

Lean and AI

From algebraic instances to kernel-checked formalization

Today's route

Algebraic hierarchy $\rightarrow$ substructures $\rightarrow$ modules
and choice

Categories and complexes $\rightarrow$ AI-assisted Lean

Finite counting and graphs

Three-hour session

Instances, Mathlib search,
research-level interfaces,
and AI failure analysis.

Learning Goals

Read algebraic interfaces

Explain what `AddGroup`, `Group`, `Ring`, `Field`, and `Module` require.

Build and inspect instances

Separate operation fields from law fields; diagnose typeclass search with `#synth` and `#check`.

Use substructures

Read subtype elements and construct subgroups, subrings, and submodules by closure proofs.

See research-level interfaces

Recognize categories, functors, natural transformations, and homological complexes in Mathlib.

Formalize finite mathematics

Use `Finset`, `SimpleGraph`, `simp`, `ring`, `linarith`, and `decide`.

Use AI critically

Let AI propose statements and proofs, then verify semantics, API names, assumptions, and kernel acceptance.

An Instance Is Lean's Entry Point to Structure

Object

`G : Type*`
only gives a type

Structure

`[Group G]`
asks typeclass search

Theorems

`mul_assoc`
becomes available

```
variable (G : Type*) [Group G]
```

```
#synth Group G  
#check mul_assoc  
#check inv_mul_cancel
```

Parentheses introduce ordinary arguments. Square brackets introduce arguments that Lean should synthesize automatically.

Environment: Open and run these files inside a configured Mathlib Lake project. The distributed D3 folder alone is not a Lake project.

Live Lean: [D3_01_Inspect.lean](#)

Writing an Instance: Data First, Laws Second

Operation data

- ▶ `mul`, `one`, `inv`
- ▶ `add`, `zero`, `neg`
- ▶ `Hom`, `id`, `comp`

These fields determine what notation means.

Proof data

- ▶ associativity, identities, inverses
- ▶ distributivity and commutativity
- ▶ category identity and associativity laws

Every law is a separate Lean goal.

Practical inspection loop: use `#print` to inspect fields; write a field followed by `:= by;` read the new goal; prove it; continue to the next field.

extends Reuses a Parent Interface

```
class Add (G : Type u) where
  add : G → G → G

class AddSemigroup (G : Type u)
  extends Add G where
    protected add_assoc : ∀ a b c : G,
      a + b + c = a + (b + c)

variable (G : Type*) [AddSemigroup G]
#synth Add G
#check AddSemigroup.toAdd
```

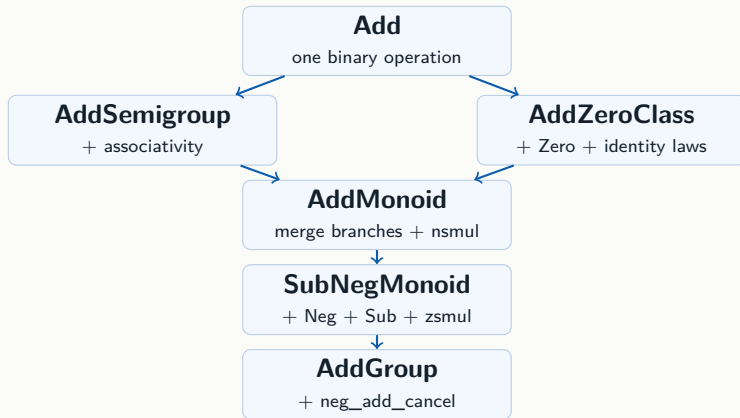
What extends does

- ▶ inherits the fields of `Add G`
- ▶ adds the new field `add_assoc`
- ▶ creates a parent projection
- ▶ lets typeclass search use the child as the parent
- ▶ does not prove the new law

Multiple inheritance: `AddMonoid G` extends `AddSemigroup G`, `AddZeroClass G`. An `AddMonoid G` can be used through either parent interface, but an `Add G` alone cannot be promoted to either child.

Live Lean: [D3_02_AddGroup_Group.lean](#)

The Actual Mathlib Path from Add to AddGroup



Two branches merge at AddMonoid. Associativity comes from AddSemigroup; zero and its identity laws come from AddZeroClass. Negation does not become an additive inverse until the final AddGroup axiom is proved.

Step 0: Add Supplies an Operation, Not a Law

```
class Add (G : Type u) where
  add : G → G → G

class AddSemigroup (G : Type u)
  extends Add G where
  protected add_assoc : ∀ a b c : G,
    a + b + c = a + (b + c)
```

After Add

- ▶ Lean can elaborate $a + b$.
- ▶ No theorem relates different sums.
- ▶ Even $(a+b)+c = a+(b+c)$ is unavailable.

AddSemigroup adds exactly one mathematical law: associativity.

Core fields from the current Mathlib hierarchy; documentation, universes, and default proof bodies are omitted.

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Step 1: Add Zero and Merge the Two Branches

```
class AddZero (G : Type u) extends Zero G, Add G

class AddZeroClass (G : Type u)
  extends AddZero G where
    protected zero_add :  $\forall a : G, 0 + a = a$ 
    protected add_zero :  $\forall a : G, a + 0 = a$ 

class AddMonoid (G : Type u)
  extends AddSemigroup G, AddZeroClass G where
    protected nsmul :  $\mathbb{N} \rightarrow G \rightarrow G$ 
    protected nsmul_zero :  $\forall x, \text{nsmul } 0 \ x = 0$ 
    protected nsmul_succ :  $\forall n \ x,$   

       $\text{nsmul } (n + 1) \ x = \text{nsmul } n \ x + x$ 
```

Why three classes?

- ▶ AddZero: data only
- ▶ AddZeroClass: zero laws
- ▶ AddMonoid: also associativity
- ▶ nsmul: interprets n
 - a

Natural scalar multiplication is an engineering field with a standard default implementation.

