

OPENMATH for knowledge-based automated theorem proving

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What is Mechanised Reasoning

- The field is 40 years old now
- It is a subfield of Artificial Intelligence

- **Motivation:**

Exhibiting Intelligence by mechanising the “Queen of Sciences”

- **Mechanised Reasoning System (MRS) = software system that synthesises proofs**
 - Representing the problem in formal logic
 - search for the proof on the level of a logical calculus (automatically (ATP), interactively (ITP), human-oriented (HTP))
 - (optional) Proof beautification/presentation



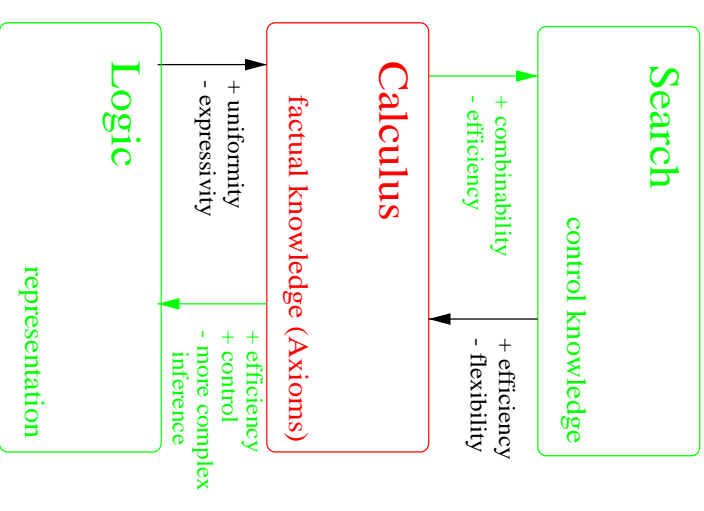
State of the Art in Mechanised Reasoning

- In the Applications
 - Program verification/synthesis: Moving into industrial applications
 - Mathematics: only applicable for relatively trivial problems
 - Natural Language Processing: Basic research necessary
- Is **not** an accepted tool in mathematical practice.
- Trends: Try to overcome limitations by AI methods
 - **Knowledge**-based theorem proving, **Cooperation** of ATP
 - Idea: use **agents** and OPENMATH for this
 - In this talk: MBASE a mathematical knowledge base system.

