# From Principia to Formalised versus Computerised Maths 

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## Pre-formalisation in the 19th century)

In the 19th century, the need for a more precise style in mathematics arose, because controversial results had appeared in analysis.

- 1821: Many of these controversies were solved by the work of Cauchy. E.g., he introduced a precise definition of convergence in his Cours d'Analyse [6].
- 1872: Due to the more exact definition of real numbers given by Dedekind [9], the rules for reasoning with real numbers became even more precise.
- 1895-1897: Cantor began formalizing set theory [4; 5] and made contributions to number theory.
- 1889: Peano formalized arithmetic [28], but did not treat logic or quantification.


## Prehistory of Types (formal systems in 19th century)

- 1879: Frege was not satisfied with the use of natural language in mathematics:
". . . I found the inadequacy of language to be an obstacle; no matter how unwieldy the expressions I was ready to accept, I was less and less able, as the relations became more and more complex, to attain the precision that my purpose required."
(Begriffsschrift, Preface)
Frege therefore presented Begriffsschrift [10], the first formalisation of logic giving logical concepts via symbols rather than natural language.
"[Begriffsschrift's] first purpose is to provide us with the most reliable test of the validity of a chain of inferences and to point out every presupposition that tries to sneak in unnoticed, so that its origin can be investigated."
(Begriffsschrift, Preface)


## Prehistory of Types (Begriffsschrift's functions)

The introduction of a very general definition of function was the key to the formalisation of logic. Frege defined what we will call the Abstraction Principle.

## Abstraction Principle 1.

"If in an expression, [. . .] a simple or a compound sign has one or more occurrences and if we regard that sign as replaceable in all or some of these occurrences by something else (but everywhere by the same thing), then we call the part that remains invariant in the expression a function, and the replaceable part the argument of the function."
(Begriffsschrift, Section 9)

## Prehistory of Types (Begriffsschrift's functions)

- Frege put no restrictions on what could play the role of an argument.
- An argument could be a number (as was the situation in analysis), but also a proposition, or a function.
- The result of applying a function to an argument did not have to be a number.
- Frege was aware of some typing rule that does not allow to substitute functions for object variables or objects for function variables:
" Now just as functions are fundamentally different from objects, so also functions whose arguments are and must be functions are fundamentally different from functions whose arguments are objects and cannot be anything else. I call the latter first-level, the former second-level."
(Function and Concept, pp. 26-27)


## Prehistory of Types (Grundgesetze's functions)

The Begriffsschrift, however, was only a prelude to Frege's writings.

- In Grundlagen der Arithmetik [11] he argued that mathematics can be seen as a branch of logic.
- In Grundgesetze der Arithmetik [12; 13] he described the elementary parts of arithmetics within an extension of the logical framework of Begriffsschrift.
- He did not apply a function to itself, but to its course-of-values. "the function $\Phi(x)$ has the same course-of-values as the function $\Psi(x)$ " if:
" $\Phi(x)$ and $\Psi(x)$ always have the same value for the same argument." (Grundgesetze, p. 7)
- Frege excluded the paradox threats by forbidding self-application, but due to his treatment of courses-of-values these threats were able to enter his system through a back door.
- In 1902, Russell wrote to Frege [32] a paradox in Begriffsschrift.
- (Begriffsschrift does not suffer from a paradox).
- The Russell Paradox can be derived in Peano's system as well, as well as on Cantor's Set Theory
- Logicians considered other paradoxes to be out of the scope of logic: The Liar's Paradox can be regarded as a problem of linguistics.
The paradoxes of Cantor and Burali-Forti occurred in what was considered in those days a highly questionable part of mathematics: Cantor's Set Theory.
- The Russell Paradox, however, was a paradox that could be formulated in all the systems that were presented at the end of the 19th century (except for Frege's Begriffsschrift). A solution to it had to be found.
- Russell avoided the paradoxes by avoiding all possible self-references. He strictly implemented using types the "vicious circle principle":
- "Whatever involves all of a collection must not be one of the collection." (Mathematical logic as based on the theory of types)
- Russell [33] 1903 gives the first type theory: the Ramified Type Theory (RTT).
- RTT is used in Russell and Whitehead's Principia Mathematica [36] 1910-1912.
- The main part of the Principia is devoted to the development of logic and mathematics using the legal pfs of the ramified type theory.
- ramification/division of simple types into orders make RTT not easy to use.
- (Equality) $\mathrm{x}={ }_{\mathrm{L}} \mathrm{y} \stackrel{\text { def }}{\leftrightarrow} \forall \mathrm{z}[\mathrm{z}(\mathrm{x}) \leftrightarrow \mathrm{z}(\mathrm{y})]$. In order to express this general notion in RTT, we have to incorporate all pfs $\forall \mathrm{z}:\left(0^{0}\right)^{n}[\mathrm{z}(\mathrm{x}) \leftrightarrow \mathrm{z}(\mathrm{y})]$ for $n>1$, and this cannot be expressed in one pf.
- Not possible to give a constructive proof of the theorem of the least upper bound within a ramified type theory.
- Russell and Whitehead tried to solve problems with the axiom of reducibility: For each formula $f$, there is a formula $g$ with a predicative type such that $f$ and $g$ are (logically) equivalent.
- The validity of the Axiom of Reducibility has been questioned from the moment it was introduced.
- Weyl made an effort to develop Analysis within RTT (without Reducibility).
- Various parts of Maths can be developed in RTT (without Reducibility), but attitude was that RTT was too restrictive.
- Simple theory of types (STT): Ramsey1926, Hilbert and Ackermann 1928.
- Church's simply typed $\lambda$-calculus $\lambda \rightarrow[7] 1940=\lambda$-calculus + stT.
- Unsatisfactory hierarchies of types/orders in RTT and STT.
- The notion of function adopted in the $\lambda$-calculus is unsatisfactory [22]. Frege's functions $\neq$ Principia's functions $\neq \lambda$-calculus functions.
- Hence, birth of different systems of functions and types, each with different functional power.


## The evolution of functions with Frege, Russell and Church

- Historically, functions have long been treated as a kind of meta-objects.
- Function values were the important part, not abstract functions.
- In the low level/operational approach there are only function values.
- The sine-function, is always expressed with a value: $\sin (\pi), \sin (x)$ and properties like: $\sin (2 x)=2 \sin (x) \cos (x)$.
- In many mathematics courses, one calls $f(x)$-and not $f$-the function.
- Frege, Russell and Church wrote $x \mapsto x+3$ resp. as $x+3, \hat{x}+3$ and $\lambda x \cdot x+3$.
- Principia's functions are based on Frege's Abstraction Principles but can be first-class citizens. Frege used courses-of-values to speak about functions.
- Church made every function a first-class citizen. This is rigid and does not represent the development of logic and computation in 20th century.


## The Barendregt Cube

- Syntax: $A::=x|*| \square|A B| \lambda x: A . B \mid \Pi x: A . B$
- Formation rule: $\quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A: s_{1} \quad \Gamma, x: A \vdash B: s_{2}}{\Gamma \vdash \Pi x: A \cdot B: s_{2}} \quad$ if $\left(s_{1}, s_{2}\right) \in \boldsymbol{R}$

|  | Simple | Poly- <br> morphic | Depend- <br> ent | Constr- <br> uctors | Related <br> system | Refs. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :--- | :--- |
| $\lambda \rightarrow$ | $(*, *)$ |  |  |  | $\lambda^{\tau}$ | $[7 ; 1 ; 20]$ |
| $\lambda 2$ | $(*, *)$ | $(\square, *)$ |  |  | F | $[15 ; 31]$ |
| $\lambda \mathrm{P}$ | $(*, *)$ |  | $(*, \square)$ |  | AUT-QE, LF | $[3 ; 16]$ |
| $\lambda \underline{\omega}$ | $(*, *)$ |  |  | $(\square, \square)$ | POLYREC | $[30]$ |
| $\lambda \mathrm{P} 2$ | $(*, *)$ | $(\square, *)$ | $(*, \square)$ |  |  | $[26]$ |
| $\lambda \omega$ | $(*, *)$ | $(\square, *)$ |  | $(\square, \square)$ | $\mathrm{F} \omega$ | $[15]$ |
| $\lambda \mathrm{P} \underline{\omega}$ | $(*, *)$ |  | $(*, \square)$ | $(\square, \square)$ |  |  |
| $\lambda \mathrm{C}$ | $(*, *)$ | $(\square, *)$ | $(*, \square)$ | $(\square, \square)$ | CC | $[8]$ |

The Barendregt Cube


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(\square, *) \in R \\
(\square, \square) \in R \\
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(*, \square) \in R
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The $\beta$-cube: $\rightarrow_{\beta}+\operatorname{conv}_{\beta}+\mathbf{a p p}_{\Pi}$

| (axiom) | $\rangle \vdash *: \square$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| (start) | $\frac{\Gamma \vdash A: s \quad x \notin \operatorname{DOM}(\Gamma)}{\Gamma, x: A \vdash x: A}$ |
| (weak) | $\frac{\Gamma \vdash A: B \quad \Gamma \vdash C: s \quad x \notin \operatorname{DOM}(\Gamma)}{\Gamma, x: C \vdash A: B}$ |
| (П) | $\frac{\Gamma \vdash A: s_{1} \quad \Gamma, x: A \vdash B: s_{2} \quad\left(s_{1}, s_{2}\right) \in \boldsymbol{R}}{\Gamma \vdash \Pi_{x: A} \cdot B: s_{2}}$ |
| ( $\lambda$ ) | $\frac{\Gamma, x: A \vdash b: B \quad \Gamma \vdash \Pi_{x: A} \cdot B: s}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda_{x: A} \cdot b: \Pi_{x: A} \cdot B}$ |
| $\left(\operatorname{conv}_{\beta}\right)$ | $\frac{\Gamma \vdash A: B \quad \Gamma \vdash B^{\prime}: s \quad B={ }_{\beta} B^{\prime}}{\Gamma \vdash A: B^{\prime}}$ |
| $\left(\right.$ app $\left._{\Pi}\right)$ | $\frac{\Gamma \vdash F: \Pi_{x: A} \cdot B \quad \Gamma \vdash a: A}{\Gamma \vdash F a: B[x:=a]}$ |

## 6 desirable properties of a type system with reduction $r$

- Types are correct (TC)

If $\Gamma \vdash A: B$ then $B \equiv \square$ or $\Gamma \vdash B: s$ for $s \in\{*, \square\}$.