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nsmul: Repeated Addition by a Natural Number

```
class AddMonoid (M : Type u) where
  protected nsmul : ℕ → M → M
  protected nsmul_zero : ∀ a,
    nsmul 0 a = 0
  protected nsmul_succ : ∀ n a,
    nsmul (n + 1) a = nsmul n a + a
```

```
variable (M : Type*) [AddMonoid M]
#synth SMul ℕ M
#check zero_nsmul
#check succ_nsmul
```

```
example : (3 : ℕ) • (5 : ℤ) = 15 := by
  norm_num
```

Mathematical meaning

- ▶ $0 \cdot a = 0$
- ▶ $(n+1) \cdot a = n \cdot a + a$
- ▶ hence $n \cdot a$ is (n) copies of (a)

Why it is needed

- ▶ gives $\text{SMul } \mathbb{N} \text{ } M$ to every additive monoid
- ▶ enables $n \cdot a$ in algebraic statements
- ▶ stores one operation to avoid instance diamonds

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Step 2: SubNegMonoid Adds Syntax for Negation and Subtraction

```
class SubNegMonoid (G : Type u)
  extends AddMonoid G, Neg G, Sub G where
  protected sub : G → G → G :=
    fun a b => a + -b
  protected sub_eq_add_neg : ∀ a b : G,
    a - b = a + -b
  protected zsmul : ℤ → G → G
  protected zsmul_zero' : ∀ a, zsmul 0 a = 0
  protected zsmul_succ' : ∀ n a,
    zsmul n.succ a = zsmul n a + a
  protected zsmul_neg' : ∀ n a,
    zsmul (Int.negSucc n) a = -zsmul n.succ a
```

Important distinction

- ▶ `Neg G` only defines $-a$.
- ▶ `Sub G` only defines $a - b$.
- ▶ `sub_eq_add_neg` connects the notations.
- ▶ `zsmul` gives integer scalar multiplication.
- ▶ No inverse law has been required yet.

Live Lean: [D3_02_AddGroup_Group.lean](#)

nsmul and zsmul: Two Natural Interfaces

```
class NsmulData (α : Type u) where
  nsmul : ℕ → α → α

class ZsmulData (α : Type u) where
  zsmul : ℤ → α → α

-- two mathematically natural definitions
n • x := x + x + ... + x      -- n times
n • x := (n : ℤ) • x          -- restrict zsmul to ℕ
```

The mathematics

- ▶ both definitions express repeated addition
- ▶ negative integers use $-x$
- ▶ under the intended laws, they should agree

The Lean question Which operation is the actual data behind $n \bullet x$? If two instance paths construct it, the definitions may be mathematically equal without being definitionally equal.

Not copy-paste Lean code; schematic extract only. Universes, implicit parameters, and some inherited fields are omitted.

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A Bad Hierarchy Creates Two nsmul Paths

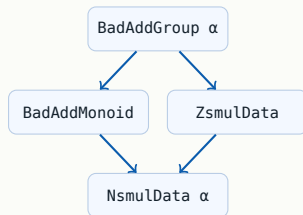
```
class BadAddMonoid (α : Type u)
  extends Add α, Zero α, NsmulData α

class BadAddGroup (α : Type u)
  extends Add α, Zero α, Neg α

instance groupToMonoid [BadAddGroup α] : BadAddMonoid α where
  nsmul := repeatedAddition

instance groupToZsmul [BadAddGroup α] : ZsmulData α where
  zsmul := integerRepeatedAddition

instance nsmulFromZsmul [ZsmulData α] : NsmulData α where
  nsmul n x := ZsmulData.zsmul (n : ℤ) x
```



There are two routes from `BadAddGroup α` to the same target instance. Priority can select one route, but it does not make the operations coherent.

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Why the Diamond Needs Definitional Equality

```
-- the same expression, reached by two paths
-- Path A:  $2 \cdot x \mapsto x + (x + 0)$ 
-- Path B:  $2 \cdot x \mapsto (2 : \mathbb{Z}) \cdot x$ 
--            $\mapsto \text{zsmulRec } (2 : \mathbb{Z}) \ x$ 

-- Mathlib's actual scalar operation
#synth SMul  $\mathbb{N}$  (Polynomial  $\mathbb{N}$ )
example (n :  $\mathbb{N}$ ) (p : Polynomial  $\mathbb{N}$ ) :
  AddMonoid.nsmul n p = n • p := by
  rfl
```

Two notions of equality

- ▶ propositional: needs a proof and possibly `rw`
- ▶ definitional: both terms reduce to the same expression; `rfl` works

Mathlib's fix

- ▶ `nsmul` is stored in `AddMonoid`
- ▶ `zsmul` is stored in `SubNegMonoid`, the parent of `AddGroup`
- ▶ `SMul` projects these fixed fields

All paths reuse fixed fields.

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Step 3: AddGroup Adds the Inverse Axiom

```
class AddGroup (G : Type u)
  extends SubNegMonoid G where
    protected neg_add_cancel : ∀ a : G,
      -a + a = 0
```

```
#check neg_add_cancel
#check add_neg_cancel
#check sub_self
#check neg_add_rev
#check add_left_cancel
```

Only one new axiom is stored.

Mathlib derives:

- ▶ the right inverse law $a + -a = 0$
- ▶ cancellation laws
- ▶ $a - a = 0$
- ▶ involutive negation
- ▶ negation reversing addition

Typeclass search also synthesizes
AddCancelMonoid and
SubtractionMonoid.

Core fields from the current Mathlib hierarchy; documentation, universes, and default proof bodies are omitted.

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Practical Construction: First Provide Add, Zero, and Neg

```
@[ext]
structure WrappedInt where
  val : ℤ

instance : Add WrappedInt where
  add a b := ⟨a.val + b.val⟩

instance : Zero WrappedInt where
  zero := ⟨0⟩

instance : Neg WrappedInt where
  neg a := ⟨-a.val⟩

#synth Add WrappedInt
-- #synth AddGroup WrappedInt -- not yet
```

Live Lean: [D3_02_AddGroup_Group.lean](#)

At this point Lean knows only the operations.

- ▶ $a + b$ unwraps, adds integers, and wraps again.
- ▶ 0 wraps integer zero.
- ▶ $-a$ wraps integer negation.
- ▶ No group theorem is available yet.

AddGroup.ofLeftAxioms Builds the Full Instance

```
instance : AddGroup WrappedInt :=
  AddGroup.ofLeftAxioms
    (fun a b c => by
      apply WrappedInt.ext
      exact add_assoc a.val b.val c.val)
    (fun a => by
      apply WrappedInt.ext
      exact zero_add a.val)
    (fun a => by
      apply WrappedInt.ext
      exact neg_add_cancel a.val)

#synth AddMonoid WrappedInt
#synth SubNegMonoid WrappedInt
#synth AddGroup WrappedInt
#synth AddCancelMonoid WrappedInt
```

Live Lean: [D3_02_AddGroup_Group.lean](#)

Only three proofs

1. associativity
2. left zero law
3. left inverse law

The constructor supplies default `sub`, `nsmul`, and `zsmul`, and derives the remaining group laws.

AddGroup and Group: Same Pattern, Different Interface

Structure	Notation and data	Core laws
AddGroup A	$0, +, -a$	additive associativity, zero laws, additive inverse
Group G	$1, *, g^{-1}$	multiplicative associativity, identity laws, multiplicative inverse

```
example (A : Type*) [AddGroup A] (a : A) :  
  -a + a = 0 := neg_add_cancel a
```

```
example (G : Type*) [Group G] (g : G) :  
  g-1 * g = 1 := inv_mul_cancel g
```

They are distinct classes. Mathlib relates many parallel theorems through `to_additive`; notation still determines the interface Lean searches for.

