# Tutorial Dialog with a Mathematical Assistant System

### The DIALOG Project

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### **Presentation Overview**

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- Tutorial Dialog with a Mathematical Assistant System
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10-13 Researchers

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### **Main Scientific Contributions**

#### Area of PhD thesis: Higher-Order Theorem Proving

- Extensional Higher-Order Resolution, Paramodulation, RUE-Resolution [Synthese-02] [CADE-99] [CADE-98]
- Notions of Semantics for Higher-Order Logic (HOL) / Abstract Consistency Proof Principle for HOL [JSL-02-Submitted]
- Development of my Higher-Order Theorem Prover
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  [System-Description-CADE-98]

# The DIALOG Project

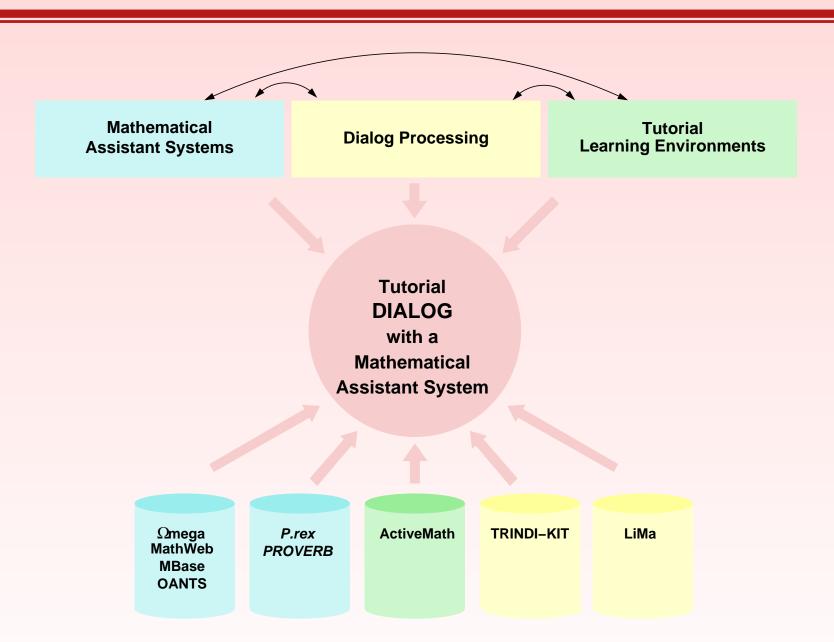
The DIALOG project is part of the Collaborative Research Centre SFB 378 Resource-adaptive Cognitive Processes Project Goals:

Empirical investigation, modeling, and implementation of natural language (NL) dialog in a tutorial application for a particular mathematical domain

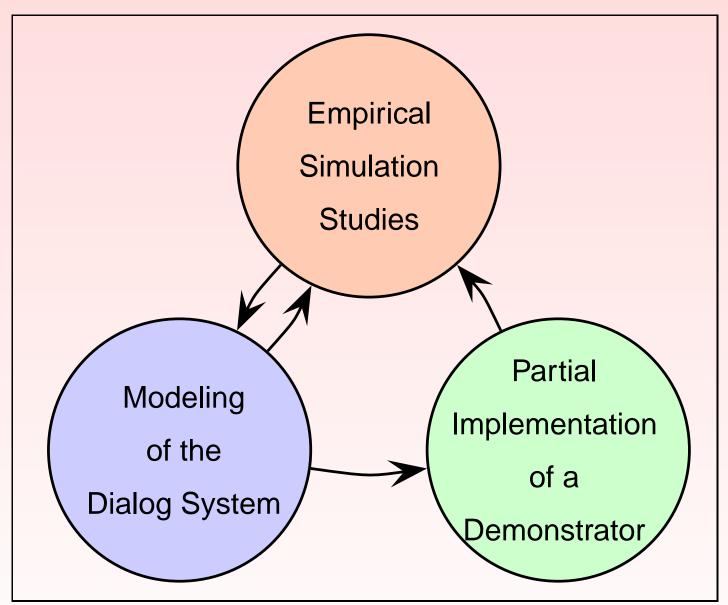
#### **Overall Motivation:**

Investigation and realisation of dialog techniques in ambitious applications which require deep speech analysis and non-trivial domain reasoning

