

Functional Programming and Theorem Proving for Undergraduates

A Progress Report

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History

- **Before 2003**
 - Traditional SE at OU (2-course sequence, 4th yr)
 - | Process | Design | Testing/Validation |
|---------|--------|--------------------|
| 60% | 20% | 20% |
- **2003-2005**
 - SE course using ACL2 (FDPE 2005 report)
 - | Process | Design | Testing/Validation |
|---------|--------|--------------------|
| 30% | 35% | 35% |
 - Successful despite crude programming env
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Mantra

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- 60%

Engineering is the application of principles of science and mathematics to the design of useful things

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ACL2

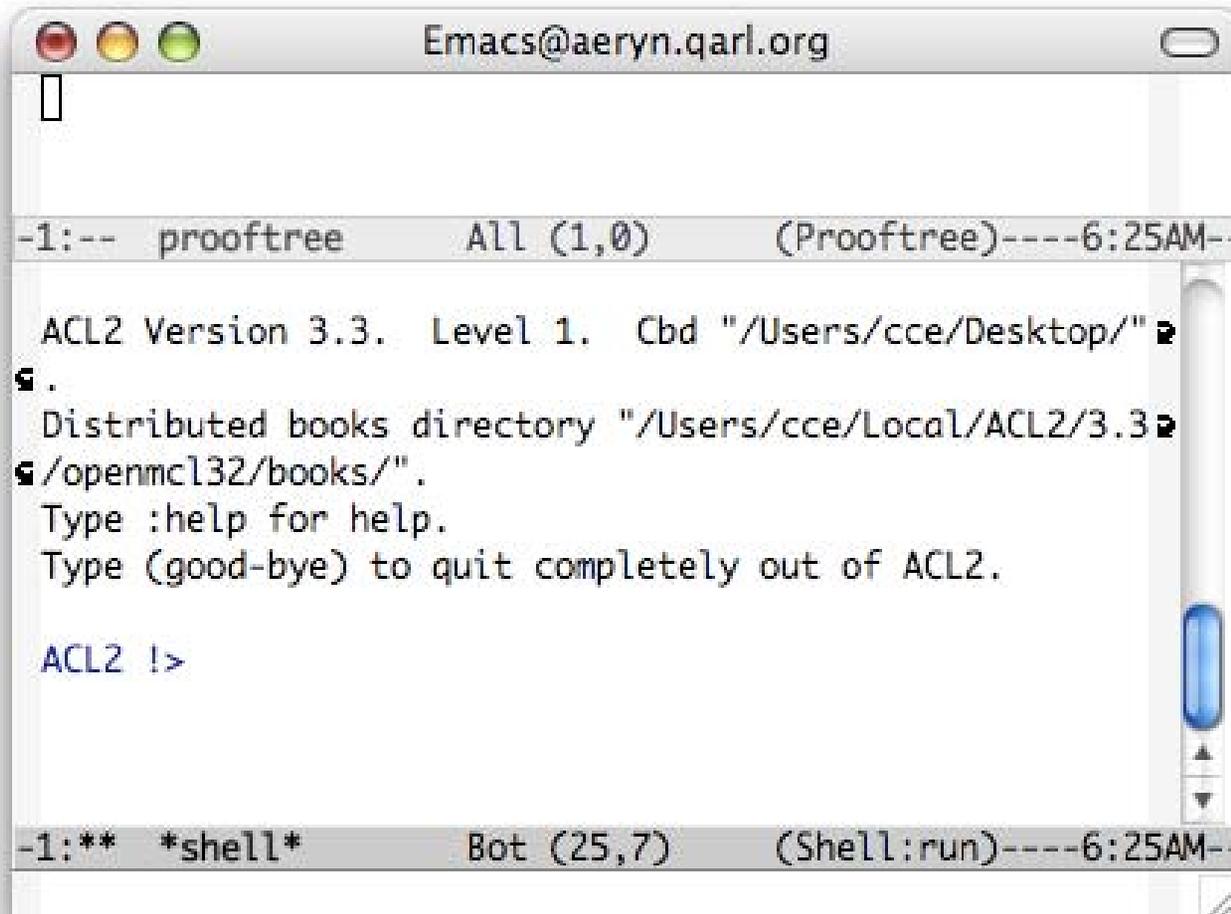
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;; sqr : Int -> Int
```

```
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  (* x x))
```

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```