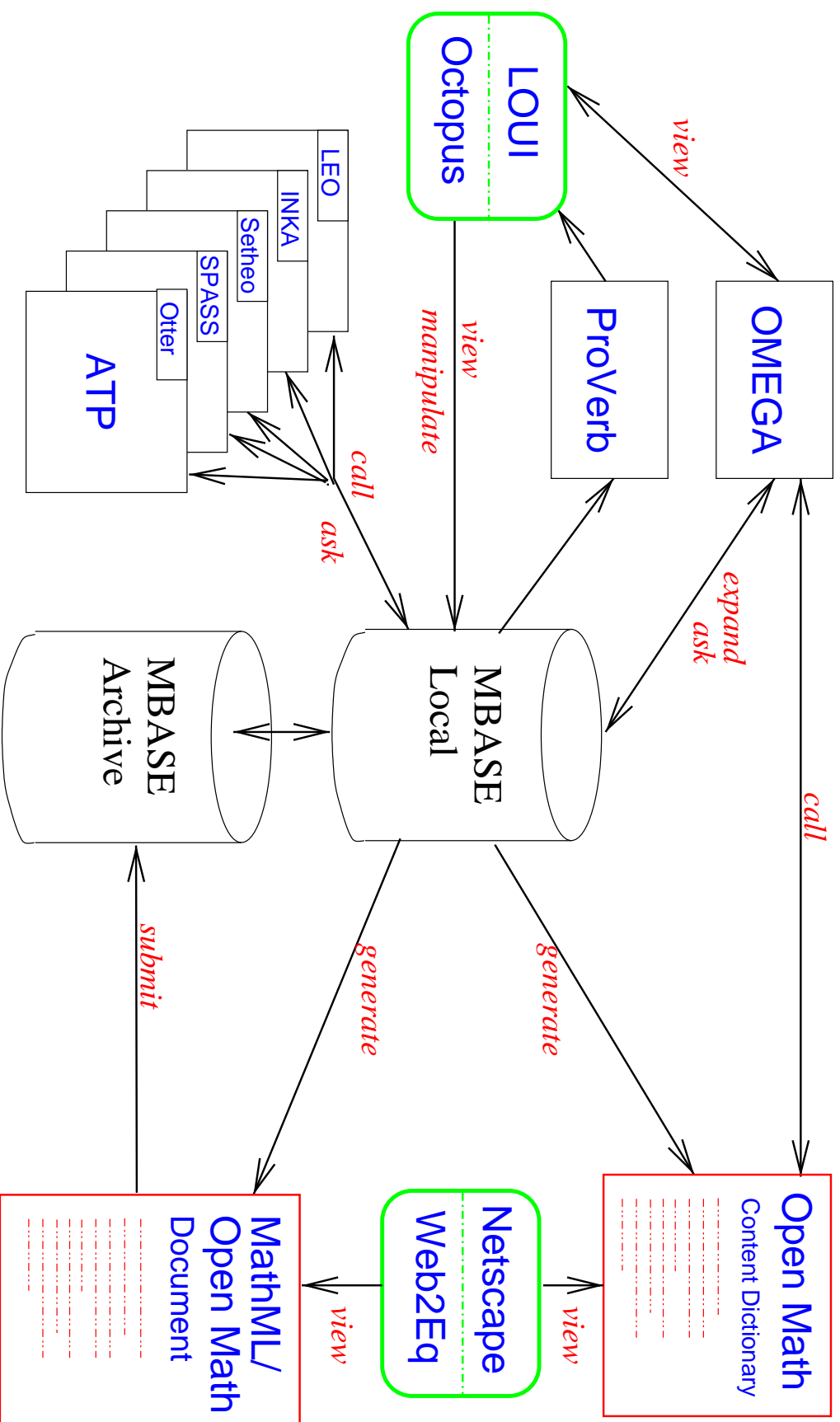


Knowledge-Based Theorem Proving?

- Expressive representation formalisms (Knowledge local)
 - Higher-order logic, sorted λ -calculus, ...
- Specialized inference processes (Knowledge implicit)
 - Superposition, LEO, constraint-solvers, computer-algebra, ...
- proof planning (explicit method- and control knowledge)
 - methods as plan operators, control rule interpreter ...
- Knowledge base (stockpiling knowledge)
 - Inheritance, structure morphisms, RDBMS, semantic search, ...
- knowledge acquisition (e.g. reading math books)



