

# Interactive Higher Order Theorem Proving on the Web

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# Motivation

Want an Interactive Theorem Prover...

- Requiring No Installation.
- Supporting Simple Type Theory/Higher Order Logic.
- That's Easy to Learn and Easy to Use.
- **Students can Use to do Proofs.**

JavaScript Interactive Higher Order Theorem Prover

- Runs in a Web Browser
- Grammar for Language fits on One Page

# A Simple Propositional Example

Three Propositional Constants:  $x$ ,  $z$ , and  $u$ .

Assume two clauses:  $\neg x \vee z$  and  $x \vee u$ .

Prove  $z \vee u$ .

Specification of the problem in the prover:

```
const x z u:B
axiom ~x|z
axiom x|u
claim z|u
```

Prove

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## Complete Proof!

$$\neg(z \vee u)$$

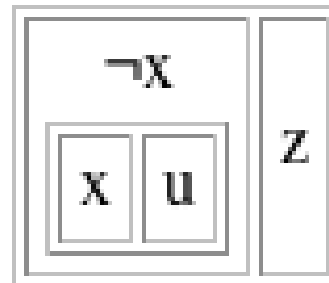
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# Demo Teaser

## Demo Will Show a Higher Order Example

Let's set it up now...

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*The set of all closed sets  $\{A \mid A = \text{cl}(A) \subseteq M\}$  will be called CLOSURE SYSTEM.*



It is easy to show that for an arbitrary closure system  $\mathcal{S}$ , the corresponding closure operator  $\text{cl}$  can be reconstructed by

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`var x : M`

`var A B : M → B`

`term subseq = (λ A B . !x . A x → B x)`

`infix subseq 40 40`

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claim !A. (cl A) =  
  (setintersect (\B. closed B & A subseq B))
```

This is what I will prove in the demo...

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RELATIONAL EXPLORATION  
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# Conclusion

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