```
(defthm sqr>=0  
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```

ACL2

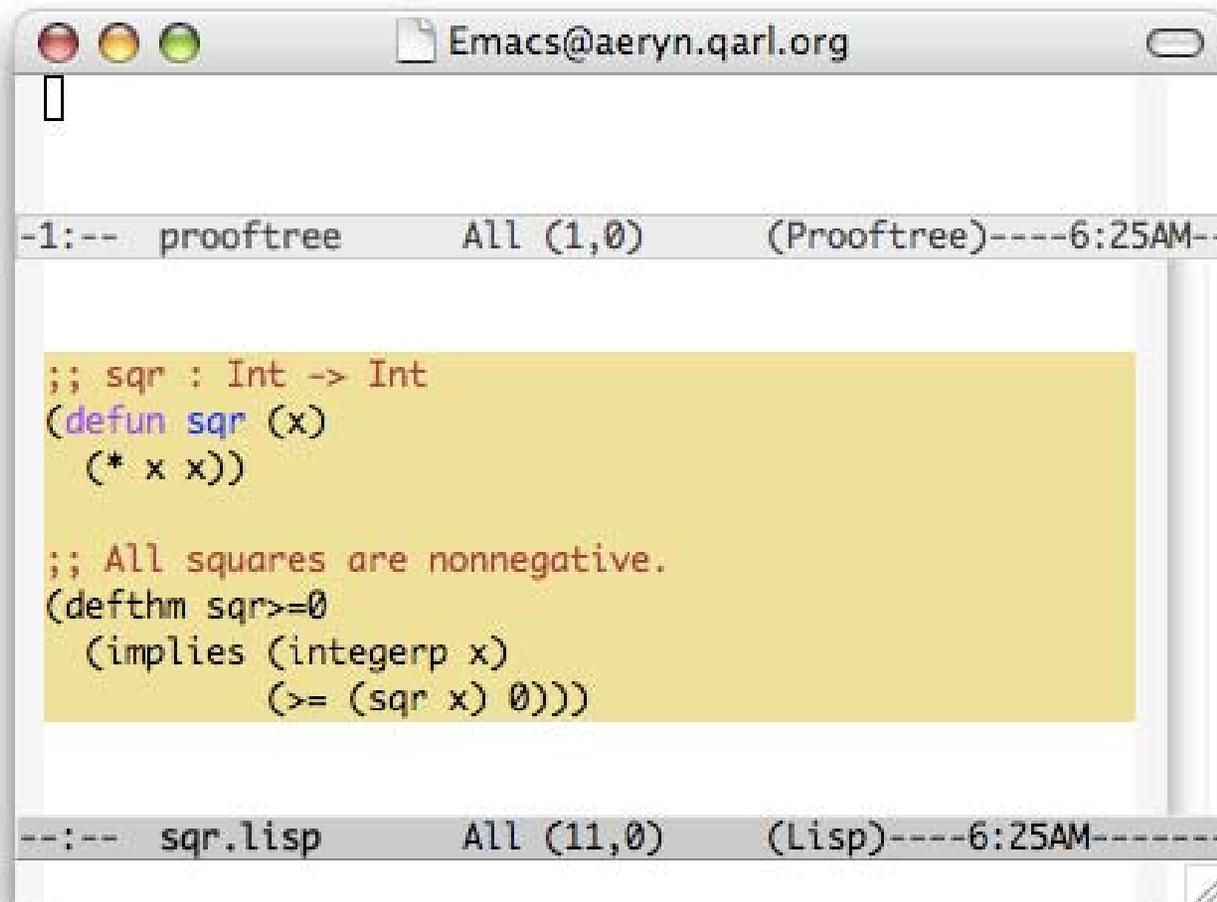


The image shows a screenshot of an Emacs window titled "Emacs@aeryn.qarl.org". The window contains the ACL2 REPL interface. At the top, there is a status bar with the text "-1:-- prooftree All (1,0) (Prooftree)----6:25AM--". Below this, the main text area displays the following output:

```
ACL2 Version 3.3. Level 1. Cwd "/Users/cce/Desktop/"  
.  
Distributed books directory "/Users/cce/Local/ACL2/3.3"  
/openmcl32/books/.  
Type :help for help.  
Type (good-bye) to quit completely out of ACL2.  
  
ACL2 !>
```

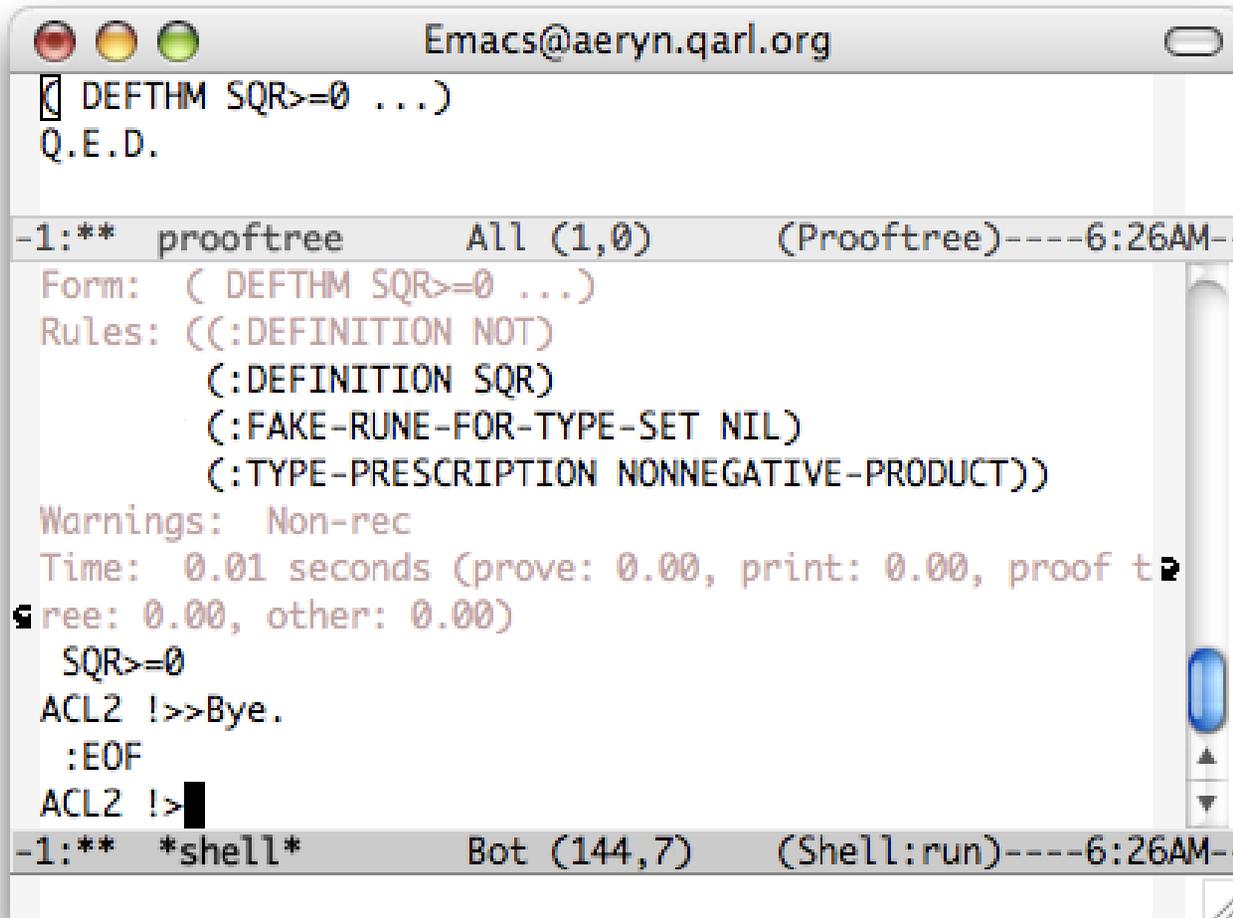
At the bottom, there is another status bar with the text "-1:** *shell* Bot (25,7) (Shell:run)----6:25AM--".

ACL2



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;; sqr : Int -> Int  
(defun sqr (x)  
  (* x x))  
  
;; All squares are nonnegative.  
(defthm sqr>=0  
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    (>= (sqr x) 0)))  
  
--:-- sqr.lisp All (11,0) (Lisp)----6:25AM-----
```

ACL2

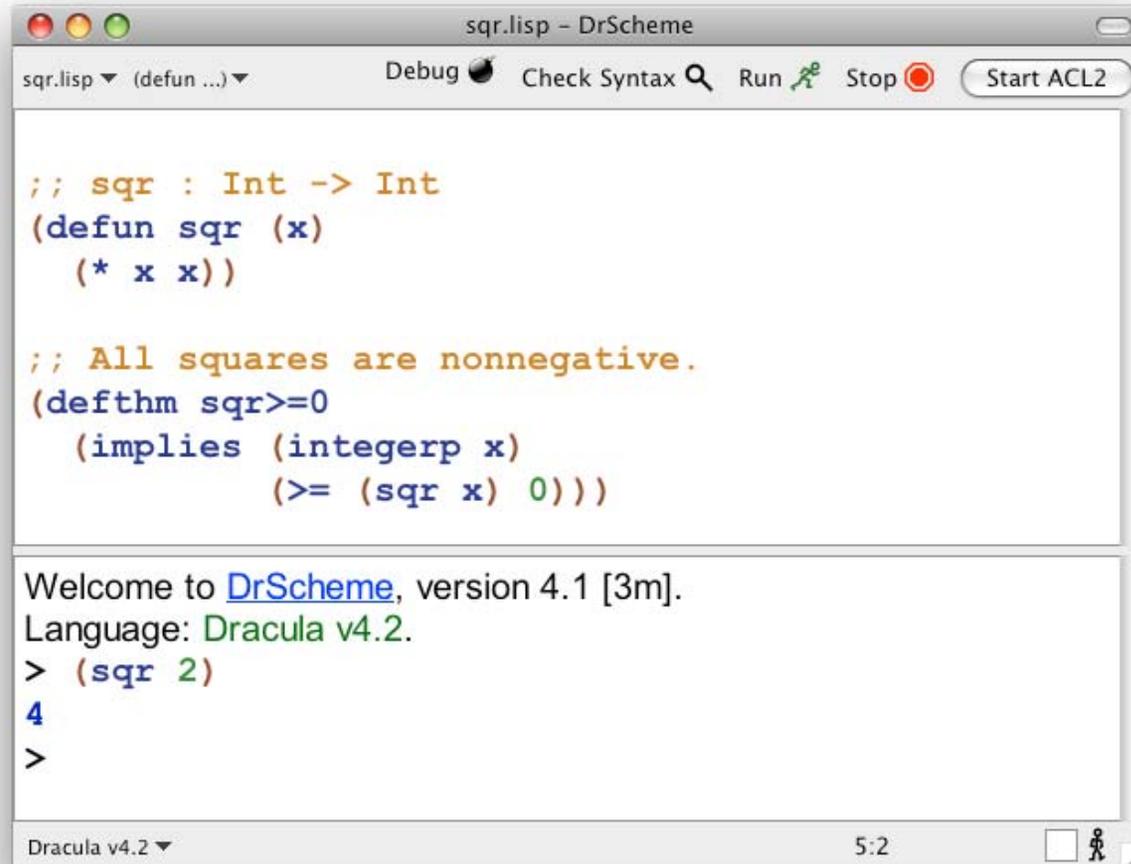