Knowledge-Based, Distributed TP in MATHWEB

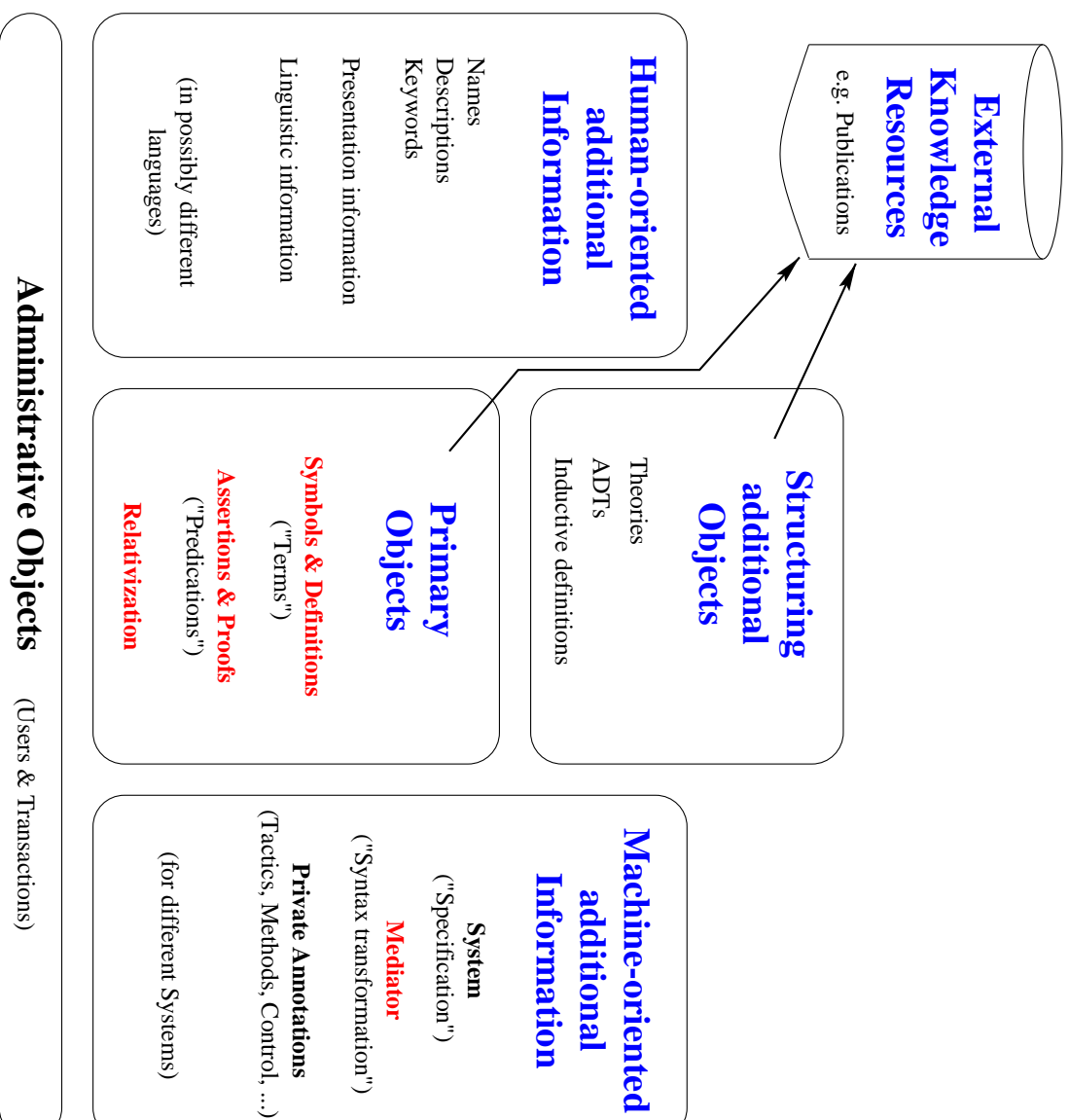


MATHWEB: Implementation and Availability

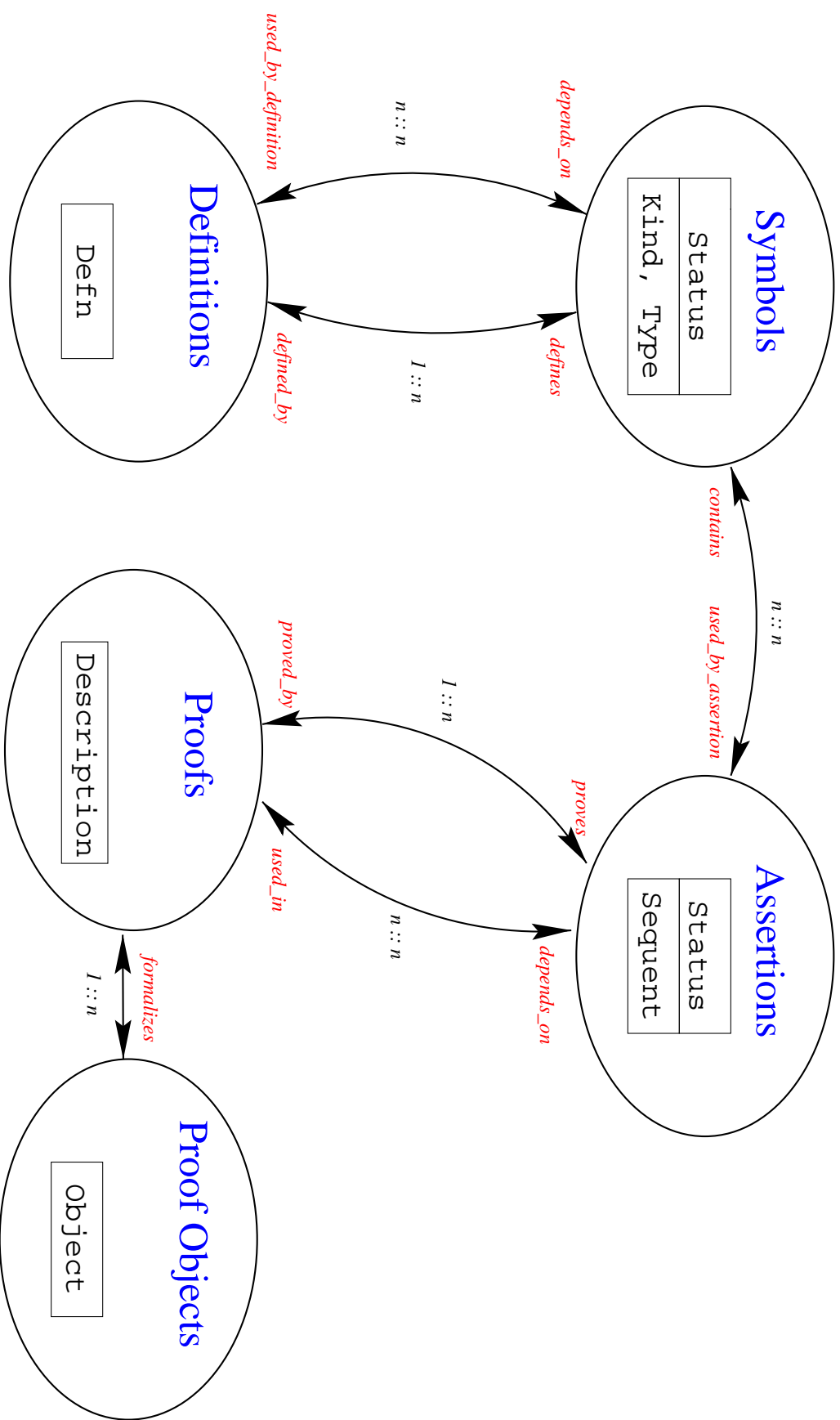
- Agent shells are implemented in MOZART OZ 3.0 (concurrent, OO, constraint-logic programming language)
 - Get network communication layer for free
 - Tested with Ω MEGA, DORIS
- Available Mathematical Services include:
 - **Automated theorem provers**: OTTER, SPASS, PROTEIN, BLIKSEM, TPS, EQP, ...
 - **Proof Transformers**: from these to Natural Deduction
 - **Computer Algebra Systems**: MAPLE, MAGMA, GAP
 - **User Interface**: *LMTL* (runs as an agent on client machine)
 - **Proof Presentation**: Verbalization in natural language (English)
 - **Knowledge base**: MBASE (rest of the talk)



