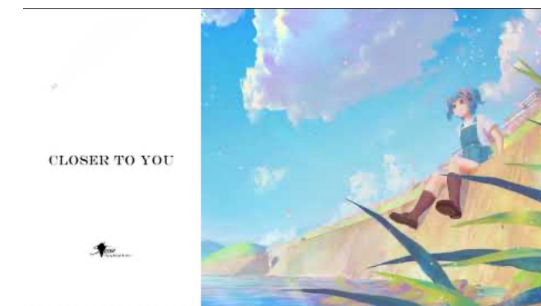


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Lean for Scientists and Engineers 2024

1. Logic and proofs for scientists and engineers
 1. Introduction to theorem proving
 2. Writing proofs in Lean
 3. Formalizing derivations in science and engineering
2. Functional programming in Lean 4
 1. Functional vs. imperative programming
 2. Numerical vs. symbolic mathematics
 3. Writing executable programs in Lean
3. Provably-correct programs for scientific computing

Schedule (tentative)

Logic and proofs for scientists and engineers

Functional programming in Lean 4

Provably-correct programs for scientific computing

July 9, 2024	Introduction to Lean and proofs
July 10, 2024	Equalities and inequalities
July 16, 2024	Proofs with structure
July 17, 2024	Proofs with structure II
July 23, 2024	Proofs about functions; types
July 24, 2024	Calculus-based-proofs
July 30-31, 2024	Prof. Josephson traveling
August 6, 2024	Functions, definitions, structures, recursion
August 8, 2024	Polymorphic functions for floats and reals, compiling Lean to C
August 13, 2024	Input / output, lists, arrays, and indexing
August 14, 2024	Lists, arrays, indexing, and matrices
August 20, 2024	LeanMD & BET Analysis in Lean
August 21, 2024	SciLean tutorial, by Tomáš Skřivan

Content inspired by:

Mechanics of Proof, by Heather Macbeth

Functional Programming in Lean, by David Christiansen



Guest instructor: Tomáš Skřivan

Schedule for today

1. Recap Lectures 1-6
 1. Especially functions
2. Functional vs. imperative programming
3. Recursion basics
 1. Factorial
 2. Head vs. tail
 3. Summation
4. The halting problem
5. Structures

Extra recommended resource:
<https://busy-beavers.tigyog.app/proofs-about-programs>

Schedule for Wednesday

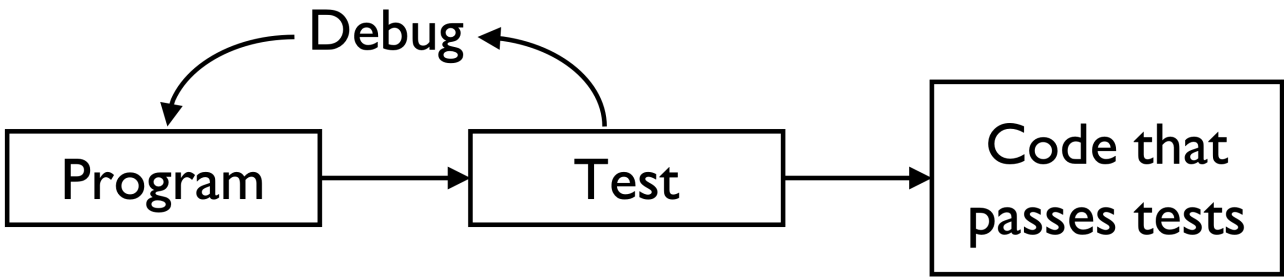
- Recap Lecture 7
- Polymorphic functions
- Lists and arrays
- Recursion over lists

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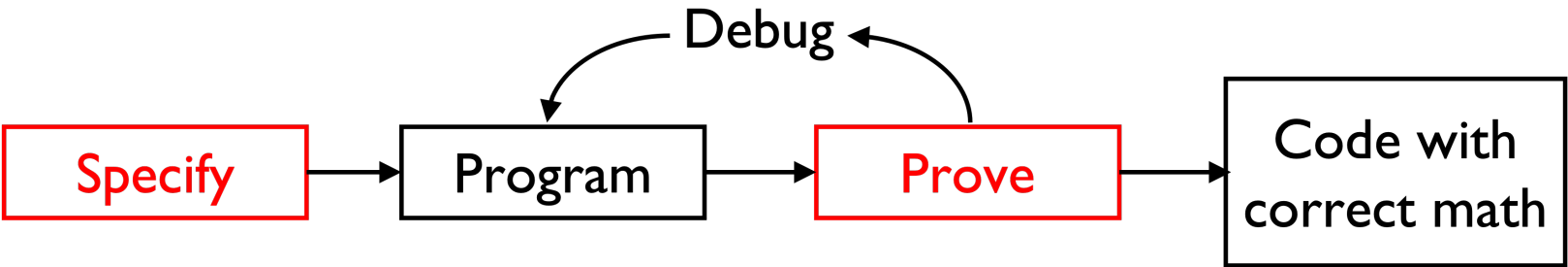
A vision for bug-free scientific computing

Selsam, Liang, Dill, “Developing Bug-Free Machine Learning Systems with Formal Mathematics,” ICML 2017.

