

# PVS Tutorial (Part 1 & 2)

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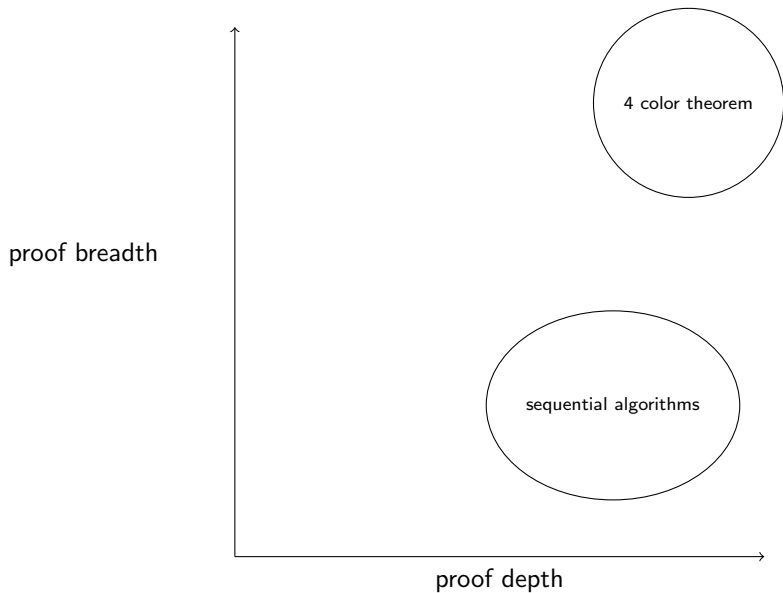


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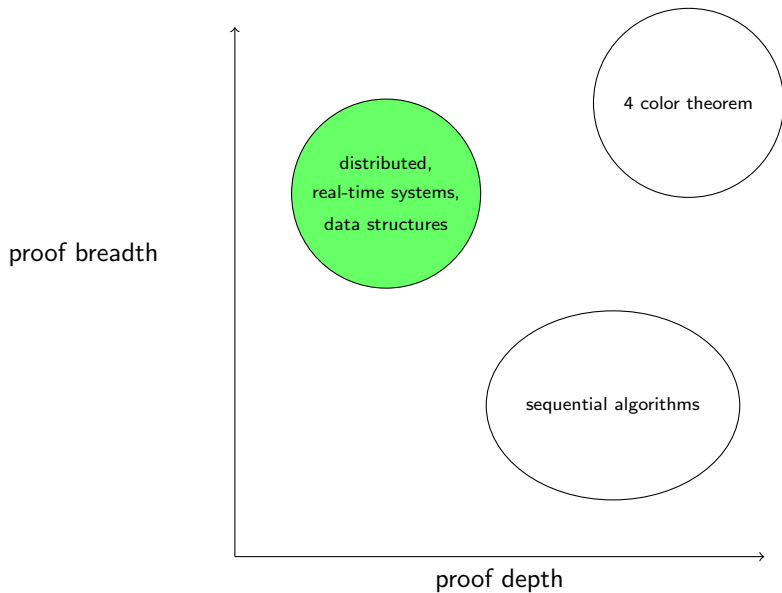
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# overview of tutorial

- ▶ quick introduction to PVS—a theorem prover for high-order logic
  - ▶ PVS specification language
  - ▶ prover commands
- ▶ specifying hybrid/real-time/distributed systems (HIOA) in PVS
- ▶ proving properties of using PVS



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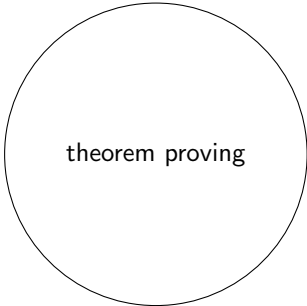


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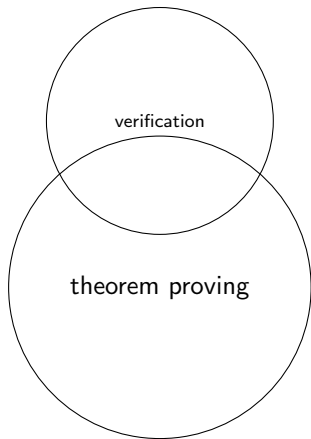