```
Emacs@aeryn.qarl.org
( DEFTHM SQR>=0 ...)
Q.E.D.

-1:** prooftree All (1,0) (Prooftree)----6:26AM--
Form: ( DEFTHM SQR>=0 ...)
Rules: ((:DEFINITION NOT)
        (:DEFINITION SQR)
        (:FAKE-RUNE-FOR-TYPE-SET NIL)
        (:TYPE-PRESCRIPTION NONNEGATIVE-PRODUCT))
Warnings: Non-rec
Time: 0.01 seconds (prove: 0.00, print: 0.00, proof tree: 0.00, other: 0.00)
SQR>=0
ACL2 !>>Bye.
:EOF
ACL2 !>

-1:** *shell* Bot (144,7) (Shell:run)----6:26AM--
```

Dracula



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```

The bottom pane shows the REPL output:

```
Welcome to DrScheme, version 4.1 [3m].
Language: Dracula v4.2.
> (sqr 2)
4
>
```

The status bar at the bottom indicates "Dracula v4.2" and "5:2".

Dracula

The image shows two windows from the DrScheme environment. The left window, titled 'worm.lisp - DrScheme', contains the following Lisp code:

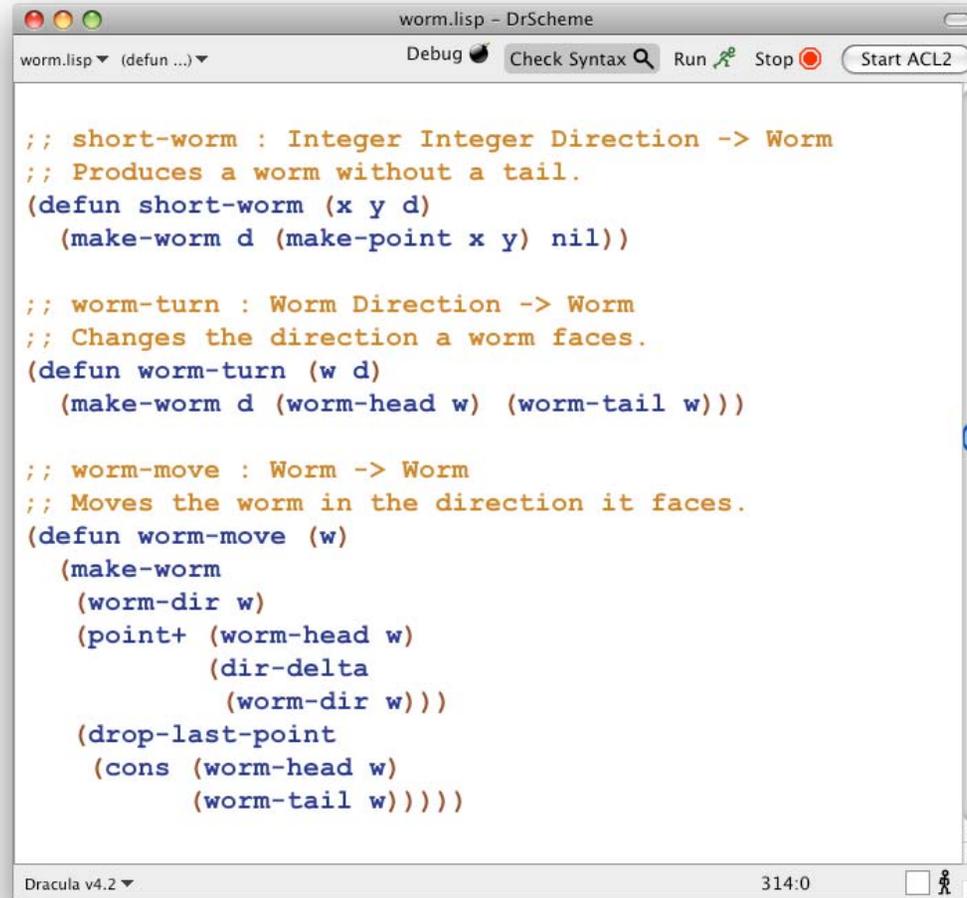
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;; short-worm : Integer Integer Direction -> Worm
;; Produces a worm without a tail.
(defun short-worm (x y d)
  (make-worm d (make-point x y) nil))

;; worm-turn : Worm Direction -> Worm
;; Changes the direction a worm faces.
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;; Moves the worm in the direction it faces.
(defun worm-move (w)
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           (dir-delta
            (worm-dir w)))
   (drop-last-point
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          (worm-tail w)))))
```

The right window, titled 'DrScheme', displays a graphical representation of the worm. The worm is composed of blue circles arranged in a U-shape. The head of the worm is a red circle. A single green circle is located in the bottom right corner of the window.

