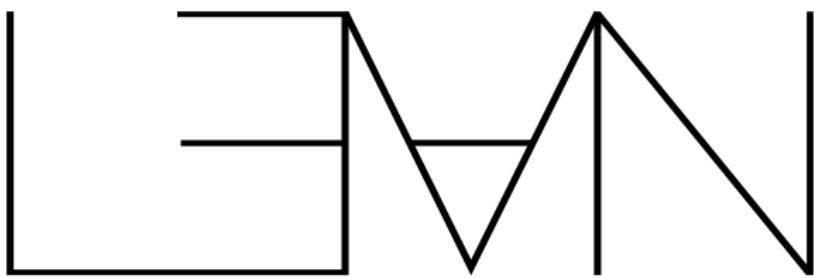
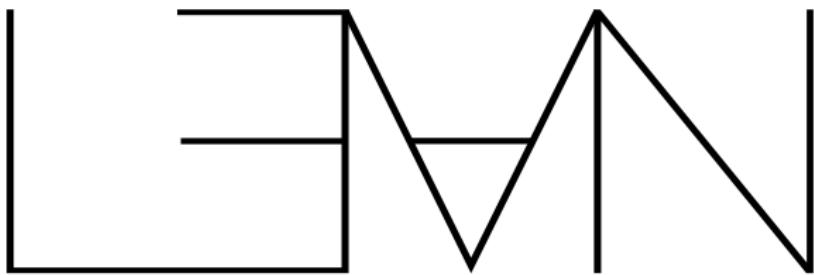


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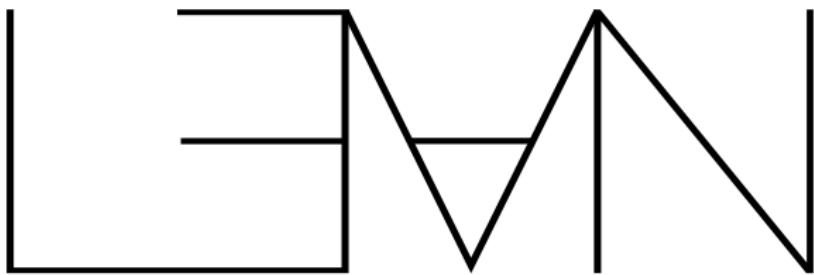
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Interactive
theorem prover



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Goals

After these three sessions, you'll be able to:

- ▶ Get started using Lean for programming and/or proving
- ▶ Contextualize Lean in the landscape of related systems
- ▶ Know where to look for more information
- ▶ Have an idea of whether Lean is relevant for your work

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You don't need to be a type theory expert!

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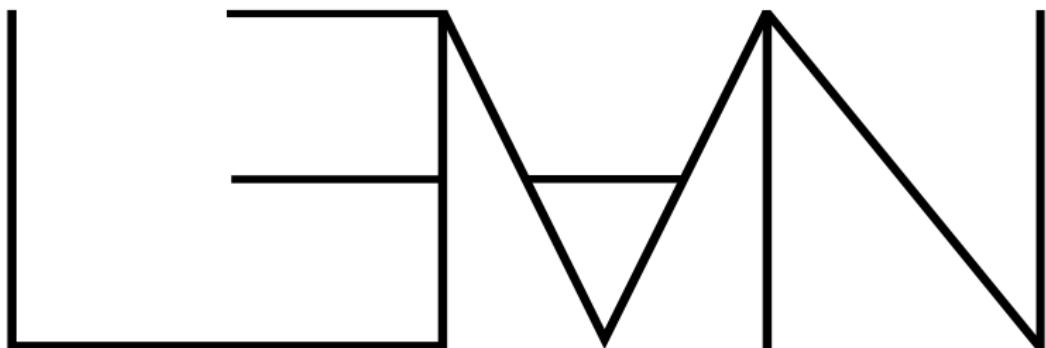
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Demo: Demo!



SyntaxIntro.lean

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← List α

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Lean InfoviewX

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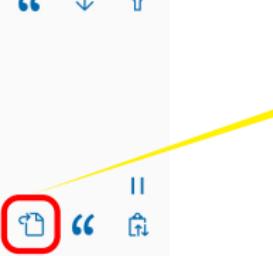
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Manually refresh

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Manually refresh

Stop automatically updating in response to file changes

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 - A left arrow pointing left.
 - A double vertical bar symbol (||).
 - A circular arrow symbol.Yellow arrows point from these icons to three yellow callout boxes:
 - A yellow box labeled "Manually refresh" points to the circular arrow icon.
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Reverse the
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Breadcrumbs

```
Namespaces.lean Namespaces.lean/{ } A/{ } B/{ } C/swap
1
2  namespace A
3  namespace B
4  namespace C
5
36
37  def swap : α × β → β × α
38  | ⟨x, y⟩ => ⟨y, x⟩
39
55  end C
56  end B
57  end A
```

Breadcrumbs show you where you are — idiomatic Lean style assumes their presence and doesn't indent



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Lean requires a proof
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Propositions as Types

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```

```
List.map toString : List Int → List String
```

```
[-1, 2, 5, -22] : List Int
```