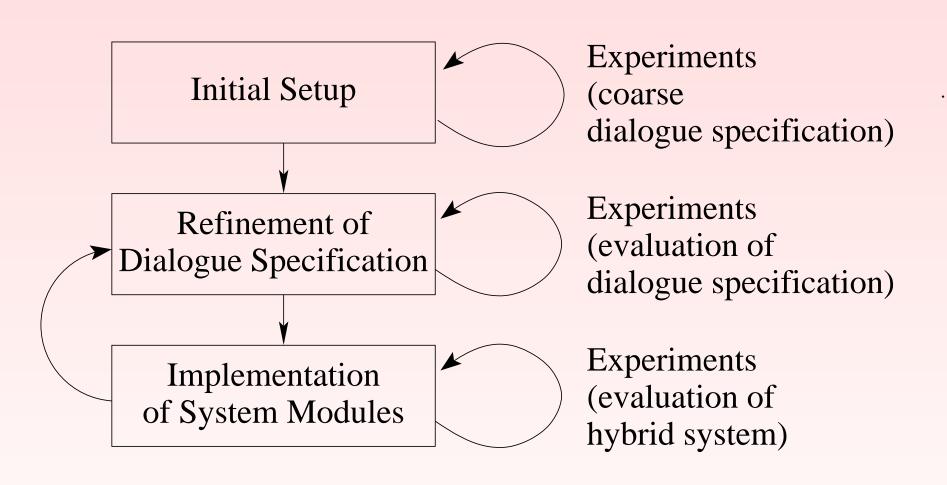
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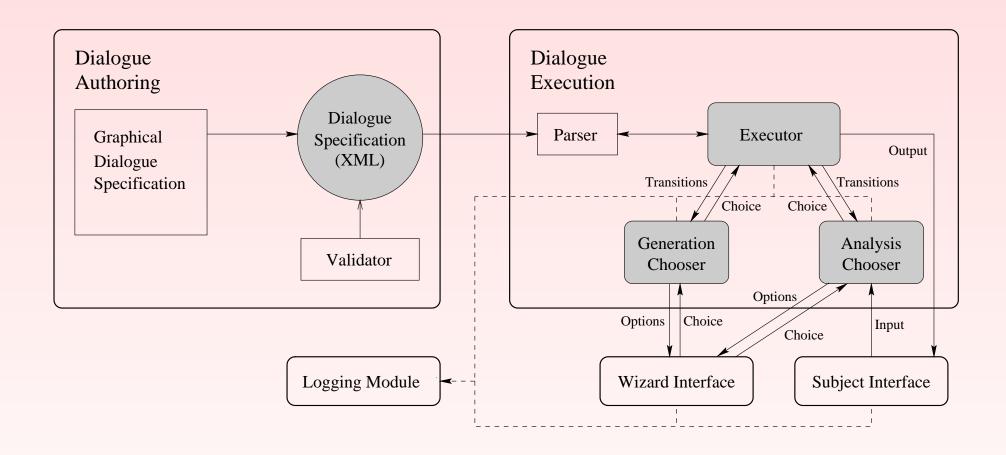


### **DiaWoZ**

System that supports the design and execution of *Wizard-of-Oz* (Bernsen et al.) experiments

- Combination of finite-state automata and information-state based dialog model (TRINDI)
- Global and local variables (for subdialogs)
- Dialog Authoring and Dialog Execution components

