

# CS 3110

## Functional Programming in Coq

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Today's music: Theme from *Downton Abbey* by John Lunn

# Attendance question

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# Review

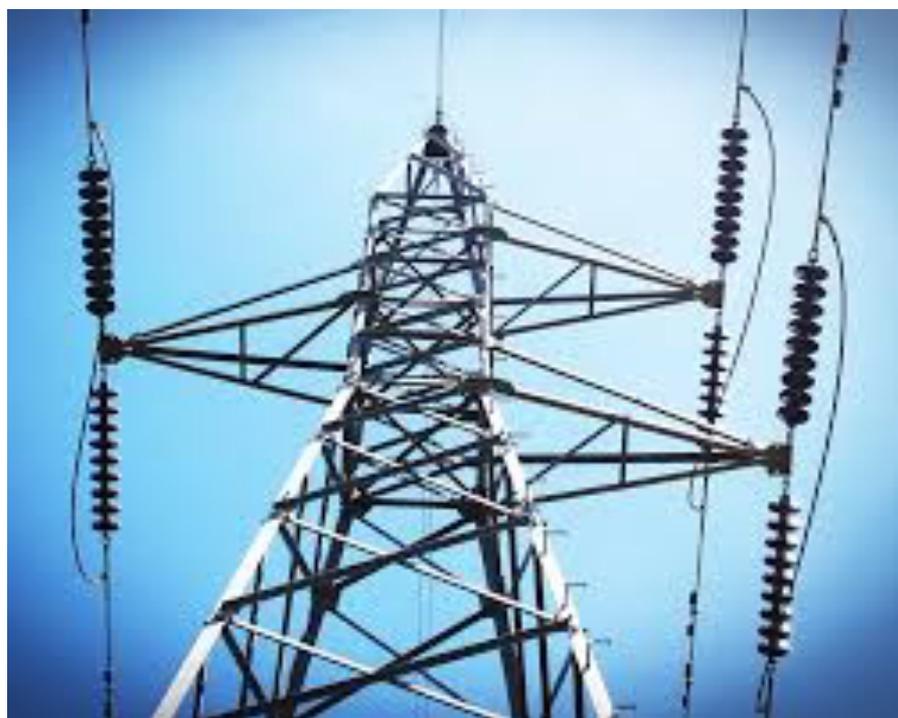
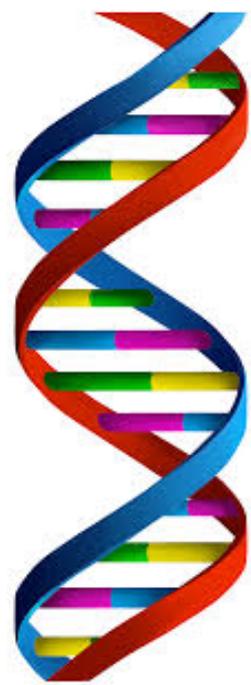
## Previously in 3110:

- Functional programming
- Modular programming
- Data structures
- Interpreters

Next unit of course: [formal methods](#)

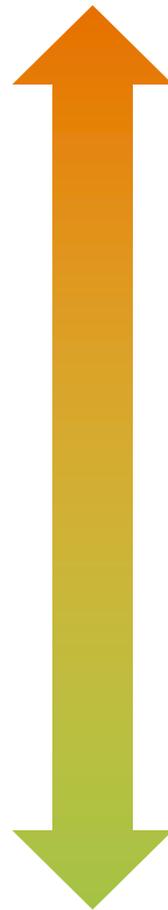
## Today:

- Proof assistants
- Functional programming in Coq
- Proofs about simple programs



# Approaches to validation [lec 11]

- Social
  - Code reviews
  - Extreme/Pair programming
- Methodological
  - Design patterns
  - Test-driven development
  - Version control
  - Bug tracking
- Technological
  - Static analysis (“lint” tools, FindBugs, ...)
  - Fuzzers
- Mathematical
  - Sound type systems
  - “Formal” verification



Less formal: Techniques may miss problems in programs

All of these methods should be used!

