ACL2(ml): Machine Learning for ACL2

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Abstract

This manual describes ACL2(ml), a machine-learning extension for ACL2, a description of this tool and its most relevant features can be found in [1].

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1 Requirements

Before installing ACL2(ml), you need to download, install and configure the following software.

- ACL2.
- Emacs.
- OCaml (it is optional but necessary for the automatic discovery of auxiliary lemmas, see Section 3.8.1).

You can follow the instructions presented in `http://www.cs.utexas.edu/users/moore/publications/acl2-programming-exercises1.html`.

2 Installation

Before using ACL2(ml), it is necessary to configure some variables. First of all, open your *.emacs* file. This file is usually located in */home/user/.emacs*. At the end of the file include the line:

```
(load-file "ACL2(ml)-location/main.el")
```

where `ACL2(ml)-location` must be changed with the path to the folder where you have downloaded ACL2(ml).

Now, go to the folder where you have downloaded ACL2(ml) and open the file *main.el*. Modify the constant **home-dir**

- *home-dir*: you must replace the current path assigned to this constant with the path where you have downloaded ACL2(ml).

Now, if you want to use the lemma analogy tool, see Section 3.8.1, you need to open a command line and go to the folder ACL2(ml)/lemmaanalogy (where ACL2(ml) is the folder where you have downloaded ACL2(ml)). Then, use `make` to compile the lemma analogy tool.

This finishes the installation of ACL2(ml).

3 Using ACL2(ml)

To illustrate the use of ACL2(ml), we will use the file `example.lisp` which can be find in the same folder of this manual. The example `example.lisp` includes the definition of several recursive and tail recursive arithmetic functions and the proof of their equivalences.

3.1 Getting started

Open file `example.lisp` using Emacs and run ACL2 (M-x run-acl2) If you have installed everything properly, the image of Figure 1 will appear. The only difference with the usual emacs interface is a menu called *ACL2(ml)*.

This menu contains several options to configure ACL2(ml). First of all, you can activate the buttons and the different libraries which can be used pressing the options: *Activate icons* and *Show Available libraries*. Once that you have done this, the interface looks like in Figure 2.

Let us explain the functionality of the options included in the ACl2(ml) menu.

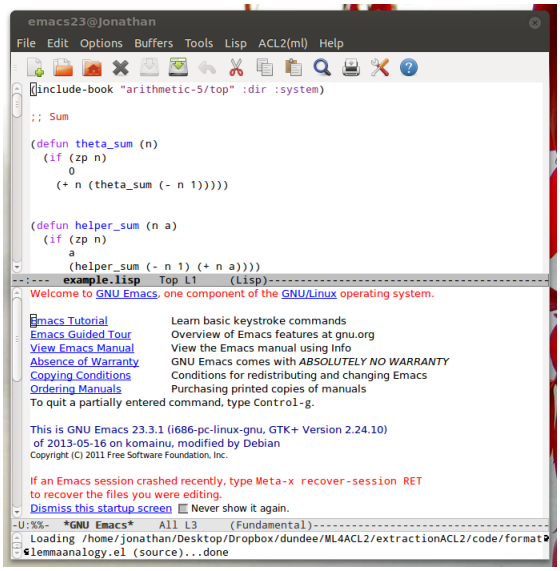

Figure 1: Initial screen of ACL2(ml).

