

Searching the Space of Mathematical Knowledge

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Classical Math Search Engines

Instead of a Demo: Searching for Signal Power

Math WebSearch

A SEMANTIC SEARCH ENGINE

Search for:

XML Query String

QMath:en

$$\int e^n r dx$$

Variables			
Variable	Generic	Any#	Function
r	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
n	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
x	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Arithmetic ...			
Transcendental functions ...			
Calculus			
$\partial_x x$	$\partial^n x$	$\partial_{x,y}(xy)$	
$\int x dx$	$\int_a^b x dx$	$[a, b]$	(a, b)
$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} x$	∞	(a, b)	$[a, b)$
∇f	$\nabla^2 v_f$	$\text{curl} v_f$	$\text{div} v_f$
Sets ...			
Logic and relations ...			
Functions			

Search

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Instead of a Demo: Search Results

[Other integrals \(5 formulas\)](#) (Source)

Other integrals (5 formulas)

Matched term:

$$\int \frac{e^{3z/4}}{(-2+e^{3z/4})\sqrt{-2+e^{3z/4}+e^{3z/2}}} dz = \frac{2}{3} \left(\log(-2+e^{3z/4}) - \log(4\sqrt{-2+e^{3z/4}+e^{3z/2}}+5e^{3z/4}-2) \right)$$

Rank: 100%

[XML Source](#)

Used substitution:

$$\mathbf{n} \rightarrow 3z4^{-1}$$

$$\mathbf{r} \rightarrow \left(\left((-2) + e^{3z4^{-1}} \right) \left((-2) + e^{3z4^{-1}} + e^{3z2^{-1}} \right)^{1/2} \right)^{-1}$$

$$\mathbf{x} \rightarrow z$$

Instead of a Demo: L^AT_EX-based Search on the arXiv

Questions Activity Sign In Books Articles MWS Engine BETA

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\lim_{\var{x}\rightarrow 0}\var{y}
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lim y
x→0

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<m:apply>  
  <m:apply>  
    <m:csymbol  
cd="ambiguous">subscript</m:csymbol>  
  <m:limit/>  
<m:apply>  
  <m:cj>→</m:cj>
```

Search

Examples - LaTeX queries

Generic subscript search

Specific subscript search

Specific integral search

Physical constant search

All limits approaching zero

Text in math search

1 2 next

$$\chi(t, t_w) = \lim_{h_0 \rightarrow 0} \frac{m[h](t)}{h_0}$$

Generalized off-equilibrium fluctuation-dissipation relations in random Ising systems

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$$\lim_{\mu, \mu_0 \rightarrow 0} I_1^1(\mu, \mu_0, \phi - \phi_0) = \frac{aF_0}{4(c+1)}$$

Behavior of the reflection function of a plane-parallel medium for directions of incidence and reflection tending to horizontal directions

Author: Daphne Stam <d.m.stam@sron.nl>

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Behavior of the reflection function of a plane-parallel medium for directions of incidence and reflection tending to horizontal directions

Instead of a Demo: Applicable Theorem Search in Mizar

definition

```
let k, n be Ordinal;  
pred k divides n means :Def3: :: MTEST1:def 3  
ex a being Ordinal st n = k *^ a;
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reflexivity

proof

```
let n be Ordinal; :: thesis:  
thus ex a being Ordinal st n = n *^ a ;
```

ATP Proof not found

status: Timeout
Suggest hints, Unification query,

Suggested hints

t73_card_2, t39_ordinal2,

Try SPASS, Export problem to SystemOnTPTP

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:: thesis:
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end;  
end;
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Searching the Math Knowledge Space

