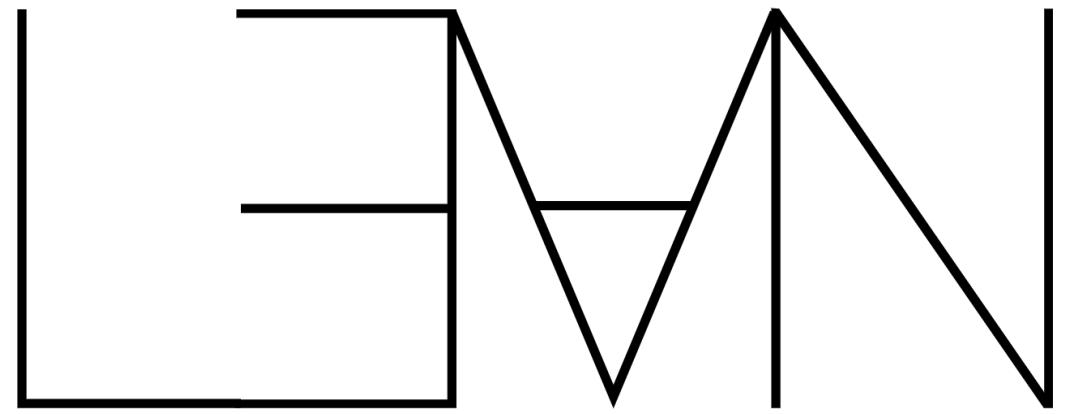


Lean 4

an extensible programming language and theorem prover



- Goals
 - Extensibility, Expressivity, Scalability, Proof stability
 - Functional Programming (efficiency)
- Platform for
 - Developing custom automation and domain specific languages (DSLs)
 - Software verification
 - Formalized Mathematics
- Dependent Type Theory
- de Bruijn's principle: small trusted kernel, external proof/type checkers

Extensibility

Lean 3 users extend Lean using Lean

Examples:

- Ring Solver, Coinductive predicates, Transfer tactic,
 - Superposition prover, Linters,
 - Fourier-Motzkin & Omega,
 - Many more
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- Access Lean internals using Lean
 - Type inference, Unifier, Simplifier, Decision procedures,
 - Type class resolution, ...

Applications



IMO Grand Challenge

Daniel Selsam, MSR



Tom Hales, University of Pittsburgh



Jesse Michael Han, Floris Van Doorn

Lean perfectoid spaces

by Kevin Buzzard, Johan Commelin, and Patrick Massot



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Other applications

- Certigrad, Daniel Selsam, Stanford
- IVy metatheory, Ken McMillan, MSR Redmond
- AliveInLean, Nuno Lopes, MSR Cambridge
- Protocol Verification, Galois Inc
- SQL Query Verification, Univ. Washington
- Education
 - Introduction to Logic (CMU), Type theory (CMU), Introduction to Proof (Imperial College),
 - Software verification and Logic (VU Amsterdam)
 - Programming Languages (UW)

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The Hitchhiker's Guide to Logical Verification

2020 Standard Edition
(October 12, 2020)



[lean-forward.github.io/
logical-verification/2020](https://lean-forward.github.io/logical-verification/2020)

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This code does not execute properly. Try to figure out why.

```
def multiply (a, b ∈ ℙ) ∈ ℙ := a × b
```

SUBMIT

The Natural Number Game, version 1.3.3

By Kevin Buzzard and Mohammad Pedramfar.

What is this game?

Welcome to the natural number game -- a part-book part-game which shows the power of induction. Blue nodes on the graph are ones that you are ready to enter. Grey nodes you should stay away from -- a grey node turns blue when *all* nodes above it are complete. Green nodes are completed. (Actually you can try any level at any time, but you might not know enough to complete it if it's grey).

In this game, you get own version of the natural numbers, called `mynat`, in an interactive theorem prover called Lean. Your version of the natural numbers satisfies something called the principle of mathematical induction, and a couple of other things too (Peano's axioms). Unfortunately, nobody has proved any theorems about these natural numbers yet! For example, addition will be defined for you, but nobody has proved that $x + y = y + x$ yet. This is your job. You're going to prove mathematical theorems using the Lean theorem prover. In other words, you're going to solve levels in a computer game.

You're going to prove these theorems using *tactics*. The introductory world, Tutorial World, will take you through some of these tactics. During your proofs, your "goal" (i.e. what you're supposed to be proving) will be displayed with a \vdash symbol in front of it. If the top right hand box reports "Theorem Proved!", you have closed all the goals in the level and can move on to the next level in the world you're in. When you've finished a world, hit "main menu" in the top left to get back here.

For more info, see the [FAQ](#).

What's new in v1.3?

The game now saves your progress! Thanks to everyone who asked for it, and to Mohammad for making it

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Lean and its Mathematical Library

The [Lean theorem prover](#) is a proof assistant developed principally by Leonardo de Moura at Microsoft Research.

The Lean mathematical library, *mathlib*, is a community-driven effort to build a unified library of mathematics formalized in the Lean proof assistant. The library also contains definitions useful for programming. This project is very active, with many regular contributors and daily activity.

The contents, design, and community organization of mathlib are described in the paper [The Lean mathematical library](#), which appeared at CPP 2020. You can get a bird's eye view of what is in the library by reading [the library overview](#). You can also have a look at our [repository statistics](#) to see how it grows and who contributes to it.

Try it!

You can try Lean in your web browser, install it in an isolated folder, or go for the full install. Lean is free, open source software. It works on Linux, Windows, and MacOS.

Learn to Lean!

You can learn by playing a game, following tutorials, or reading books.

Meet the community!

Lean has very diverse and active community. It gathers mostly on a [Zulip chat](#) and on [GitHub](#). You can get involved and join the fun!

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```
@[instance]
def division_ring.to_nontrivial (α : Type u) [s : division_ring α] :
  nontrivial α
```

[source](#)

```
@[instance]
def division_ring.to_has_inv (α : Type u) [s : division_ring α] :
  has_inv α
```

[source](#)

```
@[class]
structure division_ring :
  Type u → Type u

  (add : α → α → α)
  (add_assoc : ∀ (a b c_1 : α), a + b + c_1 = a + (b + c_1))
  (zero : α)
  (zero_add : ∀ (a : α), 0 + a = a)
  (add_zero : ∀ (a : α), a + 0 = a)
  (neg : α → α)
  (add_left_neg : ∀ (a : α), -a + a = 0)
  (add_comm : ∀ (a b : α), a + b = b + a)
  (mul : α → α → α)
  (mul_assoc : ∀ (a b c_1 : α), (a * b) * c_1 = a * b * c_1)
  (one : α)
  (one_mul : ∀ (a : α), 1 * a = a)
  (mul_one : ∀ (a : α), a * 1 = a)
  (left_distrib : ∀ (a b c_1 : α), a * (b + c_1) = a * b + a * c_1)
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Mathlib statistics

