

# Automatic Test-Case Reduction in Proof Assistants A Case Study in Coq

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# Category Theory Library Minimization in Coq

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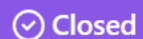
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Edit

New issue

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O) objC C" of type "Type (\* max(Set, Nat #7



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This is in the following environment. I'll try to get a cleaner one soon, but I figured that the error message and environment might be enough to point you to the error

```
--objC :: Type (* Top.112 *)
--C :: SpecializedCategory (* Top.112 Top.113 *) objC
=====
--and
--... (@eq
--... (@SpecializedFunctor (* Set Functor.290 Set Functor.290 *)
--... (CardinalityRepresentative (S O))
--... (NatCategory (* Functor.290 *) (S O))
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--... Top.113 *) (CardinalityRepresentative O)
--... (NatCategory (* NaturalTransformation.283 *) O) objC C)
--... (@FunctorCategory (* Set NaturalTransformation.283 Top.112 Top.113
--... Set Functor.290 *) (CardinalityRepresentative O)
--... (NatCategory (* NaturalTransformation.283 *) O) objC C)
--... (CardinalityRepresentative (S O))
```

Assignees

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There's something odd going on here. When I have something as a goal, it fails:

```

----Set Printing All.
----Goal (@eq
-----(@SpecializedFunctor (CardinalityRepresentative (S O))
-----  (NatCategory (S O)) (CardinalityRepresentative (S O))
-----  (NatCategory (S O)))
-----(@ComposeFunctors (CardinalityRepresentative (S O))
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----)(@IdentityFunctor (CardinalityRepresentative (S O)) (NatCategory (S O))))).
----generalize ExponentialLaw0Functor. (* Toplevel input, characters 0-33:
Error: Illegal application (Type Error):
The term "SpecializedFunctor" of type
  "forall (objC : Type) (_ : SpecializedCategory objC)
  (objD : Set) (_ : SpecializedCategory objD), Type"
cannot be applied to the terms

```

But if instead I do

```

----Set Printing All.
----Goal True.
----assert (@eq
-----(@SpecializedFunctor (CardinalityRepresentative (S O))
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1 subgoals, subgoal 1 (ID 36)

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- objC : Type
- C : SpecializedCategory objC

```

```

ComposeFunctors ExponentialLaw0Functor ExponentialLaw0Functor_Inverse =
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Ok, here's a self-contained version. I'm really surprised that `intro` can fail with `Illegal application (Type Error)` I'll try to trim this down sometime soon, but, if I don't get to it, I hope it's enough to work off of:

```
Delimit Scope object_scope with object.
Delimit Scope morphism_scope with morphism.
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Set Implicit Arguments.

Generalizable All Variables.

Polymorphic Record SpecializedCategory (obj : Type) := Build_SpecializedCategory' {
  ..Object :> _ := obj;
  ..Morphism' : obj -> obj -> Type;

  ..Identity' : forall o, Morphism' o o;
  ..Compose' : forall s d d', Morphism' d d' -> Morphism' s d -> Morphism' s d';

  ..Associativity' : forall o1 o2 o3 o4 (m1 : Morphism' o1 o2) (m2 : Morphism' o2 o3) (m3 : Morphism' o3 o4),
    ...Compose' (Compose' m3 m2) m1 = Compose' m3 (Compose' m2 m1);
  ..(* ask for [eq_sym (Associativity' ...)], so that C^{op}^{op} is convertible with C *)
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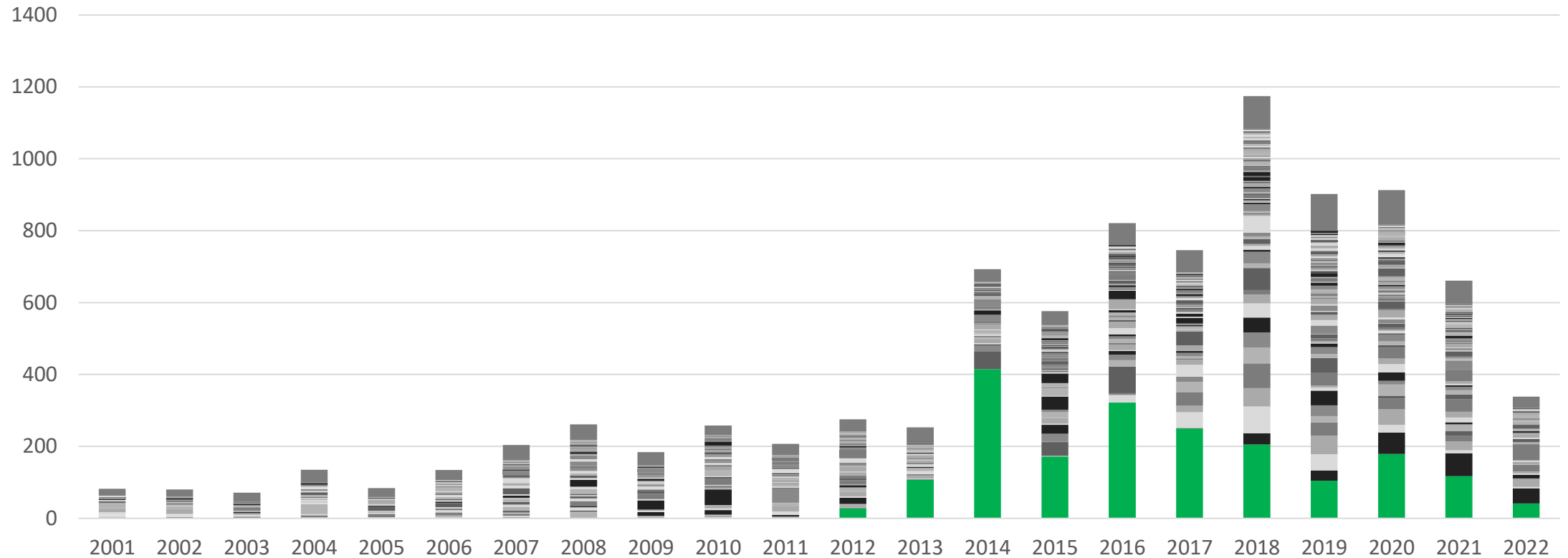
It has something to do with the `intros; autorewrite with functor; reflexivity` line; if I change that to `admit`, it all goes through. (Same thing if I do the rewriting manually.)

