Chasing the blend

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Abstract

We model the mathematical process whereby new mathematical theories are produced, involving shared and individual creativity. Here we provide rational reconstructions of some developments from mathematical history; our longer-term goal is to support machine and human mathematical creativity.

Introduction

To be written by Alan.

Background

Blending in Mathematics

Alison?

Image Schemas

Marco

Blending and the infinite

Note: Marco, Ewen, Alan, Felix

Naturals and Integers

A Simple Example – the Integers

In order to demonstrate the machinery involved in blending mathematical theories, we consider combining a theory of natural numbers with the concept of the inverse of a function to obtain the integers. Let us assume an simple axiomatisation of the natural numbers (without order axioms) as shown in Figure 1, and call this theory \mathbb{N} . Now let us also define a simple theory which introduces the concept of a function with an inverse as shown in Figure 2, and call this theory \mathbb{F} .

Identifying a Generic Space In order to incorporate the notion of blending here we want to be able to identify a "generic" component of each theory and compute the pushout as discusses in §. We can use the HDTP system (Gust, Kühnberger, and Schmidt, 2006; Schmidt, 2010) to discover a common theory and signature morphism between symbols in the two theories $\mathbb N$ and $\mathbb F$. The Generic theory contains

spec NAT =
sort Nat
ops zero: Nat;
$$s: Nat \rightarrow Nat;$$
 $-+-: Nat \times Nat \rightarrow Nat$
 $\forall x, y, z: Nat$

• $s(x) = y \land s(x) = z \Rightarrow y = z$
• $s(x) = s(y) \Rightarrow x = y$
• $\exists a: Nat \bullet s(x) = a$
• $\neg s(x) = zero$
• $s(x) + y = s(x + y)$
• zero $+ y = y$
end

Figure 1: A theory of the natural numbers without order

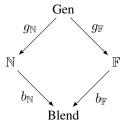
spec FUNC =
sort
$$X$$
op $f: X \rightarrow X$
op $finv: X \rightarrow X$
 $\forall x: X$
• $f(finv(x)) = x$
end

Figure 2: A theory with a function and its inverse defined

a sort N and a function func, and the morphisms from the Generic theory to $\mathbb N$ and $\mathbb F$ are:

Here the successor function is identified in the mapping with the function in the theory \mathbb{F} , and g_K is the label for the set of symbol mappings determined by the signature morphism from the Generic space the theory K.

Computing the Colimit The HETS system (Mossakowski, Maeder, and Lüttich, 2007) can then be exploited to find a new theory by computing the colimit:



This generates the theory shown in 3.

spec SPEC =

 sort
$$N$$
 op ___+__ : $N \times N \to N$

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Figure 3: An inconsistent version of the integers (without order)

Removal of Inconsistencies This theory is automatically determined to be inconsistent due to the axioms

$$\forall x : \mathbb{Z}.nots(x) = 0 \tag{3}$$

$$s(p(x)) = x (4)$$

Removal of the limiting axiom (3) results in a theory which is very similar to what we understand to be the integers as shown in Figure 4.

Figure 4: A consistent version of the integers (without order)

Running the Blend Running the blend refers to discovering axioms or definitions which make the blend incomplete. In the example of the version in Figure 4, the definition of plus needs to be extended to understand how to calculate with the predecessor function:

$$p(x) + y = p(x+y)$$

from which theorems such as

$$p(x) + s(y) = x + y$$

can be discovered.

Potential and actual infinity

Prime Ideals as a blend

Introduction

One of the most fundamental concepts of modern mathematics, which is the basis of commutative algebra and a seminal ingredient of the language of schemes in modern algebraic geometry is the one of prime ideal (Grothendieck and Diedonné, 1971; Eisenbud, 1995).