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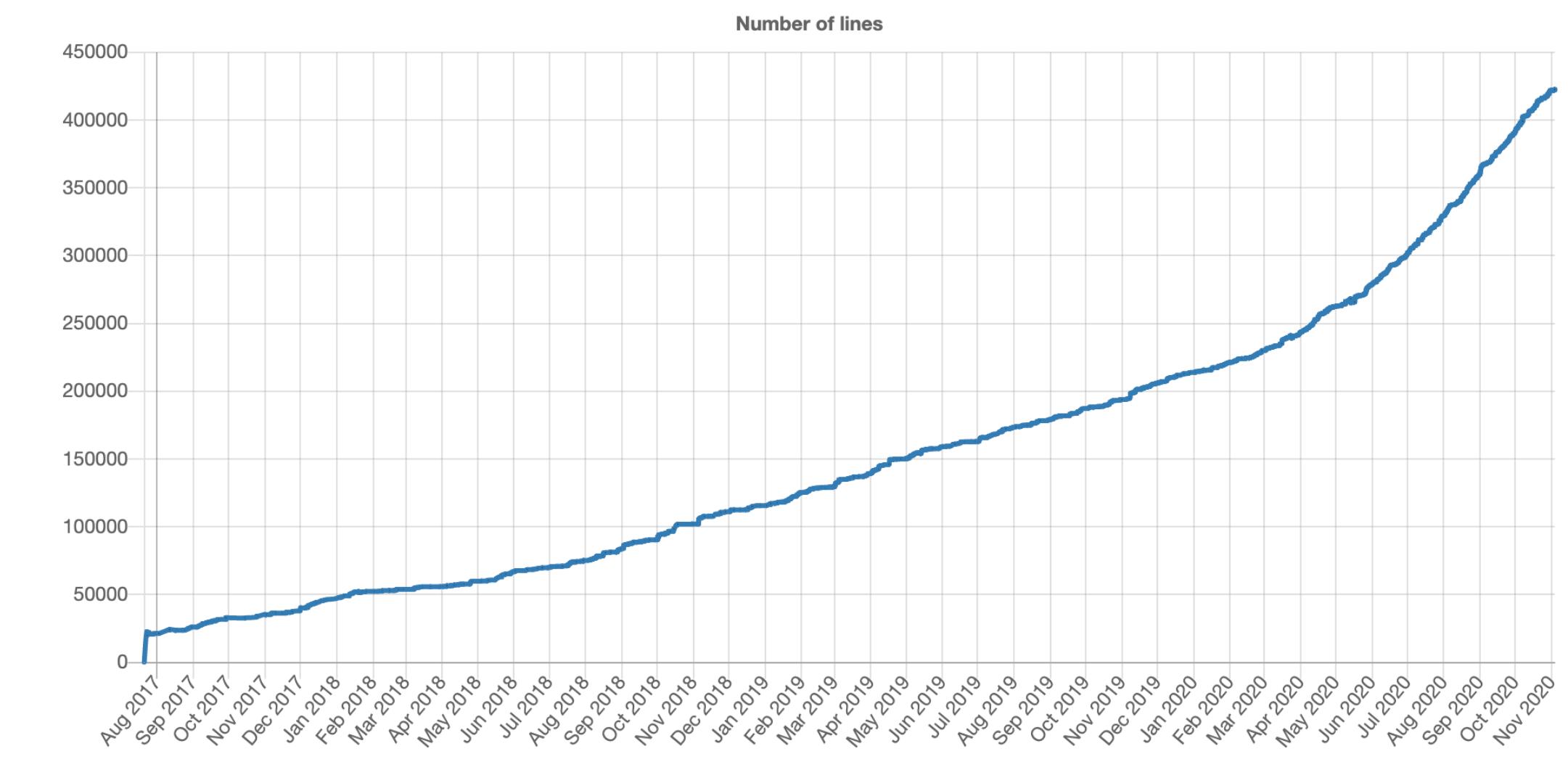
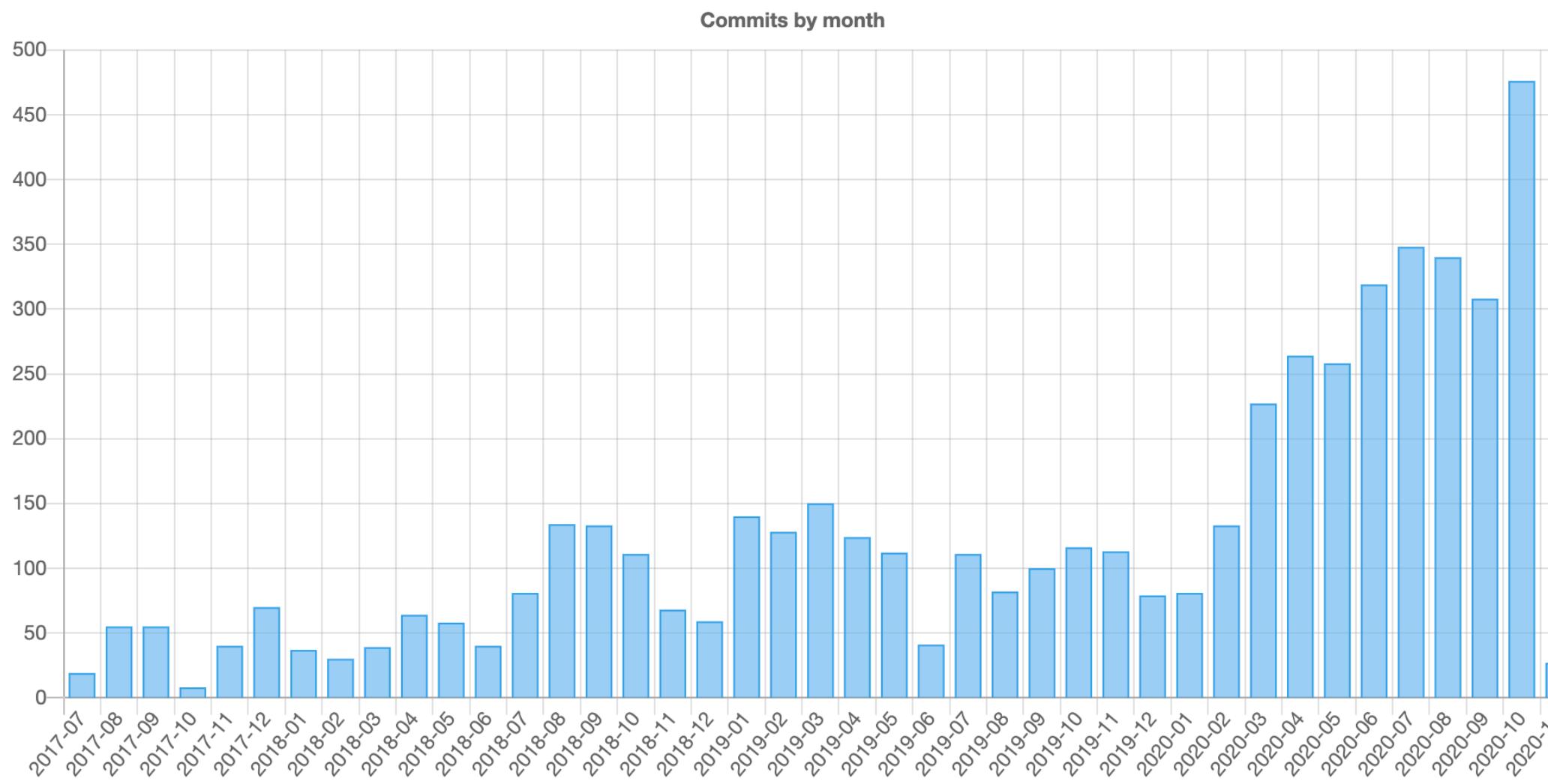
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Lean Together : annual event

- Organized by the community
- More than 50 participants per edition
- 2019 - Amsterdam
- 2020 - Pittsburgh
- 2021 - Virtual (Jan 4 - 8)
 - Sebastian Ullrich and I will make the official Lean 4 release during this event

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Building the Mathematical Library of the Future

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And will we soon all be out of a job? Kevin Buzzard worries us all.

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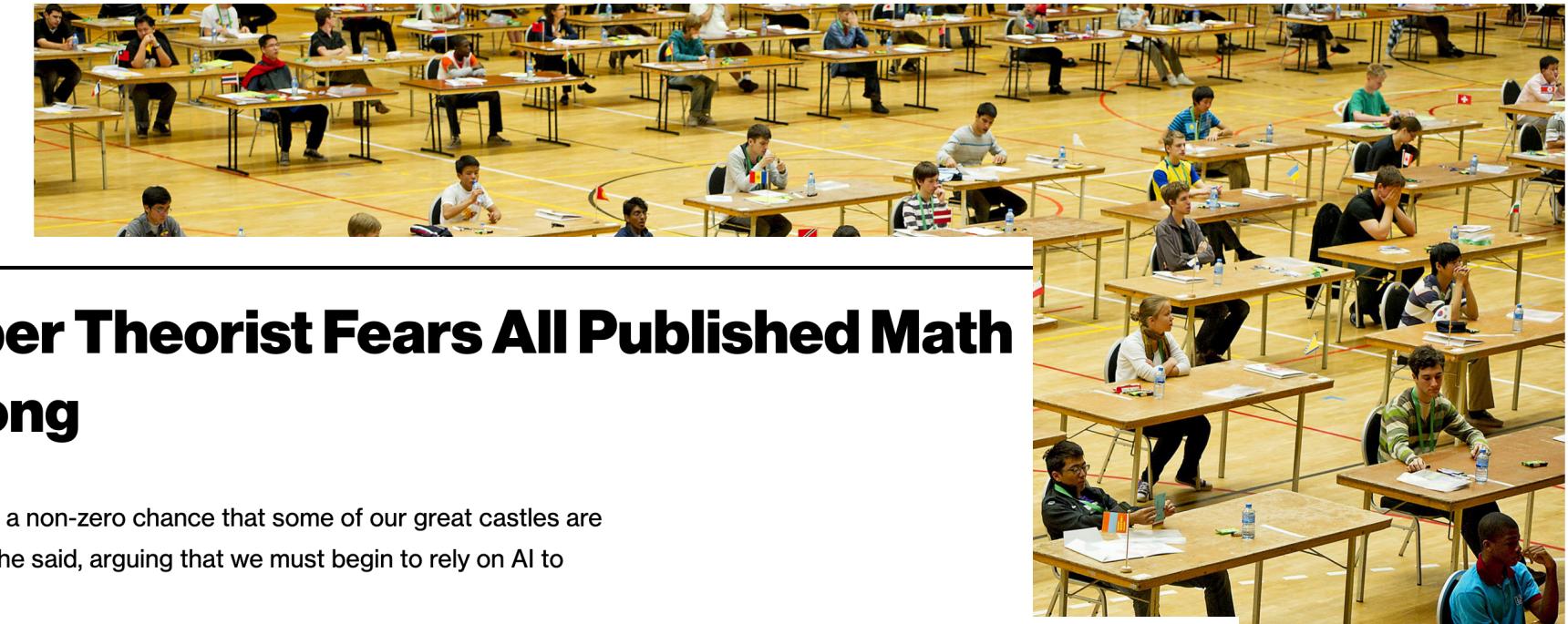
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At the Math Olympiad, Computers Prepare to Go for the Gold

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Computer scientists are trying to build an AI system that can win a gold medal at the world's premier math competition.



