

Lean for Scientists and Engineers

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Lean for Scientists and Engineers 2024

- I. Logic and proofs for scientists and engineers
 1. Introduction to theorem proving
 2. Writing proofs in Lean
 3. Formalizing derivations in science and engineering
2. Functional programming in Lean 4
 1. Functional vs. imperative programming
 2. Numerical vs. symbolic mathematics
 3. Writing executable programs in Lean
3. Provably-correct programs for scientific computing

Schedule (tentative)

July 9, 2024	Introduction to Lean and proofs
July 10, 2024	Equalities and inequalities
July 16, 2024	Proofs with structure
July 17, 2024	Proofs with structure II
July 23, 2024	Proofs about functions; types
July 24, 2024	Calculus-based-proofs
July 30-31, 2024	Prof. Josephson traveling
August 6, 2024	Functions, definitions, structures, recursion
August 8, 2024	Polymorphic functions for floats and reals, compiling Lean to C
August 13, 2024	Input / output, lists, arrays, and indexing
August 14, 2024	Lists, arrays, indexing, and matrices
August 20, 2024	LeanMD & BET Analysis in Lean
August 21, 2024	SciLean tutorial, by Tomáš Skřivan

Logic and proofs for scientists and engineers
Functional programming in Lean 4
Provably-correct programs for scientific computing

Content inspired by:
Mechanics of Proof, by Heather Macbeth
Functional Programming in Lean, by David Christiansen



Guest instructor: Tomáš Skřivan

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Impact of non-pharmaceutical interventions (NPIs) to reduce COVID-19 mortality and healthcare demand

Ferguson, N.M., et al. Imperial College London COVID-19 Response Team. March 16, 2020

“SimCity without the graphics”

The Telegraph

Coding that led to lockdown was 'totally unreliable' and a 'buggy mess', say experts

The code, written by Professor Neil Ferguson and his team at Imperial College London, was impossible to read, scientists claim

Failures of an Influential COVID-19 Model Used to Justify Lockdowns

Code Review of Ferguson's Model

BY SUE DENIM 6 MAY 2020 3:16 PM

May 18, 2020 4 min read

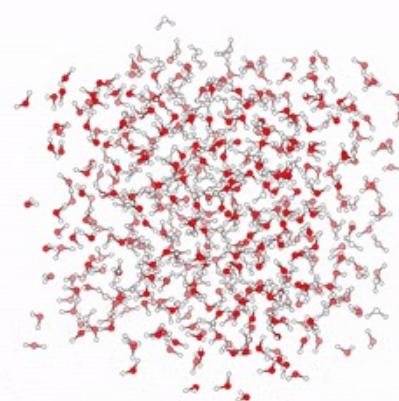
An open letter to software engineers criticizing Neil Ferguson's epidemics simulation code

2020-05-18

[scientific software](#)

The war over supercooled water

Palmer, Haji-Akbari, Singh, Martelli, Car, Panagiotopoulos, Debenedetti, J Chem Phys, 2018
Smart, "The war over super-cooled water," Physics Today, 2018



Video by Kmckiern

Does the ST2 model of liquid water below the freezing point have a liquid-liquid critical point?

NO

Limmer and Chandler
2011, 2013, 2016

YES

Palmer, Debenedetti, others
2014, 2018, 2018

Step in simulation violated equipartition of energy
→ artificially high temperature
→ just one instead of two phases

How to ensure quality simulations?

Thompson, Gilmer, Matsumoto, Quach, Shamprasad, Yang, Iacovella, McCabe, Cummings, Mol Phys, 2020

Transparent
Reproducible
Usable by others
Extensible



**NIST Standard Reference
Simulation Website**

Shen, Siderius, Krekelberg, Hatch, 2017-2024

Automated testing for physical validity
Merz and Shirts, PLOS One, 2018

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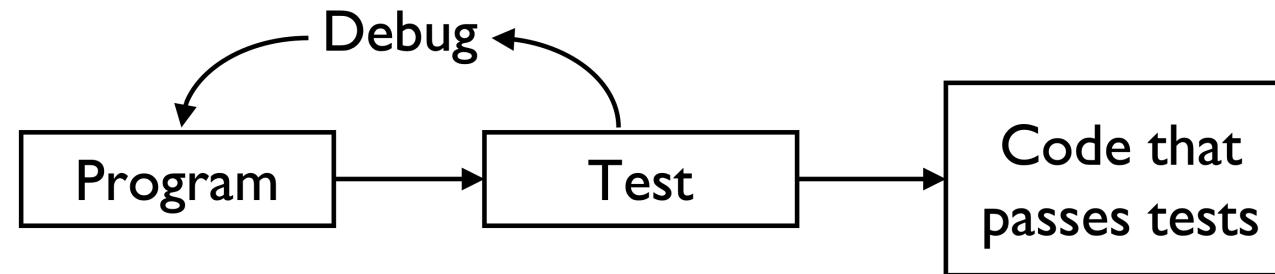
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Floating point / Round off	Subtracting small values from large values	Checking energy conservation	

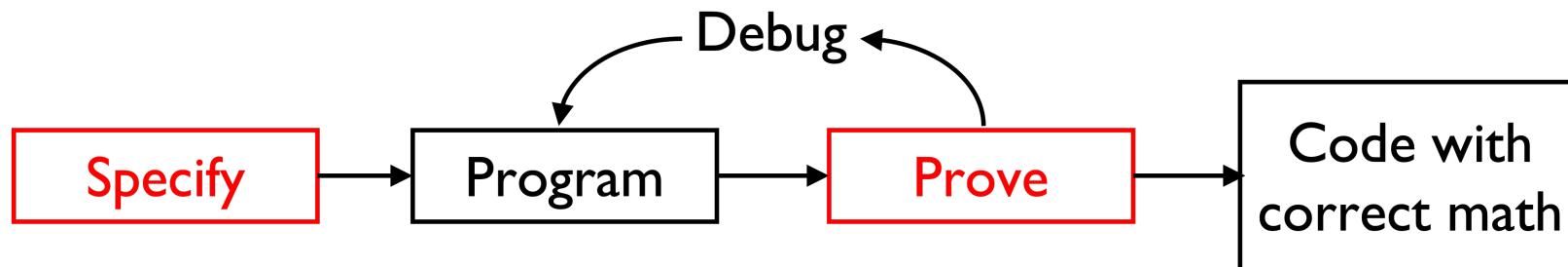
A vision for bug-free scientific computing

Selsam, Liang, Dill, “Developing Bug-Free Machine Learning Systems with Formal Mathematics,” ICML 2017.

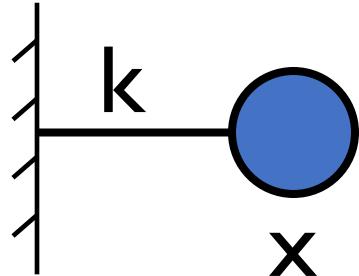
Standard method: test code empirically



Our method: verify code mathematically



Example: mass on a spring



$$F = -kx \quad E = k/2x^2 \quad F = -\frac{\partial E}{\partial x}$$

In Python

```
def force(x,k):
    return -k*x
def energy(x,k):
    return k/2*x**2
def test1():
    if force(5, 5) == -25:
        return 'Pass'
    else:
        return 'Fail'
test1()
```

In Lean

```
def force (k x : ℝ) : ℝ := -k * x
def energy (k x : ℝ) : ℝ := k/2*x^2

theorem force_is_derivative_of_energy :
  ∀ x : ℝ, deriv (fun x => energy k x) x = - force k x := by
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When molecules from a gas or liquid “stick” onto a solid material



- e) Freundlich
- Langmuir
- BET
- Toth
- Fowler-Guggenheim

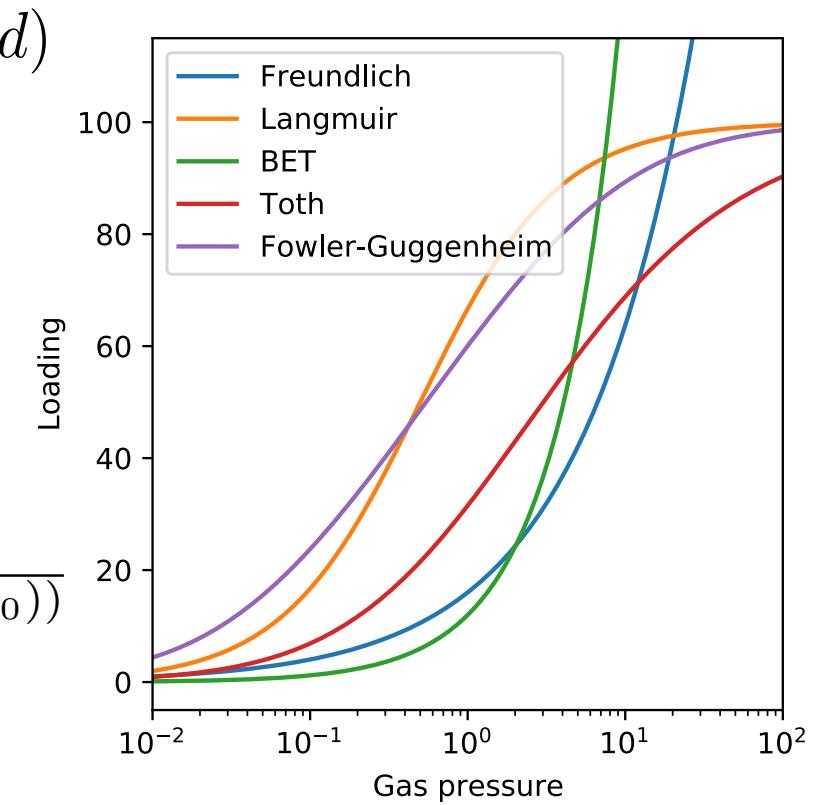
$$q = K_F p^n$$

$$q = \frac{q_{\max} K_L p}{1 + K_L p}$$

$$q = \frac{q_m c_{\text{BET}} p}{(p_0 - p)(1 + (c_{\text{BET}} - 1)(p/p_0))}$$

$$q = \frac{q_{\max} p}{(b + p^t)^{1/t}}$$

$$K_{\text{FG}} p = \frac{\theta}{1 - \theta} \exp\left(\frac{2\theta w}{RT}\right)$$



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Feb., 1938

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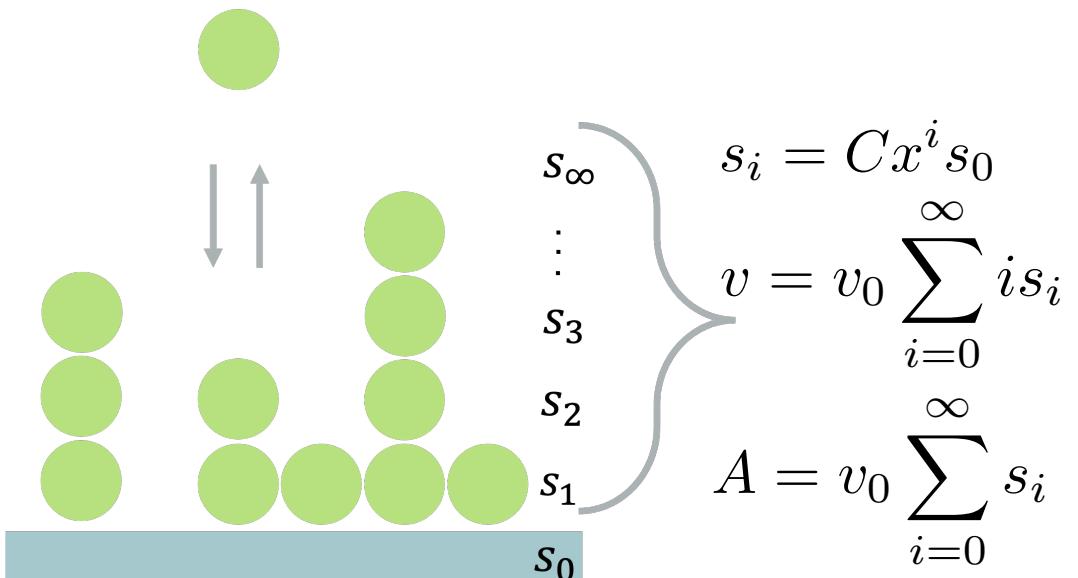
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$$v = \frac{v_m c p}{(p_0 - p)[1 + (c - 1)(p/p_0)]}$$



BET Adsorption

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Making scientific theories executable

Excerpt from informal derivation in Langmuir, JACS, 1918

flection. Therefore, the rate of condensation of the gas on the surface is $\alpha\theta\mu$, where θ represents the fraction of the surface which is bare. Similarly the rate of evaporation of the molecules from the surface is equal to $\nu_1\theta_1$, where ν_1 is the rate at which the gas would evaporate if the surface were completely covered and θ_1 is the fraction actually covered by the adsorbed molecules. When a gas is in equilibrium with a surface these two rates must be equal, so we have

$$\alpha\theta\mu = \nu_1\theta_1. \quad (4)$$

Furthermore,

$$\theta + \theta_1 = 1 \quad (5)$$

whence

$$\theta_1 = \frac{\alpha\mu}{\nu_1 + \alpha\mu}. \quad (6)$$

Let us place

$$\frac{\alpha}{\nu_1} = \sigma_1. \quad (7)$$

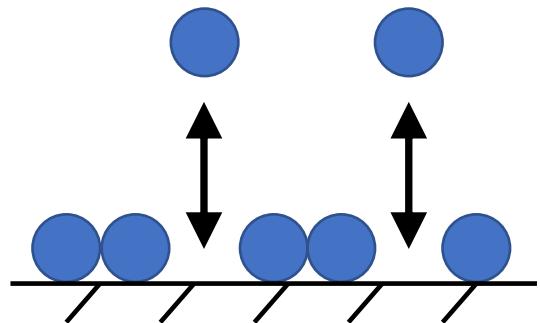
Equation 6 then becomes

$$\theta_1 = \frac{\sigma_1\mu}{1 + \sigma_1\mu}. \quad (8)$$

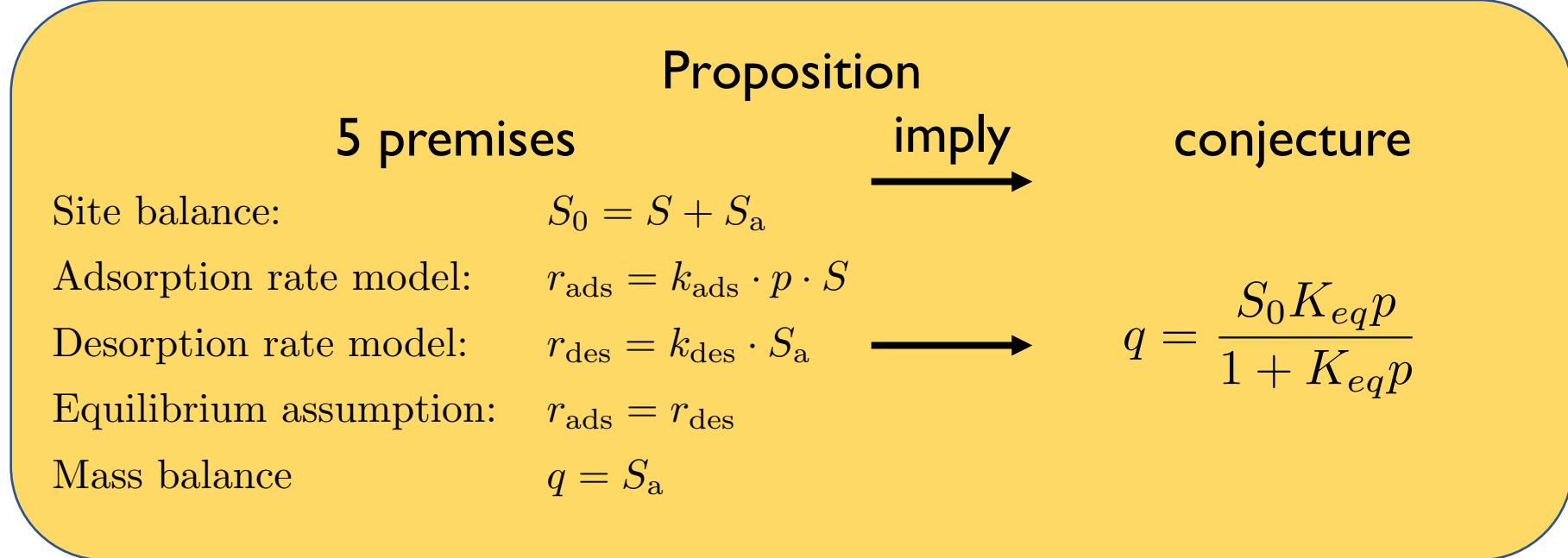
Formal derivation in Lean