In this section, we present an implementation done in Hets (Mossakowski, Maeder, and Codescu, 2014), in the language of CASL for the case of a principal ideal domain (PID). The resulting blending space contains two equivalent definitions of the containing relation for ideals. One of them is the trivial one in terms of elements and the other one is given in terms of product of ideals. It states that an ideal X is contained in an ideal Y if and only if there exists an ideal C such that X = Y * C. This is true if the base ring is a PID (it is an elementary exercise). However, if the base ring is not a PID, for example $R = \mathbb{Z}[T]$, then one can check that the ideals X = (2) and Y = (2, T) gives a counterexample. Here, it is important to point out that in this implementation we looked for a minimal set of axioms such that, at the same time, the semantic interpretation can be uniquely determined. It is always possible to construct an implementation with additional axioms given by properties that could be logically derived from the main axioms, (e.g. the set theoretical properties of the containment relation for subsets of a set) but these properties are secondary ones, meanwhile, the ones defining the arithmetic of the ring, of an ideal and of the set of ideals of the ring are the essential ones.

We will recover the concept of prime ideal of a commutative ring with unity as a sort of partial (or weaken) blending (i.e. a blend for just some axioms of the input theories) between the concepts of an ideal of a commutative ring with unity (enriched with the collection of all the ideals of the corresponding ring) and the concept of a prime number of the integers.

In fact, in order to obtain the desired space it is enough to consider a more general version of the prime numbers (in our case a partial version), namely, a monoid (Z,*,1) with an "special" divisibility relation \lfloor . Besides, the generic space would capture just the syntactic correspondences that we wish to identity in the blending space, since the blend would be basically the union of the collection of axioms given on each space, doing the corresponding identifications.

Our approach to blending is the one adopted by Goguen in terms of colimits (Goguen, 1999, 2001, 2005).

We present the conceptual spaces from the standard "pure" mathematical point of view doing concurrently the corresponding translation into the setting of the Common Algebraic Specification Language (CASL) (Bidoit and Mosses, 2004).

The first conceptual space

Let (R, +.*, 0, 1) be a commutative ring with unity, i.e. R is a set with two binary operations, + and *, and two special elements $0, 1 \in R$ satisfying the following axioms:

- 1. $(\forall a \in R)(a + 0 = 0 + a = a)$
- 2. $(\forall a \in R)(\exists b \in R)(a + b = b + a = 0)$
- 3. $(\forall a, b, c \in R)((a+b) + c = a + (b+c))$
- 4. $(\forall a, b \in R)(a+b=b+a)$
- 5. $(\forall a \in R)(a * 1 = 1 * a = a)$
- 6. $(\forall a, b, c \in R)((a * b) * c = a * (b * c)))$
- 7. $(\forall a, b \in R)(a * b = b * a)$
- 8. $(\forall a, b, c \in R)(a * (b + c) = a * b + a * c)$

Now, R can be understood as the sort containing the elements of the corresponing commutative ring with unity. An ideal I is a subset of R satisfying the following axiom:

$$(\forall i, j \in I)(\forall r \in R)(i + (-j) \in I \land r * i \in I).$$

Let us define a unary relation (predicate) isideal on the set (sort) of subsets of R, P(R), as follows: isideal(I) if and only if I is an ideal of R.

Now, we define

$$\operatorname{Spec}_I R = \{ A \subseteq R : isideal(A) \}.$$

Here, $\operatorname{Spec}_I R$ is considered as a subsort of the sort P(R).

There is one natural operation on $\operatorname{Spec}_I R$, let us say ι_ι , inherited in a natural way from the corresponding operations + and \cdot on S:

Let $I, J \in \operatorname{Spec}_I R$, then we define

$$I_{\cdot_{l}}J:=\left\{i_{1}\cdot j_{1}+\ldots+i_{n}\cdot j_{n}:n\in\mathbb{N}\wedge i_{k}\in I\wedge j_{k}\in J\right\}.$$

With this operation $\operatorname{Spec}_I R$ forms a commutative monoid (i.e. it holds commutativity, associativity and there exists a neutral element (in this case the ring)). However, this fact is irrelevant in our case for the blending process. As a matter of fact, the only property that we want to keep into the blend is the one saying that this operation has a neutral element 1_{ι} , which can be seen as an additional notation for the ring, but respect to this operation \cdot_{ι} instead of being the sort of elements of the ring, i.e., R.

On the other side, we want to see the contention relation \subseteq as a binary relation over the sort $\operatorname{Spec}_I R$.