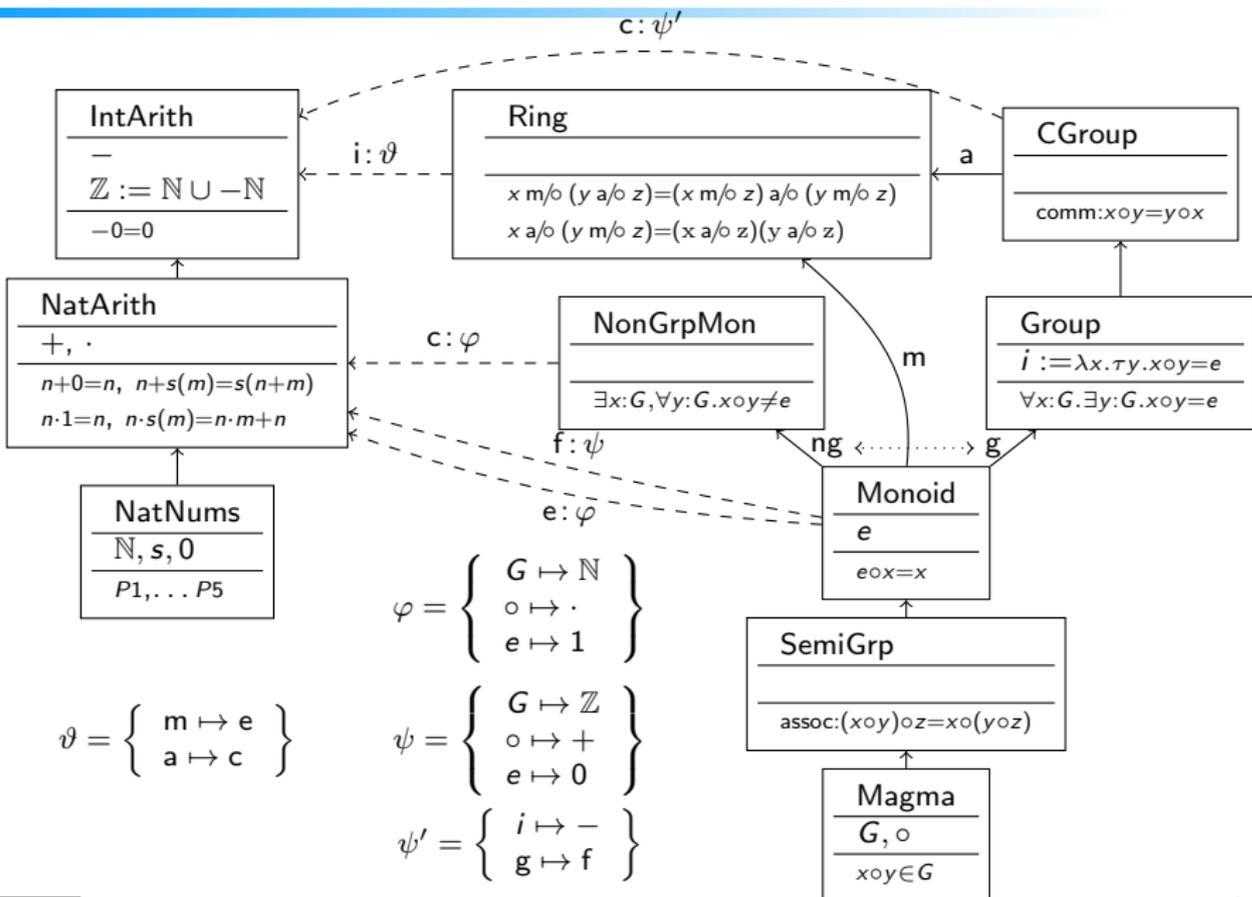
- **Classical Setup:** they all work more or less the same:
 - crawl the resources (the Web or a corpus)
 - index the search-relevant information (formulae, words, structures, ...)
 - process user queries (via tf/idf, unification, ...)
 - rank/process the hits (needs work!)
- **Question:** Is this enough for the working Mathematician?
- **Answer:** depends on what you want.
 - **Yes**, if we restrict ourselves to what is explicitly written in books, papers, etc.
 - **No**, if we are looking for “Mathematical Knowledge”! (and I claim we should be)
- **Observation 1** *Mathematical knowledge is induced by combinations of explicitly represented facts.* (that's why we usually ask humans)
- **Example 2** Combine mathematical facts (no, we don't need theorem proving!)
 - **Theorem 3.1:** *Idempotent monoids are Abelian.* (from course Algebra I)
 - **Lemma 2:** $(\mathbb{S}, \#)$ is an associative, unital, idempotent magma. (you just found out)
 - Search for $x\#y = y\#x$ (Find it as an instance of Theorem 3.1)

Modular Representation of Mathematics

Modular Representation of Math (Theory Graph)

