

Mathematical Domain Reasoning Tasks in Natural Language Tutorial Dialog on Proofs

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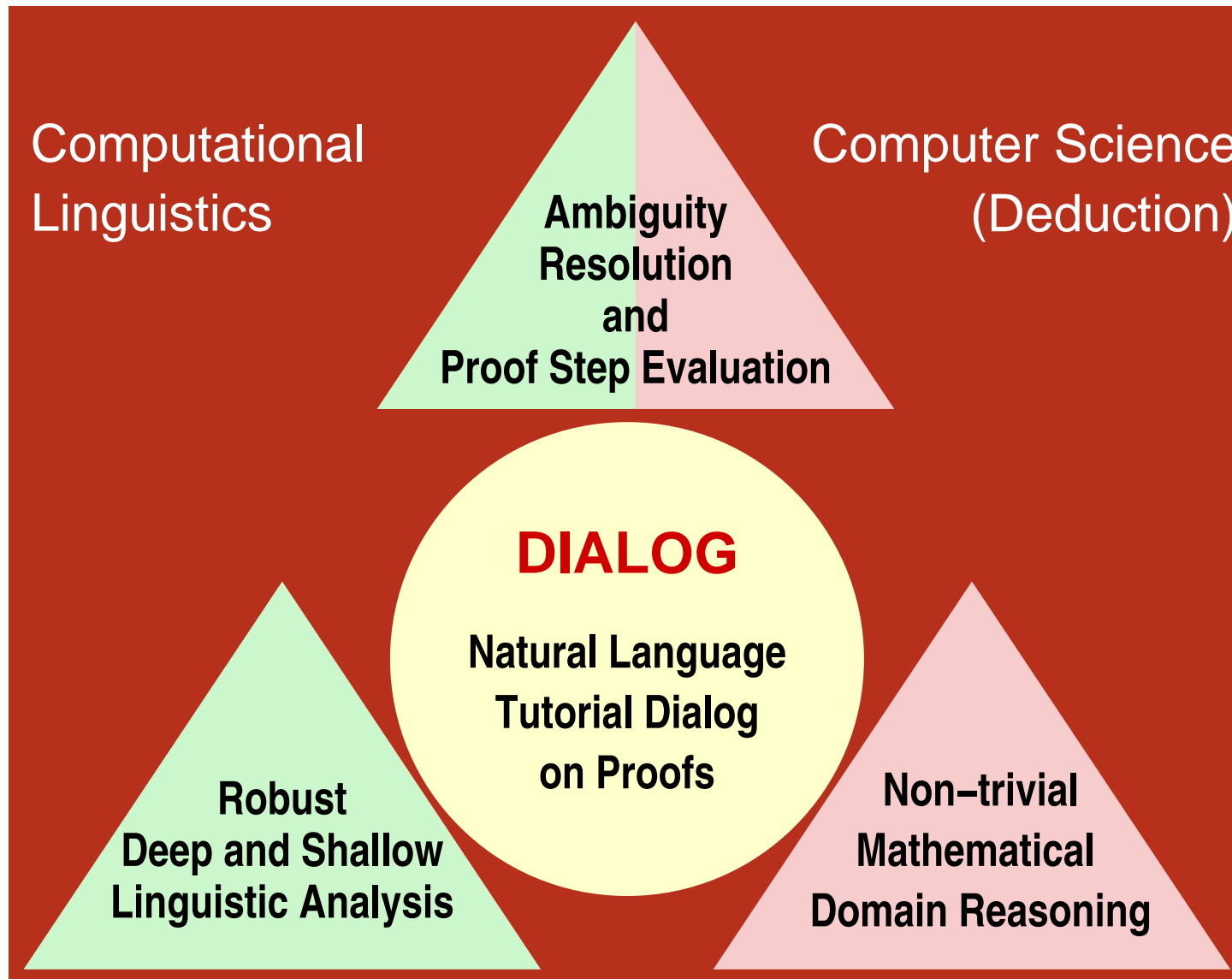
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