

# **How to Make Mathematicians Into Programmers (And Vice Versa)**

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# Mathematicians working on paper

## A CLASSIFICATION OF IMMERSIONS OF THE TWO-SPHERE

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An immersion of one  $C^1$  differentiable manifold in another is a regular map (a  $C^1$  map whose Jacobian is of maximum rank) of the first into the second. A homotopy of an immersion is called regular if at each stage it is regular and if the induced homotopy of the tangent bundle is continuous. Little is known about the general problem of classification of immersions under regular homotopy. Whitney [5] has shown that two immersions of a  $k$ -dimensional manifold in an  $n$ -dimensional manifold,  $n \geq 2k + 2$ , are regu-



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# Developers working with weak type systems

```
1462 - /* Read type and payload length first */
1463 - hbtype = *p++;
1464 - n2s(p, payload);
1465 - pl = p;
1466 -
1467     if (s->msg_callback)
1468         s->msg_callback(0, s->version,
1469     TLS1_RT_HEARTBEAT,
1469 +         &s->s3->rrec.data[0], s->s3-
1470     >rrec.length,
1470         s, s->msg_callback_arg);
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1465         s, s->msg_callback_arg);
1466
1467 + /* Read type and payload length first */
1468 + if (1 + 2 + 16 > s->s3->rrec.length)
1469 +     return 0; /* silently discard */
1470 + hbtype = *p++;
1471 + n2s(p, payload);
```

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# Learning Lean

Natural Number Game

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World: Addition World Level 2 / 5 : succ\_add

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**Theorem** `succ_add`: For all natural numbers  $a, b$ , we have  $\text{succ}(a) + b = \text{succ}(a + b)$ .

Active Goal

Objects:  
`a b` :  $\mathbb{N}$

Goal:  
`succ a + b = succ (a + b)`

Show more help! Execute

**Tactics**

- apply cases
- contrapose decide
- exact have
- induction intro left
- rfl right rw
- simp simp\_add
- symm tauto
- trivial use

**Definitions**

- \* ^ + ≠
- ≤  $\mathbb{N}$

**Theorems**

- \* + 0 1 2 Peano ^ ≤
- add\_succ add\_zero
- succ\_eq\_add\_one zero\_add
- add\_assoc add\_comm
- add\_left\_cancel
- add\_left\_comm



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## Tasks:

- What problem am I solving?
- What is the state of my solution?
- What tactic should I use?
- What theorem should I use?
- What have I tried already?

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Execute

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## Theorems

\* + 012 Peano ^ ≤

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# What theorem should I use?

## Which theorem defines equality over an expression that unifies with a sub-expression of the goal?

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### Active Goal

Objects:

`a b` :  $\mathbb{N}$

Goal:

`succ a + b = succ (a + b)`

`induction b with b hb`

⌫ Retry

### Active Goal

### Goal 2

Objects:

`a` :  $\mathbb{N}$

Goal:

`succ a + 0 = succ (a + 0)`

🔧 Execute

### Tactics

- `apply` `cases`
- `contrapose` `decide`
- `exact` `have`
- `induction` `intro` `left`
- `rfl` `right` `rw`
- `simp` `simp_add`
- `symm` `tauto`
- `trivial` `use`

### Definitions

- `*` `^` `+` `≠`
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### Theorems

- `*` `+` `012` `Peano` `^` `≤`
- `add_comm` `add_succ`
- `add_zero` `succ_add`
- `succ_eq_add_one` `zero_add`
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🚀 Execute

## add\_succ



$(a \ d : \mathbb{N}) : a + \text{MyNat.succ } d = \text{MyNat.succ } (a + d)$

`add_succ a b` is the proof of  $a + \text{succ } b = \text{succ } (a + b)$ .