### **Architecture of DiaWoZ**



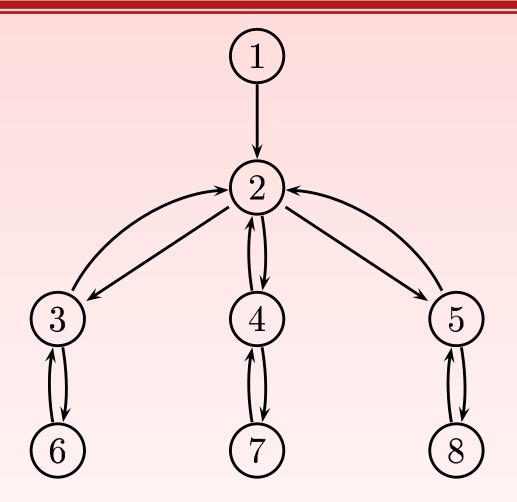
# **Dialog Specification**

Information State:

NEUTRAL: open

INVERSE: open

ASSOCIATIVE: open



# **An Example Dialog**

(U1) **Tutor:** To show that (Z, +) is a group, we

have to show that it has a neutral ele-

ment, that each element in Z has an

inverse, and that + is associative in

Z.

(U2) **Tutor:** What is the neutral element of Z with

respect to +?

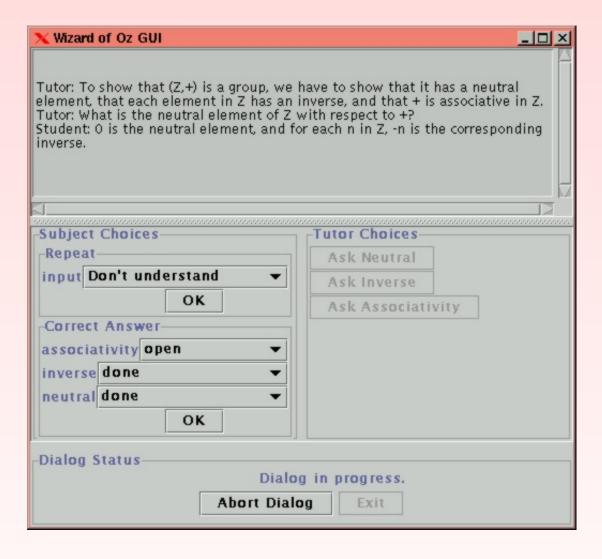
(U3) **Student:** 0 is the neutral element, and for each

n in Z, -n is the corresponding in-

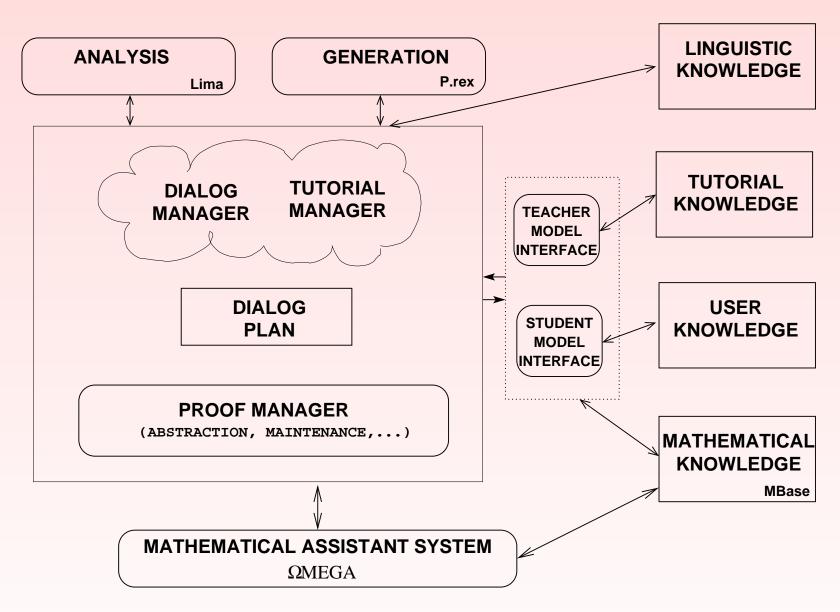
verse.

(U4) **Tutor:** That leaves us to show associativity.