The Data Model in MBASE



Primary Objects in MBASE



λ -Calculus: an expressive Formalism for Mathematics

- Example: **Cantor's Theorem**: $\neg(\text{countable}(\mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}))$
- Theorem: *The set of sequences of natural numbers is uncountable.*
 - **countable** := $\lambda M.\exists F.\text{surj}(F, \mathbb{N}, M)$ **or** $\lambda M.\neg\exists F.\text{inj}(F, M, \mathbb{N})$
 - **surj** := $\lambda F.M.N.VX \in M.\exists Y \in N.FY = X$
 - **A^B** = $\lambda F.VX.AX \Rightarrow B(FX)$.

- **Proof: (Diagonalisation)**

Assume that there is a surjective mapping $f: \mathbb{N} \longrightarrow \mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}$. Consider the diagonal sequence $g(i) := f(i, i)$. Increment $(h(i) := f(i, i) + 1)$; obviously $h \neq f(j)$ for all $j \in \mathbb{N}$, so $h \notin \text{Im}(f)$ (**contradiction**).



Correctness Management

- **Problem:** Consistency is a central concern for any knowledge base.
- **Theory:** Consistency cannot be ensured [Gödel'32].
- **Practice:** Reduce problem to small set of axioms.
(Conservative/Definitional Extension, **proofs**)
- Evidence for consistency in MBASE
 - **published NL proof, typical examples, semi-formal proof, peer review.**
 - Full proofs can be too large/tedious
 - Conjectures are first-class citizens of mathematics,
e.g. in the initial development of a theory.



OPENMATH as a Content Language for MATHWEB

- **Desiderata:** Need to express
 - Formulae and terms with **meta-variables**
 - Formal **proof objects** and **computations** (with meta-variables)
 - Specifications of (fragments of) logical systems,
- **Schematic Objects** (*decl, object, sequent, resource, language*)
- **Idea:** Use OPENMATH with new content dictionary OpenProof.
 - **Schema Symbols:** formula, term, proof, computation
 - **Attribute Symbols:** language, type
 - Further CDS for logical systems proper FFOI, ND (FOI), HOI, ECC,...



Example: Schematic Formula

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Proofs in OPENMATH

- Idea: Use **Propositions-as-Types**: $\Rightarrow I(\lambda X_{A \wedge B}. \wedge I(\wedge ER(X), \wedge EL(X)))$

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The Curry-Howard Isomorphism

- Idea: use the structural similarity between λ -Calculus and ND.
 - \rightarrow vs. \Rightarrow
 - Types vs. Formulae (“propositions as types”)
 - λ -terms vs. Proofs (“Proof terms”, “proofs as programs”)
 - *wff:app* vs. $\Rightarrow E$, *wff:abs* vs. $\Rightarrow I$
- A provable, iff α non-empty e.g. for Hilbert-Axioms
 - $\lambda X_\alpha \lambda Y_\beta. X_\alpha$ has Type $\alpha \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow \alpha$
 - $\lambda X_{\alpha \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow \gamma} \lambda Y_{\alpha \rightarrow \gamma} \lambda Z_\gamma. X(Z, Y(Z))$: $(\alpha \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow \gamma) \rightarrow (\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow \alpha \rightarrow \gamma$
- New CD `OpenProof` containing symbols for all ND inference rules



