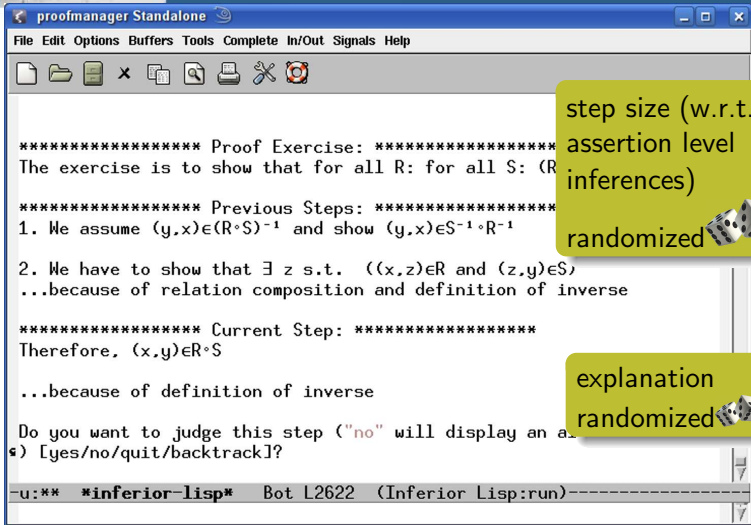
Do you want to judge this step ("no" will display an alternative step)?
*) [yes/no/quit/backtrack]?
y

Please rate the step size! [a=appropriate, b=too big, s=too small]
a

-u:** *inferior-lisp* 98% L1641 (Inferior Lisp:run)-----
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2. We have to show that  $\exists z$  s.t.  $((x,z) \in R$  and  $(z,y) \in S)$ 
...because of relation composition and definition of inverse
***** Current Step: *****
Therefore,  $(x,y) \in R \circ S$ 
...because of definition of inverse
Do you want to judge this step ("no" will display an a
*) [yes/no/quit/backtrack]?
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step size (w.r.t.  
assertion level  
inferences)

randomized

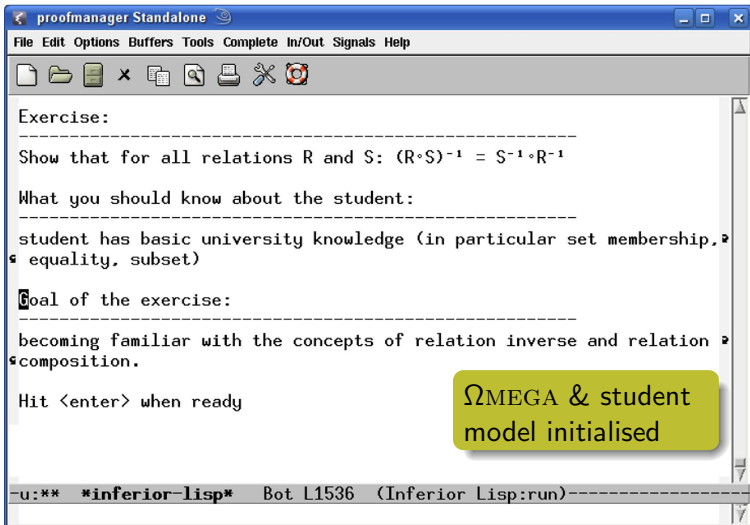


explanation  
randomized





# Study Environment







# Evaluation

## Evaluation

- 2 experiments with 2 expert tutors (using different exercises in naive set theory, relations, topology)

	Tutor 1	Tutor 2
Steps annotated:	135	207
Perf. learnt classifier <sup>1</sup> -mean correct - $\kappa$	86.7% $\kappa=0.68$	68.9% $\kappa=0.47$
Interrater reliability <sup>2</sup>	$\kappa=0.37$	

<sup>1</sup>best rule-based classifier, evaluated on full dataset using 10-fold cross validation

<sup>2</sup>on common subset of 108 steps



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# Granularity-Adaptive Proof Presentation

Reproduce the granularity of textbook proofs, e.g. the proof for

$A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$ :