Summarizing, our first conceptual space consists of sorts R, $\operatorname{Spec}_I R$ and P(R); operations $+_R, *_R, 0_R, 1_R, 1_\iota$ and \cdot_ι ; and the relations \subseteq and isideal.

Here we add all the corresponding axioms defining R as a commutative ring, the explicit former definition of isideal, $\operatorname{Spec}_I R$ and \cdot_ι ; and the axiom guaranteeing that 1_ι is the neutral element for \cdot_ι .

Let us denote this space by \mathbb{I} .

The second conceptual space

Let $\mathbb Z$ be the set of the integer numbers. Here, we can choose any axiomatization of them, since for the (partial) blending we just take into account only the fact that $(\mathbb Z,*,1)$ is a commutative monoid. Or even simpler, we only use the fact that 1 is the neutral element with the operation *. One can, for example, take the simple characterization of $\mathbb Z$, given by Martin Brandenburg ('Possible axioms for Integers', 2010), as the only ordered commutative ring with unity satisfying the following "bi-inductive" property:

$$\forall M \subseteq \mathbb{Z} \left[0 \in M \land (\forall n \in \mathbb{Z} (n \in M \to n \pm 1 \in M)) \right.$$
$$\to M = \mathbb{Z}.$$

We define also an upside down divisibility relation \lfloor defined as

$$e \lfloor g := g | e,$$

We re-write the classical divisibility relation on this way in order to obtain the right primality condition on the blend. Let us define a unary relation isprime on \mathbb{Z} as follows: for all $p \in \mathbb{Z}$, isprime(p) holds if $p \neq 1$ and the following (primality) condition holds:

$$(\forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z})(ab|p) \to (a|p \lor b|p).$$

Besides, we define the set (sort) of the prime numbers as

$$Prime = \{ p \in \mathbb{Z} / isprime(p) \}$$

Now, it is an elementary fact to see that this condition is an equivalent form of the standard definition of prime number given in the classical number theory books (see for example Apostol, 1976. In the CASL language, we consider \mathbb{Z} as the sort of the integer numbers, * as a binary operation , prime as a predicate and \lfloor as a binary relation, any of them defined over the sort \mathbb{Z} .

We denote this conceptual space by \mathbb{P} .

The Generic Space

The generic space consists of a set (sort) G with a binary operation $*_G$, a neutral element S and a binary relation \leq_G . Let us denote this space by \mathbb{G} .

The Blending Morphisms

Now, let us define the morphisms from the generic space into the two corresponding conceptual spaces. Let $\varphi:\mathbb{G}\to\mathbb{I}$ be the morphism induced by the following syntactic correspondences $\varphi(G)=\operatorname{Spec}_IR, \varphi(*_G)=*_\iota, \varphi(S)=1_\iota$ and $\varphi(\leq_G)=\subseteq$.

Furthermore, let $\delta:=\mathbb{G}\to\mathbb{P}$ be the morphism induced by the syntactic correspondences $\delta(G)=\mathbb{Z}, \delta(*_G)=*, \delta(S)=1$ and $\delta(\leq_G)=\lfloor.$

The Axiomatization of the Blending

In the every-day research of the working mathematician it happens frequently that one starts to develop general theoretical frameworks by combining just some aspects of two particular theories but without considering the whole theories. For example, the development of differential geometry was obtained combining just some aspect of general and algebraic topology and some aspects of real analysis (Velez and Cadavid, 2005). The same happens with the methods use in analytic number theory which are a fusion of some components of elementary number theory and some of the real analysis techniques (Apostol, 1976).

Therefore, it is more natural in the daily mathematical research to obtain new concepts as "partial" combinations of two former ones, i.e., as combinations (blends) of just some axioms of the corresponding two theories.

Thus, in our case, a partial blend will give us the desired concept. For example, from the properties defining the integers we transfer into the blend only the fact that \mathbb{Z} is a set with a binary operation * having 1 as neutral element.