Live Lean: [D3_02_AddGroup_Group.lean](#)

The Group Class in Mathlib

```
class DivInvMonoid (G : Type u)
  extends Monoid G, Inv G, Div G where
  protected div_eq_mul_inv : ∀ a b : G,
    a / b = a * b⁻¹

class Group (G : Type u)
  extends DivInvMonoid G where
  protected inv_mul_cancel : ∀ a : G,
    a⁻¹ * a = 1
```

```
variable (G : Type*) [Group G]
#synth Monoid G
#synth DivInvMonoid G
#check Group.toDivInvMonoid
#check Group.inv_mul_cancel      -- stored field
#check inv_mul_cancel            -- public theorem
```

Core fields from the current Mathlib hierarchy; documentation, universes, and default proof bodies are omitted.

Live Lean: [D3_02_AddGroup_Group.lean](#)

Parent chain

- ▶ Monoid: $*$, 1 , monoid laws
- ▶ DivInvMonoid: $^{-1}$, $/$, compatible division
- ▶ Group: stored law $a^{-1} * a = 1$

Why AddGroup Appears Before Linear Algebra

Group-theoretic language

- ▶ `[Group G]` gives a multiplicative group.
- ▶ Theorems use $a * b$ and a^{-1} .
- ▶ Order matters in noncommutative groups.

Linear-algebra language

- ▶ `[AddCommGroup V]` gives vector addition.
- ▶ A module adds scalar multiplication $r \bullet v$.
- ▶ Vector spaces use the additive interface.

```
#check add_assoc      -- additive interface
#check mul_assoc      -- multiplicative interface
#check neg_add_cancel -- AddGroup
#check inv_mul_cancel -- Group
```

Example: Define the Operations of the Sign Group

```
inductive Sign where
  | pos
  | neg
  deriving DecidableEq, Repr

open Sign

instance : Group Sign where
  mul a b :=
    match a, b with
    | pos, x => x
    | neg, pos => neg
    | neg, neg => pos
  one := pos
  inv a := a
  -- law fields come next
```

Live Lean: [D3_04_Group_Instance.lean](#)

Mathematical reading

- ▶ `pos` is the identity.
- ▶ $\text{neg} * \text{neg} = \text{pos}$.
- ▶ Every element is self-inverse.

First define the table. Then let Lean expose one law goal at a time.

Check the Group Laws One by One

```
mul_assoc := by
  intro a b c
  cases a <;> cases b <;> cases c <;> rfl

one_mul := by
  intro a
  cases a <;> rfl

mul_one := by
  intro a
  cases a <;> rfl

inv_mul_cancel := by
  intro a
  cases a <;> rfl
```

What Lean checks

1. `intro` exposes arbitrary elements.
2. `cases` enumerates pos/neg.
3. `rfl` checks the reduced definitions.

#synth Group Sign

```
example (a : Sign) :
  a-1 * a = 1 :=
  inv_mul_cancel a
```

Subtype: A Value Packaged with a Proof

```
def NonzeroInt := {n :  $\mathbb{Z}$  // n  $\neq$  0}

example : NonzeroInt :=
  (1, by norm_num)

example (x : NonzeroInt) :  $\mathbb{Z}$  :=
  x.1

example (x : NonzeroInt) : x.1  $\neq$  0 :=
  x.property

#check Subtype.val
#check Subtype.property
```

Live Lean: [D3_03_Subtype.lean](#)

How to read it

- ▶ `x.1` is the underlying value.
- ▶ `x.2` or `x.property` is the proof.
- ▶ `{value, proof}` constructs an element.

Subgroups, subrings, and submodules all reuse this pattern.

Subgroup = Carrier Predicate + Closure Proofs

```
def oneSubgroup (G : Type*) [Group G] :  
  Subgroup G where  
  carrier := {g | g = 1}  
  one_mem' := by  
    rfl  
  mul_mem' := by  
    intro a b ha hb  
    rw [ha, hb]  
    simp  
  inv_mem' := by  
    intro a ha  
    rw [ha]  
    simp
```

Live Lean: [D3_05_Subgroup.lean](#)

Field-by-field check

1. Which $g : G$ belong?
2. Is 1 included?
3. Is multiplication closed?
4. Is inversion closed?

Mathlib then provides a `Group` instance on the subtype.

Concrete Example: A Subgroup of the Sign Group

```
def posSubgroup : Subgroup Sign where
  carrier := {g | g = Sign.pos}
  one_mem' := by
    rfl
  mul_mem' := by
    intro a b ha hb
    rw [ha, hb]
    rfl
  inv_mem' := by
    intro a ha
    rw [ha]
    rfl
```

```
#synth Group posSubgroup
```

```
example (x : posSubgroup) :
  (x : Sign) = Sign.pos := by
  exact x.property
```

Live Lean: [D3_05_Subgroup.lean](#)

Closure check

- ▶ identity: pos
- ▶ product: $\text{pos} * \text{pos} = \text{pos}$
- ▶ inverse: $\text{pos}^{-1} = \text{pos}$

The subtype `posSubgroup` automatically inherits the group operations from `Sign`.

Group Homomorphisms in Mathlib: $G \rightarrow^* H$

```
variable {G H : Type*} [Group G] [Group H]

def conjugationHom (g : G) : G →* G where
  toFun x := g * x * g⁻¹
  map_one' := by
    simp
  map_mul' := by
    intro x y
    group
```

```
example (f : G →* H) (x : G) :
  f x⁻¹ = (f x)⁻¹ := by
  exact map_inv f x
```

```
example (f : G →* H) (x : G) (n : ℤ) :
  f (x ^ n) = f x ^ n := by
  exact map_zpow f x n
```

Live Lean: [D3_05_GroupHom.lean](#)

A bundled map

$G \rightarrow^* H$ is notation for a bundled `MonoidHom`. To construct one, provide:

- ▶ `toFun` of type $G \rightarrow H$;
- ▶ `map_one'`;
- ▶ `map_mul'`.

Obtained automatically

Preservation of inverses, division, natural powers, and integer powers.

Kernel, Range, and the General Theorem

```
variable {G H : Type*} [Group G] [Group H]
variable (f : G →* H)
```

```
example (x : G) :
  x ∈ f.ker ↔ f x = 1 := by
  exact MonoidHom.mem_ker
```

```
example (y : H) :
  y ∈ f.range ↔ ∃ x : G, f x = y := by
  rfl
```

```
example : (f.ker).Normal := by
  infer_instance
```

```
#check QuotientGroup.quotientKerEquivRange
-- quotient by f.ker ≈* f.range
```

The theorem targets `f.range`, so no surjectivity assumption is needed.