- Subject reduction $(S R)$ If $\Gamma \vdash A: B$ and $A \rightarrow_{r} A^{\prime}$ then $\Gamma \vdash A^{\prime}: B$.
- Preservation of types (PT) If $\Gamma \vdash A: B$ and $B \rightarrow_{r} B^{\prime}$ then $\Gamma \vdash A: B^{\prime}$.
- Strong Normalisation $(S N)$ If $\Gamma \vdash A: B$ then $\mathrm{SN}_{\rightarrow_{r}}(A)$ and $\mathrm{SN}_{\rightarrow_{r}}(B)$.
- Subterms are typable (STT) If $A$ is $\vdash$-legal and if $C$ is a sub-term of $A$ then $C$ is $\stackrel{-l e g a l}{ }$.
- Unicity of types
- (UT1) If $\Gamma \vdash A_{1}: B_{1}$ and $\Gamma \vdash A_{2}: B_{2}$ and $\Gamma \vdash A_{1}={ }_{r} A_{2}$, then $\Gamma \vdash B_{1}={ }_{r} B_{2}$.
- (UT2) If $\Gamma \vdash B_{1}: s, B_{1}={ }_{r} B_{2}$ and $\Gamma \vdash A: B_{2}$ then $\Gamma \vdash B_{2}: s$.


## Typing Polymorphic identity needs $(\square, *)$

- $\frac{y: * \vdash y: * \quad y: *, x: y \vdash y: *}{y: * \vdash \Pi x: y . y: *}$ by (П) $(*, *)$
- $\frac{y: *, x: y \vdash x: y \quad y: * \vdash \Pi x: y \cdot y: *}{y: * \vdash \lambda x: y . x: \Pi x: y . y}$ by $(\lambda)$
- $\frac{\vdash *: \square \quad y: * \vdash \Pi x: y \cdot y: *}{\vdash \Pi y: * . \Pi x: y \cdot y: *}$ by ( $\quad$ ) by $(\square, *)$
- $\frac{y: * \vdash \lambda x: y . x: \Pi x: y . y \quad \vdash \Pi y: * . \Pi x: y . y: *}{\vdash \lambda y: * . \lambda x: y . x: \Pi y: * . \Pi x: y . y}$ by $(\lambda)$


## Which type systems can be extended with features needed for mathematics?

- There was a surge for explicit substitutions. Lots of work, lots of untied results, very scattered picture.
- There was a surge for different notions of reductions. Lots of work, lots of untied results, very scattered picture.
- Explicit contexts, intersection types, Church versus Curry typing, etc. Again, lots of work, lots of untied results, very scattered picture.
- And for each small extenion, an entire machinery needs to be built and proved and many questions remain unsolved.


## From the point of vue of ML

- ML is not based on all of system F (2nd order polymorphic $\lambda$-calculus).
- It was not known then if type checking and type finding are decidable in F.
- ML is based on a fragment of system $F$ for which it was known that type checking and type finding are decidable.
- 23 years later after the design of ML, Wells showed that type checking and type finding in system $F$ are undecidable.
- ML has polymorphism but not all the polymorphic power of system F.
- The question is, what system of functions and types does ML use?
- A clean answer can be given when we re-incorporate the low-level function notion used by Frege and Russell (and de Bruijn) and dismissed by Church.
- ML treats let val id $=(f n x \Rightarrow x)$ in (id id) end as this Cube term ( $\lambda i d:(\Pi \alpha: * . \alpha \rightarrow \alpha) . i d(\beta \rightarrow \beta)(i d \beta))(\lambda \alpha: * . \lambda x: \alpha . x)$
- To type this in the Cube, the $(\square, *)$ rule is needed (i.e., $\lambda 2$ ).
- ML's typing rules forbid this expression:
let val id $=(f n x \Rightarrow x)$ in (fn $y \Rightarrow y y)$ (id id) end Its equivalent Cube term is this well-formed typable term of $\lambda 2$ : ( $\lambda i d:(\Pi \alpha: *, \alpha \rightarrow \alpha)$.

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\begin{aligned}
& \quad(\lambda y:(\Pi \alpha: * \cdot \alpha \rightarrow \alpha) \cdot y(\beta \rightarrow \beta)(y \beta)) \\
& (\lambda \alpha: * \cdot i d(\alpha \rightarrow \alpha)(i d \alpha))) \\
& (\lambda \alpha: * \cdot \lambda x: \alpha \cdot x)
\end{aligned}
$$

- ML has limited access to the $\Pi$-formation rule $(\square, *)$.
- ML's type system is none of those of the eight systems of the Cube. [21] places the type system of ML (between $\lambda 2+\lambda \underline{\omega}$ ).


## LF

- $L F$ [16] is often described as $\lambda P$ of the Barendregt Cube. However, Use of $\Pi$-formation rule $(*, \square)$ is restricted in LF [14].
- We only need a type $\Pi x: A . B: \square$ when PAT is applied during construction of the type $\Pi \alpha$ :prop.* of the operator $\operatorname{Prf}$ where for a proposition $\Sigma, \operatorname{Prf}(\Sigma)$ is the type of proofs of $\Sigma$.

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\frac{\text { prop: } * \vdash \text { prop: } * \quad \text { prop: } *, \alpha: \text { prop } \vdash *: \square}{\text { prop: } * \vdash \Pi \alpha: \text { prop. } *: \square}
$$

- In LF, this is the only point where the $\Pi$-formation rule $(*, \square)$ is used. But, Prf is only used when applied to $\Sigma$ :prop. We never use Prf on its own.
- This use is in fact based on a parametric constant rather than on $\Pi$-formation.
- Hence, the practical use of LF would not be restricted if we present Prf in a parametric form, and use $(*, \square)$ as a parameter instead of a $\Pi$-formation rule.
- [21] precisely locate $L F($ between $\lambda \rightarrow$ and $\lambda P)$.


## Parameters: What and Why

- We speak about functions with parameters when referring to functions with variable values in the low-level approach. The $x$ in $f(x)$ is a parameter.
- Parameters enable the same expressive power as the high-level case, while allowing us to stay at a lower order. E.g. first-order with parameters versus second-order without [25].
- Desirable properties of the lower order theory (decidability, easiness of calculations, typability) can be maintained, without losing the flexibility of the higher-order aspects.
- This low-level approach is still worthwhile for many exact disciplines. In fact, both in logic and in computer science it has certainly not been wiped out, and for good reasons.


## Automath

- The first tool for mechanical representation and verification of mathematical proofs, Automath, has a parameter mechanism.
- Mathematical text in Automath written as a finite list of lines of the form:
$x_{1}: A_{1}, \ldots, x_{n}: A_{n} \vdash g\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{n}\right)=t: T$.
Here $g$ is a new name, an abbreviation for the expression $t$ of type $T$ and $x_{1}, \ldots, x_{n}$ are the parameters of $g$, with respective types $A_{1}, \ldots, A_{n}$.
- Each line introduces a new definition which is inherently parametrised by the variables occurring in the context needed for it.
- Developments of ordinary mathematical theory in Automath [2] revealed that this combined definition and parameter mechanism is vital for keeping proofs manageable and sufficiently readable for humans.


## Extending the Cube with parametric constants, see [21]

- We add parametric constants of the form $c\left(b_{1}, \ldots, b_{n}\right)$ with $b_{1}, \ldots, b_{n}$ terms of certain types and $c \in \mathcal{C}$.
- $b_{1}, \ldots, b_{n}$ are called the parameters of $c\left(b_{1}, \ldots, b_{n}\right)$.
- $\mathbf{R}$ allows several kinds of $\Pi$-constructs. We also use a set $\boldsymbol{P}$ of $\left(s_{1}, s_{2}\right)$ where $s_{1}, s_{2} \in\{*, \square\}$ to allow several kinds of parametric constants.
- $\left(s_{1}, s_{2}\right) \in \boldsymbol{P}$ means that we allow parametric constants $c\left(b_{1}, \ldots, b_{n}\right): A$ where $b_{1}, \ldots, b_{n}$ have types $B_{1}, \ldots, B_{n}$ of sort $s_{1}$, and $A$ is of type $s_{2}$.
- If both $\left(*, s_{2}\right) \in \boldsymbol{P}$ and $\left(\square, s_{2}\right) \in \boldsymbol{P}$ then combinations of parameters allowed. For example, it is allowed that $B_{1}$ has type $*$, whilst $B_{2}$ has type $\square$.


