



# Computer Verified Mathematics using Coq

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- *Coq is widely adopted (U. Paris, Inria, CNRS, Princeton, Yale, MIT, Cornell, U. Penn., U. Wash. Galois, MPI,)*
- *ACM Awards: Programming language, Software System 2013*

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# History of Higher-Order Logic theorem provers

Family started by De Bruijn Authomath (1967) and  
Milner's LCF system (1972).

## HOL family

HOL, HOL88, ..., HOL4

Isabelle/HOL

HOL-Light

...

## Dependent Type Theory family

Coq

Agda

Lean

...

Able to model and reason about arbitrary algorithms

- **Undecidable:** human intervention required
- **Expressive:** Operating systems, Smartcard, Cryptography, Information theory, Compilers, Computer arithmetic, Linear Algebra, Group Theory, ...



# Mathematical Components

A library for Mathematics in Coq

Origins:

- Created for the Four Colour Theorem [*Gonthier 2007*] and
- Extended for the Odd Order Theorem [*Gonthier et al. 2013*]

Contents:

- Containers, Basic datatypes, Elementary arithmetic, ...
- Finite graph theory, depth-first search, ...
- Finite group theory, Representation theory, Character theory, ...
- Algebraic structures, Linear Algebra, Galois Theory, ...
- Advanced group theory, ...
- Quantifier Elimination for Real Closed Fields, ...
- ...

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Lemma catA s1 s2 s3 : s1 ++ s2 ++ s3 = (s1 ++ s2) ++ s3.
```

```
Proof. by elim: s1 => // = x s1 ->. Qed.
```

# A more complicated example

**Theorem** normal\_spectral\_subproof {n} {A : 'M[C]\_n} : reflect  
(exists2 sp : 'M\_n \* 'rV\_n,  
  sp.1 \is unitary &  
  A = invmx sp.1 \*m diag\_mx sp.2 \*m sp.1)  
(A \is normalmx).

**Proof.**

```
apply: (iffP normalmxP); last first.  
move=> [[/= P D] P_unitary ->].  
rewrite !trmx_mul !map_mxM !mulmxA inv_unitary //.  
rewrite !trmxCK ![_ *m P *m _]mulmxtVK //.  
by rewrite -[X in X *m P]mulmxA tr_diag_mx map_diag_mx diag_mxC mulmxA.  
move=> /cotrigoalization2 [P Punitary /andP[]].  
set D := _ *m A *m _ => Dtriangular Dtc_triangular.  
exists (P, \row_i D i i) => //=.  
have Punit : P \in unitmx by rewrite unitary_unit.  
apply: (@row_full_inj _ _ _ _ P); rewrite ?row_full_unit //.  
apply: (@row_free_inj _ _ _ _ (invmx P)); rewrite ?row_free_unit ?unitmx_inv //.  
rewrite !mulmxA mulmxV // mul1mx mulmxK //.  
apply/matrixP=> i j; rewrite [D]lock ![in RHS]mxE -lock -val_eqE.  
have [lt_ij|lt_ji|val_inj<-//] := ltngtP; rewrite mulrOn.  
  by rewrite (triangularP _).  
suff : D^t * j i = 0 by rewrite !mxE => /eqP; rewrite conjC_eq0 => /eqP.  
rewrite !trmx_mul !map_mxM inv_unitary // trmxCK -(@inv_unitary _ P) //.  
by rewrite mulmxA (triangularP _).  
Qed.
```

# Combinatorics and numbers



- Containers, basic datatypes:  
Lists, tuples, finite types, functions, sets, graphs...
- Numbers:  
Naturals, integers, modular arithmetics, rationals
- Elementary arithmetics:  
Divisibility, means, primes, binomials...
- Indexed iterated operations:

$$\Sigma, \Pi, \bigoplus, \dots$$

# Finite group theory



- Elementary concepts:  
Order, morphisms, permutations, quotient, characteristic subgroups, series, products, commutators, presentations,...
- Elementary theory:  
Lagrange, isomorphisms, Sylow, Hall, Jordan-Hölder theorems, structure of abelian groups, theory of various characteristic subgroups,...
- Representation theory of finite groups  
Schur, Maschke, Jacobson density, Clifford, Wedderburn components,...
- Character theory of finite groups  
irreducible constituents, product and norm, virtual characters, inertia groups,...

# Algebra



- Abstract algebra infrastructure  
rings, integral domains, fields, modules, vector spaces, matrices, polynomials, finite fields, algebraic numbers,...
- Linear algebra  
Decomposition, (auto)morphisms, rank, resultants, Cayley-Hamilton, modules,...
- Elementary Galois theory  
Field extensions, primitive element theorem, splitting fields, Galois groups, Galois norm, Hilbert's 90 theorem, fundamental theorem,...

# A Motivating Application for MARELLE

Long Term Goal: *Formal Verification of Robot Design*

Critical application: robot-*human* interaction (rescue, health care,...)

Guarantees:

- ~~absence of software runtime error~~
- the mathematics involved are correct
- the robot satisfies some safety properties  
(expressed with the same mathematics)

Beyond guarantees:

- forces more disciplined programming
- certified ground for more advanced mathematics



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# Inverted Pendulum

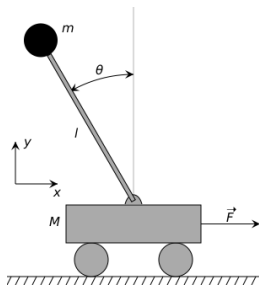


Figure: Cart pendulum  
(credits wikipedia)

Coq Libraries involved:

- Coquelicot Real Analysis Library  
*[Boldo et al. 2015]*
- Mathematical Components  
*[Gonthier et al. 2007–2016]*

Reference: *[Lozano et al. 2000]*

Example: trajectories are contained in the positive limit set.

```
Lemma invariant_pos_limit_set V (F : V -> V) (x : R -> V) :  
  is_sol F x -> is_invariant (pos_limit_set x).
```

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- Provide a reusable Mathematics Library
- Provide tools and methods to make proofs faster

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