

Short-Term Scientific Mission Grant - APPLICATION FORM¹ -

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Details of the STSM

Title: Indexing and Retrieval of Formal Proofs in an Heterogeneous Setting

Start and end date: 16/04/2023 to 21/04/2023

Goals of the STSM

The STSM is aimed at implementing prototypes for indexing and searching mathematical statements, theorems and definitions in an heterogeneous library obtained by encoding in Dedukti the different logics of the European Interactive Theorem Provers in use. As a consequence, the statements will occur in the library only in encoded forms and the same statement can have different shapes if originally stated in different logics. The challenges consist in combining well tested methods for indexing and retrieval mathematical knowledge (a subset of those described in A Survey on Retrieval of Mathematical Knowledge. Math. Comput. Sci. 10(4): 409-427 (2016)) with new kinds of pre/post-processing, data relaxation and normalization to accommodate heterogeneity.

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Working Plan

1. the applicant will re-use either the code of Dedukti or the code of LambdaPi to implement crawlers to index the library of exported Dedukti files. The applicant will compare a few data structures/methodologies like substitution trees or features stored in relational tables.
2. the applicant will implement an API for document/item retrieval that returns a scored list of matches
3. the applicant will link the API to LambdaPi, to be used either via explicit user-provided queries or via queries issued by tactics
4. the applicant will implement a very basic prototype of web interface for the API
5. the applicant will study term transformations (approximations, normalizations, feature

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extraction, automatic alignment) in order to allow indexing and searching to become effective on statements expressed in the encoding of different logics. A prototype for this is supposed to be able to exploit the rewriting engine of Dedukti/LambdaPi

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Expected outputs and contribution to the Action MoU objectives and deliverables.

The expected output is a prototype of searchable heterogeneous library where the user can expect to look for theorems having a statement similar to a given one, coming from multiple systems and encoded into different logics.

The STSM contributes to:

1. Research Coordination Objective (RCO) 4, Gather proofs translated in Dedukti into a FAIR database
2. RCO 5, Provide tools for searching large libraries of formal proofs
3. Capacity Building Objective (CBO) 1, Provide tools for searching large libraries of formal proofs
4. CBO 4, Ease access to formal verification techniques in education and other areas of science
5. Working Group 4, on libraries of formal proofs
6. Deliverable 10, expected at month 24

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