## The Cube with parametric constants

- Let $(*, *) \subseteq \mathbf{R}, \boldsymbol{P} \subseteq\{(*, *),(*, \square),(\square, *),(\square, \square)\}$.
- $\lambda \mathbf{R} \boldsymbol{P}=\lambda \mathbf{R}$ and the two rules ( $\overrightarrow{\mathbf{C}}$-weak) and ( $\overrightarrow{\mathbf{C}}$-app):

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\begin{gathered}
\frac{\Gamma \vdash b: B \quad \Gamma, \Delta_{i} \vdash B_{i}: s_{i} \quad \Gamma, \Delta \vdash A: s}{\Gamma, c(\Delta): A \vdash b: B}\left(s_{i}, s\right) \in \boldsymbol{P}, c \text { is } \Gamma \text {-fresh } \\
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\\
\begin{array}{ll}
\Gamma_{1}, c(\Delta): A, \Gamma_{2} \vdash \quad b_{i}: B_{i}\left[x_{j}:=b_{j}\right]_{j=1}^{i-1} & (i=1, \ldots, n) \\
\Gamma_{1}, c(\Delta): A, \Gamma_{2} \vdash A: s & (\text { if } n=0) \\
\Gamma_{1}, c(\Delta): A, \Gamma_{2} \vdash c\left(b_{1}, \ldots, b_{n}\right): A\left[x_{j}:=b_{j}\right]_{j=1}^{n}
\end{array}
\end{gathered}
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$\Delta \equiv x_{1}: B_{1}, \ldots, x_{n}: B_{n}$.
$\Delta_{i} \equiv x_{1}: B_{1}, \ldots, x_{i-1}: B_{i-1}$

## Properties of the Refined Cube

- (Correctness of types) If $\Gamma \vdash A: B$ then $(B \equiv \square$ or $\Gamma \vdash B$ : $S$ for some sort $S$ ).
- (Subject Reduction SR) If $\Gamma \vdash A: B$ and $A \rightarrow_{\beta} A^{\prime}$ then $\Gamma \vdash A^{\prime}: B$
- (Strong Normalisation) For all $\vdash$-legal terms $M$, we have $\mathrm{SN}_{\rightarrow_{\beta}}(M)$.
- Other properties such as Uniqueness of types and typability of subterms hold.
- $\lambda \mathbf{R} \boldsymbol{P}$ is the system which has $\Pi$-formation rules $\boldsymbol{R}$ and parameter rules $\boldsymbol{P}$.

The refined Barendregt Cube



## LF, ML, Aut-68, and Aut-QE in the refined Cube



## Logicians versus mathematicians: induction over numbers

- Logician uses ind: Ind as proof term for an application of the induction axiom. The type Ind can only be described in $\lambda \boldsymbol{R}$ where $\boldsymbol{R}=\{(*, *),(*, \square),(\square, *)\}$ :

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\begin{equation*}
\text { Ind }=\Pi p:(\mathbb{N} \rightarrow *) \cdot p 0 \rightarrow(\Pi n: \mathbb{N} . \Pi m: \mathbb{N} . p n \rightarrow S n m \rightarrow p m) \rightarrow \Pi n: \mathbb{N} . p n \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
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- Mathematician uses ind only with $P: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow *, Q: P 0$ and $R$ : $(\Pi n: \mathbb{N} . \Pi m: \mathbb{N} . P n \rightarrow S n m \rightarrow P m)$ to form a term $($ ind $P Q R):(\Pi n: \mathbb{N} . P n)$.
- The use of the induction axiom by the mathematician is better described by the parametric scheme ( $p, q$ and $r$ are the parameters of the scheme):

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\begin{equation*}
\operatorname{ind}(p: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow *, q: p 0, r:(\Pi n: \mathbb{N} . \Pi m: \mathbb{N} . p n \rightarrow S n m \rightarrow p m)): \Pi n: \mathbb{N} . p n \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
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- The logician's type Ind is not needed by the mathematician and the types that occur in 2 can all be constructed in $\lambda \boldsymbol{R}$ with $\boldsymbol{R}=\{(*, *)(*, \square)\}$.


## Logicians versus mathematicians: induction over numbers

- Mathematician applies the induction axiom and doesn't need to know the proof-theoretical backgrounds.
- A logician develops the induction axiom (or studies its properties).
- $(\square, *)$ is not needed by the mathematician. It is needed in logician's approach in order to form the $\Pi$-abstraction $\Pi p:(\mathbb{N} \rightarrow *) . \cdots)$.
- Consequently, the type system that is used to describe the mathematician's use of the induction axiom can be weaker than the one for the logician.
- Nevertheless, the parameter mechanism gives the mathematician limited (but for his purposes sufficient) access to the induction scheme.
- Parameters enable the same expressive power as the high-level case, while allowing us to stay at a lower order. E.g. first-order with parameters versus second-order without [25].
- Desirable properties of the lower order theory (decidability, easiness of calculations, typability) can be maintained, without losing the flexibility of the higher-order aspects.
- Parameters enable us to find an exact position of type systems in the generalised framework of type systems.
- Parameters describe the difference between developers and users of systems.


## Common features of modern types and functions

- Write $A \rightarrow A$ as $\Pi_{y: A} . A$ when $y$ not free in $A$.
- We can construct a type by abstraction. (Write $A: *$ for $A$ is a type)
- $\lambda_{y: A} . y$, the identity over $A$ has type $\Pi_{y: A}$.A, i.e. $A \rightarrow A$
- $\lambda_{A: *} \cdot \lambda_{y: A} \cdot y$, the polymorphic identity has type $\Pi_{A: *} \cdot A \rightarrow A$
- We can instantiate types. E.g., if $A=\mathbb{N}$, then the identity over $\mathbb{N}$
- $\left(\lambda_{A: *} \cdot \lambda_{y: A} \cdot y\right) \mathbb{N}$ has type $\left(\Pi_{A: *} \cdot A \rightarrow A\right) \mathbb{N}=(A \rightarrow A)[A:=\mathbb{N}]$ or $\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$.
- More clearly

Term $\quad \lambda_{y: A} \cdot y \quad \lambda_{A: *} \cdot \lambda_{y: A} \cdot y \quad\left(\lambda_{A: *} \cdot \lambda_{y: A} \cdot y\right) \mathbb{N}$
Type $\quad \Pi_{y: A} \cdot A \quad \Pi_{A: *} \cdot \Pi_{y: A} \cdot A \quad\left(\Pi_{A: *} \cdot \Pi_{y: A} \cdot A\right) \mathbb{N}$
shorthand $\quad A \rightarrow A \quad \Pi_{A: *} \cdot A \rightarrow A \quad\left(\Pi_{A: *} \cdot A \rightarrow A\right) \mathbb{N}$

- $(\lambda x: \alpha \cdot A) B \rightarrow_{\beta} A[x:=B] \quad(\Pi x: \alpha \cdot A) B \rightarrow_{\Pi} A[x:=B]$


## The $\pi$-cube: $R_{\pi}=R_{\beta} \backslash\left(\operatorname{conv}_{\beta}\right) \cup\left(\operatorname{conv}_{\beta \Pi}\right), \rightarrow_{\beta \Pi}$

- $(\lambda x: \alpha \cdot A) B \rightarrow_{\beta} A[x:=B]$
- $(\Pi x: \alpha . A) B \rightarrow_{\Pi} A[x:=B]$

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { (axiom) } \left.\quad \text { (start) (weak) (П) ( } \lambda \text { ) (app }{ }_{\Pi}\right) \\
& \left(\operatorname{conv}_{\beta \Pi}\right)
\end{aligned} \frac{\Gamma \vdash A: B \quad \Gamma \vdash B^{\prime}: s \quad B=\beta \Pi B^{\prime}}{\Gamma \vdash A: B^{\prime}}
$$

Lemma: $\Gamma \vdash_{\beta} A: B$ iff $\Gamma \vdash_{\pi} A: B$
Lemma: The $\beta$-cube and the $\pi$-cube satisfy the six properties that are desirable for type systems.