```
-- Imports theory of real numbers
import Mathlib.Data.Real.Basic
-- Declares theorem and its arguments
theorem LangmuirAdsorption {θ K P r_ad r_d k_ad k_d A S_tot S : ℝ} :
-- Premises
  (hrad : r_ad = k_ad * P * S) -- Adsorption rate expression
  (hrd : r_d = k_d * A) -- Desorption rate expression
  (heq : r_ad = r_d) -- Equilibrium assumption
  (hK : K = k_ad / k_d) -- Definition of adsorption constant
  (hS_tot : S_tot = S + A) -- Site balance
  (hθ : θ = A / S_tot) -- Definition of fractional coverage
-- Constraints
  (hc1 : S + A ≠ 0)
  (hc2 : k_d + k_ad * P ≠ 0)
  (hc3 : k_d ≠ 0)
  :
θ = K * P / (1 + K * P) -- Langmuir's adsorption law
:= by -- Proof starts here
rw [hrad, hrd] at heq
rw [hθ, hS_tot, hK]
field_simp
calc
| A * (k_d + k_ad * P) = k_d * A + k_ad * P * A := by ring
| _ = k_ad * P * S + k_ad * P * A := by rw[heq]
| _ = k_ad * P * (S + A) := by ring
```

Derivations in science are math proofs



Langmuir Adsorption
Langmuir, JACS, 1918



Theorem

Proposition is TRUE

Proof

Derivation using algebraic manipulations
(substitution, cancelling terms, etc.)

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Two kinds of math proofs

Thomas C Hales. Formal proof. Notices of the AMS, 2008.

Handwritten proofs

Informal syntax

Only readable for human

Might exclude information

Might contain mistakes

Requires humans to proofread

Easy to write

Formal proofs

Strict, computer language syntax

Machine-readable and executable

Cannot miss assumptions or steps

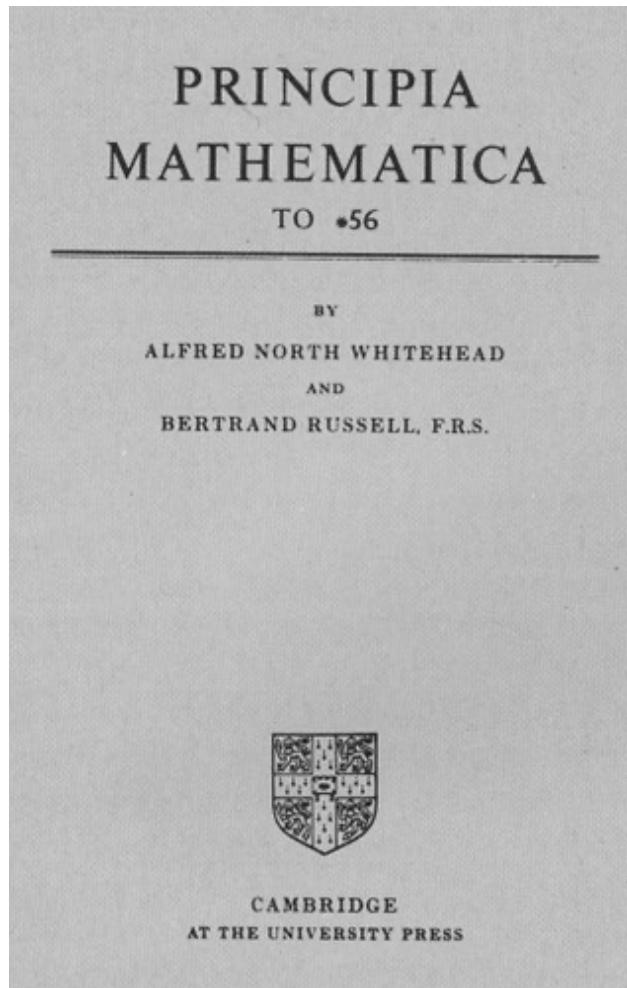
Rigorously verified by computer

Automated proof checking

Challenging to write

The axiomatic perspective: *Principia Mathematica*

Alfred North Whitehead and Bertrand Russell, 1910-1927



Precisely express mathematics in symbolic logic
Minimize number of axioms and inference rules

*110·643. $\vdash . 1 +_c 1 = 2$

Dem.

$\vdash . *110\cdot632 . *101\cdot21\cdot28 . \Box$

$\vdash . 1 +_c 1 = \hat{\xi}\{(\exists y) . y \in \xi . \xi - t' y \in 1\}$

[*54·3] $= 2 . \Box \vdash . \text{Prop}$

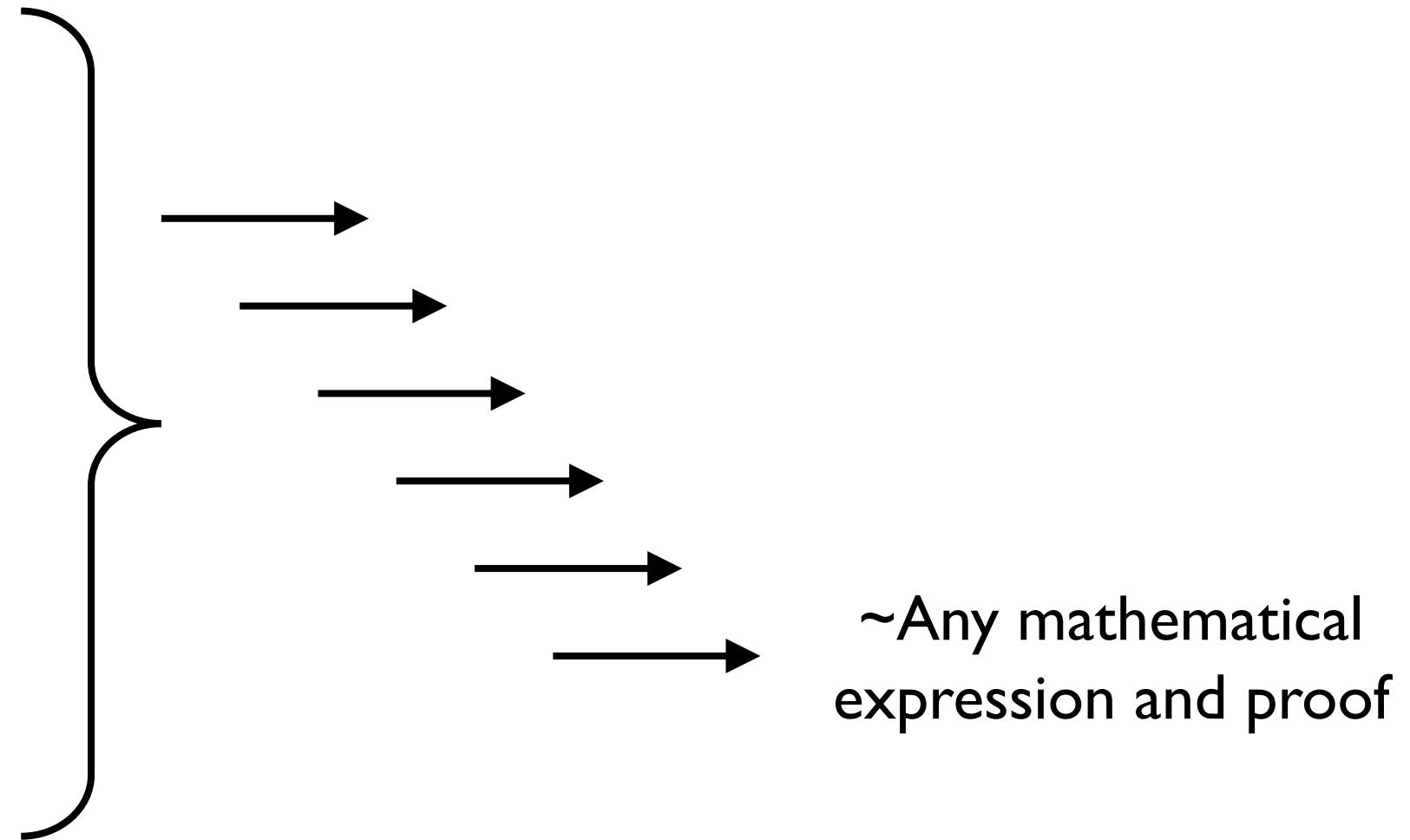
The above proposition is occasionally useful. It is used at least three times, in *113·66 and *120·123·472.

Volume II, page 86: $1 + 1 = 2$

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Zermelo-Frenkel set theory (1922)

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- 2. Regularity
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- 4. Pairing
- 5. Union
- 6. Replacement
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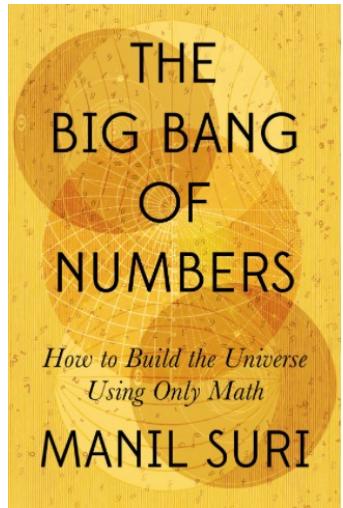
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I. Two sets are equal if they have the same elements.

4. If x and y are sets, then there exists a set which contains x and y as elements.

