

CSLib

The Lean Computer Science Library

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- Scale up formal computer science and programming by building a common infrastructure. CSLib – www.cslib.io

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Governance



- Steering Group (strategy, funding)
 - Clark Barrett, Swarat Chaudhuri, Jim Grundy, Pushmeet Kohli, Fabrizio Montesi, Leonardo de Moura.
- Maintainer Group (technical leadership and supervision)
 - Lead Maintainer: Fabrizio Montesi
 - Tech Leads: Alexandre Rademaker, Sorrachai Yingchareonthawornchai
 - Area Maintainers: Chris Henson, Kim Morrison
- Discussions on GitHub, Zulip, Email, ...
 - <https://github.com/leanprover/cslib/graphs/contributors>



Who is CSLib for?

- Researchers
 - Verify your claims.
 - Speed up your development.
 - Consolidate and offer your findings through our APIs.



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 - Explore CS through a unified language.
 - Interact with the tool.



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- Researchers
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- Programmers
 - Use CSLib components to write reliable software.
 - Use CSLib's languages and logics to model and implement systems.
 - Use CSLib's verification infrastructure to verify new and old code.



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 - Train AI on CSLib.
 - Increase the production of specs, programs, and proofs.



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Where are we now?

Credits:

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Current structure

Cslib/

Algorithms/

Computability/

Foundations/ # General, reusable foundations

Languages/ # Modelling and programming

Logics/ # Various logics for reasoning

[more to come...]

Current structure



Many answers found!

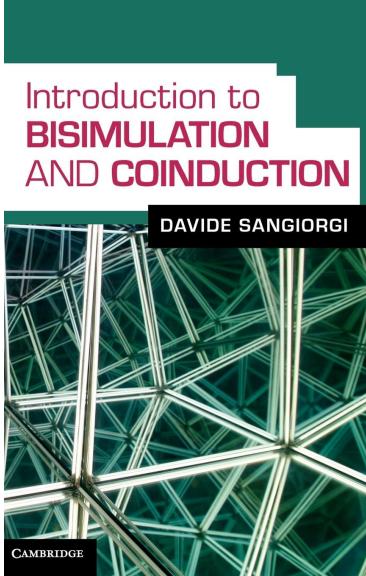
A lot more questions lie ahead...

Foundations

- ★ Labelled Transition Systems.
 - Classes of LTSs (image-finite, deterministic, etc.)
 - Bisimilarity, weak bisimilarity.
 - Similarity.
 - Trace equivalence (w/ inclusion in bisimilarity).
- ★ Reduction systems.
 - Lots about relations (confluence, etc.).
- ★ Freer monads.



Grind-first approach. (See Chris' talk tomorrow!)



Foundations



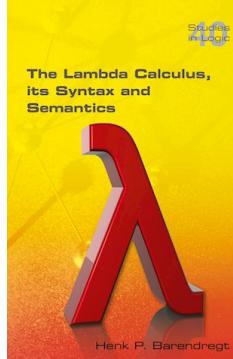
Grind-first approach.

