

An overview of MathComp-Analysis and its applications

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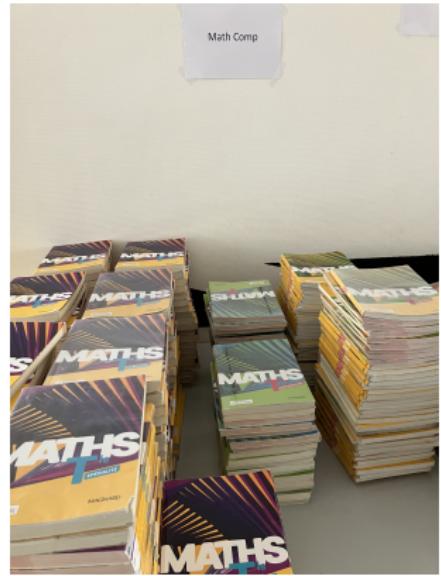
Context: The Mathematical Components project

<https://github.com/math-comp/math-comp>

A set of ROCQ packages about mathematics:

- ▶ MATHCOMP provides group theory and algebra
- ▶ extensions: finite maps (`finmap`), multinomials, etc.
- ▶ major results: the Four-Color theorem [Gonthier, 2008], the odd order theorem [Gonthier et al., 2013a], Abel-Ruffini [Bernard et al., 2021], etc.
- ▶ tooling: automation (`algebra-tactics`), DSL to build hierarchies of mathematical structures (`HIERARCHY-BUILDER`), etc.

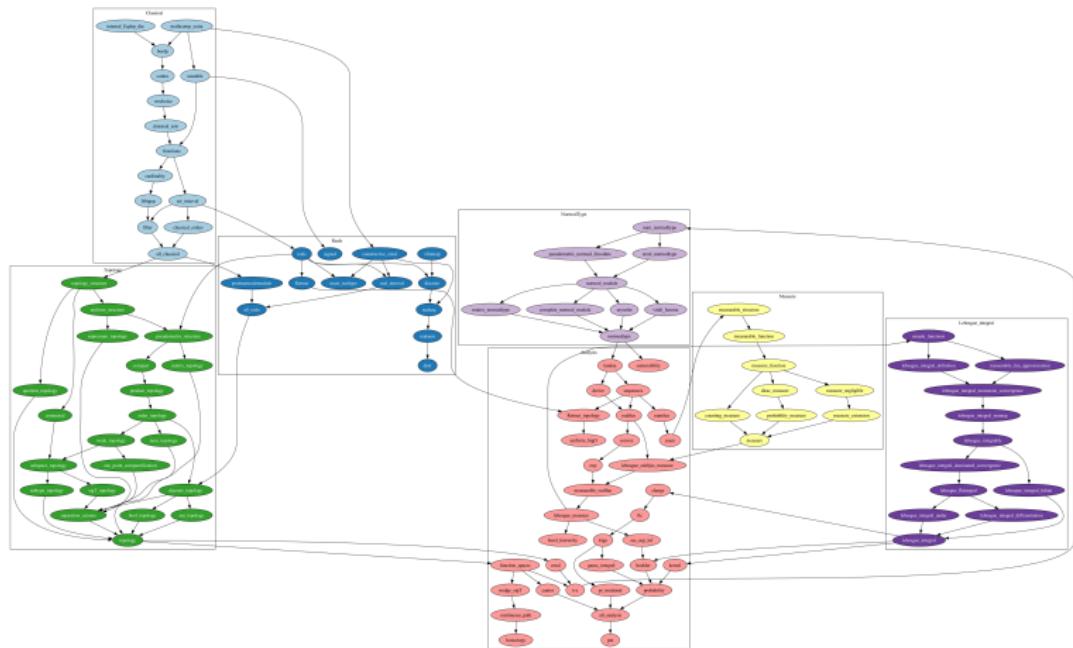
The above libraries are “constructive”, in the sense that they do not use classical axioms



Picture taken last month
in a high-school in France

The MATHCOMP-ANALYSIS extension

- ▶ MATHCOMP-ANALYSIS extends MATHCOMP with classical reasoning
 - ▶ However, many “back-ports” are made to MATHCOMP,
e.g., automatic discharge of numeric goals
(see Alessandro Bruni’s talk at ITP [Affeldt et al., 2025a])
 - ▶ MATHCOMP-ANALYSIS is about 100 files for about 90,000 l.o.c.



MATHCOMP-ANALYSIS in terms of OPAM packages

1. Classical reasoning: `coq-mathcomp-classical`
2. Real numbers: `coq-mathcomp-reals`
3. Compatibility with ROQ's standard library:
`coq-mathcomp-reals-stdlib`, `coq-mathcomp-analysis-stdlib`
 - ▶ This enables, e.g., the use of the CoQINTERVAL tactic
[Melquiond, 2008]
(see [Affeldt et al., 2024a] and Alessandro Bruni's talk at ITP
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4. (Discrete distributions: `coq-mathcomp-experimental-reals`)
5. Analysis per se: `coq-mathcomp-analysis`

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Classical reasoning

coq-mathcomp-classical package

Classical axioms can be found in `boolp.v` [Affeldt et al., 2018, Sect. 5]:

- ▶ **Axiom** `functional_extensionality_dep` :
`forall (A : Type) (B : A -> Type)`
`(f g : forall x : A, B x),`
`(forall x : A, f x = g x) -> f = g.`
- ▶ **Axiom** `propositional_extensionality` :
`forall P Q : Prop, P <-> Q -> P = Q.`
- ▶ **Axiom** `constructive_indefinite_description` :
`forall (A : Type) (P : A -> Prop),`
`(exists x : A, P x) -> {x : A | P x}.`

Naive set theory

coq-mathcomp-classical package

Please, consider using `classical_sets.v`¹:

- ▶ complete (many lemmas, 3408 l.o.c.)
- ▶ readable statements (notations, consistent naming convention),
e.g., using company-coq in emacs:

```
Lemma in_setI (x : T) A B : (x ∈ A ∩ B) = (x ∈ A) ∧& (x ∈ B).  
Proof. by apply/idP/andP; rewrite !inE. Qed.
```

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Lemma setI_bigcupr F P A :  
  A ∩ \bigcup_{i ∈ P} F i = \bigcup_{i ∈ P} (A ∩ F i).  
Proof.  
  rewrite predeqE ⇒ t; split ⇒ [[At [k ? ?]]|[k ? [At ?]]];  
    by [exists k |split ⇒ //; exists k].  
Qed.
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- ▶ well tested (used pervasively in MATHCOMP-ANALYSIS)

More about the coq-mathcomp-classical package in Takafumi Saikawa's talk in the next session [Saikawa et al., 2025]

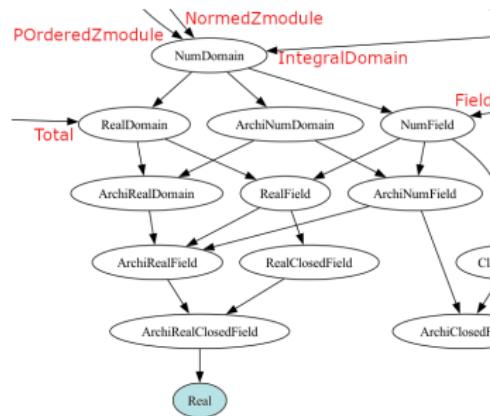
¹rather than, say, Ensembles

Real numbers

`coq-mathcomp-reals` package

Real numbers are defined in `reals.v` incrementally w.r.t. MATHCOMP.
It is a combination of:

- ▶ an archimedean real field (from MATHCOMP)
- ▶ a real-closed field (from MATHCOMP)
- ▶ with properties of `sup` (from MATHCOMP-ANALYSIS)



Compatibility with the real numbers of ROCQ's standard library comes from the fact that they form a model of the resulting interface

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- ▶ Standard in measure theory: $0 \times \pm\infty = 0$

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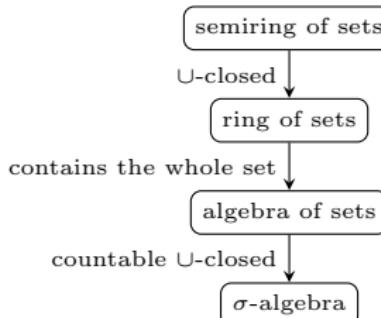
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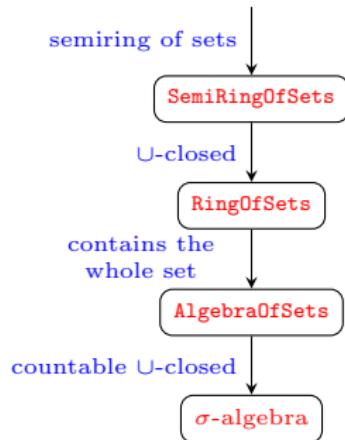
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- ▶ These structures intuitively form a hierarchy:



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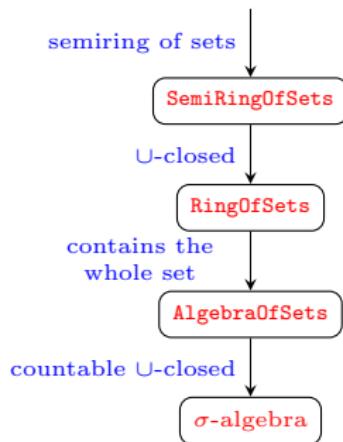
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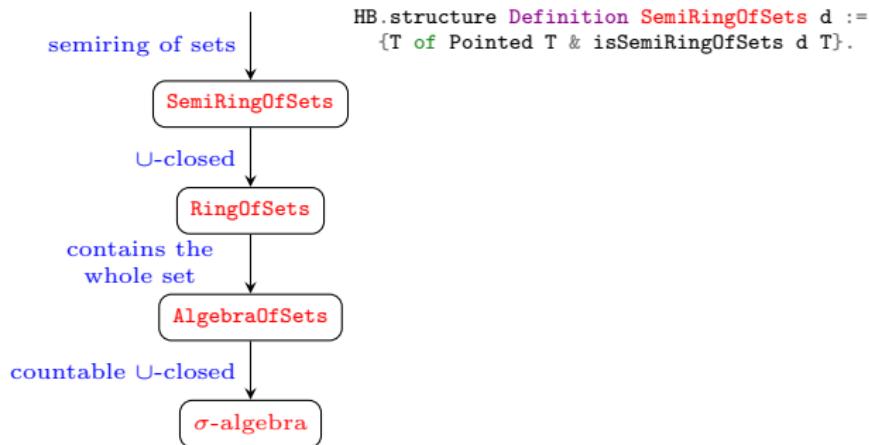
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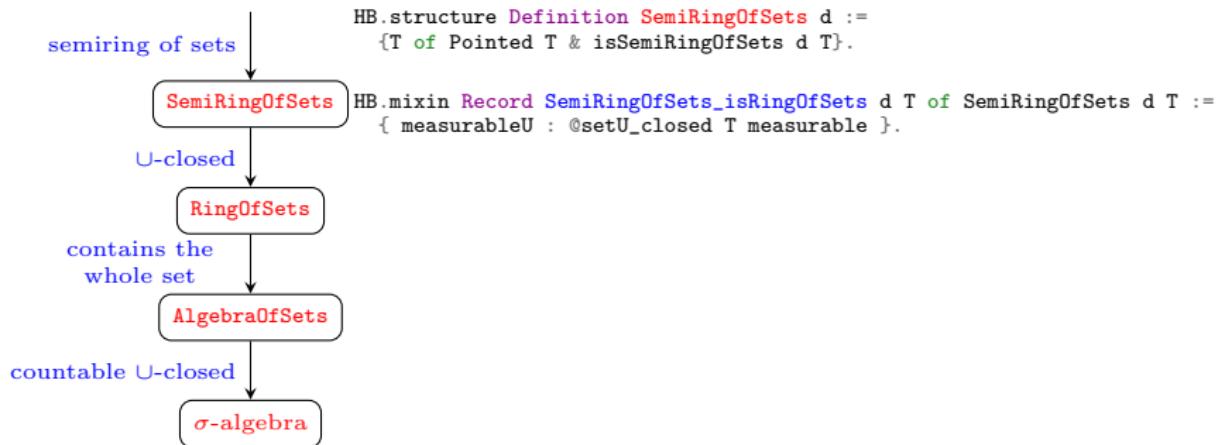
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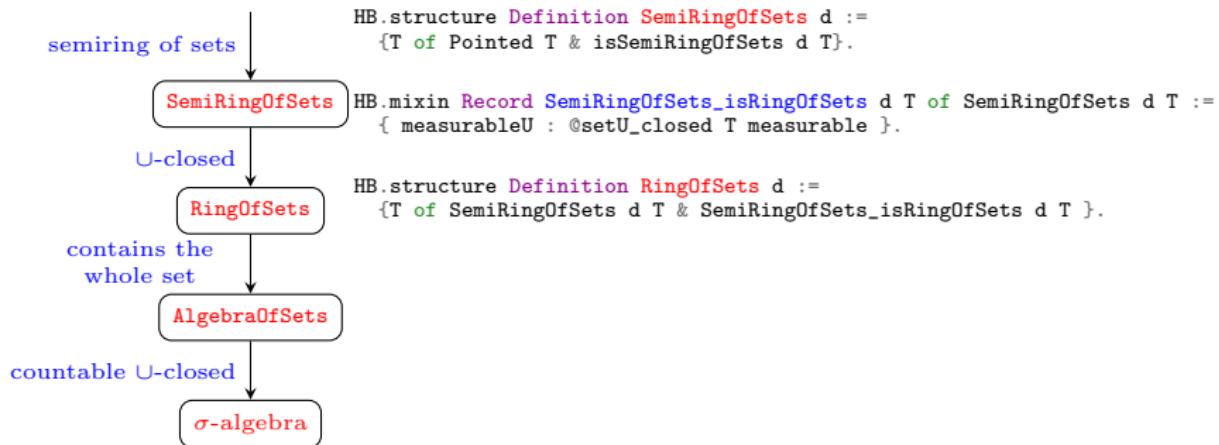
