

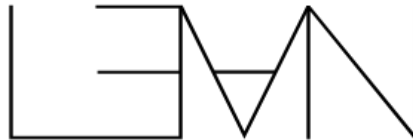
Iris Lean

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What is Lean?

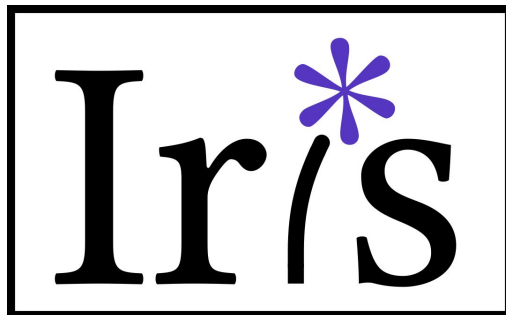
- Theorem prover launched by Leonardo de Moura in 2013
- Constantly improved by a team of full-time engineers at Lean FRO
- Comprehensive math library - Mathlib
- Same dependent type theory as Rocq



LEAN

What is Iris?

(just joking)



Iris Lean is a port of *Iris to Lean*



Why port Iris to Lean?

Comprehensive Mathlib

Good metaprogramming

Pleasant user experience

Active and diverse community

Advanced automation

Better AI support

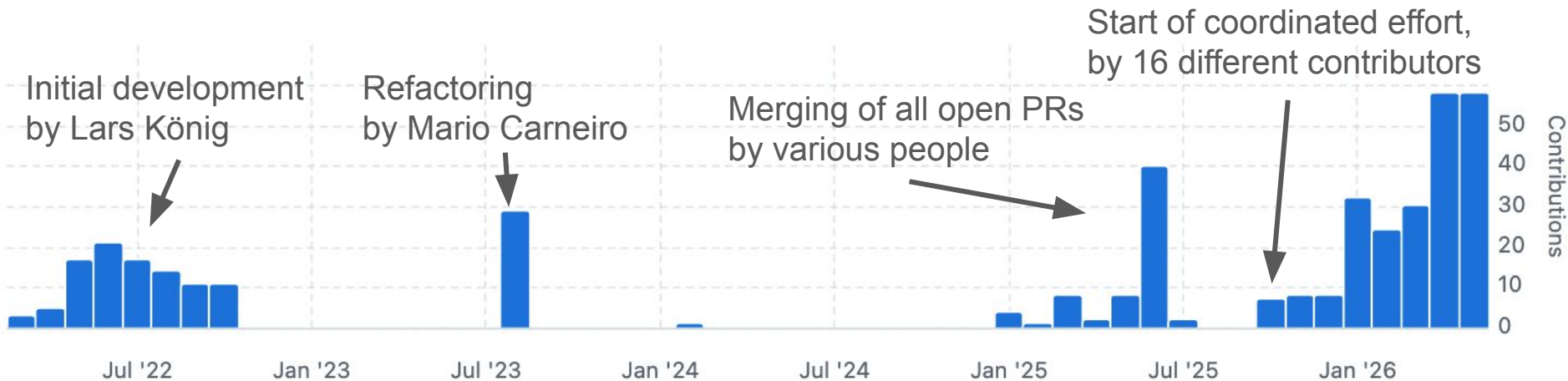
Good performance

Past, present, and future of Iris Lean

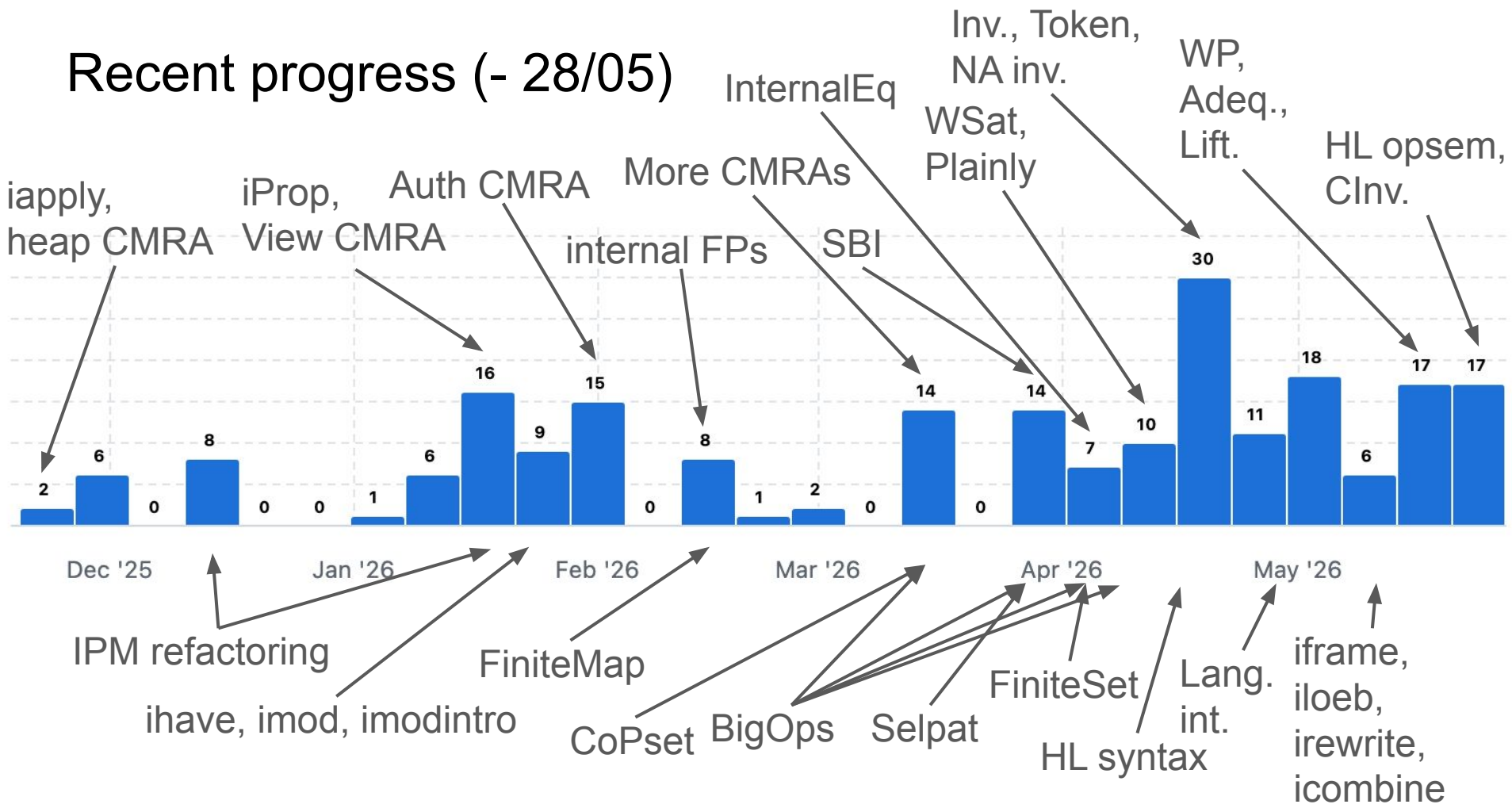
Past:
Brief History of Iris Lean

Brief history of Iris Lean

- Master thesis of Lars König in 2022
- Maintained by Mario Carneiro until 2025
- Markus de Meideros becomes interested in 2025
- More and more people become interested and start working on it in late 2025
- Porting effort significantly picking up steam at beginning of 2026



Recent progress (- 28/05)



Present:
Current Status of Iris Lean

Contributors to Iris Lean



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GenericMonkey



Alvin Tang

Porting status

Tracking webpage: <https://leanprover-community.github.io/iris-lean/>

Main missing features

- monotone predicates / embedding
- Some CMRAs (e.g. STS)
- Some base_logic libraries (e.g. saved prop, boxes)
- Atomic updates / triples
- Total weakest precondition
- iinv (+ more seldomly used tactics like iaccu)



Iris Lean in Action

Benefits of Lean

- Automation for pure goals/lemmas

```
· ipureintro  
have : ls2'.all (head < ·) := by grind  
grind [List.pairwise_cons]  
· ipureintro  
grind [List.filter_append_perm]
```

- More control in implementing tactics
 - Custom `ProofModeM` monad for writing tactics
 - Custom typeclass synthesis algorithm
- No strings in proof mode tactics