Propositions as Types

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$??? : 2 < \text{arr.size}$

$??? : 2 + 2 = 4$

$??? : \forall xs, xs.\text{reverse}.\text{reverse} = xs$

$??? : \text{arr.size} > 2 \rightarrow \text{arr.size}/2 \geq 0$

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$\neg A$	<code>fun (h : A) => (... : \text{False})</code>	Given A , derive a contradiction

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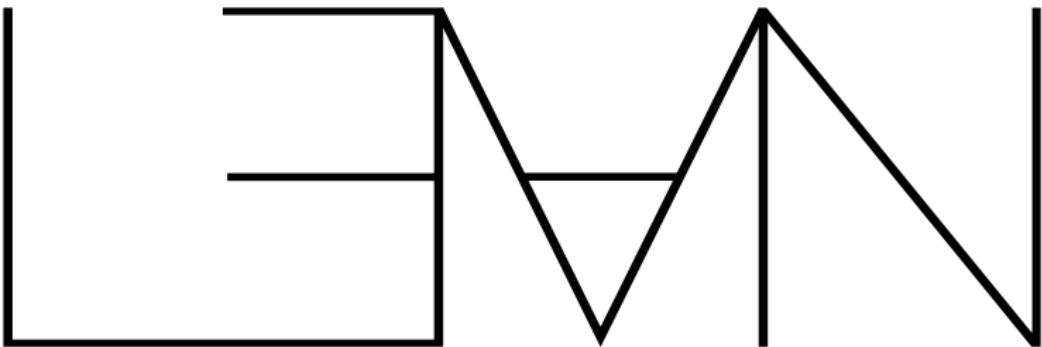
Classical.em : $\forall\{p : \text{Prop}\}, p \wedge \neg p$

propext : $\forall\{p q : \text{Prop}\}, p \leftrightarrow q \rightarrow p = q$

Tactics

Writing evidence by hand is slow and error-prone - *tactics* are programs to automate this process.

Demo: Evidence and Tactics



Evidence.lean

More on proofs later!

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42 + 23

3.4 + 19.33401

newYearsDay + fiveMinutes

What does + mean here?

Type Classes

"Hello, " ++ "world!"

What about ++ here?

[1, 2, 3] ++ [4, 5, 6]

[1, 2, 3] ++ [4, 5, 6]

Type Classes

```
structure Add ( $\alpha$  : Type) where
    add :  $\alpha \rightarrow \alpha \rightarrow \alpha$ 

def addAnything (impl : Add  $\alpha$ ) (x y :  $\alpha$ ) :  $\alpha$  :=
    Add.add impl x y

def implAddString : Add String where
    add str1 str2 := str1 ++ str2

#eval addAnything implAddString "Hello, " "world"
-- "Hello, world"
```

implAddString
describes how to
add strings

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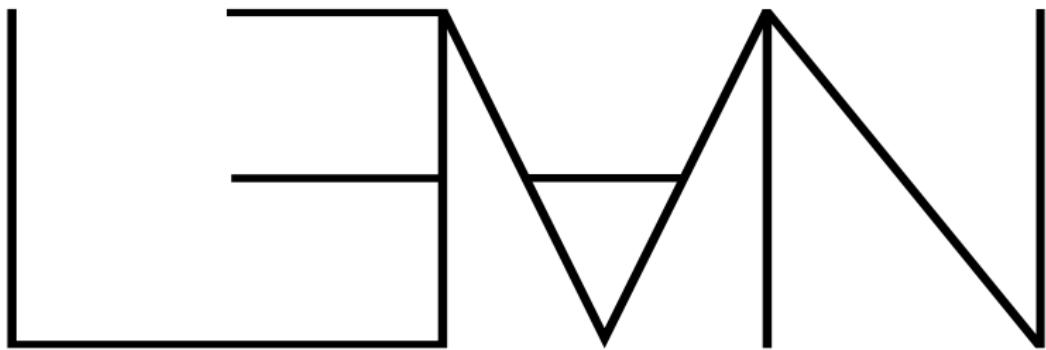
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implementation found
automatically by Lean

Demo: Demo!



TypeClasses.lean

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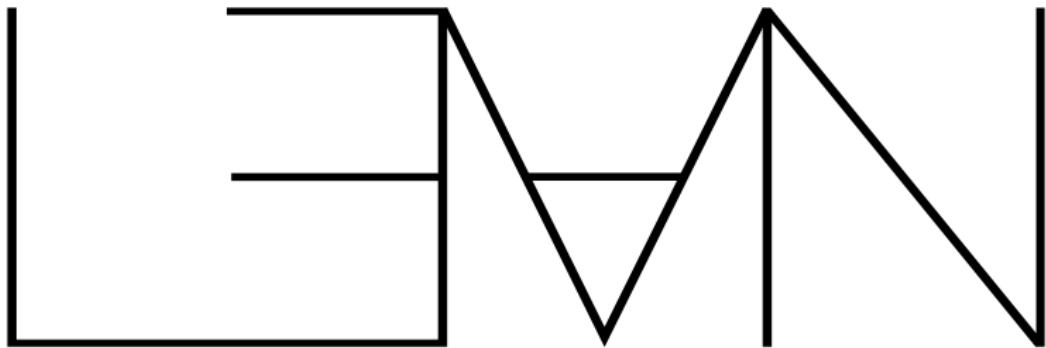
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Monads in Lean

Monads capture repeated patterns under a type constructor.