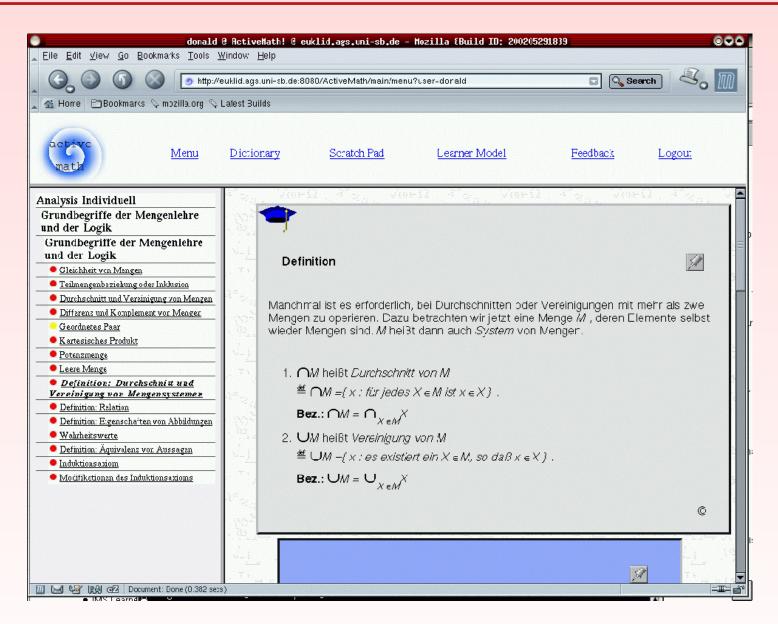
### **DiaWoZ Interface**



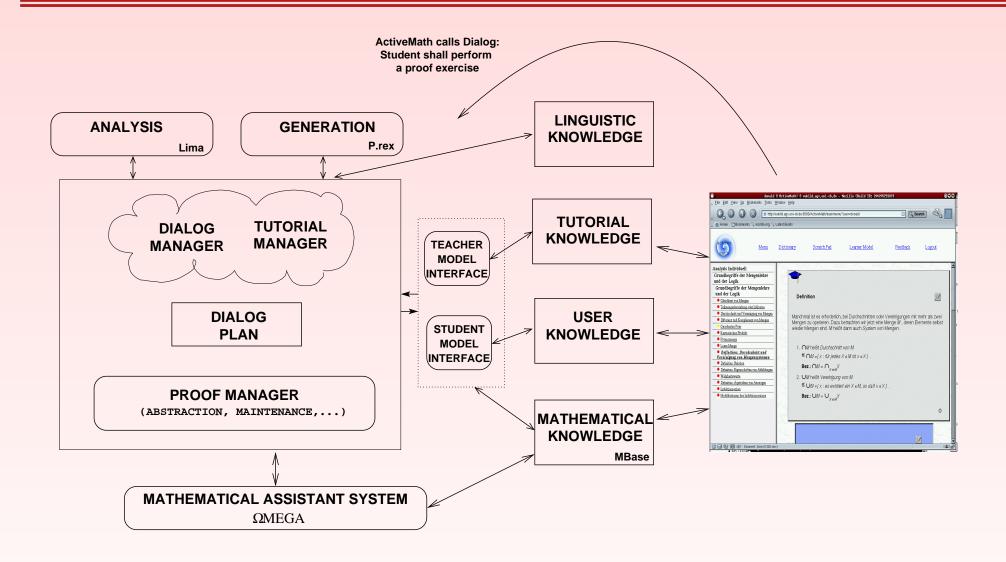
### **DIALOG Architecture**



# ACTIVEMATH Learning Environm.



### DIALOG and ACTIVE MATH



### **Domain: Naive Set Theory**

#### Is domain well chosen?

- What advantages has the domain?
- Representative also for other domains?
- Suitable for empirical studies?
- Manageable by OMEGA?
- Enough interesting structure?
- Interesting tutorial aspects?