Dracula



```
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;; worm-turn : Worm Direction -> Worm
;; Changes the direction a worm faces.
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Dracula

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worm.lisp (defun ...)
Debug Check Syntax Run Stop Start ACL2

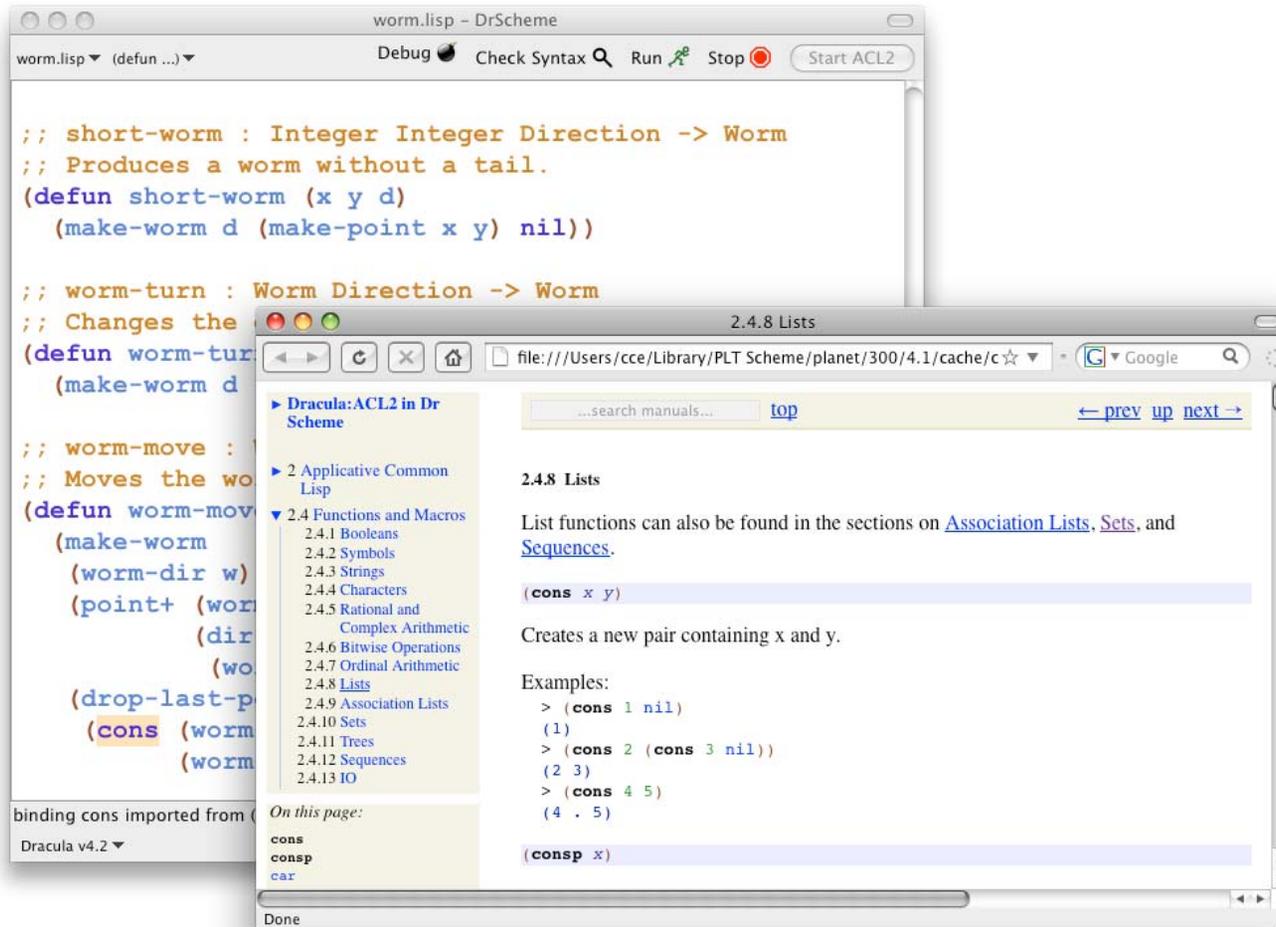
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    (cor

binding cons imported from (planet "language/dracula.scm" ("cce" "dracula.plt" 4))
Dracula v4.2 435:0
```

Dracula

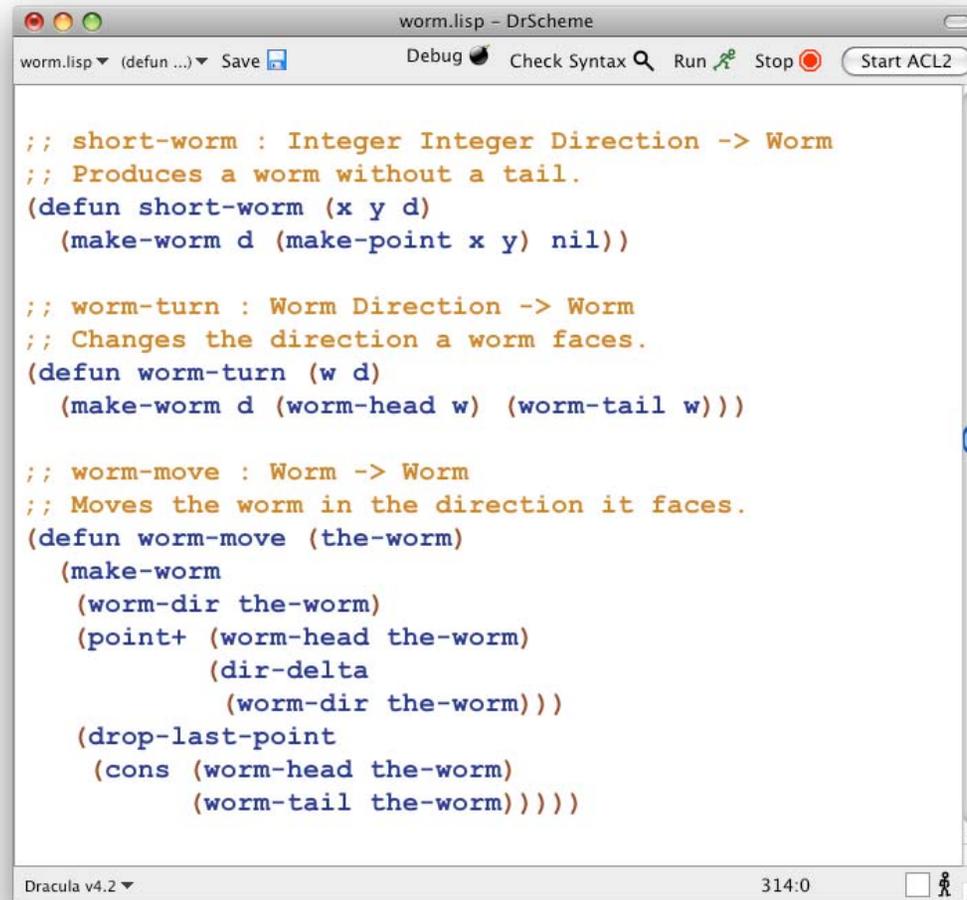


Dracula

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worm.lisp - DrScheme  
worm.lisp (defun ...) Rename w to:  
the-worm  
Cancel OK -> Worm  
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Dracula v4.2 314:0

Dracula



The image shows a screenshot of the DrScheme IDE window titled "worm.lisp - DrScheme". The window contains the following Lisp code:

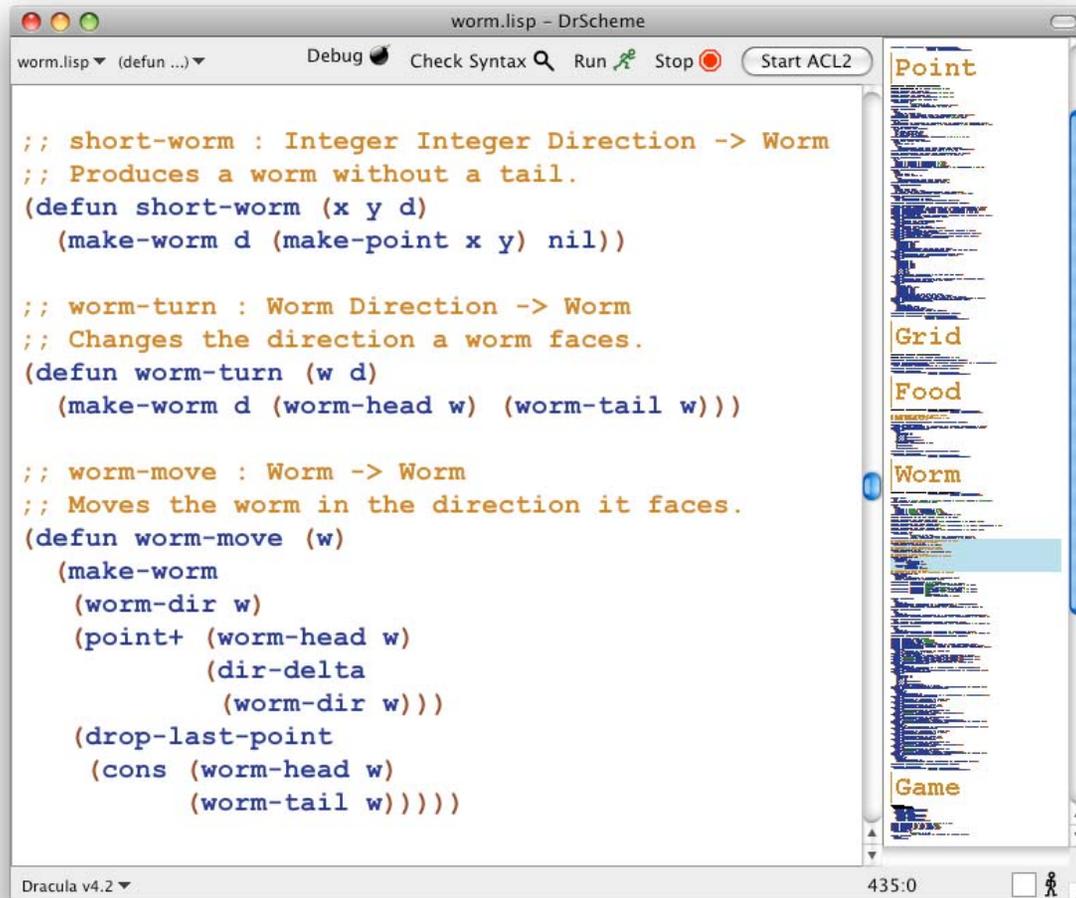
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   (point+ (worm-head the-worm)
           (dir-delta
            (worm-dir the-worm)))
   (drop-last-point
    (cons (worm-head the-worm)
          (worm-tail the-worm)))))
```

The IDE interface includes a menu bar with "worm.lisp", "(defun ...)", "Save", "Debug", "Check Syntax", "Run", "Stop", and "Start ACL2". The status bar at the bottom shows "Dracula v4.2" and "314:0".

Dracula



worm.lisp - DrScheme

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```

Point

Grid

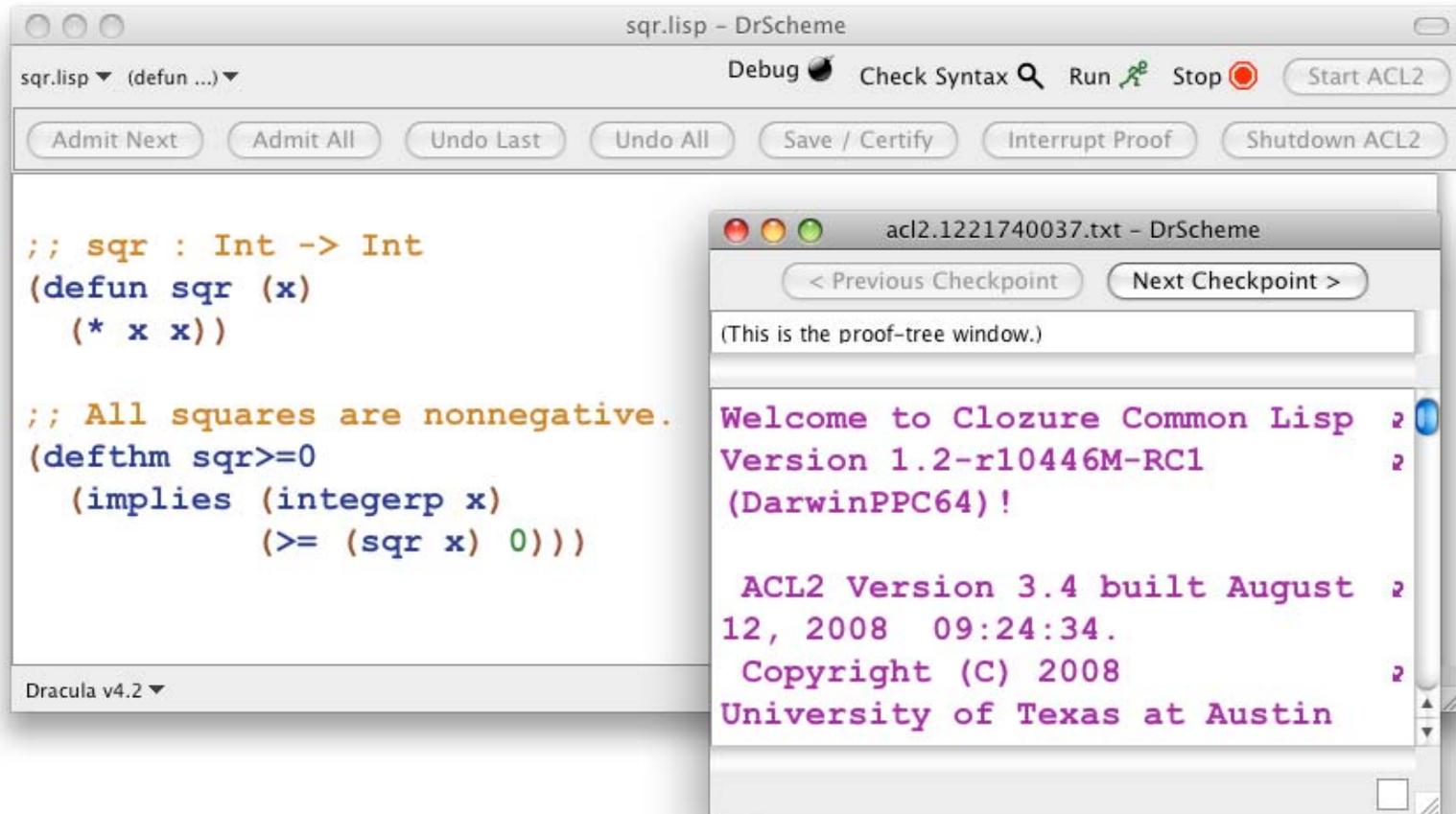
Food

Worm

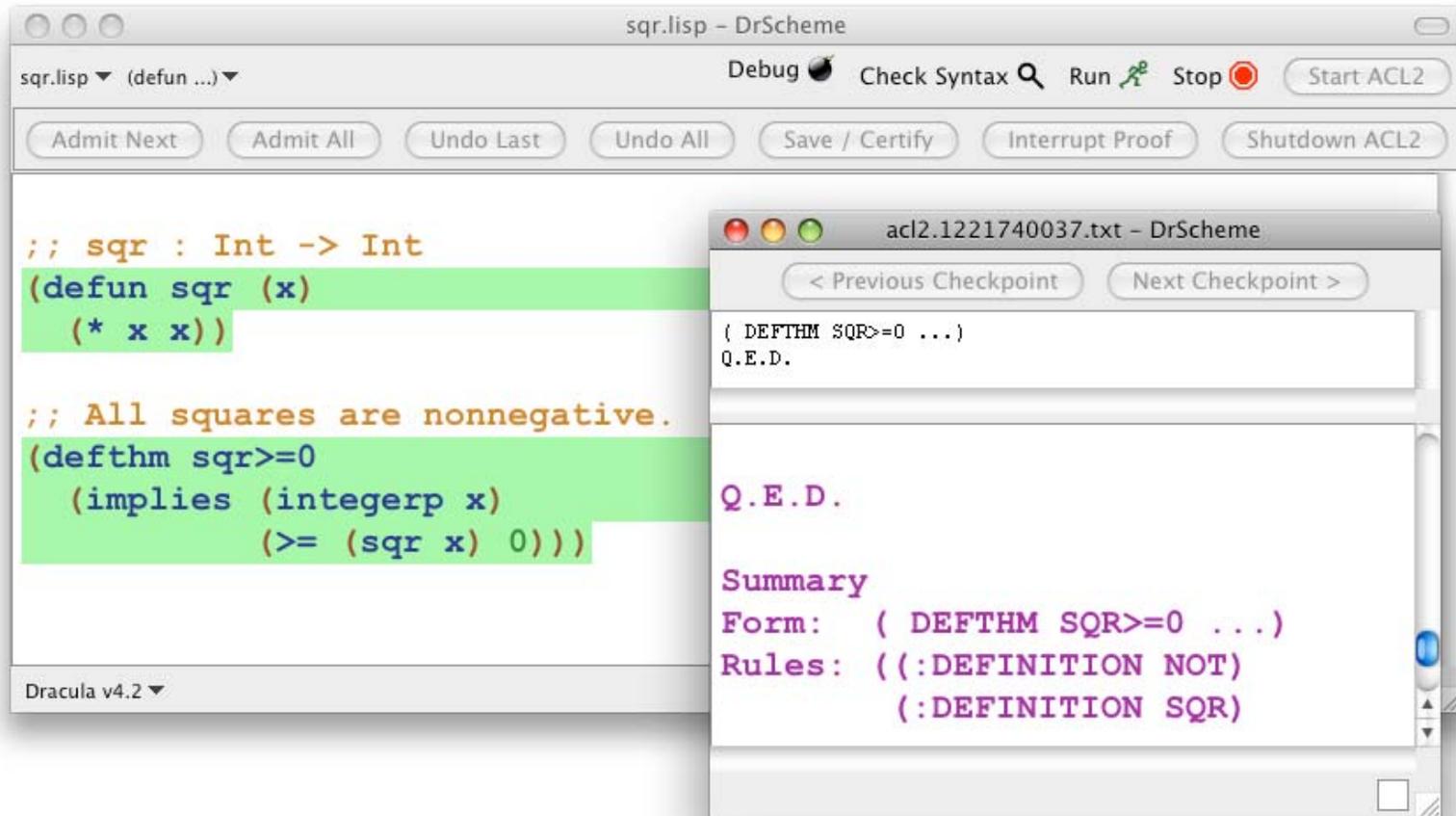
Game

Dracula v4.2 435:0

Dracula



Dracula



Dracula

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The bottom of the window shows 'Dracula v4.2'. A secondary window, titled 'acl2.1221740037.txt - DrScheme', displays the output of the ACL2 prover:

```
( DEFTHM SQR>=0 ... )
***** FAILED *****

(IMPLIES (INTEGERP X) (<= 0 X)).

Name the formula above *1.

No induction schemes are suggested by *1. Consequently, the proof attempt has failed.
```

Program Design

- How to Design Programs code:

```
;; sqr : Int -> Int  
(define (sqr x)  
  (* x x))
```

```
;; Unit tests:  
(check-expect (sqr 0) 0)  
(check-expect (sqr 2) 4)
```

Program Design

- **Dracula code:**

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```

```
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```

```
;; Unit tests:
```

```
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```

```
(check-expect (sqr 2) 4)
```

Unit Tests

- **Dracula code:**

```
;; sqr : Int -> Int
```

```
(defun sqr (x)
```

```
  (* x x))
```

```
;; Unit tests:      (==> assert-event)
```

```
(check-expect (sqr 0) 0)
```

```
(check-expect (sqr 2) 4)
```

Unit Tests

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(check-expect (sqr 2) 4)
```

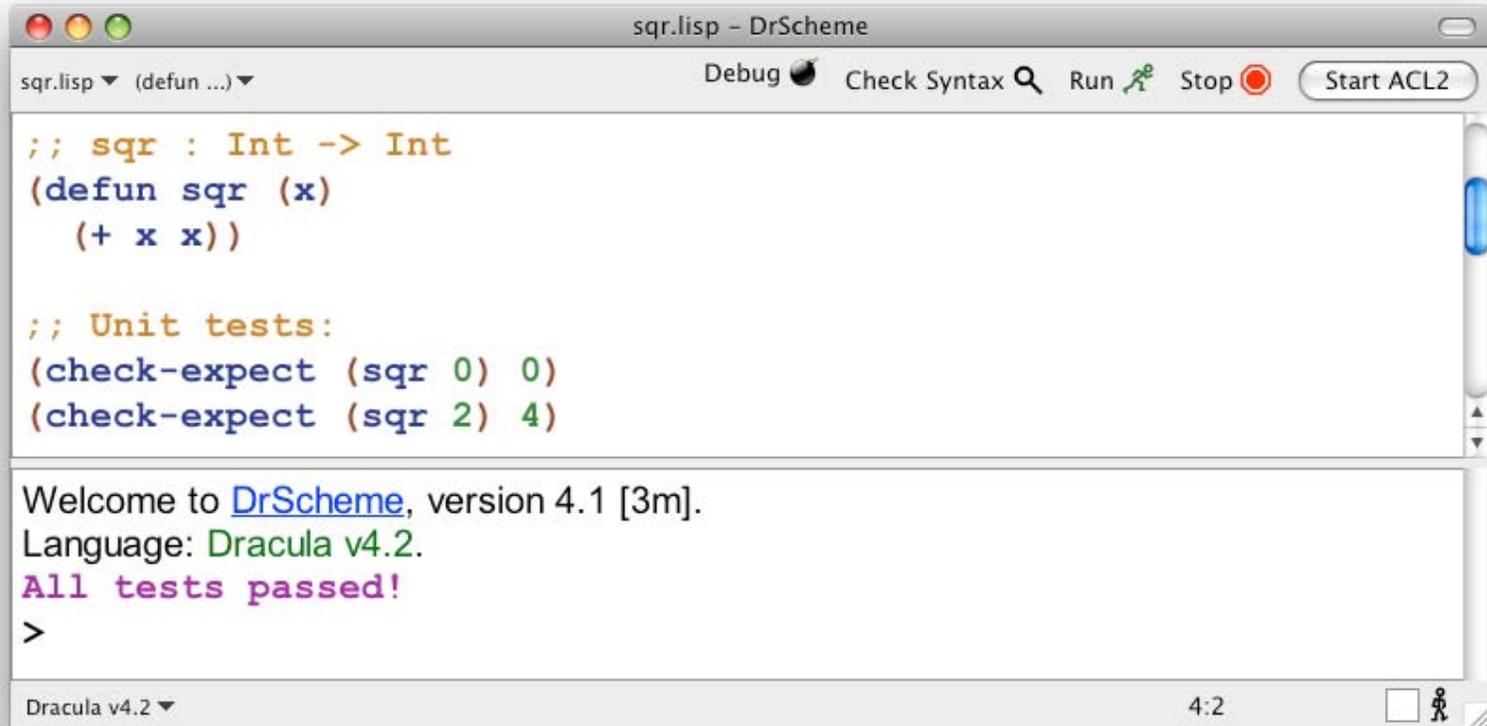
The second test case, `(check-expect (sqr 2) 4)`, is highlighted in pink. Below the code editor, a 'Test Results' dialog box is open, displaying the following output:

```
Ran 2 checks.
1 of the 2 checks failed.

Actual value 2 differs from 4, the expected value.
In /Users/cce/Desktop/sqr.lisp at line 10 column 0
```

The dialog box also features 'Close' and 'Dock' buttons at the bottom right.

