

# Implicative algebras: a new foundation for forcing and realizability

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EN: **implicative** *adj.*

1. LOGIC: relative to implication

ES: **implicativo** *adj.* (*f.* **implicativa**)

1. LÓGICA: relativo a la implicación

FR: **implicatif** *adj.* (*f.* **implicative**)

1. LOGIQUE: relatif à l'implication

DE: **implikativ** *adj.*

1. LOGIK: bezüglich der Implikation

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# Different notions of models

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- **Tarski models:**  $\llbracket \phi \rrbracket \in \{0; 1\}$ 
  - Interprets **classical provability** (correctness/completeness)
  
- **Intuitionistic realizability:**  $\llbracket \phi \rrbracket \in \mathfrak{P}(\Lambda)$  [Kleene '45]
  - Interprets **intuitionistic proofs**
  - Independence results in intuitionistic theories
  - Definitely incompatible with classical logic
  
- **Cohen forcing:**  $\llbracket \phi \rrbracket \in \mathfrak{P}(C)$  [Cohen '63]
  - Independence results, in classical theories  
(Negation of continuum hypothesis, Solovay's axiom, etc.)
  
- **Boolean-valued models:**  $\llbracket \phi \rrbracket \in \mathcal{B}$  [Scott, Solovay, Vopěnka]
  
- **Classical realizability:**  $\llbracket \phi \rrbracket \in \mathfrak{P}(\Lambda_c)$  [Krivine '94, '01, '03, '09–]
  - Interprets **classical proofs**
  - Generalizes Tarski models... and forcing!

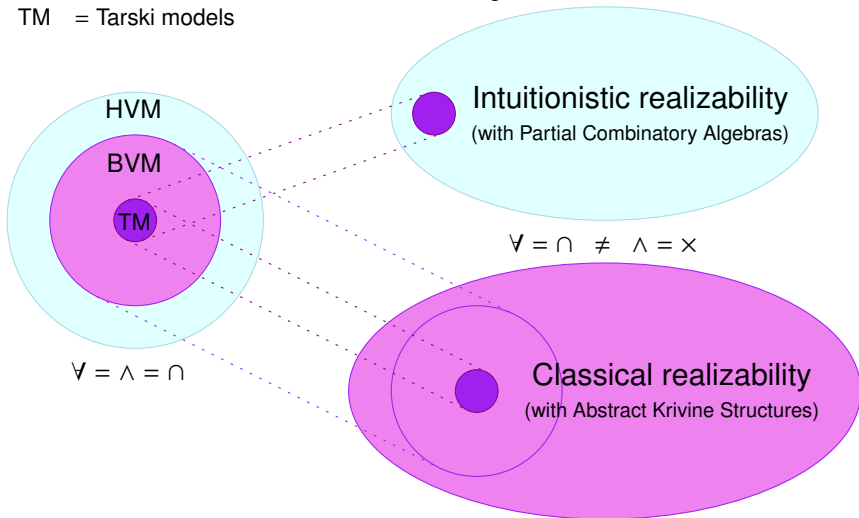
# Different notions of models

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HVM = Heyting-valued models  $\approx$  Kripke forcing

BVM = Boolean-valued models  $\approx$  Cohen forcing

TM = Tarski models



# The algebraic structures underlying forcing

## Definition (Heyting/Boolean algebras)

- ① A **Heyting algebra** is a bounded lattice  $(H, \leq)$  that has **relative pseudo-complements**

$$a \rightarrow b := \max\{c \in H : (c \wedge a) \leq b\} \quad (\text{Heyting's implication})$$

for all  $a, b \in H$ , so that we get the adjunction:

$$(c \wedge a) \leq b \Leftrightarrow c \leq (a \rightarrow b) \quad (\text{Heyting's adjunction})$$