The $\pi_{i}$-cube: $R_{\pi_{i}}=R_{\pi} \backslash\left(\mathbf{a p p}_{\Pi}\right) \cup\left(\mathbf{i}-\mathbf{a p p}_{\Pi}\right), \rightarrow_{\beta \Pi}$

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\begin{array}{lc}
\left(\text { app }_{\Pi}\right) & \frac{\Gamma \vdash F: \Pi_{x: A} \cdot B \quad \Gamma \vdash a: A}{\Gamma \vdash F a: B[x:=a]} \\
\hline(\text { axiom }) & (\text { start })(\text { weak })(\Pi)(\lambda) \\
\left(\operatorname{conv}_{\beta \Pi}\right) & \frac{\Gamma \vdash A: B \quad \Gamma \vdash B^{\prime}: s \quad B={ }_{\beta \Pi} B^{\prime}}{\Gamma \vdash A: B^{\prime}} \\
\left(\text { i-app }_{\Pi}\right) & \frac{\Gamma \vdash F: \Pi_{x: A} \cdot B \quad \Gamma \vdash a: A}{\Gamma \vdash F a:\left(\Pi_{x: A} \cdot B\right) a} \\
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\end{array}
$$

Lemma:

- If $\Gamma \vdash_{\beta} A: B$ then $\Gamma \vdash_{\pi_{i}} A: B$.
- If $\Gamma \vdash_{\pi_{i}} A: B$ then $\Gamma \vdash_{\beta} A:[B]_{\Pi}$ where $[B]_{\Pi}$ is the $\Pi$-normal form of $B$.


## The $\pi_{i}$-cube

- The $\pi_{i}$-cube loses three of its six properties

Let $\Gamma=z: *, x: z$. We have that $\Gamma \vdash_{\pi_{i}}\left(\lambda_{y: z} \cdot y\right) x:\left(\Pi_{y: z} \cdot z\right) x$.

- We do not have TC $\left(\Pi_{y: z} . z\right) x \not \equiv \square$ and $\Gamma \nVdash_{i}\left(\Pi_{y: z} . z\right) x: s$.
- We do not have $S R\left(\lambda_{y: z} . y\right) x \rightarrow_{\beta} x$ but $\Gamma \not \pi_{i} x:\left(\Pi_{y: z} \cdot z\right) x$.
- We do not have UT2 $\vdash_{\pi_{i}} *: \square, *=\beta_{\beta}\left(\Pi_{z: * \cdot *}\right) \alpha, \alpha: * \vdash_{\pi_{i}}\left(\lambda_{z: *} \cdot *\right) \alpha:$ $\left(\Pi_{z: * \cdot *}\right) \alpha$ and $\forall_{\pi_{i}}\left(\Pi_{z: * \cdot *}\right) \alpha: \square$
- But we have:
- We have UT1
- We have STT
- We have PT
- We have SN
- We have a weak form of TC If $\Gamma \vdash_{\pi_{i}} A: B$ and $B$ does not have a $\Pi$-redex then either $B \equiv \square$ or $\Gamma \vdash_{\pi_{i}} B: s$.
- We have a weak form of $S R$ If $\Gamma \vdash_{\pi_{i}} A: B, B$ is not a $\Pi$-redex and $A \rightarrow_{\beta \Pi} A^{\prime}$ then $\Gamma \vdash_{\pi_{i}} A^{\prime}: B$.

The problem can be solved by re-incorporating Frege and Russell's notions of low level functions (which was lost in Church's notion of function)

$$
\begin{array}{lcc}
\text { (start-a) } & \frac{\Gamma \vdash A: s \quad \Gamma \vdash B: A}{\Gamma, x=B: A \vdash x: A} & x \notin \operatorname{DOM}(\Gamma) \\
\text { (weak-a) } & \frac{\Gamma \vdash A: B \quad \Gamma \vdash C: s \quad \Gamma \vdash D: C}{\Gamma, x=D: C \vdash A: B} & x \notin \operatorname{DOM}(\Gamma) \\
\hline
\end{array}
$$

Figure 1: Basic abbreviation rules $B A$

$$
(\operatorname{let} \backslash) \quad \frac{\Gamma, x=B: A \vdash C: D}{\overline{\Gamma \vdash(\backslash x: A \cdot C) B: D[x: \bar{B}: B]}}
$$

Figure 2: $\left(\operatorname{let}_{\backslash}\right)$ where $\backslash=\lambda$ or $\backslash=\Pi$

The $\beta_{a}$-cube: $R_{\beta_{a}}=R_{\beta}+\mathbf{B A}+\operatorname{let}_{\beta}, \rightarrow_{\beta}$

$$
\begin{array}{lcl}
\text { (axiom) } & \text { (start) }(\text { weak })(\Pi)(\lambda)\left(\text { app }_{\Pi}\right)\left(\text { conv }_{\beta}\right) & \\
\text { (start-a) } & \frac{\Gamma \vdash A: s \Gamma \vdash B: A}{\Gamma, x=B: A \vdash x: A} & x \notin \operatorname{DOM}(\Gamma) \\
\text { (weak-a) } & \frac{\Gamma \vdash A: B \Gamma \vdash C: s \Gamma \vdash D: C}{\Gamma, x=D: C \vdash A: B} & x \notin \operatorname{DOM}(\Gamma) \\
\left(\operatorname{let}_{\beta}\right) & \frac{\Gamma, x=B: A \vdash C: D}{\Gamma \vdash\left(\lambda_{x: A} \cdot C\right) B: D[x:=B]} &
\end{array}
$$

Lemma: The $\beta_{a}$-cube satisfies the desirable properties except for typability of subterms.
If $A$ is $\vdash$-legal and $B$ is a subterm of $A$ such that every bachelor $\lambda_{x: D}$ in $B$ is also bachelor in $A$, then $B$ is $\vdash$-legal.

The $\pi_{a}$-cube: $R_{\pi_{a}}=R_{\pi}+\mathbf{B A}+$ let $_{\beta}+$ let $_{\Pi}, \rightarrow_{\beta \Pi}$

$$
\begin{array}{lcl}
\text { (axiom) } & \text { (start) }(\text { weak })(\Pi)(\lambda)\left(\text { app }_{\Pi}\right)\left(\operatorname{conv}_{\beta \Pi}\right) \\
\text { (start-a) } & \frac{\Gamma \vdash A: s \Gamma \vdash B: A}{\Gamma, x=B: A \vdash x: A} & x \notin \operatorname{DOM}(\Gamma) \\
(\text { weak-a) } & \frac{\Gamma \vdash A: B \quad \Gamma \vdash C: s \Gamma \vdash D: C}{\Gamma, x=D: C \vdash A: B} & x \notin \operatorname{DOM}(\Gamma) \\
\left(\text { let }_{\beta}\right) & \frac{\Gamma, x=B: A \vdash C: D}{\Gamma \vdash\left(\lambda_{x: A} \cdot C\right) B: D[x:=B]} \\
\left(\text { let }_{\Pi}\right) & \frac{\Gamma, x=B: A \vdash C: D}{\Gamma \vdash\left(\Pi_{x: A} \cdot C\right) B: D[x:=B]} &
\end{array}
$$

Lemma: The $\pi_{a}$-cube satisfies the same properties as the $\beta_{a}$.

## The $\pi_{a i}$-cube: $R_{\pi_{a i}}=R_{\pi_{a}} \backslash \mathbf{a p p}_{\Pi}+\mathbf{i}$-app ${ }_{\Pi}, \rightarrow \beta \Pi$

Let $\Gamma=z: *, x: z$. We have that $\Gamma \vdash_{\pi_{a i}}\left(\lambda_{y: z} \cdot y\right) x:\left(\Pi_{y: z} \cdot z\right) x$.

- We NOW have TC although $\Gamma \nvdash \pi_{i}\left(\Pi_{y: z} \cdot z\right) x: s$, we have $\Gamma \vdash_{\pi_{a i}}\left(\Pi_{y: z} \cdot z\right) x: s$

By (weak-a) $z: *, x: z, y=x: z \vdash_{\pi_{a i}} z: *$.
Hence by $\left(\operatorname{let}_{\Pi}\right) z: *, x: z \vdash_{\pi_{a i}}\left(\Pi_{y: z} \cdot z\right) x: *[y:=x] \equiv *$.

- We NOW have $S R\left(\lambda_{y: z} \cdot y\right) x \rightarrow_{\beta \Pi} x$.

Although $\Gamma \nvdash_{i} x:\left(\Pi_{y: z} \cdot z\right) x$, we have $\Gamma \vdash_{\pi_{a i}} x:\left(\Pi_{y: z} \cdot z\right) x$
Since $z: *, x: z \vdash_{\pi_{a i}} x: z$, and $z: *, x: z \vdash_{\pi_{a i}}\left(\Pi_{y: z} \cdot z\right) x: *$ and $z: *, x: z \Vdash z={ }_{\beta \Pi}\left(\Pi_{y: z} \cdot z\right) x$, we use $\left(\operatorname{conv}_{\beta \Pi}\right)$ to get:
$z: *, x: z \vdash_{\pi_{a i}} x:\left(\Pi_{y: z} \cdot z\right) x$.