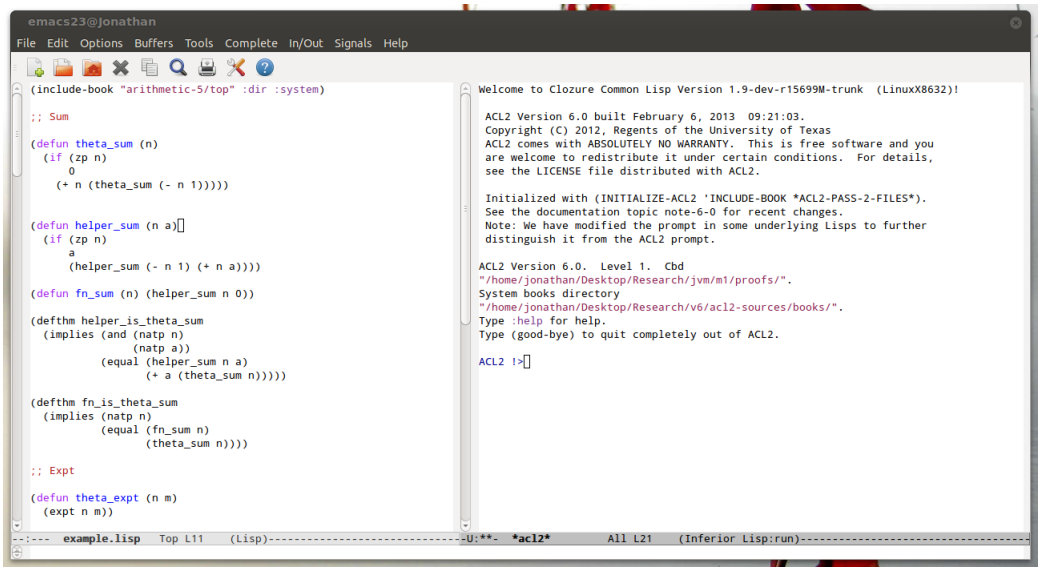

Figure 2: ACL2(ml) interface with all the options activated.

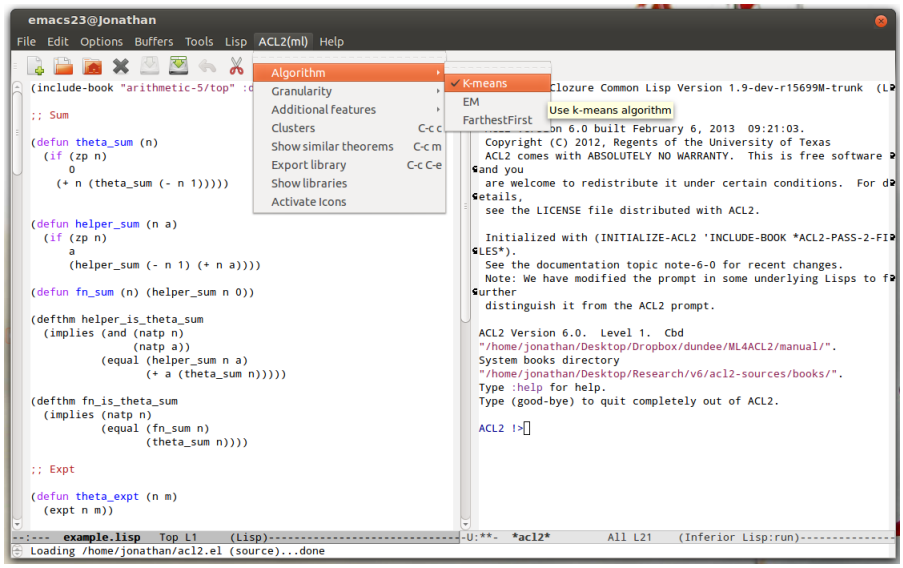

Figure 3: The Algorithms submenu.

3.2 Algorithms menu

The user can select different algorithms to obtain similar lemmas. The algorithms which are available are: K-means, EM and FarthestFirst, see Figure 3.

3.3 Granularity menu

This option allows the user to select the granularity of the families of similar lemmas, by selecting a value between 1 and 5, where 1 stands for a low granularity (producing big and general families of similar lemmas) and 5 stands for a high granularity (producing small and precise families of similar lemmas). See Figure 4. The granularity parameter was first described for ML4PG, a machine-learning extension for Coq. A detailed description of ML4PG and the granularity parameter can be read in [2].