- ② A **Boolean algebra** is a Heyting algebra in which the operation of **negation**  $\neg a := (a \rightarrow \perp)$  is involutive:

$$\neg\neg a (= (a \rightarrow \perp) \rightarrow \perp) = a \quad (a \in H)$$

- ③ A Heyting/Boolean algebra is **complete** when the underlying lattice is

- Complete Heyting algebras  $\Rightarrow$  Kripke (i.e. intuitionistic) forcing
- Complete Boolean algebras  $\Rightarrow$  Cohen (i.e. classical) forcing

# The algebraic structures underlying realizability

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## Definition (Partial combinatory algebras)

- 1 A **partial applicative structure (PAS)** is a set  $P$  together with a partial operation  $(\cdot) : P \times P \rightarrow P$  called **application**
- 2 A **partial combinatory algebra (PCA)** is a PAS  $(P, \cdot)$  containing two elements  $\mathbf{K}, \mathbf{S} \in P$  such that for all  $x, y, z \in P$ :

$$\mathbf{K} \cdot x \cdot y \downarrow = x$$

$$\mathbf{S} \cdot x \cdot y \downarrow$$

$$\mathbf{S} \cdot x \cdot y \cdot z \downarrow = (x \cdot z) \cdot (y \cdot z) \quad (\text{whenever the rhs is defined})$$

- 3 A **combinatory algebra (CA)** is a PCA whose application is total

### Examples:

- $P := \Lambda/\beta\eta$  equipped with application is a (total) CA
- $P := \mathbb{N}$  equipped with Kleene application is a PCA

# The algebraic structures underlying realizability

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## Definition (Abstract Krivine structure)

An **Abstract Krivine structure (AKS)**  $\mathcal{A}$  is given by:

- 2 sets  $\Lambda$  ( $\mathcal{A}$ -terms),  $\Pi$  ( $\mathcal{A}$ -stacks)
- 3 functions  $(@) : \Lambda \times \Lambda \rightarrow \Lambda$ ,  $(\cdot) : \Lambda \times \Pi \rightarrow \Pi$ ,  $(\mathbf{k}_\_) : \Pi \rightarrow \Lambda$
- 3 combinators  $\mathbf{S}, \mathbf{K}, \mathbf{\alpha} \in \Lambda$
- A subset  $\text{PL} \subseteq \Lambda$  (of **proof-like  $\mathcal{A}$ -terms**) that contains the combinators  $\mathbf{S}, \mathbf{K}, \mathbf{\alpha}$  and that is closed under application  $(@)$ .
- A binary relation  $\perp\!\!\!\perp \subseteq \Lambda \times \Pi$  (the **pole**) such that:

$$\begin{array}{llll}
 t \star u \cdot \pi & \in \perp\!\!\!\perp & \text{implies} & tu \star \pi & \in \perp\!\!\!\perp \\
 t \star \pi & \in \perp\!\!\!\perp & \text{implies} & \mathbf{K} \star t \cdot u \cdot \pi & \in \perp\!\!\!\perp \\
 tv(uv) \star \pi & \in \perp\!\!\!\perp & \text{implies} & \mathbf{S} \star t \cdot u \cdot v \cdot \pi & \in \perp\!\!\!\perp \\
 t \star \mathbf{k}_\pi \cdot \pi & \in \perp\!\!\!\perp & \text{implies} & \mathbf{\alpha} \star t \cdot \pi & \in \perp\!\!\!\perp \\
 t \star \pi & \in \perp\!\!\!\perp & \text{implies} & \mathbf{k}_\pi \star t \cdot \pi' & \in \perp\!\!\!\perp
 \end{array}$$

# Unifying all kinds of models

**Aim:** Define an **algebraic structure** to encompass:

- Complete Heyting Algebras (for Heyting-valued models, Kripke forcing)
- Complete Boolean Algebras (for Boolean-valued models, Cohen forcing)
- Partial Combinatory Algebras (for Intuitionistic realizability)
- Ordered Combinatory Algebras (for Intuitionistic realizability)
- Abstract Krivine Structures (for Classical realizability)

**Implicative algebras** can be used to construct:

- Categorical models (triposes, toposes)
- Models of (intuitionistic/classical) set theory

Underlying ideas are reminiscent from earlier work of

- Ruyser '07, Streicher '13 (and many others!)