## Identifying $\lambda$ and $\Pi$ (see [23])

- In the cube, the syntax for terms (functions) and types was intermixed with the only distinction being $\lambda$ - versus $\Pi$-abstraction.
- We unify the two abstractions into one. $\mathcal{T}_{b}::=\mathcal{V}|S| \mathcal{T}_{b} \mathcal{T}_{b} \mid b \mathcal{V}: \mathcal{T}_{b} \cdot \mathcal{T}_{b}$
- $\mathcal{V}$ is a set of variables and $S=\{*, \square\}$.
- The $\beta$-reduction rule becomes (b)

$$
\left(b_{x: A} \cdot B\right) C \rightarrow_{b} B[x:=C] .
$$

- Now we also have the old $\Pi$-reduction $\left(\Pi_{x: A} \cdot B\right) C \rightarrow_{\Pi} B[x:=C]$ which treats type instantiation like function instantiation.
- The type formation rule becomes

$$
\left(b_{1}\right) \frac{\Gamma \vdash A: s_{1} \quad \Gamma, x: A \vdash B: s_{2}}{\Gamma \vdash(b x: A \cdot B): s_{2}}\left(s_{1}, s_{2}\right) \in \boldsymbol{R}
$$

$$
\begin{array}{lc}
\text { (axiom) } & \rangle \vdash *: \square \\
\text { (start) } & \frac{\Gamma \vdash A: s}{\Gamma, x: A \vdash x: A} x \notin \mathrm{DOM}(\Gamma) \\
\text { (weak) } & \frac{\Gamma \vdash A: B \quad \Gamma \vdash C: s}{\Gamma, x: C \vdash A: B} x \notin \operatorname{DOM}(\Gamma) \\
\left(b_{2}\right) & \frac{\Gamma, x: A \vdash b: B \quad \Gamma \vdash(b x: A . B): s}{\Gamma \vdash(b x: A . b):(b x: A . B)} \\
\text { (appb) } & \frac{\Gamma \vdash F:(b x: A . B) \quad \Gamma \vdash a: A}{\Gamma \vdash F a: B[x:=a]} \\
\text { (conv) } & \frac{\Gamma \vdash A: B \quad \Gamma \vdash B^{\prime}: s}{\Gamma \vdash A: B^{\prime}}
\end{array}
$$

## Consequences of unifying $\lambda$ and $\Pi$

- A term can have many distinct types. E.g., in $\lambda \mathrm{P}$ we have:

$$
\alpha: * \vdash_{\beta}(\lambda x: \alpha . \alpha):(\Pi x: \alpha . *) \quad \text { and } \quad \alpha: * \vdash_{\beta}(\Pi x: \alpha . \alpha): *
$$

which, when we give up the difference between $\lambda$ and $\Pi$, result in:
$-\alpha: * \vdash_{\beta}[x: \alpha] \alpha:[x: \alpha] * \quad$ and

- $\alpha: * \vdash_{\beta}[x: \alpha] \alpha: *$
- More generally, in AUT-QE we have the dervived rule:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{\Gamma \vdash_{\beta}\left[x_{1}: A_{1}\right] \cdots\left[x_{n}: A_{n}\right] B:\left[x_{1}: A_{1}\right] \cdots\left[x_{n}: A_{n}\right] *}{\Gamma \vdash_{\beta}\left[x_{1}: A_{1}\right] \cdots\left[x_{n}: A_{n}\right] B:\left[x_{1}: A_{1}\right] \cdots\left[x_{m}: A_{m}\right] *} \quad 0 \leq m \leq n \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

This derived rule (3) has the following equivalent derived rule in $\lambda \mathrm{P}$ (and hence in the higher systmes like $\lambda P \omega$ ):

$$
\frac{\Gamma \vdash_{\beta} \lambda x_{1}: A_{1} \cdots \lambda x_{n}: A_{n} \cdot B: \Pi x_{1}: A_{1} \cdots \Pi x_{n}: A_{n} \cdot * \quad 0 \leq m \leq n}{\Gamma \vdash_{\beta} \lambda x_{1}: A_{1} \cdots \lambda x_{m}: A_{m} \cdot \Pi x_{m+1}: A_{m+1} \cdots \Pi x_{n}: A_{n} \cdot B: \Pi x_{1}: A_{1} \cdots \Pi x_{m}: A_{m} \cdot *}
$$

However, Aut-QE goes further and generalises (3) to a rule of type inclusion:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{\Gamma \vdash_{\beta} M:\left[x_{1}: A_{1}\right] \cdots\left[x_{n}: A_{n}\right] *}{\Gamma \vdash_{\beta} M:\left[x_{1}: A_{1}\right] \cdots\left[x_{m}: A_{m}\right] *} \quad 0 \leq m \leq n \tag{Q}
\end{equation*}
$$

## The $\beta_{Q}$-cube $=\beta$-cube $+\left(\mathbf{Q}_{\beta}\right)$

- Lemma:
- The $\beta_{Q}$-cube enjoys all the properties of the cube except the unicity of types.
- Rule $Q_{\beta}$ and rule $(s, \square)$ for $s \in\{*, \square\}$ imply rule ( $s, *$ ).

This means that the type systems $\lambda_{Q} \underline{\omega}$ and $\lambda_{Q} \omega$ are equal, and that $\lambda_{Q} P \underline{\omega}$ and $\lambda_{Q} P \omega$ are equal as well.

- Unicity of types fails for the $\beta_{Q}$-cube. Take: $A: *, x: \Pi_{y: A} . * \vdash x: \Pi_{y: A} * *$ and hence by $\mathrm{Q}_{\beta}, A: *, x: \Pi_{y: A \cdot *} \vdash x: *$.

| Cubes |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\beta$ | $\rightarrow \beta$ | BT | $\operatorname{conv}_{\beta}$ | app |  |  |  |  |
| $\pi$ | $\rightarrow \beta \Pi$ | BT | $\operatorname{conv}_{\beta}$ П | app |  |  |  |  |
| $\beta_{a}$ | $\rightarrow \beta$ | BT | $\operatorname{conv}_{\beta}$ | app | BA | let $_{\lambda}$ |  |  |
| $\pi_{a}$ | $\rightarrow \beta \Pi$ | BT | $\operatorname{conv}_{\beta}$ П | app | BA | ${ }_{\text {let }}^{\lambda}$ | ${ }^{\text {let }} \Pi$ |  |
| $\pi_{i}$ | $\rightarrow \beta \Pi$ | BT | $\operatorname{conv}_{\beta \Pi}$ | i-app |  |  |  |  |
| $\pi_{a i}$ | $\rightarrow \beta$ П | BT | $\operatorname{conv}_{\beta}$ П | i-app | BA | ${ }_{\text {let }}^{\lambda}$ | $\mathrm{let}_{\Pi}$ |  |
| $\beta_{Q}$ | $\rightarrow \beta$ | BT | $\operatorname{conv}_{\beta}$ | app |  |  |  | Q |
| $\pi_{i Q}$ | $\rightarrow \beta \Pi$ | BT | $\operatorname{conv}_{\beta}$ П | i-app |  |  |  | Q |
| $\beta_{a Q}$ | $\rightarrow \beta$ | BT | $\operatorname{conv}_{\beta}$ | app | BA | ${ }_{\text {let }}^{\lambda}$ |  | Q |
| $\pi_{a i Q}$ | $\rightarrow \beta \Pi$ | BT | $\operatorname{conv}_{\beta \Pi}$ | i-app | BA | ${ }_{\text {let }}^{\lambda}$ | $\operatorname{let}_{\Pi}$ | Q |
| $\pi_{Q}$ | $\rightarrow \beta \Pi$ | BT | $\operatorname{conv}_{\beta}$ П | app |  |  |  | Q |
| $\pi_{a Q}$ | $\rightarrow \beta$ П | BT | $\operatorname{conv}_{\beta \text { П }}$ | app | BA | ${ }^{\text {let }} \lambda$ | $\operatorname{let}_{\Pi}$ | Q |
| $c \pi$ | $\rightarrow \beta \Pi$ | $\mathrm{BT}_{c}$ |  | appc |  |  |  |  |
| $c \pi_{a}$ | $\rightarrow \beta \Pi$ | $\mathrm{BT}_{c}$ |  | appc | $\mathrm{BA}_{c}$ | ${ }_{\text {letc }}^{\lambda}$ | ${ }_{\text {letc }}$ п |  |
| $c \pi_{Q}$ | $\rightarrow \beta \Pi$ | $\mathrm{BT}_{c}$ |  | appc |  |  |  | Qc |
| $c \pi_{a Q}$ | $\rightarrow \beta \Pi$ | $\mathrm{BT}_{c}$ |  | appc | $\mathrm{BA}_{c}$ | ${ }_{\text {letc }}^{\lambda}$ | letc $\Pi$ | Qc |

Figure 3: Canonical and Non Canonical Type Systems

## Type and function systems using de Bruijn indices and/or

 different notations
de Bruijn's Notation

$$
\langle a\rangle \frac{\langle c\rangle[y]}{\downarrow_{\beta}}[z]\langle d\rangle z
$$

$$
\begin{gathered}
\frac{\langle a\rangle[z]}{\downarrow_{\beta}}\langle d\rangle z \\
\langle d\rangle a
\end{gathered}
$$

- Also, PTSs with de Bruijn indices.
- Also, PTSs with Curry style typing.
- PTSs with intersection types.


## Common Mathematical Language of mathematicians: CML

+ CmL is expressive: it has linguistic categories like proofs and theorems.
+ Cml has been refined by intensive use and is rooted in long traditions.
+ CmL is approved by most mathematicians as a communication medium.
+ CmL accommodates many branches of mathematics, and is adaptable to new ones.
- Since CmL is based on natural language, it is informal and ambiguous.
- CmL is incomplete: Much is left implicit, appealing to the reader's intuition.
- Cml is poorly organised: In a CmL text, many structural aspects are omitted.
- CmL is automation-unfriendly: A CmL text is a plain text and cannot be easily automated.