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118 - theorem Bisimulation.inv (h : Bisimulation lts r) :
119 -   Bisimulation lts (flip r) := by
120 -   simp only [Bisimulation] at h
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122 -   intro s1 s2 hrinv μ
123 -   constructor
124 -   case left =>
125 -     intro s1' htr
126 -     specialize h s2 s1 hrinv μ
127 -     have h' := h.2 s1' htr
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131 + @[grind]
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133 +   lts.IsBisimulation (flip r) := by grind [flip]
```

Languages

★ λ -calculus.

- Untyped, typed (STLC, System F_{sub}).
- Alternative formalisations of α -equivalence: named (standard), locally nameless, well-scoped (WIP).



★ Calculus of Communicating Systems (CCS).

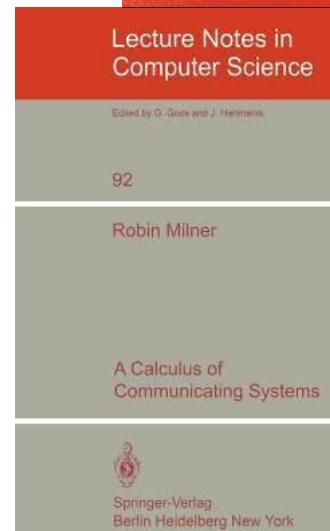
- Behavioural theory, w/ equivalences and proof that bisimilarity is a congruence.

★ Combinatory Logic (SKI).

- Rice's theorem.



Generality; reusable APIs.





Languages



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```
-- A type `α` has a computable `fresh` function if it is always possible, for any finite set
of `α`, to compute a fresh element not in the set. -/
class HasFresh (α : Type u) where
  -- Given a finite set, returns an element not in the set. -/
  fresh : Finset α → α
  -- Proof that `fresh` returns a fresh element for its input set. -/
  fresh_notMem (s : Finset α) : fresh s ∉ s
```



Logics

★ Linear Logic.

- Sequent calculus.
- Many logical equivalences.
 - $a \otimes 0 \equiv 0$, $a \otimes (b \oplus c) \equiv (a \otimes b) \oplus (a \otimes c)$, etc.
- η -expansion (proven correct).
- Phase semantics.

★ WIP: Propositional Logic.

 Derivations are in Type; notation can be controversial; ‘pray to grind’ for dealing with Multiset rewriting.