Number Theorist Fears All Published Math Is Wrong

"I think there is a non-zero chance that some of our great castles are built on sand," he said, arguing that we must begin to rely on AI to verify proofs.

MR By Mordechai Rorvig

September 26, 2019, 5:30am

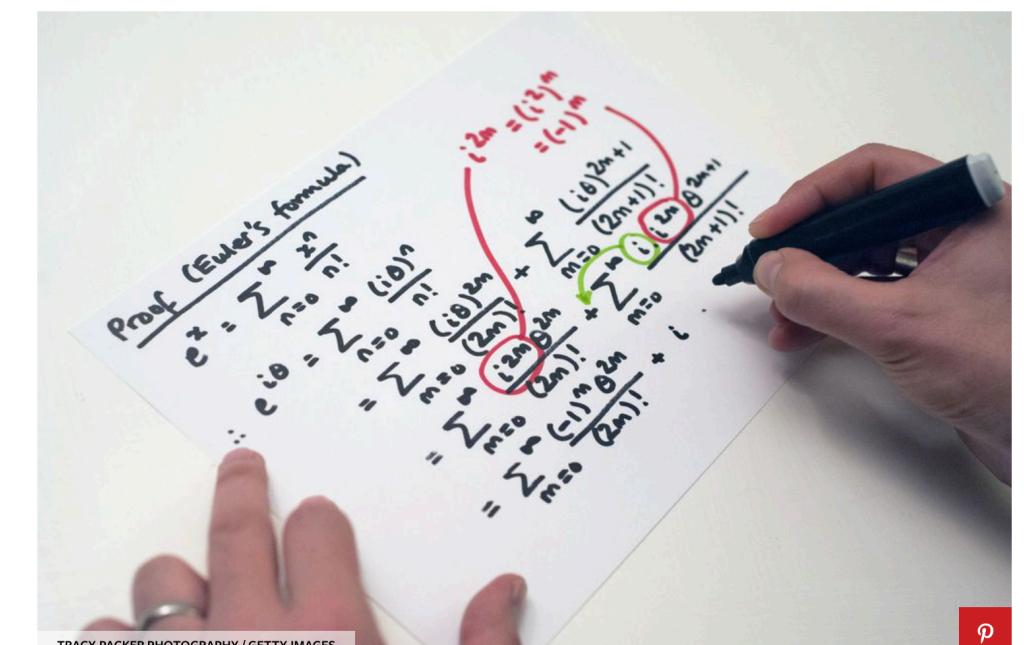
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$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Various equations and diagrams involving } x, y, \theta, \lambda, m_1, m_2, \dots \\ & \text{including } f(x) = 0, \lambda = m_1 + m_2, \text{ and geometric constructions.} \end{aligned}$$

What If All Published Math Is ... Wrong?

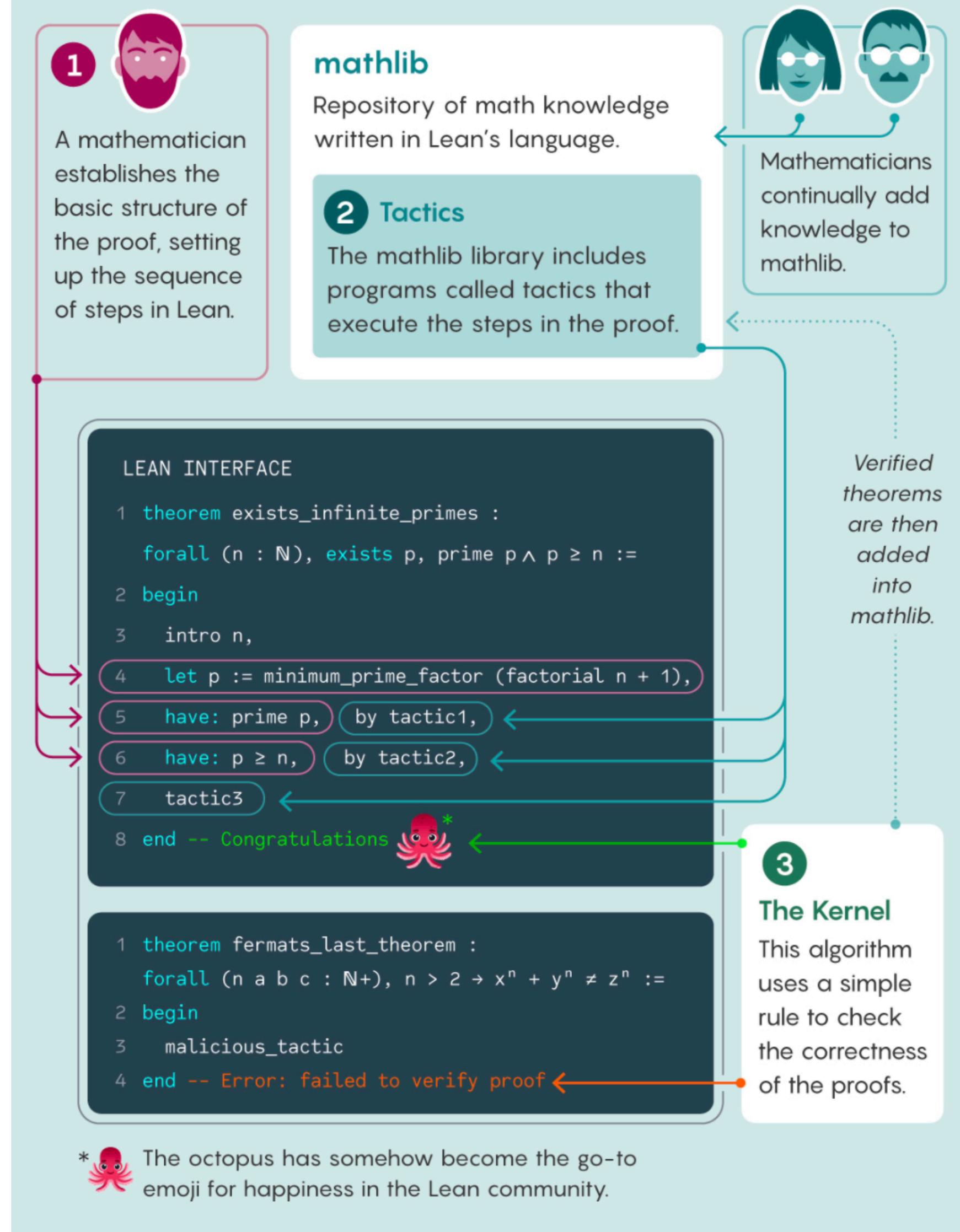
A number theorist says it's possible, and makes the case for A.I. to double-check proofs.

David Grossman // BY DAVID GROSSMAN SEP 27, 2019



Anatomy of a Proof Assistant

The proof assistant Lean helps mathematicians prove theorems by checking their work and automating some of the steps in a proof.



Lean perfectoid spaces

by Kevin Buzzard, Johan Commelin, and Patrick Massot

What is it about?