Unit Tests



The screenshot shows the DrScheme IDE window titled "sqr.lisp - DrScheme". The editor contains the following code:

```
;; sqr : Int -> Int
(defun sqr (x)
  (+ x x))

;; Unit tests:
(check-expect (sqr 0) 0)
(check-expect (sqr 2) 4)
```

The output window displays the following message:

```
Welcome to DrScheme, version 4.1 [3m].
Language: Dracula v4.2.
All tests passed!
>
```

The status bar at the bottom indicates "Dracula v4.2" and "4:2".

Beyond Unit Tests

```
;; sqr : Int -> Int
```

```
(defun sqr (x)
```

```
  (+ x x))
```

```
;; Unit tests:
```

```
(check-expect (sqr 0) 0)
```

```
(check-expect (sqr 2) 4)
```

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  (+ x x))

;; Unit tests:
(check-expect (sqr 0) 0)
(check-expect (sqr 2) 4)

;; All squares are nonnegative
(defthm sqr<=0
  (implies (integerp x)
    (>= (sqr x) 0)))
```

The code is color-coded: function definitions are in green, unit tests in blue, and the theorem in pink. The IDE interface includes buttons for 'Debug', 'Check Syntax', 'Run', 'Stop', 'Start ACL2', 'Admit Next', 'Admit All', 'Undo Last', 'Undo All', 'Save / Certify', 'Interrupt Proof', and 'Shutdown ACL2'.

An overlaid window titled 'acl2.1221741071.txt - DrScheme' displays the output of an ACL2 proof attempt:

```
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{ DEFTHM SQR<=0 ... }
***** FAILED *****

(IMPLIES (INTEGERP X) (<= 0 (+ X X))).

Name the formula above *1.

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*1. Consequently, the proof
attempt has failed.
```

DoubleCheck

;; ACL2 theorem:

```
(defthm name
  (implies (and precondition ...)
            postcondition)))
```

;; DoubleCheck property:

```
(defproperty name
  (x [:where precondition]
      [:value distribution] ...)
  postcondition)
```

DoubleCheck

;; ACL2 theorem:

```
(defthm sqr>=0
  (implies (integerp x)
            (>= (sqr x) 0)))
```

;; DoubleCheck property:

```
(defproperty sqr>=0
  (x)
  (implies (integerp x)
            (>= (sqr x) 0)))
```

DoubleCheck

;; ACL2 theorem:

```
(defthm sqr>=0
  (implies (integerp x)
            (>= (sqr x) 0)))
```

;; DoubleCheck property:

```
(defproperty sqr>=0
  (x :where (integerp x))
  (>= (sqr x) 0))
```

DoubleCheck

;; ACL2 theorem:

```
(defthm sqr>=0
  (implies (integerp x)
            (>= (sqr x) 0)))
```

;; DoubleCheck property:

```
(defproperty sqr>=0
  (x :where (integerp x)
      :value (random-integer))
  (>= (sqr x) 0))
```

DoubleCheck

;; Simple distributions:

(random-string)

(random-integer)

;; Parameterized distributions:

(random-between *low high*)

(random-list-of *dist [:size size]*)

;; Write new distributions:

(defrandom *name (arg ...) expr*)

DoubleCheck

;; ACL2 theorem:

```
(defthm sqr>=0
  (implies (integerp x)
            (>= (sqr x) 0)))
```

;; DoubleCheck property: (==> defthm)

```
(defproperty sqr>=0
  (x :where (integerp x)
      :value (random-integer))
  (>= (sqr x) 0))
```

DoubleCheck

;; ACL2 theorem:

```
(defthm sqr>=0
  (implies (integerp x)
            (>= (sqr x) 0)))
```

;; Ideal syntax (future work):

```
(defproperty sqr>=0
  (implies (integerp x)
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```

DoubleCheck

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;; Unit tests:
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(check-expect (sqr 2) 4)

;; All squares are nonnegative
(defproperty sqr>=0
  (x :where (integerp x)
    :value (random-integer))
  (>= (sqr x) 0))
```

The bottom of the window shows "Dracula v4.2". Overlaid on the right is a "SchemeUnit" window showing test results for the property "sqr>=0". The results are listed as a sequence of 13 test cases, with the 11th case highlighted in blue. The 11th case failed, and the "Additional information" pane shows the details of the failure:

```
Additional information:
key x:
-30
key check-expect:
(check-expect
 (let ((x '-30))
  (>= (sqr x) 0))
 t)

Timing:
cpu: 0; real: 0;
gc: 0
```

Buttons for "Run" and "Clear" are visible at the bottom of the SchemeUnit window.

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(defun sqr (x)
  (+ x x))

;; Unit tests:
(check-expect (sqr 0) 0)
(check-expect (sqr 2) 4)
(check-expect (let ((x '-30)) (>= (sqr x) 0)) t)
```

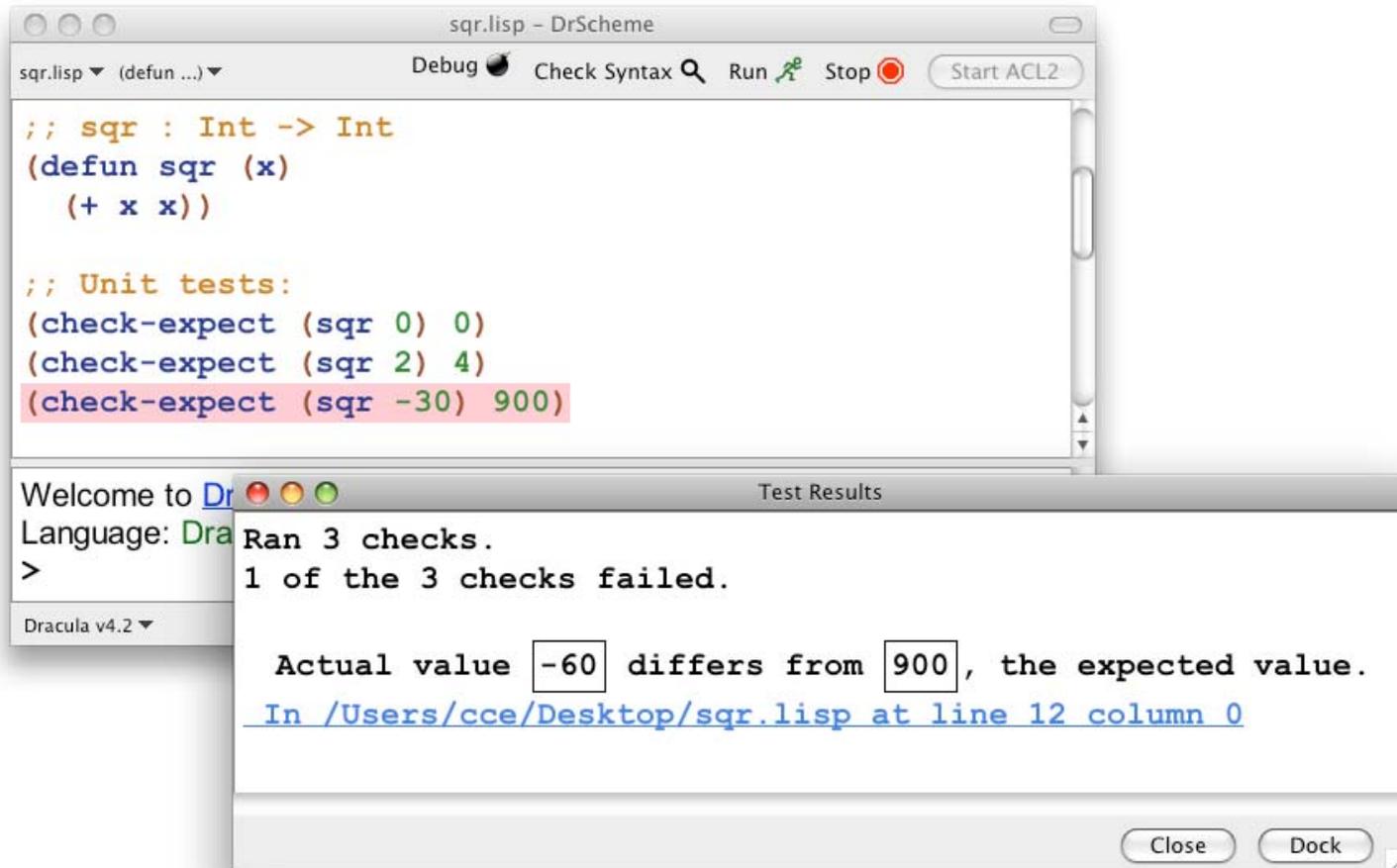
The third test case is highlighted in pink. Below the code editor, there is a 'Test Results' window. It displays the following output:

```
Ran 3 checks.
1 of the 3 checks failed.

Actual value nil differs from t, the expected value.
In /Users/cce/Desktop/sqr.lisp at line 12 column 0
```

