

# Formalizing Mathematics in Lean.

## 1. Logic

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# Mathematical Formalization

[Mathematical formalization](#) (supported by a proof assistant) consists on digitalizing mathematical definitions, statements and proofs, using a language that can be interpreted by a computer.

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- Teaching and communication.

# Why formalize mathematics?

The screenshot shows a YouTube video player interface. The video title is "Kevin Buzzard - The rise of formalism in mathematics". The video content displays a slide titled "The beginning of the beginning." with the following text:

However, will computers soon be *helping* humans to prove theorems?

Not just by working out examples, but by *reasoning*?

Finding proofs or counterexamples in databases, constructing simple proofs themselves, doing diagram chases?

Will computers make it easier for humans to *learn* mathematics?

Will they enable humans to *explore* proofs in new ways?

My guess: yes.

The video player includes a sidebar with a table of contents, a progress bar at the bottom, and a description box below the video frame.

Kevin Buzzard - The rise of formalism in mathematics

Special Plenary Lecture

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SEID4XYFN7o>



# Lean

- Lean is an interactive theorem prover.
- Based in dependent type theory.
- It is also a functional programming language.
- Developed by Leonardo de Moura (Microsoft) since 2013.
- Other proof assistants: Coq, Isabelle/HOL, HOL Light, Agda, Metamath, Mizar, ...

# Lean's timeline

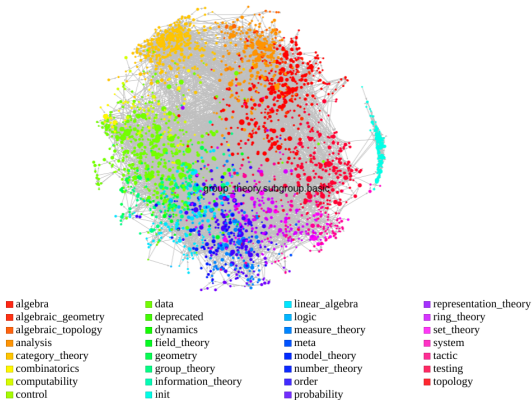
- 2013: Lean starts being developed by Leonardo de Moura (Microsoft).
- 2017: Lean 3.
- 2017: `mathlib` as an independent library.
- 2021: Lean 4.
- 2023: Mathlib 4 (port finished July 15).

# Mathlib

- `Mathlib` is Lean's mathematical library (since 2017).
- Open source.
- Decentralized (310 contributors).
- Monolithic ( $\sim 45k$  definitions,  $\sim 113k$  theorems,  $> 1.1$  million lines).

[https://leanprover-community.github.io/mathlib\\_stats.html](https://leanprover-community.github.io/mathlib_stats.html)

mathlib



<https://eric-wieser.github.io/mathlib-import-graph/>

# Course Contents

Goal: introduction to mathematical formalization using Lean 4.

- Tactics
- Structures
- Classes
- Variables (implicit, explicit, inferred)
- Mathlib

# Course Plan

- 1 Logic (tactics)
- 2 Functions (more tactics)
- 3 The Algebra Hierarchy (variables; structures and classes)
- 4 Examples from Number Theory (put everything together)

# Tactics

Tactics: instructions to build a proof.

- sorry
  - intro
  - exact
  - apply
  - cases'
  - constructor
  - left
  - right
  - exfalso
  - by\_contra
  - rfl
  - rw
  - have
  - use
  - ...
- Descriptions and examples in [tactics.lean](https://tactics.lean).
  - [https://github.com/mariainesdff/EACA\\_School/blob/master/1\\_logic/tactics.lean](https://github.com/mariainesdff/EACA_School/blob/master/1_logic/tactics.lean)

# Learning Resources (I)

## Course Repository:

- [https://github.com/mariainesdff/EACA\\_School](https://github.com/mariainesdff/EACA_School)

## Natural Number Game:

- <https://adam.math.hhu.de/#/g/hhu-adam/NNG4>

## Mathematics in Lean:

- [https://leanprover-community.github.io/mathematics\\_in\\_lean](https://leanprover-community.github.io/mathematics_in_lean)

## MSRI Summer School on Formalization of Mathematics:

- [https://www.msri.org/summer\\_schools/1021](https://www.msri.org/summer_schools/1021)



# Learning Resources (II)

Theorem Proving in Lean 4:

- [https://leanprover.github.io/theorem\\_proving\\_in\\_lean4/](https://leanprover.github.io/theorem_proving_in_lean4/)

More Tutorials/Books/Videos:

- <https://leanprover-community.github.io/learn.html>

Zulip (Lean community chat):

- <https://leanprover.zulipchat.com/>