

# LEO-II

A Higher-Order Theorem Prover

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## Overview on LEO-II

LEO-II is a standalone, resolution-based higher-order theorem prover that is designed for fruitful cooperation with specialist provers for first-order and propositional logic. The idea is to combine the strengths of the different systems. On the other hand, LEO-II itself, as an external reasoner, wants to support interactive proof assistants such as Isabelle/HOL, HOL, and OMEGA by efficiently automating subproblems and thereby reducing user effort.

LEO-II predominantly addresses higher-order aspects in its reasoning process with the aim to quickly remove higher-order clauses from the search space and to turn them into essentially first-order clauses which can then be refuted with a first-order prover. Furthermore, the project investigates whether techniques that have proved very successful in automated first-order theorem proving, such as shared data structures and term indexing, can be lifted to the higher-order setting.

LEO-II also provides an interactive mode in which user and system can interact to produce resolution proofs in simple type theory. LEO-II is implemented in Objective Caml; it is the successor of LEO, which was implemented in LISP and hardwired to the OMEGA proof assistant.

## Input Syntax: TPTP THF

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thf(reflexiv_definition,
  (reflexive = (^[R:(\$i>(\$i>$o))]: (![X:$i]: ((R @ X) @ X))))).

thf(symmetric_definition,
  (symmetric =
   (^[R:(\$i>(\$i>$o))]: (![X:$i,Y:$i]:
     (R @ X) @ Y) => (R @ Y) @ X))).

thf(transitive_definition,
  (transitive =
   (^[R:(\$i>(\$i>$o))]: (![X:$i,Y:$i,Z:$i]:
     (((R @ X) @ Y) & ((R @ Y) @ Z)) => ((R @ X) @ Z))))).

thf(equiv_rel_definition,
  (equiv_rel =
   (^[R:(\$i>(\$i>$o))]:
    (reflexive @ R) & (symmetric @ R) & (transitive @ R)))). 

thf(test_conjecture, (?[R:(\$i>(\$i>$o))]: ~(equiv_rel @ R))).
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## First Experiments with LEO-II

We evaluate LEO-II's performance on simple problems about sets, relations, and functions. The example problems are taken from the TPTP library and for LEO/Vampire and LEO-II/E they have been reformulated in higher-order logic.

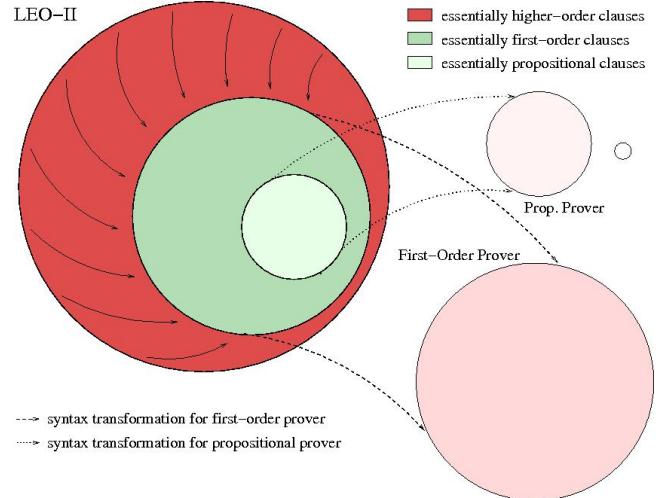
Some examples:

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SET171+3  \forall X_{\alpha},Y_{\alpha},Z_{\alpha}.X \cup (Y \cap Z) = (X \cup Y) \cap (X \cup Z)
SET611+3  \forall X_{\alpha},Y_{\alpha}.(X \cap Y = \emptyset) \Leftrightarrow (X \setminus Y = X)
SET624+3  \forall X_{\alpha},Y_{\alpha},Z_{\alpha}.
            Meets(X, Y \cap Z) \Leftrightarrow Meets(X, Y) \vee Meets(X, Z)
SET646+3  \forall x_{\alpha},y_{\beta}.Subrel(Pair(x,y),(\lambda u_{\alpha}.T) \times (\lambda v_{\beta}.T))
SET670+3  \forall Z_{\alpha\beta},R_{\alpha\beta\alpha},X_{\alpha\beta},Y_{\alpha\beta}.IsRelOn(R,X,Y) \Rightarrow
            IsRelOn(RestrictRDom(R,Z),Z,Y)
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with