Live Lean: [D3_05_GroupHom.lean](#)

First isomorphism theorem

For every group homomorphism $f: G \rightarrow H$,

$$G / \ker(f) \cong \text{range}(f).$$

- ▶ `f.ker` is a subgroup of G ;
- ▶ `f.range` is a subgroup of H ;
- ▶ `infer_instance` supplies normality of the kernel.

Normality makes $G / \ker(f)$ a group.

Concrete Homomorphism: Reduction Modulo Five

```
def modFiveHom :  
  Multiplicative ℤ →* Multiplicative (ZMod 5) :=  
  (Int.castAddHom (ZMod 5)).toMultiplicative  
  
example (m n : Multiplicative ℤ) :  
  modFiveHom (m * n) =  
    modFiveHom m * modFiveHom n := by  
  exact map_mul modFiveHom m n  
  
example (z : Multiplicative ℤ) :  
  z ∈ modFiveHom.ker ↔  
    Dvd.dvd ((5 : ℕ) : ℤ) z.toAdd := by  
  change ((z.toAdd : ℤ) : ZMod 5) = 0 ↔  
    Dvd.dvd ((5 : ℕ) : ℤ) z.toAdd  
exact ZMod.intCast_zmod_eq_zero_iff_dvd  
  z.toAdd 5
```

Live Lean: [D3_05_GroupHom.lean](#)

Mathematical reading

The type tag changes additive notation into multiplicative notation:

$$m * n \quad \text{means} \quad m + n.$$

Therefore `modFiveHom` is the familiar map

$$\mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}, \quad z \longmapsto [z]_5.$$

Its kernel consists exactly of multiples of five: $\ker f = 5\mathbb{Z}$.

First Isomorphism Theorem: Complete Lean Code

```
theorem modFiveHom_surjective :  
  Function.Surjective modFiveHom := by  
  change Function.Surjective  
    ((Int.castAddHom (ZMod 5)).toMultiplicative)  
  intro y  
  obtain ⟨z, hz⟩ := ZMod.intCast_surjective y.toAdd  
  refine ⟨Multiplicative.ofAdd z, ?_⟩  
  apply Multiplicative.toAdd.injective  
  simpa using hz  
  
noncomputable def modFiveFirstIso :=  
  QuotientGroup.quotientKerEquivRange modFiveHom  
  
noncomputable def modFiveFirstIsoOntoCodomain :=  
  QuotientGroup.quotientKerEquivOfSurjective  
    modFiveHom modFiveHom_surjective
```

Live Lean: [D3_05_GroupHom.lean](#)

Two APIs

1. `quotientKerEquivRange`
always targets the range.
2. The surjective variant
targets the whole
codomain.

Here Lean obtains

$$\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z} \cong \mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}.$$

The left side is a quotient group; the right side is the concrete finite group.

Two Group Instances: Compare Their Operations

```
def IntegerGroup := Multiplicative ℤ
def RationalGroup := Multiplicative ℚ

instance group_1 : Group IntegerGroup :=
  Multiplicative.group

instance group_2 : Group RationalGroup :=
  Multiplicative.group

def intToRat : IntegerGroup →* RationalGroup :=
  show Multiplicative ℤ →* Multiplicative ℚ from
    (Int.castAddHom ℚ).toMultiplicative
```

```
example (m n : IntegerGroup) :
  intToRat (m * n) =
    intToRat m * intToRat n := by
  exact map_mul intToRat m n
```

Live Lean: [D3_05_Subgroup.lean](#)

What multiplication means

- ▶ in `IntegerGroup`: $m * n$ means $m + n$ in $\mathbb{Z}$;
- ▶ in `RationalGroup`: $x * y$ means $x + y$ in $\mathbb{Q}$.

Thus `map_mul` is exactly

$$\iota(m + n) = \iota(m) + \iota(n),$$

the additivity of the integer cast $\iota : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$.

Step 1: Prove the Homomorphism Is Injective

```
theorem intToRat_injective :  
  Function.Injective intToRat := by  
  change Function.Injective  
    ((Int.castAddHom ℚ).toMultiplicative)  
  intro m n h  
  apply Multiplicative.toAdd.injective  
  have h' : (m.toAdd : ℚ) = (n.toAdd : ℚ) := by  
    simpa using congrArg Multiplicative.toAdd h  
  exact_mod_cast h'
```

The mathematical core is

$$(m : \mathbb{Q}) = (n : \mathbb{Q}) \implies m = n \quad (m, n \in \mathbb{Z}).$$

Lean's extra steps only remove the multiplicative type tags.

Live Lean: [D3_05_Subgroup.lean](#)

Read the proof in four steps

1. Unfold the named homomorphism with `change`.
2. Assume `intToRat m = intToRat n`.
3. Use `toAdd` to expose equality of the rational casts.
4. `exact_mod_cast` returns equality in $\mathbb{Z}$.

Step 2: The Range Is the Required Subgroup

```
def integerRange : Subgroup RationalGroup :=  
  intToRat.range  
  
#synth Group integerRange  
  
noncomputable def group_1_as_subgroup :  
  IntegerGroup ≈* intToRat.range :=  
  MonoidHom.ofInjective intToRat_injective
```

Instance versus subgroup

`group_1` supplies operations and laws on `IntegerGroup`. The actual `Subgroup RationalGroup` term is `integerRange`; the equivalence says that it is a copy of `IntegerGroup` inside `RationalGroup`.

Live Lean: [D3_05_Subgroup.lean](#)

The precise statement

1. `intToRat` preserves the group operation.
2. Injectivity says no two integers become equal in $\mathbb{Q}$.
3. Its image `intToRat.range` is a `Subgroup RationalGroup`.
4. `ofInjective` identifies the source group with that image.

Ring Combines Additive and Multiplicative Structure

Layer	Mathematical requirement	Mathlib entry point
Addition	commutative group: $0, +, -$	AddCommGroup
Multiplication	monoid: $1, *$	Monoid
Interaction	left and right distributivity	left_distrib, right_distrib
Commutative ring	multiplication is commutative	CommRing, mul_comm

Inspection strategy: identify the operation data `zero/add/neg/one/mul`, then check the additive, multiplicative, and distributive law goals.

Transport a Ring Structure Along an Equivalence

```
@[ext]
structure PairInt where
  x : Int
  y : Int

def equivProd : PairInt ≈ Int × Int where
  toFun p := (p.x, p.y)
  invFun q := {q.1, q.2}
  left_inv := by intro p; ext <;> rfl
  right_inv := by intro q; cases q; rfl

instance : CommRing PairInt :=
  equivProd.commRing
```

Live Lean: [D3_06_Ring_Instance.lean](#)

Engineering principle

- ▶ $\text{Int} \times \text{Int}$ already has a ring.
- ▶ `PairInt` is equivalent to it.
- ▶ Transfer avoids repeating every law proof.