So, after using the same symbols for denoting the ring as a sort of elements or as the neutral element for product of ideals \cdot_G , the blend has the form

$$(S, +_S, *_S, 0_S, 1_S, G = \operatorname{Spec}_I S, isprime, Prime, \cdot_G, S = 1_G, \subseteq)$$

with all the corresponding axioms of the first conceptual space plus the translated version of the axiom defining the primality predicate after doing the corresponding symbolic identifications i.e., an element $P \in G$ (i.e., an ideal of S) satisfied the predicate isprime if and only if

$$P \neq S \land (\forall X, Y \in G = \operatorname{Spec}_I S).$$
$$(X \cdot_{\alpha} Y \subseteq P \to (X \subseteq P \lor Y \subseteq P)).$$

Now, it is an elementary exercise to see that this definition is equivalent to the fact that P is a prime ideal of S, i.e. to the condition

$$P \neq S \land (\forall a, b \in S)(ab \in B \rightarrow (a \in P \lor b \in P)).$$

Therefore, the predicate isprime turns out to be the predicate characterizing the primality of ideals of S and the set (sort) Prime turns out to be the set of prime ideals of S.

Besides, we just consider the fact that the up-side down divisibility relation is a binary relation without taking into account the formal definition into the blend.

In conclusion, the blending space consists of the axioms assuring that S is a commutative ring with unity, G is the set of ideals of S, isprime is the predicate specifying primality for ideals of S and Prime is the collection of all prime ideals of S.

Implementation for the Principal Ideal Domain Case

On this section we present an implementation done in Hets (Mossakowski et al., 2014), in the language of CASL for the case of a principal ideal domain (PID). The resulting blending space contains two equivalent definitions of the containing relation for ideals. One of them is the trivial one in terms of elements and the other one is given in terms of product of ideals. It is an elementary exercise to see this equivalence in the PID case.

library ideal_blend

logic CASL

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% % Blends in Casl
spec IDEALSOFRING =
       sort RingElt
               %% sort of Ring Elts
               SubSetOfRing
               %% not further defined for the moment
       pred IsIdeal : SubSetOfRing
               % % when a subset is an ideal
               0: RingElt
       op
               1: RingElt
       op
               \_*: RingElt \times RingElt \rightarrow RingElt
       op
               \underline{\phantom{a}} + \underline{\phantom{a}} : RingElt \times RingElt \rightarrow RingElt
       op
       pred __isIn__ : RingElt × SubSetOfRing
       sort Ideal = \{I : SubSetOfRing \bullet IsIdeal(I)\}
               R: Ideal
       op
               %% the Ring as an ideal
               \_**\_: Ideal \times Ideal \rightarrow Ideal, unit R
       op
              \_issubsetOf\_: Ideal \times Ideal
               % % partial order
               % Definition of the containment predicate
       \forall A, B : Ideal
       • A issubsetOf B \Leftrightarrow \forall a : RingElt \bullet a isIn A \Rightarrow a isIn B
       % % axioms for Ring
       \forall x : RingElt; y : RingElt
       \bullet x + y = y + x
       % Commutativity with +\%
       \forall x : RingElt; y : RingElt; z : RingElt
       \bullet (x + y) + z = x + (y + z)
       % % Associativity with +
       \forall x : RingElt
       \bullet x + 0 = x \land 0 + x = x
       % % unit with +
       \forall x : RingElt
       • \exists x' : RingElt \bullet x' + x = 0
       % % Inverse with +
       \forall x : RingElt; y : RingElt
       \bullet \ x * y = y * x
       % % Commutativity with *
       \forall x : RingElt; y : RingElt; z : RingElt
       \bullet (x * y) * z = x * (y * z)
       % % Associativity with *
       \forall x : RingElt
       • x * 1 = x \wedge 1 * x = x
       % % unit with *
       \forall x, y, z : RingElt
       \bullet (x + y) * z = (x * z) + (y * z)
       % % Left_Distributivity
       \forall x, y, z : RingElt
       \bullet z * (x + y) = (z * x) + (z * y)
       % % Right_Distributivity
       % % axioms for Ideal
       \forall I : SubSetOfRing
       \bullet IsIdeal(I)
         \Leftrightarrow \forall a, b, c : RingElt
             • ((a isIn I \Rightarrow a isIn R) \land 0 isIn I)
               \land (a isIn I \land c isIn R \Rightarrow c * a isIn I)
               \wedge (a isIn I \wedge b isIn I \wedge c isIn R \wedge b + c = 0
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% % Prime Ideals over Principal Ideal Domains (PID) as