We explained Peter Scholze's definition of perfectoid spaces to computers, using the [Lean theorem prover](#), mainly developed at [Microsoft Research](#) by Leonardo de Moura. Building on earlier work by many people, starting from first principles, we arrived at

```
-- We fix a prime number p
parameter (p : primes)

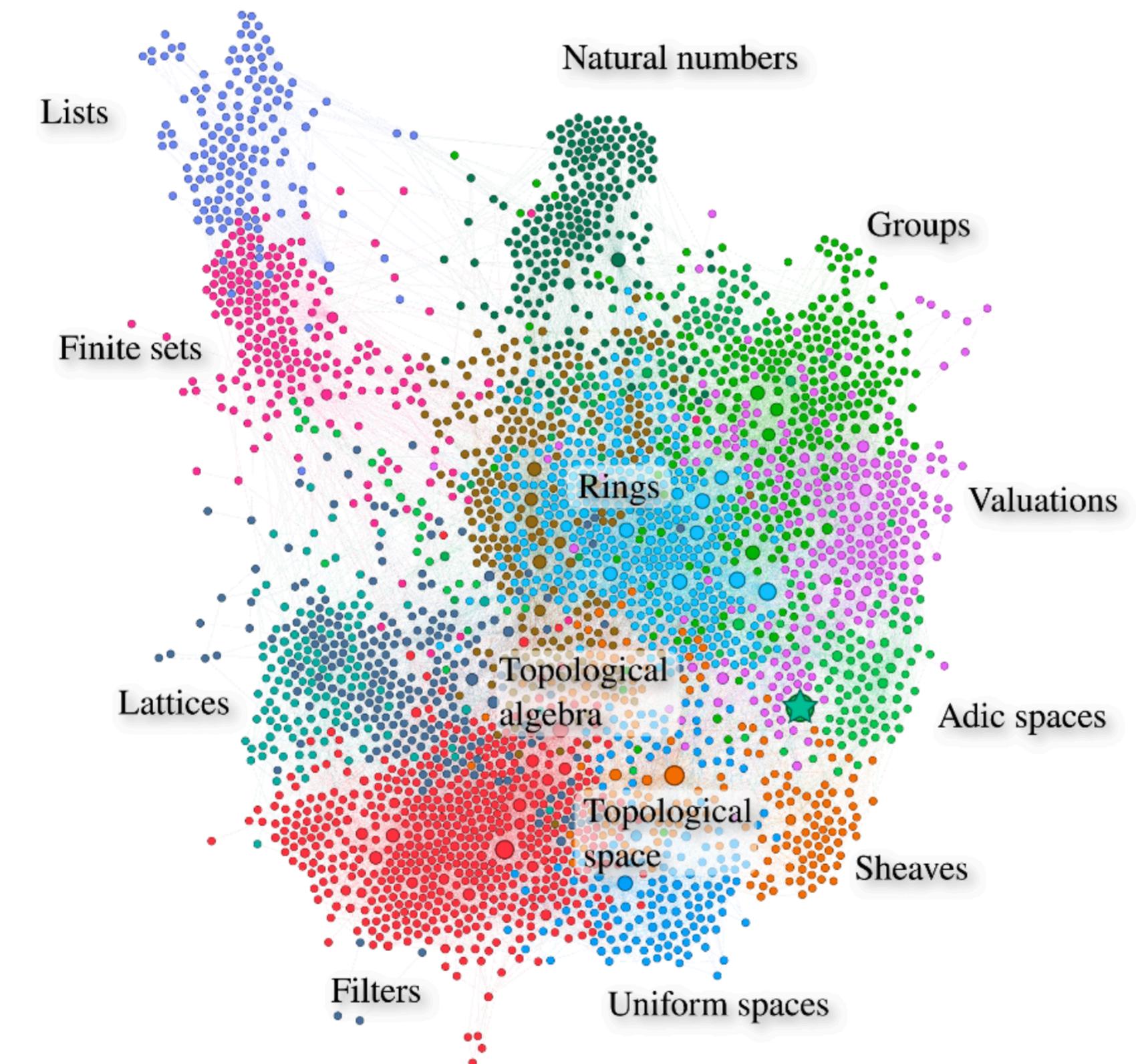
-- A perfectoid ring is a Huber ring that is complete, uniform,
-- that has a pseudo-uniformizer whose p-th power divides p in the power bounded subring,
-- and such that Frobenius is a surjection on the reduction modulo p.-/
structure perfectoid_ring (R : Type) [Huber_ring R] extends Tate_ring R : Prop :=
(complete : is_complete_hausdorff R)
(uniform : is_uniform R)
(ramified : ∃ w : pseudo_uniformizer R, w^p | p in R°)
(Frobenius : surjective (Frob R°/p))

/-
```

```
CLVRS ("complete locally valued ringed space") is a category
whose objects are topological spaces with a sheaf of complete topological rings
and an equivalence class of valuation on each stalk, whose support is the unique
maximal ideal of the stalk; in Wedhorn's notes this category is called ℰ.
A perfectoid space is an object of CLVRS which is locally isomorphic to Spa(A) with
A a perfectoid ring. Note however that CLVRS is a full subcategory of the category
`PreValuedRingedSpace` of topological spaces equipped with a presheaf of topological
rings and a valuation on each stalk, so the isomorphism can be checked in
PreValuedRingedSpace instead, which is what we do.
-/
```

```
-- Condition for an object of CLVRS to be perfectoid: every point should have an open
neighbourhood isomorphic to Spa(A) for some perfectoid ring A.-/
def is_perfectoid (X : CLVRS) : Prop :=
∀ x : X, ∃ (U : opens X) (A : Huber_pair) [perfectoid_ring A],
(x ∈ U) ∧ (Spa A ≈ U)

-- The category of perfectoid spaces.-/
def PerfectoidSpace := {X : CLVRS // is_perfectoid X}
end
```



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Questions

Tabs

What are “perfectoid spaces”?

Asked 9 years, 5 months ago Active 1 year, 5 months ago Viewed 49k times

▲ Here is a completely different kind of answer to this question.

59 A perfectoid space is a term of type `PerfectoidSpace` in the [Lean theorem prover](#).

▼ Here's a quote from the source code:

```
structure perfectoid_ring (R : Type) [Huber_ring R] extends Tate_ring R : Prop :=
(complete : is_complete_hausdorff R)
(uniform : is_uniform R)
```

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general well founded relation problem with 3 mutual recursion

Sorawee Porncharoenwase 5:15 AM

```
inductive tree : Type
| node : list tree → tree

example := tree.node []

mutual def f, g, h
with f : tree → N
```

[More...]

Eric Wieser 5:19 AM

Just to check I read that correctly, `h` does not take part in the recursion at all?

Sorawee Porncharoenwase 5:26 AM

This is a reduced example where `h` does not take part in the recursion at all, yes.

Though in my original program, `h` does take part in the recursion.

Reid Barton 6:49 AM

Yes, this does look weird. Would you mind filing a bug report at <https://github.com/leanprover-community/lean/issues> with this information?

I guess it's possible that adding `h` to the recursion disrupts whatever metric it's trying to use to prove that the translated version is well-founded

Mario Carneiro 7:22 AM

This is expected. The rule that lean uses is that every function must call mutual functions at "smaller" arguments

actually I misread the example, I thought you had something like `h x := f x`

Reid Barton 7:24 AM

But there are no function calls to or from `h`

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The computerized proof assistant known as Lean was intended to be a tool for checking the accuracy of software code, but mathematicians quickly gravitated to it as a tool for writing proofs. Graphic by Samuel [azine.org/building-the-m...](#)

The Xena Project @XenaProject Mathematicians learning Lean. Kevin Buzzard. @imperialcollege. Discord Thurs eve UK. kbuzzard on Twitch.

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What is "computing"? A mathematician might compute an integral via a series of substitutions and manipulations. But creating proofs is also "computing" -- here, we are computing with true/false statements rather than numbers. The same underlying logic though.

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The Xena Project @XenaProject · Nov 2

Interesting stuff from Jacques et al, giving a very measured and unbiased description of how computers may (or may not) be able to help pure mathematicians in the future. [Note to 90's kids -- OOT in this paper means Odd Order Theorem as opposed to Ocarina Of Time.]

IDES

LeanDay7.lean - Visual Studio Code

```

1 def ack : nat → nat → nat
2 | 0      y      := y+1
3 | (x+1) 0      := ack x 1
4 | (x+1) (y+1) := ack x (ack (x+1) y)
5
6 #[eval ack 3 5

```

demo.lean - mathlib-demo

```

1 import .setup
2
3 open nat
4
5 theorem infinitude_of_primes : ∀ N, ∃ p ≥ N, prime p :=
6 begin
7   intro N,
8   let M := fact N + 1,
9   let p := min_fac M,
10
11  have pp : prime p := sorry,
12
13  use p,
14  split,
15  [ by_contradiction,
16    have h1 : p ∣ M := sorry,
17    have h2 : p ∣ fact N := sorry, ]
18 end
19

```



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▼ Lean is ready!