Check the Resulting Ring Interface

```
#synth CommRing PairInt
#check add_assoc
#check neg_add_cancel
#check left_distrib
#check right_distrib
#check mul_assoc
#check mul_comm

example (p q r : PairInt) :
  p * (q + r) = p * q + p * r := by
  exact mul_add p q r

example (p q : PairInt) :
  (p + q)^2 = p^2 + 2*p*q + q^2 := by
  ring
```

Four-step check

1. **#synth** confirms the instance.
2. **#check** reveals theorem assumptions.
3. Small lemmas test the interface.
4. **ring** normalizes polynomial identities.

Subring Adds Both Additive and Multiplicative Closure

```
def diagonalSubring : Subring ( $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$ ) where
  carrier := {p | p.1 = p.2}
  zero_mem' := by simp
  one_mem' := by simp
  add_mem' := by
    intro a b ha hb
    simp at ha hb ⊢
    rw [ha, hb]
  neg_mem' := by
    intro a ha
    simp at ha ⊢
    rw [ha]
  mul_mem' := by
    intro a b ha hb
    simp at ha hb ⊢
    rw [ha, hb]
```

Live Lean: [D3_07_Subring.lean](#)

What changed from Subgroup?

- ▶ constants: 0 and 1
- ▶ additive closure
- ▶ negation closure
- ▶ multiplicative closure

An element still exposes its proof through `x.property`.

Field = Commutative Ring + Inverses for Nonzero Elements

Requirement	Mathematical meaning	Lean consequence
<code>CommRing K</code>	first, a commutative ring	polynomial normalization is available
<code>Nontrivial K</code>	at least two elements	$0 \neq 1$
<code>inv, div</code>	total inverse and division operations	$x / y = x * y^{-1}$
<code>mul_inv_cancel</code>	nonzero elements have inverses	theorem requires $x \neq 0$
<code>inv_zero</code>	Lean defines $0^{-1} = 0$	inverse remains a total function

Common AI error: proposing $x / x = 1$ without the assumption $x \neq 0$. This is a false statement, not merely a failed tactic.

Example: Wrap $\mathbb{Q}$ and Transfer Its Field Structure

```
@[ext]
structure WrappedQ where
  val :  $\mathbb{Q}$ 

def equivRat : WrappedQ  $\approx$   $\mathbb{Q}$  where
  toFun x := x.val
  invFun q := {q}
  left_inv := by intro x; ext; rfl
  right_inv := by intro q; rfl

instance : Field WrappedQ :=
  equivRat.field

example (x : WrappedQ) (hx : x  $\neq$  0) :
  x / x = 1 := by
  field_simp [hx]
```

Live Lean: [D3_08_Field_Instance.lean](#)

What to notice

- ▶ The source structure is the known field $\mathbb{Q}$.
- ▶ The equivalence transports all operations and laws.
- ▶ The theorem still needs a nonzero hypothesis.

Module Is Mathlib's Interface for Vector Spaces

Part	Mathematical meaning	Lean assumption
Scalars	coefficients that add and multiply	[Semiring R] or [Field K]
	an additive commutative group	[AddCommGroup V]
Vectors	scalar multiplication $r \cdot v$	[Module R V]
Action	distributivity, associativity, identity	smul_add, add_smul, mul_smul, one_smul
Compatibility		

```
variable {K : Type*} [Field K]
variable {V : Type*} [AddCommGroup V] [Module K V]
```

```
#check smul_add
#check add_smul
#check mul_smul
#check one_smul
```

Live Lean: [D3_09_Module_Submodule.lean](#)

Submodule = Subtype + Linear Closure

```
def diagonalSubmodule : Submodule  $\mathbb{Q}$  ( $\mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{Q}$ ) where
  carrier := {p | p.1 = p.2}
  zero_mem' := by
    simp
  add_mem' := by
    intro a b ha hb
    simp at ha hb
    rw [ha, hb]
  smul_mem' := by
    intro c p hp
    change c * p.1 = c * p.2
    rw [hp]
```

Live Lean: [D3_09_Module_Submodule.lean](#)

Field-by-field check

1. define the carrier
2. include zero
3. prove addition closure
4. prove scalar closure

Mathlib supplies an additive group and module structure on the subtype.

Model a Symplectic Vector Space in Layers

```
variable (F W : Type*)
variable [Field F] [Fintype F]
variable [AddCommGroup W] [Module F W]
variable [FiniteDimensional F W]

def IsAlternating
  (ω : W →1[F] W →1[F] F) : Prop :=
  ∀ w : W, ω w w = 0

def IsNondegenerate
  (ω : W →1[F] W →1[F] F) : Prop :=
  ∀ w : W, (∀ v : W, ω w v = 0) → w = 0
```

Live Lean: [D3_10_VectorSpace_Choose.lean](#)

Modeling order

1. choose scalar and vector types
2. add algebraic instances
3. define the bilinear form
4. state mathematical properties in **Prop**

CompletePolarization Stores a Decomposition Hypothesis

```
def TotallyIsotropic
  (ω : W →1[F] W →1[F] F)
  (U : Submodule F W) : Prop :=
  ∀ u : W, u ∈ U →
    ∀ v : W, v ∈ U → ω u v = 0

structure CompletePolarization
  (ω : W →1[F] W →1[F] F) where
  X : Submodule F W
  Y : Submodule F W
  isotropic_X : TotallyIsotropic F W ω X
  isotropic_Y : TotallyIsotropic F W ω Y
  disjoint : Disjoint X Y
  sup_eq_top : sup X Y = T
```

Each field is reusable

- ▶ X, Y: subspaces
- ▶ isotropy proofs
- ▶ trivial intersection
- ▶ $X + Y = W$

Later proofs call fields such as `P.sup_eq_top` directly.

Classical.choose Turns Existence into a Chosen Object

```
#check Classical.choose
-- (h :  $\exists x, p\ x$ )  $\rightarrow \alpha$ 

#check Classical.choose_spec
-- p (Classical.choose h)

lemma exists_decomposition
  (P : CompletePolarization F W  $\omega$ ) (w : W) :
   $\exists x : W, x \in P.X \wedge$ 
   $\exists y : W, y \in P.Y \wedge w = x + y$  := by
  -- derive membership in sup X Y from P.sup_eq_top
  ...

noncomputable def xComponent (w : W) : W :=
  Classical.choose (exists_decomposition F W P w)
```

Choice pattern

1. prove $\exists x, p(x)$
2. use `choose` for a witness
3. use `choose_spec` for its property
4. mark definitions **noncomputable** when needed

The ellipsis is presentation shorthand; the linked Lean file contains the complete proof.