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Active Goal

Objects:

`a b` :  $\mathbb{N}$

Goal:

`succ a + b = succ (a + b)`

```
induction b with b hb
```

Active Goal    Goal 2

Objects:

`a` :  $\mathbb{N}$

Goal:

`succ a + 0 = succ (a + 0)`

### Theorems

\* + 0 12 Peano ^ ≤

$$a + b = b + a$$

$$\text{succ } n = n + 1$$

$$\text{succ } a + b = \text{succ } (a + b)$$

$$a + \text{succ } d = \text{succ } (a + d)$$

$$0 + n = n$$

$$n + 0 = n$$

### Tactics

induction

rw

rfl

### Definitions

+

$\mathbb{N}$

### Tactics

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# Key ideas:

## Memory vs. perception



See: "The Role of Working Memory in Program Tracing"  
"A Representational Analysis of Numeration Systems"

## Cognitive load theory

See: John Sweller's publications

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zero\_add

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add\_left\_cancel

add\_left\_comm

add\_left\_eq\_self

standing in the way of

```
@HAdd.hAdd  $\mathbb{N}$   $\mathbb{N}$   $\mathbb{N}$  instHAdd a 0 :  $\mathbb{N}$ 
```

`a + b` computes the sum of `a` and `b`. The meaning of this notation is type-dependent.

things, so we need

use induction to

lit into the cases

```
succ a + 0 = succ (a + 0)
```

 Execute

## succ\_add

```
(a b :  $\mathbb{N}$ ) : MyNat.succ a + b = MyNat.succ (a + b)
```

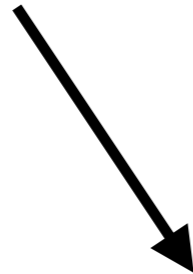
`succ_add a b` is a proof that `succ a + b = succ (a + b)`.

**Language levels!**

See: "The Structure and Interpretation of the Computer Science Curriculum"  
How to Design Programs

**"declarative"**

Dependent types  
Common theorems  
Tactics



**"procedural"**

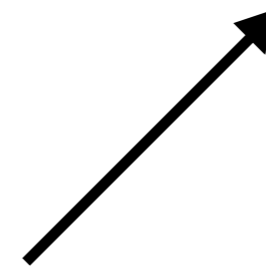
Decompose a problem  
Find a theorem  
Read the docs



**What concepts and skills does a person need to effectively use Lean?**



Undergrad math major  
Professional C programmer  
Experienced Coq dev



Model a domain  
Prove a theorem  
Debug a failure

1. Are learners actually learning?
2. What concepts/skills are missing?

## Natural Number Game

## Theorem Proving in Lean

### Concepts

- Syntax
- Props & tactics
- Common tactics
- Basic arithmetic theorems
- Formalizable statements/proofs

### Skills

- Generating syntax
- Selecting tactics
- Finding theorems
- Proof decomposition

### Concepts

- Syntax
- Dependent types
- Term language
- Propositional logic
- Term vs. tactic proofs
- Forall/exists quantifiers
- Module system
- Inductive types & derived principle
- Mutual recursion
- Type classes and

### Skills

- ?

References and Borrowing - T x +

rust-book.cs.brown.edu/ch04-02-references-and-borrowing.html

# The Rust Programming Language

To tie this back to memory safety, let's bring references into the mix. Say we created a reference to a vector's heap data. Then that reference can be invalidated by a push, as simulated below:

```

let mut v: Vec<i32> = vec![1, 2, 3];
let num: &i32 = &v[2]; L1
v.push(4); L2
println!("Third element is {}", *num); L3

```

L1

Stack		Heap	
main		1 2 3	
v	•	↑	↑
num	•		

L2

Stack		Heap	
main		1 2 3 4	
v	•	↑	↑
num	⊗		

L3 undefined behavior: pointer used after its pointee is freed

Stack		Heap	
main		1 2 3 4	
v	•	↑	↑
num	⊗		



called *lifetime parameters*. We will explain that feature later in Chapter 10.3, "[Validating References with Lifetimes](#)". For now, it's enough to know that: (1) input/output references are treated differently than references within a function body, and (2) Rust uses a different mechanism, the **F** permission, to check the safety of those references.