“**1** Let  $x$  be an element of  $A \cap (B \cup C)$ , **2** then  $x \in A$  and  $x \in B \cup C$ . **3** This means that  $x \in A$ , and either  $x \in B$  or  $x \in C$ . **4** Hence we either have (i)  $x \in A$  and  $x \in B$ , or we have (ii)  $x \in A$  and  $x \in C$ . **5** Therefore, either  $x \in A \cap B$  or  $x \in A \cap C$ , so **6**  $x \in (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$ . **7** This shows that  $A \cap (B \cup C)$  is a subset of  $(A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$ . **8** Conversely, let  $y$  be an element of  $(A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$ . **9** Then, either (iii)  $y \in A \cap B$ , or (iv)  $y \in A \cap C$ . **10** It follows that  $y \in A$ , and either  $y \in B$  or  $y \in C$ . **11** Therefore,  $y \in A$  and  $y \in B \cup C$  so that  $y \in A \cap (B \cup C)$ . **12** Hence  $(A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$  is a subset of  $A \cap (B \cup C)$ . **13** In view of Definition 1.1.1, we conclude that the sets  $A \cap (B \cup C)$  and  $(A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$  are equal.” [from Bartle/Sherbert 1982]



# Proof Presentation from Assertion Level Proof

- 1) We show that  $((A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C) \subseteq A \cap B \cup C)$  and  $(A \cap B \cup C \subseteq (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C))$  ...because of definition of equality
- 2) We assume  $x \in A \cap B \cup C$  and show  $x \in (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$
- 3) Therefore,  $x \in A \wedge x \in B \cup C$
- 4) Therefore,  $x \in A \wedge (x \in B \vee x \in C)$
- 5) Therefore,  $x \in A \wedge x \in B \vee x \in A \wedge x \in C$
- 6) Therefore,  $x \in A \cap B \vee x \in A \cap C$
- 7) Therefore,  $x \in A \cap B \cup A \cap C$
- 8) We are done with the current part of the proof (i.e., to show that  $x \in (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$ ). [It remains to be shown that  $(A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C) \subseteq A \cap B \cup C$ ]
- 9) We assume  $y \in (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$  and show  $y \in A \cap B \cup C$
- 10) Therefore,  $y \in A \cap B \vee y \in A \cap C$
- 11) Therefore,  $(y \in A \wedge y \in B) \vee y \in A \cap C$
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Ruleset:  
\_  $\Rightarrow$  "appropriate"



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## Ruleset:

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- \*  $\text{U-Defn} \in 1,2 \wedge \text{I-Defn} \in 1,2 \Rightarrow \text{step-too-big}$
- \*  $\text{I-Defn}<3 \wedge \text{U-Defn}=0 \wedge \text{masteredconcept-unique}=1 \wedge \text{unmastered-conceptsunique}=0 \Rightarrow \text{step-too-small}$
- \*  $\_ \Rightarrow \text{step-appropriate}$



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# Discussion & Outlook

## Discussion

- ▶ Empirical modeling of granularity
- ▶ ...independent of introspection/justification of experts' judgments
- ▶ Thus, we **imitate** the behavior of expert tutors
- ▶ Is it desirable/possible to establish a **best practice** for judging proof step granularity?

## Outlook

- ▶ Further experiment sessions planned with different experts
- ▶ Measure performance of learnt classifiers, agreement between tutors
- ▶ What are the most useful granularity criteria for the classification task?



# Thank you!

## Questions ?





# Diversity in Wizard-of-Oz Corpora

Proof exercise:  $(R \circ S)^{-1} = S^{-1} \circ R^{-1}$

Student X	Student Y
st[0]: $(R \circ S)^{-1} =$ $\{(y, x)   (x, y) \in (R \circ S)\}$	st[0]: One needs to show equality between two sets.
tu[0]: This statement is correct.	tu[0]: That's right! How do you proceed?
st[1]: $(R \circ S)^{-1} = \{(y, x)   \exists z (z \in$ $M \wedge (x, z) \in R \wedge (z, y) \in S)\}$	st[1]: I use the extensionality princi- ple.
tu[1]: This formula is also correct.	tu[1]: That's right.
st[2]: $(R \circ S)^{-1} = \{(y, x)   \exists z (z \in$ $M \wedge (z, x) \in R^{-1} \wedge (y, z) \in$ $S^{-1})\}$	st[2]: Let $(s, r) \in (R \circ S)^{-1}$ . Ac- cording to the definition of the inverse relation it then holds that $(r, s) \in (R \circ S)$ .
tu[2]: This is correct. You are on a good way.	tu[2]: That's right!