Computer certified efficient exact reals in Coq

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Why do we need certified exact real arithmetic?

- There is a big gap between:
  - Numerical algorithms in research papers.
  - Actual implementations (MATHEMATICA, MATLAB, ...).
- This gap makes the code difficult to maintain.
- Makes it difficult to trust the code of these implementations!
- Undesirable in proofs that rely on the execution of this code.
  - Kepler conjecture.
  - Existence of the Lorentz attractor.
- Undesirable in safety critical applications.

This talk

Improve performance of real number computation in Coq.

Real numbers:

- Cannot be represented exactly in a computer.
- Approximation by rational numbers.
- Or any set that is dense in the rationals (e.g. the dyadics).

Coq:

- Well suited because it is both a dependently typed functional programming language, and,
- proof assistant for constructive mathematics.

Starting point: O'Connor's implementation in Coq

- Based on *metric spaces* and the *completion monad*.

$$\mathbb{R} := \mathfrak{C}\mathbb{Q} := \{f : \mathbb{Q}_+ \to \mathbb{Q} \mid f \text{ is regular}\}$$

- To define a function $\mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$: define a *uniformly continuous function* $f : \mathbb{Q} \to \mathbb{R}$, and obtain $\check{f} : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$.
- Efficient combination of proving and programming.

O'Connor's implementation in Coq

Problem:

- A concrete representation of the rationals (Coq's Q) is used.
- Cannot swap implementations, e.g. use machine integers.

Solution:
Build theory and programs on top of abstract interfaces instead of concrete implementations.

- Cleaner.
- Mathematically sound.
- Can swap implementations.

Our contribution

An abstract specification of the dense set.

- For which we provide an implementation using the dyadics:

$$n * 2^e \qquad \text{for} \qquad n, e \in \mathbb{Z}$$

- Using Coq's machine integers.
- Extend the algebraic hierarchy based on type classes by Spitters and van der Weegen to achieve this.

Some other performance improvements.

- Implement range reductions.
- Improve computation of power series:
  - Keep auxiliary results small.
  - Avoid evaluation of termination proofs.

Interfaces for mathematical structures

- Algebraic hierarchy (groups, rings, fields, ...)
- Relations, orders, ...
- Categories, functors, universal algebra, ...
- Numbers: $\mathbb{N}$, $\mathbb{Z}$, $\mathbb{Q}$, $\mathbb{R}$, ...

Need solid representations of these, providing:

- Structure inference.
- Multiple inheritance/sharing.
- Convenient algebraic manipulation (e.g. rewriting).
- Idiomatic use of names and notations.

Spitters and van der Weegen: use type classes!

Type classes

- Useful for organizing interfaces of abstract structures.
- Great success in Haskell and Isabelle.
- Recently added to Coq.
- Based on already existing features.

Spitters and van der Weegen's approach

Define *operational type classes* for operations and relations.

```
Class Equiv A := equiv: relation A.
Infix "=" := equiv: type_scope.
Class RingPlus A := ring_plus: A → A → A.
Infix "+" := ring_plus.
```

Represent typical properties as predicate type classes.

```
Class LeftAbsorb `{Equiv A} {B} (op : A → B → A) (x : A) : Prop :=
  left_absorb: ∀ y, op x y = x.
```

Represent algebraic structures as predicate type classes.

```
Class SemiRing A {e plus mult zero one} : Prop := {
 semiring_mult_monoid :> @CommutativeMonoid A e mult one ;
 semiring_plus_monoid :> @CommutativeMonoid A e plus zero ;
 semiring_distr :> Distribute (.*.) (+) ;
 semiring_left_absorb :> LeftAbsorb (.*.) 0 }.
```

Examples

demo

Spitters and van der Weegen

- A standard algebraic hierarchy.
- Some category theory.
- Some universal algebra.
- Interfaces for number structures.
  - Naturals: initial semiring.
  - Integers: initial ring.
  - Rationals: field of fractions of $\mathbb{Z}$.

Our extensions of Spitters and van der Weegen

- Interfaces and theory for operations (nat_pow, shiftl, ...).
- Library on constructive order theory (ordered rings, etc...)
- Support for undecidable structures.
- Explicit casts.
- More implementations of abstract interfaces.