The Curry-Howard Isomorphism (Example)

$$\begin{array}{c} \Gamma \vdash Y:\alpha \rightarrow \beta \quad \Gamma \vdash Z:\alpha \\ \hline \Gamma \vdash X:\alpha \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow \gamma \quad \Gamma \vdash Z:\alpha \\ \hline \Gamma \vdash X(Z, Y(Z)):\gamma \\ \hline \Gamma \vdash X(Z, Y(Z)):\gamma \\ \hline [X:\alpha \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow \gamma], [Y:\alpha \rightarrow \beta] \vdash_{\Sigma} \lambda Z.X(Z, Y(Z)):\alpha \rightarrow \gamma \\ \hline [X:\alpha \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow \gamma] \vdash_{\Sigma} \lambda YZ.X(Z, Y(Z)):(\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow \alpha \rightarrow \gamma \\ \hline \emptyset \vdash_{\Sigma} \lambda XYZ.X(Z, Y(Z)):(\alpha \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow \gamma) \rightarrow (\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow \alpha \rightarrow \gamma \end{array}$$

wobei $\Gamma = [X:\alpha \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow \gamma], [Y:\alpha \rightarrow \beta], [Z:\alpha]$



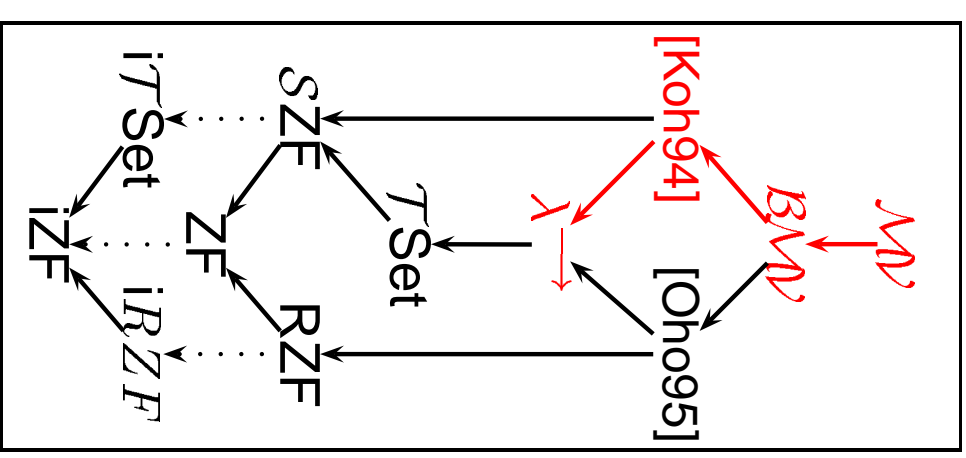
Logical Issues

- The representation formalism must meet conflicting requirements!
- Quasi-religious battle over the “right logic”
 - classical vs. constructive
 - typed (λ -calculus) vs. untyped (set theory)
 - if types, how strong? (simple, polymorphic, records, dependent)
 - machine-oriented vs. human-readable
 - partial functions? multi-valued?
- **MBASE: Conservative Extension Principle with Logic Morphisms**
(accommodate for all possible desires.)



Logic Morphisms

- Definition: **Logical System** $S = (\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{C})$,
 - \mathcal{L} language (set of well-formed formulae)
 - \mathcal{C} calculus (set of inference rules)
 - $\mathcal{D}: \mathcal{H} \vdash_{\mathcal{C}} A$ is a \mathcal{C} -derivation of A from \mathcal{H}
- Definition: **Logic Morphism** $\mathcal{F}: S \longrightarrow S'$,
 - **Language Morphism** $\mathcal{F}^{\mathcal{L}}: \mathcal{L} \longrightarrow \mathcal{L}'$
 - **Calculus Morphism** $\mathcal{F}^{\mathcal{D}}$ from \mathcal{C} -derivations to \mathcal{C}' -derivations, such that for any \mathcal{C} -derivation $\mathcal{D}: \mathcal{H} \vdash_{\mathcal{C}} A$, we have $\mathcal{F}^{\mathcal{D}}(\mathcal{D}): \mathcal{F}^{\mathcal{L}}(\mathcal{H}) \vdash_{\mathcal{C}'} \mathcal{F}^{\mathcal{L}}(A)$.
- **Logic morphisms transport proofs!**



Sorted λ -Calculus

- Distinguish between **Sorts** and **Types**
- **Term declarations** as general Mechanism

Example:

Higher-Order Unification

$$\begin{aligned}
 & [+::\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}] \\
 & [+::\mathbb{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{E}] \\
 & [+::\mathbb{O} \rightarrow \mathbb{O} \rightarrow \mathbb{E}] \\
 & [(\lambda X. + \ X X)::\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{E}]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{G}_{\mathbb{E}}^+(\Sigma) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} +Z_{\mathbb{E}}W_{\mathbb{E}}, \\ +Z_{\mathbb{O}}W_{\mathbb{O}}, \\ +Z_{\mathbb{N}}Z_{\mathbb{N}} \end{array} \right\}$$