At the bottom of the 'Test Results' window, there are 'Close' and 'Dock' buttons.

DoubleCheck



DoubleCheck

```
;; sqr : Int -> Int
```

```
(defun sqr (x)
```

```
  (+ x x) )
```

```
;; Unit tests:
```

```
(check-expect (sqr 0) 0)
```

```
(check-expect (sqr 2) 4)
```

```
(check-expect (sqr -30) 900)
```

DoubleCheck

```
;; sqr : Int -> Int
```

```
(defun sqr (x)
```

```
  (* x x) )
```

```
;; Unit tests:
```

```
(check-expect (sqr 0) 0)
```

```
(check-expect (sqr 2) 4)
```

```
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```

DoubleCheck

The screenshot shows the DrScheme IDE with a Dracula Lisp program and its execution results. The program defines a square root function and unit tests, and a property for non-negative squares. The execution results show that all tests passed and a property was proven.

```
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(defun sqr (x)
  (* x x))

;; Unit tests:
(check-expect (sqr 0) 0)
(check-expect (sqr 2) 4)
(check-expect (sqr -30) 900)

;; All squares are nonnegative.
(defproperty sqr>=0
  (x :where (integerp x)
    :value (random-integer))
  (>= (sqr x) 0))
```

Language: Dracula v4.2.
All tests passed!
>

Dracula v4.2

Debug Check Syntax Run Stop Start ACL2

Admit Next Admit All Undo Last Undo All Save /

SchemeUnit

DoubleCheck
sqr>=0

DoubleCheck
Total: 50 successes
Successes (1/1)
[sqr>=0](#)

acl2.1221749229.txt - DrScheme

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(DEFTHM SQR>=0 ...)
Q.E.D.

Q.E.D.

Summary
Form: (DEFTHM SQR>=0 ...)
Rules: ((:DEFINITION NOT)
(:DEFINITION SQR)

Software Engineering Courses at OU

- **SE-i**
 - **Process (30%) - Humphrey PSP**
 - **Design (35%) - FP in ACL2**
 - **Testing/Validation (35%)**
 - Predicate-based, automated testing (DbIChk)
 - Mechanized logic for full verification (ACL2)
 - **Software development projects**
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 - Later projects: applications using components
 - 2 team projects
 - Building on components and applications
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60%

30%

10% other

Software Engineering Courses at OU

- **SE-ii**
 - Organized around one sfw devp project
 - Team project (4 - 6 students per team)
 - **Project size**
 - 3,000 - 5,000 lines of code, before ACL2
 - 2,000 - 3,000 lines of code, since intro of ACL2
 - **12 separate (team) deliverables**
 - Engineering std, design/schedule, code, installation/usage doc, defect history, tests/theorems, meeting log, ...
 - 3 presentations - last to Advisory Board
 - **Individual journals — expanded PSP rpt**

Background of SE Students

- **Standard CS curriculum**
 - ABET, math heavy
- **No significant FP experience**
 - Minor exposure in PL course
- **Serious logic course (70% of students)**
 - Reasoning about hdw/sfw properties
- **So, SE is first serious exposure to FP**
 - Almost all succeed in
 - Learning FP
 - Predicate-based testing
 - **Success with ACL2 mechanized logic**
 - Most acquire a reasonable level of comfort
 - 10% to 20% gain proficiency with ACL2 logic

Example SE-i Project

- **Linear encode/decode**
 - Message: $x_0 x_1 \dots x_{n-2} x_{n-1}$, $0 \leq x_k < m$
 - Encoding: $\dots (x_k + x_{k+1}) \bmod m \dots$, where $x_n = m-1$
- **Define encode, decode, and predicates**
 - encode, decode, code-list?
- **Define correctness properties**
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```
(defproperty decode-inverts-encode
  (m :where (and (integerp m) (>= m 2))
    :value (random-between 2 100)
    xs :where (code-list? m xs)
      :value (random-list-of
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```
(defthm encoded-elements-are-correct-thm
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                (natp k) (< k (- (len xs) 1)))
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- **Right-stuff property as vacuous theorem**

```
(defthm encoded-elements-are-correct-thm
  (implies (and (integerp m) (>= m 2)
                (code-list? m xs)
                (<= k 0) (> k (len xs)))
           (= (nth k (encode m xs))
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```

Team Project Example from SE-ii

- Conway game of life (cellular automaton)
 - Multiple topologies - sphere, cylinder, torus, Klein
 - Six solutions, 1200 - 7000 lines of code, avg: 3000
 - 7000-line implementation included
 - Three-dimensional rendering
 - Over 100 properties verified by ACL2 mechanized logic
 - Ten properties on 3D-rendering (eg, no bit-plane errors)



Reactions to SE Courses

- **Students**
 - PSP unpopular (time & defect logs, plans...)
 - **Functional programming**
 - Almost all get it, eventually
 - 10% complain
 - 10% - 20% really like it
 - The rest take it as an interesting challenge
 - **Property-based testing**
 - Just started this semester
 - Students seem to like it
 - Smooths the way towards theorems
 - **Theorems**
 - Top quarter like it, bottom quarter gets lost
- **Advisory board (from computing industry)**
 - **Positive comments nearly universal**

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Plans for Future

- **Integrated testing / verification**
- **Dracula module facility**
- **Coordinated projects (on website)**
 - **Building from components to applications**
 - **Four tracks, 4 - 6 projects in each track**
- **Outreach workshops**
 - **SIGCSE tutorial**
 - **Three-day workshops**

The End