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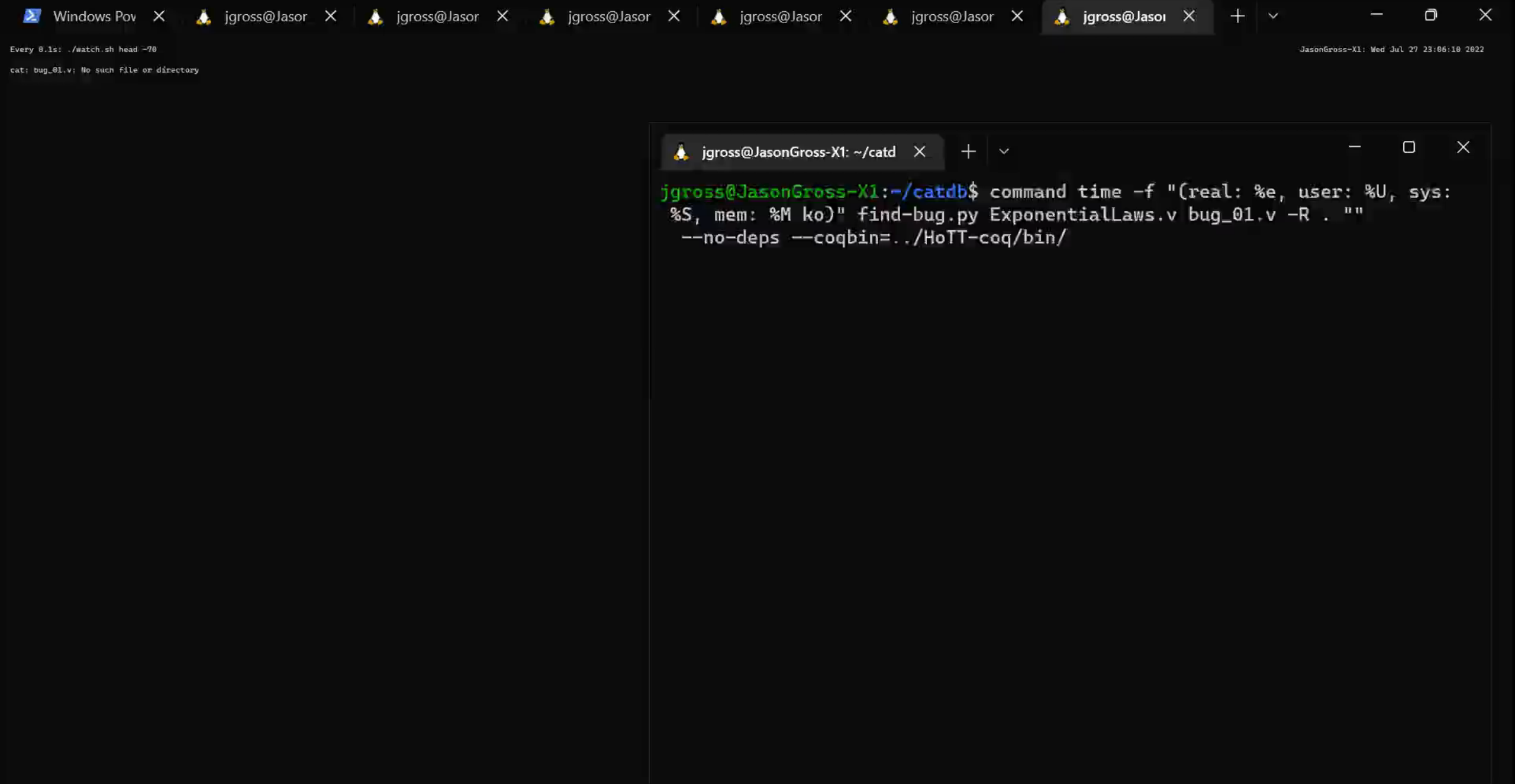
# Origin Story: Coq Bug Reports By Year



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# Goal: Automate This!








