PROOFWALA: Multilingual Proof Data Synthesis and Theorem-Proving

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Abstract

Neural networks have shown substantial promise at automatic theorem-proving in interactive proof assistants (ITPs) like Lean and Coq. ever, most neural theorem-proving models are restricted to specific ITPs, leaving out opportunities for cross-lingual transfer between ITPs. We address this weakness with a multilingual proof framework, PROOFWALA, that allows a standardized form of interaction between neural theoremprovers and two established ITPs (Coq and Lean). It enables the collection of multilingual proof step data—data recording the result of proof actions on ITP states—for training neural provers. PROOFWALA allows the systematic evaluation of a model's performance across different ITPs and problem domains via efficient parallel proof search algorithms. We show that multilingual training enabled by PROOFWALA can lead to successful transfer across ITPs. Specifically, a model trained on a mix of PROOFWALA-generated Coq and Lean data outperforms Lean-only and Coqonly models on the standard prove-at-k metric. We open source all our code, including code for the PROOFWALA framework and the Multilingual ITP interaction framework.

1. Introduction

Automated theorem-proving has long been considered to be a grand challenge in artificial intelligence. Recently, deep learning has emerged as a promising approach to this challenge (Li et al., 2024; Yang et al., 2024). Broadly, deep-learning methods for theorem-proving use neural models to generate formal proof expressed in the language of an *interactive theorem prover* (ITPs), e.g., LEAN (de Moura et al., 2015), Coq (Huet et al., 1997), or Isabelle (Paulson,

1994). An ITP represents proofs as sequences of simplification steps, or *tactics*, and can mechanically check such proofs for correctness. Theorem-proving then amounts to generating a sequence that passes the ITP's checks.

Most deep-learning approaches to theorem-proving follow the strategy proposed by Polu & Sutskever (2020). Here, one first trains a generative language model (LM) that can predict formal proof steps (tactics and their parameters) conditioned on the goal state, from a proof-step dataset extracted from existing formal mathematics repositories. The learned model is then wrapped in a search algorithm which conducts proof search (see Section 2 for more details).

While neural approaches to theorem-proving are gaining momentum, the field remains fragmented. Existing tools for dataset collection tend to be ITP-specific, often relying on isolated, domain-specific formats; there is also no language-agnostic open platform for neurally guided search over proofs. This hinders systematic comparisons and precludes potential cross-lingual and cross-domain improvements from training on multilingual data.

In response to this problem, we introduce PROOFWALA², a multilingual framework for dataset collection, interaction, training, and proof search across interactive theorem provers and domains. PROOFWALA provides a standardized pipeline for generating proof step training data, facilitating the creation of high-quality multilingual datasets. It enables seamless interaction with formal systems and supports the training of neural architectures tailored for proof step generation. Finally, it integrates efficient search algorithms, including a parallelized version of best-first and beam search, allowing for end-to-end proof discovery guided by transformer-based models.

We provide a code library combined with multilingual datasets and multilingual fine-tuned models that facilitate end-to-end formal proof search in LEAN 4 and COQ. Using PROOFWALA, we demonstrate that training on multilingual data can foster positive cross-lingual and cross-domain transfer, enhancing proof generation across different formal systems.

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²"Wala" is a suffix from Indic languages (often spelled "wallah"), meaning "one who is associated with or provides a particular thing."

In summary, our work makes two key contributions:

- 1. A Standardized Framework: We propose PROOFWALA, a unified framework for extracting and organizing training data for formal theorem proving in LEAN and COQ. The framework supports the generation of training data for these ITPs from any formal theorem-proving Git repository (such as Mathlib, CompCert, MathComp, GeoCoq, & Category Theory) and the subsequent training of LLMs for single proof step generation. Our data collection format is standardized across ITPs, and we have created generic prompt formatting schemes across different ITPs and domains. The framework also helps with end-to-end proof search and collection of the annotated proof trees which can be further used for analysis and visualization (see Figure 7 in Appendix A.6). All our code is open source, the PROOFWALA framework can be found here. The code for the multilingual ITP interaction module can be found here.
- 2. Demonstration of Cross-Lingual and Cross-Domain Transfer: Facilitated by our PROOFWALA framework, We investigate the effect of incorporating multilingual proof data in the training pipeline. We demonstrate that cross-domain and cross-lingual transfer occur for both LEAN and COQ, in both the domains of general mathematics and software verification. These results highlight the potential of training across diverse formal proof assistant repositories as an effective strategy to mitigate data scarcity in this neural theorem-proving research. We release the multi-domain and multi-lingual training data used for training our models, containing about 450K training data points (270M tokens) from about 80k theorems. We also release multiple PROOFWALA models trained on different data-mixes. Our PROOFWALA-MULTILINGUAL model is the *first* open proof step generation model trained on data from diverse domains and ITPs, which can be seamlessly used for finding proofs in formal mathematics and software verification.

2. Problem Formulation

We view a theorem-prover as a system that systematically addresses a set of *proof obligations* by applying a sequence of proof tactics. Each obligation o is a pair (g,h), where g is the goal to be proven and h contains the hypotheses relevant to proving g. The system starts with an initial set of proof obligations; its ultimate goal is to reduce this set to an empty set.

Figure 1 shows a formal proof of a theorem about block triangular matrices —found using the PROOFWALA-

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theorem blockTriangular_stdBasisMatrix
{i j : m} (hij : b i ≤ b j) (c : R)
: BlockTriangular (stdBasisMatrix i j c) b
:= by rintro i' j' hij'
  simp [stdBasisMatrix, hij, hij'.not_le]
  rintro rfl rfl
  exact (not_lt_of_le hij hij').elim
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Figure 1: A LEAN 4 theorem and a with a correct proof using PROOFWALA-MULTILINGUAL proof-step generation model. The theorem states that the standard basis matrix, where c is placed in the (i,j)th entry with zeroes elsewhere is block triangular. The first tactic rintro i' j' hij' unfolds the definition of BlockTriangular and adds the variables i', j', as well as the hypothesis hij': b j' < b i' to the set of hypotheses. The proof proceeds by using established properties of the stdBasisMatrix and resolves by demonstrating an inconsistency with the hypothesis hij: b i \leq b j.

MULTILINGUAL proof-step generation model—in the LEAN 4 language (de Moura et al., 2015).