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\Rightarrow a + c \text{ isIn } I
                                                                                   spec COLIMIT =
       % % axioms for PID-s
                                                                                          combine 11, 12
      pred __generates__ : RingElt × Ideal
                                                                                   end
               % % an ideal is generated by an element
                                                                                      After computing the corresponding colimit in HETS and
      \forall A : Ideal \bullet \exists a : RingElt \bullet a generates A
                                                                                   after interpreting "RingEl" as the sort containing the ele-
      \forall a : RingElt
                                                                                   ments of the ring S, the theory defining the blend corres-
      \bullet \ \forall \ A : Ideal
                                                                                   ponds to the axioms defining a PID (S), the set of all its
         • a generates A
                                                                                   ideals (Generic) and the set all its prime ideals (SimpleP-
            \Leftrightarrow \forall c : RingElt \bullet c \ isIn \ A \Rightarrow \exists \ d : RingElt \bullet c = a * d
                                                                                   rime):
       % % Definition of the product of ideals
      \forall A, B : Ideal
                                                                                   library ideal_colim
      • \forall a, b : RingElt \bullet a isIn A \land b isIn B \Rightarrow a * b isIn A ** B
      • \forall D : Ideal
                                                                                   logic CASL.SULFOL=
         • (\forall a, b : RingElt \bullet a isIn A \land b isIn B \Rightarrow a * b isIn A ** B)
            \Rightarrow A ** B issubsetOf D
                                                                                   spec SPEC =
end
                                                                                          sorts Generic, RingElt, SimplePrime, SubSetOfRing
%% axioms defining a very simple version of the integers,
                                                                                          sorts SimplePrime < Generic;
% % considered with an operation *, a binary relation |
                                                                                                  Generic < SubSetOfRing
% % (upside—down divisibility relation) and a primality axiom.
                                                                                                  0: RingElt
                                                                                          op
                                                                                                  1: RingElt
                                                                                          op
spec SIMPLEINT =
                                                                                                  S: Generic
                                                                                          op
      sort SimpleElem
                                                                                                  \underline{\phantom{a}}*\underline{\phantom{a}}: RingElt \times RingElt \rightarrow RingElt
                                                                                          op
      ops 1 : SimpleElem;
                                                                                                  \_+: RingElt \times RingElt \rightarrow RingElt
                                                                                          op
               \underline{x}: SimpleElem \times SimpleElem \rightarrow SimpleElem,
                                                                                                    x : Generic \times Generic \rightarrow Generic
                                                                                          op
              comm, assoc, unit 1
                                                                                          pred IsIdeal : SubSetOfRing
      preds \underline{\hspace{0.1cm}}||\underline{\hspace{0.1cm}}|: SimpleElem \times SimpleElem;
                                                                                          pred IsPrime: Generic
               % % division gives partial order
                                                                                          pred __generates__ : RingElt × Generic
               IsPrime: SimpleElem
                                                                                          pred __isIn__ : RingElt × SubSetOfRing
      \forall x, y : SimpleElem
                                                                                          pred gcont: Generic × Generic
      • x \mid\mid y \Leftrightarrow \exists \ c : SimpleElem \bullet x = y \ x \ c
                                                                                          \forall I : SubSetOfRing \bullet I \in Generic \Leftrightarrow IsIdeal(I) \%(Ax1)\%
       \% \, Def\_up side down Divisility Relation \%
                                                                                          \forall x : Generic
       % % subsort of primes
                                                                                          \bullet x x S = x
      sort SimplePrime = \{p : SimpleElem \bullet IsPrime(p)\}
                                                                                                                              %(ga_right_unit___**__)%
      \forall p : SimpleElem
                                                                                          \forall x : Generic