Standard method: test code empirically



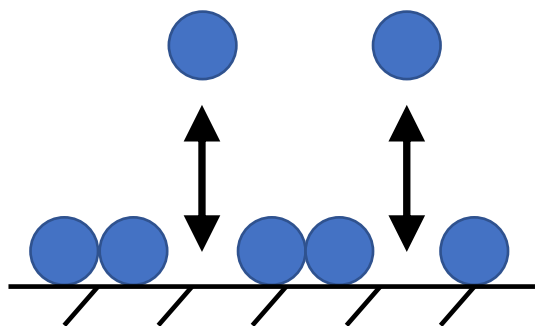
Our method: verify code mathematically



Errors in scientific computing software

Category of error	Example	Intervention	Lean
Syntax	Not closing parentheses	Editor	Editor
Runtime	Accessing element in list that doesn't exist	Run the program, program gives error message	Editor
Semantic	Missing a minus sign, transposing tensor indices	Human inspection of the code; test-driven development; observing anomalous behavior	Editor
Floating point / Round off	Subtracting small values from large values	Checking energy conservation	

Derivations in science are math proofs



Langmuir Adsorption
Langmuir, JACS, 1918

Proposition

5 premises

imply

conjecture

Site balance: $S_0 = S + S_a$

Adsorption rate model: $r_{\text{ads}} = k_{\text{ads}} \cdot p \cdot S$

Desorption rate model: $r_{\text{des}} = k_{\text{des}} \cdot S_a$

Equilibrium assumption: $r_{\text{ads}} = r_{\text{des}}$

Mass balance $q = S_a$

$q = \frac{S_0 K_{eq} p}{1 + K_{eq} p}$

Theorem

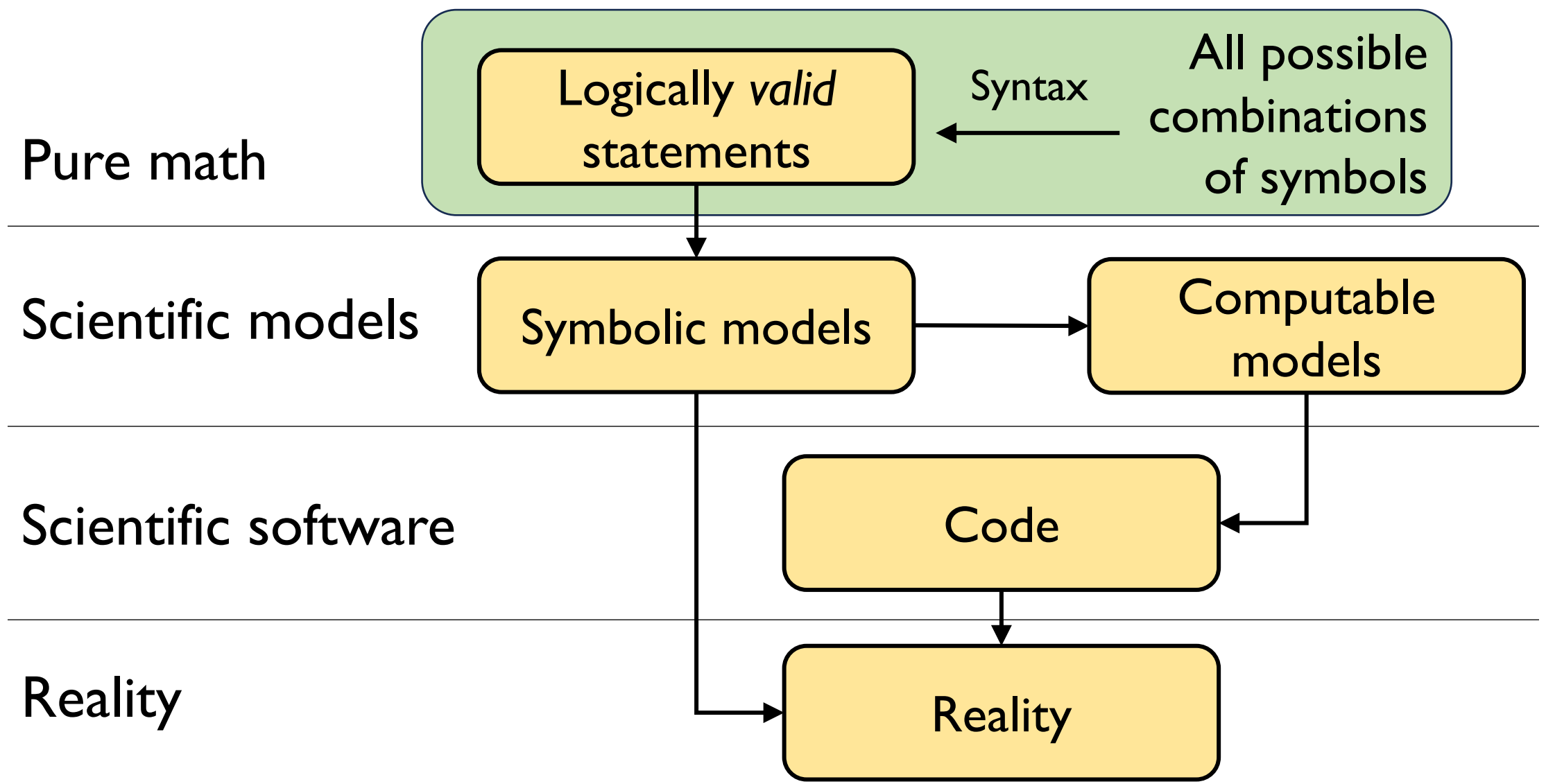
Proposition is TRUE

Proof

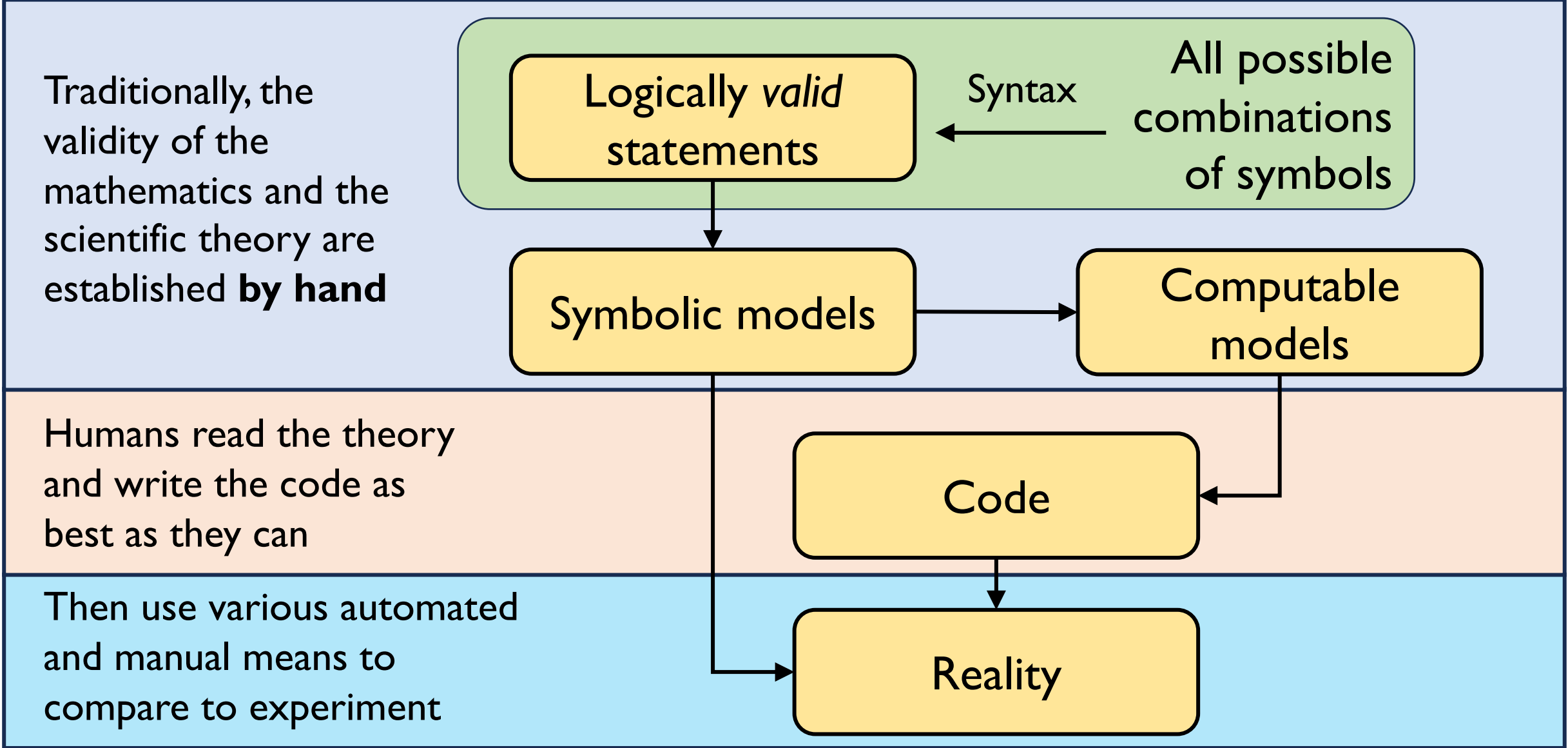
Derivation using algebraic manipulations (substitution, cancelling terms, etc.)

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Syntax and semantics in scientific computing