As in Thakur et al. (2024), we treat theorem-proving as a discrete search through the state space of an ITP. We abstractly model an ITP as a *proof environment* consisting of:

- A set of *states* \mathcal{O} , where each *state* is a set $O = \{o_1, \dots, o_k\}$ of obligations o_i .
- The *initial state*, \mathcal{I} , consisting of a single obligation (g_{in}, h_{in}) extracted from a user-provided theorem.
- A unique goal state QED is the empty obligation set.
- A finite set of *proof tactics*.
- A transition function T(O, a), which determines the result of applying a tactic a to a state O. If a can be successfully applied at state O, then T(O, a) is the new set of obligations resulting from the application. If a tactic a cannot be applied to the state O, then T(O, a) = O.

We define the transition function T_{seq} over a sequence of proof-steps (tactics), $\alpha = \langle a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \rangle$, and proof state, $O \in \mathcal{O}$, as:

$$T_{seq}(O,\alpha) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} T(O,a_1) & \text{if } n=1 \\ T(T_{seq}(O,\langle a_1,\ldots,a_{n-1}\rangle),a_n) & \text{otherwise.} \end{array} \right.$$

The theorem-proving problem is now defined as follows:

Problem 1 (Theorem-proving) Given an initial state O_{in} find a tactic sequence α (a proof) satisfying $T_{seq}(O_{in}, \alpha) = \text{QED}$.

Proving with LMs. Our proof search approach reflects the strategy described in (Polu & Sutskever, 2020), where a neural model predicts a tactic to apply given the current state, namely p(a|O). Such a model can be implemented with a language model (LM) that generates a tokenized representation of a tactic a in a token-by-token fashion: $p(\operatorname{tok}(a)|O)$. For simplicity of notation, we drop references to tokenization in the remainder of the paper, but notably, statements from different ITPs can be tokenized into a shared LM vocabulary. The learned model p is the workhorse of our multilingual prover, which we will train using multilingual proof data.

3. Framework Details

Now we describe the PROOFWALA framework. Our main motivation for building this new framework is to support theorem-proving research in a *language-agnostic* manner. In particular, we aim to facilitate standardized data collection in different ITPs and provide the necessary infrastructure to train proof step generation models, along with efficient parallel search algorithms for proof synthesis conditioned on theorem specifications.

Our framework has three components: (i) the **interface module**: for the execution of proof steps (tactics) on various ITPs, (ii) the **proof step generation & training module**: for generating proof step data and training proof step generation model, and (iii) the **parallel proof search module**: for using the guidance from proof step generation model to do end-to-end the proof search. Figure 2 shows the interaction between our different modules.

3.1. Interface Module

First, we detail the interface module, which is responsible for facilitating interaction with the ITPs when executing proof steps. In particular, the interface module supports interaction with LEAN 4 and COQ (multiple versions from 10.0 - 18.0). Our Coo implementation is built on top of coq_serapy³ (Sanchez-Stern et al., 2020), while our LEAN 4 implementation is built on top of the REPL⁴ library. Notably, neither of these libraries has the capability to do parallel interactions with ITPs. Hence, we created a pooling mechanism that allows us to make multiple instances of the interface module with the same state to execute tactics in parallel (parallelizable across multiple machines on a Ray cluster) for the same theorem. Parallelism is essential for searching for proofs or annotating proofs found at scale. We also fixed some well-known bugs and limitations with these libraries (see Appendix A.5). Our abstraction can support any future versions of Lean and Coq since we use

the language server protocol (LSP) to further abstract out the low-level interaction between our code and the ITP interpreter/compiler.

One challenge in creating a unified framework is supporting the variety of state representations across these different ITPs. We develop a standard representation consistent with our problem formulation in Section 2 that is generic enough to cover all supported ITPs. The collected data is stored as json in the unified format across different ITPs; Figure 4 in Appendix A.1 shows the generalized format used for collecting training data.

3.2. Proof Step Generation and Training Module

Next, we describe our dataset collection & training module, which is designed to support the production of the proof step prediction model p(a|O). The first step in training a proof step generation model is to extract (proof state, proof step) pairs from human written proofs in various repositories. We use our **interface module** (Section 3.1) to interact with the ITP and collect proof state and proof step (tactic) pair data from all theorems in a given formal proof repository such as COMPCERT, MATHLIB, etc. For a given theorem statement and its corresponding formal proof, we extract the sequence of tactics $\alpha = \langle a_1, a_2, \dots a_n \rangle$ and their corresponding state transitions. Namely, for each theorem in the repository, we extract the sequence of pairs $\pi = \langle (O_0, a_1), \dots, (O_{i-1}, a_i), \dots (O_{n-1}, a_n) \rangle$, such that $O_0 = \{(g_{in}, h_{in})\}$ (extracted from the theorem statement itself), $T(O_i, a_i) = O_{i+1}$, and $T(O_{n-1}, a_n) = QED$. Apart from collecting the current state, proof step, and the next state, we also collect information about other lemmas which are referenced in the proof step. Figure 4 in Appendix A.1 shows the data extracted for a theorem in CoQ and LEAN

PROOFWALA includes functionality for training neural models on the constructed proof datasets. It supports finetuning any pretrained HUGGINGFACE model for proof step generation using the data extracted from the formal proof repositories. We support generic yet flexible input formats (prompt formats) for supervised fine-tuning of the language model to predict the next proof steps. The prompt is standardized across languages and different versions of ITP and controls what aspects of the state are used for predicting the next proof step. Figure 5 in Appendix A.1 shows the example prompt formats used for training. Our format is inspired by COPRA (Thakur et al., 2024) but does not use error signals. To allow transfer across different ITPs, we do not provide any information about the domain or ITP assistant that produced the state mentioned in the prompt. As an example, we choose CODET5-BASE (Wang et al., 2021) as our pretrained model for fine-tuning in our experiments.

³https://github.com/HazardousPeach/coq_serapy

⁴https://github.com/leanprover-community/repl

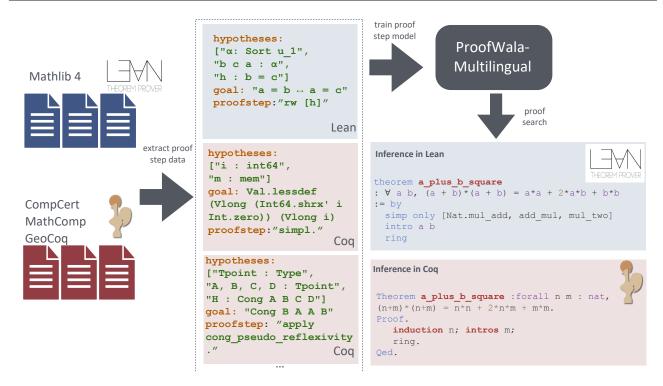


Figure 2: The PROOFWALA Framework with the interaction between different modules. Using PROOFWALA's interaction & data-collection modules, we collect a multilingual proof dataset from existing formal mathematics repositories in LEAN and COQ. The resulting dataset is used to train a multilingual proof step prediction model, supported by PROOFWALA's training module. The multilingual model is used inside PROOFWALA's search module to conduct proof search.

