Introduction to PVS (Prototype Verification System) and logic specifications

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INTRODUCTORY CONCEPTS
Sound reasoning and precise language are obviously two indispensable requirements for any scientific and technical activity.

Formal logic is the conceptual framework that explicitly sets out the rules of sound reasoning. Formal logic enables us to make sure that a given line of reasoning (e.g., the demonstration of a theorem) is correct, i.e., the conclusions indeed follow from the premises.

Mathematics and the physical sciences are the classical fields of application for logic, but logic has become an important tool in technical applications, particularly in computer engineering.
While the term *logic* refers in general to the science of formal reasoning, we speak of *a logic* or another to refer in particular to some particular way of using the general concepts of logic (just as we have different geometries, Euclidean, Riemannian, etc., within the field of geometry).

There exist several families of logics, with different purposes and expressiveness.

Within each logic, *formal systems* (or *theories*) are defined. Formal systems will be introduced later.
A logic language defines what we want to talk about (the domain), the expressions that we use to say what we mean (the syntax), and how expression are given a meaning (the semantics).

- **Domain**: the individual entities we talk about, and their reciprocal relationships.
  - E.g., the set of natural numbers, operations, ordering, equality.

- **Syntax**: the symbols denoting entities and relationships, and the well-formedness rules that say how correct expressions can be formed out of symbols. An expression that can be true or false is a (declarative) sentence, or formula.
  - E.g., the symbols 1, 2, 3, ..., +, −, ..., <, >, =, ... “1 + 1” is correct, “1 + −2” is not. “1 < 3” and “1 > 3” are sentences.

- **Semantics**: the rules that relate symbols to entities and relationships, and that decide which sentences are true.
Formal Systems (1)

Given a language and its semantics, we can *interpret* any sentence of the language to see if it is true or false.

E.g., given the sentence “$1 + 1 = 2$”, the semantics of the arithmetics language tell us that the symbols “1” and “2” correspond to the concepts of *number one* and *number two*, “+” corresponds to *sum*, and “=” corresponds to *equality*.

We can then verify (perhaps by counting on our fingers) that the sentence is true.

Things get more complicated when sentences refer to infinite sets, e.g., “all primes greater than two are odd”...
A formal system (or theory) is a “machine” that we use to prove the truth or falsehood of sentences by deductions, i.e., by showing that a sentence follows through a series of reasoning steps from some other sentences that are known (or assumed) to be true.

A formal system consists of:

- A language;
- a set of axioms, selected sentences taken as true\(^a\).
- a set of inference rules, saying that a sentence of a given structure can be deduced from sentences of the appropriate structure, independently of the meaning (semantics) of the sentences.
  - E.g., if \(A\) and \(B\) stand for any two sentences, a well-known inference rule says that from \(A\) and “\(A\) implies \(B\)” we can deduce \(B\).

\(^a\)Or, more precisely, valid.
More precisely, an inference rule is a relationship between a set of (one or more) formulae called the rule’s *premises*, and a formula called the *(direct)* *consequence* of the premises.

E.g., the rule mentioned in the previous slide (the *modus ponens*) is usually written as:

\[
\frac{A \quad A \Rightarrow B}{B}
\]

or

\[
\frac{A \Rightarrow B}{B}
\]

Note that this inference rule is a template that is matched by any pair of formulae, since \(A\) and \(B\) are placeholders for any formula.
We have a formal system $F$ with axioms $A$ and inference rules $R$.

We want to prove that a formula $S$ follows from a set $H$ of hypotheses.

A *deduction* of $S$ from $H$ within $F$ is a sequence of formulae such that $S$ is the last one and each other formula either:

1. Belongs to $A$; or
2. belongs to $H$; or
3. is a direct consequence of some preceding formula in the sequence by some rule belonging to $R$.

The application of an inference rule is a basic step in a formal line of reasoning (or *argument*).
A First-order logic (FOL) is based on a language consisting of:

- A countable set $C$ of constant symbols, denoting individual entities of the domain;
- a countable set $F$ of function symbols, denoting functions in the domain;
- a countable set $V$ of variable symbols, i.e., placeholders that stand for unspecified individual entities;
- a countable set $P$ of predicate symbols, denoting relationships in the domain.
- a finite set of logical connectives, e.g. $\neg, \land, \lor, \Rightarrow, \ldots$;
- a finite set of quantifiers, e.g. $\forall, \exists$.