- **functional base sorts**: e.g. $(\lambda X.X)::\mathbb{C} \leq \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$,
- **intersection sorts**: z.B. $[+::\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \cap \mathbb{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{E} \cap \mathbb{O} \rightarrow \mathbb{O} \rightarrow \mathbb{E}]$
- **Closure under $\beta\eta$ -equality**



Relativisation = Morphism to $\Lambda \rightarrow$

- Signature: $\mathcal{R}([+::\mathbf{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{N}]) = \forall X, Y. \mathbf{N}(X) \wedge \mathbf{N}(Y) \Rightarrow \mathbf{N}(X + Y)$.
- Formulae: $\mathcal{R}(\forall X. \mathbf{B}. \mathbf{A}) = \forall X. \mathbf{B}(X) \Rightarrow \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A})$

- Sorts: $\mathcal{R} \left(\frac{\frac{\mathbf{A}::\mathbf{B} \rightarrow \mathbf{C} \quad \mathbf{B}::\mathbf{B}}{\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}::\mathbf{C}}}{} \right) = \frac{\forall X. \mathbf{B}(X) \Rightarrow \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{A}X)}{\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{B}) \Rightarrow \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B})} \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{B})$

- Proofs: $\mathcal{R} \left(\frac{\frac{\forall X. \mathbf{B}. \mathbf{A} \quad \mathbf{B}:\mathbf{B}}{[\mathbf{B}/X]\mathbf{A}}}{\mathcal{R}([\mathbf{B}/X]\mathbf{A})} \right) = \frac{\forall X. \mathbf{B}(X) \Rightarrow \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A})}{\mathbf{B}(\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{B})) \Rightarrow \mathcal{R}([\mathbf{B}/X]\mathbf{A})} \mathcal{R}([\mathbf{B}/X]\mathbf{A})$



Mathematical Vernacular (Structures)

- Approximate day-to-day language of mathematicians
- In particular support for **algebraic structures**.

- **Record-Sorts**: e.g. group

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \text{Set} \quad :: \quad \mathbb{T}_{\text{Op}}^{\alpha \rightarrow o} \\ \text{Op} \quad \quad :: \quad A \rightarrow A \rightarrow A \\ \text{Neut} \quad :: \quad A \\ \text{Inv} \quad \quad :: \quad A \rightarrow A \end{array} \right]$$

- **Analogous**: application with labels, e.g. associativity

$$\text{assoc} := \lambda \text{Set } S. \lambda \text{Op } F. \forall X \Delta. \forall Y \Delta. \forall Z \Delta. F X (F Y Z) = F (F X Y) Z$$

- **Problem**: what is the relation between Sort A and set S .



Dependent Sorts, Selection Sorts

- Idea: Use record-labels as dependent sorts
 - Example: **set operation** $\text{Setop} := [\text{Set}::\mathbb{T}\text{op}_{\alpha \rightarrow o}, \text{Op}::\text{Set} \rightarrow \text{Set} \rightarrow \text{Set}]$
 - prove $\mathbb{I}\mathbb{N}::\mathbb{T}\text{op}$, and $+\::\mathbb{I}\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{I}\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{I}\mathbb{N}$ for $[\text{Set} = \mathbb{I}\mathbb{N}; \text{Op} = +]\::\text{Setop}$
 - Analogous: $\text{assoc}::\mathbb{T}\text{op}_{\alpha \rightarrow o} \xrightarrow{\text{Set}} (\text{Set} \rightarrow \text{Set} \rightarrow \text{Set}) \xrightarrow{\text{Op}} \mathbb{T}\text{op}_o$
 - Problem: semigroups are associative
 - Idea: Use **selection sorts**: (compare to $\{X \in A \mid A\}$).
- $\text{Semigroup} := \{\text{Setop} \mid (\lambda X. [\text{assoc} @_{\text{Set}} (X. \text{Set}) @_{\text{Op}} (X. \text{Op})])\}$
- and so on...