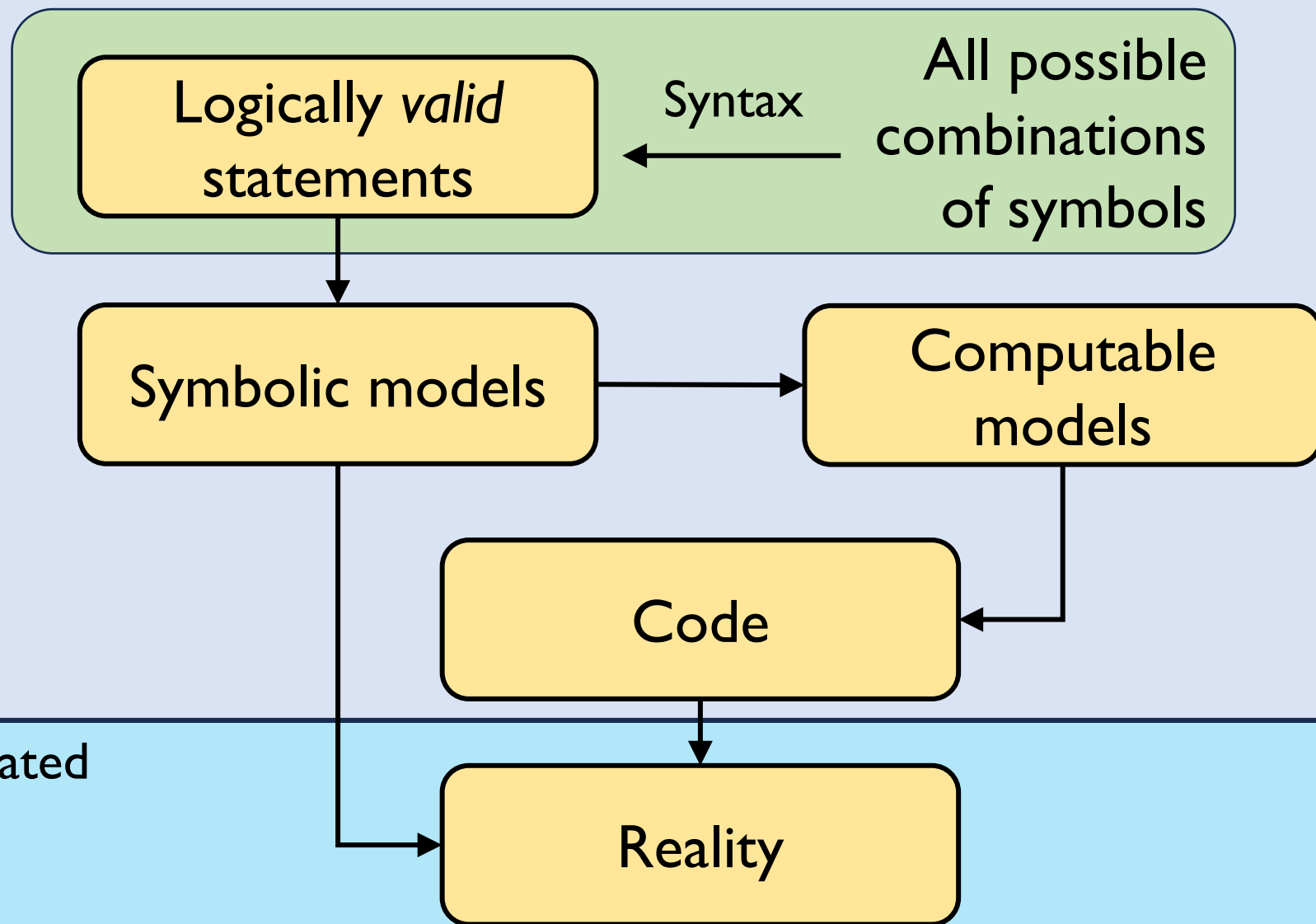


Syntax and semantics in scientific computing



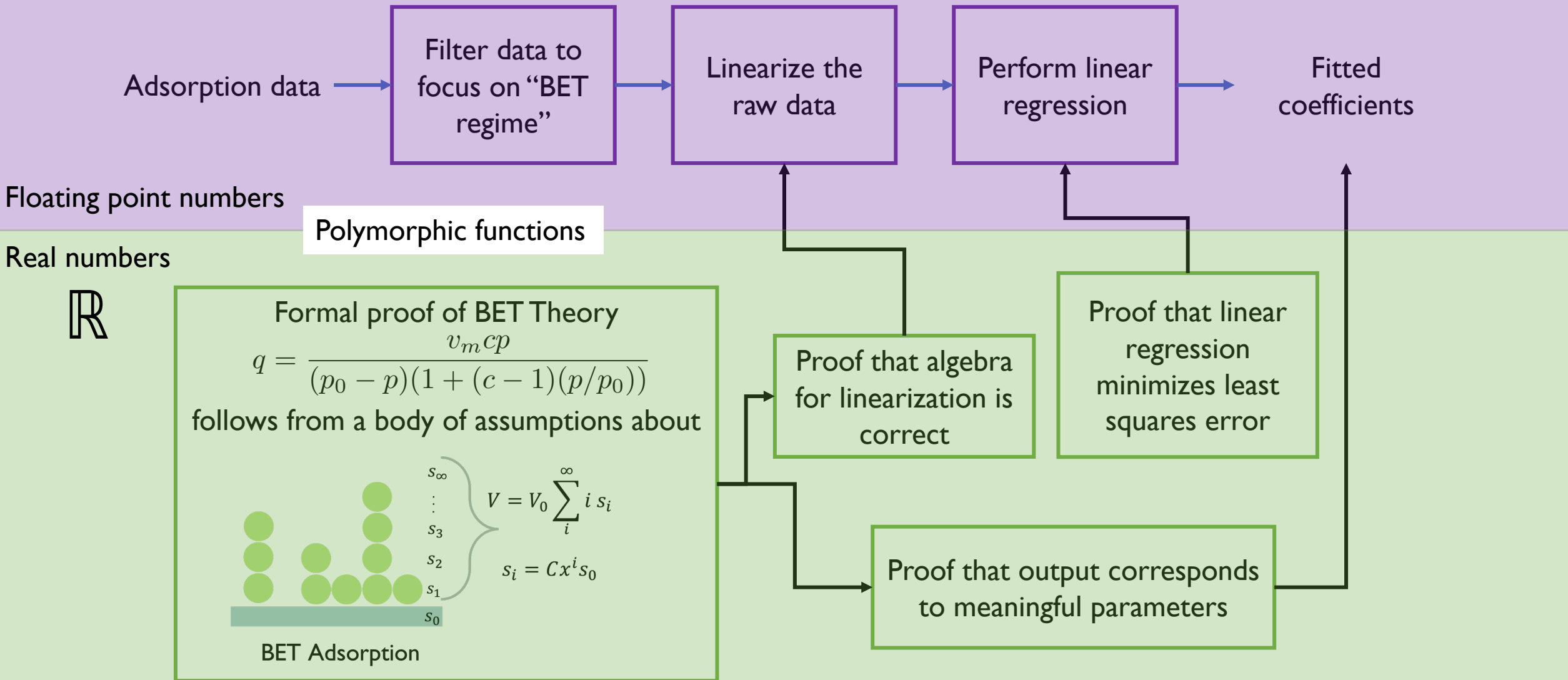
Syntax and semantics in scientific computing

Can we represent all of this in Lean, and validate the construction of the math, scientific models, and software, in one system?