Even the most formal can still have holes:

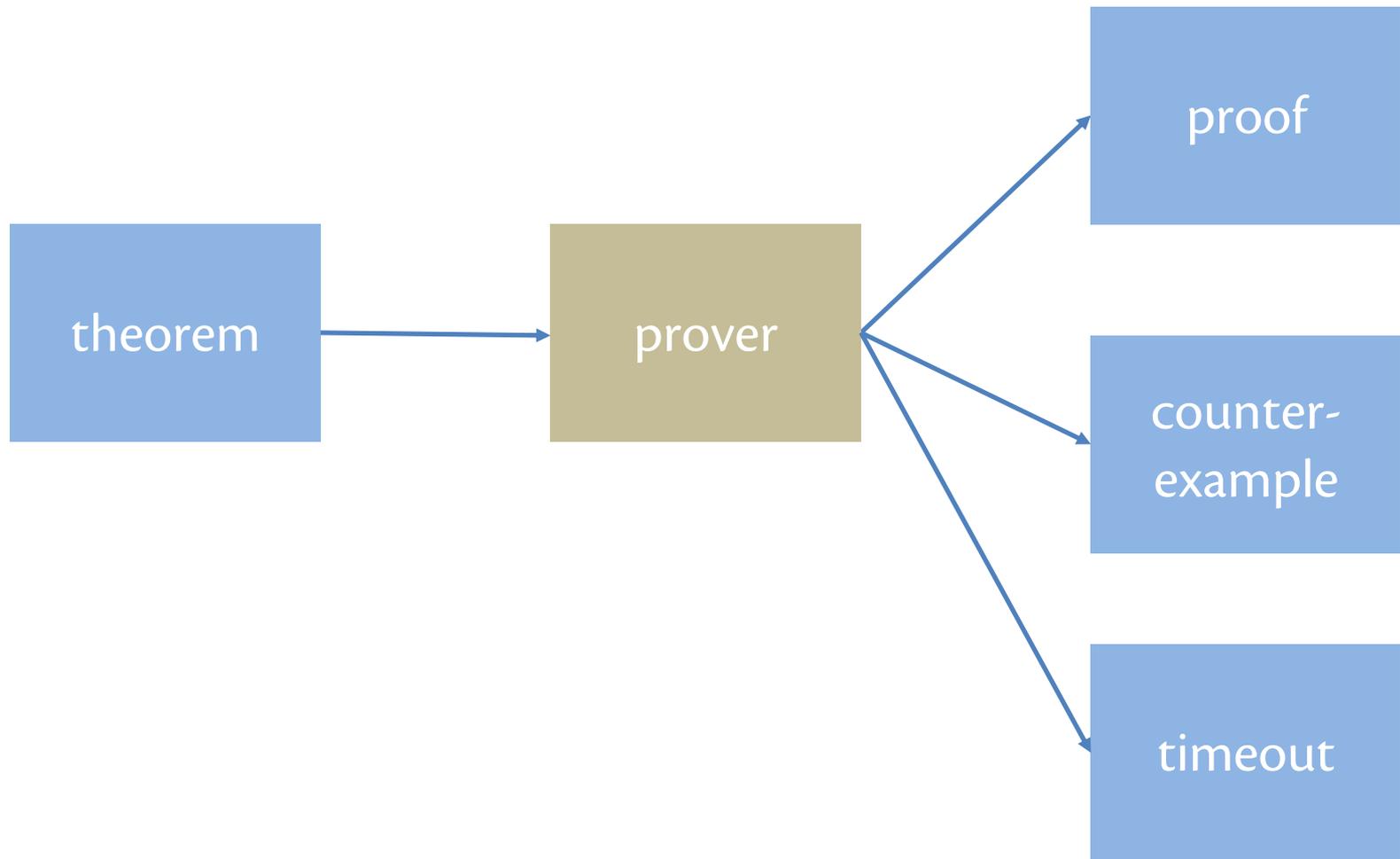
- did you prove the right thing?
- do your assumptions match reality?