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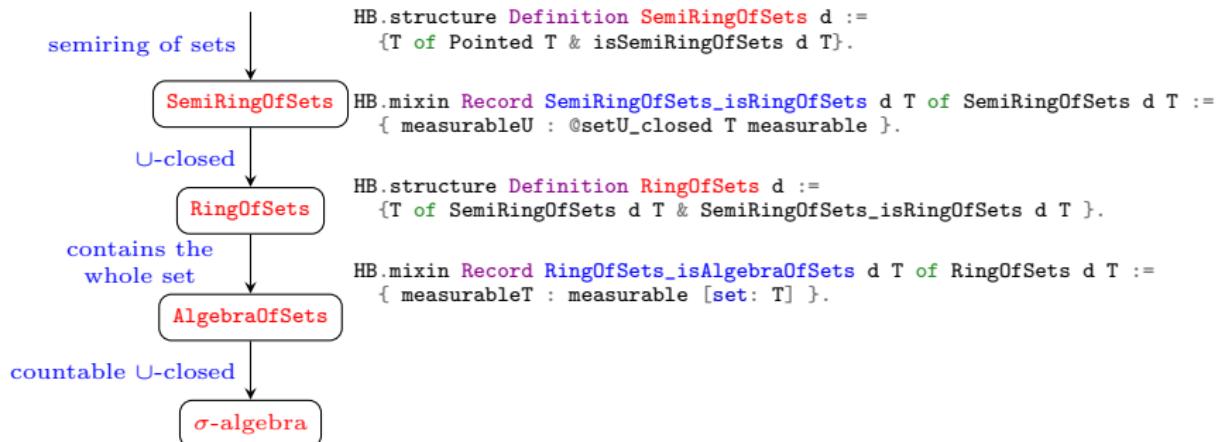
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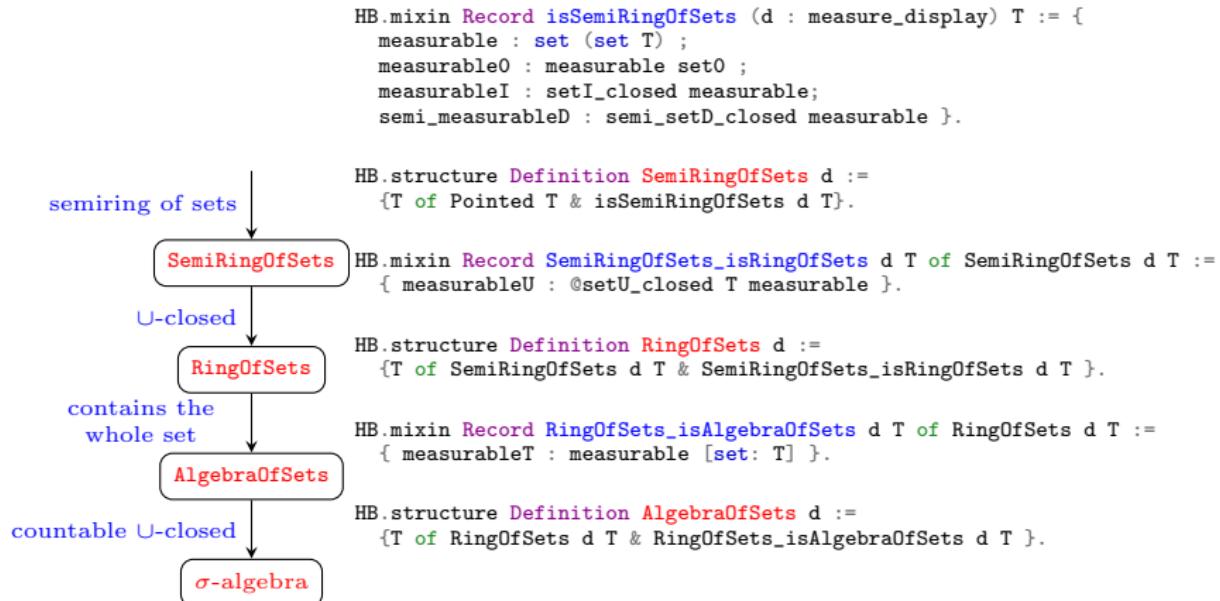
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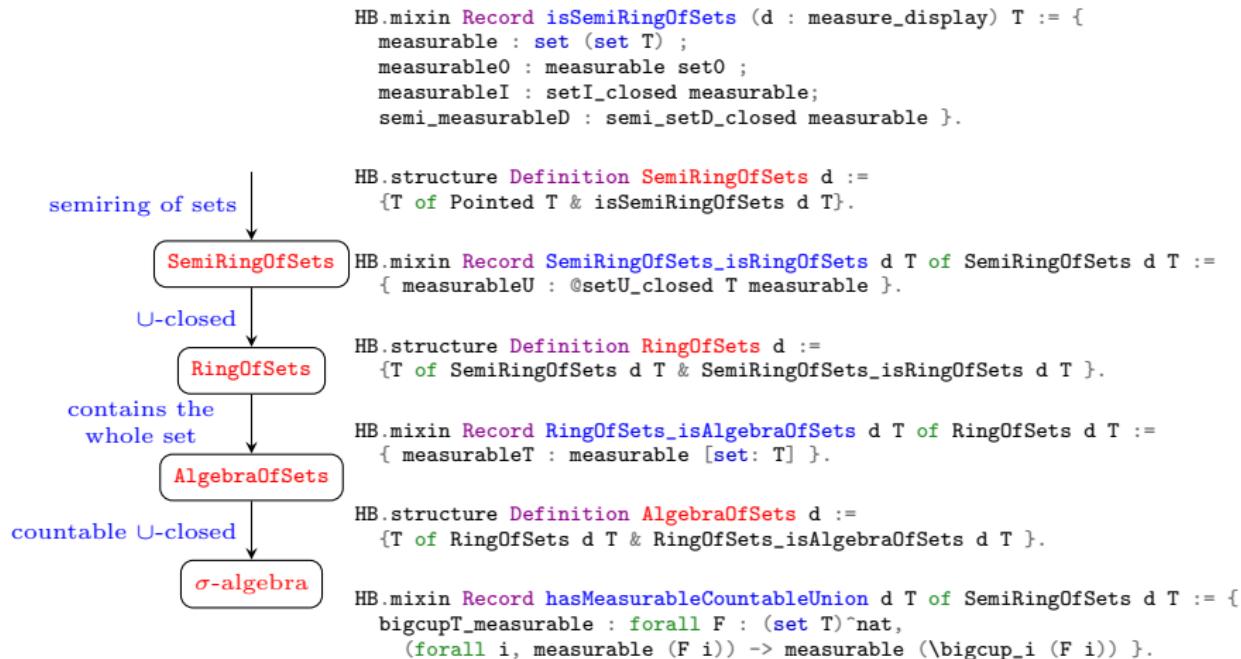
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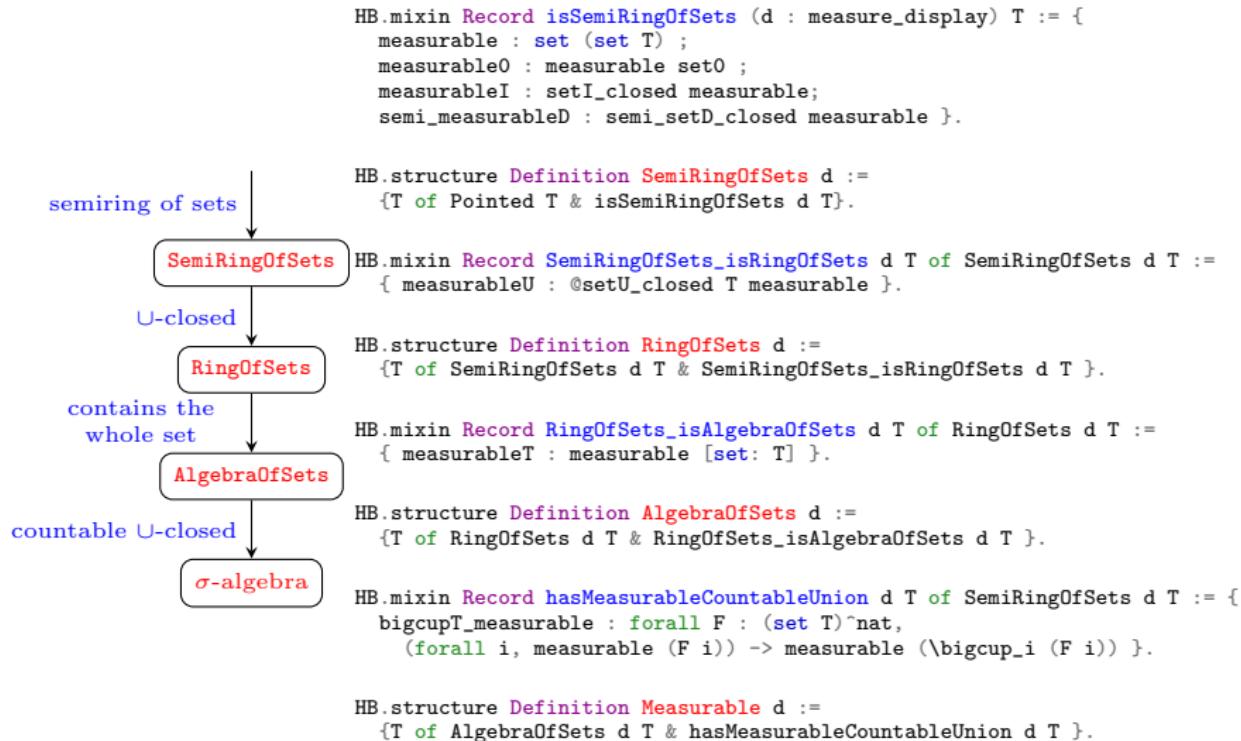
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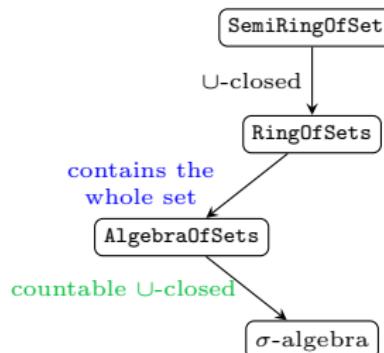