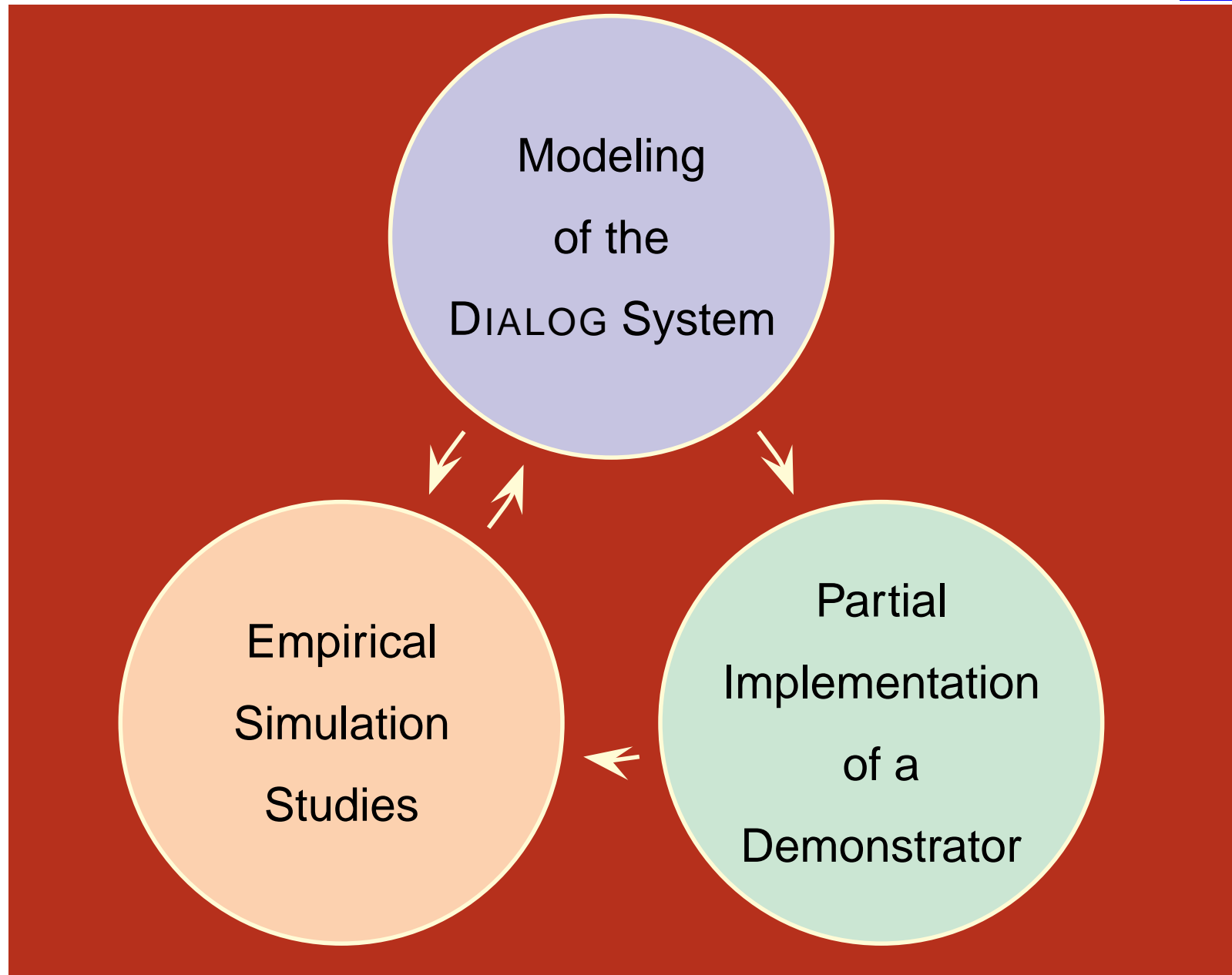
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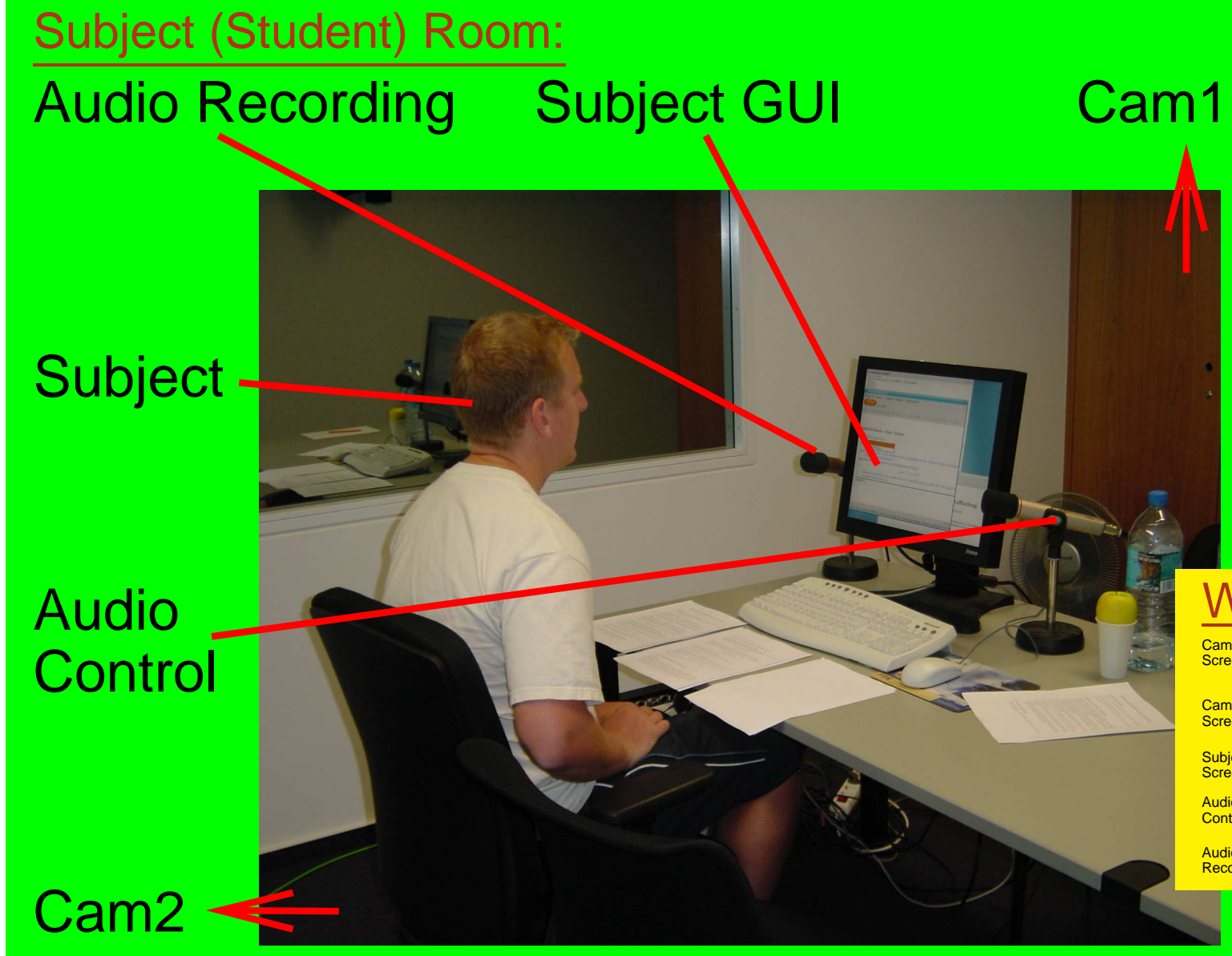
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The DIALOG Project in the SFB 378