This is the language we are familiar with from the study of mathematics.
A term is a constant, a variable, or a function symbol applied, recursively, to an $n$-tuple of terms.

A term is an expression that denotes an individual entity.

An atomic formula (or atom) is a predicate symbol applied to an $n$-tuple of terms.

An atom is an expression whose semantics is true iff the entities denoted by its terms satisfy the relationships denoted by the predicate symbol.

A formula is an atom, or an expression obtained, recursively, by combining formulae with quantifiers and connectives.

The semantics of quantifiers and logical connectives are (at least informally) well known, and will not be discussed here.
A Simple First-Order Formal System

- A first-order language with just two connectives (¬ and ⇒) and one quantifier (∀);
- The following *axiom schemata*:

  1. \( A \Rightarrow (B \Rightarrow A) \)
  2. \( (A \Rightarrow (B \Rightarrow C)) \Rightarrow ((A \Rightarrow B) \Rightarrow (A \Rightarrow C)) \)
  3. \( (\neg B \Rightarrow \neg A) \Rightarrow ((\neg B \Rightarrow A) \Rightarrow B) \)
  4. \( \forall x A(x) \Rightarrow A(t) \)
  5. \( \forall x (A \Rightarrow B) \Rightarrow (A \Rightarrow \forall x B) \)

- The following rules of inference:

  \[
  \begin{array}{c}
  A \quad A \Rightarrow B \\
  \hline
  B
  \end{array}
  \]

  \[
  A \\
  \hline
  \forall x A
  \]

  In the second rule (generalization), there are constraints on \( x \).
Higher-Order Logic

In a FOL, variables may range only over individual entities.

In a FOL, we may say “For all $x$’s such that $x$ is a real number, $x^2 = x \cdot x$”.

We cannot say “For all $f$’s such that $f$ is a function over real numbers, $f^2(x) = f(x) \cdot f(x)$”.

In higher-order logics, variables may range over functions and predicates.

In higher-order logics, we can make statements about predicates: e.g., we may say “if $x$ and $y$ are real numbers and $x = y$, then for all $P$’s such that $P$ is a predicate, $P(x) = P(y)$”.
Formal logic is used in mathematics to investigate properties of abstract concepts, such as geometrical shapes, numbers, functions... However, it can be used to describe and reason about technical systems, such as computer programs, electronic circuits, industrial control systems...

A formal system enables developers to:

- Describe system characteristics and requirements with great rigor and accurateness;
- Formally prove system properties.

A great number of formal systems have been devised for requirements specification and system verification.
A formal language identifies some basic attributes that are simple and general enough to describe a large class of systems in an abstract way.
- E.g., the behavior of many systems can be described in terms of sets of states and sequences of actions.

The possible values of these attributes form the domain of the language (just like numbers form the domain of algebra).

The language defines operations that act on the elements of the domain, such as forming sets and sequences, and combining them in various ways.
- E.g., we may define operations for parallel and sequential composition to describe the interaction of two processes.

We can then describe systems with formulae whose meaning can be understood in terms of mathematical concepts, such as sets and functions.
Some families of logic-based specification languages:

- *Predicate logics*. Based on predicate logic and set theory, very general applicability.
- *Temporal logics*. Used to specify properties related to synchronization.
- *Process algebras*. A large class of languages that describe concurrent processes by means of operators on elementary actions. Often used in conjunction with temporal logics.

...
A few modeling languages

- **Z** (/zɛd/). Based on predicate logic and Zermelo-Fränkel set theory.
- **Vienna Development Method** (VDM). Well-known predicate logic formalism.
- **Prototype Verification System** (PVS). More about this later on...
- **Calculus of Communicating Systems** (CCS). A process algebra.
- **Communicating Sequential Processes** (CSP). Another process algebra.
- **Language of Temporal Ordering Specification** (LOTOS). Yet another process algebra.
- ...
Can Properties Be Verified Mechanically?

No. Well, sometimes yes.