Approximate rationals

```
Class AppDiv AQ := app_div : AQ → AQ → Z → AQ.
Class AppApprox AQ := app_approx : AQ → Z → AQ.

Class AppRationals AQ {e plus mult zero one inv} `{!Order AQ}
  {AQtoQ : Coerce AQ Q_as_MetricSpace} `{!AppInverse AQtoQ}
  {ZtoAQ : Coerce Z AQ} `{!AppDiv AQ} `{!AppApprox AQ}
  `{!Abs AQ} `{!Pow AQ N} `{!ShiftL AQ Z}
  `{∀ x y : AQ, Decision (x = y)} `{∀ x y : AQ, Decision (x ≤ y)} : Prop := {
  aq_ring :> @Ring AQ e plus mult zero one inv ;
  aq_order_embed :> OrderEmbedding AQtoQ ;
  aq_ring_morphism :> SemiRing_Morphism AQtoQ ;
  aq_dense_embedding :> DenseEmbedding AQtoQ ;
  aq_div : ∀ x y k, B_{2^k}('app_div x y k) ('x / 'y) ;
  aq_approx : ∀ x k, B_{2^k}('app_approx x k) ('x) ;
  aq_shift :> ShiftLSpec AQ Z (≪) ;
  aq_nat_pow :> NatPowSpec AQ N (^) ;
  aq_ints_mor :> SemiRing_Morphism ZtoAQ }.
```

Power series

- Well suited for computation if:
  - its coefficients are alternating,
  - decreasing,
  - and have limit 0.
- For example, for $-1 \leq x \leq 0$:

$$\exp x = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^i}{i!}$$

- To approximate $\exp x$ with error ε we find a k such that:

$$\frac{x^k}{k!} \leq \varepsilon$$

Power series

Problem 1: we do not have exact division.

- Postpone approximate divisions.
- Parametrize by 2 streams: numerators and denominators.
- Need to compute both the length and precision of division.
- This can be optimized using shifts.
- Our approach only requires to compute few extra terms.
- Approximate division keeps the auxiliary numbers “small”.

Power series

Problem 2: convince Coq that it terminates.

- Use an inductive proposition to describe limits.

```
Inductive Exists A (P : Stream A → Prop) (x : Stream) : Prop :=
  | Here : P x → Exists P x
  | Further : Exists P (tl x) → Exists P x.
```

- But, need to make it lazy, otherwise vm_compute will evaluate a proposition [O'Connor].

```
Inductive LazyExists A (P : Stream A → Prop) (x : Stream A) : Prop :=
  | LazyHere : P x → LazyExists P x
  | LazyFurther : (unit → LazyExists P (tl x)) → LazyExists P x.
```

Power series

Unfortunately, still too much overhead.

- Perform 50.000 steps before looking at the proof.

```
Fixpoint LazyExists_inc ‘{P : Stream A → Prop}
        (n : nat) s : LazyExists P (Str_nth_tl n s) → LazyExists P s :=
  match n return LazyExists P (Str_nth_tl n s) → LazyExists P s with
  | O ⇒ λ x, x
  | S n ⇒ λ ex, LazyFurther (λ _, LazyExists_inc n (tl s) ex)
  end.
```

- Major ($\geq$ 10 times) performance improvement!

Implementing the exponential

demo

What have we implemented so far?

Verified versions of:

- Basic field operations ($+$, $*$, -, $/$)
- Exponentiation by a natural.
- Computation of power series.
- exp, arctan, sin and cos.
- $\pi := 176 * \arctan\frac{1}{57} + 28 * \arctan\frac{1}{239} - 48 * \arctan\frac{1}{682} + 96 * \arctan\frac{1}{12943}$.
- Square root using Wolfram iteration.

Benchmarks

- Our Haskell prototype is ∼15 times faster.
- Our Coq implementation is ∼100 times faster.
- For example:
  - 500 decimals of exp $(\pi * \sqrt{163})$ and sin (exp 1),
  - 2000 decimals of exp 1000,

  within 10 seconds in Coq!
- (Previously about 10 decimals)
- Type classes only yield a 3% performance loss.
- Coq is still too slow compared to unoptimized Haskell (factor 30 for Wolfram iteration).

Further work

- Newton iteration to compute the square root.
- Geometric series (e.g. to compute ln).
- native_compute: evaluation by compilation to OCaml.
- Flocq: more fine grained floating point algorithms.
- Type classified theory on metric spaces.

Conclusions

- Greatly improved the performance of the reals.
- Abstract interfaces allow to swap implementations and share theory and proofs.
- Type classes yield no apparent performance penalty.
- Nice names and notations with type classes and unicode symbols.

Issues:

- Type classes are quite fragile.
- Instance resolution is too slow.
- Need to adapt definitions to avoid evaluation in Prop.

Sources

http://robbertkrebbers.nl/research/reals/