Load .lean from URL: Load

Load .lean from disk: Choose File No file chosen Save

? Live in-browser version of the [Lean theorem prover](#).

```

1 def ack : nat → nat → nat
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4 | (x+1) (y+1) := ack x (ack (x+1) y)
5
6 #[eval ack 3 5

```

6:7: goal

⊢ N

6:7: type of ack

N → N → N

6:0: information: eval result

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```

import data.real.basic
import tactic.suggest

def up_bounds (A : set ℝ) := { x : ℝ | ∀ a ∈ A, a ≤ x}
def is_max (a : ℝ) (A : set ℝ) := a ∈ A ∧ a ∈ up_bounds A
infix ` is_a_max_of ` :55 := is_max

/- A `set ℝ` has a unique maximum. -/
△ lemma unique_max (A : set ℝ) (x y : ℝ) (hx : x is_a_max_of A) (hy : y is_a_max_of A)
begin
  have : x \le| level
  end
  level f Type [LS]
  le_Inf f (forall (b : ?α), b ∈ ?s → ?a ≤ b) → ?a ≤ Inf ?s [LS]
  le_sub f ?a ≤ ?b → ?c ≤ ?b → ?a ≤ ?c [LS]
  le_rfl f ?x ≤ ?x [LS]
  le_top f ?a ≤ T [LS]
  le_neg f ?a ≤ -?b ↔ ?b ≤ -?a [LS]

```

Induction.lean<Elab>

throwError! "unknown alternative name '{altName}'"

```

private def checkAltNames (alts : Array (Name × MVarId)) (altsSyntax : Array Syntax) : TacticM Unit :=
for altStx in altsSyntax do
  let altName := getAltName altStx
  if altName != ` _ then
    unless alts.any fun (n, _) => n == altName do
      throwErrorAt! altStx "invalid alternative name '{altName}'"

```

def evalAlts (elimInfo : ElimInfo) (alts : Array (Name × MVarId)) (altsSyntax : Array Syntax)
 (numEqs : Nat := 0) (numGeneralized : Nat := 0) (toClear : Array FVarId := #[[]]) : TacticM Unit :=
do
 checkAltNames alts altsSyntax
 let usedWildcard := false
 let hasAlts := altsSyntax.size >
 let subgoals := #[[]] -- when alterr

2018-09-06-130209.ipynb

```

-- import data.int.basic -- no mathlib yet
/
Some long comments
- more
- than
- one line
-
# print "hrsdfuhdkfhlllo world"
#eval 2+3
lemma test (P Q R : Prop) : ((P ∨ Q → R) ∧ P) → R :=
begin
  intro hyp,
  cases hyp with h h',
  apply h,
  trace_state,
  exact or.inl h'
end
#check test
variable (α : Type)
theorem ext {a b : set α} (h : ∀ x, x ∈ a ↔ x ∈ b) : a = b

```

Synced (now)

10:0 information print result

hrsdfuhdkfhlllo world

12:0 information eval result

20:0 information trace output

P Q R : Prop,
h : P ∨ Q → R,
h' : P
⊢ P ∨ Q

24:0 information check result

test : ∀ (P Q R : Prop), (P ∨ Q → R) ∧ P → R

57:0 information print result

@[class]
inductive decidable : Prop → Type
constructors:

Fun IDE extensions

Playing sudoku in the Lean theorem prover

```
cc13.lean X
src > cc13.lean
40 have c03 : s.f (0, 0) = 4 := by naked_single,
41 have c44 : s.f (4, 4) = 4 := by naked_single,
42 have c17 : s.f (1, 7) = 3 := by box_logic,
43 have c00 : s.f (0, 0) = 3 := by box_logic,
44 have p12 : s.snyder 0 2 2 2 8 := by box_logic,
45 have c80 : s.f (8, 0) = 8 := by pencil with p4 p12,
46 clear p4,
47 have p13 : s.snyder 1 8 2 8 4 := by box_logic,
48 have p14 : s.snyder 6 6 7 6 4 := by box_logic with p13,
49 have c47 : s.f (4, 7) = 6 := by box_logic,
50 have c78 : s.f (7, 8) = 6 := by box_logic,
51 have c52 : s.f (5, 2) = 6 := by pencil with p0,
52 clear p0,
53 have c50 : s.f (5, 0) = 1 := by naked_single,
54 have c12 : s.f (1, 2) = 1 := by pencil with p3,
55 clear p3,
56 have p27 : s.double 3 0 4 9 := by naked_single,
57 have p28 : s.triple 3 1 2 4 9 := by naked_single,
58 have p29 : s.double 3 7 2 9 := by naked_single,
59 have c38 : s.f (3, 8) = 8 := by naked_single with p27 p28 p29,
60 have c06 : s.f (0, 6) = 8 := by box_logic,
61 have c43 : s.f (4, 3) = 8 := by box_logic,
62 have c22 : s.f (2, 2) = 8 := by pencil with p12,
63 clear p12,
64 have c10 : s.f (1, 0) = 4 := by box_logic,
65 have c02 : s.f (0, 2) = 9 := by box_logic,
66 have c30 : s.f (3, 0) = 9 := by pencil with p27,
67 have c08 : s.f (0, 8) = 2 := by row_logic,
68 have c28 : s.f (2, 8) = 4 := by pencil with p13,
69 clear p13,
70 have c18 : s.f (1, 8) = 9 := by row_logic,
71 have c42 : s.f (4, 2) = 2 := by naked_single,
72 have c31 : s.f (3, 1) = 4 := by pencil with p28,
73 have c82 : s.f (8, 2) = 4 := by col_logic,
74 have c46 : s.f (4, 6) = 9 := by row_logic,
75 have c45 : s.f (4, 5) = 1 := by row_logic,
76 have c36 : s.f (3, 6) = 1 := by box_logic,
77 have c37 : s.f (3, 7) = 2 := by pencil with p29,
78 have c56 : s.f (5, 6) = 5 := by box_logic,
79 have c33 : s.f (3, 3) = 5 := by row_logic,
80 have c53 : s.f (5, 3) = 2 := by row_logic,
```

Lean Infoview X

cc13.lean:59:64

Tactic state

3	7	8	6	5	4		1
5	1	7	2	8	6	3	4
2	6	8	9	1	3	7	5
49	249	7	5	3	6	29	8
5	3		4		6	7	
1	8	6	5	9	7	4	3
6		3	7	5	4	8	1
7		5	3	8	4		6
8			6	9	3	7	5

1 goal

filter: no filter ▾

```
s : sudoku
c01 : s.f (0, 1) = 7
c04 : s.f (0, 4) = 5
c07 : s.f (0, 7) = 1
c14 : s.f (1, 4) = ?
```

Lean 3.x limitations

- Lean programs are compiled into byte code and then interpreted (slow).
- Lean expressions are foreign objects reflected in Lean.
- Very limited ways to extend the parser.