$$\begin{aligned}
 - \in_- &= \lambda x_{\alpha}, A_{\alpha\alpha}. [Ax] \\
 \emptyset &= [\lambda x_{\alpha}. F] \\
 - \cap_- &= \lambda A_{\alpha\alpha}, B_{\alpha\alpha}. [\lambda x_{\alpha}. x \in A \wedge x \in B] \\
 - \cup_- &= \lambda A_{\alpha\alpha}, B_{\alpha\alpha}. [\lambda x_{\alpha}. x \in A \vee x \in B] \\
 - \setminus_- &= \lambda A_{\alpha\alpha}, B_{\alpha\alpha}. [\lambda x_{\alpha}. x \in A \vee x \notin B] \\
 \text{Meets}(-,-) &= \lambda A_{\alpha\alpha}, B_{\alpha\alpha}. [\exists x_{\alpha}. x \in A \wedge x \in B] \\
 \text{Pair}(-,-) &= \lambda x_{\alpha}, y_{\beta}. [\lambda u_{\alpha}, v_{\beta}. u = x \wedge v = y] \\
 - \times - &= \lambda A_{\alpha\alpha}, B_{\alpha\beta\alpha}. [\lambda u_{\alpha}, v_{\beta}. u \in A \wedge v \in B] \\
 \text{Subrel}(-,-) &= \lambda R_{\alpha\beta\alpha}, Q_{\alpha\beta\alpha}. [\forall x_{\alpha}, y_{\beta}. Rxy \Rightarrow Qxy] \\
 \text{IsRelOn}(-,-,-) &= \lambda R_{\alpha\beta\alpha}, A_{\alpha\alpha}, B_{\alpha\beta}. [\forall x_{\alpha}, y_{\beta}. Rxy \\
 &\quad \Rightarrow x \in A \wedge y \in B] \\
 \text{RestrictRDom}(-,-) &= \lambda R_{\alpha\beta\alpha}, A_{\alpha\alpha}. [\lambda x_{\alpha}, y_{\beta}. x \in A \wedge Rxy]
 \end{aligned}$$



## Cooperation with Other Provers

Provers supported (so far): E, SPASS

Translations supported so far

[Kerber94]  $(V_{\iota \rightarrow \iota \rightarrow o}^0 V_{\iota}^1 V_{\iota}^1)$  translates to  
 $\circledcirc_{(\iota \rightarrow o) \rightarrow \iota \rightarrow o} (@_{(\iota \rightarrow \iota \rightarrow o) \rightarrow \iota \rightarrow (\iota \rightarrow o)}(V^0, V^1), V^1)$

[Hurd02]  $(V_{\iota \rightarrow \iota \rightarrow o}^0 V_{\iota}^1 V_{\iota}^1)$  translates to  
 $ti(@_{(ti(@_{(ti(V^0, \iota \rightarrow \iota \rightarrow o), ti(V^1, \iota)), \iota \rightarrow o), ti(V^1, \iota)), o})$

## Results

Problem	Vampire 9.0 <sup>1</sup>	LEO/Vamp. <sup>2</sup>	LEO-II/E <sup>3</sup>
SET014+4	114.5	2.60	0.300
SET017+1	1.0	5.05	0.059
SET066+1	—	3.73	0.029
SET067+1	4.6	0.10	0.040
SET076+1	51.3	0.97	0.031
SET086+1	0.1	0.01	0.028
SET096+1	5.9	7.29	0.033
SET143+3	0.1	0.31	0.034
SET171+3	68.6	0.38	0.030
SET580+3	0.0	0.23	0.078
SET601+3	1.6	1.18	0.089
SET606+3	0.1	0.27	0.033
SET607+3	1.2	0.26	0.036
SET609+3	145.2	0.49	0.039
SET611+3	0.3	4.00	0.125
SET612+3	111.9	0.46	0.030
SET614+3	3.7	0.41	0.060
SET615+3	103.9	0.47	0.035
SET623+3	—	2.27	0.282
SET624+3	3.8	3.29	0.047
SET630+3	0.1	0.05	0.025
SET640+3	1.1	0.01	0.033
SET646+3	84.4	0.01	0.032
SET647+3	98.2	0.12	0.037
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SET649+3	117.5	0.25	0.037
SET651+3	117.5	0.09	0.029
SET657+3	146.6	0.01	0.028
SET669+3	83.1	0.20	0.041
SET670+3	—	0.14	0.067
SET671+3	214.9	0.47	0.038
SET672+3	—	0.23	0.034
SET673+3	217.1	0.47	0.042
SET680+3	146.3	2.38	0.035
SET683+3	0.3	0.27	0.053
SET684+3	—	3.39	0.039
SET716+4	—	0.40	0.033
SET724+4	—	1.91	0.032
SET741+4	—	3.70	0.042
SET747+4	—	1.18	0.028
SET752+4	—	516.00	0.086
SET753+4	—	1.64	0.037
SET764+4	0.1	0.01	0.032
SET770+4	145.0	—	—

<sup>1</sup> Intel(R) Pentium(R) 4 CPU 2.80GHz, 1GB, Linux, CPULimit 600s

<sup>2</sup> Intel(R) Xeon(TM) 4 CPU 2.40GHz, 4GB, Linux, CPULimit 120s

<sup>3</sup> Intel(R) Pentium(R) 1 CPU 1.60GHz, 1GB, Linux, CPULimit 60s