In a previous slide, we described a formal system as a “machine” to prove truth or falsehood of sentences by the process of deduction.

However, such a machine does not run by itself. Proving a formula is much like a game where one must choose the right moves (inference steps) and do them in the right order.

Many proof strategies exist to guide deduction, such as proof by induction or proof by contradiction.

In general, no proof strategy may be guaranteed to prove or disprove an arbitrary formula in a given formal system (problem of decidability).

However, there are classes of formulae that are decidable. In such cases, it is possible to use a mechanical procedure.
Theorem Proving and Model Checking

Two main approaches exist to automatic verification of system properties:

- **Theorem proving**: A *theorem prover* is a computer program that implements a formal system. It takes as input a formal definition of the system that must be verified and of the properties that must be proved, and tries to construct a proof by application of inference rules, according to a built-in strategy.

- **Model checking**: A *model checker* is a computer program that extracts a *model* of the system to be verified from its formal description. The model is a graph whose nodes are the states of the system, connected by transitions. The model checker examines each state and checks if the desired properties hold in that state.

Theorem proving may be fully *automatic*, or *interactive*. 
THE PROTOTYPE VERIFICATION SYSTEM
The PVS is an interactive theorem prover developed at Computer Science Laboratory, SRI International, Menlo Park (California), by S. Owre, N. Shankar, J. Rushby, and others.

The formal system of PVS consists of a higher-order language and the sequent calculus axioms and inference rules.

PVS has many applications, including formal verification of hardware, algorithms, real-time and safety-critical systems.
Using the PVS

- EMACS-based user interface.
- The user writes definitions and formulae.
- The user selects a formula and enters the prover environment.
- Prover commands apply single inference rules or pre-packaged sequences of rules (strategies), transforming formulae or producing new formulae.
- The user examines the formulae resulting of each prover command, and decides what to do next.
- The prover finds out when a proof has been successfully completed.
The PVS Specification Language

- **Logical connectives**: NOT, AND, OR, IMPLIES, ...
- **Quantifiers**: EXISTS, FORALL.
- **Complex operators**: IF–THEN–ELSE, COND.
- **Notation for records, tuples, lists**...
- **Notation for definitions, abbreviations**...
- **Rich higher-order type system.** Each variable is defined to range over a type, including function and predicate types (predicates are functions that return a Boolean value).
- **Theories**: named collections of definitions and formulae. A theory may be imported (and referred to) by another theory.
- A large number of pre-defined theories is available in the prelude library.
Every variable or constant belongs to a type, i.e., denotes elements of a given set.

- **Pre-defined base types**: bool, nat, real...
- **Uninterpreted types**: we just say that a type with a given name exists, e.g., perfectsw: TYPE.
- **Interpreted types**: we define a type in terms of other types, or by explicit enumeration of its members.
  - **Enumerations**: flag: TYPE = {red, black, white, green}
  - **Tuples**: triple: TYPE = [nat, flag, real]
  - **Records**: point: TYPE = [# x: real, y: real #]
  - **Subtypes**: posnat: TYPE = {x: nat | x>0}
  - **Functions**: int2int: TYPE = [int -> int]
Declarations

- **Constants**:  
  - n0: nat (uninterpreted constant)  
  - lucky: nat = 13  
  - a_triple: flag = (lucky, red, 3.14)  
  - origin: point = (# x := 0.0, y:= 0.0 #)  
  - inc: int2int = (lambda (x: int): x + 1)  
  - inc: [int -> int] = (lambda (x: int): x + 1)  
  - inc(x: int): int = x + 1

- **Variables**: add **VAR** to type expression: m: VAR nat

- **Formulae**:  
  - plus_commutativity: AXIOM forall(x, y: nat): x + y = y + x  
  - a_theorem: THEOREM forall(n: nat): n < n + 1

Keyword lambda introduces the parameters of a function.

Instead of THEOREM we may use LEMMA, CONJECTURE...