```
infix >=      := ge
infix ≥       := ge
infix >       := gt
```

```
notation `∃` binders `,` r:(scoped P, Exists P) := r
```

```
notation `[\` l:(foldr `,` (h t, list.cons h t) list.nil `])` := l
```

- Users cannot implement their own elaboration strategies.
- Trace messages are just strings.

It's been a long time coming ...

Parser refactoring + Hygienic macro system #1674

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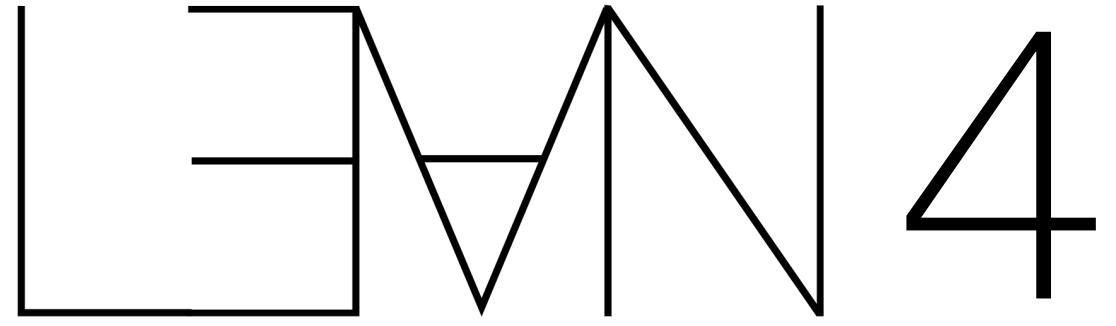
“We should really refactor the elaborator as well”

“If we rewrite the frontend, we should do it in Lean”

“We first need a capable Lean compiler for that ...”

Thus the Lean 4 project was born.

Two developers: Sebastian Ullrich (KIT) and Leo



- Implement Lean in Lean
 - Parser, elaborator, compiler, tactics and formatter (**all user extensible**)
 - Hygienic macro system
 - Only the runtime and basic primitives are implemented in C
- Runtime has support for boxed and unboxed data
- Runtime uses reference counting for GC and performs destructive updates when $RC = 1$
- Compiler generates C code. We can mix byte code and compiled code
- (Safe) support for low-level tricks such as pointer equality
- **A better value proposition: use proofs for obtaining more efficient code**

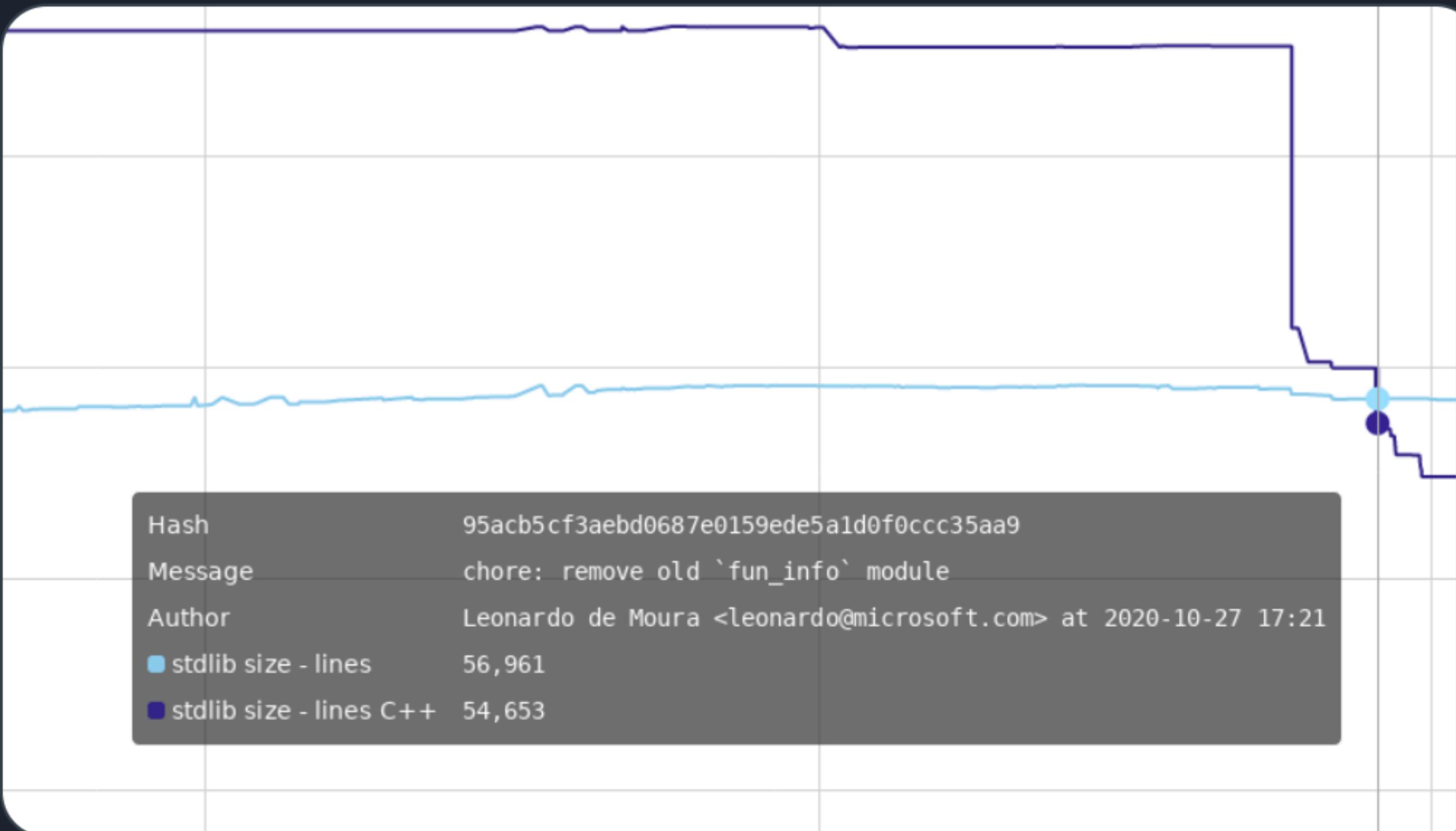


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Lean 4 passed two important milestones on the way to its first release this week:

- * All Lean files have been ported from the old frontend written in C++ to the new one written in Lean
- * After removing the old frontend, Lean is now the dominant implementation language of Lean 🎉



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Extensible parser

- No tokenizer
- Parsers combinators
- Pratt's parsers: leading and trailing parsers
 - New twist: parsers, not tokens, have precedences

```
syntax:100 "-" term:100      : term
syntax:65 term "-" term:66   : term
syntax:65 term "+" term:66   : term
syntax:67 term ":" term:67   : term

infixl:65 "+"  => add
infixr:67 ":"  => List.cons
```

- Automatically generated formatters, parenthesizers

```

-- Declare a new syntax category for "indexing" big operators
declare_syntax_cat index
syntax term:51 " $\leq$ " ident "<" term : index
syntax term:51 " $\leq$ " ident "<" term "|" term : index
syntax ident "<- " term : index
syntax ident "<- " term "|" term : index
-- Primitive notation for big operators
syntax "_big" "[" term "," term "]" "(" index ")" term : term

-- We define how to expand `_bigop` with the different kinds of index
macro_rules
| `(_big [$op, $idx] ($i:ident <- $r | $p) $F) => `(bigop $idx $r (fun $i:ident => ($i:ident, $op, $p, $F)))
| `(_big [$op, $idx] ($i:ident <- $r) $F) => `(bigop $idx $r (fun $i:ident => ($i:ident, $op, true, $F)))
| `(_big [$op, $idx] ($lower:term  $\leq$  $i:ident < $upper) $F) => `(bigop $idx (index_iota $lower $upper) (fun $i:ident => ($i:ident, $op, true, $F)))
| `(_big [$op, $idx] ($lower:term  $\leq$  $i:ident < $upper | $p) $F) => `(bigop $idx (index_iota $lower $upper) (fun $i:ident => ($i:ident, $op, $p, $F)))

-- Define `Sum`
syntax "Sum" "(" index ")" term : term
macro_rules `(Sum ($idx) $F) => `(_big [Add.add, 0] ($idx) $F)

-- We can already use `Sum` with the different kinds of index.
»#check Sum (i <- [0, 2, 4] | i != 2) i
»#check Sum (10  $\leq$  i < 20 | i != 5) i+1
»#check Sum (10  $\leq$  i < 20) i+1

-- Define `Prod`
syntax "Prod" "(" index ")" term : term
macro_rules `(Prod ($idx) $F) => `(_big [Mul.mul, 1] ($idx) $F)

-- The examples above now also work for `Prod`
»#check Prod (i <- [0, 2, 4] | i != 2) i
»#check Prod (10  $\leq$  i < 20 | i != 5) i+1
»#check Prod (10  $\leq$  i < 20) i+1

```

A unified frontend system

Notations

```
notation " $\exists$ " b ",," P  $\Rightarrow$  Exists (fun b  $\Rightarrow$  P)
```



Macros

$Surf \rightarrow Surf$

```
macro " $\exists$ " b:term ",," P:term : term  $\Rightarrow$ 
  `(Exists (fun $b  $\Rightarrow$  $P))
```



Elaborators

$Surf \rightarrow Core$

```
elab " $\exists$ " b:term ",," P:term : term  $\Rightarrow$ 
  `(Exists (fun $b  $\Rightarrow$  $P)) >= elabTerm
```

Equal Hygiene guarantees for all levels

Hygiene

```
notation "const" e => fun x => e
```

“Of course” e may not capture x

```
macro "elab" ... => do
  ...
  `(@[elabAttr] def myElaborator (stx : Syntax) : $type := match_syntax stx with ...)
```

“Of course” *myElaborator* may not be captured from outside

String interpolation: a micro DSL

```
-- Assume `y = 5`  
let x := y + 1  
IO.println s!"x: {x}, y: {y}"  
-- x: 6, y: 5
```



```
"x: " ++ toString x ++ ", y: " ++ toString y
```

Started as a Lean example

```
partial def interpolatedStrFn (p : ParserFn) : ParserFn := fun c s =>  
  let input      := c.input  
  let stackSize := s.stackSize  
  let rec parse (startPos : Nat) (c : ParserContext) (s : ParserState) : ParserState :=  
    let i      := s.pos  
    if input.atEnd i then  
      s.mkEOIError  
    else  
      let curr := input.get i  
      let s    := s.setPos (input.next i)  
      if curr == '"' then  
        let s := mkNodeToken interpolatedStrLitKind startPos c s  
        s.mkNode interpolatedStrKind stackSize
```

...

String interpolation: a micro DSL

```
syntax "throwError!" ((interpolatedStr term) <|> term) : term

macro_rules
| `(` throwError! $msg) =>
  if msg.getKind == interpolatedStrKind then
    `(throwError (msg! $msg))
  else
    `(throwError $msg)
```

```
syntax:max "msg!" (interpolatedStr term) : term

macro_rules
| `(` msg! $interpStr) => do
  let chunks := interpStr.getArgs
  let r ← Lean.Syntax.expandInterpolatedStrChunks chunks (fun a b => `($a ++ $b)) (fun a => `(toMessageData $a))
  `(($r : MessageData))
```