Live Lean: [D3_10_VectorSpace_Choose.lean](#)

Classical.choose_spec Recovers the Guarantee

```
noncomputable def yComponent
  (P : CompletePolarization F W ω) (w : W) : W :=
  Classical.choose
    ((Classical.choose_spec
      (exists_decomposition F W P w)).2)

lemma decompose_by_components
  (P : CompletePolarization F W ω) (w : W) :
  w = xComponent F W ω P w +
    yComponent F W ω P w := by
  dsimp [xComponent, yComponent]
  exact
    (Classical.choose_spec
      ((Classical.choose_spec
        (exists_decomposition F W P w)).2)).2
```

Nested choice

- ▶ first choose X
- ▶ its specification contains $\exists y$
- ▶ choose y
- ▶ recover $W = X + y$

Choice proves existence-based mathematics; it does not provide an algorithm.

Category: Morphism Data Plus Three Laws

```
class CategoryStruct (obj : Type u)
  extends Quiver obj where
  id : ∀ X : obj, Hom X X
  comp : ∀ {X Y Z : obj},
    Hom X Y → Hom Y Z → Hom X Z

class Category (obj : Type u)
  extends CategoryStruct obj where
  id_comp : ∀ {X Y} (f : Hom X Y),
    comp (id X) f = f
  comp_id : ∀ {X Y} (f : Hom X Y),
    comp f (id Y) = f
  assoc : ∀ f g h,
    comp (comp f g) h = comp f (comp g h)
```

Not copy-paste Lean code; schematic extract only. Universes, implicit parameters, and some inherited fields are omitted.

Live Lean: [D3_11_Category_Homological.lean](#)

Instance checklist

1. define `Hom`
2. define identities
3. define composition
4. prove left identity
5. prove right identity
6. prove associativity

Functor: Map Objects and Morphisms, Preserve Structure

```
structure Functor (C : Type u1) [Category C]  
  (D : Type u2) [Category D] where  
  obj : C → D  
  map : ∀ {X Y : C},  
    Hom X Y → Hom (obj X) (obj Y)  
  map_id : ∀ X,  
    map (id X) = id (obj X)  
  map_comp : ∀ f g,  
    map (comp f g) = comp (map f) (map g)
```

Notation

- ▶ $F : \text{Functor } C \ D$
- ▶ $F.\text{obj } X$
- ▶ $F.\text{map } f$
- ▶ $F.\text{comp } G$

A functor is not merely an object-level function: it transports morphisms and proves compatibility.

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Natural Transformation: Components Plus Naturality

```
structure NatTrans (F G : Functor C D) where
  app (X : C) : Hom (F.obj X) (G.obj X)
  naturality {X Y : C} (f : Hom X Y) :
    comp (F.map f) (app Y) =
      comp (app X) (G.map f)
```

For every $f: X \rightarrow Y$, the two routes around the naturality square agree:

$$F(X) \xrightarrow{F(f)} F(Y) \xrightarrow{\eta_Y} G(Y) = F(X) \xrightarrow{\eta_X} G(X) \xrightarrow{G(f)} G(Y).$$

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How to read it

- ▶ component: $\eta.\text{app } X$
- ▶ law: $\eta.\text{naturality } f$
- ▶ morphism notation: $\eta : F \Rightarrow G$

HomologicalComplex: Objects, Differentials, and $d^2 = 0$

```
structure HomologicalComplex
  (c : ComplexShape ι) where
  X : ι → V
  d : ∀ i j, Hom (X i) (X j)
  shape : ∀ i j,
    ¬ c.Rel i j → d i j = 0
  d_comp_d' : ∀ i j k,
    c.Rel i j → c.Rel j k →
      comp (d i j) (d j k) = 0
```

Mathematical meaning

- ▶ $X\ i$: the object in degree i
- ▶ $d\ i\ j$: a differential
- ▶ $shape$: disallowed arrows vanish
- ▶ d_comp_d' : consecutive differentials compose to zero

Not copy-paste Lean code; schematic extract only. Universes, implicit parameters, and some inherited fields are omitted.

Example: A One-Object, One-Morphism Category

```
open CategoryTheory

inductive OneObj where
  | star

instance : Category OneObj where
  Hom _ _ := PUnit
  id _ := PUnit.unit
  comp _ _ := PUnit.unit
  id_comp := by
    intro X Y f
    cases f
    rfl
  comp_id := by
    intro X Y f
    cases f
    rfl
  assoc := by
    intro W X Y Z f g h
    cases f; cases g; cases h; rfl
```

Live Lean: [D3_11_Category_Homological.lean](#)

Why the laws are easy

- ▶ only one object
- ▶ every hom type is `PUnit`
- ▶ only one possible identity
- ▶ only one possible composition
- ▶ case analysis reduces each law to `rfl`

Example: The Zero Homological Complex

```
open CategoryTheory
open CategoryTheory.Limits

noncomputable def tinyZeroComplex :
  HomologicalComplex
    (Discrete PUnit) (ComplexShape.up ℕ) where
X _ := Discrete.mk PUnit.unit
d _ _ := 0
shape := by
  intro i j hij
  rfl
d_comp_d' := by
  intro i j k hij hjk
  simp
```

Why it works

- ▶ the category **Discrete PUnit** is tiny
- ▶ every differential is zero
- ▶ illegal arrows are already zero
- ▶ zero composed with zero is zero

This is a small construction that exposes the research-level interface.

Live Lean: [D3_11_Category_Homological.lean](#)

A Proposition Can Also Be an Instance

Data-valued class

- ▶ usually lives in `Type`
- ▶ carries operations and computational data
- ▶ examples: `Group G`, `Field K`
- ▶ changes notation and available theorems

Prop-valued class

- ▶ lives in `Prop`
- ▶ carries a proof for automatic reuse
- ▶ examples: `Fact P`, `Decidable P`
- ▶ passes mathematical properties through search

The mechanism is the same: Lean searches for an instance. The payload is now evidence rather than algebraic operations.

Fact P Places a Proposition in Typeclass Search

```
instance : Fact (2 ≤ 5) :=  
  (by norm_num)  
  
example : 2 ≤ 5 := by  
  exact Fact.out  
  
example (n : Nat) [Fact (n ≠ 0)] :  
  0 < n := by  
  exact Nat.pos_of_ne_zero  
    (Fact.out : n ≠ 0)  
  
example : 2 ≤ 5 := by  
  haveI : Fact (2 ≤ 5) := (by norm_num)  
  exact Fact.out
```

Live Lean: [D3_12_Prop_Instance.lean](#)

Key operations

- ▶ `Fact P` wraps a proof of `P`.
- ▶ `Fact.out` retrieves it.
- ▶ `[Fact P]` passes it implicitly.
- ▶ `haveI` installs a local instance.

A Custom Prop-Valued Class: IsEven

```
class IsEven (n : Nat) : Prop where
  witness :  $\exists k, n = 2 * k$ 

instance : IsEven 8 where
  witness := ⟨4, by norm_num⟩

example [h : IsEven n] :
   $\exists k, n = 2 * k$  := by
  exact h.witness

example :  $\exists k, 8 = 2 * k$  := by
  exact (inferInstance : IsEven 8).witness
```

Design pattern

- ▶ class name describes a property
- ▶ instance proves that an object has it
- ▶ **inferInstance** asks Lean to recover the proof

Use global proposition instances selectively: too many can make search opaque.