More formal: eliminate *with certainty* as many problems as possible.

# Verification

- In the 1970s, scaled to about tens of LOC
- Now, research projects scale to real software:
  - **CompCert**: verified C compiler
  - **seL4**: verified microkernel OS
  - **Ynot**: verified DBMS, web services
- In another 40 years?

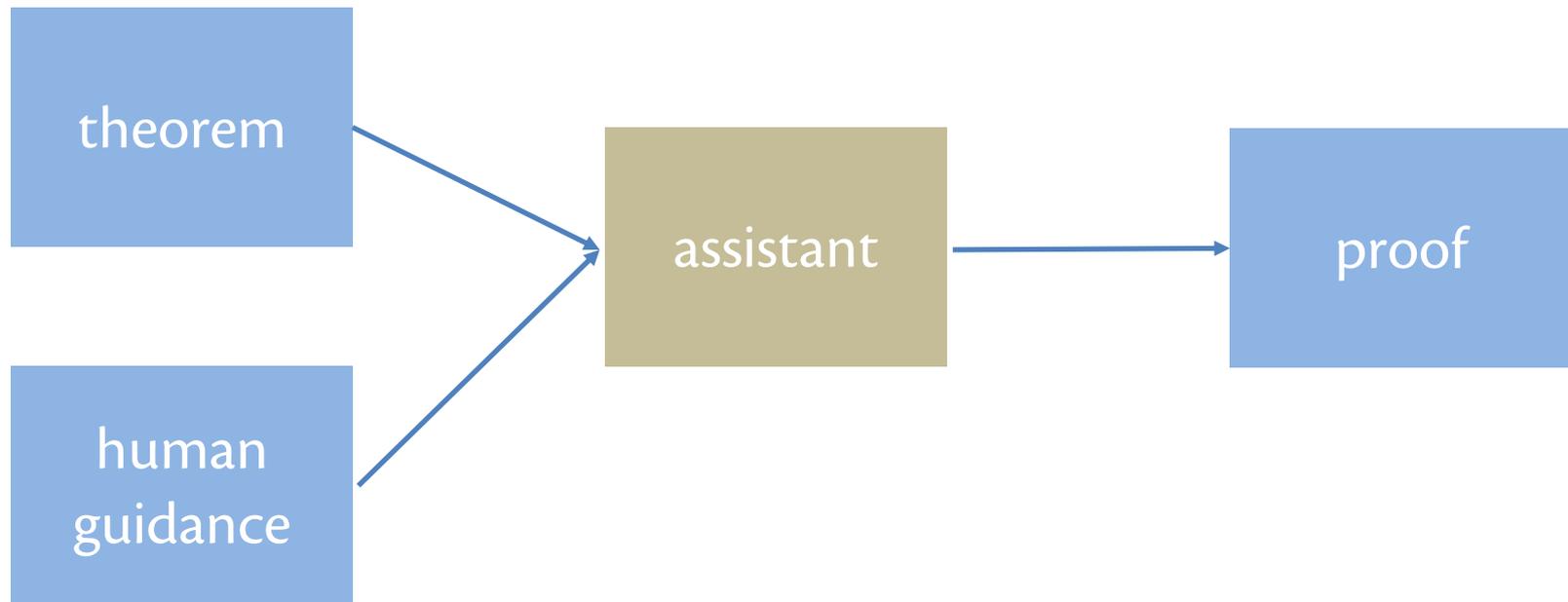
# Automated theorem provers



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- **Z3:** Microsoft started shipping with device driver developer's kit in Windows 7
- **ACL2:** used to verify AMD chip compliance with IEEE floating-point specification, as well as parts of the Java virtual machine

# Proof assistant



# Proof assistants

- **NuPRL** [Prof. Constable]: Formalization of mathematics, distributed protocols, security
- **Coq**: CompCert, Ynot [Dean Morrisett]

