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# Formalising Mathematics

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Symbolic computation within Coq

Feit-Thompson effort

Last TPHOLs

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POPL  $\longrightarrow$  TPHOLS

In Mathematics?

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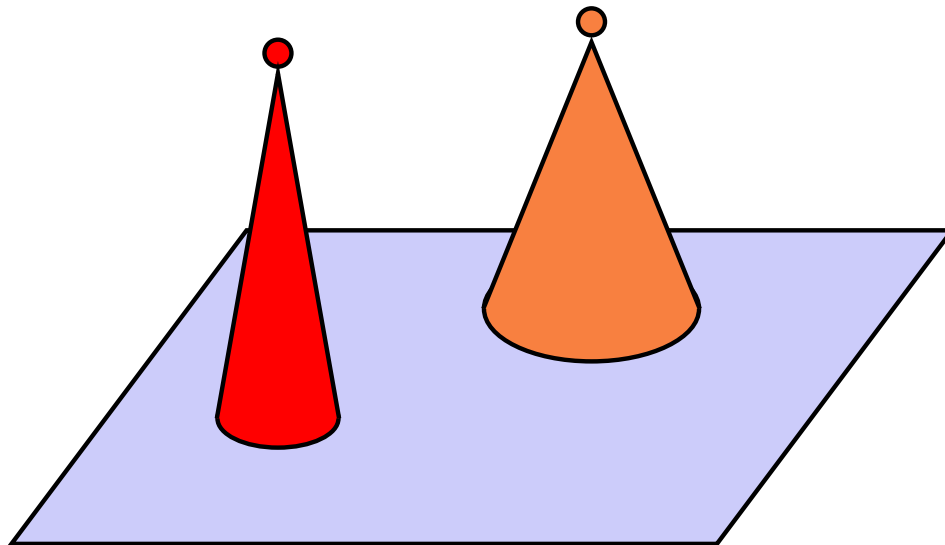
“This community seems quite extremist.  
Instead one should pick and choose what is  
interesting to prove formally.”

→ Semi-formal reasoning

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"You'd better change the way you do proofs  
otherwise my folks will not like it."

→ Interaction



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## Representing mathematical objects

Computing (CAS)  $\rightsquigarrow$  Proving (TP)

Two examples:

Sylow's theorems:

from 700 lines to 70 lines

Cayley Hamilton:

$$p(A) = 0 \text{ where } p(x) = \det(xI_n - A)$$

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Programming  $\iff$  Proving



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HOL: a theorem prover inside a programming language

COQ: a programming language inside a theorem prover

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## Numbers in Coq:

80s: Peano arithmetic

90s: Binary representation

00s: Binary trees + machine words

10s: Gmp, BigNum, ...



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Plea for Quality

Proving + Computing

Computer Assisted Proofs