Three Tools for Seeing Instance Search

#synth

Check whether an instance can be synthesized.

infer_instance

Invoke typeclass search inside a proof.

haveI

Install a local structure or proposition instance.

```
#synth Group Sign
```

```
example : Group Sign := by  
  infer_instance
```

```
set_option trace.Meta.synthInstance true in  
#synth Group Sign
```

The trace shows candidate instances, recursive obligations, and the successful search path.

Live Lean: [D3_13_Deeper_Instance_Search.lean](#)

Read the Weakest Interface a Theorem Needs

```
#check mul_assoc
-- only [Semigroup G] is needed

#check inv_mul_cancel
-- requires [Group G]

example {G : Type*} [Group G] (a b : G) :
  (a * b)-1 = b-1 * a-1 := by
  group
```

Why weaker is better

- ▶ broader reuse
- ▶ fewer unnecessary assumptions
- ▶ clearer mathematical dependency
- ▶ better alignment with Mathlib style

AI often overspecifies $\mathbb{R}$, `CommGroup`, or `Field` when a weaker class would suffice.

Structure Transfer Is a General Mathlib Pattern

```
#check equivProd

instance : CommRing PairInt :=
  equivProd.commRing

#check equivRat

instance : Field WrappedQ :=
  equivRat.field
```

When to look for transfer

- ▶ wrapper types
- ▶ products and re-encodings
- ▶ subtypes with known closure
- ▶ objects related by equivalence or isomorphism

The hard problem becomes proving the equivalence, not replaying every algebraic law.

AI Error 1: The Statement Is False

AI draft

```
example (K : Type*) [Field K] (x : K) :  
  x / x = 1 := by  
  field_simp
```

Corrected statement

```
example (K : Type*) [Field K]  
  (x : K) (hx : x ≠ 0) :  
  x / x = 1 := by  
  field_simp [hx]
```

Live Lean: [D3_15_AI_Examples.lean](#)

Diagnosis

- ▶ $x = 0$ is a counterexample.
- ▶ Lean will not invent a missing hypothesis.
- ▶ More automation cannot prove a false statement.
- ▶ Repair semantics before tactics.

AI Error 2: The Algebraic Level Is Wrong

AI draft

```
example (G : Type*) [Group G] (a b : G) :  
  (a * b)-1 = a-1 * b-1 := by  
  group
```

Correct in every group

```
example (G : Type*) [Group G] (a b : G) :  
  (a * b)-1 = b-1 * a-1 := by  
  group
```

Diagnosis

- ▶ inversion reverses multiplication order
- ▶ the original statement needs `CommGroup`
- ▶ `group` only proves valid group identities

AI Error 3: A Plausible API Name Does Not Exist

Hallucinated theorem

```
example : (Finset.range 5).card = 5 := by
  exact Finset.card_range_five
```

Search and verify

```
#check Finset.card_range
```

```
example : (Finset.range 5).card = 5 := by
  exact Finset.card_range 5
```

Required evidence

- ▶ ask AI to include `#check`
- ▶ use editor completion
- ▶ search Mathlib, LeanSearch, or Google
- ▶ compile every candidate name

AI Error 4: decide Is Not General Classical Reasoning

AI draft

```
example (P : Prop) : P ∨ ¬ P := by
  decide
```

Two valid repairs

```
example (P : Prop) [Decidable P] : P ∨ ¬ P := by
  by_cases h : P
  · exact Or.inl h
  · exact Or.inr h
```

```
example (P : Prop) : P ∨ ¬ P := by
  classical
  exact em P
```

Distinction

- ▶ `decide` evaluates a `Decidable` proposition
- ▶ finite propositions are good candidates
- ▶ unrestricted excluded middle is classical
- ▶ computability and classical truth are not identical

A Good AI Draft: Algebraic Normalization with ring

```
example {R : Type*} [CommRing R]
  (a b c d : R)
  (h1 : c = d * a + b)
  (h2 : b = a * d) :
  c = 2 * a * d := by
  rw [h1, h2]
  ring
```

Why this is robust

1. hypotheses expose the substitutions
2. `rw` performs semantic rewriting
3. `ring` handles routine polynomial normalization
4. the final proof is short and kernel checked

AI is most useful when the statement is precise and the remaining subgoal belongs to a well-supported decision procedure.

A Good AI Draft: Linear Arithmetic with `linarith`

```
example (x y : ℝ)
  (h1 : x + y = 10)
  (h2 : x - y = 4) :
  x = 7 := by
  linarith
```

Division of labor

- ▶ the human chooses variables and assumptions
- ▶ AI may recognize a linear-arithmetic fragment
- ▶ `linarith` produces a proof term
- ▶ the kernel checks that proof term

Do not ask automation to choose the mathematics. Ask it to close a well-specified local goal after definitions and assumptions are already correct.

Search Tactics Help During Development

```
example (n : Nat) :  
  (Finset.range n).card = n := by  
  exact?  
  
example {G : Type*} [Group G] (a : G) :  
  a-1 * a = 1 := by  
  apply?  
  
example (n : Nat) :  
  (Finset.range (n + 1)).card = n + 1 := by  
  simp?
```

Live Lean: [D3_15_AI_Examples.lean](#)

Recommended workflow

1. run the suggestion tactic
2. inspect the theorem or simplification it found
3. replace the exploratory command with a stable proof
4. rerun Lean

A Statement-First AI Workflow

Stage	Ask AI for	Check in Lean
Statement	variables, typeclasses, necessary assumptions	does it match the intended claim?
Search	candidate definitions and theorem names with <code>#check</code> evidence	do the names exist with the right types?
Proof	a short proof and local lemmas	does it compile; is the proof stable?
Review	counterexamples and stronger/weaker variants	are assumptions too strong or too weak?

AI proposes. Lean's kernel checks. The mathematician owns the semantics.

A Prompt That Constrains the Formalization Task

Formalize the following statement in Lean 4 with Mathlib.
First give only the theorem statement, not the proof.

Requirements:

1. List all variables and typeclass assumptions.
2. Identify nonzero, finiteness, or decidability assumptions.
3. Give #check evidence for relevant API names.
4. Do not invent theorem names.
5. If several formal statements are possible, compare them.

