

Explaining Mathematical Proofs to Computers

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What is Lean?



Un **assistant** de preuve



A theorem **prover**



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17 The Hahn-Banach theorem about extending linear functionals to a field
   `k = R` or `k = C`: -/
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19 theorem Hahn_Banach [complete_space V] (p : subspace k V)
20 (f : p →L[k] k) : ∃ g : V →L[k] k, (∀ x : p, g x = f x) ∧ ‖g‖ =
   ‖f‖ :=
21 begin
   You, 8 months ago • wip ...
22   letI : module R V := restrict_scalars.module R k V,
23   letI : is_scalar_tower R k V := restrict_scalars.is_scalar_tower _
   _ _,
24   letI : semi_normed_space R V := semi_normed_space.restrict_scalars _
   k _,
25   -- Let `fr : p →L[R] R` be the real part of `f`.
26   let fr := re_clm.comp (f.restrict_scalars R),
27   have fr_apply : ∀ x, fr x = re (f x), by { assume x, refl },
28   -- Use the real version to get a norm-preserving extension of `fr`,
   which
29   -- we'll call `g : V →L[R] R`.
30   rcases real.exists_extension_norm_eq (p.restrict_scalars R) fr with
   (g, ⟨hextends, hnormeq⟩),
31   -- **Now `g` can be extended to the `V →L[k] k` we need.**
32   refine (g.extend_to_k, _),
33   -- It is an extension of `f`.
34   have h : ∀ x : p, g.extend_to_k x = f x,
35   { assume x,

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▼ talk.lean:21:5

▼ Tactic state

1 goal

filter: no filter

k : Type

_inst_1 : is_R_or_C k

V : Type u_1

_inst_2 : normed_group V

_inst_3 : normed_space k V

_inst_4 : complete_space V

p : subspace k V

f : !p →L[k] k

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∃ (g : V →L[k] k),

(∀ (x : !p), ‖g x‖ = ‖f x‖)

‖g‖ = ‖f‖

► All Messages (3)



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Quasi-projectivity of moduli spaces of polarized varieties

Pages 597–639 from Volume 159 (2004), Issue 2 by Georg Schumacher, Hajime Tsuji

Abstract

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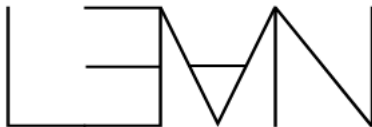
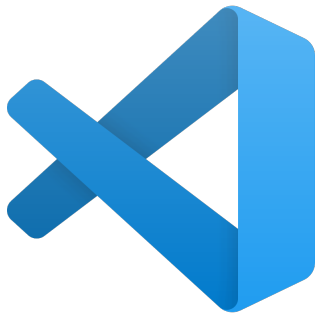
Non-quasi-projective moduli spaces

Pages 1077–1096 from Volume 164 (2006), Issue 3 by János Kollár

Abstract

We show that every smooth toric variety (and many other algebraic spaces as well) can be realized as a moduli space for smooth, projective, polarized varieties. Some of these are not quasi-projective. This contradicts a recent paper (Quasi-projectivity of moduli spaces of polarized varieties, *Ann. of Math.* 159 (2004) 597–639.).

Let's do some Lean



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(K. Gödel, *On formally undecidable propositions of Principia Mathematica and related systems*, 1931.)

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Posted¹, on December 5th, 2020

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Why do I want a formalization?

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- ...
- [...] In the end, we were able to get an argument pinned down on paper, but I think nobody else has dared to look at the details of this, and so I still have some small lingering doubts.
- [...] I think the theorem is of utmost foundational importance, so being 99.9% sure is not enough.
- I have occasionally been able to be very persuasive even with wrong arguments.¹
- I think this may be my most important theorem to date [...]. Better be sure it's correct. . .

¹Fun fact: In the selection exams for the international math olympiad, twice I got full points for a wrong solution. Later, I once had a full proof of the weight-monodromy conjecture that passed the judgment of some top mathematicians, but then it turned out to contain a fatal mistake.

Liquid tensor experiment

Posted² on June 5, 2021

Exactly half a year ago I wrote the Liquid Tensor Experiment blog post, challenging the formalization of a difficult foundational theorem from my Analytic Geometry lecture notes on joint work with Dustin Clausen. While this challenge has not been completed yet, I am excited to announce that **the Experiment has verified the entire part of the argument that I was unsure about**. I find it absolutely insane that **interactive proof assistants are now at the level that within a very reasonable time span they can formally verify difficult original research**. Congratulations to everyone involved in the formalization!!

²Voir <https://xenaproject.wordpress.com/2021/06/05/half-a-year-of-the-liquid-tensor-experiment-amazing-developments/> 