Knowledge Acquisition (Rambo)

- Where does all the knowledge for MBASE come from?
- Idea: Reading math books!
 - Cooperative, restricted vocab, syntax and ambiguity.
 - discourse structure explicitly marked
 - Object ontology (mathematics) totally formalized (Bourbaki)
- State: 3 Theorems + proofs (Masters Thesis Baur)
 - Theorem 2.3.3 (Triangle Inequality) For any a and b in \mathbb{R} , we have $|a + b| \leq |a| + |b|$.
 - Proof: From 2.3.2(e), we have $-|a| \leq a \leq |a|$ and $-|b| \leq b \leq |b|$. Then, adding and using 2.2.6(b), we obtain

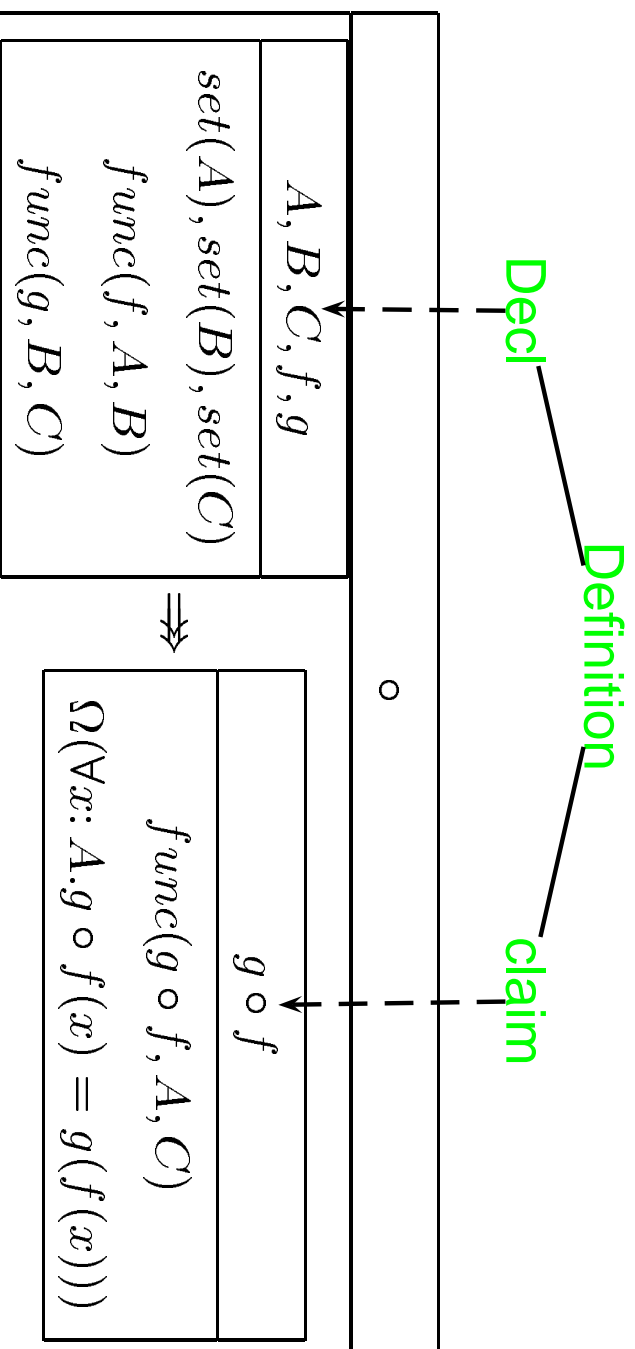
$$-(|a| + |b|) \leq a + b \leq |a| + |b|$$

Hence we have $|a + b| \leq |a| + |b|$ by 2.3.2(d).



Discourse Semantics of a Definition

- **Definition 1.2.8:** For functions $f: A \rightarrow B$ and $g: B \rightarrow C$, the **composite function** $g \circ f$ (note the order!) is the function from A to C defined by $g \circ f(x) := g(f(x))$ for $x \in A$. (see figure 1.2.5.)
- Semantics = Discourse structure + Discourse representation structures (DRS)