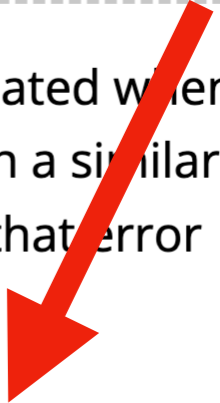
To see the **F** permission in another context, say you tried to return a reference to a variable on the stack like this:



```
fn return_a_string() -> &String {
    let s = String::from("Hello world");
    let s_ref = &s;
    R s_ref
    F
}
```



This program is unsafe because the reference `&s` will be invalidated when `return_a_string` returns. And Rust will reject this program with a similar `missing lifetime specifier` error. Now you can understand that error means that `s_ref` is missing the appropriate flow permissions.



Experiment Introduction

The Rust Programming Language

Foreword

Introduction

1. Getting Started

1.1. Installation

1.2. Hello, World!

1.3. Hello, Cargo!

2. Programming a Guessing Game

3. Common Programming Concepts

3.1. Variables and Mutability

3.2. Data Types

3.3. Functions

3.4. Comments

3.5. Control Flow

4. Understanding Ownership

4.1. What is Ownership?

4.2. References and Borrowing

4.3. Fixing Ownership Errors

4.4. The Slice Type

4.5. Ownership Recap

5. Using Structs to Structure Related Data

### Quiz

3 questions

Start

## Question 1



Determine whether the program will pass the compiler. If it passes, write the expected output of the program if it were executed.

```
1 fn incr(n: &mut i32) {  
2     *n += 1;  
3 }  
4  
5 fn main() {  
6     let mut n = 1;  
7     incr(&n);  
8     println!("{n}");  
9 }
```

## Response

This program:


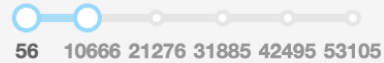
DOES compile

OR

does NOT compile

Submit

# Question Summary

Quiz	Version	Question	Avg question score 	Confidence Interval	N 
<input type="text"/>					
ch19-01-unsafe-rust	2	3	0.07	[0.05 - 0.08]	1373
ch11-02-running-tests	3	2	0.07	[0.06 - 0.07]	4090
ch04-01-ownership-sec2-mo...	8	4	0.07	[0.07 - 0.08]	8240
ch04-03-fixing-ownership-er...	5	4	0.09	[0.09 - 0.10]	5777
ch17-05-design-challenge-tr...	1	1	0.10	[0.08 - 0.12]	874
ch15-02-deref	2	1	0.11	[0.09 - 0.12]	1918
ch07-04-use	6	2	0.12	[0.11 - 0.13]	5403
ch16-01-threads	1	1	0.12	[0.11 - 0.13]	3182
ch06-04-inventory	4	5	0.15	[0.14 - 0.16]	7200
ch17-05-design-challenge-di...	1	1	0.16	[0.13 - 0.19]	755
ch17-04-inventory	3	4	0.17	[0.15 - 0.18]	1912
ch17-05-design-challenge-re...	1	3	0.17	[0.15 - 0.20]	1064

## Quiz ch15-02-deref / Question 1

### Question

#### Question 1

Determine whether the program will pass the compiler. If it passes, write the expected output of the program if it were executed. If the program does not pass, indicate the last line number involved in the compiler error.

```
1 use std::ops::Deref;
2
3 #[derive(Clone, Copy)]
4 struct AccessLogger(i32);
5
6 impl Deref for AccessLogger {
7     type Target = i32;
8     fn deref(&self) -> &Self::Target {
9         println!("deref");
10        &self.0
11    }
```

### Answers

N = 766

This program **does not** compile.

The last line number in the error is:

N = 548

This program **does** compile.