Then use various automated and manual means to compare to experiment

Polymorphic functions to bridge floats and reals



Definitions

- Allow us to reuse terms outside of individual examples / theorems
- Facilitates modular code and verification of different parts of code
- Propositions
- Functions

Functions: Programming vs. Math

Programming perspective

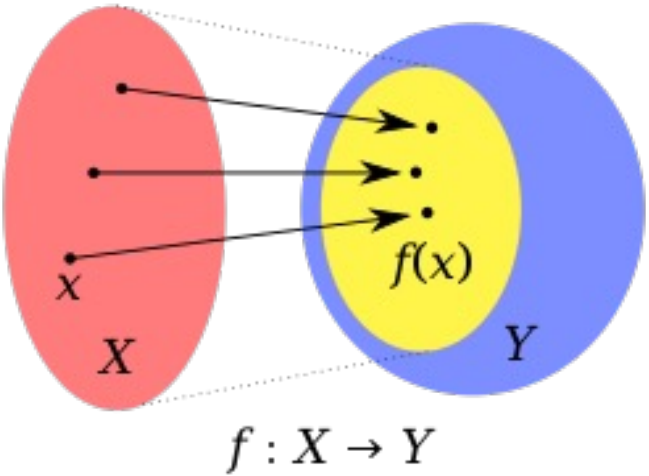
A function takes arguments, performs calculations, and produces an output

Examples in Python

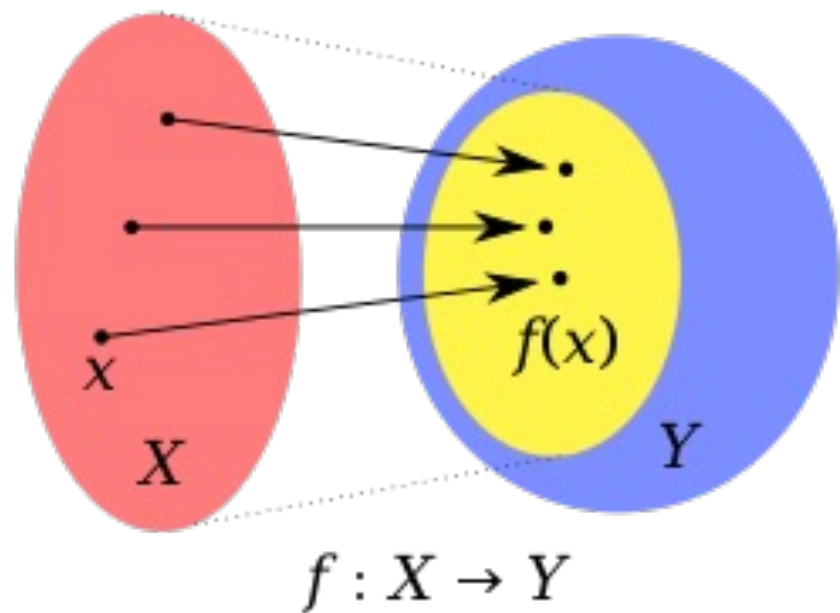
```
def squared(x):  
    y = x*x  
    return y
```

Math perspective

A function maps values from a domain to a co-domain



Functions: Programming vs. Math



Domain

Co-domain

Image

```
def squareroot(x):  
    y = x**(1/2)  
    return y
```

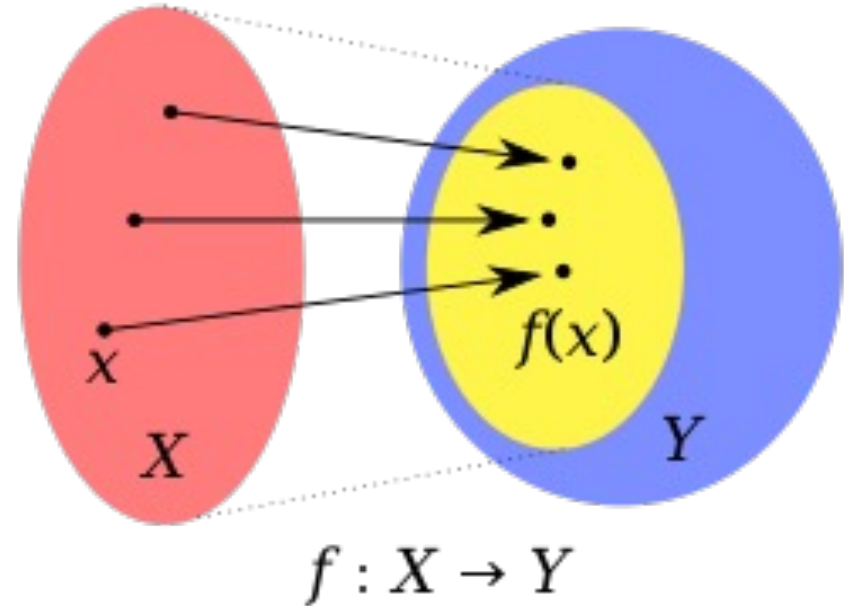
$$f(x) = \sqrt{x}$$

Not always a function!

With type $\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ or $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, there is no mapping from the $x < 0$ part of the domain

With type $\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ or $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, it is a function; every part of the domain maps to a value in the co-domain

Functions: Programming vs. Math



Domain

Co-domain

Image

```
def division(x,y):  
    z = x/y  
    return z
```

$$f(x, y) = \frac{x}{y}$$

Not a function!