## A Cml-text

From chapter 1, § 2 of E. Landau's Foundations of Analysis (Landau 1930, 1951).
Theorem 6. [Commutative Law of Addition]

$$
x+y=y+x
$$

Proof Fix $y$, and let $\mathfrak{M}$ be the set of all $x$ for which the assertion holds.
I) We have

$$
y+1=y^{\prime}
$$

and furthermore, by the construction in the proof of Theorem 4,

$$
1+y=y^{\prime}
$$

so that

$$
1+y=y+1
$$

and 1 belongs to $\mathfrak{M}$.
II) If $x$ belongs to $\mathfrak{M}$, then

$$
x+y=y+x
$$

Therefore

$$
(x+y)^{\prime}=(y+x)^{\prime}=y+x^{\prime} .
$$

By the construction in the proof of Theorem 4, we have

$$
x^{\prime}+y=(x+y)^{\prime},
$$

hence

$$
x^{\prime}+y=y+x^{\prime}
$$

so that $x^{\prime}$ belongs to $\mathfrak{M}$. The assertion therefore holds for all $x$.

## The problem with formal logic

- No logical language is an alternative to CmL
- A logical language does not have mathematico-linguistic categories, is not universal to all mathematicians, and is not a good communication medium.
- Logical languages make fixed choices (first versus higher order, predicative versus impredicative, constructive versus classical, types or sets, etc.). But different parts of mathematics need different choices and there is no universal agreement as to which is the best formalism.
- A logician reformulates in logic their formalization of a mathematical-text as a formal, complete text which is structured considerably unlike the original, and is of little use to the ordinary mathematician.
- Mathematicians do not want to use formal logic and have for centuries done mathematics without it.
- So, mathematicians kept to CmL.
- We would like to find an alternative to CmL which avoids some of the features of the logical languages which made them unattractive to mathematicians.


## What are the options for computerization?

Computers can handle mathematical text at various levels:

- Images of pages may be stored. While useful, this is not a good representation of language or knowledge.
- Typesetting systems like LaTeX, TeXmacs, can be used.
- Document representations like OpenMath, OMDoc, MathML, can be used.
- Formal logics used by theorem provers (Coq, Isabelle, HOL, Mizar, Isar, Theorema, etc.) can be used.

I will briefly describe our experience at developing a system named Mathlang which aimed to bridge the latter 3 levels.

## The issues with typesetting systems

+ A system like LaTeX, TeXmacs, provides good defaults for visual appearance, while allowing fine control when needed.
+ LaTeX and TeXmacs support commonly needed document structures, while allowing custom structures to be created.
- Unless the mathematician is amazingly disciplined, the logical structure of symbolic formulas is not represented at all.
- The logical structure of mathematics as embedded in natural language text is not represented. Automated discovery of the semantics of natural language text is still too primitive and requires human oversight.

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            draft documents
            public documents
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## ATEX example

