LEAN: The future of Mathematics

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Topic: computers in mathematical research.

LEAN: proof verifier / proof assistant.

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Motivation and Context

Four Color Theorem





Proved by Keneth Appel and Wolfgang Hanken (1997).

Checking 633 configurations using a computer.

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What is a proof verifier?



Remarks

- The proof must be written in a LANGUAGE computers can understand.
- The computers must be able to check logic implications. This include the choice of axioms.

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What is NOT a proof verifier?

It does NOT prove the theorems for you!!

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What is LEAN?

- LEAN is a proof verifier (proof assistant).
- Developed in 2013 by Leonardo de Moura at Microsoft Research (now Amazon Web Services).
- It is open sourced.

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		lemma gcd_add (a b c: N) (h: a = b +c): nat.gcd a b = nat.gcd b c:=		
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How does it work?

Logic exercise

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Logic exercise

Let P, Q be propositions.	variables (P Q : Prop)	
Lemma 1. (Logic Exercise) $P \to (Q \to P)$.	lemma logic_exercise: P->Q->P	
<i>Proof.</i> Assume P is True (Hypothesis P). Then we have to prove $Q \to P$.	begin	
Assume P is Two (Hunsthesis Q) Then we	intro hP,	
Assume P is frue (hypothesis Q). Then we have to prove P .	intro hQ,	
We know by Hypothesis P that P is True. This finishes the proof. \Box	exact hP,	
	end	

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Example 1

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Some basic *tactics*

exact (+hypothesis)

Provides the exact proof of the goal.

Example:



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Some basic tactics

intro (+hypothesis' name)

Given a goal $P \rightarrow Q$, it introduces P as an hypothesis and turns the goal into Q.

Example:



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Some basic tactics

apply (+hypothesis)

Given a goal $P \rightarrow Q$ and a hypothesis $Q \rightarrow P$,turns the goal into P.

Example:



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Try it yourself!

https://shorturl.at/bikrG



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Example 2

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People and Projects

Kepler Conjecture. Sphere Packaging in 3 dimensions. Minimizing a function of 150 variables.





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Kevin Buzzard (ICL)→ **Xena's Project**. Formalize the Imperial's Undergraduate Curriculum.

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The library

MATHLIB

- Unified library of mathematics.
- Nov. 2023: +127.000 theorems, +70.000 definitions.





Compare to Wikipedia or The Stacks project.

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Dependency graph



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The future



Use LEAN to generate new knowledge. Proof assistant.

- **1**LEAN + AI.
- 2 LEAN on publishing articles.
- IEAN on education.

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The future

Artificial Intelligence





- Solves very easy proofs.
- Uncover hidden connections.
- Propose proof strategies.

The future

Research and scientific articles



Education: Xena's Project: LEAN as a game.

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To learn more

More info about LEAN:

- Lean Webpage: https://lean-lang.org
- Lean Comunity / Mathlib: https://leanprover-community.github.io
- The Xena Project: https://www.ma.imperial.ac.uk/~buzzard/xena/

Where to learn LEAN:

- Natural Number Game: https://adam.math.hhu.de
- More references:

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

Videos about LEAN:

- Terence Tao, "Machine Assisted Proof": https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AayZuuDDKP0
- Microsoft research: https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/research/project/lean/____