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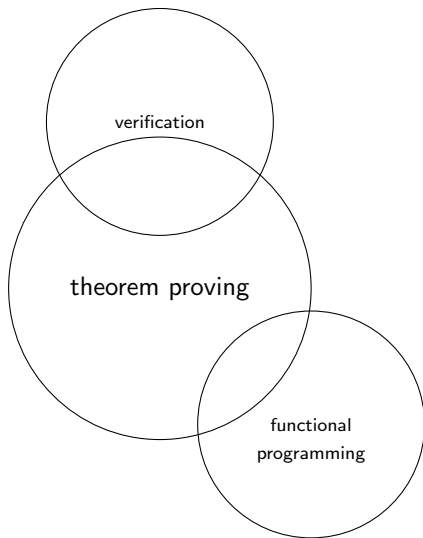




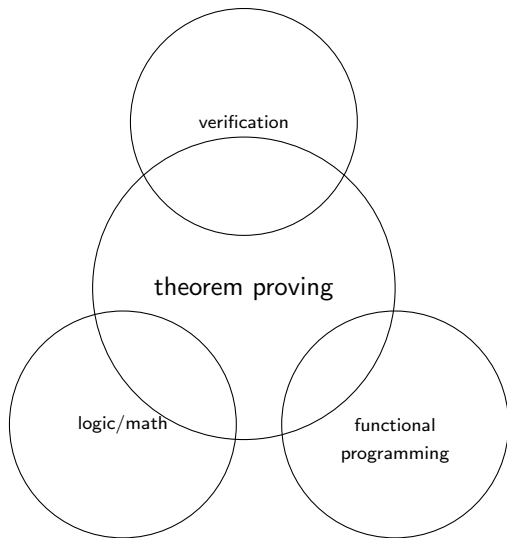
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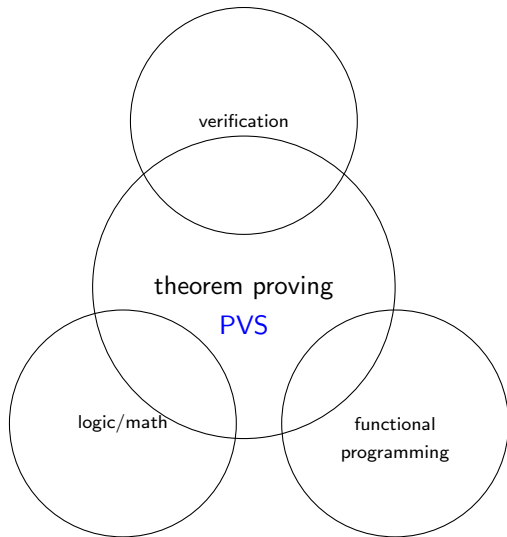
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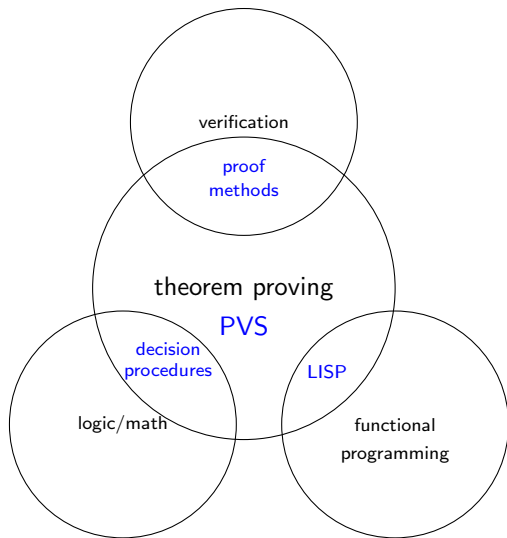
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- ▶ typechecking is in general **undecidable**; PVS generates proof obligations or **type correctness conditions (TCCs)**. E.g., application of *pop(c)* generates the TCC *NonEmptyStack?(c)*



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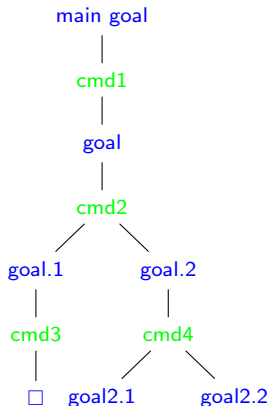
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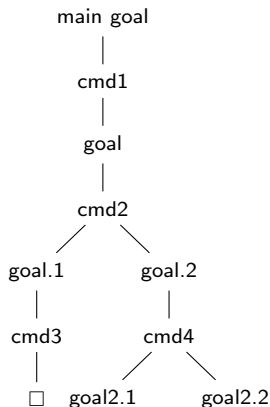
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*Start\_ax*: Axiom **Forall**(*i*:*l*): *val*(*i*,*s0*) > = *val*(**0**,*s0*)

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*actions*: **datatype begin**

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