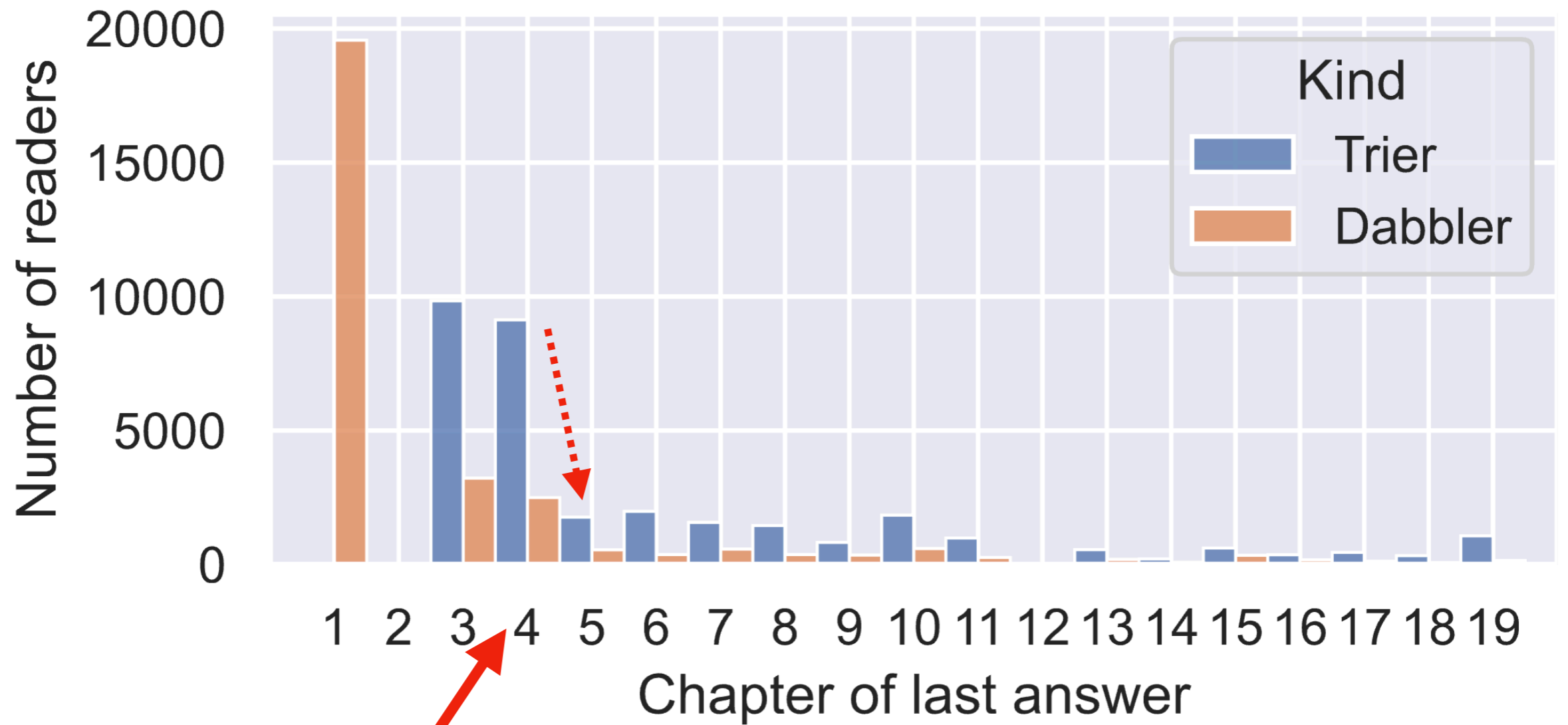
The output of this program will be:

0 -1

Table 1. Effects of interventions on question accuracy.  $p$ -values are bolded if they are under the 0.05 significance threshold.  $p$ -values are corrected for multiple comparisons with the Benjamini–Hochberg method [1995].