WOZ-Experiment → Own Corpus



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Wizard (Tutor) Room:

Cam2
Screen

Overall
Control

Experi-
menter

Wizard
GUI

Wizard
(Tutor)

Cam1
Screen

Subject
Screen

Audio
Control

Audio
Recording



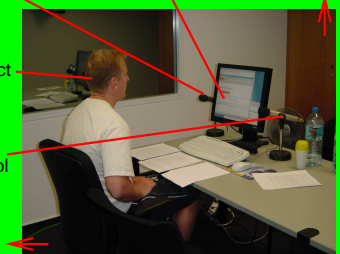
Subject Room:

Audio Recording Subject GUI Cam1

Subject

Audio
Control

Cam2





T1: Bitte zeigen Sie: $K((A \cup B) \cap (C \cup D)) = (K(A) \cap K(B)) \cup (K(C) \cap K(D))!$

[Please show: $K((A \cup B) \cap (C \cup D)) = (K(A) \cap K(B)) \cup (K(C) \cap K(D))!$]

S1: nach deMorgan-Regel-2 ist $K((A \cup B) \cap (C \cup D)) = (K(A \cup B) \cup K(C \cup D))$.

[by deMorgan-Rule-2 $K((A \cup B) \cap (C \cup D)) = (K(A \cup B) \cup K(C \cup D))$ holds.]

T2: Das ist richtig!

[This is correct!]

S2: $K(A \cup B)$ ist laut deMorgan-1 $K(A) \cap K(B)$

[$K(A \cup B)$ is $K(A) \cap K(B)$ according to deMorgan-1]

T3: Das stimmt auch.

[That is also right.]

S3: und $K(C \cup D)$ ist ebenfalls laut deMorgan-1 $K(C) \cap K(D)$

[and $K(C \cup D)$ is also $K(C) \cap K(D)$ according to deMorgan-1]

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Get corpus: <http://www.ags.uni-sb.de/~chris/dialog/>

Total figures 1. exp.: 66 dialogs / av. 12 turns / 1115 sentences



Perspective of Mathematical Domain Reasoning (MDR):

- Support for resolution of **Ambiguities** and **Underspecification**
- **Proof Step Evaluation**
 - ▶ **Soundness**: proof step verifiable by formal system?
 - ▶ **Granularity**: size/argumentative complexity of proof step?
 - ▶ **Relevance**: proof step needed/useful in achieving the goal?

