

Relieving User Effort for the Auto Tactic in Coq with Machine Learning

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- ▷ Pray to the ML-gods that branching factor is now $\ll 2$

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$$\Gamma_{\Delta} \vdash T_{\Delta} = \Gamma_1 \vdash T_1 - \Gamma_2 \vdash T_2$$

and execute a k -nearest neighbor on its features

Currently, subtraction is a pointwise textual diff for hypotheses and goal

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