3.4 Export Library

Using the Export library option, the user can export the library for further use.

3.5 Available libraries for clustering

This option allows the user to find families of similar lemmas across several libraries previously exported.

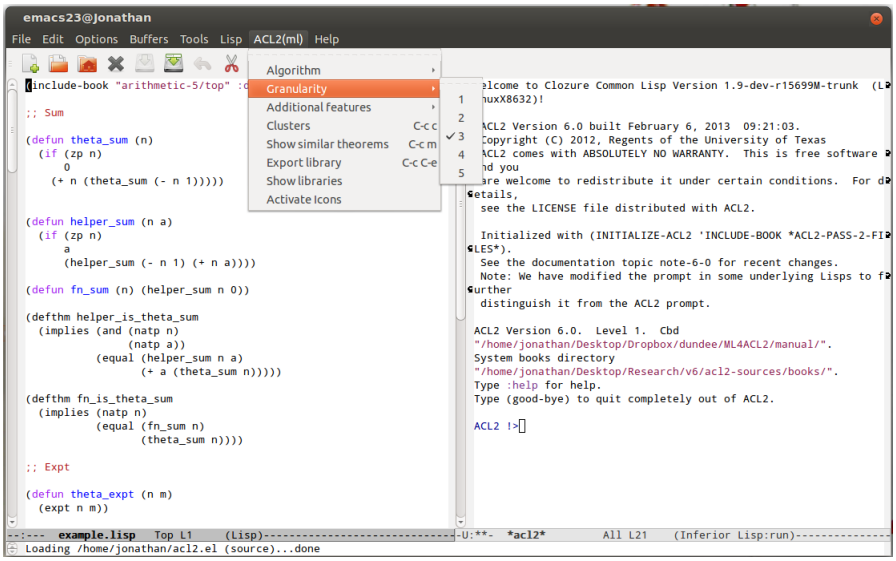

Figure 4: ACL2(ml) granularity menu.

3.6 Show similar theorems

We can cluster libraries relative to a concrete proof. An example using the `example.lisp` library with the options:

- Algorithm: K-means,
- Granularity: 3,

and with the lemma `fn-is-theta-fib` (at the end of the file) is shown in Figure 5. Put the cursor at the end of lemma `fn-is-theta-fib` and press the second most right button (or select the option Show Similar Theorems in the ACL2(ml) menu).

This functionality can also invoked using the right most button of the Proof General toolbar.

3.7 Clusters

The option *Show Clusters* of the Statistics menu shows families of similar lemmas when a library is clustered irrespective of the current proof goal. An example using the `example.lisp` library with the options:

- Algorithm: K-means,
- Granularity: 5,

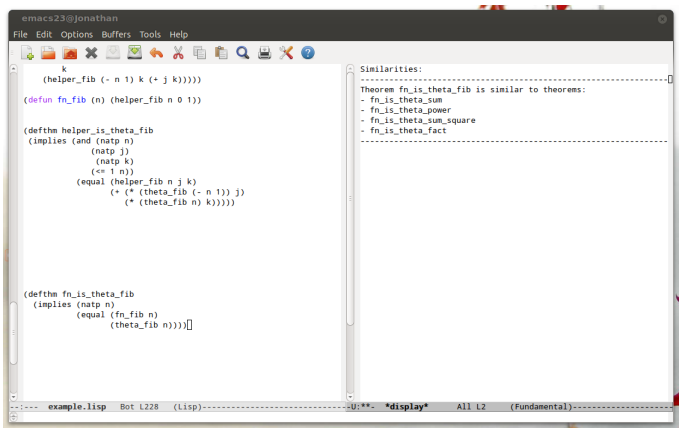

Figure 5: On the right side, several suggestions provided by ACL2(ml) related to lemma `fn-is-theta-fib`. The Proof General window has been split into two windows positioned side by side: the left one keeps the current script, and the right one shows the families of similar lemmas to `fn-is-theta-fib`.