An AXIOM is assumed to be proved.
Example

group : THEORY
BEGIN
  G : TYPE+   % uninterpreted, nonempty
  e : G       % neutral element
  i : [G -> G] % inverse
  * : [G,G -> G] % binary operation
  x,y,z : VAR G

associative : AXIOM
  (x * y) * z = x * (y * z)

id_left : AXIOM
  e * x = x

inverse_left : AXIOM
  i(x) * x = e

inverse_associative : THEOREM
  i(x) * (x * y) = y
END group
The sequent calculus works on formulae of a special form, called *sequents*, such as:

\[ A_1, A_2, \ldots, A_n \vdash B_1, B_2, \ldots, B_m \]

where the \( A_i \)'s are the *antecedents* and the \( B_i \)'s are the *consequents*.

Each antecedent or consequent, in turn, is a formula of any form (it may contain subformulae with quantifiers and connectives, but not “sub-sequents”).

The symbol in the middle (\( \vdash \)) is called a *turnstile* and may be read as “yields”.

Informally, a sequent can be seen as another notation for

\[ A_1 \land A_2 \land \ldots \land A_n \Rightarrow B_1 \lor B_2 \lor \ldots \lor B_m \]
A sequent is true if:

- Any formula occurs both as an antecedent and as a consequent; or
- any antecedent is false; or
- any consequent is true.

In the PVS prover interface, a sequent is represented as:

\[
\begin{align*}
\{-1\} & \quad A_1 \\
\cdots & \\
[-n] & \quad A_n \\
\quad | & \quad \cdots \\
\{1\} & \quad B_1 \\
\cdots & \\
[m] & \quad B_m
\end{align*}
\]
The Sequent calculus has one axiom: $\Gamma, A \vdash A, \Delta$ where $\Gamma$ and $\Delta$ are (multi)sets of formulae.

Inference rules:

- **axm**: the axiom
- **cut**: the cut rule
- **ctr**: the contraction rules

- $\Gamma, A \vdash A, \Delta$ $\vdash \Delta$, $A$ $\vdash \Delta$, $A$ $A, A, \Gamma \vdash \Delta$ $\Gamma \vdash \Delta$, $A, A, \Gamma \vdash \Delta$ $\Gamma \vdash \Delta$, $A, A, \Gamma \vdash \Delta$

- $\Gamma \vdash \Delta, A$ $\neg L$ $A, \Gamma \vdash \Delta$ $\neg R$ $A, B, \Gamma \vdash \Delta$ $\Gamma \vdash \Delta, A \neg \neg R$ $\Gamma \vdash \Delta, A \neg \neg L$

- $A, \Gamma \vdash \Delta$ $B, \Gamma \vdash \Delta$ $\vee L$ $\Gamma \vdash \Delta, A \vee B, \Gamma \vdash \Delta$ $\Gamma \vdash \Delta, A \vee B, \Gamma \vdash \Delta$ $\Gamma \vdash \Delta, A \vee B, \Gamma \vdash \Delta$ $\Gamma \vdash \Delta, A \vee B, \Gamma \vdash \Delta$

- $\Gamma \vdash \Delta, A[\{x\leftarrow t\}, \Gamma \vdash \Delta] \forall L$ $A, \Gamma \vdash \Delta [\{x\leftarrow y\}, \Gamma \vdash \Delta] \forall R$ $\Gamma \vdash \Delta, A[\{x\leftarrow y\}, \Gamma \vdash \Delta] \exists L$ $\Gamma \vdash \Delta [\{x\leftarrow t\}, \Gamma \vdash \Delta] \exists R$

- $\forall x. A, \Gamma \vdash \Delta$ $\exists x. A, \Gamma \vdash \Delta$ $\forall x. A, \Gamma \vdash \Delta$ $\exists x. A, \Gamma \vdash \Delta$
Proofs

Proofs are constructed backwards from the goal sequent, that in PVS has the form $\vdash F$, where $F$ is the formula we want to prove.

Inference rules are applied backwards, i.e., given a formula, we find a rule whose consequence matches the formula, and the premises become the new subgoals.

Since a rule may have two premises, proving a goal produces a tree of sequents, rooted in the goal, called the proof tree.