# Debugging Regressions: coqdev experience


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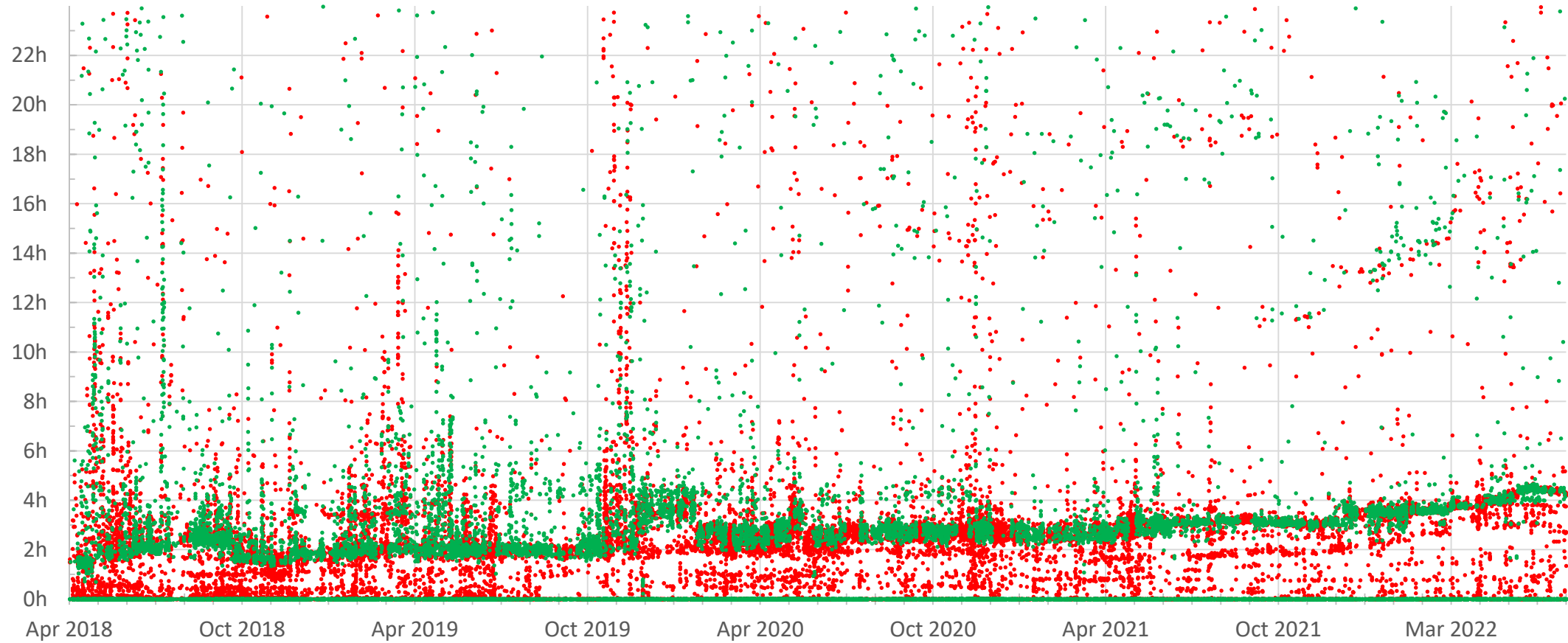
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Minimized File `/github/workspace/builds/coq/coq-failing/_build_ci/bbv/src/bbv/Word.v` (from ci-bbv) (full log [on GitHub Actions](#))

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(* File reduced by coq-bug-minimizer from original input, then from 7591 lines to 50 lines, then from 55 lines to 49 lines
(* coqc version 8.16+alpha compiled with OCaml 4.05.0
...coqtop version runner-zxwgkjap-project-6138686-concurrent-0:/builds/coq/coq/_build/default,(HEAD detached at e1c1bc)
...Expected coqc runtime on this file: 0.095 sec *)
Set Implicit Arguments.
```

```
Inductive word : nat -> Set :=
| WO : word 0
| WS : bool -> forall n, word n -> word (S n).
Fixpoint wones (sz : nat) : word sz.
Admitted.
Definition whd sz (w : word (S sz)) : bool.
Admitted.
Definition wtl sz (w : word (S sz)) : word sz.
Admitted.
```

```
Fixpoint combine (sz1 : nat) (w : word sz1) : forall sz2, word sz2 -> word (sz1 + sz2) :=
  match w in word sz1 return forall sz2, word sz2 -> word (sz1 + sz2) with
  ... | WO => fun _ w' => w'
  ... | WS b w' => fun _ w'' => WS b (combine w' w'')
  end.
Fixpoint split1 (sz1 sz2 : nat) : word (sz1 + sz2) -> word sz1.
Admitted.
```

```
Fixpoint wnot sz (w : word sz) : word sz :=
  match w with
  ... | WO => WO
  ... | WS b w' => WS (negb b) (wnot w')
```



```

Fixpoint wnot' sz (w : word sz) : word sz :=
  match w with
  | WO => WO
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  end.

Fixpoint bitwp (f : bool -> bool -> bool) sz (w1 : word sz) : word sz :=
  match w1 with
  | WO => fun _ => WO
  | WS b w1' => fun w2 => WS (f b (whd w2)) (bitwp f w1' (wtl w2))
  end.

Definition wnot' sz := bitwp xorb (wones sz).

Theorem split1_combine : forall sz1 sz2 (w : word sz1) (z : word sz2),
  split1 sz1 sz2 (combine w z) = w.
Admitted.