Type is $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

Everyplace in the domain maps to an place in
the codomain, *except* for $y = 0$
So... what do you do?

$$y \neq 0 \quad f(x, y) = \frac{x}{y}$$

$$y = 0 \quad f(x, y) = 0$$

Glossary

- Equation
 - Proposition about equality statement
- Formula
 - Proposition about expressions, includes equalities, inequalities, as well as logical operators
- Expression
 - Like the “right hand side” of an equation
 - Type depends on the types and operations of things inside
- Function (aka pure function)
 - An expression that maps from domain to co-domain
- Partial function
 - An expression that maps from *part* of domain to co-domain

Functions in Lean

- Further discussion in Lecture 7
- No parentheses needed – just a space will do
 - $f(x)$ is written as $f\ x$
- We can *prove* things about pure functions; it's much harder with partial functions
- Lean requires you to label “noncomputable” functions
 - Noncomputable means “incapable of being computed by any algorithm in a finite amount of time”
 - `Real.pi` is noncomputable

A guide to number systems

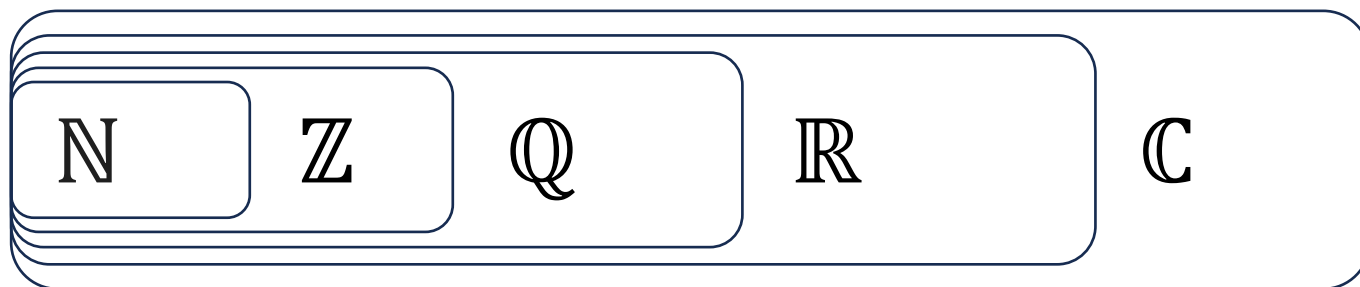
\mathbb{N} - Natural numbers (0, 1, 2, 3, 4, ...)

\mathbb{Z} - Integers (... -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, ...)

\mathbb{Q} - Rational numbers (1/2, 3/4, 5/9, etc.)

\mathbb{R} - Real numbers (-1, 3.6, π , $\sqrt{2}$)

\mathbb{C} - Complex numbers (-1, $5 + 2i$, $\sqrt{2} + 5i$, etc.)



Programming Paradigms

Imperative

- Emphasizes *how* to solve
- **State and Mutation**: Variables can be changed after they are set
- **Procedural Style**: Follows a sequence of steps to achieve a result
- **Control Flow**: Uses loops, conditionals, and other control structures
- **Side Effects**: Functions or methods can modify global state or have other side effects
- **Examples**: Python, Java, most languages

Functional

- Emphasizes *what* to solve
- **Immutability**: Variables, once assigned, cannot be changed
- **Declarative Style**: Focuses on defining and declaring what things are
- **First-Class Functions**: Functions can be passed as arguments, returned from other functions, and assigned to variables
- **Pure Functions**: No side effects, given the same input, always produces the same output
- **Examples**: Haskell, Lean 4!

It's possible to write functional-style code in languages like Python
Lean 4 is *purely functional*; it doesn't let you use imperative techniques

Mutability and Immutability in Python

Lists in Python are *mutable*:

```
a = [10, 20, 30]
a[1] = 80
print(a)
[10, 80, 30]
```

Tuples in Python are *immutable*:

```
b = (10, 20, 30)
b[1] = 80
TypeError: 'tuple' object does not
support item assignment
```

Something *like* mutation is possible
by creating a new variable:

```
b = (10, 20, 30)
c = (b[0], 80, b[2])
print(c)
(10, 80, 30)
```

Mutability – not allowed in Lean

- Declarations must be unique

```
def a : Float := 50.0
```

```
def a : Float := a + 10
```

```
Error: 'a' has already been declared
```

- Sometimes, a Lean tactic might generate a variable with the same name as one already declared. When this happens, Lean renames the new one, adding a dagger †

Why is mutability so popular?

Efficiency

0.61	0.13	0.03
0.27	0.68	0.22
0.22	0.83	0.98
0.15	0.99	0.14
0.24	0.38	0.62
0.46	0.92	0.88
0.41	0.28	0.69
0.58	0.29	0.36
0.68	0.89	0.02
0.89	0.15	0.94

Multiply one
element by 2
→

0.61	0.13	0.03
0.27	0.68	0.22
0.22	0.83	0.98
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If this matrix is immutable, you need to re-copy the rest of the matrix!

In this case, 2x the memory and 30x the computational cost

Functional programming languages use various tricks to manage cost

Lean 4 introduced the “functional but in-place” paradigm
(see de Moura and Ullrich, CADE 2021 for more details)

Recursive functions

- Functions can call other functions
- A function is recursive when *it calls itself*
- Python example: factorial function, $n!$

Imperative style

```
def factorial_loop(n):  
    result = 1  
    for i in range(1, n+1):  
        result = result*i  
    return result
```

Functional style

```
def factorial(n):  
    if n==0:  
        return 1  
    else:  
        return n*factorial(n-1)
```

Factorial function – for loop

Imperative style

```
def factorial_loop(n):  
    result = 1  
    for i in range(1,n+1):  
        result = result*i  
    return result
```

Potential for “side effects”

“result” holds a value in memory, which is constantly being overwritten

If “result” is a global variable, other parts of the program might modify it

factorial_loop(5)

n	i	result
5		1
5	1	1
5	2	2
5	3	6
5	4	24
5	5	120

return 120

Factorial function – recursive

Functional style

```
def factorial(n):  
    if n==0:  
        return 1  
    else:  
        return n*factorial(n-1)
```

Notice how the “stack” of calculations keeps increasing.
At scale, this creates memory issues.