The proof is completed when (and if!) all branches terminate with an instance of the axiom.
Proof Example

Suppose we want to prove that $\neg A \lor \neg B \Rightarrow \neg (A \land B)$.

\[
\begin{align*}
A, B & \vdash A \quad \text{axm} & A, B & \vdash B \quad \text{axm} \\
\neg A, A, B & \vdash \neg \text{L} & \neg B, A, B & \vdash \neg \text{L} \\
(\neg A \lor \neg B), A, B & \vdash \lor \text{L} & (\neg A \lor \neg B), (A \land B) & \vdash \land \text{L} \\
(\neg A \lor \neg B) & \vdash \neg (A \land B) \quad \neg \text{R} & (\neg A \lor \neg B) \Rightarrow \neg (A \land B) \Rightarrow \text{R}
\end{align*}
\]

The root goal is at the bottom.

At the top we have two branches that end with empty formulae by the axiom rule.

The goal has then been proved.
Prover Commands

The PVS prover has a large number of commands (also called rules):

- **Control** rules to control proof execution and proof tree exploration.
- **Structural** rules implement the contraction rules and hide unused formulae in the sequent.
- **Propositional** rules implement the inference rules for connectives, for complex operators, and for the cut. They also apply various simplification laws.
- **Quantifier** rules implement the inference rules for quantifiers.
- **Equality** rules implement various inference rules in addition to the basic sequent calculus, including rules for equality, records, tuples, and function definitions.
- **Definition and lemma handling** rules invoke and apply lemmas and definitions.
- **Strategies** apply pre-defined sequences of rules.
- ... and more.
Prover Commands: flatten

flatten implements the $\land L$, $\lor R$, and $\Rightarrow R$ rules:

\[
\begin{array}{c}
\{-1\} A \text{ AND } B \\
\quad |------ \\
\{1\} C \text{ OR } D \\
\{2\} E \Rightarrow F \\
\end{array}
\]

Rule? (flatten)

\[
\begin{array}{c}
\{-1\} A \\
\{-2\} B \\
\{-3\} E \\
\quad |------ \\
\{1\} C \\
\{2\} D \\
\{3\} F \\
\end{array}
\]
split implements the $\land R$, $\lor L$, and $\Rightarrow L$ rules:

|------
{1} A AND B

Rule? (split)

|------   |------
{1} A    {1} B

The split command produced two subgoals, i.e., a branching point in the proof tree.
**Prover Commands: skolem**

`skolem` implements the $\forall R$ and $\exists L$ rules:

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|------ |------
|-------
{1} FORALL (x:T): P(x)                  {1} EXISTS (x:T): P(x)

Rule? (skolem 1 "c")                     Rule? (skolem -1 "c")