Theorem wnot_wnot'_equiv : forall sz (w : word sz), wnot w = wnot' w.
Admitted.

Theorem wnot_split1 : forall sz1 sz2 w, wnot (split1 sz1 sz2 w) = split1 sz1 sz2 (wnot w).
Proof.
  intros.
  repeat rewrite wnot_wnot'_equiv.
  unfold wnot'.
  erewrite <- split1_combine with (w := wones _).

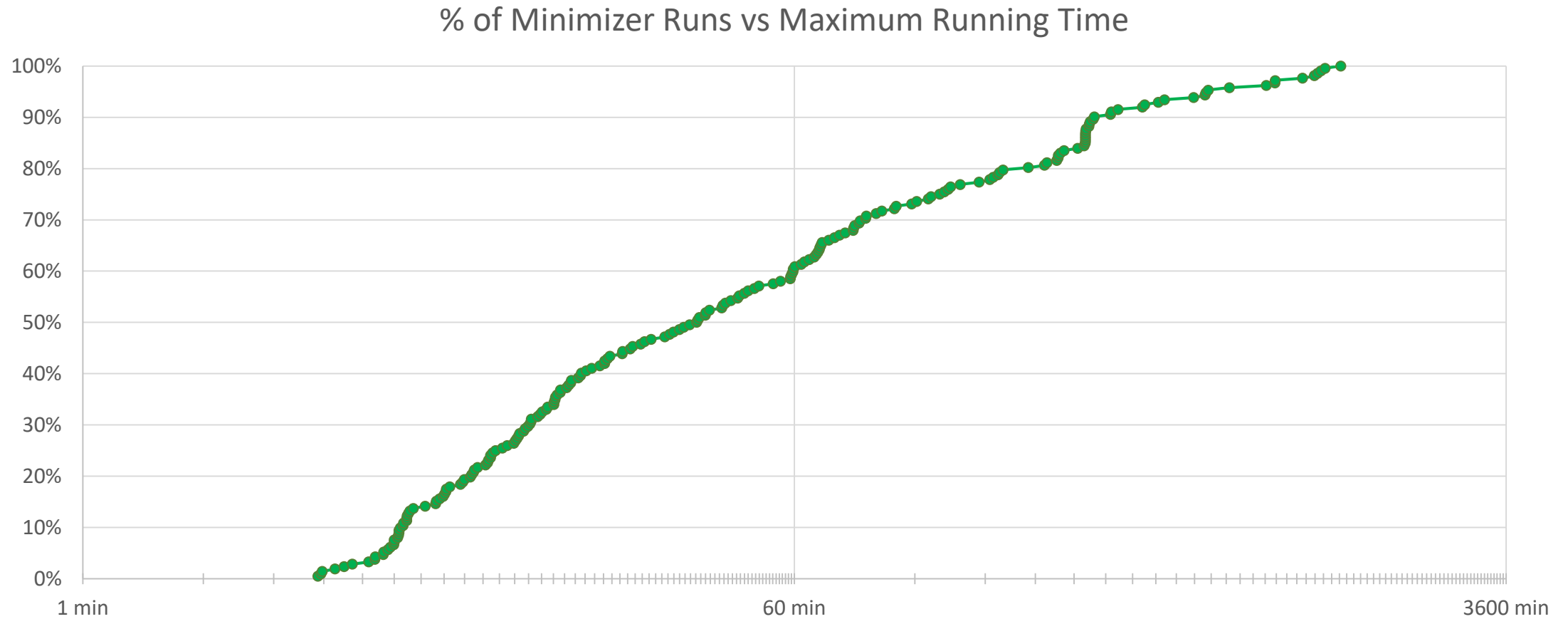
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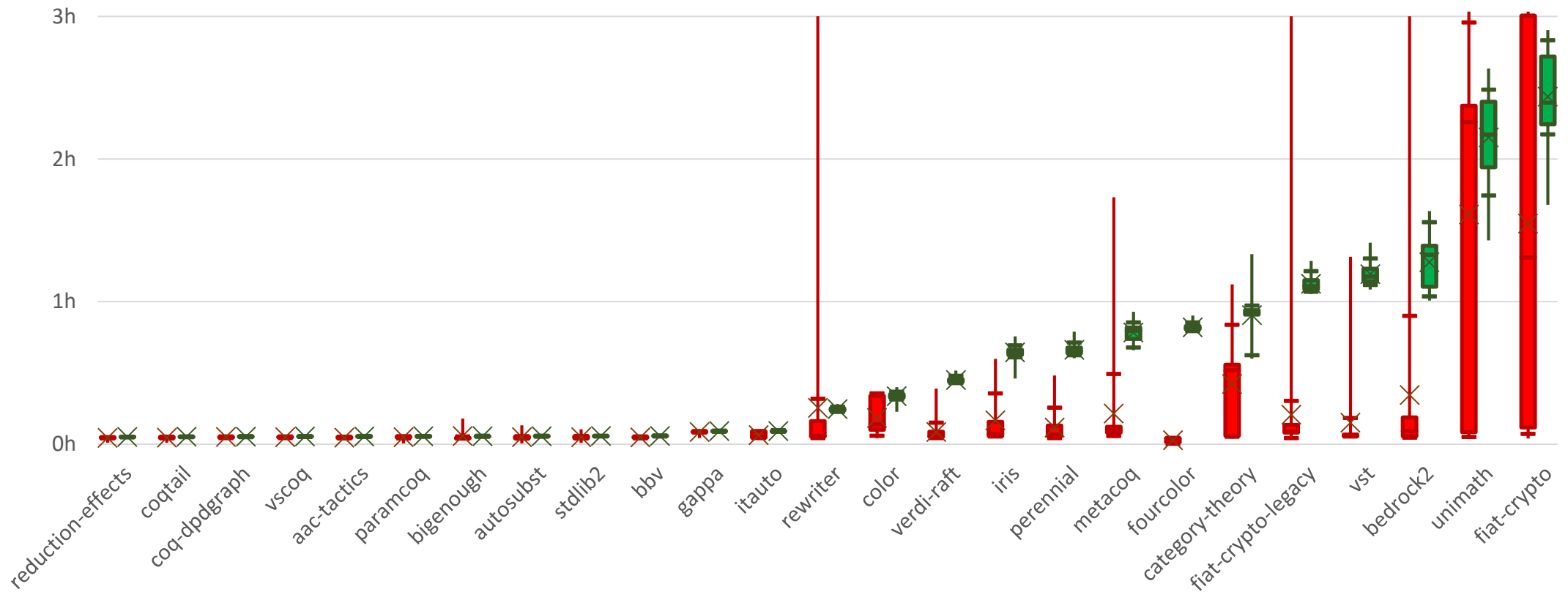
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# Minimizer Running Time CDF