LINEAR LOGIC : ITS SYNTAX AND
SEMANTICS

Jean-Yves Girard



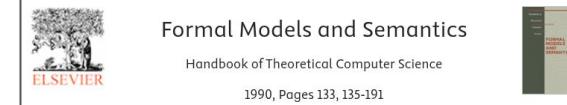
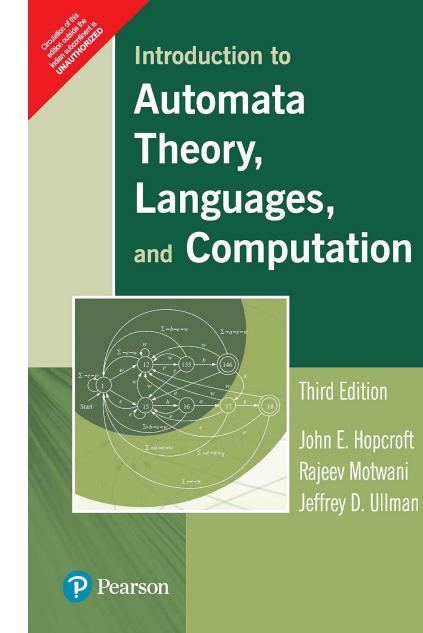
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```
.rwConclusion (by grind : 1± ::m {1} = {1, 1±})
```

Automata and Their Languages

- ★ Deterministic and nondeterministic automata based on labelled transition systems.
- ★ Acceptors for finite and infinite words (generalisations of DFA, NFA, ϵ NFA, Büchi, Muller, etc.).
- ★ Theory of ω -languages and ω -regular languages.

 Interactions between Labelled Transition Systems and Automata.



CHAPTER 4 - Automata on Infinite Objects

Wolfgang THOMAS

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-- Nondeterministic Muller automaton. -/
structure Muller (State Symbol : Type*) extends NA State Symbol where
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  accept : Set (Set State)
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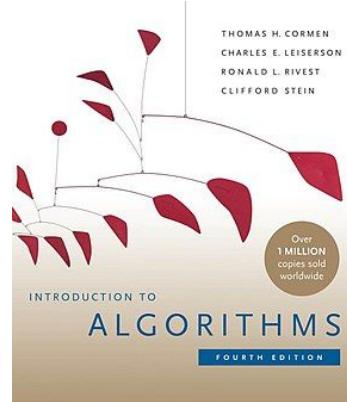
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Plus general results on infinite executions and saturation (not shown).

Algorithms

- ★ Framework for writing algorithms and proving their time complexity in terms of atomic operations.
 - MergeSort (functional correctness, time complexity on number of comparisons).
 - WIP: more algorithms, space complexity, more automation.
 - ★ WIP: Framework based on query models.
 - Separate definition of query model.
 - Algorithms perform queries.
-  Balancing robustness with ergonomics.





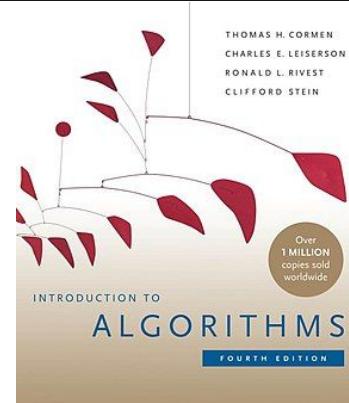
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    return (x :: rest)
  else
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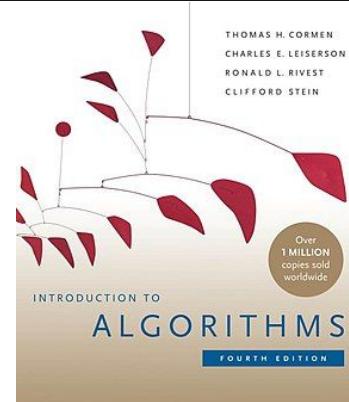
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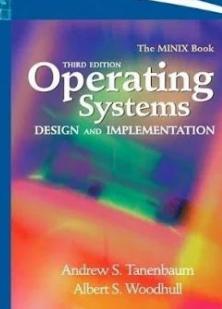
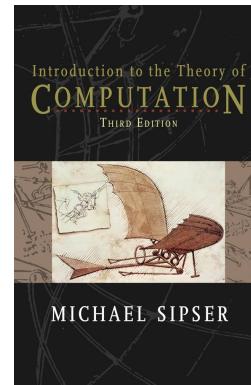
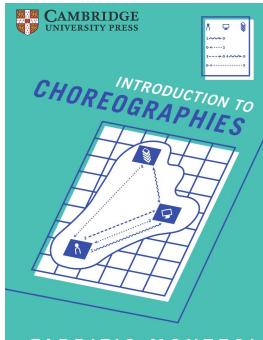


What next?



Next steps

- More Computer Science.
 - ◆ Database theory.
 - ◆ Cost|Probabilistic|Denotational|* semantics.
 - ◆ Concurrency theory (Petri nets, pi-calculus, etc.).
 - ◆ Choreographic languages (security protocols, choreographic programming, business processes, multiparty session types, etc.).
 - ◆ Logics: modal logics, separation logic, etc.
 - ◆ ...



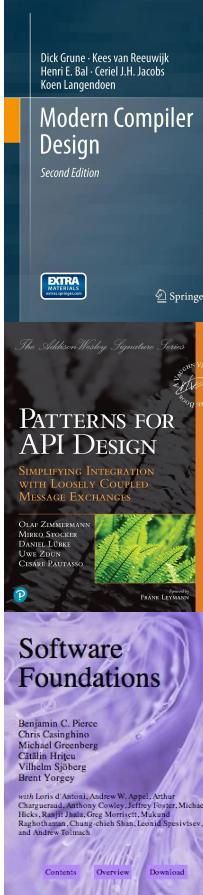


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- Verification infrastructure.
 - ◆ Development of IRs for verification (Boole).
 - ◆ Compilers from mainstream languages to Boole.
 - ◆ Integration of logics with verification infrastructure.

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- Verification infrastructure.
- Programming infrastructure.
 - ◆ Design and implementation of high-level languages with certified compilers.
 - ◆ Bridge to SE: Architecture Description Languages, Design Patterns, Provably-Correct Refactorings, etc.
 - ◆ Integration w/ system middleware (microservices, serverless, etc.).



Thank you for the amazing contributions!

Thank you for listening!

Q&A

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