# Mathematical Knowledge

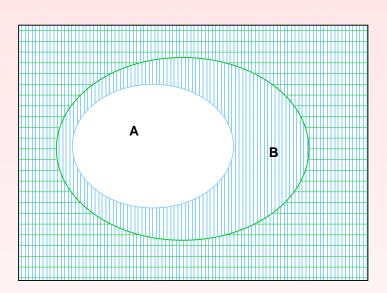
#### Theorem

$$(A \subseteq B) \Rightarrow (B^c \subseteq A^c)$$

#### **Tactic**

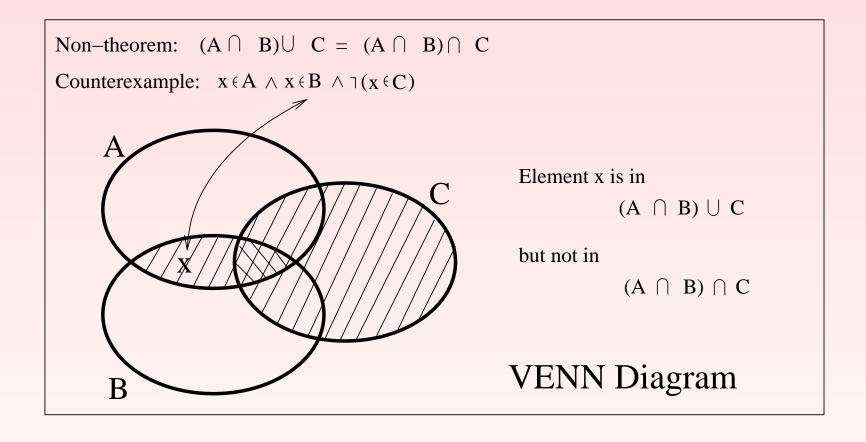
$$\frac{B \subseteq A}{A^c \subset B^c} \subseteq^{c}$$

Diagram:



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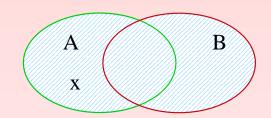
#### Counterexamples



# Further Mathematical Knowledge

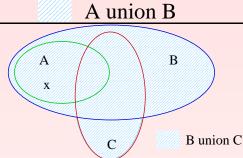
$$\in \text{-U-IL}: e \in A \Rightarrow (e \in A \cup B)$$

$$\frac{e \in A}{e \in A \cup B} \in -\cup -\mathsf{IL}$$



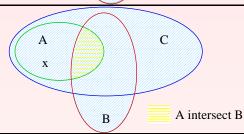
$$\subseteq -\cup -\mathrm{IL}: A \subseteq B \Rightarrow (A \subseteq B \cup C) \qquad \frac{A \subseteq B}{A \subseteq B \cup C} \subseteq -\cup -\mathrm{IL}$$

$$\frac{A\subseteq B}{A\subset B\cup C}\subseteq -\cup -\mathsf{IL}$$



$$\subseteq -\cap -\mathrm{IL} : (A \subseteq C) \Rightarrow (A \cap B \subseteq C) \qquad \frac{A \subseteq C}{A \cap B \subseteq C} \subseteq -\cap -\mathrm{IL}$$

$$\frac{A \subseteq C}{A \cap B \subseteq C} \subseteq -\cap -\mathsf{IL}$$



$$\wp\text{-I}:(A\subseteq B)\Rightarrow (A\in\wp(B))$$

$$\frac{A \subseteq B}{A \in \wp(B)} \ \wp^{-1}$$

### **User Knowledge**

#### Student A:

- Novice in Set Theory
- Has studied the following concepts:
  - Definitions:  $\in$ ,  $\cap$ ,  $\cup$ ,  $\subseteq$ ,  $\wp$ , set-complement
  - Theorems:  $\subseteq$ -∩-IL :  $(A \subseteq C) \Rightarrow (A \cap B \subseteq C)$
  - etc.

Student B: ...