3.3. Parallel Proof Search Module

The proof search module uses the proof step generation model, trained via the **proof step generation and training module** (see Section 3.2), to direct the proof search through the sampling of possible next proof steps for a given state. In particular, the purpose of the search module is to generate the sequence of proof steps (tactics) $\alpha = \langle a_1, a_2, \dots a_{n-1} \rangle$ and sequence of proof-states $\omega = \langle O_0, O_1, \dots O_n \rangle$ where (i) given a proof state O, we draw O samples from the proof step generation model to get a set O samples from the proof step generation model to get a set O such that O such that

We maintain an annotated proof tree while searching for the sequence of proof step(s), α , which completes the proof for a given theorem. A fully annotated proof tree is shown in Figure 7 in Appendix A.6, which was generated while performing the beam search for proving a modulo arithmetic problem. We also use these trees to analyze the proofs generated by our models (see Section 5.1). We use the negative log-likelihood of the tokens generated by the PROOFWALA

models for deciding the node expansion order in our proof search experiments.

Unlike other frameworks, our proof search module can run a parallel beam search using Ray (Moritz et al., 2018) for a given theorem. For example, frameworks like LeanDojo (Yang et al., 2023) for LEAN 4 searches for proofs sequentially for a given theorem. Parallel search improves our throughput by trying to execute multiple possible proof step(s) (tactics) generated by PROOFWALA models in parallel on the ITP. We achieve this by replicating instances of interface module (see Section 3.1) into a custom pool of Ray actors. The custom pool tracks ITP instances' proof states and uses only those matching the frontier state (states that are being explored during search) to continue exploration, adding instances as needed. The search picks up multiple instances from this pool to execute the possible next proof step generated in parallel, hence avoiding the cost of sequentially running those steps one after another on the same instance of ITP. Figure 6 (in Appendix A.2) describes the pseudocode for parallel beam search as supported by this module. The parallel proof search module allows our framework to scale to proof search for more challenging theorems with better efficiency in a generic way.

Initial Fine-tuning						
Data-mix	Data-mix Source	PROOFWALA Models Trained	Token Count			
1. CompCert ⁶ 2. MathComp ⁸ 3. GeoCoq ⁹	CompCert Repo ⁴ MathComp Repo GeoCoq Repo	-	61.6 M 18.2 M 91.2 M			
4. Coq	Data-Mixes: 1-3	Coq	171 M			
5. Lean ⁷	Mathlib Repo ⁵	LEAN	99 M			
6. Multilingual	Data-Mixes: 4-5	MULTILINGUAL	270 M			
Further Fine-tuning						
7. CategoryTheory ¹⁰	CategoryTheory Repo	MULTILINGUAL- CAT-THEORY & COQ- CAT-THEORY	1.7 M			

Table 1: Different data-mixes used to extract proof-step and proof state pair data. Various PROOFWALA models trained on these data mixes.

4. Dataset and Model Details

In this section, we explain our dataset construction and model training choices towards our demonstration of positive transfer from multilingual training as well as adaptability to new domains via further fine-tuning.

4.1. Dataset Details

We collect datasets across multiple languages and language versions of Coq and Lean 4, sourcing data from existing repositories. Our data collection approach involves collecting proof states from the ITP through tactic execution. We construct several data-mixes, of different subsets of the accumulated data, to train various monolingual and multilingual PROOFWALA models to perform proof step prediction. The training data is formatted into prompts as shown in Figure 5 (in Appendix A.1). We collect proof-step data for the various data mixtures as shown in Table 1.

We use different Coq and Lean repositories to generate this proof-step data. We use well-known repositories, namely CompCert, Mathlib, MathComp, GeoCoq, and CategoryTheory, to generate the proof-step data. For CompCert we used the train-test split proposed by Sanchez-Stern et al. (2020), and for Mathlib we used the split proposed by Yang et al. (2023). Together we have 442607 proof-step pairs derived from over 76997 theorems across Lean and Coq (details of the split shown in Table 2). We hold out the CategoryTheory dataset from initial training data-mixes for

experimentation with further fine-tuning for our novel domain adaptation experiment.

	# Proof-Step & State Pairs			Theorem Count			
Data-mix	Train	Test	Val	Train	Test	Val	
1. CompCert	80288	6199	-	5440	501	-	
2. MathComp	34196	1378	2285	11381	536	729	
3. GeoCoq	91120	12495	4928	4036	505	208	
4. Coq	205604	20072	7213	20857	1542	937	
5. Lean	237003	4323	4220	5614011	99111	1035	
6. Multilingual	442607	24395	11433	76997	2533	1972	
7. CategoryTheory	4114	610	208	573	101	43	

Table 2: Size of different data-mixes. The PROOFWALA models were trained on the training split of CoQ, LEAN, and MULTILINGUAL data-mixes. After extracting proof-step and state pair data, the training, validation, and test split are randomly decided so as to include at least 500 testing theorems, except in the case of CategoryTheory where the overall dataset is relatively small. For the LEAN and CompCert data-mix we used the same split as proposed by Yang et al. (2023)¹¹ and Sanchez-Stern et al. (2020) respectively.

4.2. Model Details

We used the CODET5-BASE (Wang et al., 2021) pretrained model—which has 220 million parameters—to fine-tune models on the different data-mixes as described in Table 1. We trained three models PROOFWALA-{MULTILINGUAL, COQ, LEAN} with the same step count and batch sizes for all settings. Training the models with the same number of steps aligns with recent work on training models for multilingual autoformalization (Jiang et al., 2023) which ensures that each model has the same number of gradient updates. Our models are initially trained on CompCert, Mathlib, MathComp, and GeoCoq. The hyperparameters used for training are described in Table 5 in Appendix A.3. Appendix A.3 also describes the amount of computing we used to train our models.

To demonstrate the usefulness of our models on subsequent theorem-proving tasks, we perform further fine-tune of our PROOFWALA-{MULTILINGUAL, COQ} models on CategoryTheory¹⁰ theory data. We used the same hyperparameters as Table 5 (in Appendix A.3) but we reduce the number of training steps to 1200 and batch size to 8.