Perspective of NL Analysis:

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Perspective of Dialog Management:

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Perspective of Tutoring Proofs:

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Logical vs Tutorial Dimension

Perspective of NL Analysis:

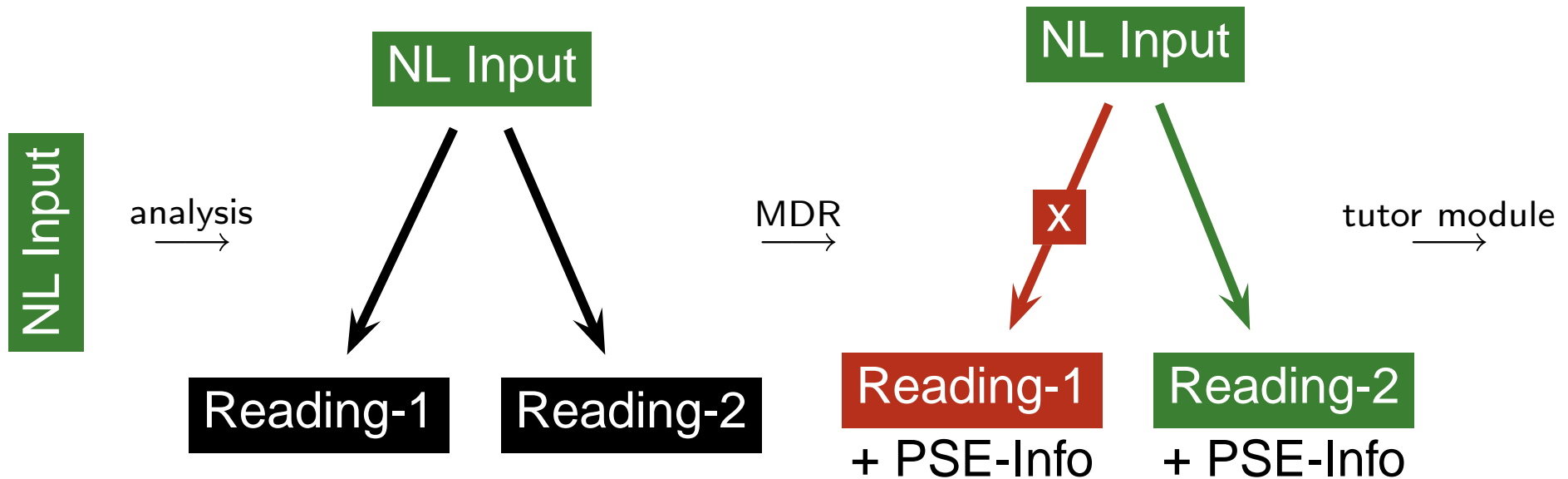
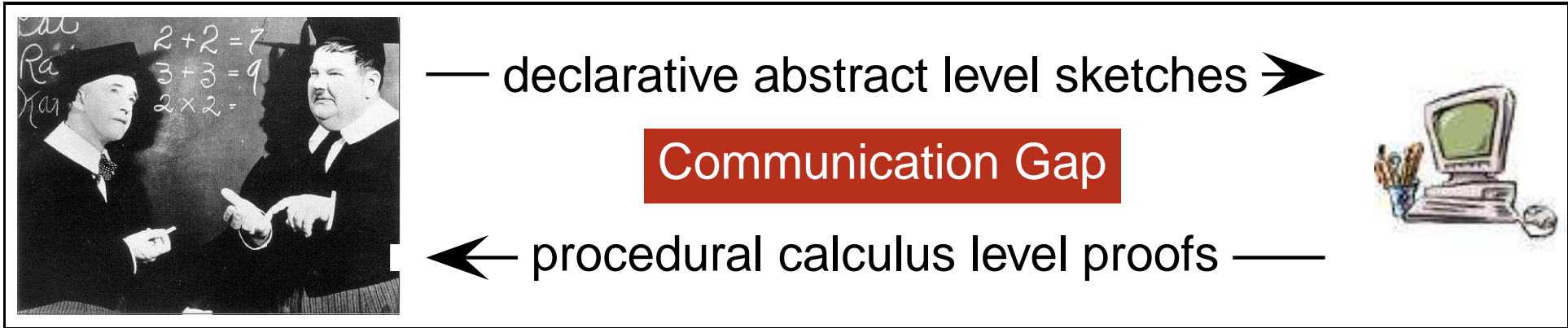
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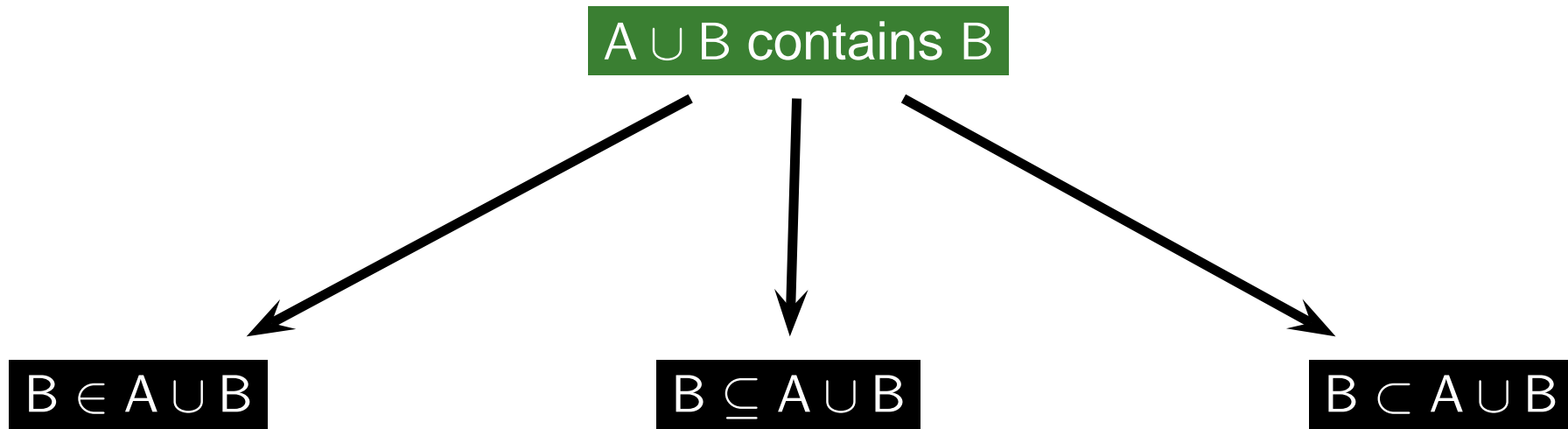
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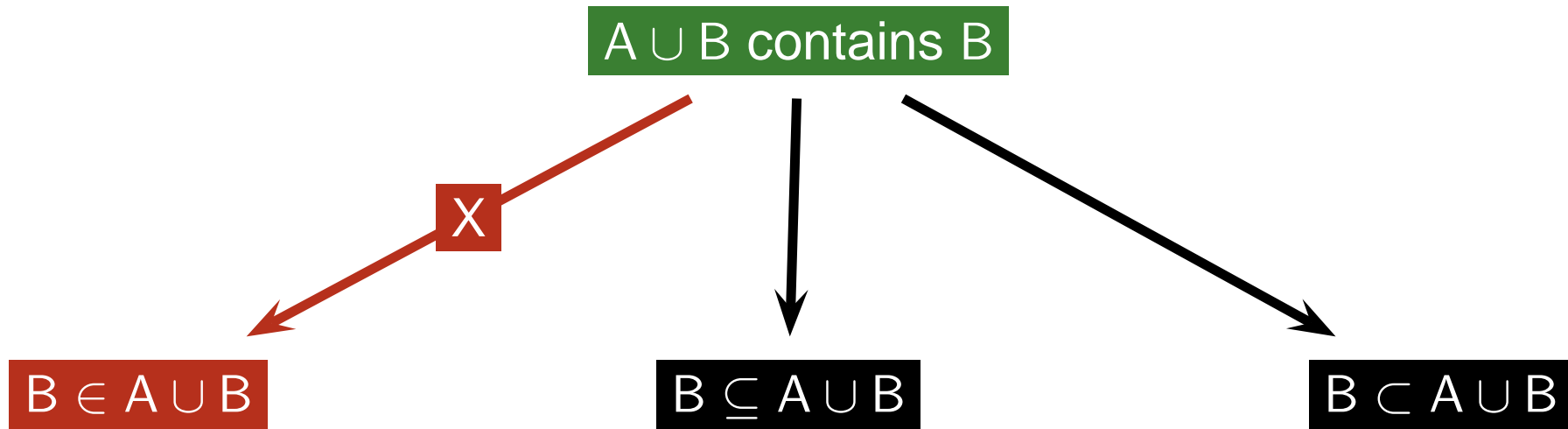
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Perspective of Tutoring Proofs:

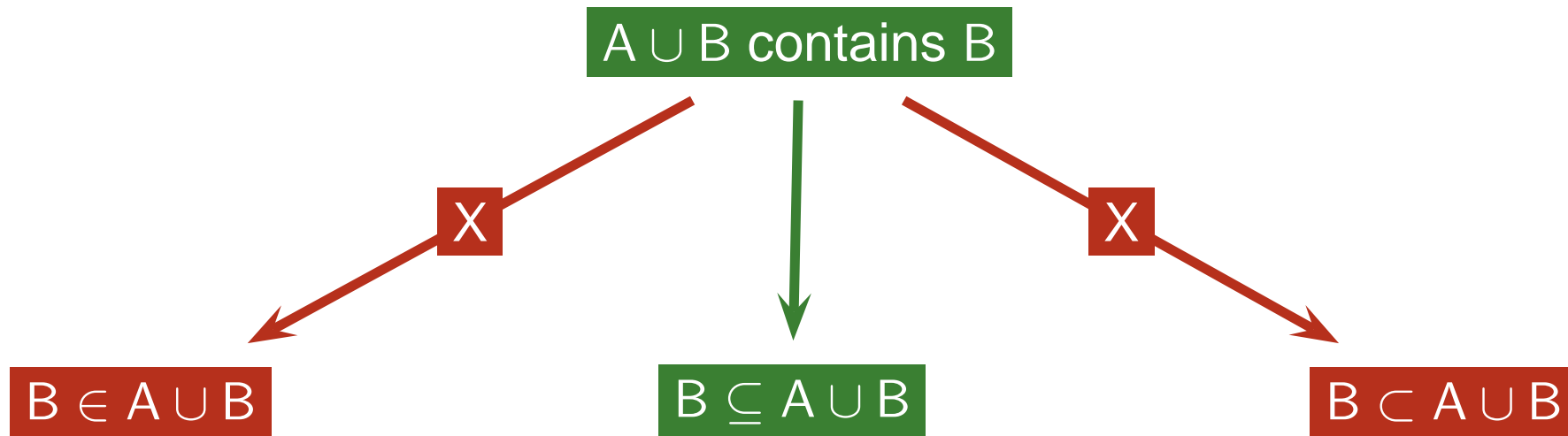
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type checking



theorem proving



$$\mathcal{P}((A \cup C) \cap (B \cup C)) = \mathcal{P}C \cup (A \cap B)$$

X

$$\mathcal{P}((A \cup C) \cap (B \cup C)) = \mathcal{P}(C) \cup (A \cap B)$$

$$\mathcal{P}((A \cup C) \cap (B \cup C)) = \mathcal{P}(C \cup (A \cap B))$$

type checking



$$\kappa((A \cup C) \cap (B \cup C)) = \kappa C \cup (A \cap B)$$

X

$$\kappa((A \cup C) \cap (B \cup C)) = \kappa(C) \cup (A \cap B)$$

$$\kappa((A \cup C) \cap (B \cup C)) = \kappa(C \cup (A \cap B))$$

theorem proving

(DM-1) ...

(DM-2) ...

?

(G) ...

Given: (DM-1) $\overline{X \cup Y} = \bar{X} \cap \bar{Y}$

(DM-2) $\overline{X \cap Y} = \bar{X} \cup \bar{Y}$

Task: Please show $\overline{(A \cup B) \cap (C \cup D)} = (\bar{A} \cap \bar{B}) \cup (\bar{C} \cap \bar{D})$

New: By deMorgan $\overline{(A \cup B) \cap (C \cup D)} = \overline{(A \cup B)} \cup \overline{(C \cup D)}$.

Proof Step Evaluation

(DM-1) ...
(DM-2) ...
?
(G) ...

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(DM-1) ...
(DM-2) ...
(New) ... ↓
?
(G) ...

Soundness: yes

Granularity: 1x(DM-2)

Relevance: yes

(DM-1) ...
(DM-2) ...
?
(New) ... ↑
(G) ...

Soundness: yes

Granularity: 2x(DM-1)

Relevance: yes

Proof Step Evaluation: How?

Discourse:

- (1) $A \wedge B$
- (2) $A \Rightarrow C$
- (3) $C \Rightarrow D$
- (4) $F \Rightarrow B$
- ?
- (G) $D \vee E$

New:

We show E.



- (1) ...
- (2) ...
- (3) ...
- (4) ...
- ?
- (G') E
- (G) ...

PSE:

Soundness

Granularity

Relevance

Proof Step Evaluation: How?



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(1) ...
(2) ...
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(4) ...
?
(G') E
(G) ...