Description	Before	$N$	After	$N$	$\Delta$	$d$	$p$
Semver dependency deduplication	0.18	593	0.70	543	0.52	1.24	< <b>0.001</b>
Rust lacks inheritance	0.29	234	0.74	3511	0.45	1.03	< <b>0.001</b>
Match expressions and ownership	0.39	522	0.74	4970	0.35	0.78	< <b>0.001</b>
Send vs. Sync	0.25	639	0.49	538	0.24	0.52	< <b>0.001</b>
String slice diagram	0.23	575	0.43	7188	0.20	0.41	< <b>0.001</b>
Heap allocation with strings	0.13	265	0.27	3636	0.14	0.32	< <b>0.001</b>
Rules of lifetime inference	0.26	177	0.40	2887	0.14	0.29	< <b>0.001</b>
Traits vs. templates	0.38	234	0.49	3511	0.11	0.21	<b>0.002</b>
Trait objects and type inference	0.09	654	0.18	544	0.09	0.27	< <b>0.001</b>
Refutable patterns	0.17	549	0.25	499	0.08	0.21	<b>0.001</b>
Declarative macros take items	0.19	340	0.23	312	0.04	0.09	0.253
Derefencing vector elements	0.15	311	0.18	4001	0.03	0.07	0.253
<b>Grand average:</b>					<b>0.20</b>	<b>0.45</b>	

# Anyone can do this!



**Chapter on ownership**

# **Steps to improving ownership pedagogy**

- 1. Collect frequent StackOverflow questions about ownership**
- 2. Ask Rust learners to solve these questions**
- 3. Qualitatively analyze their misconceptions**
- 4. Develop new materials to address the specific misconceptions**
- 5. Deploy the materials in the online textbook**
- 6. Measure effect on those same questions**

**Anyone can do this (with enough effort)!**



**Will Crichton**

1:40 PM

Hi folks, I am giving a [Topos Institute talk](#) in a few weeks about the human factors of formalized mathematics. I'm gathering some anecdotal data about the most common challenges faced by Lean newbies. So if you frequently answer questions in [#newmembers](#), a few questions for you:

1. What are the most common categories of questions asked by newbies? Does it differ between mathematicians and software engineers?
2. Which Lean features do newbies struggle with the most early on? Which Lean features does everyone seem to struggle with no matter how long they've used Lean?
3. What are common misconceptions about formalized mathematics that you observe in newbie questions? What resources do you use to correct those misconceptions?

Feel free to answer any or all of these, and thank you in advance!

# Using Lean



```

example (p q r : Prop)
  : p ∧ (q ∨ r) ↔ (p ∧ q) ∨ (p ∧ r) := by
  apply Iff.intro
  · intro h
    cases h.right with
    | inl hq =>
      show (p ∧ q) ∨ (p ∧ r)
      exact Or.inl ⟨h.left, hq⟩
    | inr hr =>
      show (p ∧ q) ∨ (p ∧ r)
      exact Or.inr ⟨h.left, hr⟩
  · intro h
    cases h with
    | inl hpq =>
      show p ∧ (q ∨ r)
      exact ⟨hpq.left, Or.inl hpq.right⟩
    | inr hpr =>
      show p ∧ (q ∨ r)
      exact ⟨hpr.left, Or.inr hpr.right⟩

```

▼Tactic state

**1 goal**

▼**case** mp

**p q r** : Prop

**h** : p ∧ (q ∨ r)

*x†* : q ∨ r

⊢ p ∧ q ∨ p ∧ r

► All Messages (0)