|------ |------
|-------
{1} P(c)                                  {1} A
```

{1} A
Prover Commands: \texttt{skosimp*}

\texttt{skosimp*} is a strategy that applies skolemization and \texttt{flatten}:

\[
\begin{array}{c}
\text{Rule? (skosimp*)} \\
\text{\{-1\} P(x!1)} \\
\text{\{1\} Q(y!1)} \\
\text{\{2\} R(y!1)}
\end{array}
\]

Often the first step in a proof.
Example: group theory

Remember this theory?

group : THEORY
BEGIN
  G : TYPE+ % uninterpreted, nonempty
  e : G % neutral element
  i : [G -> G] % inverse
  * : [G,G -> G] % binary operation
  x,y,z : VAR G
  associative : AXIOM
    (x * y) * z = x * (y * z)
  id_left : AXIOM
    e * x = x
  inverse_left : AXIOM
    i(x) * x = e
  inverse_associative : THEOREM
    i(x) * (x * y) = y
END group
Example: group theory

inverse_associative:

\[
\begin{align*}
\{1\} & \quad \text{FORALL } (x, y: G): i(x) \ast (x \ast y) = y \\
\end{align*}
\]

Rule? (lemma "associative")
Applying associative
this simplifies to:
inverse_associative:

\[
\begin{align*}
\{-1\} & \quad \text{FORALL } (x, y, z: G): (x \ast y) \ast z = x \ast (y \ast z) \\
\end{align*}
\]

\[
\begin{align*}
\{1\} & \quad \text{FORALL } (x, y: G): i(x) \ast (x \ast y) = y \\
\end{align*}
\]

Rule? (lemma "inverse_left")
...
Rule? (lemma "id_left")
...
Example: group theory

\[-1\] \text{FORALL}(x: G): e \ast x = x
\[-2\] \text{FORALL}(x: G): i(x) \ast x = e
\[-3\] \text{FORALL}(x, y, z: G): (x \ast y) \ast z = x \ast (y \ast z)

\[\text{------}\]

\[1\] \text{FORALL}(x, y: G): i(x) \ast (x \ast y) = y

Rule? (skosimp*)
Repeatedly Skolemizing and flattening, this simplifies to:
inverse_associative:

\[-1\] \text{FORALL}(x: G): e \ast x = x
\[-2\] \text{FORALL}(x: G): i(x) \ast x = e
\[-3\] \text{FORALL}(x, y, z: G): (x \ast y) \ast z = x \ast (y \ast z)

\[\text{------}\]

\{1\} i(x!1) \ast (x!1 \ast y!1) = y!1
Example: group theory

\[
\begin{align*}
[-1] & \quad \text{FORALL} \ (x: G): e \ast x = x \\
[-2] & \quad \text{FORALL} \ (x: G): i(x) \ast x = e \\
[-3] & \quad \text{FORALL} \ (x, y, z: G): (x \ast y) \ast z = x \ast (y \ast z) \\
|------- \\
\{1\} & \quad i(x!1) \ast (x!1 \ast y!1) = y!1
\end{align*}
\]

Rule? (inst -3 "i(x!1)" "x!1" "y!1")
Instantiating the top quantifier in -3 with the terms: i(x!1), x!1, y!1,
this simplifies to:
inverse_associative:

\[
\begin{align*}
[-1] & \quad \text{FORALL} \ (x: G): e \ast x = x \\
[-2] & \quad \text{FORALL} \ (x: G): i(x) \ast x = e \\
\{1\} & \quad i(x!1) \ast (x!1 \ast y!1) = y!1
\end{align*}
\]
Example: group theory

\[-1\] FORALL (x: G): e * x = x
\[-2\] FORALL (x: G): i(x) * x = e
\{-3\} (i(x!1) * x!1) * y!1 = i(x!1) * (x!1 * y!1)

\[\text{-------}\]
\[1\] i(x!1) * (x!1 * y!1) = y!1

Rule? (inst -2 "x!1")
Instantiating the top quantifier in -2 with the terms:
x!1,
this simplifies to:
inverse_associative:

\[-1\] FORALL (x: G): e * x = x
\{-2\} i(x!1) * x!1 = e
\[-3\] (i(x!1) * x!1) * y!1 = i(x!1) * (x!1 * y!1)

\[\text{-------}\]
\[1\] i(x!1) * (x!1 * y!1) = y!1
Example: group theory

\[-1\] \( \text{FORALL } (x: G): e \ast x = x \)
\{-2\} \( i(x!1) \ast x!1 = e \)
\[-3\] \( (i(x!1) \ast x!1) \ast y!1 = i(x!1) \ast (x!1 \ast y!1) \)
\[\text{-------}\]
\[\text{1}\] \( i(x!1) \ast (x!1 \ast y!1) = y!1 \)