- ▶ Data dependencies and ordering
- ▶ Passing some external data around
- ▶ Error recovery
- ▶ Much more!

Demo: Example Monads



Monads.lean

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Desugaring Do

do E_1



E_1

do E_1
 E_2



Monad.bind E_1 (fun () => E_2)

do let $x \leftarrow E_1$
 E_2



Monad.bind E_1 (fun x => E_2)

More Features

```
def sumArrayFrom [Add α]
  (start : α) (arr : Array α) : α := Id.run do
  let mut sum := start
  for x in arr do
    sum := sum + x
  return sum

def listProduct (xs : List Nat) : Nat := Id.run do
  let mut prod := 0
  for x in xs do
    if x == 0 then
      return 0
    prod := prod * x
  return prod
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for x in xs do
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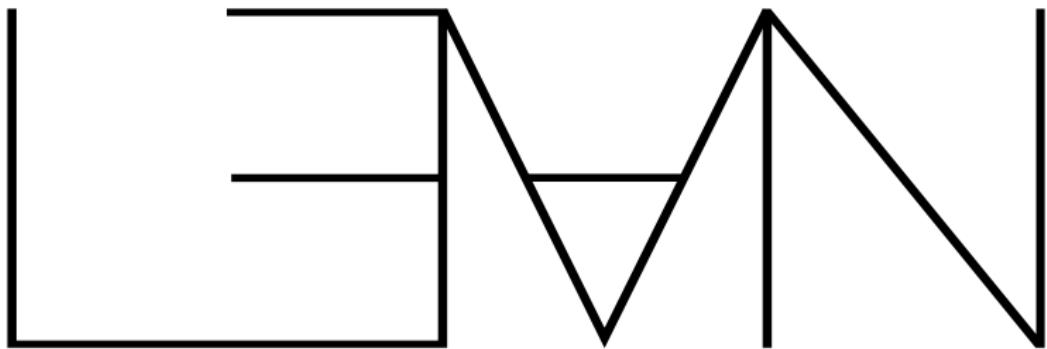
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Demo: Demo!



Vec.lean

Next time

Programming and Metaprogramming in Lean

- ▶ The standard library
- ▶ Run-time representations and memory management
- ▶ Proving termination
- ▶ Macros and Metaprogramming

Reading for Today

Functional Programming in Lean chapters 1–6 (“Getting to know Lean” through “Functors, Applicative Functors, and Monads”)

Thank you!

Happy to answer questions! I'm usually here on Fridays.

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Run-Time Representations and Memory Management

Lean's cost model:

- ▶ Simple, predictable memory layout
- ▶ Overrides for performance-sensitive cases
- ▶ Memory management via reference counting
- ▶ Opportunistic mutation

Reference Counting vs Tracing GC

Tracing GC

- ▶ Accurately collect cycles
- ▶ Pause on allocation
- ▶ Requires global notion of roots
- ▶ Cheap allocation with “bump pointer”
- ▶ Complex implementation

Reference Counting

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Counting Immutable Beans, Ullrich and de Moura (IFL '19)

Perceus: Garbage Free Reference Counting with Reuse,
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Memory Layout

1. Erase all types
2. Erase all proofs
3. Argumentless constructors become constants
4. Do the “newtype” trick

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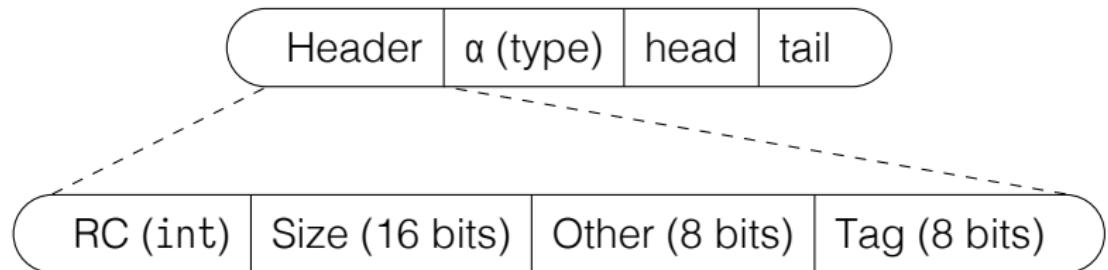
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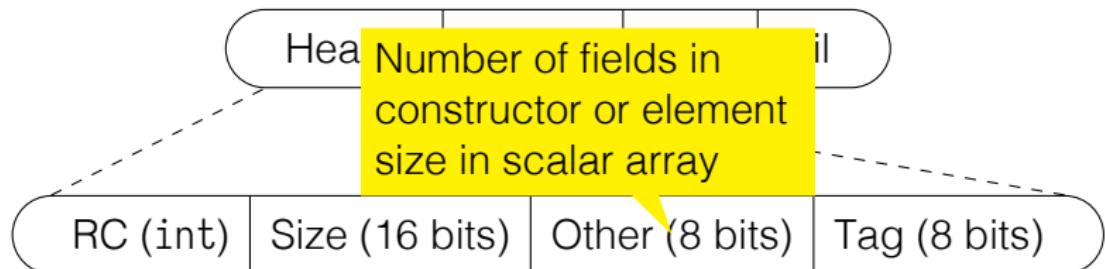
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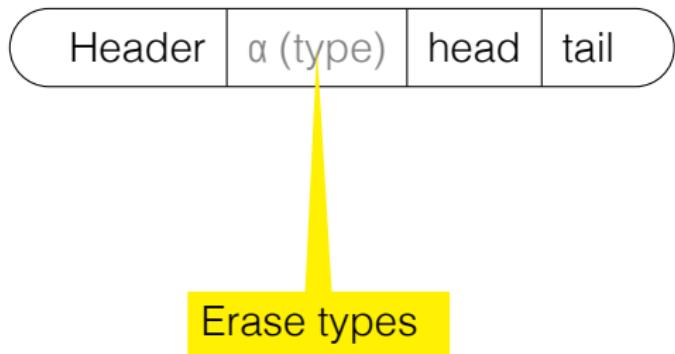
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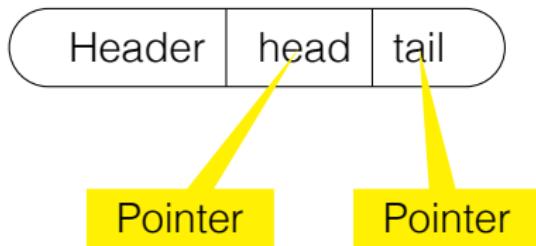
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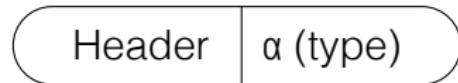


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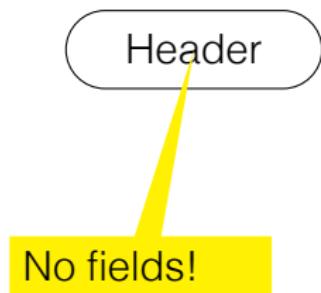