**At a given point in a proof...**

**What facts have been locally created?**

**What am I trying to prove right now?**

```

section LayoutMonotone
theorem layoutFluidAt.monotone (dim : Fin 2) (els : List FluidEl) (p : Pos)

  apply Rat.add_nonneg el1.el.box.size.2.prop
  exact h_valid.left

case inr h_el' =>
  have h_suffix : els.IsStrictSuffix (el1 :: el2 :: els) := by
    existsi [el1, el2]
    constructor <;> simp

cases els with
| nil => trivial
| cons el3 els =>
  -- TODO: rewrite this using layoutFormula
  have := ih (el3 :: els) h_suffix
    (p + el1.prevMargin.toVec dim
     + el1.el.box.size.nthVec dim + el1.nextMargin.toVec dim + el2.prevMargin.toVec dim
     + el2.el.box.size.nthVec dim + el2.nextMargin.toVec dim)
    (List.Chain'.tail h_valid.right)
    h_el'
  apply le_trans _ this; simp

  have h_el1_el2 := h_valid.left
  have := List.chain'_cons.mp h_valid.right
  have h_el2_el3 := this.left
  simp [valid_adjacent_fluid_els] at h_el1_el2 h_el2_el3

  -- TODO: try and abstract out this logic
  cases dim.two_eq_or
  case inl h_dim =>
    simp [[h_dim, Rat.toVec, Prod.nthVec, Prod.nth]]
    rw [add_assoc, add_assoc, add_assoc, add_assoc, add_assoc]
    rw [le_add_iff_nonneg_right (p.1 + el1.prevMargin)]
    apply Rat.add_nonneg el1.el.box.size.1.prop
    rw [-add_assoc]; apply Rat.add_nonneg h_el1_el2
    apply Rat.add_nonneg el2.el.box.size.1.prop
    exact h_el2_el3
  case inr h_dim =>
    simp [h_dim, Rat.toVec, Prod.nthVec, Prod.nth]
    rw [add_assoc, add_assoc, add_assoc, add_assoc, add_assoc]
    rw [le_add_iff_nonneg_right (p.2 + el1.prevMargin)]
    apply Rat.add_nonneg el1.el.box.size.2.prop
    rw [-add_assoc]; apply Rat.add_nonneg h_el1_el2
    apply Rat.add_nonneg el2.el.box.size.2.prop
    exact h_el2_el3

```

```

1 goal
el' : Element
dim : Fin 2
el1 : FluidEl
p : Pos
el2 el3 : FluidEl
els : List FluidEl
ih : ∀ (l' : List FluidEl),
  l'.IsStrictSuffix (el1 :: el2 :: el3 :: els) →
  ∀ (p : Pos),
  valid_fluid_els l' →
  ∀ (h_el' : el' ∈ layoutFluidAt dim l' p), Prod.nth p dim + (l'.head ...).prevMargin ≤
  Prod.nth el'.box.lo dim
h_valid' : valid_fluid_els (el1 :: el2 :: el3 :: els)
h_el't : el' ∈ layoutFluidAt dim (el1 :: el2 :: el3 :: els) p
h_valid : valid_adjacent_fluid_els el1 el2 ∧ List.Chain' valid_adjacent_fluid_els (el2 :: el3
:: els)
h_el' : el' ∈
  layoutFluidAt dim (el3 :: els)
  (p + el1.prevMargin.toVec dim + (↑(Prod.nthVec el1.el.box.size dim).1, ↑(Prod.nthVec
el1.el.box.size dim).2) +
   el1.nextMargin.toVec dim +
   el2.prevMargin.toVec dim +
   (↑(Prod.nthVec el2.el.box.size dim).1, ↑(Prod.nthVec el2.el.box.size dim).2) +
   el2.nextMargin.toVec dim)
h_suffix : (el3 :: els).IsStrictSuffix (el1 :: el2 :: el3 :: els)
thist : Prod.nth
  (p + el1.prevMargin.toVec dim + (↑(Prod.nthVec el1.el.box.size dim).1, ↑(Prod.nthVec
el1.el.box.size dim).2) +
   el1.nextMargin.toVec dim +
   el2.prevMargin.toVec dim +
   (↑(Prod.nthVec el2.el.box.size dim).1, ↑(Prod.nthVec el2.el.box.size dim).2) +
   el2.nextMargin.toVec dim)
  dim +
  ((el3 :: els).head ...).prevMargin ≤
  Prod.nth el'.box.lo dim
h_el1_el2 : 0 ≤ el1.nextMargin + el2.prevMargin
this : valid_adjacent_fluid_els el2 el3 ∧ List.Chain' valid_adjacent_fluid_els (el3 :: els)
h_el2_el3 : 0 ≤ el2.nextMargin + el3.prevMargin
h_dim : dim = 0
├ p.1 + el1.prevMargin ≤
  p.1 + el1.prevMargin + ↑el1.el.box.size.1 + el1.nextMargin + el2.prevMargin +
  ↑el2.el.box.size.1 + el2.nextMargin +
  el3.prevMargin