PSE:

Soundness

- $(G') \vdash^? (G)$
- any proof

Granularity

Relevance

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Soundness

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- any proof

Granularity

- $\text{size-of}((G') \vdash^? (G))$
- cognitively adequate proofs

Relevance

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(2) $A \Rightarrow C$
(3) $C \Rightarrow D$
(4) $F \Rightarrow B$
?
(G) $D \vee E$

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We show E.



(1) ...
(2) ...
(3) ...
(4) ...
?
(G') E
(G) ...

PSE:

Soundness

- $(G') \vdash^? (G)$
- any proof

Granularity

- $\text{size-of}((G') \vdash^? (G))$
- cognitively adequate proofs

Relevance

- $(1), (2), (3), (4) \vdash^? (G')$
- detours?, shorter proofs?

Granularity and Relevance call for

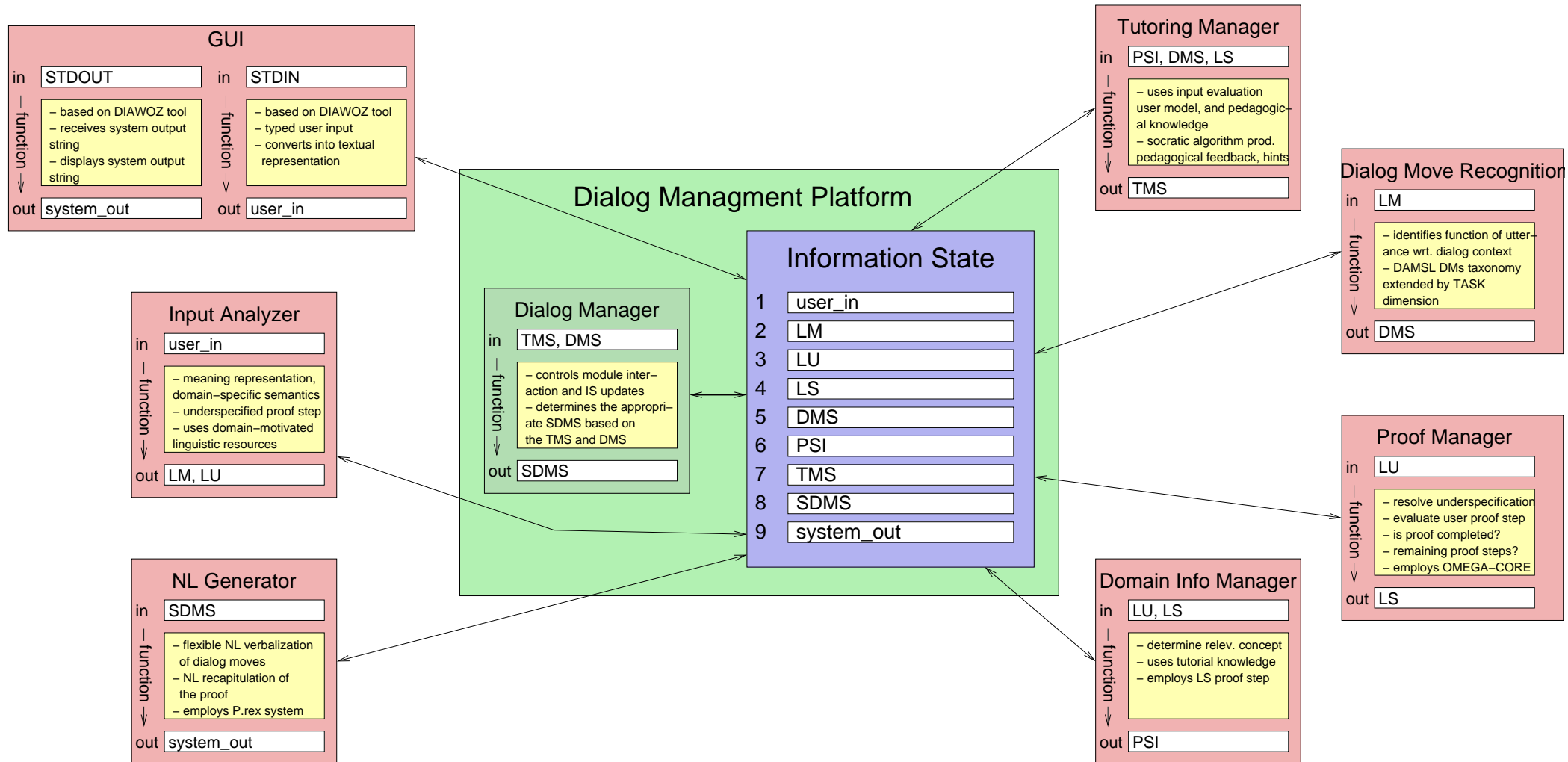
cognitively adequate abstract level proofs