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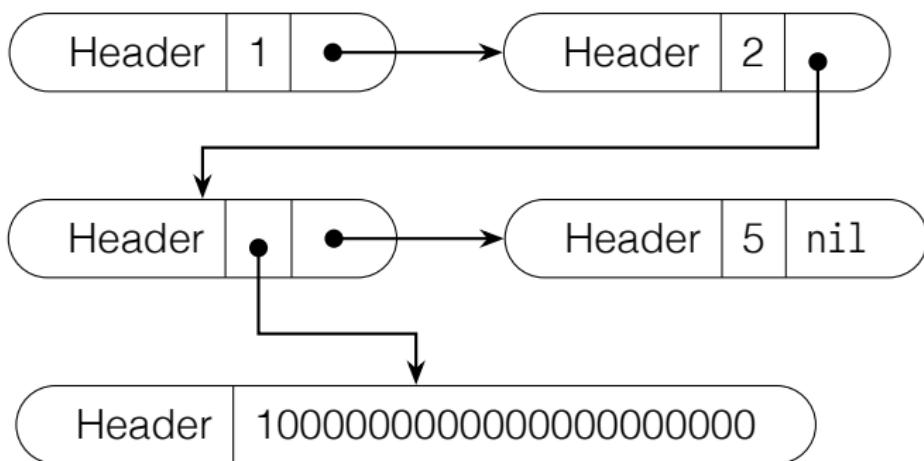
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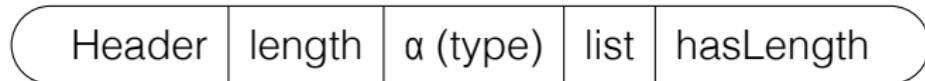
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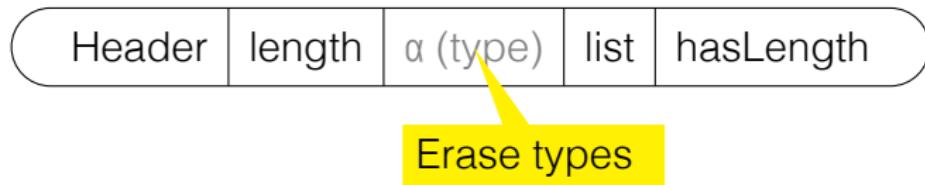
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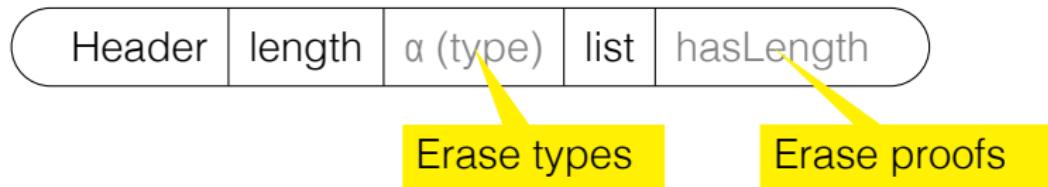
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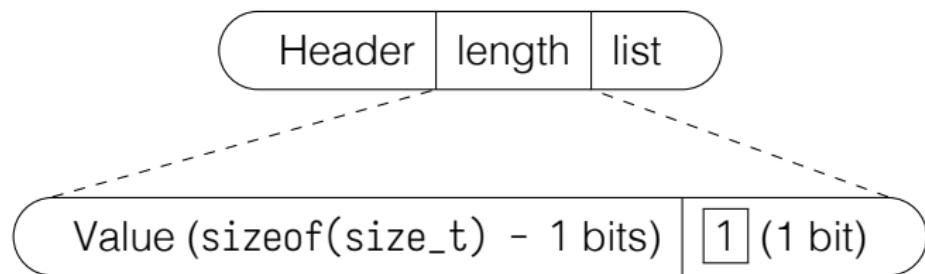
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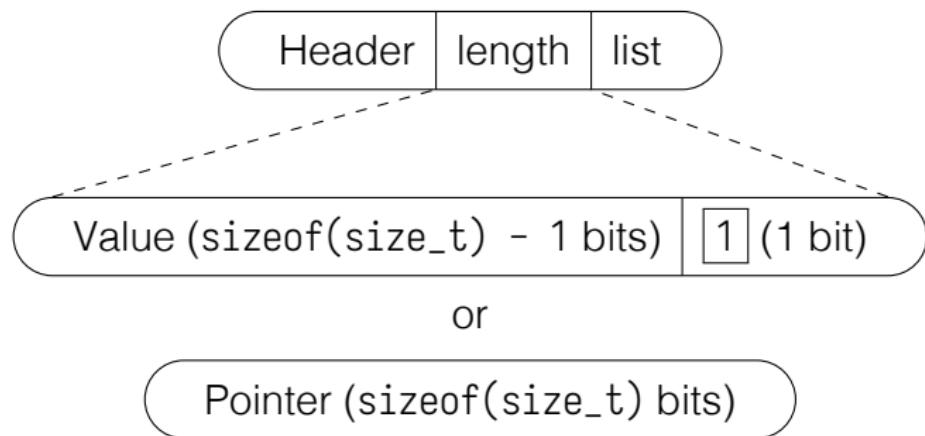
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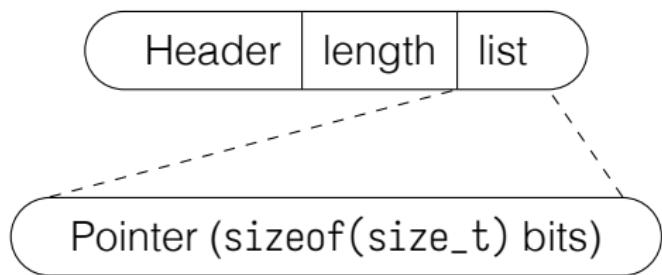
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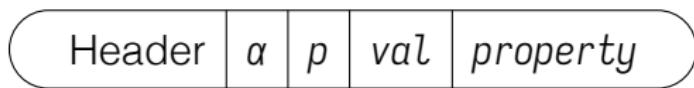
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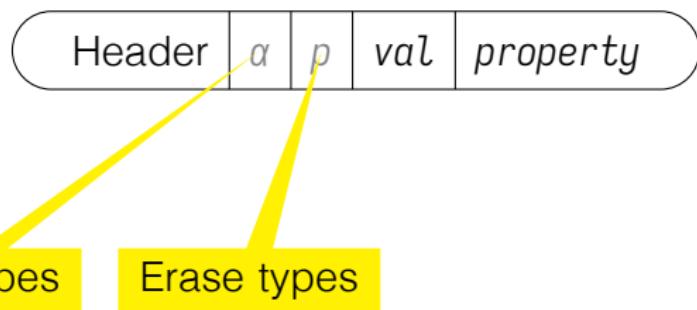
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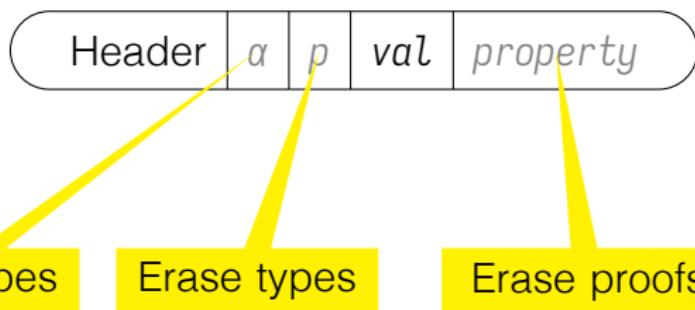
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Logically: a thin
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In programs: $O(n)$
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@[extern "lean_array_fset"]
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`lean_array_fset` **mutates** the array when there is precisely one reference

Special Types

Nat	Linked list	Immediate or GMP
Int	Nat with sign	Immediate or GMP
Array	Linked List	Dynamic array (a la std::vector)
String	List of Char	Packed array of bytes (UTF-8)
UInt8–UInt64	Fin	Immediate

Nat is special in the kernel - all others only in programs

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Useful Tools

- ▶ `#guard_msgs` - run a Lean command, and check that the output is what's expected
- ▶ `List.attach` - replace ℓ with Subtype (`fun x => x ∈ ℓ`)
- ▶ Linters for documentation, lemmas, etc
- ▶ Tactics
- ▶ Soon: Omega

Under Construction!

<https://github.com/leanprover/std4>

Priorities:

- ▶ Proof automation (Sledgehammer, etc)
- ▶ Data structures and associated lemmas

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Why Termination?

$\text{fix} : (\alpha \rightarrow \alpha) \rightarrow \alpha$

As a program, **general recursion**

As a reasoning principle, **a circular argument**

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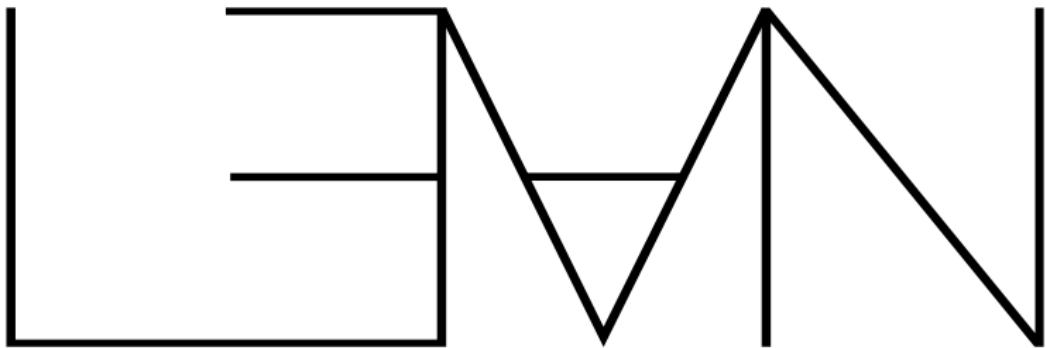
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- ▶ Decidability of type checking - many useful systems are nonetheless undecidable (e.g. GHC, Scala, ...)

Proving Termination

- ▶ *Structural recursion* elaborates to eliminators
- ▶ Other recursion uses well-founded relations

Demo: Termination



Termination.lean

Well-Founded Recursion

