A Theorem Proving Assistant

Joe Duffin

School of Computer Science University College Dublin

20th March 2017



Overview

- What is Theorem Proving
- What I Built
- How does it work

What is a Theorem?

A Theorem is a proposition which is not necessarily self-evident but can be proved with a chain of reasoning.

Theorem (∨*zero*)

 $P \vee true \equiv true$

What is Theorem Proving?

Proof of ∨ zero

$$P \lor true$$

$$\equiv \{(X ::= P).(0)\}$$
 $P \lor (P \equiv P)$

$$\equiv \{(X, Y, Z := P, P, P).(1)\}$$
 $P \lor P \equiv P \lor P$

$$\equiv \{(X := P).(2)\}$$
 $P \equiv P$

$$\equiv \{(X := P).(0)\}$$
 $true$

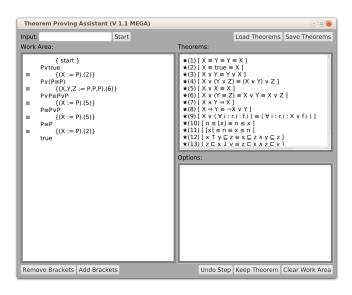
Theorems

$$(0)[X\equiv X\equiv \textit{true}]$$

$$(1)[X \lor (Y \lor Z) \equiv (X \lor Y) \lor Z]$$

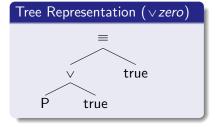
$$(2)[X\vee X\equiv X]$$

What I Built



How it Works - Expression Representation

String Representation ($\lor zero$) $P \lor true \equiv true$



 Syntax trees are used to represent expressions.



Questions...