- **Idea:** Follow mathematical practice of generalizing and framing
 - framing: If we can view an object a as an instance of concept B , we can inherit all of B properties (almost for free.)
 - state all assertions about properties as general as possible (to maximize inheritance)
 - examples and applications are just special framings.
 - Modern expositions of Mathematics follow this rule (radically e.g. in Bourbaki)
 - formalized in the theory graph paradigm (little/tiny theory doctrine)
 - theories as collections of symbol declarations and axioms (model assumptions)
 - theory morphisms as mappings that translate axioms into theorems
 - **Example 3 (MMT: Modular Mathematical Theories)** MMT is a foundation-independent theory graph formalism with advanced theory morphisms.
- Problem:** With a proliferation of abstract (tiny) theories readability and accessibility suffers (one reason why the Bourbaki books fell out of favor)

Modular Representation of Math (MMT Example)



The MMT Module System

- **Central notion:** theory graph with theory nodes and theory morphisms as edges
- **Definition 4** In MMT, a **theory** is a sequence of constant declarations – optionally with type declarations and definitions
- MMT employs the Curry/Howard isomorphism and treats
 - axioms/conjectures as typed symbol declarations (propositions-as-types)
 - inference rules as function types (proof transformers)
 - theorems as definitions (proof terms for conjectures)
- **Definition 5** MMT had two kinds of theory morphisms
 - **structures** instantiate theories in a new context (also called: **definitional link, import**)
they import of theory S into theory T induces theory morphism $S \rightarrow T$
 - **views** translate between existing theories (also called: **postulated link, theorem link**)
views transport theorems from source to target (framing)
- together, imports and views allow a very high degree of re-use
- **Definition 6** We call a statement t **induced** in a theory T , iff there is
 - a path of theory morphisms from a theory S to T with (joint) assignment σ ,
 - such that $t = \sigma(s)$ for some statement s in S .
- In MMT, all induced statements have a canonical name, the **MMT URI**.

Searching for Induced statements

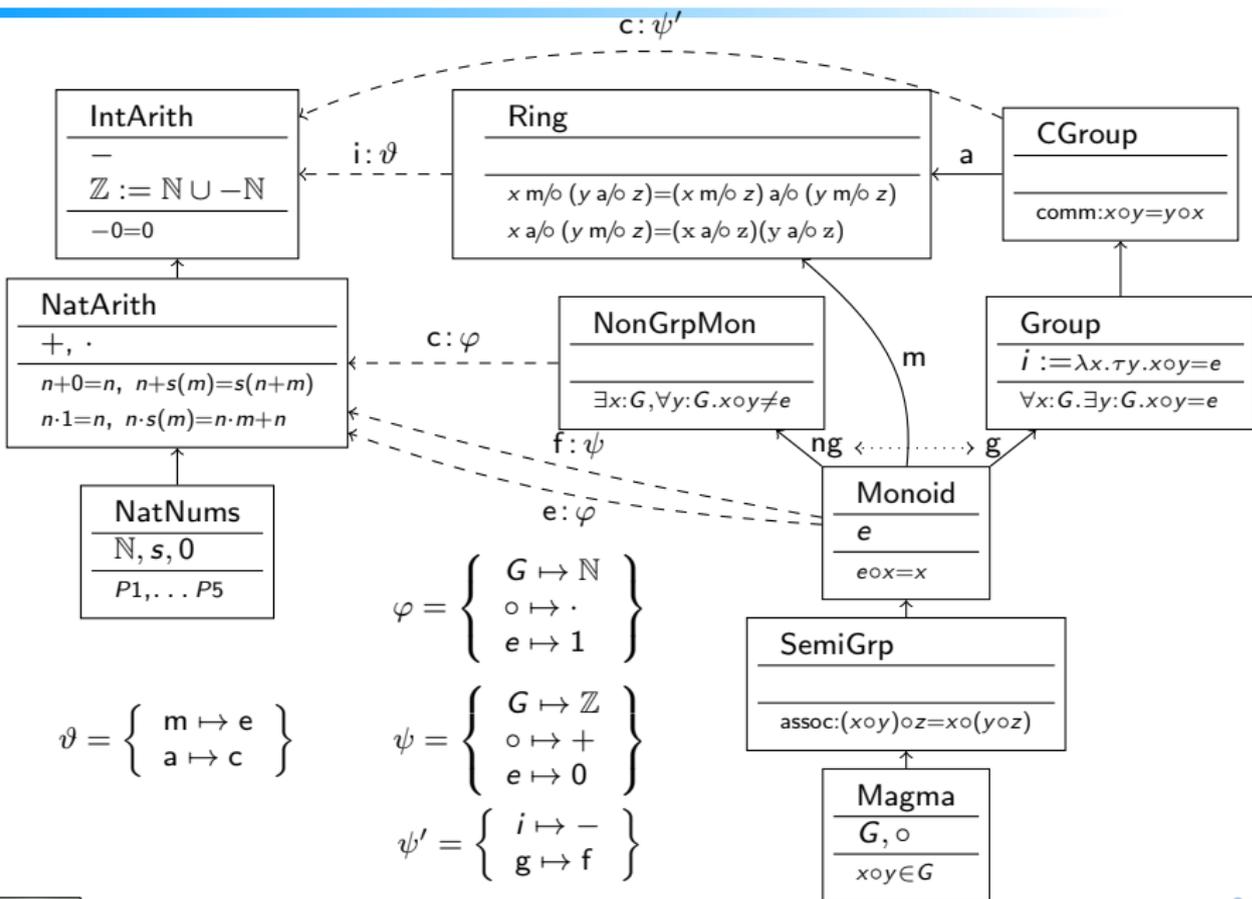
bsearch: Indexing flattened Theory Graphs