```
unless targetsNew.size == targets.size do
  throwError! "invalid number of targets #{targets.size}, motive expects #{targetsNew.size}"
```

“do” notation : another DSL

Introduced by the Haskell programming language

```
do { x1 <- action1  
; x2 <- action2  
; mk_action3 x1 x2 }
```



```
action1 >>= (\ x1 -> action2 >>= (\ x2 -> mk_action3 x1 x2 ))
```

Lean version is a DSL with many improvements

- Nested actions
- Rust-like reassessments and “return”
- Iterators + “break/continue”

“do” notation : another DSL

```
def sum (xs : Array Nat) : IO Nat := do
  let s := 0
  for x in xs do
    IO.println s!"x: {x}"
    s := s + x
  return s

def contains (k : Nat) (pairs : Array (Nat × Nat)) : IO (Option Nat) := do
  for (x, y) in pairs do
    if k == x then
      IO.println s!"found key {k}"
      return y
  return none
```

```
private def processResult (altRHSs : Array Syntax) (result : Array Meta.InductionSubgoal) (numToIntro : Nat := 0) : TacticM Unit := do
  if altRHSs.isEmpty then
    setGoals (result.toList.map fun s => s.mvarId)
  else
    unless altRHSs.size == result.size do
      throwError! "mismatch on the number of subgoals produced ({result.size}) and alternatives provided ({altRHSs.size})"
    let gs := #[]
    for i in [:result.size] do
      let subgoal := result[i]
      let rhs     := altRHSs[i]
      let ref     := rhs
      let mvarId  := subgoal.mvarId
      if numToIntro > 0 then
        _, mvarId ← introNP mvarId numToIntro
      gs ← evalAltRhs mvarId rhs gs
    setGoals gs.toList
```

“do” notation : another DSL

```
abbrev M := StateT Nat (ExceptT String Id)

def withdraw (v : Nat) : M Unit := do
  let s ← get
  if v > s then
    throw "not enough funds"
  modify (fun s => s - v)

def withdraw' (v : Nat) : M Unit := do
  if v > (← get) then
    throw "not enough funds"
  modify (· - v)

abbrev N := ReaderT Nat M

def deposit (v : Nat) : N Unit := do
  if v + (← get) > (← read) then
    throw s!"exceeded maximum allowed {← read}"
  modify (· + v)

def test (v w : Nat) : N Unit := do
  deposit v
  withdraw w
```

Type-directed macros

```
@[builtinTermElab anonymousCtor]
def elabAnonymousCtor : TermElab :=
  fun stx expectedType? =>
  match_syntax stx with
  | `($args*) => do
    tryPostponeIfNoneOrMVar expectedType?
    match expectedType? with
    | some expectedType =>
      let expectedType ← whnf expectedType
      matchConstInduct expectedType.getAppFn
        (fun _ => throwError! "invalid constructor {indentExpr expectedType}")
        (fun ival us => do
          match ival.ctors with
          | [ctor] =>
            let newStx ← `($(mkCIIdentFrom stx ctor) $(args.getSepElems)*)
            withMacroExpansion stx newStx $ elabTerm newStx expectedType?
            | _ =>
              throwError! "invalid constructor {indentExpr expectedType} with only one constructor"
            | none => throwError "invalid constructor {indentExpr expectedType}, expected type must be known"
          | _ => throwErrorUnsupportedSyntax
        )
```

Tactic/synthesis framework: another DSL

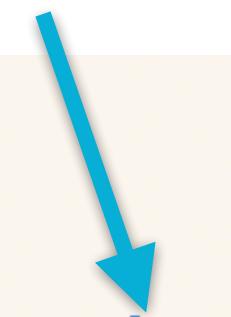
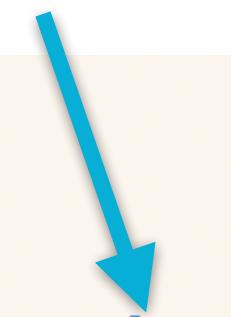
Go to tactic/synthesis mode

```
variables {α : Type u} {β : Type v}
variables {ra : α → α → Prop} {rb : β → β → Prop}

def lexAccessible (aca : (a : α) → Acc ra a) (acb : (b : β) → Acc rb b) (a : α) (b : β) : Acc (Lex ra rb) (a, b) := by
  induction (aca a) generalizing b
  | intro xa aca iha =>
    induction (acb b)
    | intro xb acb ihb =>
      apply Acc.intro (xa, xb)
      intro p lt
      cases lt
      | left a₁ b₁ a₂ b₂ h => apply iha a₁ h
      | right a b₁ b₂ h     => apply ihb b₁ h
```

Construct a lambda

Construct an application



Tactic/synthesis framework: another DSL

It is interactive: we can visualize intermediate states

```
variables {α : Type u} {β : Type v}
variables {ra : α → α → Prop} {rb : β → β → Prop}

def lexAccessible (aca : (a : α) → Acc ra a) (acb : (b : β) → Acc rb b) (a : α) (b : β) : Acc (Lex ra rb) (a, b) := by
  induction (aca a) generalizing b
  | intro xa aca iha =>
    induction (acb b)
    | intro xb acb ihb =>
      apply Acc.intro (xa, xb)
      intro p lt
      cases lt
      | left a₁ b₁ a₂ b₂ h => apply iha a₁ h
      | right a b₁ b₂ h     => apply ihb b₁ h
```

unsolved goals
case intro.intro
 $\alpha : \text{Type } u$
 $\beta : \text{Type } v$
 $ra : \alpha \rightarrow \alpha \rightarrow \text{Prop}$
 $rb : \beta \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow \text{Prop}$
 $acat : (a : \alpha) \rightarrow \text{Acc } ra \ a$
 $acbt : (b : \beta) \rightarrow \text{Acc } rb \ b$
 $a \ xa : \alpha$
 $aca : (y : \alpha) \rightarrow ra \ y \ xa \rightarrow \text{Acc } ra \ y$
 $iha : (y : \alpha) \rightarrow (a : ra \ y \ xa) \rightarrow (b : \beta) \rightarrow \text{Acc } (\text{Lex } ra \ rb) \ (y, b)$
 $b \ xb : \beta$
 $acb : (y : \beta) \rightarrow rb \ y \ xb \rightarrow \text{Acc } rb \ y$
 $ihb : (y : \beta) \rightarrow (a : rb \ y \ xb) \rightarrow \text{Acc } (\text{Lex } ra \ rb) \ (xa, y)$
 $\vdash \text{Acc } (\text{Lex } ra \ rb) \ (xa, xb)$

Lifting notation to another DSL

```
theorem Tree.acyclic (x t : Tree) : x = t → x ≈ t := by
  let rec right (x s : Tree) (b : Tree) (h : x ≈ b) : node s x ≠ b ∧ node s x ≈ b := by
    match b, h with
    | leaf,      h =>
      apply And.intro _ trivial
      intro h; injection h
    | node l r, h =>
      have ihl : x ≈ l → node s x ≠ l ∧ node s x ≈ l from right x s l
      have ihr : x ≈ r → node s x ≠ r ∧ node s x ≈ r from right x s r
      have hl : x ≠ l ∧ x ≈ l from h.1
      have hr : x ≠ r ∧ x ≈ r from h.2.1
      ...
      ...
```

```
let rec aux : (x : Tree) → x ≈ x
| leaf      => trivial
| node l r => by
  have ih1 : l ≈ l from aux l
  have ih2 : r ≈ r from aux r
  show (node l r ≠ l ∧ node l r ≈ l) ∧ (node l r ≠ r ∧ node l r ≈ r) ∧ True
  apply And.intro
  focus
    apply left
    assumption
  apply And.intro _ trivial
  focus
    apply right
    assumption
intro h
subst h
apply aux
```

The tactic framework is implemented in Lean itself

```
def cases (mvarId : MVarId) (majorFVarId : FVarId) (givenNames : Array (List Name)) (useUnusedNames : Bool) : MetaM (Array CasesSubgoal) :=
withMVarContext mvarId do
  checkNotAssigned mvarId `cases
  let context? ← mkCasesContext? majorFVarId
  match context? with
  | none      => throwTacticEx `cases mvarId "not applicable to the given hypothesis"
  | some ctx =>
    if ctx.inductiveVal.nindices == 0 then
      inductionCasesOn mvarId majorFVarId givenNames useUnusedNames ctx
    else
      let s1 ← generalizeIndices mvarId majorFVarId
      trace[Meta.Tactic.cases]! "after generalizeIndices\n{MessageData.ofGoal s1.mvarId}"
      let s2 ← inductionCasesOn s1.mvarId s1.fvarId givenNames useUnusedNames ctx
      let s2 ← elimAuxIndices s1 s2
      unifyCasesEqs s1.numEqs s2
```

Users can add their own primitives

How we did it?

- Lean is based on the Calculus of Inductive Constructions (CIC)
 - All functions are total
- We want
 - General recursion
 - Foreign functions
 - Unsafe features (e.g., pointer equality)

The `unsafe` keyword

- Unsafe functions may not terminate.
- Unsafe functions may use (unsafe) type casting.
- Regular (non unsafe) functions cannot call unsafe functions.
- Theorems are regular (non unsafe) functions.

A compromise

- Make sure we cannot prove **False** in Lean.
 - Theorems proved in Lean 4 may still be checked by reference checkers.
 - Unsafe functions are ignored by reference checkers.
- Allow developers to provide an unsafe version for any (opaque) function whose type is inhabited.
- Examples:
 - Primitives implemented in C