```

► All Messages (0)

Restart File

## Group related info

`Prod.nth el'.box.lo dim`

`h_valid† : valid_fluid_els (el1 :: el2 :: el3 :: els)`

`h_el'† : el' ∈ layoutFluidAt dim (el1 :: el2 :: el3 :: els) p`

`h_valid : valid_adjacent_fluid_els el1 el2 ∧ List.Chain' valid_adjacent_fluid_els (el2 :: el3 :: els)`

`h_el' : el' ∈`

`layoutFluidAt dim (el3 :: els)`

`(p + el1.prevMargin.toVec dim + (↑(Prod.nthVec el1.el.box.size dim).1, ↑(Prod.nthVec el1.el.box.size dim).2) +`

`el1.nextMargin.toVec dim +`

`el2.prevMargin.toVec dim +`

`(↑(Prod.nthVec el2.el.box.size dim).1, ↑(Prod.nthVec el2.el.box.size dim).2) +`

`el2.nextMargin.toVec dim)`

`h_suffix : (el3 :: els).IsStrictSuffix (el1 :: el2 :: el3 :: els)`

`thist† : Prod.nth`

`(p + el1.prevMargin.toVec dim + (↑(Prod.nthVec el1.el.box.size dim).1, ↑(Prod.nthVec el1.el.box.size dim).2) +`

`el1.nextMargin.toVec dim +`

`el2.prevMargin.toVec dim +`

`(↑(Prod.nthVec el2.el.box.size dim).1, ↑(Prod.nthVec el2.el.box.size dim).2) +`

`el2.nextMargin.toVec dim)`

`dim +`

`((el3 :: els).head ...).prevMargin ≤`

`Prod.nth el'.box.lo dim`

`h_el1_el2 : 0 ≤ el1.nextMargin + el2.prevMargin`

`this : valid_adjacent_fluid_els el2 el3 ∧ List.Chain' valid_adjacent_fluid_els (el3 :: els)`

`h_el2_el3 : 0 ≤ el2.nextMargin + el3.prevMargin`

`h_dim : dim = 0`

`⊢ p.1 + el1.prevMargin ≤`

`p.1 + el1.prevMargin + ↑el1.el.box.size.1 + el1.nextMargin + el2.prevMargin +`

`↑el2.el.box.size.1 + el2.nextMargin +`

`el3.prevMargin`

## Abstract repeated details

```
⊢ p.1 + el1.prevMargin ≤  
  p.1 + el1.prevMargin +  
    (↑el1.el.box.size.1 +  
      (el1.nextMargin + (el2.prevMargin + (↑el2.el.box.size.1 +  
        (el2.nextMargin + el3.prevMargin))))))
```

**“How can I get rid of `p.1 + el1.prevMargin` from both sides?”**

apply?

timeout at `whnf`, maximum  
number of heartbeats (200000)

$$\forall a b : \mathbb{Q}, a \leq a + b \rightarrow 0 \leq b$$

# Loogle!

$\forall (a b : \mathbb{Q}), a \leq a + b \rightarrow 0 \leq$

## Result

W in le  
 $\forall (a$

In Lean 4  
statement

lean

```
import d
```

```
lemma le
```

```
begin
```

```
rw add
```

```
exact h
```

```
end
```

# Moogle

$\forall (a b : \mathbb{Q}), a \leq a + b \rightarrow 0 \leq b$

abs\_add'

theorem abs

repo:leanprover-community/mathlib4 "a ≤ a + b"

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Mathlib/Algebra/Order/Sub/Defs.lean

```
177
178 protected theorem le_add_tsub (hb : AddLEancellable b) : a ≤ a + b - b := by
179   rw [add_comm]
199
200 theorem le_add_tsub' : a ≤ a + b - b :=
201   Contravariant.AddLEancellable.le_add_tsub
```