⁴Same as Proverbot split (Sanchez-Stern et al., 2020)

⁵Same as random split in ReProver (Yang et al., 2023)

⁶https://github.com/AbsInt/CompCert

⁷https://github.com/leanprover-community/mathlib4

⁸https://github.com/math-comp/math-comp

⁹https://github.com/GeoCoq/GeoCoq

¹⁰ https://github.com/jwiegley/category-theory

¹¹While the LeanDojo dataset (Yang et al., 2023) officially has 2000 test theorems, only 991 of these are proved using tactics and have their tactics extracted in the dataset. Since our approach involves generating only tactic-based proofs, our Lean dataset is collected from those theorems with tactic-based proofs.

 $^{^{12}}$ The results are statistically significant using a paired bootstrap test if $p_{\text{value}} < 0.05$.

Data-Mix			Pass-at-k %					
Name	# Theorems	Proof Step Model	Pass@1	Pass@2	Pass@3	Pass@4	Pass@5	p_{value} $(\alpha: 0.05)^{12}$
LEAN	991	PROOFWALA-LEAN	24.92	26.64	27.54	28.05	28.25	
		PROOFWALA-MULTILINGUAL	26.84	28.56	29.67	29.97	30.58	0.018
MathComp	536	PROOFWALA-COQ	28.28	28.65	29.4	29.59	30.15	
		PROOFWALA-MULTILINGUAL	27.9	29.21	29.59	30.15	30.52	0.355
GeoCoq	505	PROOFWALA-COQ	32.87	33.66	33.86	34.06	34.46	
		PROOFWALA-MULTILINGUAL	30.89	33.66	34.65	35.64	35.84	0.135
CompCert	501	PROOFWALA-COQ	17.56	18.76	19.16	19.76	20.76	
		PROOFWALA-MULTILINGUAL	17.96	19.76	20.56	21.16	21.96	0.191
CategoryTheory	101	PROOFWALA-COQ-CAT-THEORY	36.63	42.57	44.55	44.55	45.54	
		PROOFWALA-MULTILINGUAL-CAT-THEORY	44.55	51.49	52.48	53.47	53.47	0.008

Table 3: Comparison between various PROOFWALA models and the PROOFWALA-MULTILINGUAL model on different data-mixes. We can see that transfer happening between Lean and Coq on all data-mixes from various domains in math and software verification. We observe that the MULTILINGUAL model outperforms the LEAN and CoQ models on all data mixes. The performance improvement is also statistically significant on the biggest data-mix LEAN (Mathlib). We also observe that after further fine-tuning, the MULTILINGUAL model significantly outperforms the CoQ model on the CategoryTheory dataset.

5. Evaluation

Using our trained PROOFWALA models, we investigate (i) the benefit of incorporating multilingual data into the training pipeline (ii) moreover, whether further fine-tuning multilingual models demonstrates superior adaptation to novel domains.

In particular, we use the PROOFWALA-{MULTILINGUAL, COQ, LEAN} models inside the search module afforded by our framework (see Section 3.3). Our experiments run proof search on the test split mentioned in Table 2 for the CompCert, MathComp, GeoCoq, CategoryTheory, and LEANdata-mixes. This enables us to study the impact of transfer in the case of the PROOFWALA-MULTILINGUAL model for diverse ITPs and domains.

5.1. Experiments

Setup. All our experiments use the PROOFWALA proof step models for single-step prediction and then use PROOFWALA to conduct proof search. In our experiments we employ beam search as the search algorithm. We use the negative log-likelihood of the tokens generated by the PROOFWALA proof step prediction model to direct the search. Figure 7 in Appendix A.6 shows one such search result. Hyperparameters used in our search algorithm are listed in Table 6 in Appendix A.4. We employ a timeout of 600 seconds for most of our experiments. However, for the GeoCoq data-mix, we set a higher timeout of 1200 seconds to accommodate the appreciably longer ground-truth proofs, which require more time to execute all generated proof steps.

We conduct ablations to study the impact of training

PROOFWALA models on different data-mixes. We also run paired bootstrap hypothesis testing to better understand the significance of transfer happening between different data-mixes, and whether PROOFWALA-MULTILINGUAL has a significant edge over other monolingual models (PROOFWALA-COQ and PROOFWALA-LEAN) while searching for proofs.

Aggregate Results. We run multiple experiments with different models as shown in Table 3. We compare the results for pass@k (Chen et al., 2021) with $1 \le k \le 5$ for LEAN, CompCert, MathComp, GeoCoq, and CategoryTheory datamixes with various PROOFWALA models.

From Table 3, we can see that the PROOFWALA-MULTILINGUAL model is a more effective prover compared to both monolingual models (PROOFWALA-COQ and PROOFWALA-LEAN) trained only on proof-data corresponding to a single ITP. The PROOFWALA-MULTILINGUAL model outperforms the state-of-the-art, Proverbot (Sanchez-Stern et al., 2020), on the CompCert dataset.

We perform paired bootstrap significance tests on our experiment results for the different data-mixes for both PROOFWALA-MULTILINGUAL and monolingual (PROOFWALA-COQ and LEAN) models. The results are summarized in Table 3. PROOFWALA-MULTILINGUAL significantly outperforms the PROOFWALA-LEAN model on the LEAN data-mix. For other data-mixes, the gap was small, or the data-mix size was small enough, for the significance test to be inconclusive. From Table 3, we can reasonably conclude that the PROOFWALA-MULTILINGUAL model generally outperforms the PROOFWALA-COQ and PROOFWALA-LEAN models in proof search.

To test the generalization capabilities of our models, we finetune our trained PROOFWALA-MULTILINGUAL and PROOFWALA-COQ models on the CategoryTheory datamix. Remarkably, as can be seen from Table 3, we find that the multilingual model yields a statistically significant performance boost over the COQ model on the test set, by nearly 8%. This provides evidence that training on multilingual data enhances generalizability to unseen domains, especially when followed by further fine-tuning, compared to the monolingual baseline. This finding suggests that such multilingual models should be preferred as completion assistants for newly developing formal theorem-proving repositories.

Analysis of Specific Proofs. To better understand the effectiveness of multilingual training, we construct and analyze the search trees constructed in a subset of our problems. Figure 7 (in Appendix A.6) shows a few such search trees, which we call *proof trees*. To simplify our analysis, we only include those edges in the proof tree that are compilable for a given proof state, this ensures that each node in the proof tree corresponds to a valid proof state.

Specifically, we compute the number of nodes and edges of the proof trees computed for the different data mixes (Table 4). We find that the proof trees for the multilingual models tend to have more nodes and edges. This finding signifies that the search aided by these models can access more proof states and apply more tactics — i.e., explore more. Such additional exploration generally increases the likelihood of finding correct proofs. Figure 8 and Figure 9 (in Appendix A.7) show the distribution of nodes and edges in the proof trees generated during the search.