- **Simple Idea:** We have all the necessary components: MMT and MathWebSearch
- **Definition 7** The bsearch system is an integration of MathWebSearch and MMT that
 - computes the induced formulae of a modular mathematical library via MMT (aka. flattening)
 - indexes induced formulae by their MMT URIs in MathWebSearch
 - uses MathWebSearch for unification-based querying (hits are MMT URIs)
 - uses the MMT to present MMT URI (compute the actual formula)
 - generates explanations from the MMT URI of hits.
- Implemented by Mihnea Iancu in ca. 10 days (MMT harvester pre-existed)
 - almost all work was spent on improvements of MMT flattening
 - MathWebSearch just worked (web service helpful)

↳search User Interface: Explaining MMT URIs

- **Recall:** ↳search (MathWebSearch really) returns a MMT URI as a hit.
- **Question:** How to present that to the user? (for his/her greatest benefit)
- **Fortunately:** MMT system can compute induced statements (the hits)
- **Problem:** Hit statement may look considerably different from the induced statement
- **Solution:** Template-based generation of NL explanations from MMT URIs.
MMT knows the necessary information from the components of the MMT URI.

Modular Representation of Math (MMT Example)



Example: Explaining a MMT URI

- **Example 8** bsearch search result $u?IntArith?c/g/assoc$ for query

$$(\boxed{x} + \boxed{y}) + \boxed{z} = \boxed{R}.$$

- localize the result in the theory $u?IntArithf$ with

Induced statement $\forall x, y, z : \mathbb{Z}. (x + y) + z = x + (y + z)$ found in <http://cds.ondoc.org/cds/elal?IntArith> (subst, justification).

- Justification: from MMT info about morphism c (source, target, assignment)

IntArith is a CGroup if we interpret \circ as $+$ and G as \mathbb{Z} .