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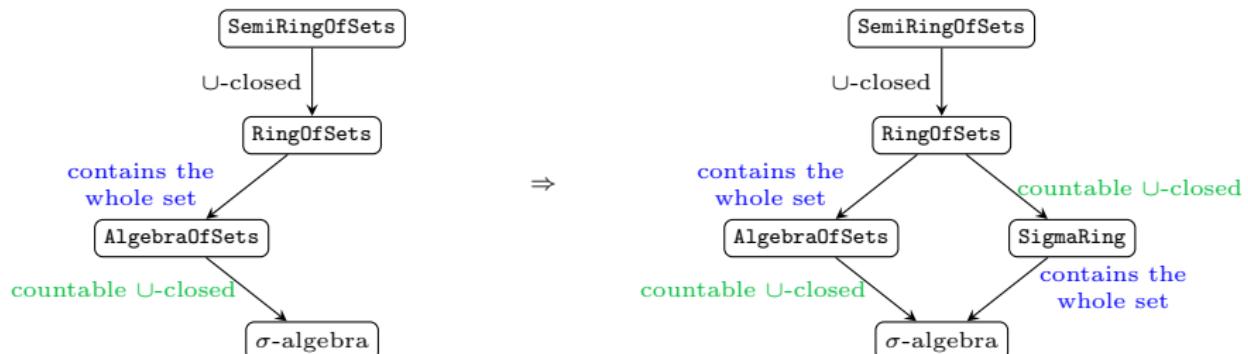
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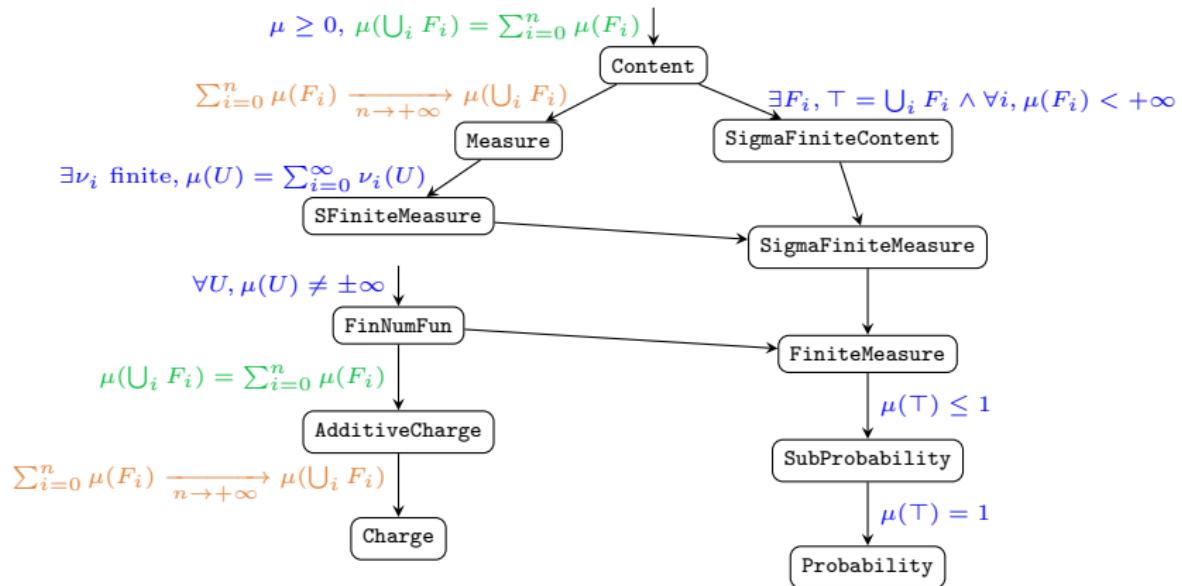
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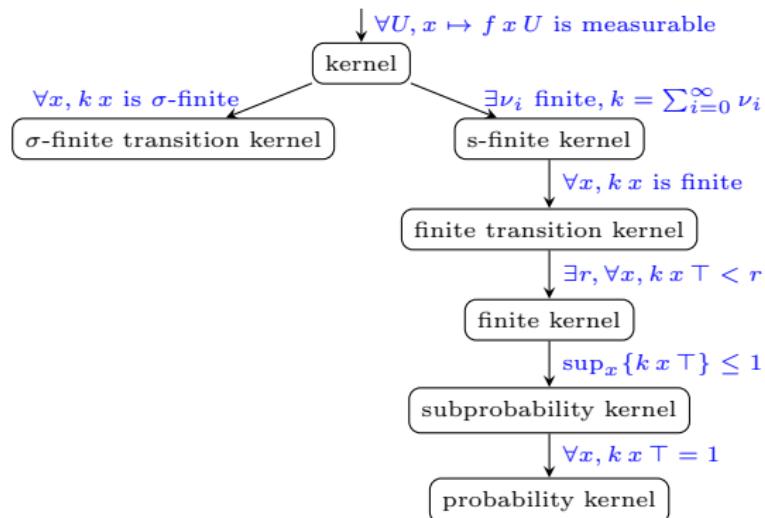
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Kernels also form a hierarchy [Affeldt et al., 2025b]:



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- ▶ Second FTC for Lebesgue integration for continuous functions [Affeldt et al., 2025c]:
 - ▶ For f with antiderivative F in $]a, b[$, f continuous within $[a, b]$, F differentiable in $]a, b[$ with $F(x) \xrightarrow[x \rightarrow a^+]{ } F(a)$ and $F(x) \xrightarrow[x \rightarrow b^-]{ } F(b)$, we have:

$$\int_{x \in [a, b]} f(x) \mathbf{d}\mu = F(b) - F(a).$$

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- ▶ First FTC for Lebesgue integration [Affeldt and Stone, 2024]:
 - ▶ For f integrable on \mathbb{R} , define $F(x) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \int_{-\infty}^x f(t) \mathbf{d}t$.
Then F is differentiable and $F'(x) = f(x)$ (a.e.).
- ▶ Second FTC for Lebesgue integration for continuous functions [Affeldt et al., 2025c]:
 - ▶ For f with antiderivative F in $]a, b[$, f continuous within $[a, b]$, F differentiable in $]a, b[$ with $F(x) \xrightarrow[x \rightarrow a^+]{ } F(a)$ and $F(x) \xrightarrow[x \rightarrow b^-]{ } F(b)$, we have:

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 - ▶ integration by substitution (a.k.a. change of variables)
 - ▶ continuity/differentiation under the integral sign

over bounded and unbounded intervals [Affeldt et al., 2025c]

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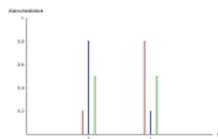
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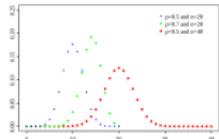
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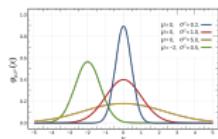
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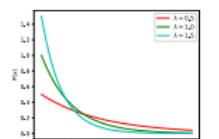
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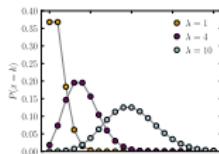
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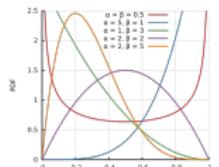
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(Pictures are taken from Wikipedia)

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(by induction, symmetry of β , and integration by parts)

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- ▶ game with two players (Alice and Bob) in a casino
 - ▶ the casino rolls a ball to determine p (and hides it)
 - ▶ Alice has won 5 out of 8 games
-
- ▶ the casino repeatedly rolls balls until a player has 6 points
 - ▶ Alice bets she will win
 - ▶ what is her probability to win?