Data-Mix	PROOFWALA Model	Avg. Proof Tree Stats		
		# Nodes	# Edges	# Degree
LEAN	LEAN	3.989	3.536	1.536
	MULTILINGUAL	4.729	4.689	1.983
MathComp	Coq	2.534	1.739	1.167
	MULTILINGUAL	2.576	1.822	1.207
GeoCoq	Coq	15.358	14.457	1.180
	MULTILINGUAL	17.144	15.75	1.353
CompCert	Coq	8.048	7.480	1.404
	MULTILINGUAL	8.318	8.200	1.584
CategoryTheory	COQ-CAT-THEORY	5.674	5.804	2.301
	MULTILINGUAL-CAT-THEORY	7.056	7.130	2.193

Table 4: Comparison between the average number of nodes, edges, and degree of the proof trees generated on various PROOFWALA models over different data-mixes.

Our belief that the multilingual approach can explore more is further bolstered by the fact that despite the same search timeout set for both approaches, the monolingual models often fail early (not finding any tactic that can expand the search tree), whereas the multilingual models explore more of the search space and found more proofs. Table 7 (in Appendix A.7) shows the average time taken to complete the proofs in various data mixes, and Figure 11 (in Ap-

pendix A.7), shows the distribution of the time taken to find the proof successfully.

We also observed that the average degree of nodes in the proof trees generated by the multilingual model was higher than that generated by the monolingual model (see Figure 3). Hence, the multilingual model found more correct and compilable proof steps for a given state than the monolingual models, thus contributing to further exploration of the search space. We can further corroborate this from the fact that the multilingual approach often found more than one proof for a given theorem. In Figure 10 (in Appendix A.7), shows the distribution of the number of proofs found for a given theorem for both of the approaches. These experiments also demonstrate our framework's capabilities to analyze proof trees and easily identify these patterns.

6. Related Work

Previous open-sourced tooling has been developed for interaction with formal proof assistants, but individually only using a single language. Oftentimes, this tooling also contains data extraction features, compiling proof datasets from popular formalization repositories such as Mathlib (mathlib Community, 2020) for Lean, CompCert (Leroy, 2009) and Mathcomp (Mathcomp, 2015) for Coq. LeanDojo (Yang et al., 2023) provided open-source tooling for interaction with Lean 3 and extracted a proof step dataset from Mathlib. 13 NTP Toolkit (Zhu et al., 2023) supports extracting training data from arbitrary Lean repositories. CogGym (Yang & Deng, 2019) is a framework for interaction and data collection with Coq up to versions 8.12.0 (because of dependency on SerAPI library¹⁴). Proverbot (Sanchez-Stern et al., 2020) introduced Coq-Serapy, an interaction tool in Coq from which our Coq support is derived. CoqPyt (Carrott et al., 2024) is a framework for interaction and data generation from Coq with emphasis on supporting LMbased methods. COPRA (Thakur et al., 2024) introduces a framework for interaction with Lean 3 and Coq, but without tooling for data extraction or support for heavy parallelism during proof search. Aniva et al. (2024) introduced Pantograph, an interaction and data collection framework for Lean 4. We remark that one of our main contributions is an unified framework for interacting with and collecting data from both Coq and Lean 4, with support for training and parallel search, hence affording automated theorem-proving researchers a common tool in the presence of multiple popular proof assistant languages.

A number of proof search methodologies have been proposed in the recent literature. GPT-f (Polu & Sutskever,

¹³LeanDojo now supports Lean 4, which is not backwards compatible to Lean 3.

¹⁴https://github.com/rocq-archive/coq-serapi

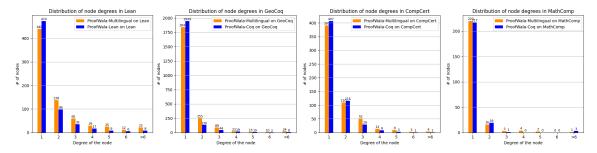


Figure 3: Distribution of degree of nodes in the proof trees across various data mixes found by different PROOFWALA models. Across all data mixes, PROOFWALA-MULTILINGUAL models tend to have higher degrees per node. This indicates that PROOFWALA-MULTILINGUAL often find more compilable tactics given a particular proof state, this can increase the chances of eventually finding a proof.

2020) employed a best-first search approach with a trained transformer-based architecture for proof synthesis. LeanDojo (Yang et al., 2023) similarly employs a best-first search, though augments the neural prediction model with a retrieval model which predicts relevant premises. Hyper-Tree Proof Search and ABEL (Lample et al., 2022; Gloeckle et al., 2024) introduces an online variant of Monte Carlo Tree Search for the theorem-proving task. PACT (Han et al., 2021) introduces auxiliary training objectives derived from proof state data to learn a better prediction model for search. COPRA (Thakur et al., 2024) uses large LMs as proof step prediction models, which can be conditioned on additional information such as retrieved lemmas, definitions, and execution information, for search. Graph2Tac (Blaauwbroek et al., 2024) learns online hierarchical representations of definitions and theorems, and is used for proof search in Tactician (Blaauwbroek et al., 2020). Several tools have been developed to help with live formalization efforts; these include LLMStep and LeanCopilot for Lean (Welleck & Saha, 2023; Song et al., 2024), and CoqPilot for Coq (Kozyrev et al., 2024).

Previous work has explored providing effective support for measuring models across various interactive theorem provers. miniF2F (Zheng et al., 2021) is a multi-language benchmark of high-school competition math problems formalized in Lean 3, HOL Light, Isabelle, and Metamath, though not in Coq. PutnamBench (Tsoukalas et al., 2024) is a collegiate-level benchmark for competition math in Lean 4, Coq, and Isabelle. We do not include evaluations on Putnam-Bench as our work is not targeted towards olympiad-style theorem-proving. MMA (Jiang et al., 2023) demonstrates that models trained on data from both languages yield downstream performance improvements for autoformalization in both languages, compared to models trained on just one language of data. In our experiments, we demonstrate that such transfer also occurs for neural models trained to perform proof step prediction.

7. Conclusion

We introduced a unified framework for standardized data collection across ITPs like Lean and Coq, which supports proof completion by generating training data, training LMs for proof step prediction, and guiding search algorithms. Using this framework, we produced a multilingual proof step dataset and train the first multi-domain model across multiple ITPs, demonstrating improved transferability between Lean and Coq in mathematics and software verification. Bevond its technical contributions, the framework serves as a foundation for uniting and advancing theorem-proving research communities by providing a shared platform for experimentation and collaboration. In particular, by leveraging this framework, we established that multilingual training not only enables cross-language proof step completion but also outperforms monolingual models, underscoring the benefits of integrating data from diverse formal systems.