**COQ**



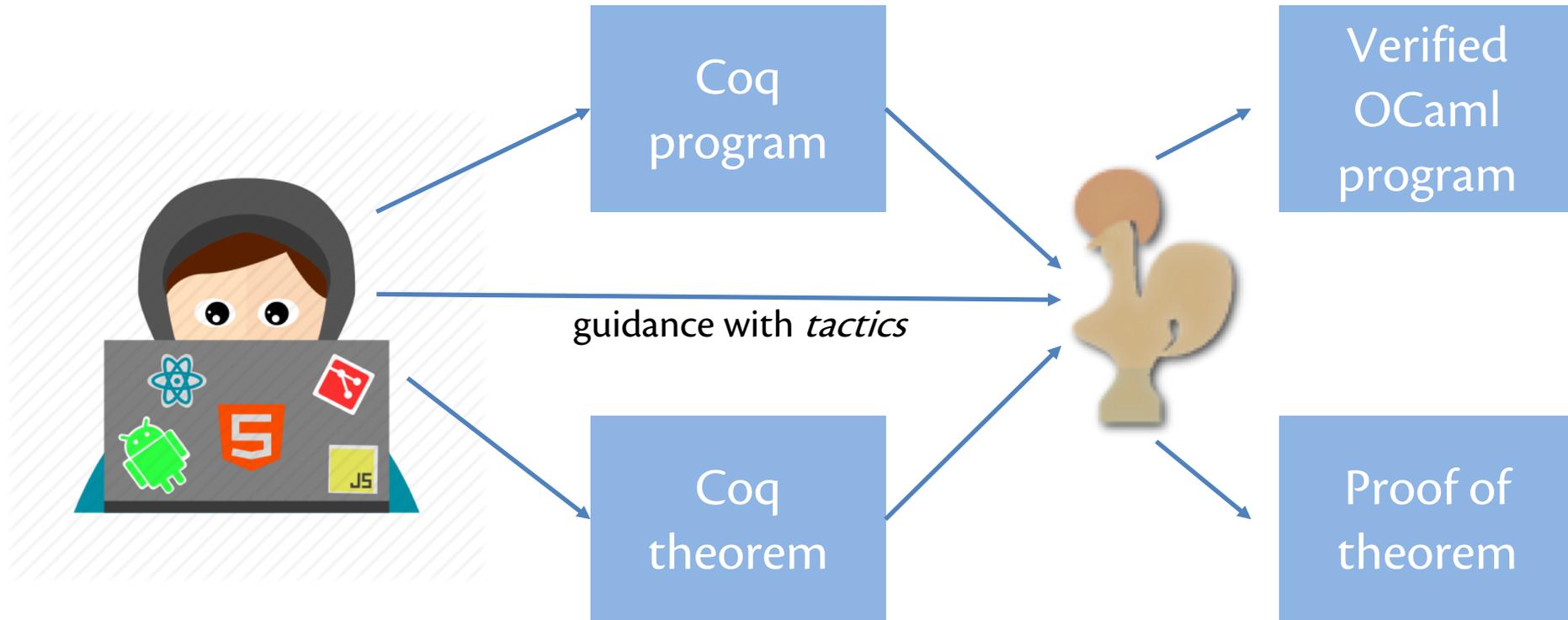
# Coq

- 1984: Coquand and Huet implement Coq based on *calculus of inductive constructions*
- 1992: Coq ported to Caml
- Now implemented in OCaml