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\begin{theorem}[Commutative Law of Addition] \label{theorem:6}
    $$x+y=y+x.$$
\end {theorem}
\begin{proof}
    Fix $y$, and $\mathfrak{M}$ be the set of all $x$ for which
    the assertion holds.
    \begin{enumerate}
    \item We have $$y+1=y',$$
        and furthermore, by the construction in
        the proof of Theorem~\ref{theorem:4}, $$1+y=y',$$
        so that $$1+y=y+1$$
        and $1$ belongs to $\mathfrak{M}$.
    \item If $x$ belongs to $\mathfrak{M}$, then $$x+y=y+x,$$
        Therefore $$(x+y)'=(y+x)'=y+x'.$$
        By the construction in the proof of
        Theorem~\ref{theorem:4}, we have $$x'+y=(x+y)',$$
        hence $$x'+y=y+x',$$
        so that $x'$ belongs to $\mathfrak{M}$.
    \end{enumerate}
    The assertion therefore holds for all $x$.
\end{proof}
```


## Full formalization difficulties: choices

A CmL-text is structured differently from a fully formalized text proving the same facts. Making the latter involves extensive knowledge and many choices:

- The choice of the underlying logical system.
- The choice of how concepts are implemented (equational reasoning, equivalences and classes, partial functions, induction, etc.).
- The choice of the formal foundation: a type theory (dependent?), a set theory (ZF? FM?), a category theory? etc.
- The choice of the proof checker: Automath, Isabelle, Coq, PVS, Mizar, HOL,

An issue is that one must in general commit to one set of choices.

## Full formalization difficulties: informality

Any informal reasoning in a CML-text will cause various problems when fully formalizing it:

- A single (big) step may need to expand into a (series of) syntactic proof expressions. Very long expressions can replace a clear CmL-text.
- The entire CmL-text may need reformulation in a fully complete syntactic formalism where every detail is spelled out. New details may need to be woven throughout the entire text. The text may need to be turned inside out.
- Reasoning may be obscured by proof tactics, whose meaning is often ad hoc and implementation-dependent.

Regardless, ordinary mathematicians do not find the new text useful.

## draft documents <br> Coq example public documents computations and proofs

From Module Arith.Plus of Coq standard library (http://coq.inria.fr/). Lemma plus_sym: ( $n, m: n a t)(n+m)=(m+n)$.

Proof.

Intros n m ; Elim n ; Simpl_rew ; Auto with arith.

Intros y H ; Elim (plus_n_-Sm m y) ; Simpl_rew ; Auto with arith.

Qed.

## Mathlang's Goal: Open borders between mathematics, logic and computation

- Ordinary mathematicians avoid formal mathematical logic.
- Ordinary mathematicians avoid proof checking (via a computer).
- Ordinary mathematicians may use a computer for computation: there are over 1 million people who use Mathematica (including linguists, engineers, etc.).
- Mathematicians may also use other computer forms like Maple, LaTeX, etc.
- But we are not interested in only libraries or computation or text editing.
- We want freedeom of movement between mathematics, logic and computation.
- At every stage, we must have the choice of the level of formalilty and the depth of computation.


## Aim for Mathlang? (Kamareddine and Wells 2001, 2002)

Can we formalise a mathematical text, avoiding as much as possible the ambiguities of natural language, while still guaranteeing the following four goals?

1. The formalised text looks very much like the original mathematical text (and hence the content of the original mathematical text is respected).
2. The formalised text can be fully manipulated and searched in ways that respect its mathematical structure and meaning.
3. Steps can be made to do computation (via computer algebra systems) and proof checking (via proof checkers) on the formalised text.
4. This formalisation of text is not much harder for the ordinary mathematician than ATEX. Full formalization down to a foundation of mathematics is not required, although allowing and supporting this is one goal.
(No theorem prover's language satisfies these goals.)

## draft documents

 public documents computations and proofs- A Mathlang text captures the grammatical and reasoning aspects of mathematical structure for further computer manipulation.
- A weak type system checks Mathlang documents at a grammatical level.
- A Mathlang text remains close to its CmL original, allowing confidence that the Cml has been captured correctly.
- We have been developing ways to weave natural language text into Mathlang.
- Mathlang aims to eventually support all encoding uses.
- The Cml view of a Mathlang text should match the mathematician's intentions.
- The formal structure should be suitable for various automated uses.


## Example of a MathLang Path



## What is CGa?

- CGa is a formal language derived from MV (N.G. de Bruijn 1987) and WTT (Kamareddine and Nederpelt 2004) which aims at expliciting the grammatical role played by the elements of a CML text.
- The structures and common concepts used in CML are captured by CGa with a finite set of grammatical/linguistic/syntactic categories: Term " $\sqrt{2}$ ", set " $\mathbb{Q}$ ", noun "number", adjective "even", statement " $a=b$ ", declaration "Let $a$ be a number", definition "An even number is..", step " $a$ is odd, hence $a \neq 0$ ", context "Assume $a$ is even".

| term | set | noun | adjective | statement | declaration |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| step | context |  |  |  |  |

- Generally, each syntactic category has a corresponding weak type.
- CGa's type system derives typing judgments to check whether the reasoning parts of a document are coherently built.


## Weak Type Theory

In Weak Type Theory (or WTT) we have the following linguistic categories:

- On the atomic level: variables, constants and binders,
- On the phrase level: terms $\mathcal{T}$, sets $\mathbb{S}$, nouns $\mathcal{N}$ and adjectives $\mathcal{A}$,
- On the sentence level: statements $P$ and definitions $\mathcal{D}$,
- On the discourse level: contexts $\mathbb{I}$, lines $\mathbf{l}$ and books $\mathbf{B}$.


## Categories of syntax of WTT

| Other category | abstract syntax | symbol |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| expressions | $\mathcal{E}=T\|\mathbb{S}\| \mathcal{N} \mid P$ | $E$ |
| parameters | $\mathcal{P}=T\|\mathbb{S}\| P \quad$ (note: $\overrightarrow{\mathcal{P}}$ is a list of $\mathcal{P}$ s) | $P$ |
| typings | $\mathbf{T}=\mathbb{S}:$ SET $\mid \mathcal{S}:$ STAT $\|T: \mathbb{S}\| T: \mathcal{N} \mid T: \mathcal{A}$ | $T$ |
| declarations | $\mathcal{Z}=\mathrm{v}^{S}:$ SET $\mid \mathrm{v}^{P}:$ STAT $\left\|\mathrm{V}^{T}: \mathbb{S}\right\| \mathrm{V}^{T}: \mathcal{N}$ | $Z$ |

Main categories of syntax of WTT

| level | category | abstract syntax | symbol |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| atomic | variables constants binders | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{V}=\mathrm{V}^{T}\left\|\mathrm{~V}^{S}\right\| \mathrm{V}^{P} \\ & \mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C}^{T}\left\|\mathrm{C}^{S}\right\| \mathrm{C}^{N}\left\|\mathrm{C}^{A}\right\| \mathrm{C}^{P} \\ & \mathrm{~B}=\mathrm{B}^{T}\left\|\mathrm{~B}^{S}\right\| \mathrm{B}^{N}\left\|\mathrm{~B}^{A}\right\| \mathrm{B}^{P} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & x \\ & c \\ & b \end{aligned}$ |
| phrase | terms <br> sets <br> nouns <br> adjectives | $\begin{aligned} & T=\mathrm{C}^{T}(\overrightarrow{\mathcal{P}})\left\|\mathrm{B}_{\mathcal{Z}}^{T}(\mathcal{E})\right\| \mathrm{V}^{T} \\ & \mathbb{S}=\mathrm{C}^{S}(\overrightarrow{\mathcal{P}})\left\|\mathrm{B}_{\mathcal{Z}}^{S}(\mathcal{E})\right\| \mathrm{V}^{S} \\ & \mathcal{N}=\mathrm{C}^{N}(\overrightarrow{\mathcal{P}})\left\|\mathrm{B}_{\mathcal{Z}}^{N}(\mathcal{E})\right\| \mathcal{A N} \\ & \mathcal{A}=\mathrm{C}^{A}(\overrightarrow{\mathcal{P}}) \mid \mathrm{B}_{\mathcal{Z}}^{A}(\mathcal{E}) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} t \\ s \\ n \\ a \end{gathered}$ |
| sentence | statements <br> definitions | $\begin{aligned} & P=\mathrm{C}^{P}(\overrightarrow{\mathcal{P}})\left\|\mathrm{B}_{\mathcal{Z}}^{P}(\mathcal{E})\right\| \mathrm{V}^{P} \\ & \mathcal{D}=\mathcal{D}^{\varphi} \mid \mathcal{D}^{P} \\ & \mathcal{D}^{\varphi}=\mathrm{C}^{T}(\vec{V}):=T\left\|\mathrm{C}^{S}(\vec{V}):=\mathbb{S}\right\| \\ & \quad \mathrm{C}^{N}(\vec{V}):=\mathcal{N} \mid \mathrm{C}^{A}(\vec{V}):=\mathcal{A} \\ & \mathcal{D}^{P}=\mathrm{C}^{P}(\vec{V}):=P \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & S \\ & D \end{aligned}$ |
| discourse | contexts <br> lines <br> books | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{II}=\emptyset\|\mathbf{I I}, \mathcal{Z}\| \mathbf{I I}, P \\ & \mathbf{l}=\mathbb{I} \triangleright P \mid \boldsymbol{I I} \triangleright \mathcal{D} \\ & \mathbf{B}=\emptyset \mid \mathbf{B} \circ \mathbf{l} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \Gamma \\ l \\ B \end{gathered}$ |

## Derivation rules

(1) $B$ is a weakly well-typed book: $\vdash B$ :: book.
(2) $\Gamma$ is a weakly well-typed context relative to book $B: B \vdash \Gamma$ :: cont.
(3) $t$ is a weakly well-typed term, etc., relative to book $B$ and context $\Gamma$ :

$$
\begin{array}{lll}
B ; \Gamma \vdash t:: T, & B ; \Gamma \vdash s:: S, & \\
B ; \Gamma \vdash n:: N, \\
B ; \Gamma \vdash a:: A, & B ; \Gamma \vdash p:: P, & B ; \Gamma \vdash d:: D
\end{array}
$$

$O K(B ; \Gamma)$. stands for: $\vdash B$ :: book, and $B \vdash \Gamma$ :: cont

## Examples of derivation rules

- $\operatorname{dvar}(\emptyset)=\emptyset \quad \operatorname{dvar}\left(\Gamma^{\prime}, x: W\right)=\operatorname{dvar}\left(\Gamma^{\prime}\right), x \quad \operatorname{dvar}\left(\Gamma^{\prime}, P\right)=\operatorname{dvar}\left(\Gamma^{\prime}\right)$

$$
\begin{gathered}
\frac{O K(B ; \Gamma), \quad x \in \mathrm{~V}^{\mathrm{T} / \mathrm{s} / \mathrm{P},} \quad x \in \operatorname{dvar}(\Gamma)}{B ; \Gamma \vdash x:: T / S / P} \quad(\text { var }) \\
\frac{B ; \Gamma \vdash n:: N, B ; \Gamma \vdash a:: A}{B ; \Gamma \vdash \text { an }:: N} \quad(\text { adj-noun }) \\
\frac{\vdash \emptyset:: \text { book }}{} \begin{array}{c}
\vdash(e m p-b o o k) \\
\frac{B ; \Gamma \vdash p:: P}{\vdash B \circ \Gamma \triangleright p:: \text { book }} \quad \frac{B ; \Gamma \vdash d:: D}{\vdash B \circ \Gamma \triangleright d:: \text { book }} \quad(\text { book-ext })
\end{array}
\end{gathered}
$$

## Properties of WTT

- Every variable is declared If $B ; \Gamma \vdash \Phi:: \mathbf{W}$ then $F V(\Phi) \subseteq \operatorname{dvar}(\Gamma)$.
- Correct subcontexts If $B \vdash \Gamma::$ cont and $\Gamma^{\prime} \subseteq \Gamma$ then $B \vdash \Gamma^{\prime}:$ : cont.
- Correct subbooks If $\vdash B$ :: book and $B^{\prime} \subseteq B$ then $\vdash B^{\prime}$ :: book.
- Free constants are either declared in book or in contexts If $B ; \Gamma \vdash \Phi:: \mathbf{W}$, then $F C(\Phi) \subseteq$ prefcons $(B) \cup$ defcons $(B)$.
- Types are unique If $B ; \Gamma \vdash A:: \mathbf{W}_{\mathbf{1}}$ and $B ; \Gamma \vdash A:: \mathbf{W}_{\mathbf{2}}$, then $\mathbf{W}_{\mathbf{1}} \equiv \mathbf{W}_{\mathbf{2}}$.
- Weak type checking is decidable there is a decision procedure for the question $B ; \Gamma \vdash \Phi:: \mathbf{W}$ ?
- Weak typability is computable there is a procedure deciding whether an answer exists for $B ; \Gamma \vdash \Phi::$ ? and if so, delivering the answer.


## Definition unfolding

- Let $\vdash B$ :: book and $\Gamma \triangleright c\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{n}\right):=\Phi$ a line in $B$.
- We write $B \vdash c\left(P_{1}, \ldots, P_{n}\right) \xrightarrow{\delta} \Phi\left[x_{i}:=P_{i}\right]$.
- Church-Rosser If $B \vdash \Phi \xrightarrow{\delta} \Phi_{1}$ and $B \vdash \Phi \xrightarrow{\delta} \Phi_{2}$ then there exists $\Phi_{3}$ such that $B \vdash \Phi_{1} \xrightarrow{\delta} \Phi_{3}$ andf $B \vdash \Phi_{2} \xrightarrow{\delta} \Phi_{3}$.
- Strong Normalisation Let $\vdash B$ :: book. For all subformulas $\Psi$ occurring in $B$, relation $\xrightarrow{\delta}$ is strongly normalizing (i.e., definition unfolding inside a well-typed book is a well-founded procedure).


## CGa Weak Type Checking


then

$$
x+y=y+x
$$

CGa Weak Type checking detects grammatical errors



## What is TSa?

- TSa builds the bridge between a CML text and its grammatical interpretation and adjoins to each CGa expression a string of words and/or symbols which aims to act as its CML representation.
- TSa plays the role of a user interface
- TSa can flexibly represent natural language mathematics.
- The author wraps the natural language text with boxes representing the grammatical categories (as we saw before).
- The author can also give interpretations to the parts of the text.


## Rewrite rules enable natural language representation

Take the example $0+a 0=a 0=a(0+0)=a 0+a 0$



Figure 4: Example for a simple shared souring

## reordering/position Souring




Figure 5: Example for a position souring

## map souring



This is expanded to




## What is DRa?

- DRa Document Rhetorical structure aspect.
- Structural components of a document like chapter, section, subsection, etc.
- Mathematical components of a document like theorem, corollary, definition, proof, etc.
- Relations between above components.
- These enhance readability, and ease the navigation of a document.
- Also, these help to go into more formal versions of the document.


## Relations

| Description |
| :--- |
| Instances of the StructuralRhetoricalRole class: <br> preamble, part, chapter, section, paragraph, etc. |
| Instances of the MathematicalRhetoricalRole class: <br> lemma, corollary, theorem, conjecture, definition, axiom, claim, <br> proposition, assertion, proof, exercise, example, problem, solution, etc. <br> Relation <br> Types of relations: <br> relatesTo, uses, justifies, subpartOf, inconsistentWith, exemplifies |

## What does the mathematician do?

- The mathematician wraps into boxes and uniquely names chunks of text
- The mathematician assigns to each box the structural and/or mathematical rhetorical roles
- The mathematician indicates the relations between wrapped chunks of texts

Lemma 1. For $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ one has: $m^{2}=2 n^{2} \Longrightarrow m=n=0$.
Define on $\mathbb{N}$ the predicate:

$$
P(m) \Longleftrightarrow \exists n \cdot m^{2}=2 n^{2} \& m>0
$$

Claim. $P(m) \Longrightarrow \exists m^{\prime}<m . P\left(m^{\prime}\right)$. Indeed suppose $m^{2}=2 n^{2}$ and $m>0$. It follows that $m^{2}$ is even, but then $m$ must be even, as odds square to odds. So $m=2 k$ and we have

$$
2 n^{2}=m^{2}=4 k^{2} \Longrightarrow n^{2}=2 k^{2}
$$

Since $m>0$, if follows that $m^{2}>0, n^{2}>0$ and $n>0$. Therefore $P(n)$. Moreover, $m^{2}=n^{2}+n^{2}>n^{2}$, so $m^{2}>n^{2}$ and hence $m>n$. So we can take $m^{\prime}=n$.

By the claim $\forall m \in \mathbb{N}$. $\neg P(m)$, since there are no infinite descending sequences of natural numbers.
Now suppose $m^{2}=2 n^{2}$ with $m \neq 0$. Then $m>0$ and hence $P(m)$. Contradiction. Therefore $m=0$. But then also $n=0$.
Corollary 1. $\sqrt{2} \notin \mathbb{Q}$.
Suppose $\sqrt{2} \in \mathbb{Q}$, i.e. $\sqrt{2}=p / q$ with $p \in \mathbb{Z}, q \in \mathbb{Z}-\{0\}$. Then $\sqrt{2}=m / n$ with $m=|p|, n=|q| \neq 0$. It follows that $m^{2}=2 n^{2}$. But then $n=0$ by the lemma. Contradiction shows that $\sqrt{2} \notin \mathbb{Q}$.

## Lemma 1.

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For m,n\in\mathbb{N}\mathrm{ one has: }\mp@subsup{m}{}{2}=2\mp@subsup{n}{}{2}\quad\mathbf{A}}n=n=
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## Proof.

Define on $\mathbb{N}$ the predicate:
E

$$
P(m) \Longleftrightarrow \exists n \cdot m^{2}=2 n^{2} \& m>0
$$

Claim. $\vdots P(m) \Longrightarrow$ 国 $<m \cdot P\left(m^{\prime}\right)$.

Indeed suppose $m^{2}=2 n^{2}$ and $m>0$. It follows that $m^{2}$ is even, but
then $m$ must be even, as odds squar $\mathbf{G} 0$ odds. So $m=2 k$ and we have $2 n^{2}=m^{2}=4 k^{2} \Longrightarrow n^{2}=2 k^{2}$ Since $m>0$, if follows that $m^{2}>0, n^{2}>\Delta \mathbf{B}$ and hence $m>n$. So we can take $m^{\prime}=n$.

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Now suppose $m^{2}=2 n^{2}$
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Therefore $m=0$. But then also $n=\Phi$.
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## Lemma 1.



## The automatically generated dependency Graph

Dependency Graph (DG)



Different provers have

- different syntax
- different requirements to the structure of the text e.g.
- no nested theorems/lemmas
- only backward references
- ...
- Aim: Skeleton should be as close as possible to the mathematician's text but with rearrangements when necessary

Example of nested theorems/lemmas (Moller, 03, Chapter III,2)
$\square$
Definition 2


Proof of Lemma 1

Proof of Theorem 2

The automatic generation of a proof skeleton


The DG for the example


Straight-forward translation of the first part


Solution: Re-ordering


Finishing the skeleton

## Skeleton for Mizar



## DRa annotation into Mizar skeleton for Barendregt's example (Retel's PhD thesis)