Order of work

1. align objects
2. align structures
3. align assumptions
4. only then prove

Current Bottlenecks and Practical Repairs

Problem	Typical symptom	Repair action
Missing hypothesis	$x / x = 1$ lacks $x \neq 0$	ask for assumptions before proof code
Wrong hierarchy	a group theorem needs <code>mul_comm</code>	inspect the weakest required class
API hallucination	a plausible theorem name is absent	demand <code>#check</code> or search evidence
Overspecialization	a general theorem is written only over $\mathbb{R}$	compare nearby Mathlib theorem types
Brittle proof	one long tactic breaks after small changes	split lemmas; use local automation

The main difficulty is usually semantic alignment between natural-language mathematics and the selected formal objects.

Lean's Trusted Boundary

Lean checks

- ▶ the formal theorem statement
- ▶ whether the proof term has that type
- ▶ whether required instances can be synthesized
- ▶ definitional equality and kernel reduction

Lean does not decide for us

- ▶ whether the formal statement matches the original prose
- ▶ whether the chosen Mathlib definition is the best model
- ▶ whether assumptions are mathematically natural
- ▶ whether the result is interesting or useful

The kernel gives a strong guarantee about formal derivation, not an automatic guarantee of informal intent.

Finset Is the Basic Container for Finite Counting

Core objects

- ▶ `Finset  $\alpha$` : finite elements with no duplicates
- ▶ `s.card`: cardinality
- ▶ `Finset.range n`: $0, \dots, n - 1$
- ▶ `s.filter p`: elements satisfying `p`

Proof habits

- ▶ inspect APIs with `#check`
- ▶ use `simp` for structural counting facts
- ▶ use `native_decide` for small finite computations
- ▶ use `sum_range_succ` to split the final summand

Unlike an arbitrary `Set`, a `Finset` is designed for computation, enumeration, finite sums, and finite products.

Finset Theorems: Cardinality, Filtering, and Sums

```
open BigOperators
open Finset

#check Finset.card_range
#check Finset.filter
#check Finset.sum_range_succ

example : (Finset.range 5).card = 5 := by
  exact Finset.card_range 5

example :
  ((Finset.range 6).filter
   fun n => n % 2 = 0).card = 3 := by
  native_decide

example (n : Nat) :
   $\sum_{i \in \text{Finset.range } (n + 1)} i = n + 1 := by
  simp$ 
```

Live Lean: [D3_14_Finset_SimpleGraph.lean](#)

Choose the proof

mode

- ▶ library theorem for a general fact
- ▶ computation for a concrete finite fact
- ▶ simplification for a structurally obvious sum

Finset Theorem: Sum the First n Natural Numbers

```
theorem sum_id (n : Nat) :  
   $\sum i \in \text{Finset.range } (n + 1), i =$   
     $n * (n + 1) / 2$  := by  
  symm  
  apply Nat.div_eq_of_eq_mul_right  
    (by norm_num : 0 < 2)  
  induction n with  
  | zero =>  
    simp  
  | succ n ih =>  
    rw [Finset.sum_range_succ, mul_add 2, ← ih]  
    ring  
  
example :  $\sum i \in \text{Finset.range } 5, i = 10$  := by  
  norm_num [sum_id]
```

Proof rhythm

1. handle
natural-number
division
2. induct on n
3. split the final
summand
4. rewrite with the
induction
hypothesis
5. use `ring`

SimpleGraph = Vertex Type + Adjacency Proposition

Object	Lean form	Reading
Graph	<code>G : SimpleGraph V</code>	V is the vertex type
Edge	<code>G.Adj u v</code>	u and v are adjacent
Undirectedness	<code>symm</code> field	adjacency is symmetric
No loops	<code>loopless</code> field	never <code>G.Adj v v</code>
Small finite graph	<code>V = Fin n</code>	vertices can be enumerated by <code>fin_cases</code>

Formalizing a graph starts by specifying its vertex type and adjacency predicate, not by drawing a picture.

Define a Three-Vertex Path Graph

```
def path3 : SimpleGraph (Fin 3) where
  Adj i j :=
    (i = 0 ∧ j = 1) ∨
    (i = 1 ∧ j = 0) ∨
    (i = 1 ∧ j = 2) ∨
    (i = 2 ∧ j = 1)
  symm := by
    unfold Symmetric
    intro i j h
    fin_cases i <=> fin_cases j <=> simp_all
  loopless := by
    constructor
    intro i h
    fin_cases i <=> simp_all
```

Live Lean: [D3_14_Finset_SimpleGraph.lean](#)

Mathematical graph

0 — 1 — 2

- ▶ adjacency lists both directions
- ▶ `symm` proves undirectedness
- ▶ `loopless` rules out $i - i$

Small Graph Theorems: Unfold, Enumerate, Simplify

```
example : path3.Adj 0 1 := by
  simp [path3]

example : path3.Adj 1 2 := by
  simp [path3]

example : ¬ path3.Adj 0 2 := by
  simp [path3]

example (i : Fin 3) : ¬ path3.Adj i i := by
  fin_cases i <|> simp [path3]
```

Proof pattern

1. inspect `Adj`
2. unfold the concrete graph
3. enumerate finite vertices if needed
4. let `simp` close propositional cases

More SimpleGraph Theorems: Abstract API and decide

```
example (i j : Fin 3) (h : path3.Adj i j) :  
  i ≠ j := by  
  exact SimpleGraph.ne_of_adj path3 h  
  
example : path3.Adj 0 1 ∧ ¬ path3.Adj 0 2 := by  
  constructor  
  · simp [path3]  
  · simp [path3]  
  
example : (T : SimpleGraph (Fin 4)).Adj 0 3 := by  
  decide
```

Three proof styles

- ▶ abstract theorem:
ne_of_adj
- ▶ concrete definition:
simp [path3]
- ▶ finite decidable fact:
decide

Graph proofs move between
the library interface and
concrete adjacency definitions.

A Classroom Checklist for Writing Instances

1. Identify the object type: what are `G`, `R`, `K`, `V`, or `C`?
2. Choose the intended interface: `AddGroup`, `Group`, `CommRing`, `Field`, `Module`, or `Category`?
3. Use `#print`, `#check`, and elaboration errors to discover missing fields.
4. For a substructure, define the carrier and prove closure under every relevant operation.
5. For a structure, define operations first and prove laws second.
6. Confirm success with `#synth`; test the interface with a small theorem.
7. Read theorem types to avoid assumptions stronger than necessary.
8. Let AI draft candidates, but finish with Lean compilation and human semantic review.

Live Demonstration Map

Algebra and linear structure

1. D3_02: AddGroup vs Group
2. D3_03 - -05: subtype and subgroup
3. D3_06 - -08: ring, subring, field
4. D3_09 - -10: module, submodule, choice

Advanced interfaces and AI

1. D3_11: categories and complexes
2. D3_12 - -13: proposition instances and search
3. D3_14: Finset and SimpleGraph
4. D3_15: AI drafts and repairs

Slides explain the mathematical architecture; the Lean files show every line accepted by the kernel.

Open the integrated classroom file: `D3_Demo.lean`