Encoding as a probabilistic program [Shan, 2018b]:

```
normalize(  
    let  $p$  := sample(uniform(0, 1)) in  
    let  $x$  := sample(binomial(8,  $p$ )) in  
    let  $_$  := guard( $x = 5$ ) in  
    let  $y$  := sample(binomial(3,  $p$ )) in  
    return( $1 \leq y$ ))
```

Intuitive semantics

- ▶ Intuitively, each instruction is an s-finite kernel:
 - ▶ `sample`(...) is a probability kernel
 - ▶ `normalize`(...) is a probability kernel
 - ▶ `score`(f k) is an s-finite kernel
 - ▶ its meaning: we observe k from the distribution with density f
 - ▶ for example, we observe $k = 4$ with the density
$$f_r(k) = \frac{r^k}{k!} e^{-r}$$
 (probability mass function of the Poisson distribution)
 - ▶ $\text{guard}(x = n) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{if } x = n \text{ then } \text{tt} \text{ else } \text{score}(0)$.
 - ▶ the semantics of `let` $x := e_1$ in e_2 is kernel composition
 - ▶ because it is stable for s-finite kernels (as we saw Slide 18)

Shan's proof of Eddy's table game

Proof represented by a sequence of program transformations
[Shan, 2018b, Shan, 2018a]:

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```

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↓

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| exp_add g : exp D g Real -> exp D g Real -> exp D g Real
(* a Bernoulli measure of some real parameter *)
| exp_bernoulli g : exp D g Real -> exp D g (Prob Bool)
(* Poisson pmf *)
| exp_poisson g : nat -> exp D g Real -> exp D g Real
(* the type of a variable depends on the context *)
| exp_var g str t : t = lookup Unit g str -> exp D g t
(* the context is extended inside a let expression *)
| exp_letin g t1 t2 str : exp P g t1 -> exp P ((str, t1) :: g) t2 ->
  exp P g t2
(* sampling from a probability distribution *)
| exp_sample g t : exp D g (Prob t) -> exp P g t
(* normalization *)
| exp_normalize g t : exp P g t -> exp D g (Prob t)
(* scoring *)
| exp_score g : exp D g Real -> exp P g Unit
```

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```
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Solution #1: bidirectional hints [The Rocq Development Team, 2025a]

Special annotation `&` to direct unification:

```
Arguments exp_add {g} &. (* unify preferentially g first *)
Arguments exp_letin {g} & {A B}.
```

As a result:

1. `g1` unifies to `[:: ("y", Real), ("x", Real)]`
2. lookup Unit `g1 "x"` evaluates to `Real`

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Issue #2: universally quantified strings

Encoding

```
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with universally quantified strings for variable identifiers fails:

Fail Example

```
letin_add (x y : string) (xy : x != y) (yx : y != x) : exp [::] _ :=  
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```
cannot unify "lookup Unit [:: (y, Real); (x, Real)] x"  
and "Real".
```

Solution # 2: unification using canonical structures

Overview

Direct application of [Gonthier et al., 2013b]

Goal: a proof of

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1. We introduce the following structure:

Record $\text{find } x\ t := \text{Find } \Gamma \underbrace{(t = \text{lookup } \Gamma\ x)}_{\text{ctx_prf}}$

2. We look for an instance $P_0 : \text{find } x\ \mathbb{R}$ such that

- ▶ the 1st projection is $\Gamma(P_0) = (y, \mathbb{R}) :: (x, \mathbb{R}) :: []$,
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```



Example `letin_add` ($x \ y : \text{string}$)
 $(xy : \text{infer } (x \neq y)) \ (yx : \text{infer } (y \neq x)) : \text{exp} \ [::] \ _ :=$
`exp_letin x (exp_real 1)`
`(exp_letin y (exp_real 2))`
`(exp_add (exp_var' x _) (exp_var' y _))).`

Formal syntax of sfPPL applied to Eddy's table game

Using ROCQ's *custom entries* [The Rocq Development Team, 2025b]:

```
normalize(  
let p := sample (uniform(0, 1)) in  
let x := sample (binomial(8, p)) in  
let _ := guard(x = 5) in  
let y := sample (binomial(3, p)) in  
return(y ≥ 1))
```

```
Definition guard {g} str n  
: @exp R P [:: (str, _) ; g] _ :=  
[if #{str} == {n}:N then return TT  
else Score {0}:R].
```

```
Definition table0 : @exp R _ [::] _ :=  
[Normalize  
let "p" := Sample Uniform {0} {1} {ltr01} in  
let "x" := Sample Binomial {8} #{"p"} in  
let "_" := {guard "x" 5} in  
let "y" := Sample Binomial {3} #{"p"} in  
return {1}:N <= #{"y"}].
```

Formal semantics of sfPPL [Saito and Affeldt, 2023]

Basic idea of the semantics [Staton, 2017]:

- ▶ deterministic expressions compile to measurable functions:

$$\llbracket \Gamma \vdash_D e : \mathbf{A} \rrbracket : \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket \rightarrow \llbracket \mathbf{A} \rrbracket$$