7. There exists a set having infinitely many members

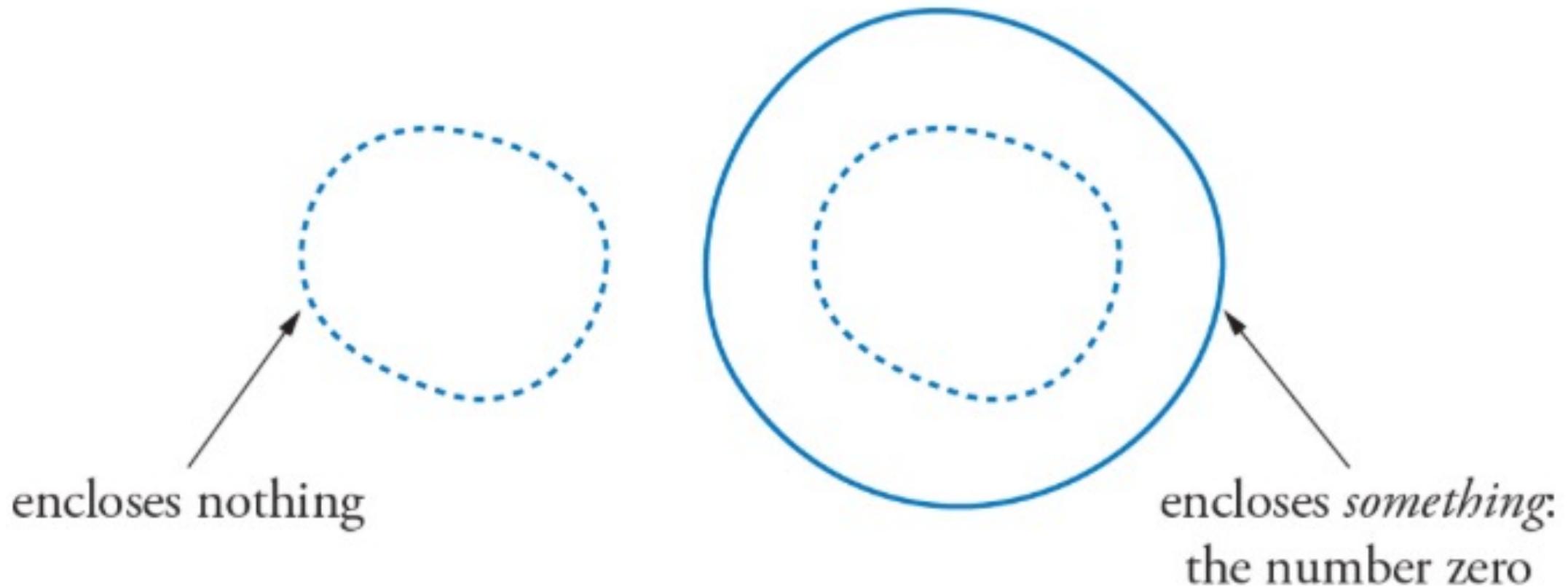


How to count with sets

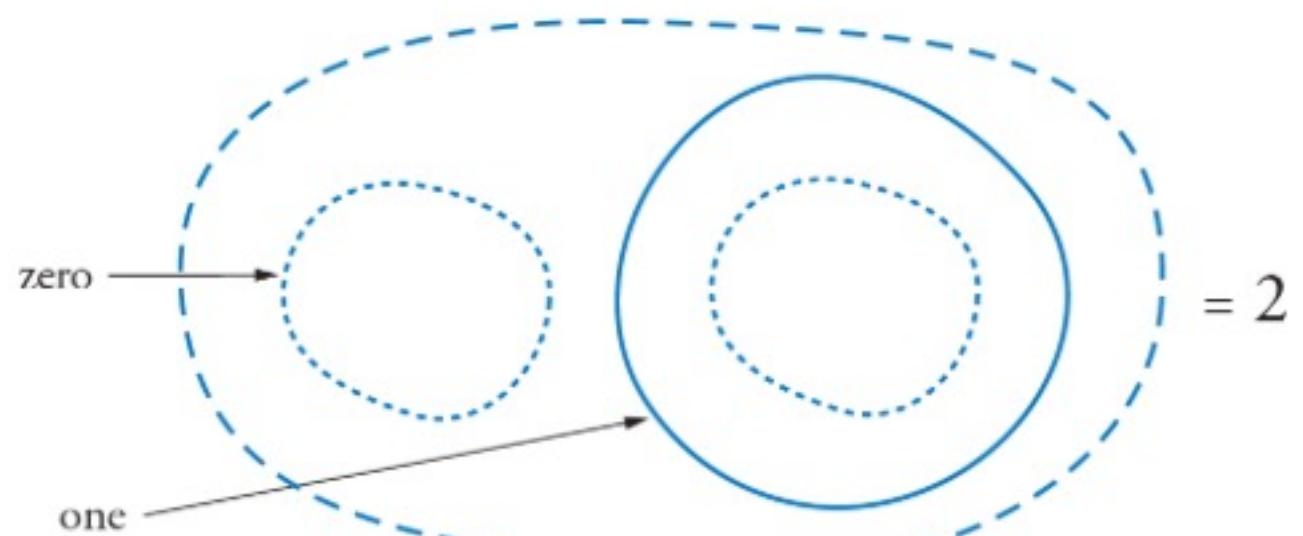
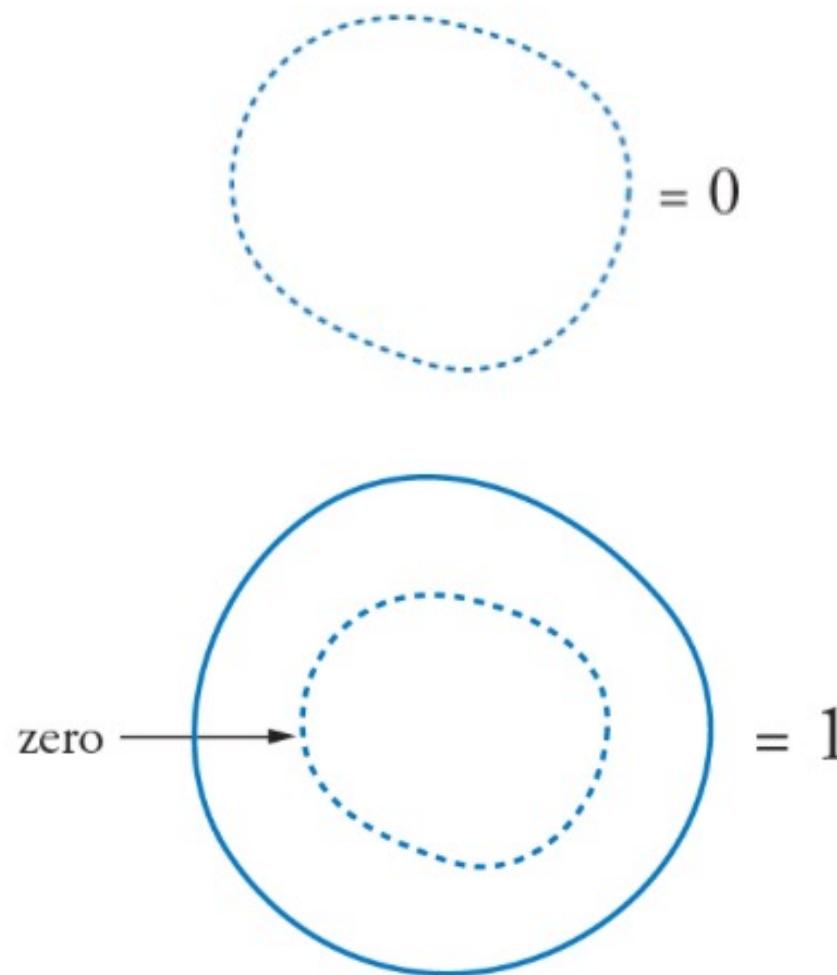
the empty set



How to count with sets



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Constructing the natural numbers with set theory

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \{\} & = \emptyset, \\ 1 &= \{0\} & = \{\emptyset\}, \\ 2 &= \{0, 1\} & = \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}, \\ 3 &= \{0, 1, 2\} & = \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}, \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}\} \end{aligned}$$

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$$S(1) = 2$$

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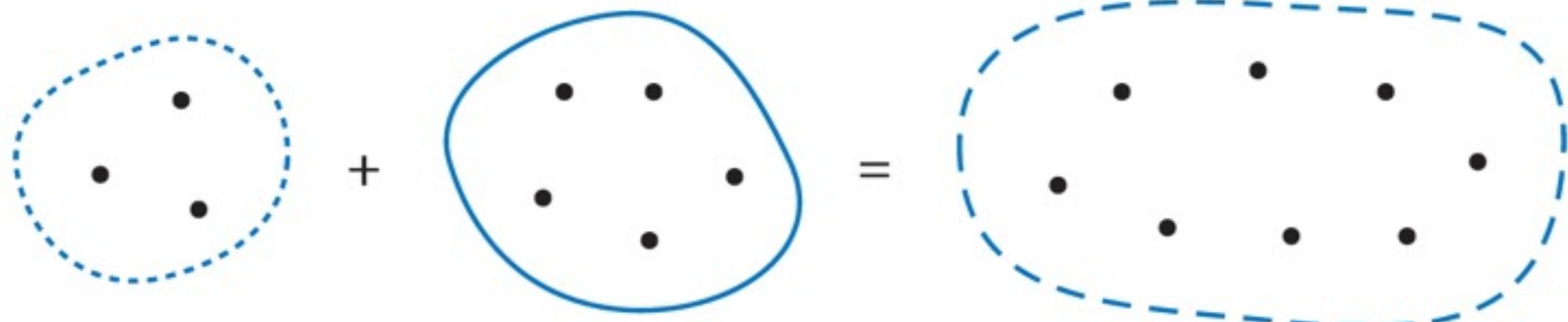
$$S(0) = 1$$

$$S(1) = 2$$

Natural numbers are defined recursively
using succession and the empty set

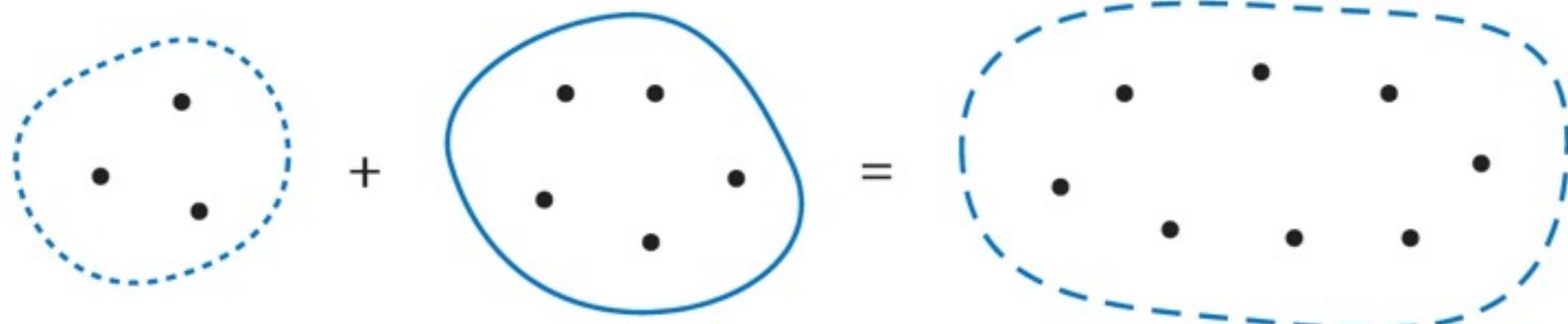
$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{N} \quad 0 &= \{\} \\ n + 1 &= S(n) = n \cup \{n\} \end{aligned}$$

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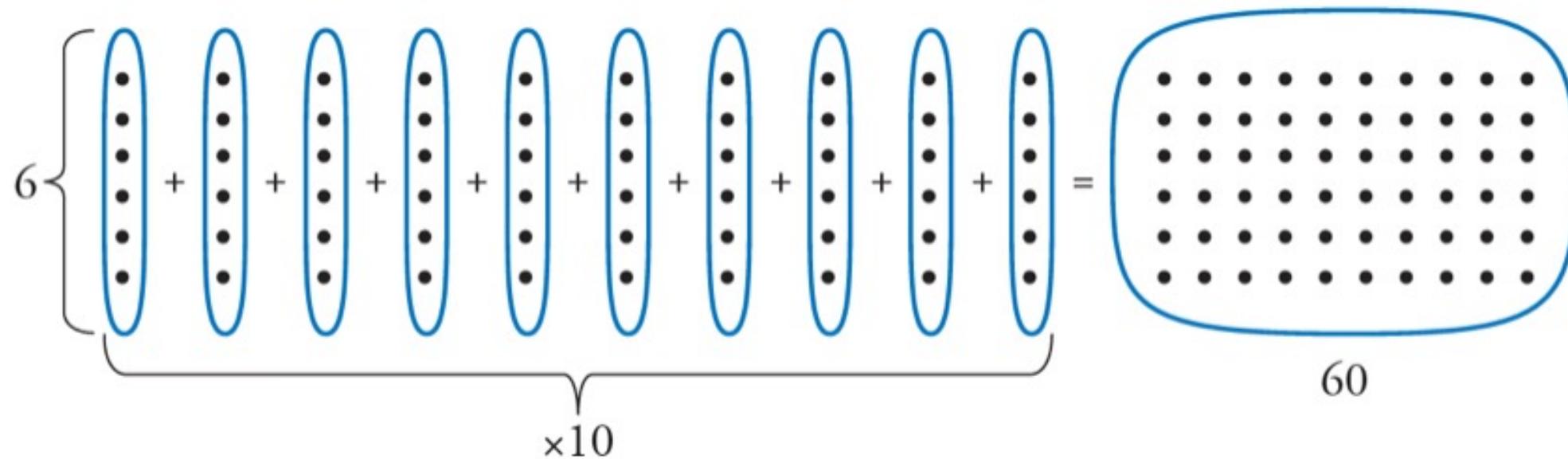
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$$\begin{aligned}m + 0 &= m, \\m + S(n) &= S(m + n)\end{aligned}$$

Defining math operations



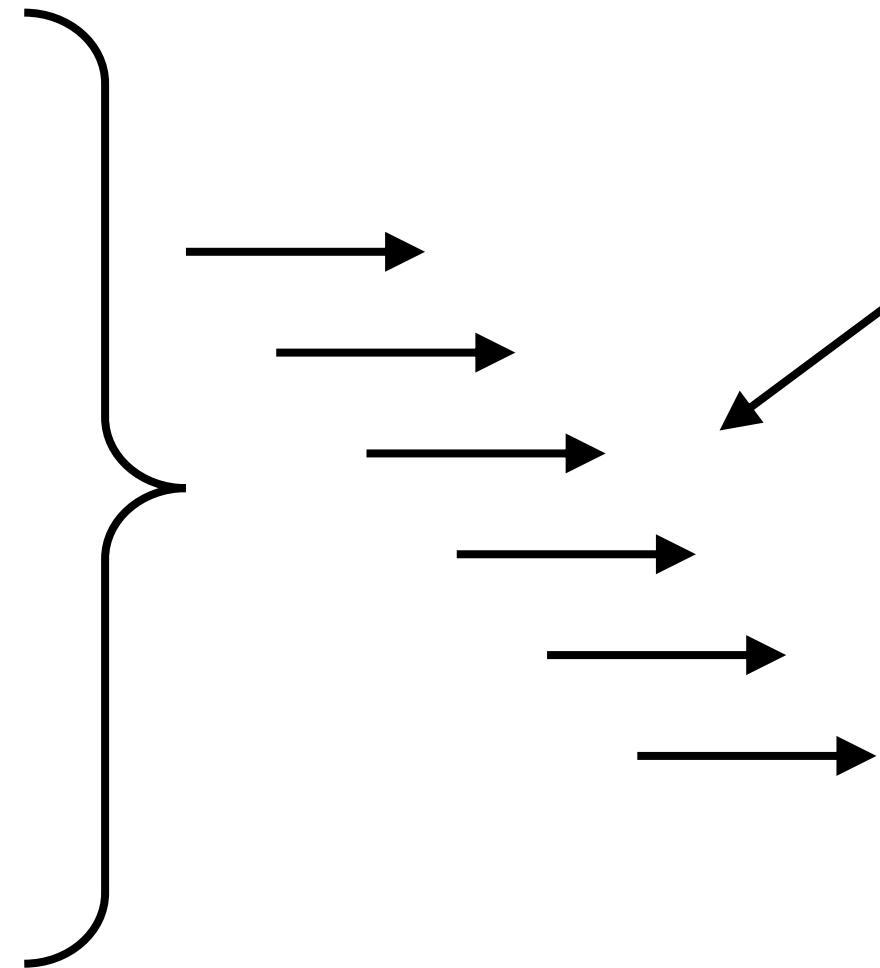
Multiplication is *built on top of* addition, defined recursively as

$$m * 0 = 0,$$

$$m * S(n) = m * n + m$$

How do we *actually* construct mathematics?

- 1. Extensionality
- 2. Regularity
- 3. Specification
- 4. Pairing
- 5. Union
- 6. Replacement
- 7. Infinity
- 8. Power set
- 9. Well-ordering
- 10. Choice



“A wide gulf separates traditional proof from formal proof.”

– Thomas Hales, 2008

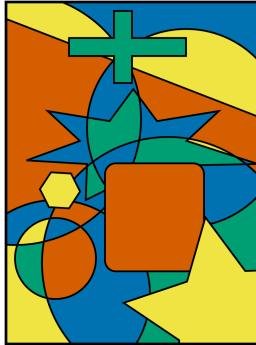
~Any mathematical expression and proof

Proving theorems with computers



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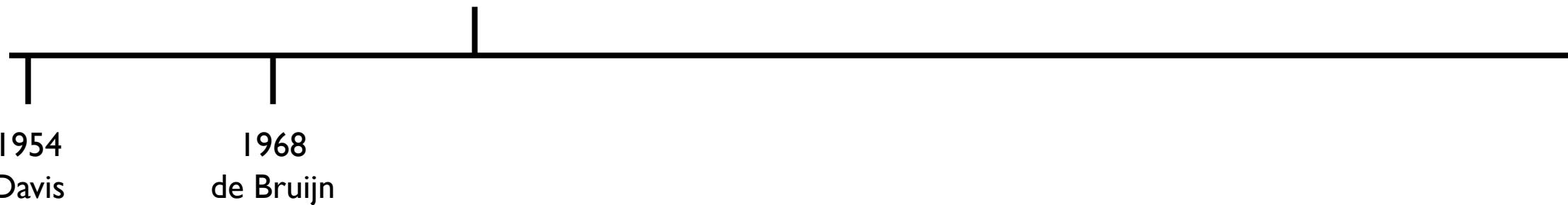
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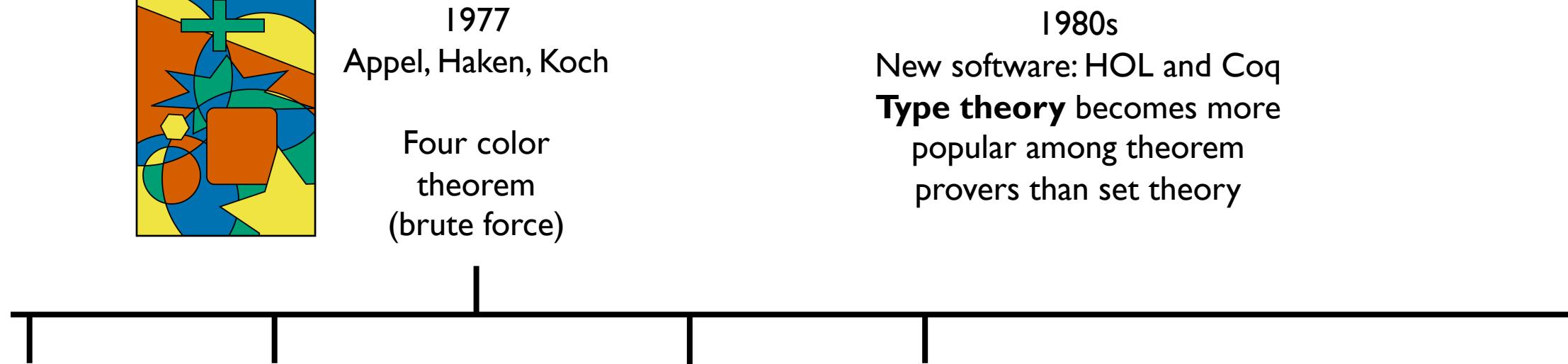
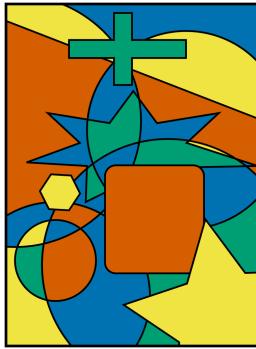
Four color
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(brute force)

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>400 pages!



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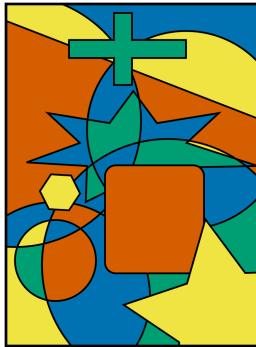
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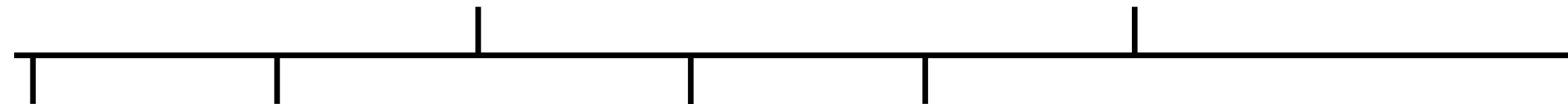


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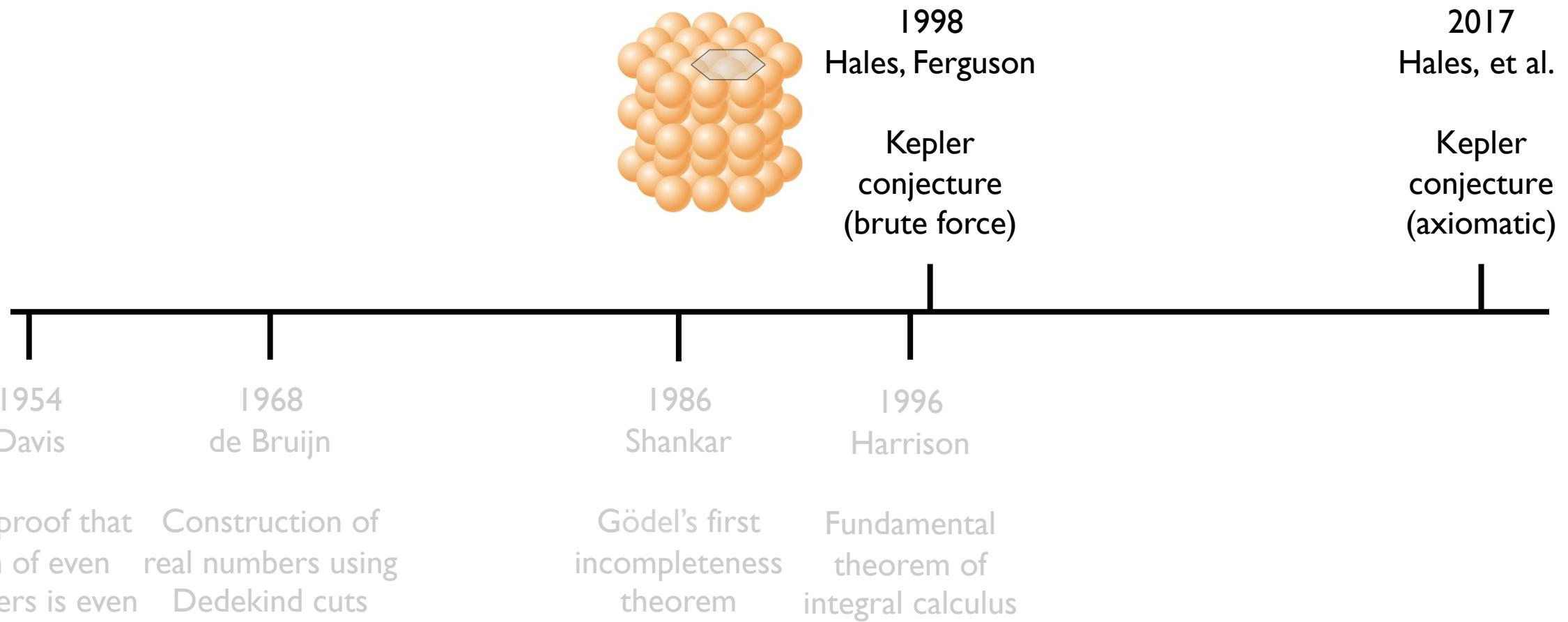
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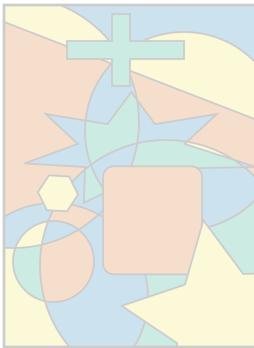
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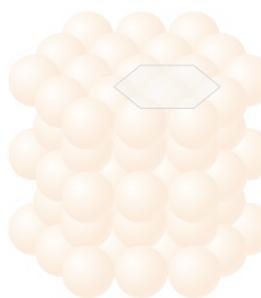