Design choices

- More axioms / classical logic
 - `UPred` tweaked to become `Leibniz` (because of `propext`, `funext`)

```
theorem IProp.ext {P Q : IProp GF} : P ⇔ Q → P = Q
```

- Typeclasses instead of bundled hierarchies / canonical structures

```
class IsCOFE (α : Type _) [OFE α] where
  compl : Chain α → α
  conv_compl {c : Chain α} : compl c ≡{n}≡ c n
```

New challenges

Problem	Solution
Restrictive typeclass synthesis	Implement custom synthesis to simulate Rocq TC
Less comprehensive batteries and no mathlib dependency	Upstream from mathlib or implement with minor generalization, e.g. FiniteMap
Missing generalized rewriting	Use mathlib's <code>grw</code> (?)
PRs with fully AI generated code	AI reviews (?)

Projects based on Iris Lean

Approxis-based relational logic for
real-valued programs

Markus | Mathlib

iaesop - **aesop** white box
automation for Iris

Yunsong | Metaprogramming, automation

Lithium-based translation
validation for LLVM IR optimization

Zongyuan | Metaprogramming, AI

Lilac program logic

Edwin Fernando | Mathlib

Relationship between Iris Lean and Iris Rocq

In principle following Rocq implementation

Not split the community, both should be compatible

- Track correspondence with `rocq_alias`
- Nightly CI to monitor renaming in Rocq
- Still get the benefits of Lean

Relationship between Iris Lean and Iris Rocq

```
@[rocq_alias cmra]
class CMRA (α : Type _) extends OFE α where
  pcore : α → Option α
  op : α → α → α
  ValidN : α → Prop
  pcore_op_mono : pcore x = some cx → ∀ y, ∃ cy, pcore
  (op x y) ≡ some (op cx cy)
  validN_op_left : ValidN n (op x y) → ValidN n x
  extend : ValidN n x → x ≡{n}≡ op y₁ y₂ →
    Σ' z₁ z₂, x ≡ op z₁ z₂ ∧ z₁ ≡{n}≡ y₁ ∧ z₂ ≡{n}≡ y₂
  -- ...
```

```
#rocq_ignore Op "Use the CMRA.op field."
#rocq_ignore PCore "Use the CMRA.pcore field."
#rocq_ignore Valid "Use the CMRA.Valid field."
#rocq_ignore CmraMixin "Use the CMRA type class."
#rocq_ignore cmra_ofe0 "Not needed."
```

Lean v.s. Rocq

```
Record CmraMixin {SI : sidx} A
  `(!Dist A, !Equiv A, !PCore A, !Op A, !Valid A, !ValidN A) := {
  mixin_cmra_pcore_mono (x y : A) cx :
    x ≤ y → pcore x = Some cx → ∃ cy, pcore y = Some cy ∧ cx ≤ cy;
  mixin_cmra_validN_op_l n (x y : A) : ✓{n} (x · y) → ✓{n} x;
  mixin_cmra_extend n (x y₁ y₂ : A) :
    ✓{n} x → x ≡{n}≡ y₁ · y₂ →
    { z₁ : A & { z₂ | x ≡ z₁ · z₂ ∧ z₁ ≡{n}≡ y₁ ∧ z₂ ≡{n}≡ y₂ } }
  (* ... *) }.
Structure cmra {SI : sidx} := Cmra' {
  cmra_car :> Type;
  cmra_pcore : PCore cmra_car;
  cmra_op : Op cmra_car;
  cmra_validN : ValidN cmra_car;
  cmra_ofe_mixin : OfeMixin cmra_car;
  cmra_mixin : CmraMixin cmra_car;
  (* ... *) }.
Coercion cmra_ofe0 {SI : sidx} (A : cmra) : ofe := Ofe A (cmra_ofe_mixin A).
Canonical Structure cmra_ofe0.
```

Future:
Next steps

Future directions

Further leverage Lean metaprogramming for Iris automation

Explore integration with Lean-based AI efforts

Combination of Iris and mathlib

Connecting to Lean's `mvcgen`

Relationship to CSLib

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If you are curious about Iris Lean

- Join the Iris Lean Zulip channel on the Lean Zulip
- We have bi-weekly meetings, let us know if you are interested in joining