Rule? (inst -1 "x!1")
Instantiating the top quantifier in -1 with the terms:
\( x!1, x!1 \),
this simplifies to:
inverse_associative :

\{-1\} \( e \ast x!1 = x!1 \)
\{-2\} \( i(x!1) \ast x!1 = e \)
\{-3\} \( (i(x!1) \ast x!1) \ast y!1 = i(x!1) \ast (x!1 \ast y!1) \)
\[\text{-------}\]
\[\text{1}\] \( i(x!1) \ast (x!1 \ast y!1) = y!1 \)
Example: group theory

[-1] \( e \ast x!1 = x!1 \)
[-2] \( i(x!1) \ast x!1 = e \)
[-3] \( (i(x!1) \ast x!1) \ast y!1 = i(x!1) \ast (x!1 \ast y!1) \)
    |--------
[1] \( i(x!1) \ast (x!1 \ast y!1) = y!1 \)

Rule? (grind)
Trying repeated skolemization, instantiation, and if-lifting, this simplifies to:
inverse_associative:

[-1] \( e \ast x!1 = x!1 \)
[-2] \( i(x!1) \ast x!1 = e \)
{-3} \( e \ast y!1 = i(x!1) \ast (x!1 \ast y!1) \)
    |--------
[1] \( i(x!1) \ast (x!1 \ast y!1) = y!1 \)
Example: group theory

\[-1\] \( e \ast x!1 = x!1 \)
\[-2\] \( i(x!1) \ast x!1 = e \)
\{-3\} \( e \ast y!1 = i(x!1) \ast (x!1 \ast y!1) \)
  
\[\text{|-------}\]
\[1\] \( i(x!1) \ast (x!1 \ast y!1) = y!1 \)

Rule? (replace \(-3\) :dir RL)
Replacing using formula \(-3\),
this simplifies to:
\text{inverse_associative}:

\[-1\] \( e \ast x!1 = x!1 \)
\[-2\] \( i(x!1) \ast x!1 = e \)
\[-3\] \( e \ast y!1 = i(x!1) \ast (x!1 \ast y!1) \)
  
\[\text{|-------}\]
\{1\} \( e \ast y!1 = y!1 \)
Example: group theory

[-1] e * x!1 = x!1
[-2] i(x!1) * x!1 = e
[-3] e * y!1 = i(x!1) * (x!1 * y!1)
    |-------
{1} e * y!1 = y!1

Rule? (lemma "id_left")
Applying id_left
this simplifies to:
inverse_associative :

{-1} FORALL (x: G): e * x = x
[-2] e * x!1 = x!1
[-3] i(x!1) * x!1 = e
[-4] e * y!1 = i(x!1) * (x!1 * y!1)
    |-------
[1] e * y!1 = y!1
Example: group theory

\{-1\} \quad \text{FORALL (x: G): } e \ast x = x

\{-2\} \quad e \ast x!1 = x!1

\{-3\} \quad i(x!1) \ast x!1 = e

\{-4\} \quad e \ast y!1 = i(x!1) \ast (x!1 \ast y!1)

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\{-1\} \quad e \ast y!1 = y!1

Rule? (inst -1 "y!1")

Instantiating the top quantifier in -1 with the terms:

y!1,

Q.E.D.

\ldots wow, we made it!
HARDWARE VERIFICATION
Example: a Full Adder

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Example: a Full Adder

FullAdder : THEORY

BEGIN

x, y, cin : VAR bool

FA(x, y, cin) : [bool, bool] =
  ((x AND y) OR ((x XOR y) AND cin), % carry
  (x XOR y) XOR cin) % sum

bool2nat(x) : nat = IF x THEN 1 ELSE 0 ENDIF

FA_corr : THEOREM
  LET (carry, sum) = FA(x, y, cin) IN
  bool2nat(sum) + 2 * bool2nat(carry)
  = bool2nat(x) + bool2nat(y) + bool2nat(cin)

END FullAdder
Example: a Full Adder

We want to verify the correctness of the implementation (in terms of logic gates) wrt the mathematical definition of binary two-digit addition with carry.
Example: a Full Adder

FA_corr :

|-------
{1} FORALL (cin, x, y: bool):
    LET (carry, sum) = FA(x, y, cin) IN
    bool2nat(sum) + 2 * bool2nat(carry) =
    bool2nat(x) + bool2nat(y) + bool2nat(cin)

Rule? (skolem!)
Skolemizing,
this simplifies to:
FA_corr :

|-------
{1} LET (carry, sum) = FA(x!1, y!1, cin!1) IN
    bool2nat(sum) + 2 * bool2nat(carry) =
    bool2nat(x!1) + bool2nat(y!1) + bool2nat(cin!1)
Example: a Full Adder

Rule? (beta)
Applying beta-reduction, ...
FA_corr :
|-------