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Perfectoid spaces introduced

Perfectoid spaces formalized

Formalizing Perfectoid Spaces

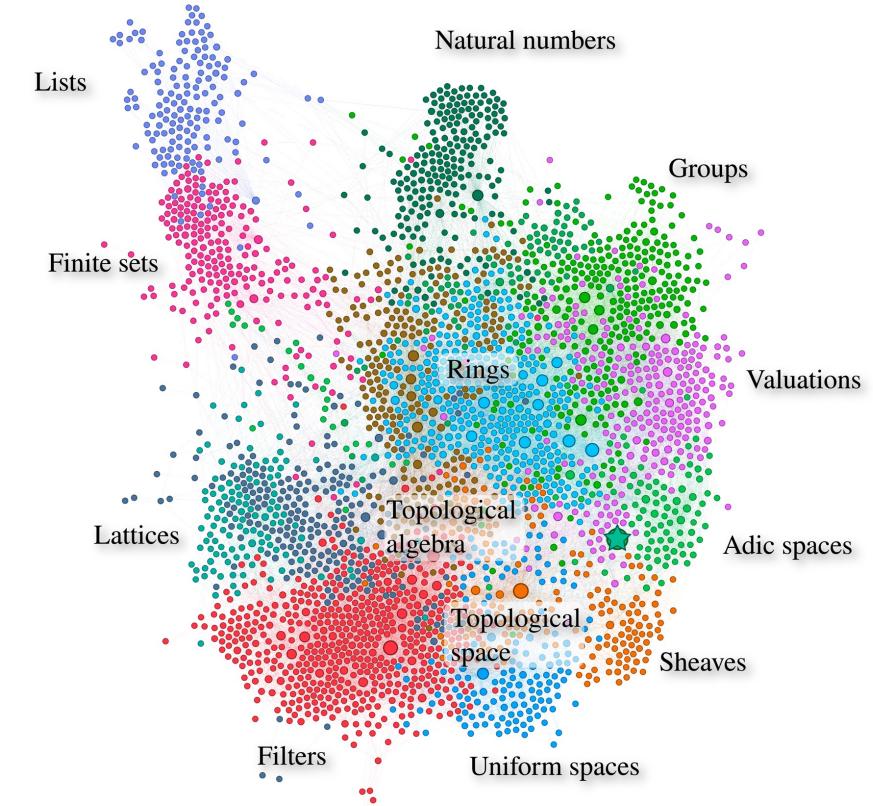
P. Scholze. Perfectoid spaces. arXiv:1111.4914, 2011.

K. Buzzard, J. Commelin, and P. Massot. ACM SIGPLAN, 2020.

Perfectoid spaces: 2018 Fields Medal

“To define a perfectoid space, the three mathematicians had to combine more than 3,000 definitions of other mathematical objects and 30,000 connections between them. The definitions sprawled across many areas of math, from algebra to topology to geometry.”

from “Building the mathematical library of the future”, Kevin Hartnett,
Quanta magazine, 10/01/2020



Visualizing the definitions and theorems
required to establish perfectoid spaces, by
Patrick Massot

Faster than peer review?

In early 2022, Thomas Bloom solved a problem posed by Paul Erdős and Ronald Graham.

The headline in Quanta read “**Math’s ‘Oldest Problem Ever’ Gets a New Answer.**”

Within a few months, Bloom and Bhavik Mehta verified the correctness of the proof in Lean.

Faster than peer review?



Timothy Gowers @wtgowers@mathstodon.xyz

@wtgowers

...

Very excited that Thomas Bloom and Bhavik Mehta have done this. I think it's the first time that a serious contemporary result in "mainstream" mathematics doesn't have to be checked by a referee, because it has been checked formally. Maybe the sign of things to come
... 1/



Kevin Buzzard @XenaProject · Jun 12, 2022

Happy to report that Bloom went on to learn Lean this year and, together with Bhavik Mehta, has now formalised his proof in Lean b-mehta.github.io/unit-fractions/ (including formalising the Hardy-Littlewood circle method), finishing before he got a referee's report for the paper ;-)

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Lean theorem prover and programming language

Coquand and Huet, PhD thesis, INRIA, 1986.

de Moura, Kong, Avigad, van Doorn, von Raumer, CADE 25, 2015.

Mathematics constructed from dependent type theory

Trusted kernel with just 6k lines of code

→ >150k theorems

→ >1.5 million lines of verified proofs



THEOREM PROVER

Tactics to facilitate proof automation

Compile Lean code to efficient C code



“We’re going to digitize mathematics, and
it’s going to make it better.”

– Kevin Buzzard, Imperial College London

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

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Boyle's Law

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theorem Boyle {P1 P2 V1 V2 T1 T2 n1 n2 R : ℝ}

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(h3: T1=T2)
(h4: n1=n2) :

-- Conjecture
(P1*V1 = P2*V2) :=

-- Proof
by
rw [h3] at h1
rw [h4] at h1
rw [ $\leftarrow$ ] h2 at h1
exact h1