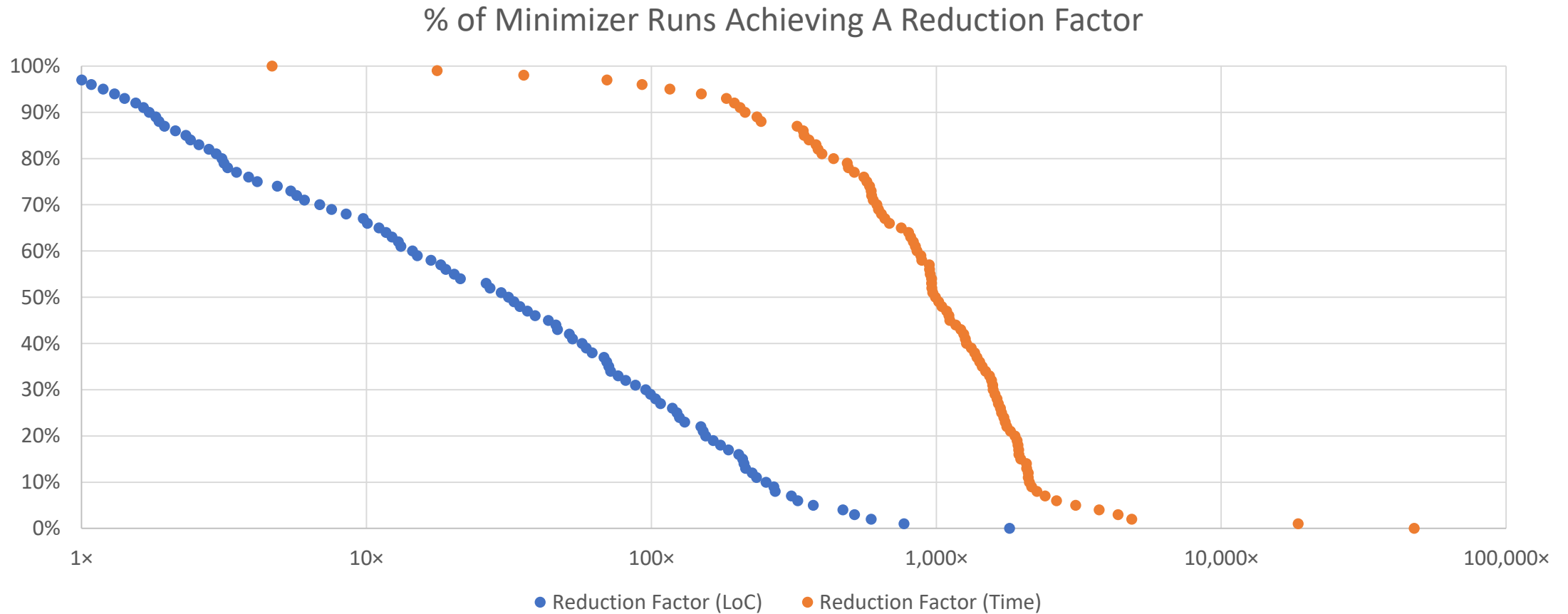


# How Long Do Projects Take On CI?

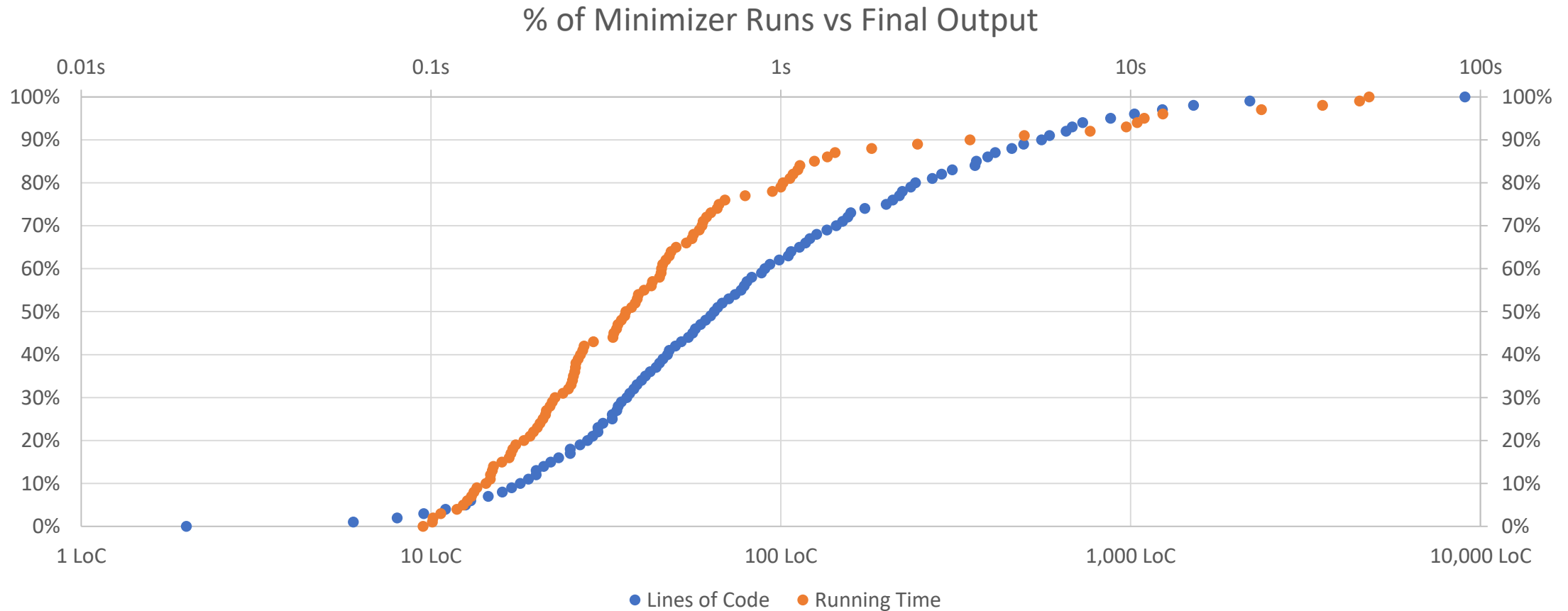


Selected CI Jobs, January through July 2022  
Modified box plot for seven-number summary + mean

# How Much Do We Minimize?



# How Minimal is Minimal in Absolute Terms?





# Specification Summary

- Input: a development displaying a potential problem with Coq
- Output: a single (shorter, faster) file displaying the same behavior
- Desires:
  - File should be standalone, as short as possible, as fast as possible
  - Fully automated, no interaction beyond pointing it at the issue initially
  - Interruptible and resumable: user should be able to do a manual pass over the file at any point and resume automatic minimization from there

# Specification Details

What does “the same behavior” mean?

- In bug reporting case: “same” error message, without changing the final bit of code
  - “print ‘exact error message’” is not a valid minimization
- In CI case: should also succeed on the master version of Coq

# What needs to be automated?

- Workflow automation (responding to user's comment, replying as a comment)
- Removing code to shorten example (in compile time and LoC)
- Adjustments to minimize compile time
- Inlining and linearization (to reduce complexity)

# How do we do this?

- Interfacing with Coq externally
- Delta debugging / brute force
- Tricks for inlining

To Achieve Adequate Performance:

- Inline files one-by-one
- Remove proof scripts as early as possible
- Linear pass to remove code, don't consider all subsets

# Delta Debugging / Brute Force Removal

- “Trust me, it’s true” primitives
- Not line by line, but blocks
- Minimal coupling, lack of forward references

# Coupling

Coupling in Agda:

```
data N : Set where
```

```
  zero : N
```

```
  succ : N → N
```

```
data Even : N → Set
```

```
data Odd : N → Set
```

```
data Even where
```

```
  even-zero : Even zero
```

```
  even-succ : ∀ {n} → Odd n → Even (succ n)
```