```
@[extern "lean_uint64_mix_hash"]
constant mixHash64 (u1 u2 : UInt64) : UInt64 := 0
```

- Sealing unsafe features

```
unsafe def setStateUnsafe {σ : Type} (ext : EnvExtension σ) (env : Environment) (s : σ) : Environment :=
{ env with extensions := env.extensions.set! ext.idx (unsafeCast s) }
```

```
@[implementedBy setStateUnsafe]
constant setState {σ : Type} (ext : EnvExtension σ) (env : Environment) (s : σ) : Environment := env
```

The **partial** keyword

- General recursion is a major convenience.
 - Some functions in our implementation may not terminate or cannot be shown to terminate in Lean, and we want to avoid an artificial “fuel” argument.
 - In many cases, the function terminates, but we don’t want to “waste” time proving it.

```
partial def whnfImpl : Expr → MetaM Expr
```

- A **partial** definition is just syntax sugar for the **unsafe** + **implementedBy** idiom.
- Future work: allow users to provide termination later, and use meta programming to generate a safe and non-opaque version of a partial function.

Proofs for performance and profit

- A better value proposition: use proofs for obtaining more efficient code.
- Example: skip runtime array bounds checks

```
def get (a : Array α) (i : Nat) (h : i < a.size) : α
```

- Example: pointer equality (join work with Daniel Selsam and Simon Hudon)

```
def withPtrEq (x y : α) (k : Unit → Bool)
  (h : x = y → k () = true) : Bool := k ()
```

The definition is called a reference implementation

The compiler generates:

```
def withPtrEq (x y : α) (k : Unit → Bool)
  (h : x = y → k () = true) : Bool :=
if ptrAddr x = ptrAddr y
  then true
  else k ()
```

The return of reference counting

- Most compilers for functional languages (OCaml, GHC, ...) use tracing GC
- RC is simple to implement.
- Easy to support multi-threading programs.
- Destructive updates when reference count = 1.
 - It is a known optimization for big objects (e.g., arrays).
 - We demonstrate it is also relevant for small objects.
- In languages like Coq and **Lean**, we do not have cycles.
- Easy to interface with C, C++ and Rust.

Paper: "[Counting Immutable Beans: Reference Counting Optimized for Purely Functional Programming](#)", IFL 2019

Resurrection hypothesis

Many objects die just before the creation of an object of the same kind.

Examples:

- List.map : List a -> (a -> b) -> List b
- Compiler applies transformations to expressions.
- Proof assistant rewrites/simplifies formulas.
- Updates to functional data structures such as red black trees.
- List zipper

$$goForward ([] , bs) = ([] , bs)$$

$$goForward (x : xs , bs) = (xs , x : bs)$$

New idioms

```
structure ParserState :=
  (stxStack : Array Syntax := #[])
  (pos      : String.Pos := 0)
  (cache    : ParserCache)
  (errorMsg : Option Error := none)
```

```
def pushSyntax (s : ParserState) (n : Syntax) : ParserState :=
  { s with stxStack := s.stxStack.push n }

def popSyntax (s : ParserState) : ParserState :=
  { s with stxStack := s.stxStack.pop }

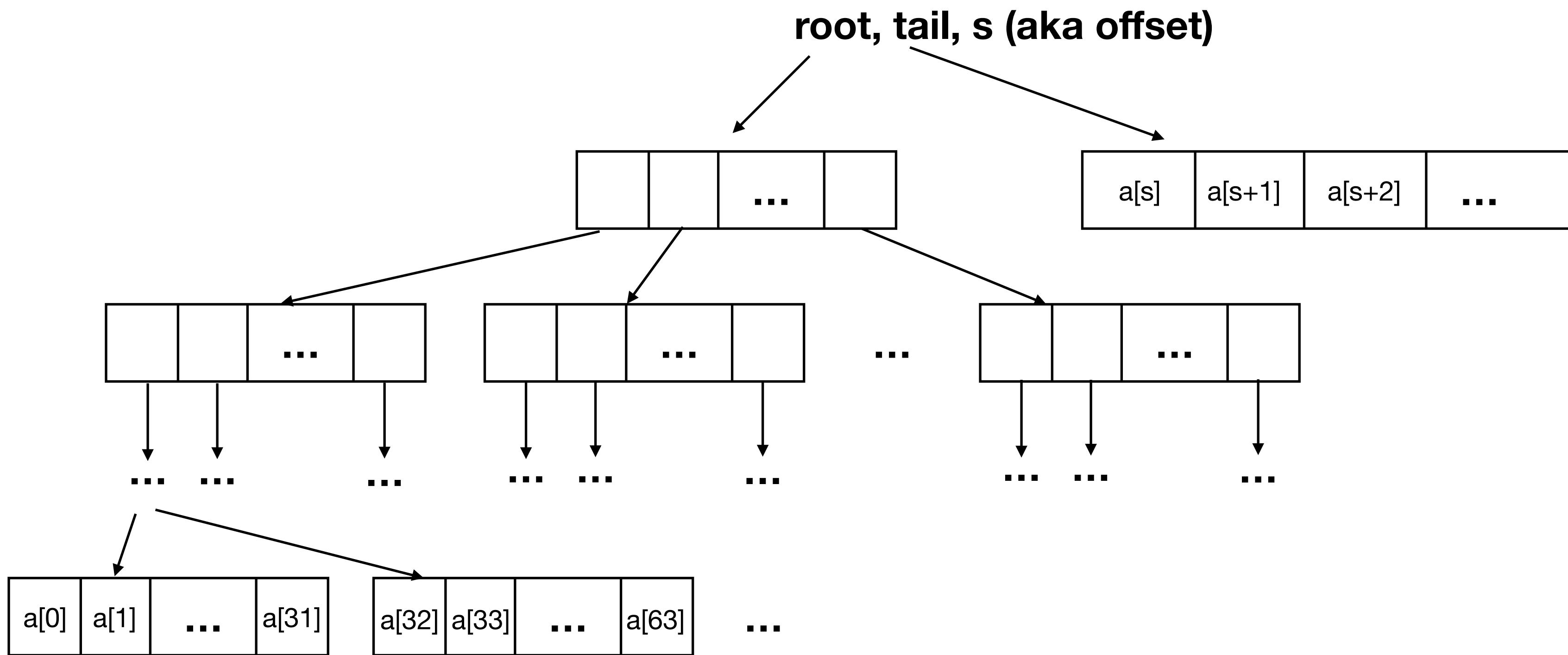
def shrinkStack (s : ParserState) (iniStackSz : Nat) : ParserState :=
  { s with stxStack := s.stxStack.shrink iniStackSz }

def next (s : ParserState) (input : String) (pos : Nat) : ParserState
  { s with pos := input.next pos }
```

Comparison with linear/uniqueness types

- Values of types marked as linear/unique can be destructively updated.
- Compiler statically checks whether values are being used linearly or not.
- Pros: no runtime checks; compatible with tracing GCs.
- Cons: awkward to use; complicates a dependent type system even more.
- Big cons: all or nothing. A function f that takes non-shared values most of the time cannot perform destructive updates.

Persistent Arrays



**Reusing big and small objects.
Persistent arrays will often be shared.**

Moving forward

- Interactive compilation: a “tactic framework for guiding the compiler”
- Custom automation for the IMO grand challenge
- Moving the simplifier step in the compiler to Lean
- The new language manual
- Pushing/Extending RC (join work with Daan Leijen)
- Typed macro system (Sebastian Ullrich)
- Rust integration (Sebastian Ullrich)

Conclusion

- We implemented Lean4 in Lean.
- Users will be able and customize all modules of the system.
- **Sealing unsafe features.** Logical consistency is preserved.
- Compiler generates C code. Allows users to mix compiled and interpreted code.
- **It is feasible to implement functional languages using RC.**
- We barely scratched the surface of the design space.
- Source code available online. <http://github.com/leanprover/lean4>
- Official release: Lean Together meeting in January 2021