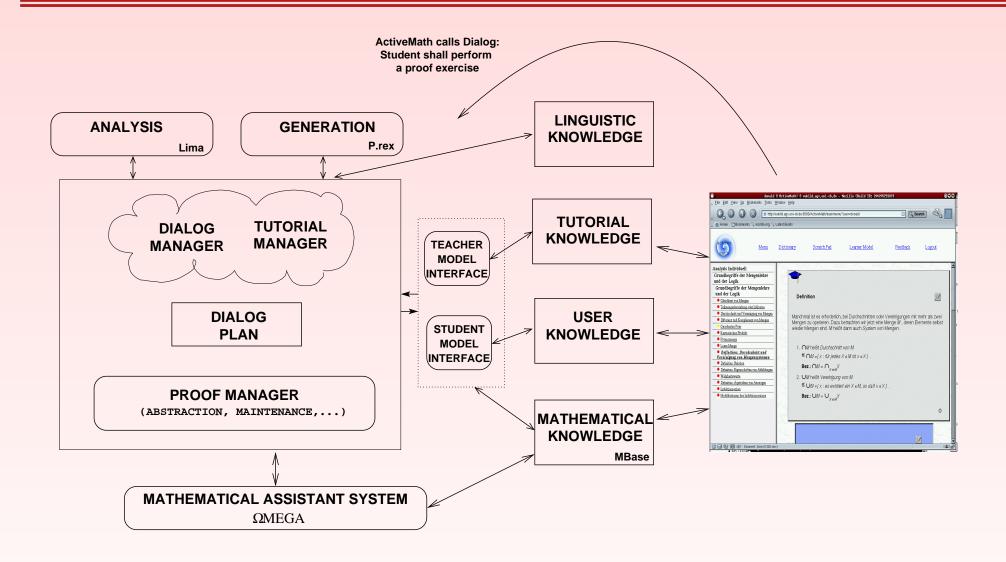
### **Tutorial Knowledge**

Novice student should solve exercises with mathematical knowledge that have been taught in the ACTIVEMATH tutorial.

 $\textbf{Chapter1,Ex1} \quad \to R = \{ \subseteq \text{-Ref}, \in \text{-}\cup \text{-}\text{iL}, \subseteq \text{-}\cup \text{-}\text{iR}, \subseteq \text{-}\cap \text{-}\text{iL}, \text{-}\text{-}\text{-}\text{i}\}$ 

- If novice student does not understand an application of  $r \in R$  then employ one of the following
  - 1. show/explain the Venn-Diagram for r
  - 2.  $\blacksquare$  explain instantiation of r
    - $\blacksquare$  choose theorem r as exercise (recursion!)
  - 3. refer to ACTIVEMATH text for r
  - 4. ...

### Architecture for DIALOG



### Challenge for OMEGA & $\Omega$ -Ants

#### **Proof planning in OMEGA & \Omega-Ants with resources:**

- inference rules
- control knowledge to structure the search space

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Teacher model \rightarrow T = (inf-rules-1, control-1)
User model \rightarrow U = (inf-rules-2, control-2)
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CONSTRUCT-PROOF(T)  $\rightarrow$  Teacher proof vs.

**CONSTRUCT-PROOF(U)** → **Predictable steps of user** 

# **Example Proof**

$$A \cap B \in \wp((A \cup C) \cap (B \cup C))$$

Call OMEGA with

**Rules: ND**  $\cup$  { $\subseteq$ -REF,  $\subseteq$ - $\cap$ -IL,  $\subseteq$ - $\cap$ -IR,  $\subseteq$ - $\cup$ -IL,  $\ldots$ }

Strategies: prefer-set-tactics-over-ND

$$\frac{\frac{\top}{A \subseteq A} \subseteq \text{-REF}}{\frac{A \subseteq A \cup C}{A \cap B \subseteq A \cup C} \subseteq \text{-U-IL}} \xrightarrow{\frac{B \subseteq B}{B \subseteq B}} \subseteq \text{-REF}$$

$$\frac{B \subseteq B \cup C}{\frac{A \cap B \subseteq A \cup C}{A \cap B \subseteq B \cup C}} \subseteq \text{-U-IL}$$

$$\frac{A \cap B \subseteq (A \cup C) \cap (B \cup C)}{A \cap B \in \wp((A \cup C) \cap (B \cup C))} \bowtie \text{-I}$$

# **Example Proof**

To show:

By  $\wp$ -I enough to show:

By  $\subseteq -\cap -1$  we have to show (1) and (2):

1.