In future work, we propose exploring the integration of advanced search algorithms specifically tailored to our standardized framework. This could include developing adaptive search methods that dynamically adjust based on the complexity and characteristics of the theorem being proven. Additionally, further research could focus on optimizing the interaction between the LM and search algorithms to enhance proof efficiency and accuracy. Expanding the dataset to include more diverse ITPs and domains could also improve the model's generalizability and robustness. Finally, investigating the use of reinforcement learning to continuously improve the model based on feedback from successful and failed proof attempts could provide significant advancements in formal theorem proving.

8. Impact Statement

This paper presents work whose goal is to advance the field of Machine Learning. There are many potential societal consequences of our work, none which we feel must be specifically highlighted here.

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A. Appendix

A.1. Training data for proof step prediction modules

The training data is extracted in generic JSON format as shown in Figure 4. We create prompts to train the proof step generation model as demonstrated in Figure 5 from the collected raw data.

A.2. Parallel Proof Search Beam Algorithm

Figure 6 shows the parallel beam search pseudocode. We utilize the interface module's capabilities to create multiple instances of the proof environment and parallel run tactics to efficiently run search which can be scaled across nodes.

A.3. Hyperparameters used for training PROOFWALA models

Hyperparameter	Value
Pretrained Model Name	CODET5-BASE (220 M)
Learning Rate	2×10^{-4}
Learning Scheduler Type	cosine
Warmup Ratio	0.03
Weight Decay	0.001
Max Grad Norm (Gradient Clipping)	0.3
Optimizer	adamw_torch
Gradient Accumulation Steps	1
Max # Steps (Gradient Updates)	34000
Batch Size	128
Checkpoint # Steps	20000
Max # Tokens	2048

Table 5: Hyperparameters used for training our PROOFWALA-{LEAN, COQ, MULTILINGUAL}. In line with recent work on training multilingual models for autoformalization (Jiang et al., 2023), we used the same step count and batch sizes to train all our models on different data mixes ensuring our ablation studies about the transfer were fair and were not merely a result of training more on bigger data-mixes.

We trained our model in a distributed way via PYTORCH and HUGGINGFACE libraries. We used a cluster with 16 Nvidia GH 200 GPU nodes to train PROOFWALA models. The training lasted for approximately 3 days. For further fine-tuning on CategoryTheory data we used the same parameters as shown in Table 5, except we ran only for 1200 steps with a smaller batch size of 8 (the checkpoint step was also accordingly reduced to 1200). Running all our training for various models for a fixed number of steps and the same batch size ensures that every model gets the same number of gradient updates.

A.4. Parameters used for proof search

For all our experiments the beam width is 32 (see Table 6), and the temperature for the proof step prediction model is 0.75. We also have a timeout of 600 seconds for each proof

```
(b)
(a)
                                              {
{
                                              "theorem_name": "nat_plus_0_is_n"
"theorem_name": "nat_plus_0_is_n"
                                              "start_goals": [
"start_goals": [
                                                   {
    {
                                                       "hypotheses": [],
        "hypotheses": [],
                                                       "goal": "\forall (n : Nat), Nat.add n 0
        "goal": "forall n : nat, n + 0 = n",
                                                       \Rightarrow = n",
        "# ... extra metadata"
                                                       "# ... extra metadata"
    }
                                                   }
],
                                              ],
"proof_steps": ["intros n."],
                                              "proof_steps": ["intro n"],
"end_goals": [
                                              "end_goals": [
    {
                                                   {
        "hypotheses": ['n: nat'],
                                                       "hypotheses": ['n : Nat'],
        "goal": "n + 0 = n",
                                                       "goal": "Nat.add n 0 = n",
         "# ... extra metadata"
                                                       "# ... extra metadata"
    }
                                                   }
],
                                              ],
"#
   ... extra metadata"
                                              "#
                                                  ... extra metadata"
}
                                              }
```

Figure 4: An excerpt from the extracted training data sequence, $\pi = \langle (O_0, a_1), \dots, (O_i, a_i), \dots (O_{n-1}, a_n) \rangle$ (see Section 2), for a given theorem in CoQ and LEAN 4. The training data extracted here is used to train PROOFWALA proof step generation models. Here, O_i i.e. set of obligations is extracted under start_goals key while O_{i+1} is represented under end_goals. The action a_i is extracted as the value of proof_steps key. There are more fields other than the ones shown in the figure. (a) Shows an example of a Coq proof step, and (b) shows an example of a Lean proof step.

attempt for all data mixes except GeoCoq where the timeout was 1200 seconds. Since the proofs in GeoCoq were long (sometimes more than 100 tactics), giving more time for the search to finish was important.

Parameter	Value
Search Algorithm	Beam Search
Heuristic	Guided by Neg. Log-Likelihood of proof steps predicted by PROOFWALA models
Beam Width	32
Timeout	600 seconds
PROOFWALA model Temp	0.75

Table 6: Parameters used for searching for the complete proof using PROOFWALA models for guidance. We use beam search similar to GPT- f (Polu & Sutskever, 2020).

A.5. Bug Fixes in existing framework

Our framework built on top of coq_serapy¹⁵ (Sanchez-Stern et al., 2020), while our LEAN 4 implementation is

built on top of REPL ¹⁶ library. We have enhanced these libraries by adding a common abstraction so that data can be collected across multiple languages. We also added ray actors (Moritz et al., 2018) to make it work across clusters on multiple machines. We also fixed some issues with these libraries, for example, REPL has a bug that allows it to accept incomplete and incorrect proofs ¹⁷. We also fixed some memory issues which can arise when the REPL library keeps clones of proof-state to allow easy backtracking which leads to exponential memory increase. These fixes were essential for making the framework scalable and run on multiple nodes.

A.6. Proof Tree annotations

Figure 7 shows a visualization generated using our tool. We can use these annotated trees to do qualitative analysis or train models for expert iteration.