This means this is not “tail recursive.”

factorial(5)

factorial(5)
5*factorial(5-1)
5*factorial(4)
5*4*factorial(3)
5*4*3*factorial(2)
5*4*3*2*factorial(1)
5*4*3*2*1*factorial(0)
5*4*3*2*1*1

return 120

Factorial function – tail-recursive

Functional style

```
def factorial_tail(n, acc=1):  
    if n == 0:  
        return acc  
    else:  
        return factorial_tail(n-1, n*acc)
```

This tail-recursive function manages the “stack” so it doesn’t blow up.

Almost always, tail-recursive functions perform better

```
factorial(5)  
  
factorial(5,1)  
factorial(4,5*1)  
factorial(4,5)  
factorial(3,5*4)  
factorial(3,20)  
factorial(2,20*3)  
factorial(2,60)  
factorial(1,60*2)  
factorial(1,120)  
factorial(0,120)  
  
return 120
```

The halting problem

- Consider an arbitrary program in a programming language
- Will it stop running (halt) or will it run forever?

```
i = 0
while i < 10:
    print i
    i = i + 1
```

Halts

```
i = 0
while i < 10:
    print i
    i = i - 1
```

Runs forever

```
i = 20
while i < 10:
    print i
    i = i - 1
```

Halts

- You can prove a program halts by running and seeing it halt
- But, it's hard to tell the difference between “runs a long time” and “runs forever”

The halting problem

- Let's consider recursive functions
- Does factorial(5) halt?
- How about factorial(20)?
- factorial(1523482)?
- What about factorial(-3)?
- factorial(-60)?

```
def factorial(n):  
    if n==0:  
        return 1  
    else:  
        return n*factorial(n-1)
```

You don't need to finish running the program every time
You're using logic to figure this out!

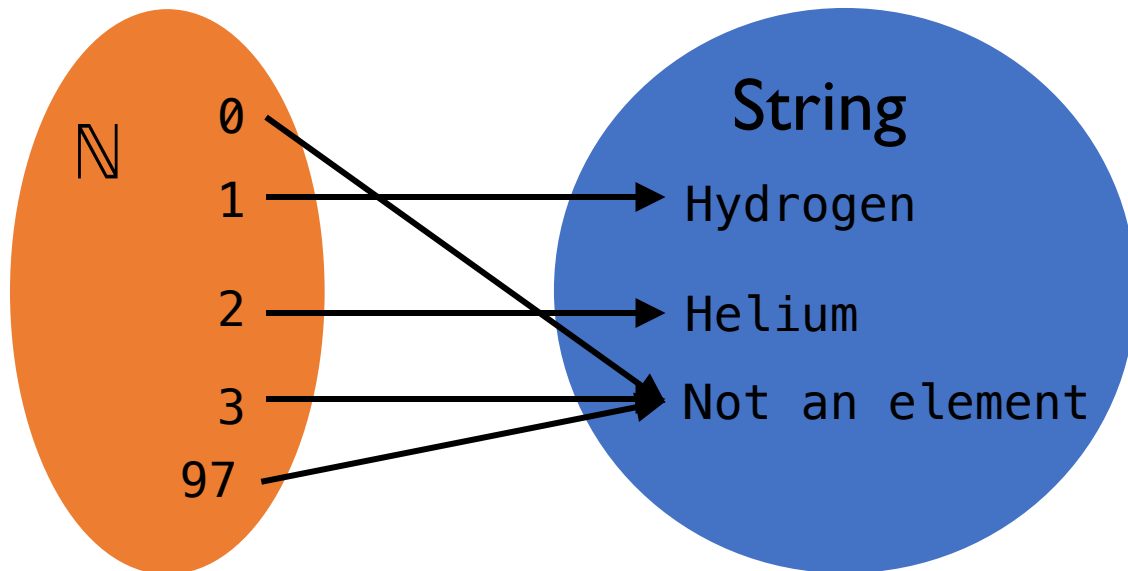
Interlude: Pattern matching

```
def element : Nat → String
| 0 => "Not an element"
| 1 => "Hydrogen"
| 2 => "Helium"
| _ => "Not an element"
```

Like “match ... case” in Python

Every entry in the domain must be covered!

Learn more in FPIL 1.5; TPIL 8



Recursion in Lean

This function works

```
def factorial :  $\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$   
| 0 => 1  
| n + 1 => (n + 1) * factorial n
```

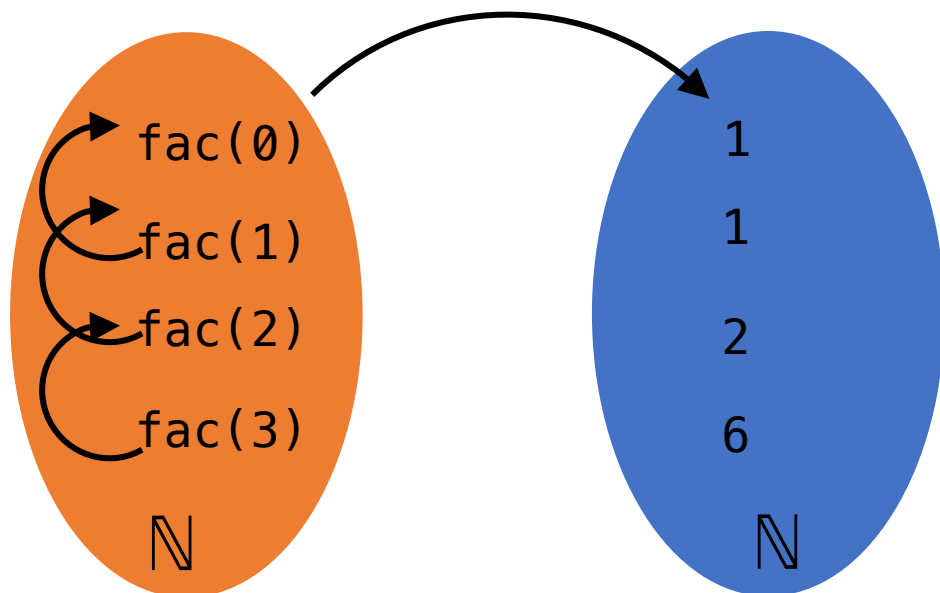
This function is broken

```
def not_factorial :  $\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$   
| 0 => 1  
| n + 1 => (n + 1) * not_factorial (n+1)
```