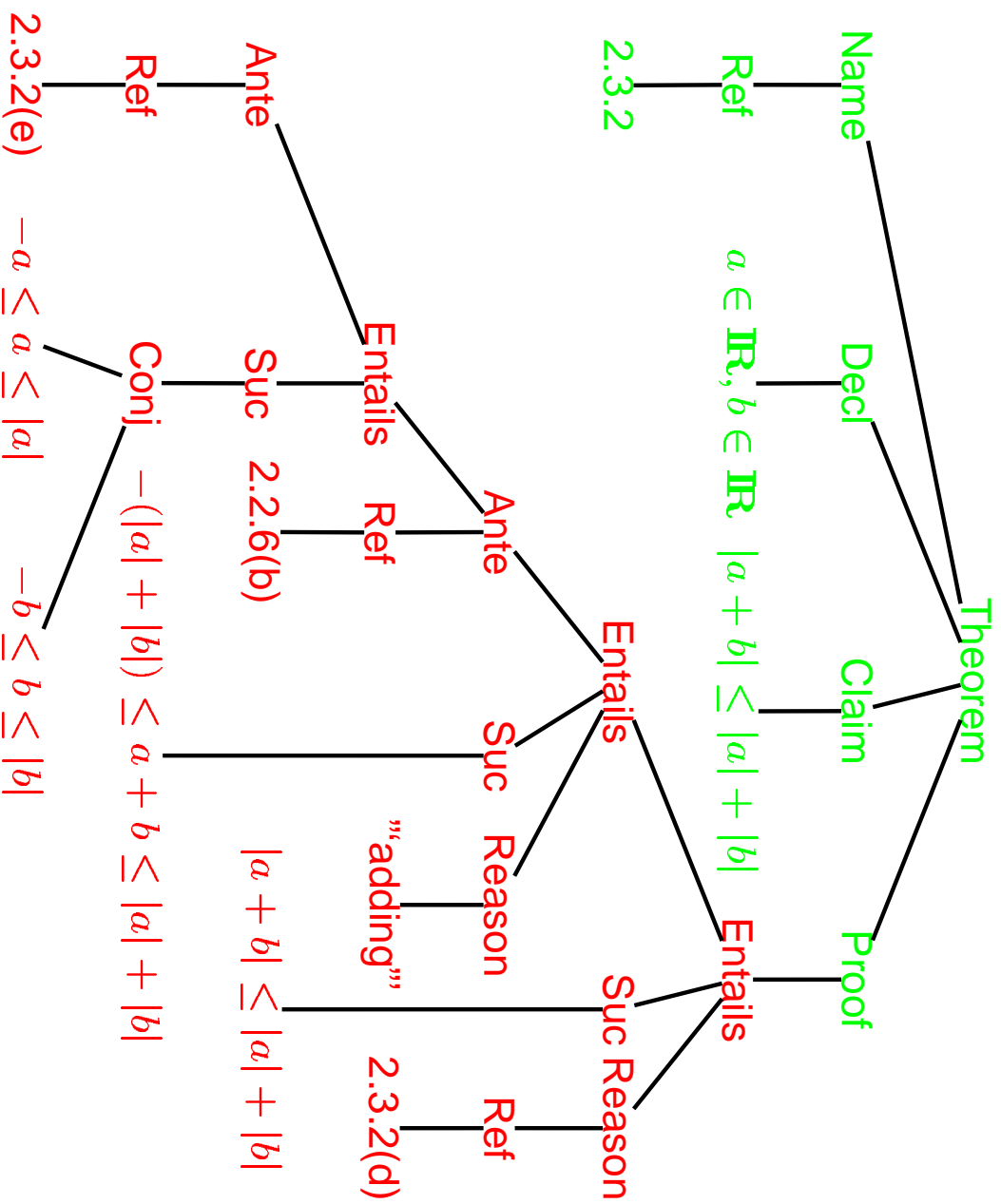


Representation in MBASE

symbol	
<i>Name</i>	: compose-functions
<i>Key</i>	: BarShe:itra82;1.2.8
<i>Type</i>	: $\forall\alpha\beta\gamma.(\beta \rightarrow \gamma) \rightarrow (\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow \alpha \rightarrow \gamma$
<i>Formula</i>	: $\lambda F\lambda G\lambda z.F(Gz)$
<i>Help</i>	: Function Composition



Discourse Structure of a Theorem



Yields the Proof Plan

L1	L1	$\vdash a \in \mathbb{R}$	(Ass)
L2	L2	$\vdash b \in \mathbb{R}$	(Ass)
L3	L1	$\vdash -a \leq a \leq a $	(plan L1 2.3.2(e))
L4	L2	$\vdash -b \leq b \leq b $	(plan L2 2.3.2(e))
L5	L1,L2	$\vdash -(a + b) \leq a + b \leq a + b $	(plan L3 L4 2.3.2(b) “adding”)
Ass	L1,L2	$\vdash a + b \leq a + b $	(plan L5 2.3.2(d))

- Direct image of the discourse semantics



Conclusions

- Cooperative knowledge-based Theorem proving as an application area for OPENMATH.
 - **agent-based** model for integration of **mathematical services**
 - Communication Language: KQML; Content language OPENMATH
 - **Implemented** (<http://www.ags.uni-sb.de/~omega/>)!
- Knowledge base system MBASE
 - gives a **semantics** to **interaction/integration**
 - can be used to **generate/replace** content dictionaries
 - Knowledge Acquisition by reading MATHML/OPENMATH



Desiderata for OPENMATH

- Status of Content Dictionaries
 - <Defmp> proposal (see last talk)
 - Inheritance of CDs (Model the structure of MBASE?)
 - Dynamic CDs (as a joint base of communication)
- Integrate OPENMATH/MATHML **beyond K-12** (Definitions, Theorems, proofs,...)
- **Towards Plug-and-Play mathematics**