```
def f ... (x : A) ... : T :=  
  ... (f e1) ... (f e2) ...  
termination_by  
  f ... x ... => m x
```

What this means:

1. If $m x : U$, resolve type class `WellFoundedRelation U`
2. For each recursive call $f e$, prove $e < x$ w.r.t.
`WellFoundedRelation.r` using a default tactic
3. Elaborate to `WellFounded.fix`

Caveat

`WellFounded.fix` is noncomputable

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- ▶ Elaborator (lazily) proves each defining equation of the function

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- ▶ Non non-function partial values

Alternatives, part 2

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unsafe is “infectious” - use `@[implemented_by f]` to have compiled code use (unsafe) `f`

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Proving Termination

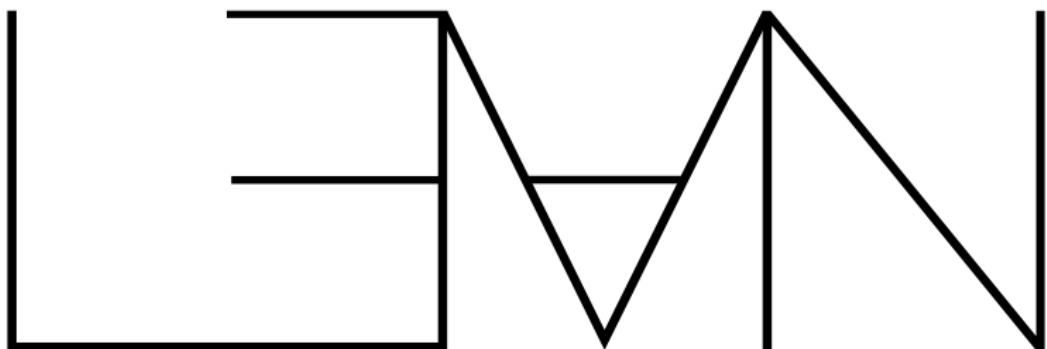
Notations, Macros and Metaprogramming

Notations

Lean code should resemble mathematical syntax when possible

Notations simultaneously extend the parser and provide an interpretation into existing syntax

Demo: Notations



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Macros

Macros allow arbitrary analysis of input syntax to produce output syntax

macro : Syntax → MacroM Syntax

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macro "if" e:term "then" t:term "else" f:term =>
  `(ite $e (fun () => $t) (fun () => $f))
```