¹⁵https://github.com/HazardousPeach/cog_serapy

¹⁶https://github.com/leanprover-community/repl

¹⁷https://github.com/leanprover-community/repl/issues/44

```
(b)
(a)
`Goals to prove:`
                                                       `Goals to prove:`
`[GOALS]`
                                                       `[GOALS]`
`[GOAL] 1`
                                                       `[GOAL] 1`
S(n + 1) = S(S n)
                                                       a + x \in [a + b-[\mathbb{K}]a + c] \leftrightarrow x \in [b-[\mathbb{K}]c]
`[HYPOTHESES] 1`
                                                       `[HYPOTHESES] 1`
[HYPOTHESIS] IHn : n + 1 = 1 + n
                                                       `[HYPOTHESIS]` K : Type u_1
`[HYPOTHESIS]` n : nat
`[END]`
                                                       `[HYPOTHESIS]` \pi : \iota → Type u_6
                                                       `[HYPOTHESIS]` inst\dagger^5 : OrderedRing \mathbb K
                                                       `[HYPOTHESIS]` a x b c : E
                                                       `[END]`
                                                       (d)
(c)
`[RUN TACTIC]`
                                                       `[RUN TACTIC]`
auto.
                                                        simp [segment_eq_image']
`[END]`
                                                       `[END]`
```

Figure 5: Prompt format for training the proof step generation model. (a) shows the prompt format for COQ, (b) shows the prompt format for LEAN 4, (c) shows the response format used for COQ, and (d) shows the response format used for LEAN 4. We adopted a format similar to the one used in COPRA (Thakur et al., 2024) but without any error context. It is important to note that we do not mention any information about the domain or ITP assistant in the prompt. The prompt format is the same for both languages.

A.7. Qualitative Analysis: Proof Tree Properties

Across various data mixes we observe that proof trees found using the MULTILINGUAL model tend to have more nodes, edges, and higher degrees per node. Figure 8, Figure 9, and Figure 3 show the distribution of nodes, edges, and degrees respectively. Figure 10 shows that MULTILINGUAL often found more proofs for the same theorem during the search.

We observe that MULTILINGUAL model usually searches longer for proofs across the different data mixes. The average time taken to search for proof is summarized in the Table 7 and the distribution of proof search time is shown in Figure 11.

Interestingly, we see that there is no significant difference in the size of the proof (number of tactics used) found via the two approaches. Table 8 summarizes the length of the proofs found during the search.

A.8. Qualitative Analysis: Proofs found by MULTILINGUAL model

Figure 12 shows some of the LEAN 4 and COQ proofs found by MULTILINGUAL model.

Data Mix	PROOFWALA Model	Avg
LEAN	Multilingual Lean	30.5296 20.7370
CompCert	Multilingual Coq	59.9424 70.3282
MathComp	Multilingual Coq	8.9993 7.5634
GeoCoq	Multilingual Coq	107.1999 74.3914
CategoryTheory	Multilingual Coq	39.2182 27.4105

Table 7: Summary of *average* proof times (in seconds) across various data mixes. We can see that PROOFWALA-MULTILINGUAL usually searches for longer and hence the average time is higher. Since the proof trees generated are larger for MULTILINGUAL approach, it is reasonable that overall proof search time will be higher.

```
PARALLELBEAMSEARCH(O_0, model, t, width)
     \triangleright Set the pool of ITPINTERFACE instances to state O_0
     pool \leftarrow ITPINTERFACEPOOL.INITIALIZE(O_0)
 3
     frontier \leftarrow \{O_0\}
     proof\_tree \leftarrow \phi
 5
     while frontier \neq \phi
 6
 7
               if TIMEELAPSED(t)
 8
              > Proof not found within the timeout
 9
                  then return FALSE, proof_tree
10
                  else \mathbb{O} \leftarrow \phi \triangleright To store next possible states
11
                       for O \in frontier
12
                            do \mathbb{A} \leftarrow \text{GENERATEPROOFSTEPS}(O, model, width)
                                > Filter a sub-pool from ITPINTERFACE instances which are initialized to state O
13
                                 pool' \leftarrow pool.Filter(O)
14
                                if pool' is empty
15
16
                                   then pool' \leftarrow ITPINTERFACEPOOL.INITIALIZE(O)
                                         pool.MERGE(pool') \triangleright Merge the new instances to the pool
17
                                \triangleright Execute generated possible proof step(s), A, in parallel using the pool'
18
19
                                 \mathbb{O} \leftarrow \mathbb{O} \land pool'.EXECUTEPARALLEL(\mathbb{A})
20
                                \triangleright Add all \mathbb{A} edges in the proof\_tree with O as parent
21
                                if QED \in \mathbb{O}
22
                                   then return True, proof_tree
23
                       frontier \leftarrow \mathbb{O}
24
                       \triangleright Filter the top width states based on some heuristic
25
                       > for example log-likelihood of proof step leading to the state.
26
                       frontier \leftarrow frontier.TopK(width)
27
     return False, proof_tree
```

Figure 6: Pseudocode for the parallel proof search module utilizing Beam Search with the Ray framework (Moritz et al., 2018). This approach enables concurrent exploration of multiple proof steps (tactics) generated by the PROOFWALA model, improving efficiency and throughput. Unlike frameworks such as LeanDojo (Yang et al., 2023) for LEAN 4, which operate sequentially, this module replicates instances of the **interface module** (see Section 3.1) as a custom pool of Ray actors. The custom pool keeps track of ITP instances' proof state. It only uses those instances whose proof state matches the frontier state to continue the exploration (with the occasional overhead of adding more instances to the pool). Each instance in the pool executes potential proof steps in parallel, allowing the search to proceed across various states simultaneously, avoiding the sequential overhead of executing steps one after another on the same ITP instance.

Data Mix	PROOFWALA Model	Avg
LEAN	Multilingual Lean	2.0363 2.0679
CompCert	Multilingual Coq	4.7913 5.0270
MathComp	Multilingual Coq	2.4940 2.4759
GeoCoq	Multilingual Coq	9.2486 10.6954
CategoryTheory	Multilingual Coq	3.4909 3.0426

Table 8: Summary of *average* proof lengths across various data mixes. The proof lengths are not very different for the two approaches.