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# Implicative structures

## Definition (Implicative structure)

An **implicative structure** is a triple  $(\mathcal{A}, \preceq, \rightarrow)$  where

- (1)  $(\mathcal{A}, \preceq)$  is a complete (meet semi-)lattice
- (2)  $(\rightarrow) : \mathcal{A}^2 \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  is a binary operation such that:

$$(2a) \quad a' \preceq a, \quad b \preceq b' \quad \text{entails} \quad (a \rightarrow b) \preceq (a' \rightarrow b') \quad (a, a', b, b' \in \mathcal{A})$$

$$(2b) \quad \bigwedge_{b \in B} (a \rightarrow b) = a \rightarrow \bigwedge_{b \in B} b \quad (\text{for all } B \subseteq \mathcal{A})$$

- Write  $\perp$  (resp.  $\top$ ) the smallest (resp. largest) element of  $\mathcal{A}$
- When  $B = \emptyset$ , axiom (2b) gives:  $(a \rightarrow \top) = \top \quad (a \in \mathcal{A})$

# Examples of implicative structures

- Complete Heyting algebras  $(\mathcal{A}, \preceq)$ , where  $\rightarrow$  is defined by:

$$a \rightarrow b := \max\{c \in \mathcal{A} : (c \wedge a) \preceq b\} \quad (\text{Heyting's implication})$$

+ complete Boolean algebras (as a particular case of Heyting algebras)

- Given a (total) **combinatory algebra**  $(P, \cdot, \mathbf{K}, \mathbf{S})$ , we let:

- $\mathcal{A} := \mathfrak{P}(P)$

- $a \preceq b := a \subseteq b$

- $a \rightarrow b := \{z \in P : \forall x \in a, z \cdot x \in b\}$  (Kleene's implication)

**Note:** if we do the same with a **partial** combinatory algebra (PCA), we only get a **quasi-implicative structure** (cf next slide)

+ similar construction for **ordered combinatory algebras** (OCA)

- Given an **abstract Krivine structure**  $(\Lambda, \Pi, \dots, PL, \perp\!\!\!\perp)$ , we let:

- $\mathcal{A} := \mathfrak{P}(\Pi)$

- $a \preceq b := a \supseteq b$

- $a \rightarrow b := a^{\perp\!\!\!\perp} \cdot b$  (Krivine's implication)

# Relaxing the definition

In some situations, it is desirable to have  $(a \rightarrow \top) \neq \top$

## Definition (Quasi-implicative structure)

Same definition as for an implicative structure, but axiom

$$(2b) \quad \bigwedge_{b \in B} (a \rightarrow b) = a \rightarrow \bigwedge_{b \in B} b \quad (\text{if } B \neq \emptyset)$$

only required for the **non-empty** subsets  $B \subseteq \mathcal{A}$

### Examples:

- Each **partial combinatory algebra**  $(P, \cdot, \mathbf{K}, \mathbf{S})$  more generally induces a quasi-implicative structure:  $(\mathfrak{P}(P), \subseteq, \rightarrow)$

This structure is an implicative structure iff application  $\cdot$  is total

- Usual notions of **reducibility candidates** (Tait, Girard, Parigot, etc.) induce quasi-implicative structures (built from the  $\lambda$ -calculus)

## Viewing truth values as (generalized) realizers

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- The **Curry-Howard correspondence**:

**Syntax:**            Proof = Program    :    Formula = Type

**Semantics:**            Realizer            ∈    Truth value

- But in most semantics, we can associate to every realizer  $t$  its **principal type**  $[t]$ , i.e. the smallest truth value containing  $t$ :

$$t : A \text{ (typing)} \quad \text{iff} \quad [t] \subseteq A \text{ (subtyping)}$$

- Identifying  $t$  with  $[t]$ , we get the inclusion:

$$\text{Realizers} \subseteq \text{Truth values}$$

- Moreover, we shall see that **application** and **abstraction** can be lifted at the level of truth values. Therefore:

$$\text{Truth values} = \text{Generalized realizers}$$

# Viewing truth values as (generalized) realizers

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- Fundamental ideas underlying implicative structures:

- Operations on  $\lambda$ -terms can be lifted to truth values
- Truth values can be used as generalized realizers
- Realizers and truth values live in the same world!