Mathlib/SetTheory/Ordinal/Basic.lean

```
836 [rwa [← fo]; assumption]
837   · cases H <=> constructor <=> [rwa [fo]; assumption]
838
839 theorem le_add_right (a b : Ordinal) : a ≤ a + b := by
840   simpa only [add_zero] using add_le_add_left (Ordinal.zero_le b) a
841
842 theorem le_add_left (a b : Ordinal) : a ≤ b + a := by
```

Counterexamples/CanonicallyOrderedCommSemiringTwoMul.lean

```
179 ((b - a.1, fun H => (tsub_pos_of_lt h).ne' (Prod.mk.inj_iff.1 H).1),
180   Subtype.ext <| Prod.ext (add_tsub_cancel_of_le h.le).symm (add_sub_cancel _ _).symm)
181
```

```
def foo {a b :  $\mathbb{Q}$ } (h : a  $\leq$  a + b) : 0  $\leq$  b := by
```

```
  exact?
```



### ▼ Suggestions

Try this: `exact nonneg_of_le_add_right h`

```
theorem nonneg_of_le_add_right
```

```
  { $\alpha$  : Type u_1} [AddZeroClass  $\alpha$ ] [LE  $\alpha$ ]
```

```
  [
```

```
    ContravariantClass  $\alpha$   $\alpha$  (fun (x x_1 :  $\alpha$ ) => x + x_1)
```

```
    fun (x x_1 :  $\alpha$ ) => x  $\leq$  x_1
```

```
  ]
```

```
  {a :  $\alpha$ } {b :  $\alpha$ } (h : a  $\leq$  a + b) :
```

```
  0  $\leq$  b
```

```
∀ (a b : ℚ), a ≤ a + b → 0 ≤ b
```

```
#find
```

```
#lucky
```

## Result

Found 0 definitions mentioning `Rat.instOfNat`, `Rat`, `LE.le`, `Rat.instLE`, `instHAdd`, `Iff`, `HAdd.hAdd`, `Rat.instAdd` and `OfNat.ofNat`. Of these, 0 match your pattern(s).

```
|- ?a ≤ ?a + ?b → 0 ≤ ?b
```

```
#find
```

```
#lucky
```

## Result

Found 1929 definitions mentioning `LE.le`, `HAdd.hAdd` and `OfNat.ofNat`. Of these, one matches your pattern(s).

- [nonneg\\_of\\_le\\_add\\_right](#) `Mathlib.Algebra.Order.Monoid.Unbundled.Basic`

```
∀ {α : Type u_1} [inst : AddZeroClass α] [inst_1 : LE α]  
[inst_2 : ContravariantClass α α (fun x x_1 => x + x_1) fun x  
x_1 => x ≤ x_1] {a b : α}, a ≤ a + b → 0 ≤ b
```

# How do we help people find nonneg\_of\_le\_add\_right?

Loogle, Mathlib docs: integration + training

AI tools: make them... better??

Search tactics: facilitate writing MWE

```
def foo {a b :  $\mathbb{Q}$ } (h : a ≤ a + b) : 0 ≤ b := by
```

exact?





# Calls to action

- **Read up on psych research (the replicable kinds)**
  - Cognitive psychology: memory, perception, mental models, logical reasoning
  - Educational psychology: cognitive load, skill acquisition, contrasting cases
  - Cognitive engineering: representations, user modeling, trade-offs
  - Conspicuously avoided: HCI, "intuitive" interfaces, 1-hour user studies, ...
- **Build the infrastructure for evaluating human factors**
  - Textbook quizzes, Zulip questions are both potential data sources
  - Validated assessments of competency (see: "Force Concept Inventory")
  - Never underestimate the power of talking to people and watching them work
  - Conspicuously avoided: IDE telemetry, user surveys
- **Improve the cognitive efficiency of devtools**
  - Reduce the friction of discovery (incl. discovering the discovery tools)
  - Visualize, don't dump information (incl. docs, error messages, etc)
  - Conspicuously avoided: proof widgets, AI consultants