```
18 Lemma: }
        defpred>}
        Claim:>}
        proof
    >
        end;
        per cases;
        suppose
    >}
        end;
        suppose
        >}
        end;
78 end;
80 Corollary:>}
81...proof
    >>
    end;
```


## The Mizar and Coq rules for the dictionary

| Role | Mizar rule | Coq rule |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| axiom | \%name :\%body ; | Axiom \%name : \%body . |
| definition | definition \%name : \%nl \%body \%nl end; | Definition :\%body . |
| theorem | theorem \%name: \%nl \%body | Theorem \%name \%body . |
| proof | proof \%nl \%body \%nl end; | Proof \%name : \%body . |
| cases | per cases; \%nl- | \%body |
| case | suppose \%nl \%body \%nl end; | \%body |
| existencePart | existence \%nl \%body | \%body |
| uniquenessPart | uniqueness \%nl \%body | \%body |

Rich skeletons for Coq


| coq8) |  | id : $\mathcal{S}_{C o q}\binom{p_{1}}{$}$\rightarrow \ldots \rightarrow \mathcal{S}_{C o q}\binom{p_{n}}{$} Prop |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| coq9) | $<i d>$ <br> $p_{1}$ <br> $p_{n}$ | id : $\mathcal{S}_{C o q}\binom{p_{1}}{$}$\rightarrow \ldots \rightarrow \mathcal{S}_{C o q}\binom{p_{n}}{$}$\rightarrow$ Set |
| coq10) | <id> $p_{1} \ldots \ldots p_{n}$ | $\left(\mathrm{id} \mathcal{S}_{C o q}\binom{p_{1}}{\square} \ldots \mathcal{S}_{C o q}\binom{p_{n}}{\right.$}$)$ |
| coq11) | <id> $p_{1} \ldots \ldots p_{n}$ | $\left(\mathrm{id} \mathcal{S}_{C o q}\binom{p_{1}}{)} \ldots \mathcal{S}_{C o q}\left(\begin{array}{\|}p_{n} \\ \end{array}\right)\right)$ |
| coq12) | <id> $p_{1} \ldots \ldots p_{n}$ | $\left(\mathrm{id} \mathcal{S}_{C o q}\binom{p_{1}}{\right.$}$\ldots \mathcal{S}_{C o q}\binom{p_{n}}{$} |
| coq13) | <id> | id |
| coq14) |  |  |

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<definition><subsetDef>
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为
the left hand side of the definition is translated according to rule (coq14)) withsubset A B.

The right hand side is translated with the rules coq5), coq10), coq11) and coq12) and the result is
forall $\times(\operatorname{impl}($ in $\times A)($ in $\times B))$
Putting left hand and right hand side together and taking the outer DRa annotation we get the translation
Definition subset $A B:=$ forall $\times(\operatorname{impl}(\operatorname{in} \times A)($ in $\times B))$

## Theorem 1.

## 

## 

then

## ㄷetex

Figure 7: Theorem 17 of Landau's "Grundlagen der Analysis"
The automatic translation is:
Theorem th $117 \times \mathrm{yz}$ : (leq $\mathrm{x} \mathrm{y} / \backslash$ leq $\mathrm{y} z) \rightarrow$ leq x z .

## Rich skeletons for Isabelle



The corresponding translation into Isabelle is:
assumes carriernonempty: "not (set-equal R emptyset)"

## An example of a full formalisation in Coq via MathLang



Figure 8: The path for processing the Landau chapter

## Chapter 1

## Natural Numbers




1.1 Axioms

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We assume the following to be given:
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erties - called axioms- to be listed below.
    Before formulating the axioms we make some remarks about the symbols = and # which be
used.
Unless otherwise specified, small italic letters will stand for natural numbers throughout this
book.
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    may be written
    ( = to be read "equals"); or "monos}x\mathrm{ and "y are not the same number; this may be
    written
    ( }=\mathrm{ to be read "is not equal to")
```

Accordingly, the following are true on purely logical grounds


## Chapter 1 of Landau

- 5 axioms which we annotate with the mathematical role "axiom", and give them the names"ax11" - "ax15".
- 6 definitions which we annotate with the mathematical role "definition", and give them names "def11" - "def16".
- 36 nodes with the mathematical role "theorem", named "th11" - "th136" and with proofs "pr11" - "pr136".
- Some proofs are partitioned into an existential part and a uniqueness part.
- Other proofs consist of different cases which we annotate as unproved nodes with the mathematical role "case".


Figure 9: The DRa tree of sections 1 and 2 of chapter 1 of Landau's book

- The relations are annotated in a straightforward manner.
- Each proof justifies its corresponding theorem.
- Axiom 5 ("ax15") is the axiom of induction. So every proof which uses induction, uses also this axiom.
- Definition 1 ("def11") is the definition of addition. Hence every node which uses addition also uses this definition.
- Some theorems use other theorems via texts like: "By Theorem ...".
- In total we have 36 justifies relations, 154 uses relations, 6 caseOf, 3 existencePartOf and 3 uniquenessPartOf relations.
- The DG and GoTO are automatically generated.
- The GoTO is automatically checked and no errors result. So, we proceed to the next stage: automatically generating the SGa.


Figure 10: The DG of sections 1 and 2 of chapter 1 of Landau's book

## DG of sections $1 . .4$



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