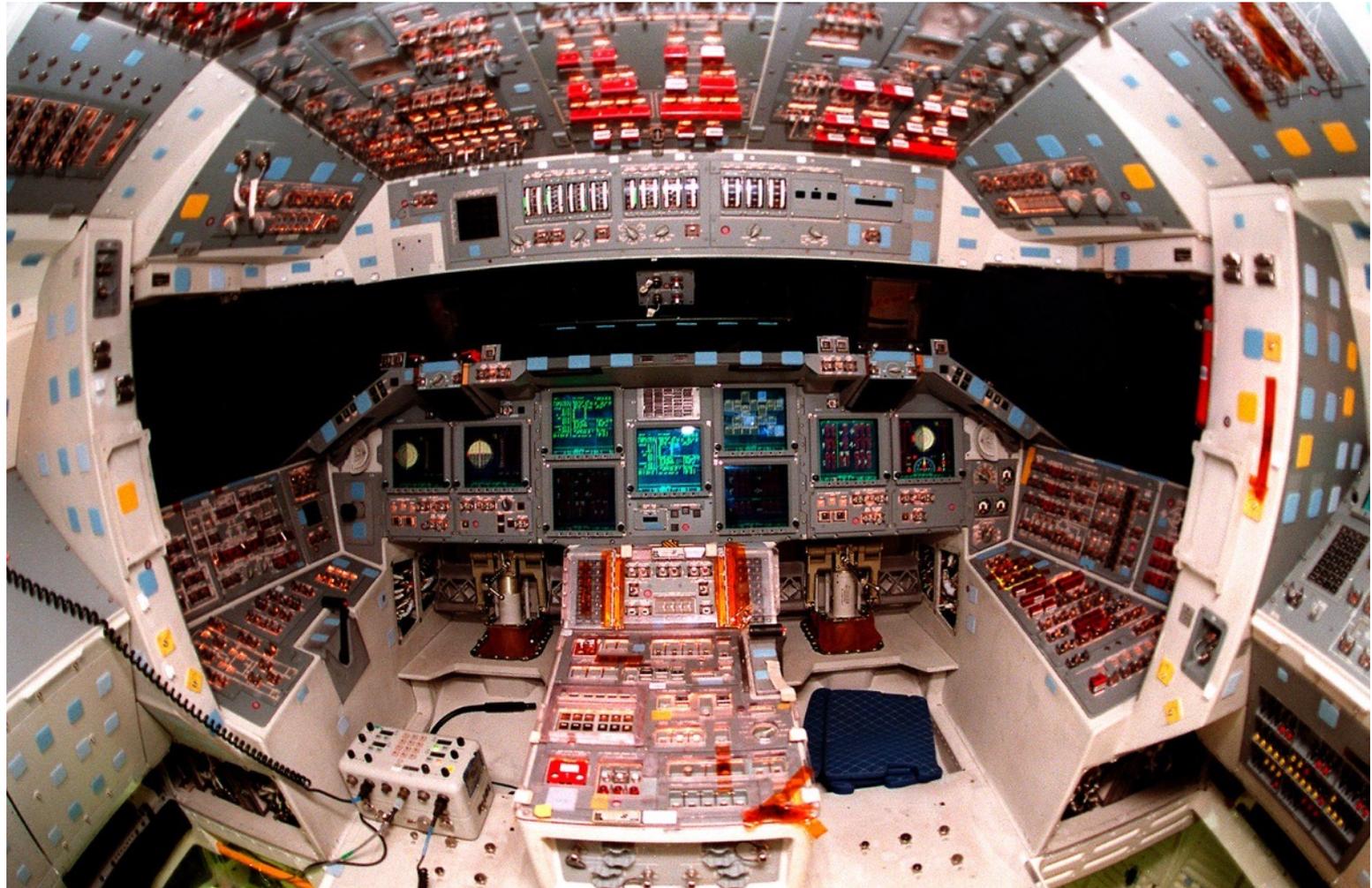


Thierry Coquand  
1961 –

# Coq for program verification



# Coq's full system



# Subset of Coq we'll use



# Our goals

- Write **basic functional programs** in Coq
  - no side effects, mutability, I/O
- Prove **simple theorems** in Coq
  - CS 3110 programs: lists, options, trees
  - CS 2800 mathematics: induction, logic
- **Non goal:** full verification of large programs
- Rather:
  - help you understand what verification involves
  - expose you to the future of functional programming
  - solidify concepts about proof and induction by developing machine-checked proofs

**CAUTION: HIGHLY ADDICTIVE**

Definitions and Functions

Pairs, Lists, and Variants

# **FUNCTIONAL PROGRAMMING IN COQ**

Demo

# PROVING THEOREMS ABOUT PROGRAMS

Demo

# Upcoming events

- N/A

*This is formal.*

**THIS IS 3110**