```

Prove that an ideal gas follows Boyle's Law

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Can we explain chemistry to Lean?



Zulip Online Forum

Geographic locality Newark, DE, USA Nov 16, 2021

Tyler Josephson 2:03 PM

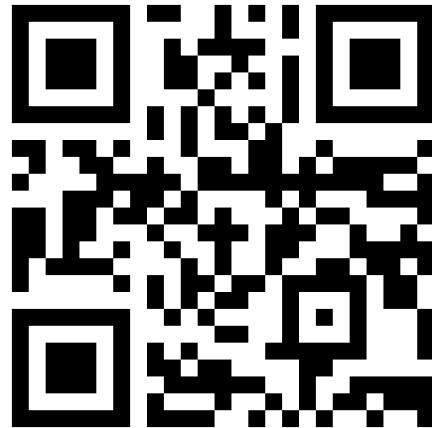
Hey! I'm in Baltimore, too. Assistant prof in Chemical Engineering. <https://cbee.umbc.edu/josephson/>
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Patrick Massot 2:56 PM

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Formalizing Chemical Physics

Bobbin, Sharlin, Feyzishendi, Dang, Wraback, Josephson, Digital Discovery, 2024



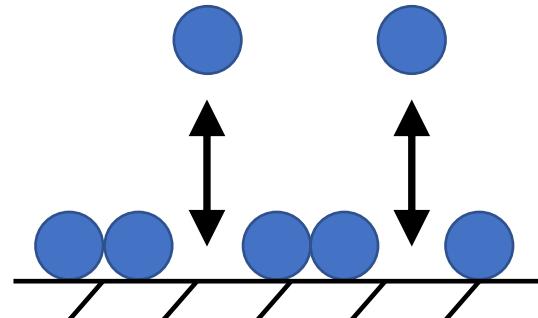
Caution: Proofs written
in Lean 3, not Lean 4

Derivations of Langmuir and BET adsorption theory

Logical connections among gas laws

Deriving the kinematic equations using calculus

Formalizing Langmuir's theory of adsorption



Langmuir Adsorption
Langmuir, JACS, 1918

Site balance:	$S_0 = S + S_a$
Adsorption rate model:	$r_{\text{ads}} = k_{\text{ads}} \cdot p \cdot S$
Desorption rate model:	$r_{\text{des}} = k_{\text{des}} \cdot S_a$
Equilibrium assumption:	$r_{\text{ads}} = r_{\text{des}}$
Mass balance	$q = S_a$

$\longrightarrow q = \frac{S_0 K_{eq} p}{1 + K_{eq} p}$

eqn. 5

$$\frac{[A_{\text{ad}}]}{[S_0]} = \frac{\frac{k_{\text{ad}}}{k_d} p_A}{1 + \frac{k_{\text{ad}}}{k_d} p_A}$$

§ The manuscript we first submitted for peer review included a typo in eqn (5), with $[S_0]$ appearing as $[S]$. Neither the authors nor the peer reviewers detected this; it was identified by a community member who accessed the paper on arXiv. Of course, Lean catches such typos immediately.

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Boyle's Law: Proof #2

<https://atomslab.github.io/LeanChemicalTheories/thermodynamics/basic.html>

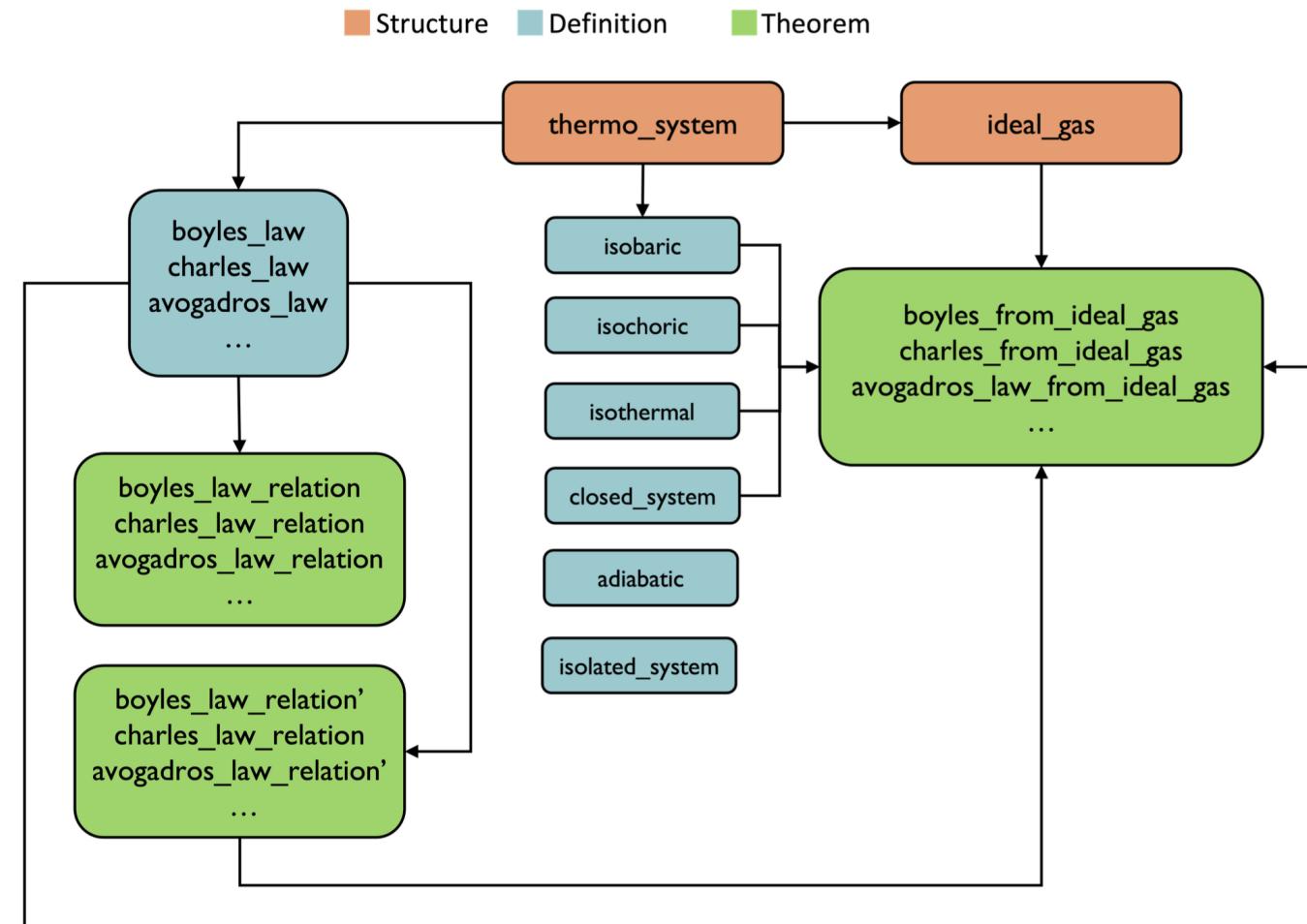
Specify concepts using *definitions* and *structures* so they can be reused in multiple proofs

Boyle's Law relation

$$P_n V_n = k$$

Boyle's Law relation'

$$P_1 V_1 = P_2 V_2$$



Formalizing BET Adsorption Theory

<https://atomslab.github.io/LeanChemicalTheories/adsorption/BETInfinite.html>

$$v = \frac{v_m cp}{(p_0 - p)[1 + (c - 1)(p/p_0)]}$$

$$s_i = Cx^i s_0$$

$$v = v_0 \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} i s_i$$

$$A = v_0 \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} s_i$$

BET Adsorption

Six main premises define the model

1. Define the sequence of adsorbed layers
2. Layer 1 adsorption rate
3. Layer n adsorption rate
4. Total volume adsorbed v_m
5. Total area of the surface
6. Define constant c

Also require constraints – e.g. $p_0 > 0$

Mathlib has many useful theorems

Extra required conditions are made explicit in Lean

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x^i = \frac{x}{1-x} \quad \begin{array}{l} hx_1 : x < 1 \\ hx_2 : x > 0 \end{array}$$

Minor logical correction to one step of the author's reasoning

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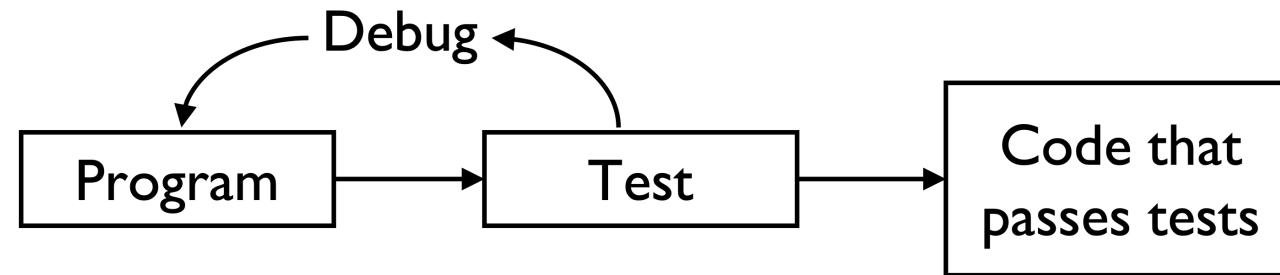
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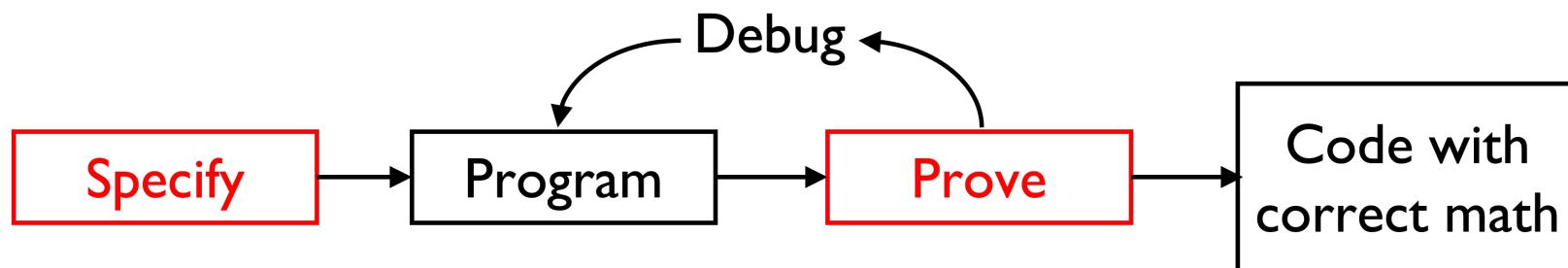
A vision for bug-free scientific computing

Selsam, Liang, Dill, “Developing Bug-Free Machine Learning Systems with Formal Mathematics,” ICML 2017.