      • IsPrime(p)
                                                                                           \bullet S x x = x
         \Leftrightarrow (\forall a, b : SimpleElem \bullet a \times b \mid\mid p \Rightarrow a \mid\mid p \vee b \mid\mid p) \land \neg p = 1
                                                                                                                                %(ga_left_unit___**__)%
       % Def_primality%
                                                                                          \forall A, B : Generic
end
                                                                                          • gcont(A, B) \Leftrightarrow \forall a : RingElt \bullet a isIn A \Rightarrow a isIn B \%(Ax4)\%
% % Generic space
                                                                                          \forall x, y : RingElt \bullet x + y = y + x
                                                                                                                                                  %(Ax5)%
                                                                                          \forall x, y, z : RingElt \bullet (x + y) + z = x + (y + z) \% (Ax6)\%
spec Gen =
                                                                                          \forall x : RingElt \bullet x + 0 = x \land 0 + x = x
                                                                                                                                                  %(Ax7)%
      sort Generic
                                                                                          \forall x : RingElt \bullet \exists x' : RingElt \bullet x' + x = 0 %(Ax8)%
             S : Generic;
                                                                                          \forall x, y : RingElt \bullet x * y = y * x
                                                                                                                                                  %(Ax9)%
               \_\_gpr\_\_: Generic \times Generic \rightarrow Generic, unit S
                                                                                          \forall x, y, z : RingElt \bullet (x * y) * z = x * (y * z) \% (Ax10)\%
      pred gcont: Generic × Generic
                                                                                          \forall x : RingElt \bullet x * 1 = x \land 1 * x = x
end
                                                                                          \forall x, y, z : RingElt \bullet (x + y) * z = (x * z) + (y * z) \% (Ax12)\%
                                                                                          \forall x, y, z : RingElt \bullet z * (x + y) = (z * x) + (z * y) \% (Ax13)\%
view I1:
                                                                                          \forall I : SubSetOfRing
      GEN to IDEALSOFRING =
                                                                                          • IsIdeal(I)
      Generic \mapsto Ideal, S \mapsto R, \_\_gpr\_\_ \mapsto \_\_**\_,
                                                                                             \Leftrightarrow \forall a, b, c : RingElt
      gcont \mapsto \_\_issubsetOf\_\_
                                                                                                • ((a isIn I \Rightarrow a isIn S) \land 0 isIn I)
end
                                                                                                   \land (a isIn I \land c isIn S \Rightarrow c * a isIn I)
                                                                                                   \wedge (a isIn I \wedge b isIn I \wedge c isIn S \wedge b + c = 0
view I2:
                                                                                                       \Rightarrow a + c \text{ isIn } I
      GEN to SIMPLEINT =
                                                                                                                                                 %(Ax14)%
      Generic \mapsto SimpleElem, S \mapsto 1, \_gpr\_ \mapsto \_x\_,
                                                                                          \forall A : Generic \bullet \exists a : RingElt \bullet a generates A \%(Ax15)\%
      gcont \mapsto \underline{\hspace{1cm}}||\underline{\hspace{1cm}}|
                                                                                          \forall a : RingElt; A : Generic
end
                                                                                          • a generates A
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\Leftrightarrow \forall \ c : RingElt \bullet c \ isIn \ A \Rightarrow \exists \ d : RingElt \bullet c = a * d \\ \% (Ax16)\%
\forall \ A, B : Generic; \ a, b : RingElt
\bullet \ a \ isIn \ A \land b \ isIn \ B \Rightarrow a * b \ isIn \ A \times B
\forall \ A, B, D : Generic
\bullet \ (\forall \ a, b : RingElt \bullet a \ isIn \ A \land b \ isIn \ B \Rightarrow a * b \ isIn \ A \times B)
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%(Ax18)%

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\forall x, y : Generic
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• $gcont(x, y) \Leftrightarrow \exists c : Generic \bullet x = y \ x \ c$ %(Ax3)% $\forall p : Generic \bullet p \in SimplePrime \Leftrightarrow IsPrime(p) \%(Ax4_19)%$ $\forall p : Generic$

 \bullet IsPrime(p)

 \Leftrightarrow ($\forall a, b : Generic$

 \Rightarrow gcont(A x B, D)

• $gcont(a \ x \ b, p) \Rightarrow gcont(a, p) \lor gcont(b, p))$ $\land \neg p = S$

%(Ax5_20)%

end

Related Example

— especially Galois.

Galois Theory

Danny, Joe, Felix, Ewen

Issues raised

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Evaluation and Outlook

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Conclusions

(and references) – everyone!

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