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  let scp ← Lean.getCurMacroScope
  let mainModule ← Lean.getMainModule
  pure <Lean.Syntax.node3 info
    `term_+_
      e.raw (Lean.Syntax.atom info "+")
      (Lean.Syntax.node1 info `num
        (Lean.Syntax.atom info "2"))>
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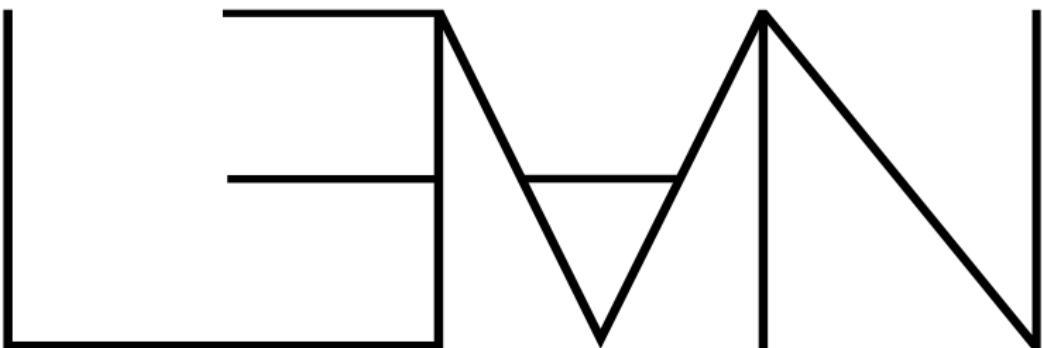
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MacroM ensures that macro scopes are kept unique, so each act of quotation cannot interfere with others