Check out the error message on not_factorial:

fail to show termination for not_factorial
with errors
structural recursion cannot be used:

In factorial, Lean automatically proves termination
via structural recursion, so this function is okay.



Lean-like recursion in Python

```
def factorial :  $\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$   
  | 0 => 1  
  | n + 1 => (n + 1) * factorial n
```

```
def factorial(n: int) -> int:  
    match n:  
        case 0:  
            return 1  
        case _:  
            return n * factorial(n - 1)
```

Structures in Lean

- If you've used C++ before, structures in Lean are like structures in C++
- Something defined as a structure must have all fields defined
- Example 1: points on an x-y plane
 - Functional programming in Lean, 1.4
- Example 2: atoms and molecules!
- Example 3: gas law thermodynamics

Structures in Lean

What if your “thing” has multiple parts? How can you define its type?

Structures are useful for this

Consider a “Point” on an xy plane with two values (FPIL 1.4)

Gas law thermodynamics with structures

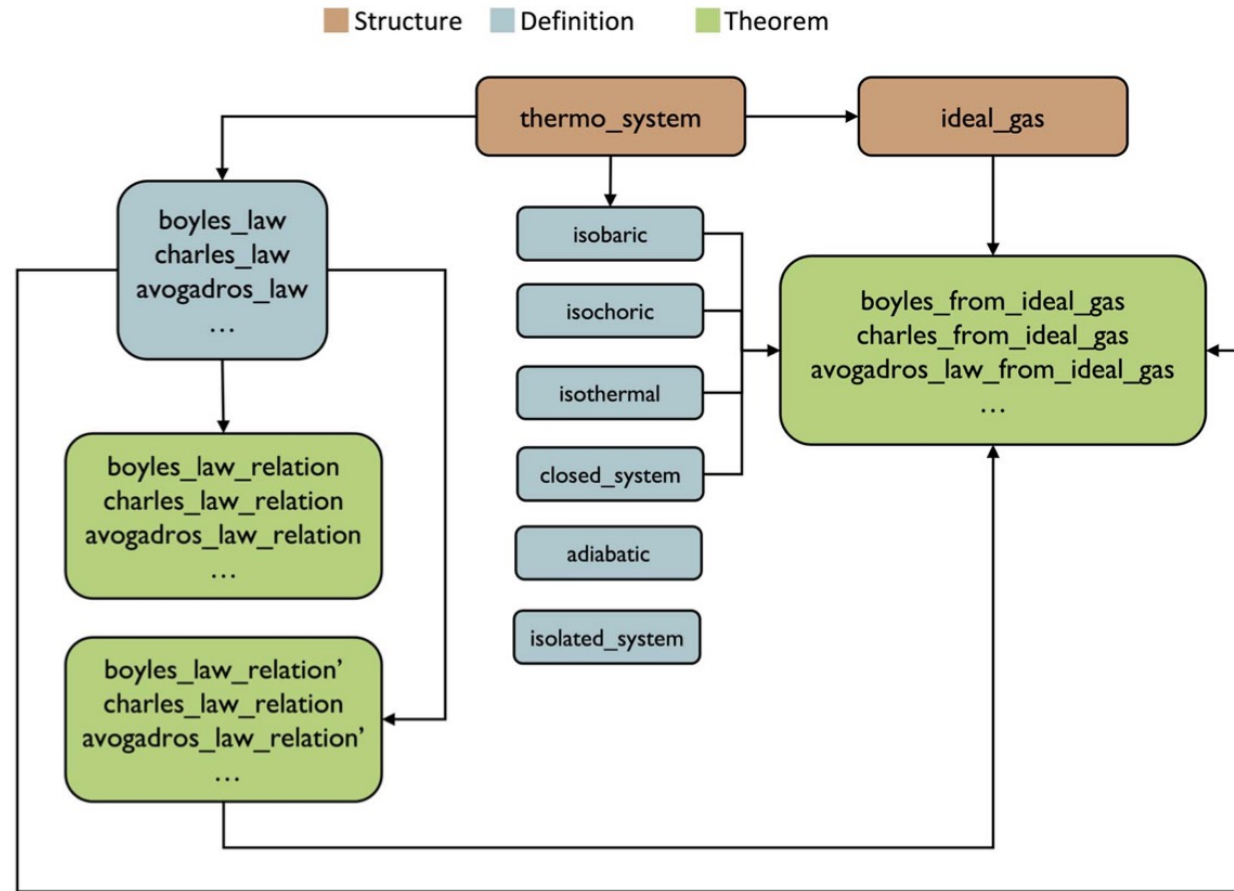


Fig. 3 Thermodynamic system in Lean. Here the *thermo_system* and *ideal_gas* are Lean structures that describe different kinds of thermodynamic systems like *isobaric*, *isochoric*, *isothermal* etc. using Lean definitions to proof theorems relating to the gas laws.