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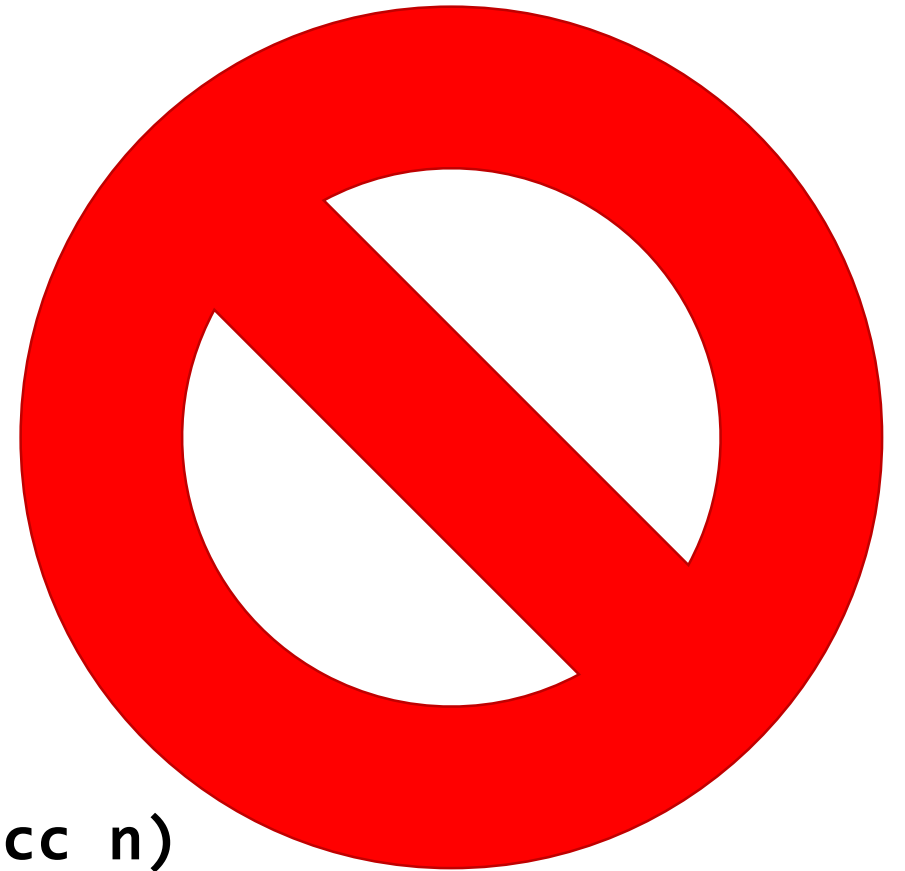
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  odd-succ : ∀ {n} → Even n → Odd (succ n)
```

Missing type signature for data definition Even

When scope checking the declaration, the following names are declared but not accompanied by a definition: Even

when scope checking Odd



# Coupling

Coupling in Agda:

```
data N : Set where  
  zero : N  
  succ : N → N
```



# Coupling

Coupled definitions are almost always single statements in Coq