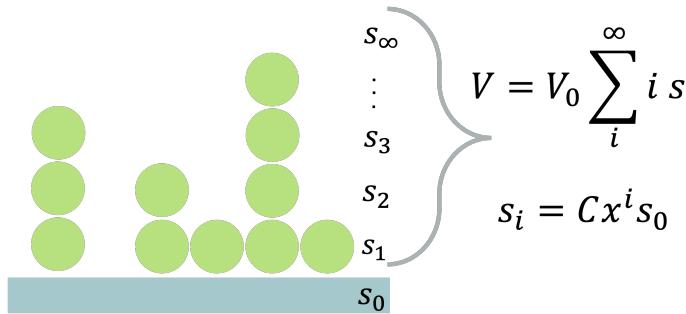
Standard method: test code empirically



Our method: verify code mathematically



Adsorption Analysis using BET Theory



BET Adsorption

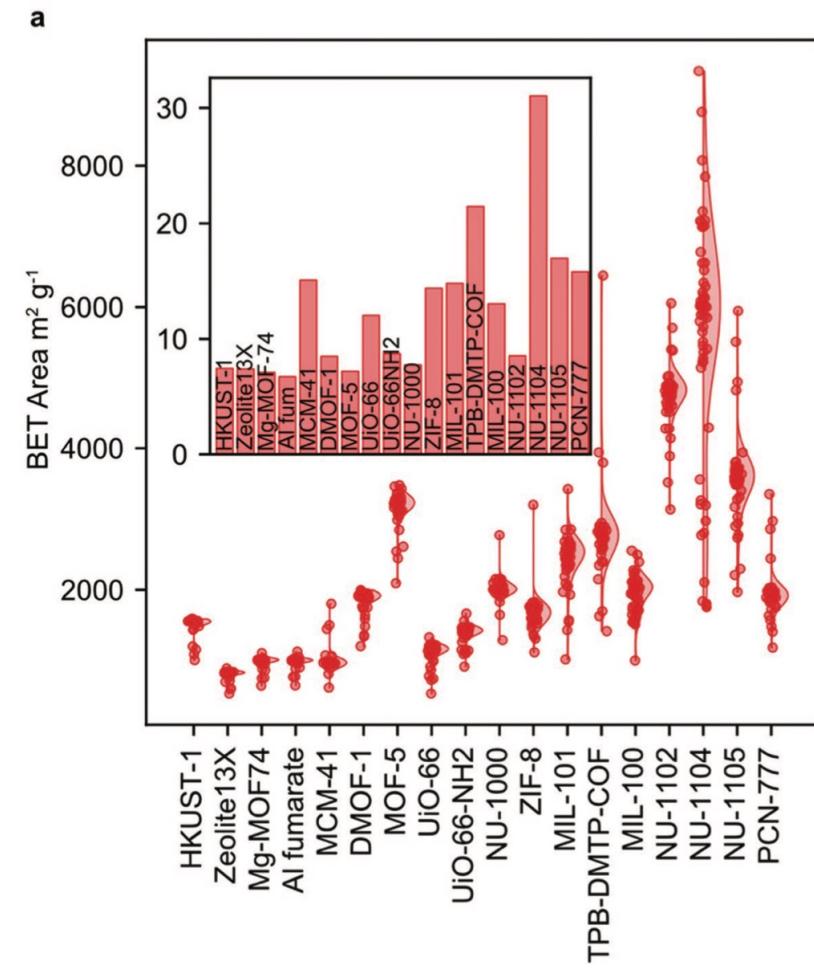
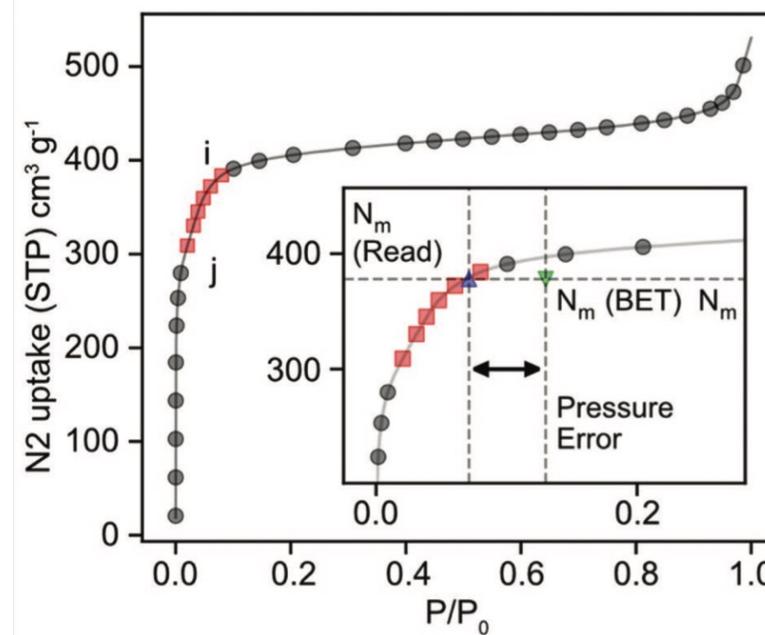
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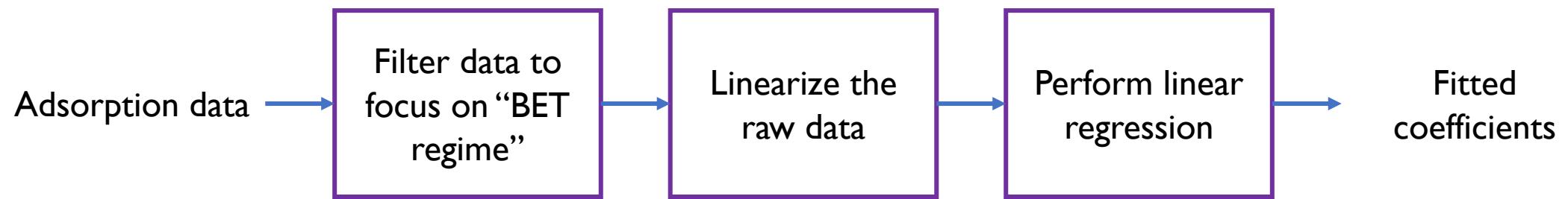
Linearized form

$$\frac{p}{q(p_0 - p)} = \frac{1}{v_m} + \frac{c - 1}{v_m c} \frac{p}{p_0}$$

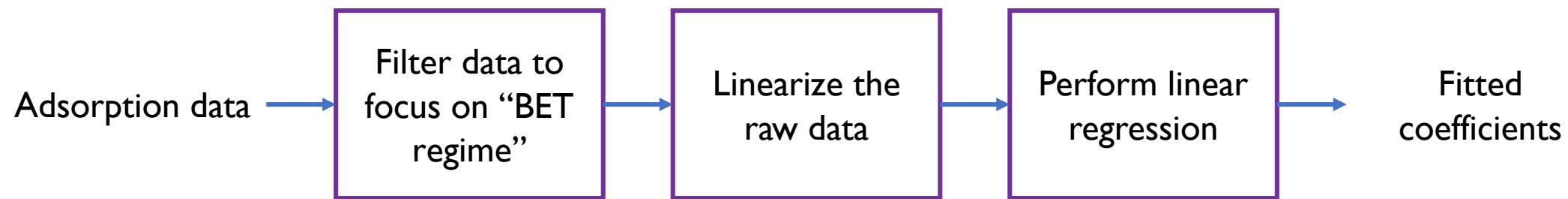
Osterrieth, et al. *Adv. Mat.* 2022



Bug-Free BET Analysis



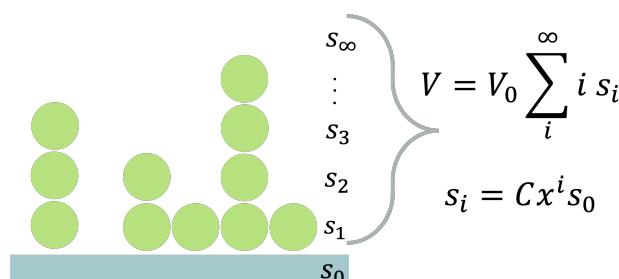
Bug-Free BET Analysis



Formal proof of BET Theory

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follows from a body of assumptions about

