Proof Reconstruction: Parsing Proofs

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Introduction

A (very) general idea of the context

Proof assistant

ATP

An interactive prover is a software tool aiding the development of formal proofs by man-machine collaboration.[1]

[1] Matita development team, Matita website, http://matita.cs.unibo.it/index.shtml

Introductions

Automated Theorem Proving (ATP)

Deals with the development of computer programs that show that some statement (the conjecture) is a logical consequence of a set of statements (the axioms and hypotheses).[2]

[2] http://www.cs.miami.edu/~tptp/OverviewOfATP.html

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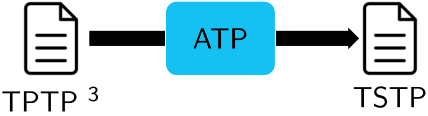
ATPs input/output



[3] Sutcliffe, G. The TPTP Problem Library and Associated In-frastructure: The FOF and CNF Parts. 2009.

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Examples

ATPs:

- Vampire
- E
- Metis
- SPASS
- Equinox

Proof assistants:

- Coq
- Agda
- Isabelle
- Mizar
- NuPRL

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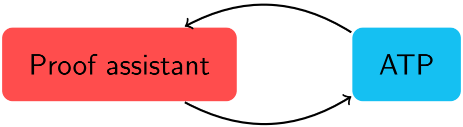

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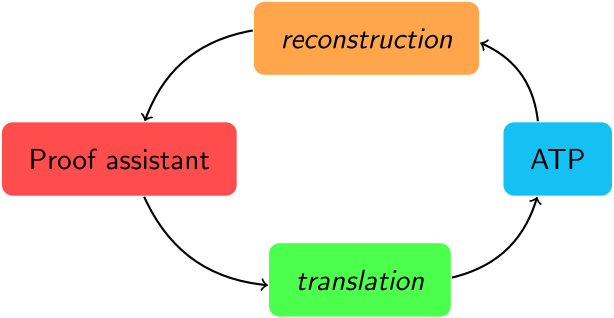

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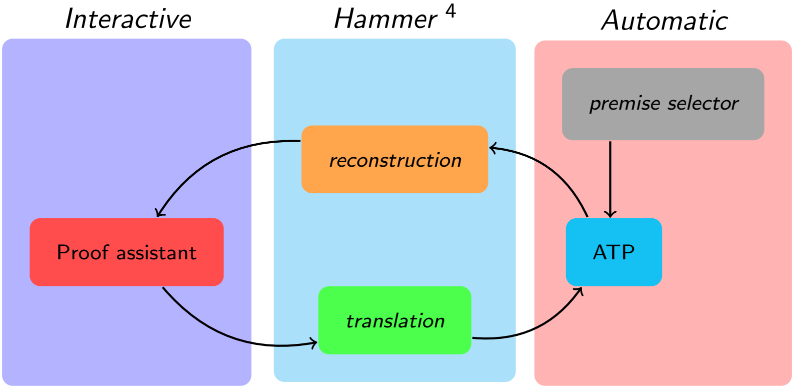

[4] Jasmin C. Blanchette, Cezary Kaliszyk and Lawrence C. Paulson, Hammering towards QED. 2014.

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- TSTP proof

```
fof(s_0,plain,(x & y),
    inference(conjunction,[],[a_0,a_1])).

fof(s_1,plain,(z),
    inference(modus_ponens,[],[a_2,s_0])).

fof(r_0,plain,($true),
    inference(simplify,[],[s_1,c_0])).
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- Agda proof

```
--conjunction
data _∧_ (P : Set) (Q : Set) : Set where
    ∧-intro : P ∧ Q ∧ (P ∧ Q)

proof : { X Y Z : Set} →
        X → Y → ( X ∧ Y → Z) → Z
proof x y f = f ( ∧-intro x y )
```

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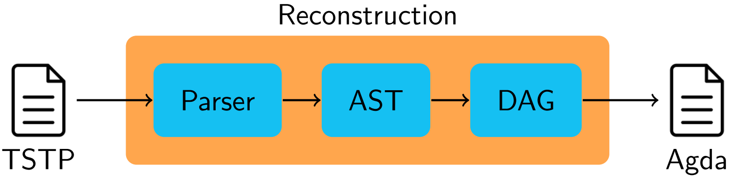
Implementation



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[
  F {name    = "s_0",
     role    = Plain,
     formula = "x" (:&:) "y",
     annotations = Conjunction ["a_0","a_1"]
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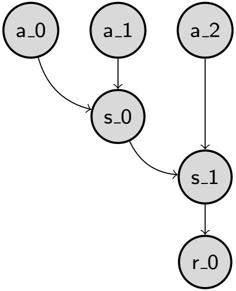

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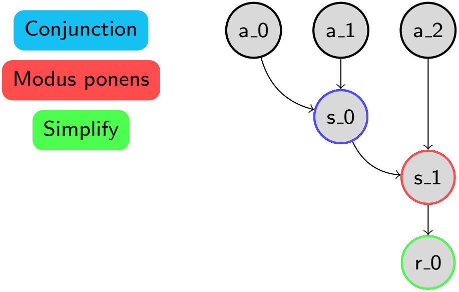

Conjunction

Modus ponens

Simplify

Results

Haskell and Agda were chosen as the programing languages for the implementation.

- Haskell was used for parsing and AST construction
- In Agda we will create and analyze the DAG.

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A modified version of the `logic-tptp`[6] Haskell library has been used to implement a TSTP parser capable of analyze Metis proofs.

- This project is freely available on github[7].

[6] https://hackage.haskell.org/package/logic-TPTP

[7] https://github.com/agomezl/tstp2agda

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