Languages and states (another view of "Why")

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Menu

- one technical postscript
 - ... to other talks on Al4FM project
 - recall: my personal focus on CxC
- a bunch of (polemic) points
 - if time permits
 - "an idealist's response to justifiable criticism"

"Models of Why"

- (as Leo said)
 - we concocted this to indicate what might be extractable from proof (attempt)s
 - of course, we have yet to perfect it!
 - nor have we published it beyond project
 - have a "state" (Σ)

Designing a language: advice

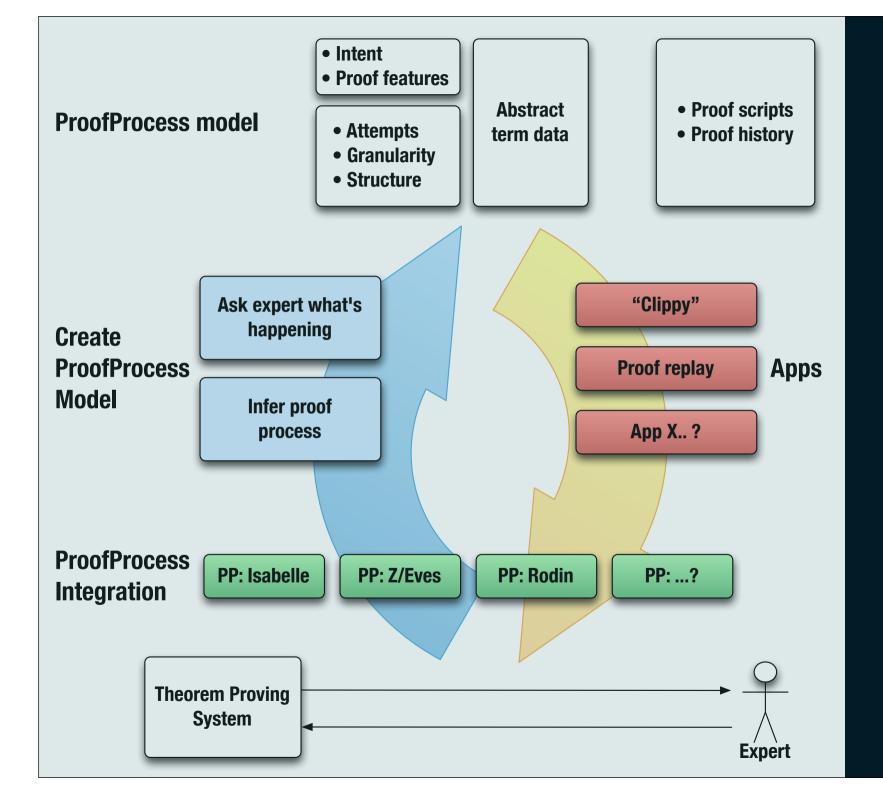
- postpone concrete syntax
 - as long as possible
- even, postpone abstract syntax
- focus on the underlying state \sum
 - (before thinking about (SOS) rules)

Isabelle (e.g.)

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 - pretty flat!
 - current goal list
 - ...

Change of view

- (recent)
- we are designing the state of the language that helps express learning and replay



Models of why as \sum

- (collection of *Theories*)
 - "inheritance" links
- defines Operators
- and Conjectures

Conjectures

- can have *Proof*
 - yes, the whole thing!
 - structured
- but can also be Axiom, Trusted, Tool
- (or be incomplete)
- can also have Disproof
 - Aaron point about negative information

Conjectures might also have

- Shape
- Uses
 - set of Clue

• etc., etc.

Details are unimportant today (but "vital" later)

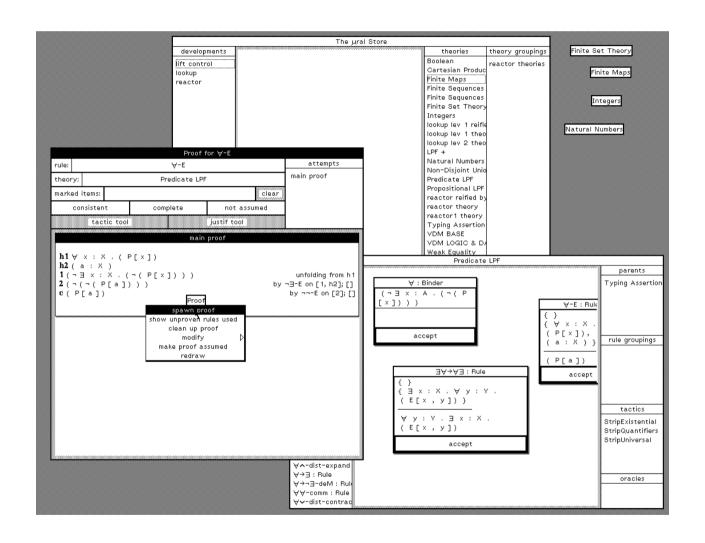
- crucial: we fix the state of this language before worrying about its statements
- from this viewpoint:
 - we are trying to "parse"/prompt a new attempt
 - match to previous "programs" (graph matching)
 - clear role for machine learning

Further language issues

- the language has to harness parallelism
- "non-procedural"?
- the form of this language might be unconventional
- some of activity at model (pre PO) stage

Polemics

- there will be a horizon for any TP ideas
- extra model layers just to reduce TP task?
- we are trying to harness an extra resource
 - the results of an expert doing one proof
- there is evidence for "families"
- lessons from "mural" (cf. Ursula's archeology)



"mural"

- interesting GUI experiment
 - but no decision procedures!
- built from formal spec
 - which was maintained!!
- [JJLM91] available as:
 - homepages.cs.ncl.ac.uk/cliff.jones/ftp-stuff/mural.pdf