```
Inductive N : Set :=
```

```
| zero : N
```

```
| succ : N -> N.
```

```
Inductive Even : N -> Set :=
```

```
| even_zero : Even zero
```

```
| even_succ : forall {n}, Odd n -> Even (succ n)
```

```
with Odd : N -> Set :=
```

```
| odd_succ : forall {n}, Even n -> Odd (succ n).
```

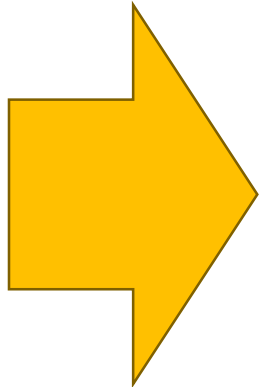
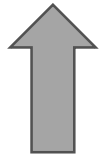
# How do we do this?

- Interfacing with Coq externally
- Delta debugging / brute force
- Tricks for inlining

# Tricks for Inlining and Linearization

# Name Changes on Inlining

A.v:  
Definition foo  
: nat := 0.



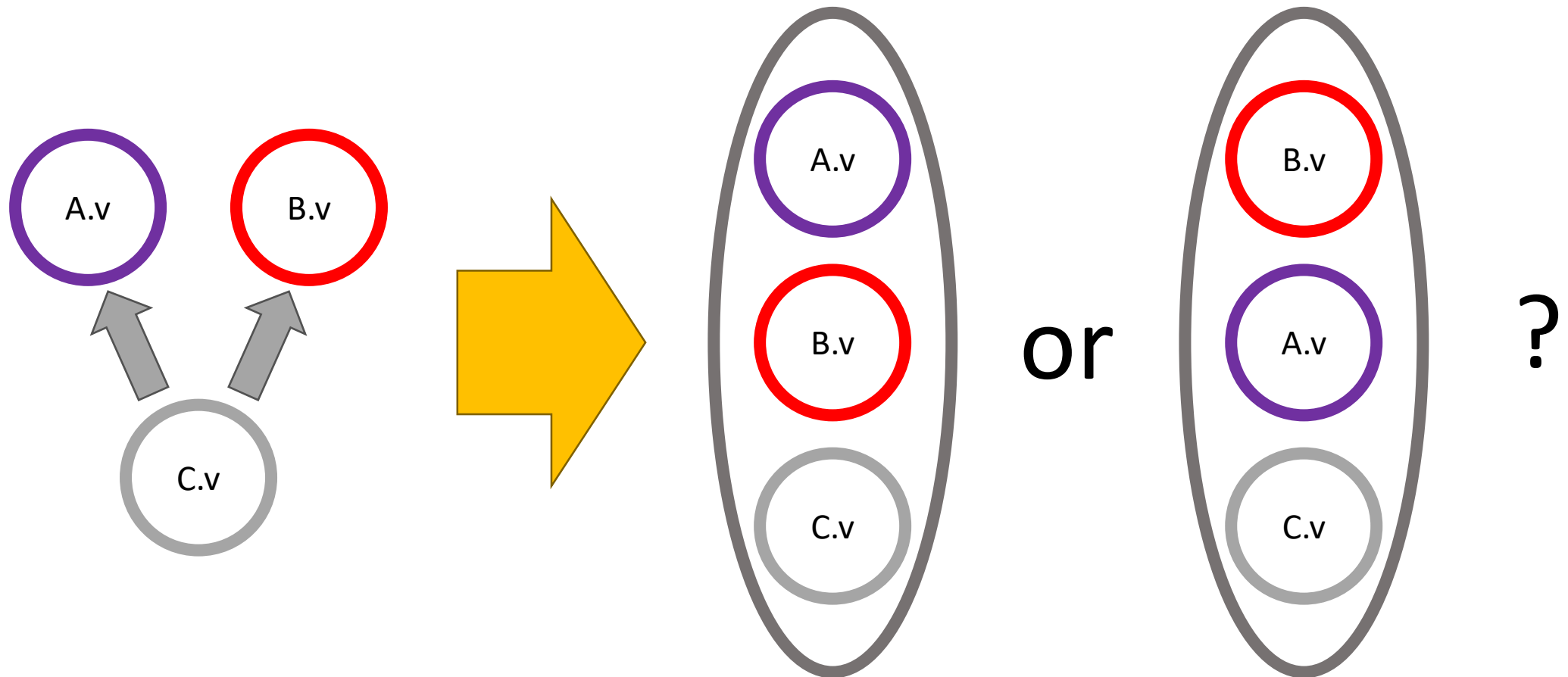
B.v:  
Require Import A.  
Definition foo  
: nat := 1.  
Print foo.  
(\*foo = 1 : nat\*)  
Print A.foo.  
(\*A.foo = 0 : nat\*)

Definition foo  
: nat := 0.  
Definition foo  
: nat := 1.  
(\* Error: foo  