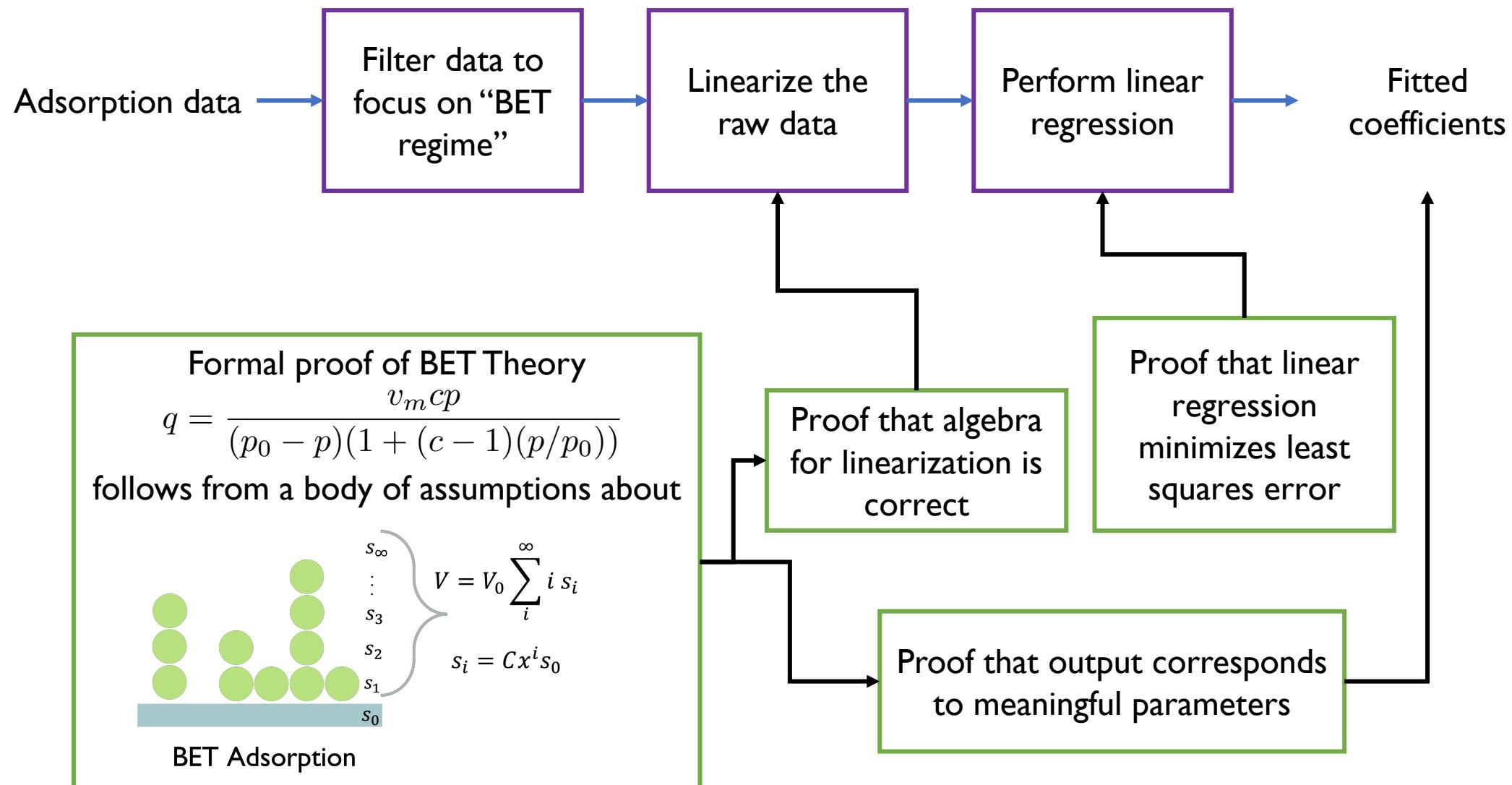


Proof that algebra for linearization is correct

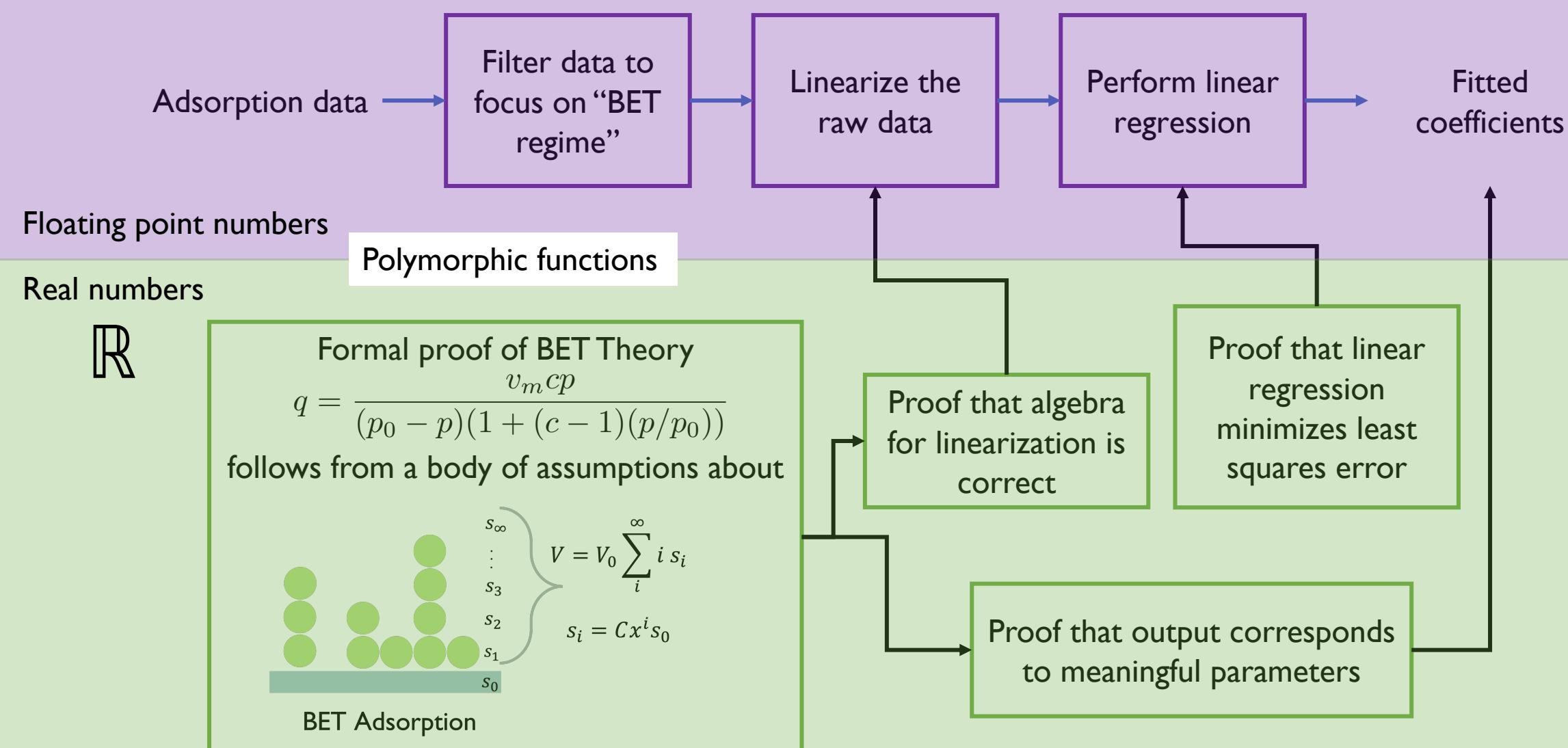
Proof that linear regression minimizes least squares error

Proof that output corresponds to meaningful parameters

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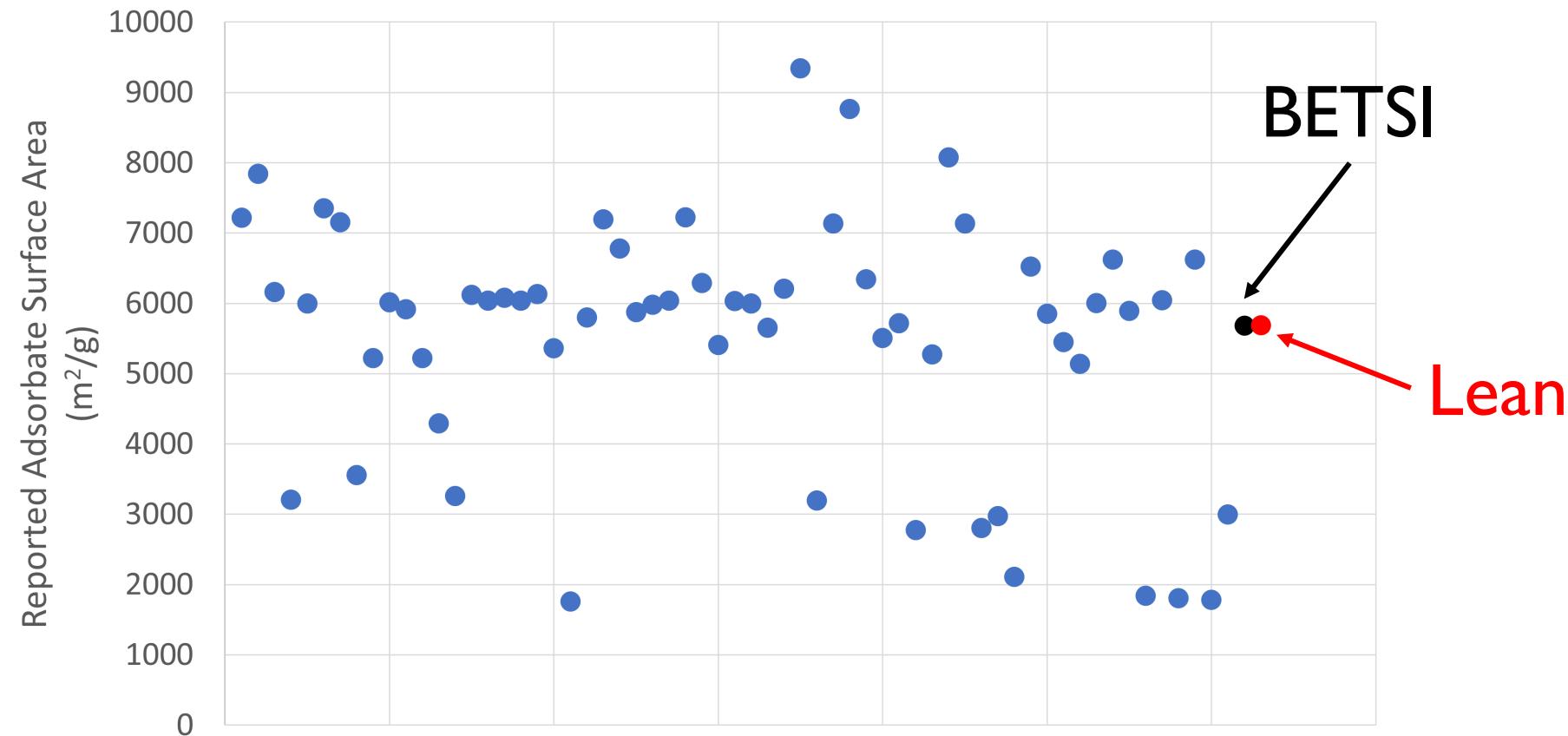


Polymorphic functions to bridge floats and reals



Regression with Lean matches BETSI standard

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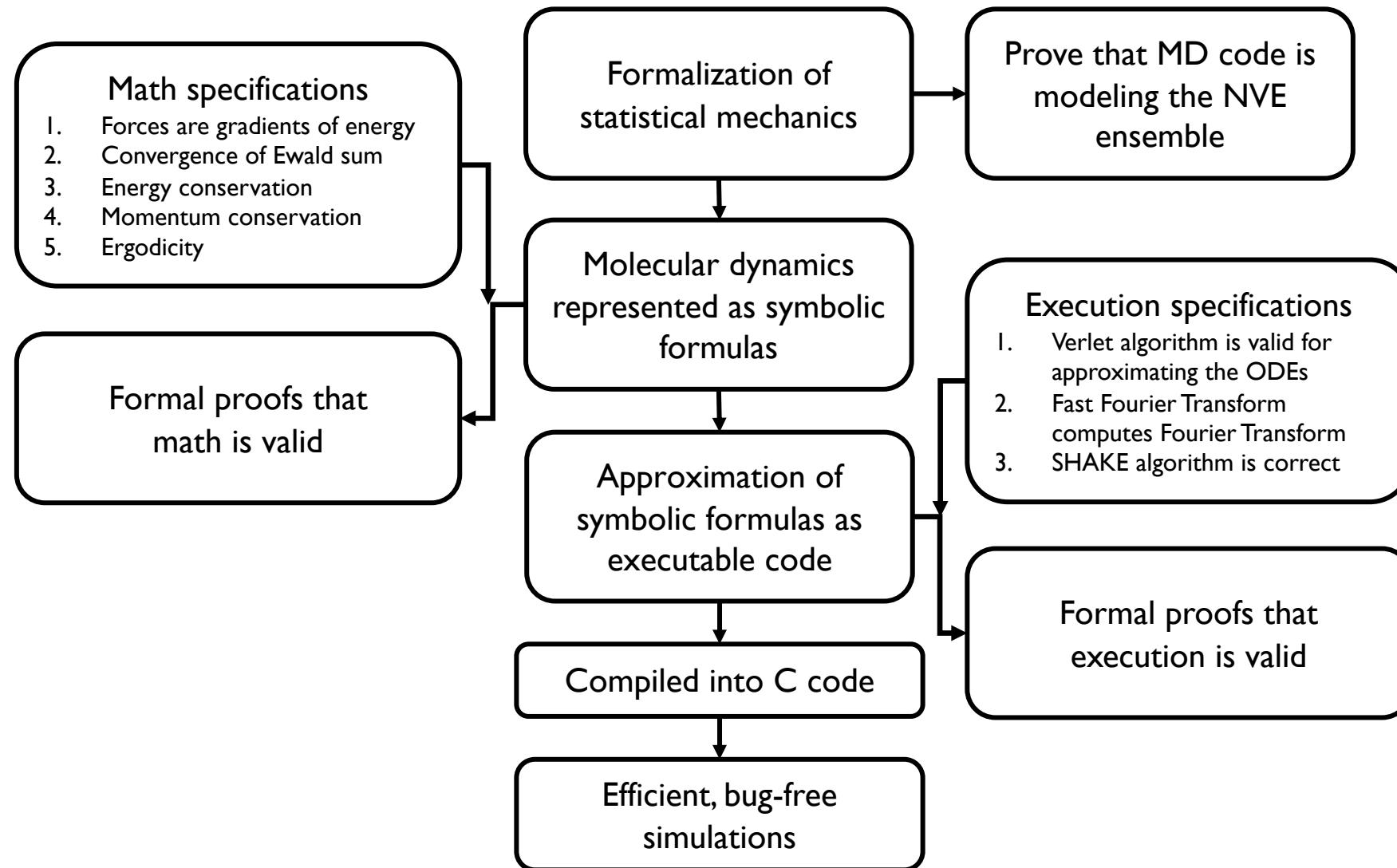
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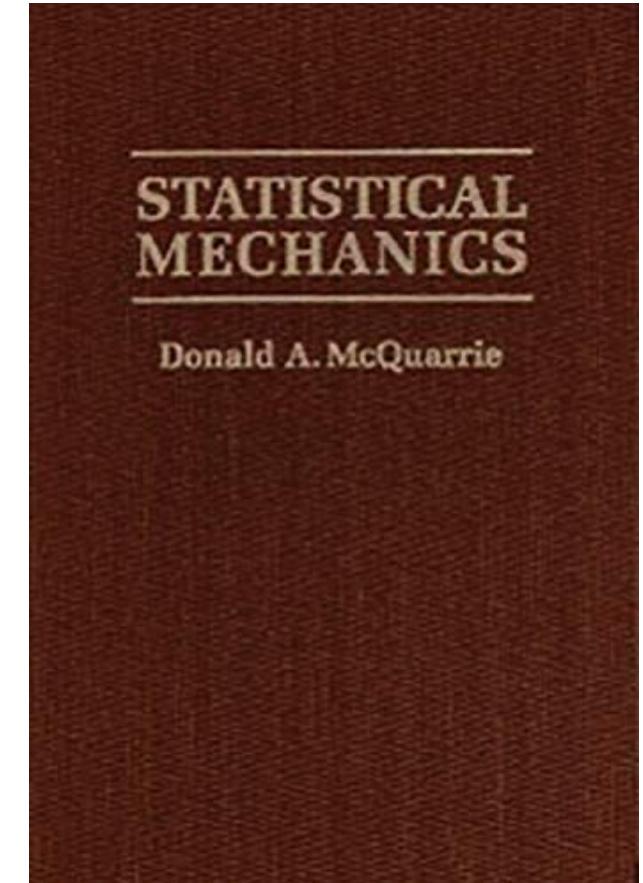


Gaps in Mathlib

- Method of Lagrange multipliers
- Maximum term method
- Much probability and statistics

But missing math can be proved and added!