By  $\subseteq$ - $\cap$ -IL enough to show

By ⊆-∪-IL enough to show

Follows by ⊆-REF

2.

By ⊆-∪-IL enough to show

By ⊆-∩-IR enough to show

Follows by ⊆-REF

q.e.d.

$$A \cap B \in \wp((A \cup C) \cap (B \cup C))$$
$$A \cap B \subseteq (A \cup C) \cap (B \cup C)$$

$$A\cap B\subseteq A\cup C$$

$$A \subseteq A \cup C$$

$$A \subseteq A$$

$$A \cap B \subseteq B \cup C$$

$$A \cap B \subseteq B$$

$$B \subseteq B$$

⇒ Note multiplicities in proof: proof abstraction is needed

### **Enough structure in Naive Set Theory?**

**Problem:** 

 $(A \cup B)^c \subseteq A^c$ 

By  $\subseteq^c$  enough to show:

 $A \subseteq A \cup B$ 

By C-∪-IL enough to show:

 $A \subseteq A$ 

Follows by ⊆-REF

q.e.d.

Assume: Student does not understand application of  $\subseteq^c$  According to our tutorial knowledge we would

- 1. show/explain Venn diagram for  $\subseteq^c$
- **2. explain instantiation of**  $\subseteq^c$ 
  - $\blacksquare$  choose theorem  $\subseteq^c$  as exercise (recursion!)
- 3. refer to ACTIVEMATHtext for  $\subseteq^c$

### **Enough structure in Naive Set Theory?**

#### (2b) Proof of $\subseteq^c$ :

$$X \subseteq Y \Rightarrow Y^c \subseteq X^c$$

By  $\Rightarrow$ -I we assume  $[X \subseteq Y]$  and show

 $Y^c \subseteq X^c$ 

By Defn-I(c) enough to show

 $\mathcal{U} \setminus Y \subseteq \mathcal{U} \setminus X$ 

By  $\subseteq -\setminus$  enough to show

 $\mathcal{U} \subseteq \mathcal{U}$  and  $X \subseteq Y$ 

The former follows by  $\subseteq$ -REF and the latter from the assumption. q.e.d.

**⇒** Update of User Model

Assume: Student does not understand  $\subseteq -\setminus$  step.

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(2b) Subdialog on proof problem:  $A \subseteq B \land C \subseteq D \Rightarrow A \setminus D \subseteq B \setminus C$ 

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### **Related Work**

Mathematical Assistant Systems: NuPrl, HOL,  $\lambda$ -Clam

Tutor systems: Typically simple dialog capabilities and no clear separation of domain representation, tutorial strategies, and NL dialog

- Autotutor (Person et al.)
- Geometry-tutor (Aleven & Koedinger)
- Algebra-tutor Ms. Lindquist (Heferman & Koedinger)
- MALIN system

### **Related Work**

Dialog systems: Recent trend is flexible, domain and content-oriented dialog modeling

- (Cohen & Levesque): Theory of action and interaction
- ARTEMIS (Sadek et al.): Ambitious speech input, reasoning based on cooperation principles
- Dialog games (Carlson) (Carletta)
- Trindi-Kit developed in EU projects TRINDI and SIRIDUS: Framework for development and evaluation of dialog systems based on dynamical information states

# **Summary**

#### Focus of research

- Collect empirical data
- Modeling of dialog system
- Challenge: Interplay with the domain reasoner, the mathematical knowledge base, the tutorial strategies, and the user model

#### Step by step

- Successive refinement and validation of the model
- Implementation of demonstrator