{1} bool2nat(FA(x!1, y!1, cin!1)`2)
    + 2 * bool2nat(FA(x!1, y!1, cin!1)`1)
    = bool2nat(x!1) + bool2nat(y!1)
    + bool2nat(cin!1)

Rule? (expand "bool2nat")
Expanding the definition of bool2nat, ...
FA_corr :
|-------
{1} IF FA(x!1, y!1, cin!1)`2 THEN 1 ELSE 0 ENDIF +
    2 * IF FA(x!1, y!1, cin!1)`1
    THEN 1 ELSE 0 ENDIF
    = IF x!1 THEN 1 ELSE 0 ENDIF
    + IF y!1 THEN 1 ELSE 0 ENDIF
    + IF cin!1 THEN 1 ELSE 0 ENDIF
Example: a Full Adder

Rule? (expand "FA")
Expanding the definition of FA,
this simplifies to:
FA_corr :

|--------
{1} IF (x!1 XOR y!1) XOR cin!1
    THEN 1 ELSE 0 ENDIF
+ 2 * IF (x!1 AND y!1)
    OR ((x!1 XOR y!1) AND cin!1)
    THEN 1 ELSE 0 ENDIF
=
    IF x!1 THEN 1 ELSE 0 ENDIF
+ IF y!1 THEN 1 ELSE 0 ENDIF
+ IF cin!1 THEN 1 ELSE 0 ENDIF
Example: a Full Adder

Rule? (lift-if)
Lifting IF-conditions to the top level, ... 
FA_corr :

{1} IF (x!1 XOR y!1) XOR cin!1
   THEN 1 + 2 *
   IF (x!1 AND y!1) OR ((x!1 XOR y!1) AND cin!1)
     THEN 1 ELSE 0 ENDIF
   =
   IF x!1 THEN 1 ELSE 0 ENDIF 
   + IF y!1 THEN 1 ELSE 0 ENDIF 
   + IF cin!1 THEN 1 ELSE 0 ENDIF
ELSE 0 + 2 *
   IF (x!1 AND y!1) OR ((x!1 XOR y!1) AND cin!1)
     THEN 1 ELSE 0 ENDIF
   =
   IF x!1 THEN 1 ELSE 0 ENDIF 
   + IF y!1 THEN 1 ELSE 0 ENDIF 
   + IF cin!1 THEN 1 ELSE 0 ENDIF
ENDIF
Example: a Full Adder

Rule? (prop)
Applying propositional simplification, this yields 2 subgoals:
FA_corr.1 :

\{-1\} (x!1 \text{ XOR } y!1) \text{ XOR } cin!1
\|------
\{1\} 1 + 2 *

IF (x!1 \text{ AND } y!1) \text{ OR } ((x!1 \text{ XOR } y!1) \text{ AND } cin!1)
THEN 1 ELSE 0 ENDIF

= IF x!1 THEN 1 ELSE 0 ENDIF + IF y!1
   THEN 1 ELSE 0 ENDIF + IF cin!1 THEN 1 ELSE 0 ENDIF

We prove this subgoal with a long series of lift-if, prop, and grind, that produce further subgoals in the process...
Example: a Full Adder

Rule? (grind)
XOR rewrites (FALSE XOR FALSE) to FALSE
Trying repeated skolemization, instantiation, and if-lifting,
This completes the proof of FA_corr.1.6.2.
This completes the proof of FA_corr.1.6.
This completes the proof of FA_corr.1.

FA_corr.2 :

|-------
{1} (x!1 XOR y!1) XOR cin!1
{2} 0 + 2 *
   IF (x!1 AND y!1) OR ((x!1 XOR y!1) AND cin!1)
   THEN 1 ELSE 0 ENDIF
= IF x!1 THEN 1 ELSE 0 ENDIF
+ IF y!1 THEN 1 ELSE 0 ENDIF
+ IF cin!1 THEN 1 ELSE 0 ENDIF
Example: a Full Adder

We tackle the second main branch with the same approach, and finally:

Rule? (grind)
Trying repeated skolemization, instantiation, and if-lifting,
This completes the proof of FA_corr.2.6.2.
This completes the proof of FA_corr.2.6.
This completes the proof of FA_corr.2.

Q.E.D.

Run time = 1.84 secs.
Real time = 6.43 secs.
Conclusions

We have taken a first look at an interesting tool for the formal verification and validation of specifications and designs.

We have (almost) totally ignored the theoretical aspects.

The focus was on giving an idea of the tool’s features and possibilities.

The philosophy behind this tool might be expressed in this way:

-Assisting human insight with the power and reliability of mechanical theorem proving.

Of course there is a lot more to it: please go through the references, and Google be with you! You will find lots of interesting stuff.
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