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enumeration of (some) proof alternatives

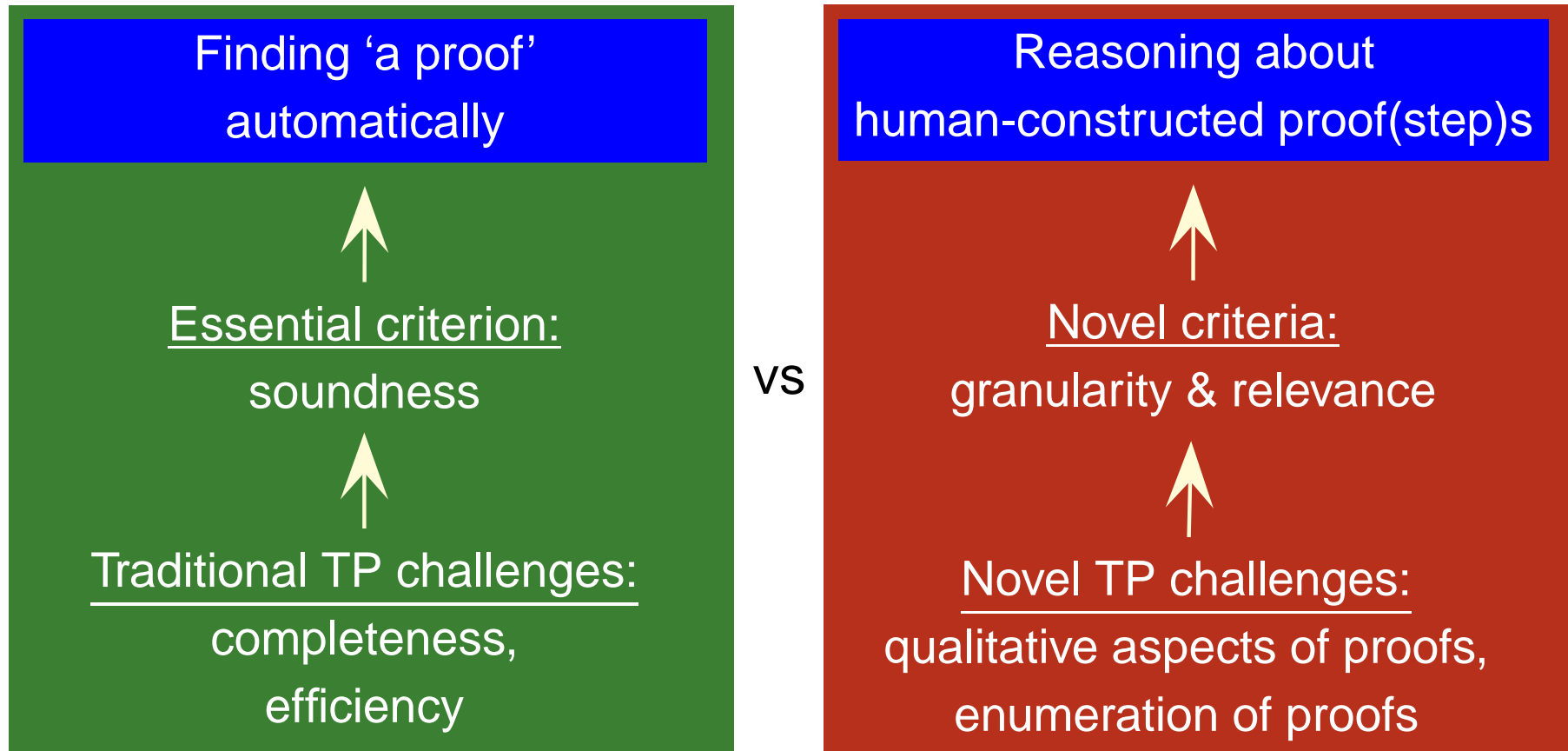
- One candidate: knowledge based proof planning [Bundy88]
- Original motivation: widen range of automatable maths
- New motivation: support for proof step evaluation

Implementation: DIALOG Demonstrator





- Motivation: [Moore93] Flexible tutorial NL dialog supports active learning
- Closest related: [Zinn04] analyzes well structured text-book proofs for soundness
- NL analysis: shallow techniques and keyword spotting probably not suitable
- MDR: Comparison against 'golden standard solutions' [GreaserEtAl00] no suitable
- Dialog modeling: Autotutor [PersonEtAl00], Geometry Tutor [MatsudaVanLehn03], Trindi and Siridus [TraumLarsson03], Beetle [Zinn03]



- Lots of ongoing work in all corners of the DIALOG Project