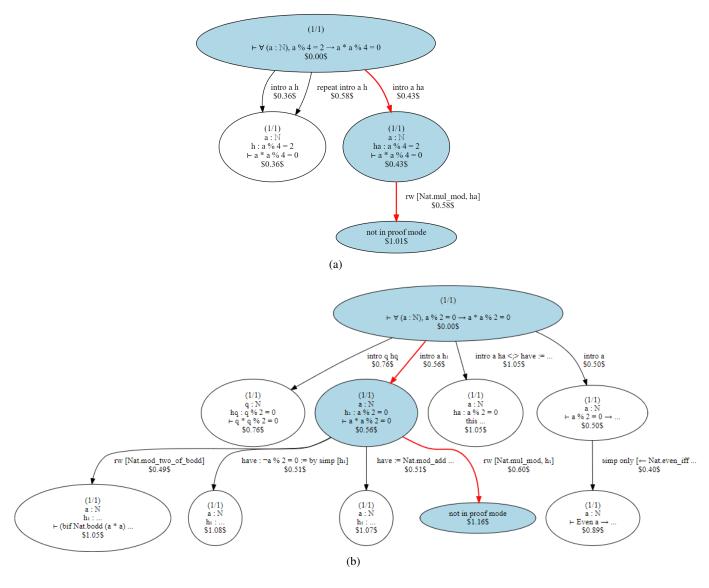


Figure 7: Visualization of the proof trees generated via the **Proof Search Module** (see Section 3.3) for Lean 4 theorems stating: (a) $\forall (a:\mathbb{N}), a \% \ 4 = 2 \to a*a \% \ 4 = 0$, and (b) $\forall (a:\mathbb{N}), a \% \ 2 = 0 \to a*a \% \ 2 = 0$. The proof tree can be annotated with the correct proof path, and scores for each edge (proof step) and node (proof-state). This tree has been generated through Beam Search guided by the PROOFWALA-MULTILINGUAL model, the framework also supports best first search. The tree only includes proof steps (edges) that can be applied to the given proof-state (node) without any error. The numbers within the \$ symbols are the negative log-likelihood of the tokens generated by the PROOFWALA-MULTILINGUAL proof step generation model.

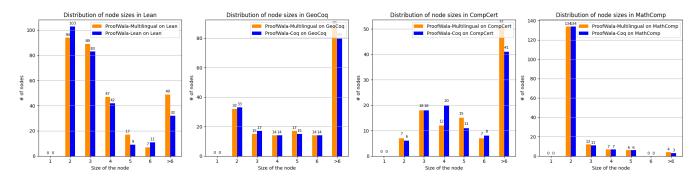


Figure 8: Distribution of proof-tree nodes across various data-mixes found by different PROOFWALA models. It is interesting to note that across all data-mixes, the PROOFWALA-MULTILINGUAL model tends to produce more nodes per proof tree. This indicates that PROOFWALA-MULTILINGUAL often constructs larger proof trees during search.

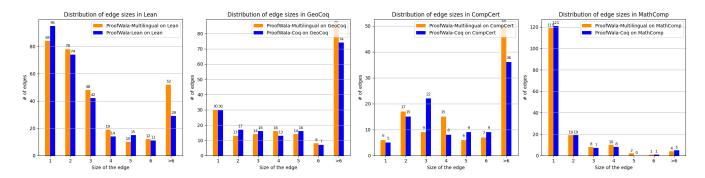


Figure 9: Distribution of proof-tree edges across various data-mixes found by different PROOFWALA models. It is interesting to note that across all data mixes, PROOFWALA-MULTILINGUAL models tend to have more edges per proof tree. This indicates that PROOFWALA-MULTILINGUAL often find more compilable tactics while searching to complete the proof.

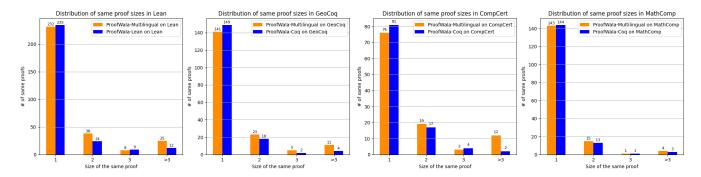


Figure 10: Distribution of the number of proofs found for the same theorem across various data-mixes found by different PROOFWALA models. It is interesting to note that across all data mixes, the PROOFWALA-MULTILINGUAL model tends to produce more proofs for the same theorem.

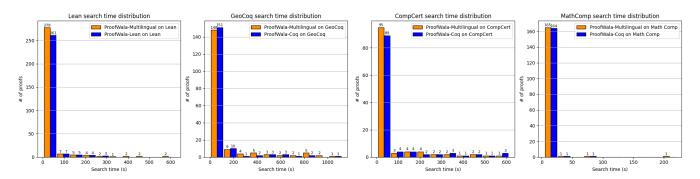


Figure 11: Distribution of the time taken to find proofs across various data-mixes found by different PROOFWALA models. We can see that across all data mixes, the PROOFWALA-MULTILINGUAL model tend to run longer proof searches, and thus effectively search more.

```
theorem lapMatrix_toLin'_apply_eq_zero_iff_forall_reachable (x : V \to \mathbb{R}) :
       Matrix.toLin' (G.lapMatrix \mathbb{R}) x = 0 \leftrightarrow \forall i j : V, G.Reachable i j \rightarrow x i = x j := by
        rw \leftarrow[ (posSemidef_lapMatrix \mathbb{R} G).toLinearMap<sub>2</sub>'_zero_iff, star_trivial,
            lapMatrix\_toLinearMap_2'\_apply'\_eq\_zero\_iff\_forall\_adj]
(a)
        refine \langle ?\_, fun h i j hA \mapsto h i j hA.reachable\rangle
        intro h i j \langle w \rangle
        induction' w with w i j _ hA _ h'
        rfl
       exact (h i j hA).trans h'
   theorem interval_average_symm (f : \mathbb{R} \to E) (a b : \mathbb{R}) : \int (x \text{ in a..b, f x}) = \int x \text{ in b..a, f}
        x := by
        simp only [intervalIntegral, setAverage_eq, smul_sub]
(b)
        obtain rfl | hab := eq_or_ne a b
        rw [uIoc_comm a b, uIoc_comm b a]
   Theorem coplanar_perm_11 : forall A B C D,
     Coplanar A B C D -> Coplanar B D C A.
   Proof.
(c)
        intros A B C D HCop.
        destruct HCop as [X H]; exists X.
        induction H; try (induction H); spliter; Col5.
   Qed.
   Theorem coprimepP: forall p q ,
    reflect (forall d, d \% | p \rightarrow d \% | q \rightarrow d \%= 1) (coprimep p q).
   Proof.
        rewrite /coprimep; apply: (iffP idP) => [/eqP hs d dvddp dvddq | h].
(d)
        have/dvdp\_eqp1: d \%| gcdp p q by rewrite dvdp\_gcd dvddp dvddq.
        by rewrite -size_poly_eq1 hs; exact.
        by rewrite size_poly_eq1; case/andP: (dvdp_gcdlr p q); apply: h.
   Qed.
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Figure 12: Some proofs discovered by PROOFWALA-MULTILINGUAL in our experiments on theorems from Mathlib, GeoCoq, and MathComp.