Demo: Macros



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Other Metaprogramming Features

- ▶ *Elaborators* translate syntax into Lean's core language
- ▶ *Custom tactics* allow custom proof automation (more next week)
- ▶ *Language server extensions* allow custom IDE features (e.g. outline view, code actions)

Next time

Foundations and Proofs

- ▶ Lean's type theory
- ▶ Writing proofs
- ▶ Proof automation

Reading for Today

- ▶ *Functional Programming in Lean* chapters 7–10 (“Monad Transformers” through “Programming, Proving, and Performance”)
- ▶ *Counting Immutable Beans* by Ullrich and de Moura describes Lean’s memory management
- ▶ *Beyond Notations* by Ullrich and de Moura describes Lean’s metaprogramming features

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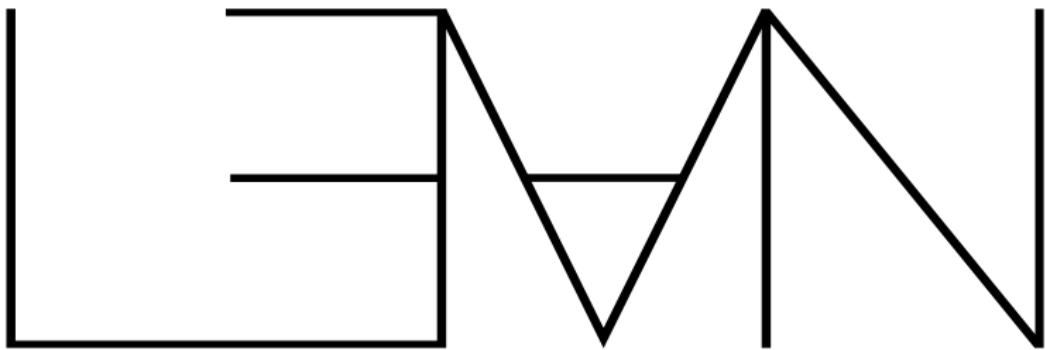
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Proofs and Tactics

- ▶ Lean tactics have *hygiene*
- ▶ New tactics definable as macros or directly
- ▶ Freely intermix term and tactic mode proofs

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- ▶ Lean co-evolved with a classical community
- ▶ Wholehearted embrace of classical reasoning
- ▶ Proof automation prioritized over metatheoretic elegance

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- ▶ Kernel options like --without-k or HoTT

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Axioms:

$$\alpha/R : \mathbf{U}_u$$

$$\text{mk}_R : \alpha \rightarrow \alpha/R$$

$$\text{sound}_R : \forall xy : \alpha. R x y \rightarrow \text{mk}_R x = \text{mk}_R y$$

$$\text{lift}_R : \forall \beta : \mathbf{U}_v.$$

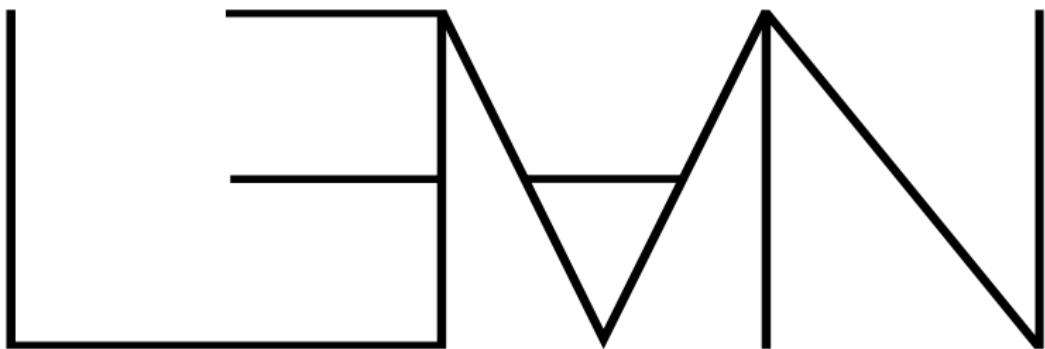
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Computation:

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Demo: Quotients



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Definitionally:

$$\begin{aligned} f &\equiv \lambda x . f x && \text{n} \\ &\equiv \lambda x . \text{mk}_{\sim} f \$ x && \text{Computation rule for lift} \\ &\equiv \text{mk}_{\sim} f \$ && \text{n} \end{aligned}$$

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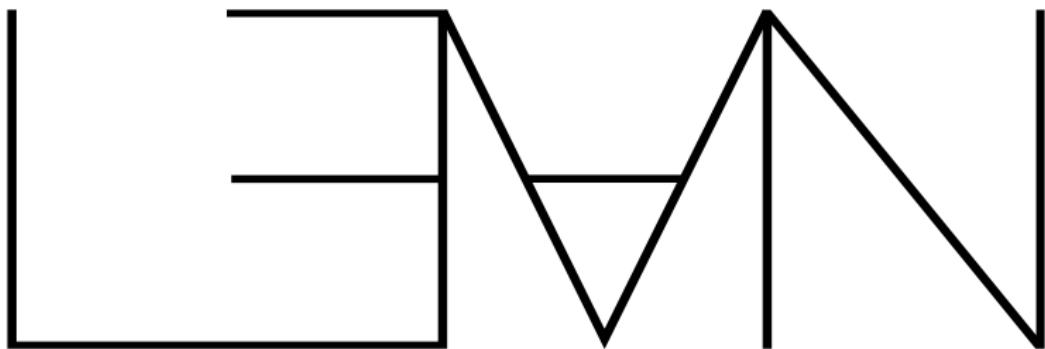
To show $f = g$, we can show $\text{mk}_{\sim} f \$ = \text{mk}_{\sim} g \$$.

We have:

$$\text{sound}_{\sim} : f \sim g \rightarrow \text{mk}_{\sim} f = \text{mk}_{\sim} g$$

Thus, we can show $\text{mk}_{\sim} f \$ = \text{mk}_{\sim} f \$$, which is true by reflexivity.

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Funext.lean

Metatheory

We have:

- ▶ Consistency
- ▶ Unique typing

But:

- ▶ No normalization
- ▶ Undecidable definitional equality
- ▶ No subject reduction

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Proof Irrelevance and Impredicativity

- ▶ Impredicativity and definitional proof irrelevance imply failure of normalization in an inconsistent context
- ▶ Impredicativity, definitional proof irrelevance, and propext also imply failure of normalization

See: *Failure of Normalization in Impredicative Type Theory With Proof-Irrelevant Propositional Equality*, Abel and Coquand (LMCS 16(2), 2020)

Definitional Equality

Split between undecidable “ideal” $\Gamma \vdash e \equiv e'$ and
“implemented” $\Gamma \vdash e \Leftrightarrow e'$

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Mathlib

More than 1,000,000 lines of Lean, formalizing lots of math

Basis for complicated work like Scholze's liquid tensor challenge and the sphere eversion project

<https://github.com/leanprover-community/mathlib4>



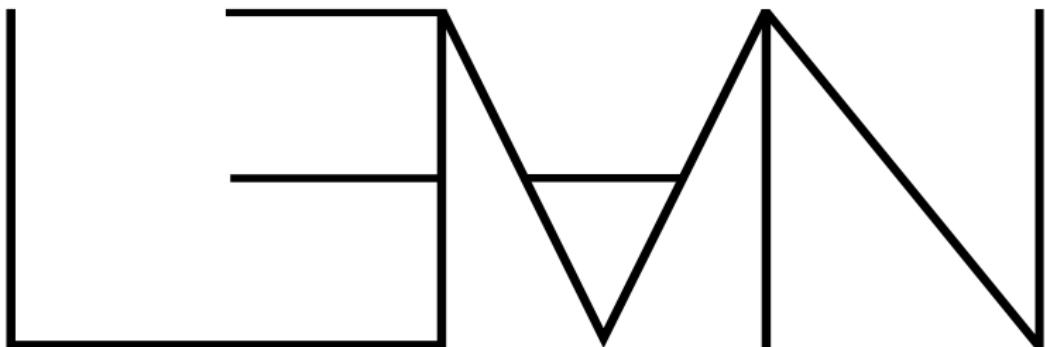
Aesop

Automated Extensible Search for Obvious Proofs

Recursively and efficiently applies a large, extensible set of rules to dispatch proof goals

Aesop: White-Box Best-First Proof Search for Lean, Limberg and From (CPP '23)

Demo: Aesop



Aesop.lean

Other Proof Tools

- ▶ Lean Auto - use existing automated provers and extract Lean proofs when possible
- ▶ Duper - a superposition prover build on top of Auto
- ▶ Loogle - search the Lean libraries by name or type
- ▶ Moogle - LLM-powered natural language theorem search

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- ▶ *An Extensible Theorem Proving Frontend* by Ullrich, section 3.2, which describes later updates to the theory
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