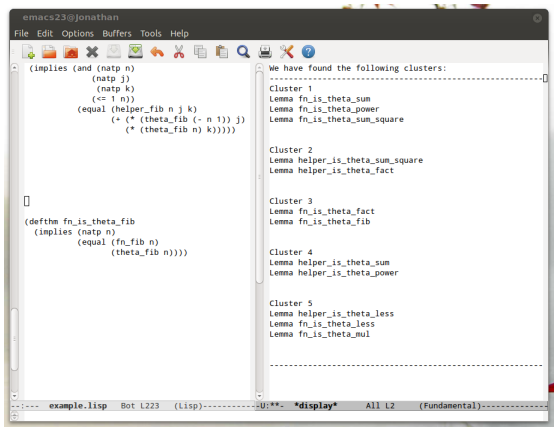

Figure 6: Clusters for the example.lisp library. The Proof General window has been split into two windows positioned side by side: the left one keeps the current script, and the right one shows the families of similar lemmas.

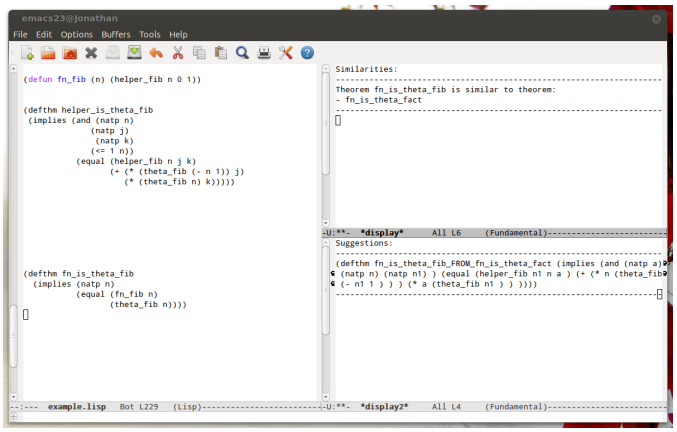

Figure 7: On the bottom right side, suggestion to prove lemma `fn-is-theta-fib`.

is shown in Figure 6.

This functionality can also invoked using the second right most button of the Emacs toolbar.

3.8 Additional features

3.8.1 Activate lemma analogy tool

If this experimental feature is activated, ACL2(ml) is able to show suggestions to prove the current lemma on the basis of the proofs of other similar lemmas. See Figure 7 (parameters: k-means algorithm, 5 as granularity value).

3.8.2 Explain cluster similarities

If this option is activated, ACL2(ml) shows the reason because the different lemmas are grouped in the same cluster, see Figure 8.

References

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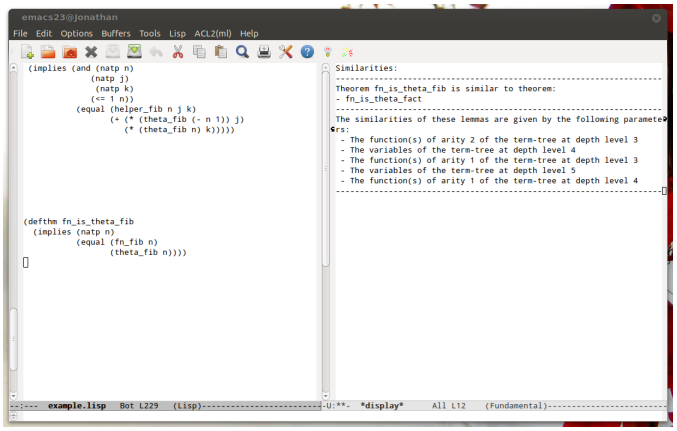

Figure 8: On the right side, several suggestions provided by ACL2(ml) related to lemma `fn-is-theta-fib` and the parameters for the similarity.