- skip over g , since its assignment is trivial and generate

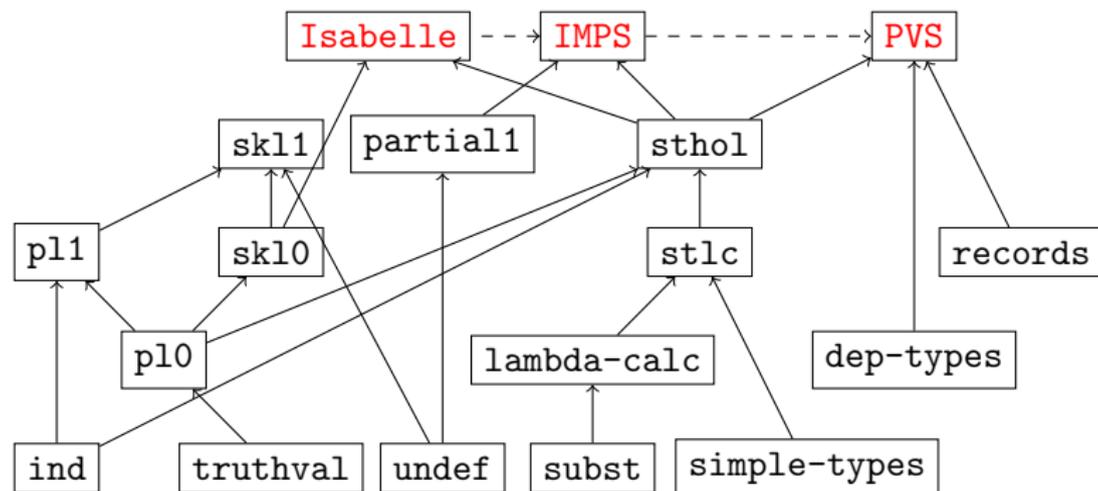
CGroups are SemiGrps by construction

- ground the explanation by

In SemiGrps we have the axiom assoc : $\forall x, y, z : G. (x \circ y) \circ z = x \circ (y \circ z)$

The LATIN Logic Atlas

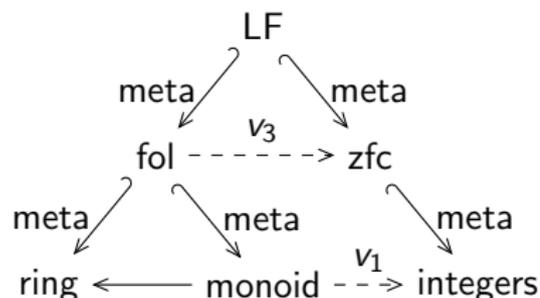
- **Definition 9** The LATIN project (Logic Atlas and Integrator) develops a logic atlas, its home page is at <http://latin.omdoc.org>.
- **Idea:** Provide a standardized, well-documented set of theories for logical languages, logic morphisms as theory morphisms.



- **Technically:** Use MMT as a representation language **logics-as-theories**
- Integrate logic-based software systems via views.

LATIN: Representing Logics and Foundations as Theories

- Logics and Foundations as Theories:
- Logics and foundations represented as theories
- Meta-relation between theories
- Models represented as theory morphisms
- e.g. v_1 interprets monoid in integers using meta-morphism v_3



- The LATIN atlas in numbers: it currently contains (tiny theories approach)
 - 449 theories with 2310 symbol declarations (avg. = 5.14 declarations/theory)
 - and 1072 direct imports (including metas) (avg = 2.39 imports/theory)
 - 382 views between theories.
 - Size: 123.9 MB in native OMDoc format

bsearch on the LATIN Logic Atlas

- Flattening the LATIN Atlas (once):

type	modular	flat	factor
declarations	2310	58847	25.4
library size	23.9 MB	1.8 GB	14.8
math sub-library	2.3 MB	79 MB	34.3
MathWebSearch harvests	25.2 MB	539.0 MB	21.3

- simple bsearch frontend at <http://cds.omdoc.org:8181>

FlatSearch DEMO

Search input: $X + Y$

Search results:

- <http://latin.omdoc.org/math?IntAryth?assoc>
assoc ::= $(+ (+ X Y) Z) (+ X (+ Y Z))$
- Justification**
Induced statement found in <http://latin.omdoc.org/math?IntAryth>
[IntAryth](#) is a [AbelianGroup](#) if we interpret over view \mathcal{G}
[AbelianGroup](#) contains the statement [assoc](#)
- <http://latin.omdoc.org/math?IntAryth?commut>
- http://latin.omdoc.org/math?IntAryth?inv_distr

Conclusions and Recap

- From searching documents to searching knowledge spaces!
- bsearch implemented from existing components
 - MMT for modular representations of mathematical knowledge
 - MMT URIs name induced statements
 - flattening to compute all induced statements
 - generate human-oriented explanations of induction paths
- Prototypical implementation for the LATIN logic atlas
- Future work: we have only just begun (most work in MMT though)
 - Flattening away other language features, e.g. patterns (↔ F. Horozal)
 - Avoiding duplication from structures.
 - Integrating graph structure constraints into MathWebSearch
 - Extending MMT (and flattening) to informal Math! (redo Bourbaki)