- ▶ probabilistic expressions compile to s-finite kernel:

$$\llbracket \Gamma \vdash_P e : \mathbf{A} \rrbracket : \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket \xrightarrow{\text{s-fin}} \llbracket \mathbf{A} \rrbracket$$

Formally, we provide two functions `execD` and `execP` so that semantics can be computed by syntax-directed rewrites

- ▶ Example: semantics of let expressions is composition of s-finite kernels (see Slide 18)

```
Lemma execP_letin g x t1 t2
  (e1 : exp P g t1) (e2 : exp P ((x, t1) :: g) t2) :
  execP [let x := e1 in e2] =
  kcomp' (execP e1) (execP e2).
```

Reminder: Shan's proof of Eddy's table game

normalize(

```
let p := sample (uniform(0, 1)) in  
let x := sample (binomial(8, p)) in  
let _ := guard(x = 5) in  
let y := sample (binomial(3, p)) in  
return(1 ≤ y))
```

0



normalize(

```
let p := sample (uniform(0, 1)) in  
let x := sample (binomial(8, p)) in  
let _ := guard(x = 5) in  
sample (bernoulli (1 - (1 - p)3)))
```

1



normalize(

```
let _ := score (1/9) in  
let p := sample (beta(6, 4)) in  
sample (bernoulli (1 - (1 - p)3)))
```

3

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←

normalize(

```
let p := sample (uniform(0, 1)) in  
let _ := score (56p5(1 - p)3) in  
sample (bernoulli (1 - (1 - p)3)))
```

2



normalize(

```
let _ := score (1/9) in  
sample (bernoulli (10/11)))
```

4



normalize (sample (bernoulli (10/11)))

5

Sample transformation: 3 → 4

```
normalize(  
let _ := score (1/9) in  
let p := sample (beta(6,4)) in  
sample (bernoulli (1 - (1 - p)3)))
```

↓ collapses samplings

```
normalize(  
let _ := score (1/9) in  
sample (bernoulli (10/11)))
```

The heart of transformation $3 \rightarrow 4$

```
let p := sample(beta(6,4)) in  
sample(bernoulli(1 - (1 - p)3))
```



```
sample(bernoulli( $\frac{10}{11}$ ))
```

Semantically, for all U :

$$\int_z \underline{\text{bernoulli}}(1 - (1 - z)^3) \, \text{d}\underline{\text{beta}}(6, 4) \, U = \underline{\text{bernoulli}}\left(\frac{10}{11}\right) \, U$$

Proving transformation $3 \rightarrow 4$

Goal:

$$\int_z \underline{\text{bernoulli}}(1 - (1 - z)^3) \, \underline{\text{dbeta}(6, 4)} \, U = \underline{\text{bernoulli}}\left(\frac{10}{11}\right) U$$

This can be derived from:

$$\int_z \underline{\text{bernoulli}}((1 - z)^3) \, \underline{\text{dbeta}(6, 4)} \, U = \underline{\text{bernoulli}}\left(\frac{1}{11}\right) U$$

This is an instance of (for all a, b, c, d):

$$\int_{x \in [0,1]} \underline{\text{bernoulli}}(x^c(1 - x)^d) \, \underline{\text{dbeta}(a, b)} = \\ \underline{\text{bernoulli}}\left(\frac{\text{betafun}(a+c)(b+d)}{\text{betafun } ab}\right)$$

Which is proved using the relation probability measure/density function and the relation between the β function and factorial (see Slide 24)—and the **lra** tactic

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Other applications

- ▶ Observing a noisy draw from a normal distribution [Affeldt et al., 2025c]
- ▶ Quantum programming [Zhou et al., 2023]
- ▶ Study of fuzzy logics by Natalia Slusarz [Affeldt et al., 2024b]
 - ▶ Truth values are not boolean values but ranges of real numbers/extended real numbers
 - ▶ The semantics of formulas becomes real-valued function whose differentiation properties are a topic of interest (e.g., *shadow-lifting* [Várnai and Dimarogonas, 2020])

The papers used for this talk

To check the related work

About MATHCOMP-ANALYSIS:

- ▶ asymptotic reasoning [Affeldt et al., 2018]
- ▶ formalization of hierarchies [Affeldt et al., 2020]
- ▶ measure theory [Affeldt and Cohen, 2023, Ishiguro and Affeldt, 2024]
- ▶ first fundamental theorem of calculus [Affeldt and Stone, 2024]
- ▶ probability theory (see Alessandro Bruni's talk at ITP [Affeldt et al., 2025a])

About probabilistic programming using MATHCOMP-ANALYSIS:

- ▶ kernels [Affeldt et al., 2023], probabilistic termination [Affeldt et al., 2025b]
- ▶ Syntax and semantics [Saito and Affeldt, 2023]
- ▶ Lebesgue integration toolbox and probability distribution [Affeldt et al., 2025c]

Summary

We have explained several aspects of MATHCOMP-ANALYSIS:

- ▶ basic theories and their relation with MATHCOMP
- ▶ measure theory and its pervasive use of hierarchies
- ▶ the toolbox of Lebesgue integration and probability distributions
- ▶ omitted aspect: topology

We focused in particular on one application:

- ▶ sfPPL: a first-order probabilistic programming language
- ▶ intrinsically-typed encoding using ROCQ features (bidirectional hints, canonical structures, custom entries)
- ▶ the mechanization of Shan's proof of Eddy's table game by rewriting

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