Sometimes, very general math has been formalized, and specialization to useful forms is hard for non-mathematicians (e.g. partial derivatives)



“Autocomplete” Math Olympiad proofs with AI

Han, Rute, Wu, Ayers, Polu, arXiv:2102.06203, 2022

Polu, Han, Zheng, Baksys, Babuschkin, Sutskever, arXiv:2202.01344, 2022

1. Humans wrote massive proof database
2. Humans translated Math Olympiad problems into formal Lean statements
3. Train AI to predict the next word in proof
4. Execute code as Lean to verify correctness (or return errors)
5. Solve Math Olympiad problems with AI!

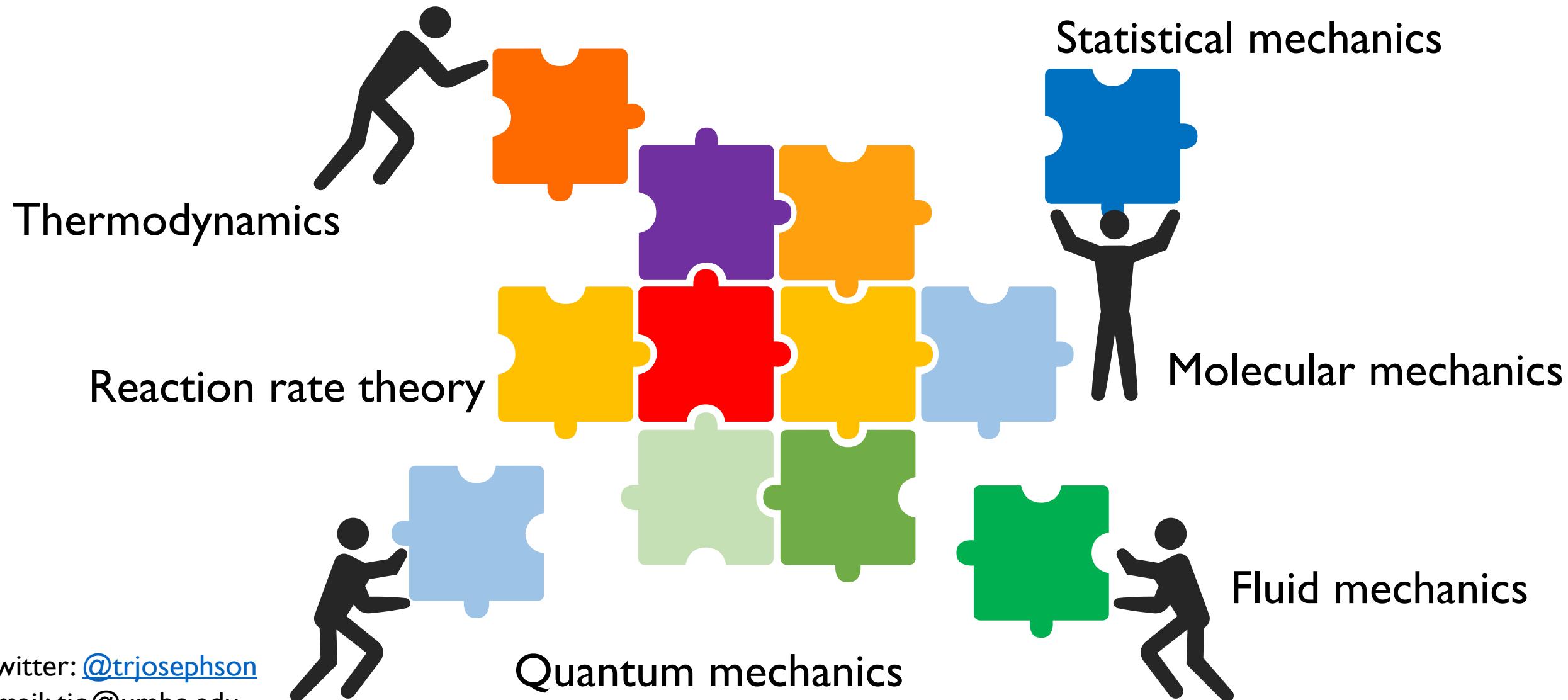
You can prompt ChatGPT to be a “Lean code assistant”

Adapted from AMC12B 2020 Problem 6

For all integers $n \geq 9$, prove that $((n+2)! - (n+1)!)/n!$ is a perfect square.

```
theorem amc12b_2020_p6
  (n : ℕ)
  (h0 : 9 ≤ n) :
  ∃ x : ℕ, (x:ℝ)^2 =
    (nat.factorial (n + 2) - nat.factorial (n + 1))
    / nat.factorial n :=
begin
  -- The model directly proposes `n + 1` as solution.
  use n + 1,
  field_simp [nat.factorial_ne_zero, pow_succ'],
  ring_exp
end
```

SciLib, database of formally verified science



Schedule (tentative)

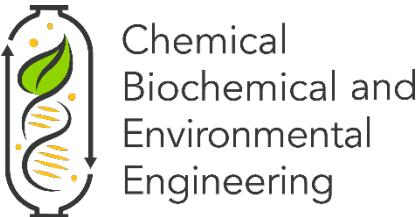
Logic and proofs for scientists and engineers
Functional programming in Lean 4
Provably-correct programs for scientific computing

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July 17, 2024	Proofs with structure II
July 23, 2024	Proofs about functions; types
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July 30-31, 2024	Prof. Josephson traveling
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August 20, 2024	LeanMD & BET Analysis in Lean
August 21, 2024	SciLean tutorial, by Tomáš Skřivan



Guest instructor: Tomáš Skřivan

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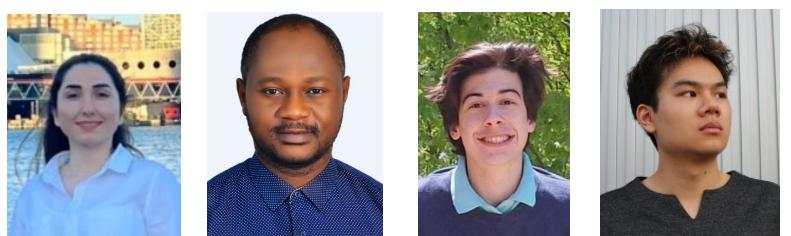
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Schedule for today

1. Provably-correct scientific computing
2. Derivations in science and engineering are math proofs
3. Formalizing mathematics with computers
4. Lean 4 and Mathlib
5. Case studies in proofs: adsorption and gas law thermodynamics
6. Case study in programming: bug-free BET analysis
7. Outlook
 1. LeanMD
 2. LLMs for theorem proving
 3. SciLib

Intermission

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Who's registered for LfSE?

Attending?	Career stage?	Field of study?
17 plan to attend in person	27% undergraduate students	26% engineering
243 plan to attend online	36% graduate students	13% physical science
111 just want the videos	29% working outside academia	54% computer science 32% mathematics 14% scientific computing
Math?	Coding?	Lean?
79% taken / taking science core	12% new to coding	27% never heard of Lean before
29% independently study logic	10% write standalone scripts	40% heard of Lean, wanted to try
33% taken course in logic	22% comfortable writing functions	19% tried Lean once or twice
29% math major	54% contributed to a collaborative software project	12% basics in proofs or programs 3% fairly proficient

Getting connected to this course



Zulip Online Forum

Chat forum (all links are here)

<https://leanprover.zulipchat.com/#narrow/stream/445230-Lean-for-Scientists-and-Engineers-2024>

Lean files – I'm working on getting this organized. I'd love for future classes to be organized around an online textbook, written in and validated by Lean. For now, they'll be posted on Zulip prior to class.

Schedule

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ATL-RngI3IGM6uMIZkXxQdZzYLOAxSn5ZN0MBrfq--o/edit?gid=2038742424#gid=2038742424>

Getting started with Lean

- Instructions for installing Lean locally
 - <https://lean-lang.org/lean4/doc/quickstart.html>
 - Usually, you want to install with Mathlib
 - If you have problems, ask for help on Zulip!
- Run Lean in a browser
 - <https://live.lean-lang.org/>
 - <http://lean.math.hhu.de/>
 - Practice Lean in a pinch if local installation fails
 - Show Lean to newcomers (Zulip lets you launch any snippet of Lean code in the browser)

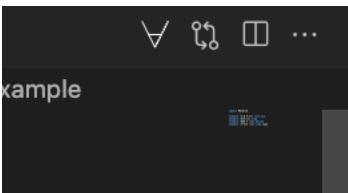
Most important VS Code tip

In VS Code, hover your mouse over symbols and variables to get information about types, order of operations, documentation on tactics, definitions of theorems, and links to more information

Another tip

If you lose your infoview in VS Code, don't panic! You can get it back by clicking on the \forall symbol along the tabs, then "toggle infoview"

Or, use the shortcut "shift-⌘-enter"



Proofs about equality

Additional reference: Mechanics of Proof, Chapters 1.1 and 1.2

“Calculational”-style proofs

“We solve problems which feel pretty close to high school algebra – deducing equalities/inequalities from other equalities/inequalities – using a technique which is not usually taught in high school algebra: building a single chain of expressions connecting the left-hand side with the right.”

– Heather Macbeth, Mechanics of Proof

A guide to number systems

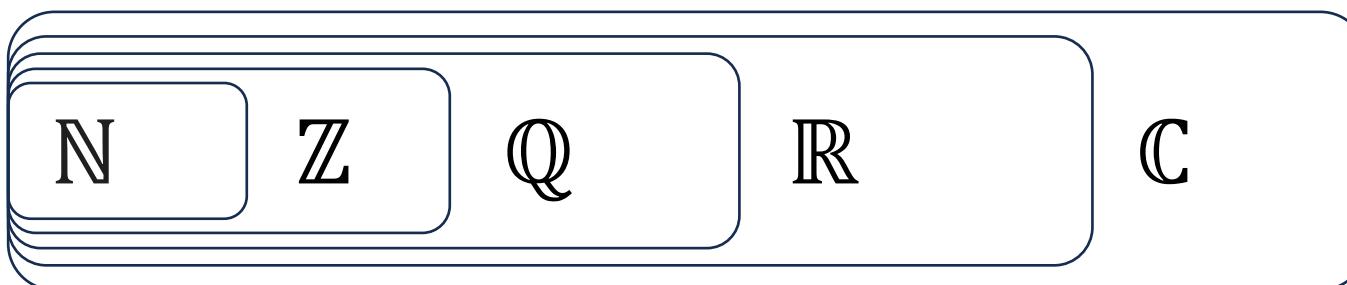
\mathbb{N} - Natural numbers (0, 1, 2, 3, 4, ...)

\mathbb{Z} - Integers (... -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, ...)

\mathbb{Q} - Rational numbers ($1/2, 3/4, 5/9$, etc.)

\mathbb{R} - Real numbers (-1, 3.6, π , $\sqrt{2}$)

\mathbb{C} - Complex numbers (-1, $5 + 2i$, $\sqrt{2} + 5i$, etc.)



First example:

43. SCIENCE AND MEDICINE A light plane flies 450 mi with the wind in 3 h. Flying back against the wind, the plane takes 5 h to make the trip. What was the rate of the plane in still air? What was the rate of the wind?

→ x = Speed (rate) of the plane in still air
→ y = Speed (rate) of the wind

$$d = r \cdot t$$

with
wind
against
wind

450	$x+y$	3
450	$x-y$	5

$$\rightarrow 450 = (x+y) 3$$
$$\rightarrow 450 = (x-y) 5$$

$$3x + 3y = 450$$
$$5x - 5y = 450$$

Proof by elimination: BAD high school algebra technique

Solve by elimination :

$$\begin{array}{r} 5 \cdot (3x + 3y = 450) \\ 3 \cdot (5x - 5y = 450) \\ \hline 15x + 15y = 2250 \\ 15x - 15y = 1350 \\ \hline 30x = 3600 \\ \hline x = 120 \end{array}$$

$$3(120) + 3y = 450$$

Go to Lean file for rigorous proof

Lean is not (yet) a computer algebra system

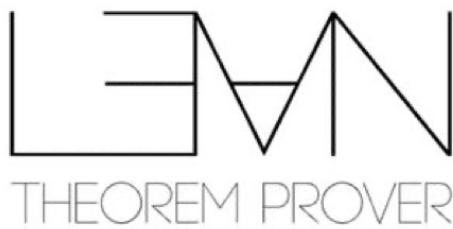
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Do *proofs*

Symbolically transform formulae

Only perform correct transformations

Built off a small, trusted kernel



Computer Algebra Systems

Do *calculations*

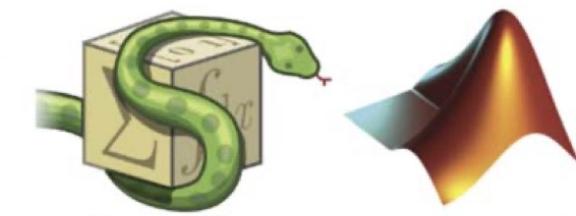
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Human-checked correctness

Large program with many algorithms



Mathematica



Sympy

MATLAB

Theorem provers aren't built to “solve for x”