already exists. \*)  
Print foo.  
(\*foo = 1 : nat\*)  
Print A.foo.

VS

Module A.  
Definition foo  
: nat := 0.  
End A.  
Import A.  
Definition foo  
: nat := 1.  
Print foo.  
(\*foo = 1 : nat\*)  
Print A.foo.  
(\*A.foo = 0 : nat\*)

# Linearization



# How to make your proof assistant amenable to minimization

- Make it possible to have a single file with the same semantics as code in multiple files
- Primitive for “trust me, it’s true”
- Lack of forward references is nice
- Don’t forget the last mile of automating integration with CI!



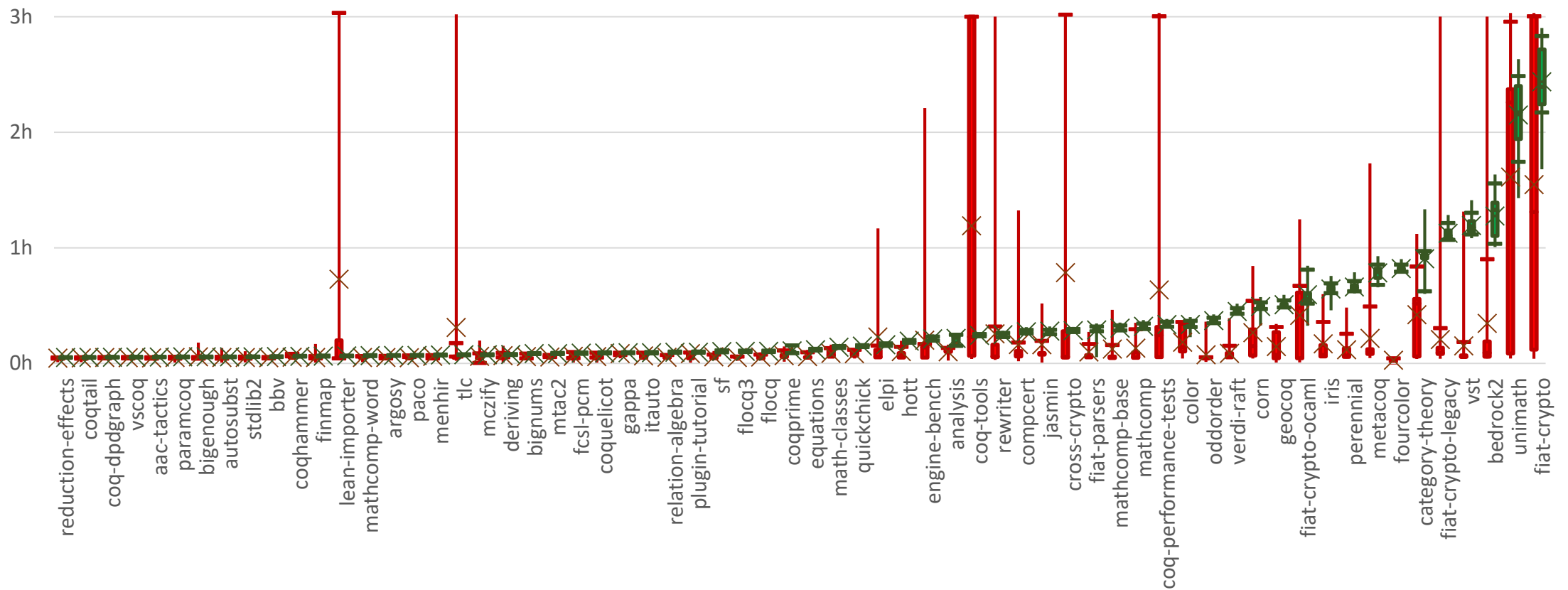
# Future Work

- More automation of bug reporter work flow
- Better inlining
- More minimization
- Other proof assistants???



# Extra Content

# How Long Do Projects Take On CI?



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