Proof = Program = Type = Formula

(The ultimate Curry-Howard identification)

- In an implicative structure, the relation  $a \preceq b$  may read:

- $a$  is a subtype of  $b$  (viewing  $a$  and  $b$  as truth values)
- $a$  has type  $b$  (viewing  $a$  as a realizer,  $b$  as a truth value)
- $a$  is **more defined** than  $b$  (viewing  $a$  and  $b$  as realizers)

- In particular:

ordering of sybtyping  $\preceq \equiv$  reverse Scott ordering  $\sqsupseteq$

# Encoding application & abstraction

Let  $\mathcal{A} = (\mathcal{A}, \preceq, \rightarrow)$  be an implicative structure

## Definition (Application & Abstraction)

Given  $a, b \in \mathcal{A}$  and a function  $f : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ , we let:

$$ab := \bigwedge \{c \in \mathcal{A} : a \preceq (b \rightarrow c)\} \quad (\text{application})$$

$$\lambda f := \bigwedge_{a \in \mathcal{A}} (a \rightarrow f(a)) \quad (\text{abstraction})$$

### • Properties:

- ① If  $a \preceq a'$  and  $b \preceq b'$ , then  $ab \preceq a'b'$  (Monotonicity)
- ② If  $f \preceq g$  (pointwise), then  $\lambda f \preceq \lambda g$  (Monotonicity)
- ③  $(\lambda f)a \preceq f(a)$  ( $\beta$ -reduction)
- ④  $a \preceq \lambda(x \mapsto ax)$  ( $\eta$ -expansion)
- ⑤  $ab \preceq c$  iff  $a \preceq (b \rightarrow c)$  (Adjunction)



# Encoding the $\lambda$ -calculus

Let  $\mathcal{A} = (\mathcal{A}, \preceq, \rightarrow)$  be an implicative structure

- To each closed  $\lambda$ -term  $t$  with parameters (i.e. constants) in  $\mathcal{A}$ , we associate a truth value  $t^{\mathcal{A}} \in \mathcal{A}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} a^{\mathcal{A}} &:= a \\ (\lambda x . t)^{\mathcal{A}} &:= \lambda(a \mapsto (t[x := a])^{\mathcal{A}}) \\ (tu)^{\mathcal{A}} &:= t^{\mathcal{A}} u^{\mathcal{A}} \end{aligned}$$

- Properties:**

- $\beta$ -rule: If  $t \rightarrow_{\beta} t'$ , then  $(t)^{\mathcal{A}} \preceq (t')^{\mathcal{A}}$
- $\eta$ -rule: If  $t \rightarrow_{\eta} t'$ , then  $(t)^{\mathcal{A}} \succeq (t')^{\mathcal{A}}$

- Remarks:**

- This is *not* a denotational model of the  $\lambda$ -calculus!
- The map  $t^{\mathcal{A}}$  is not injective in general

# Semantic typing

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Elements of  $\mathcal{A}$  can be used as **semantic types** for  $\lambda$ -terms:

- **Types:**  $a \in \mathcal{A}$
- **Terms:**  $\lambda$ -terms with parameters in  $\mathcal{A}$
- **Contexts:**  $\Gamma \equiv x_1 : a_1, \dots, x_n : a_n \quad (a_1, \dots, a_n \in A)$
- **Judgment:**  $\Gamma \vdash t : a$
- **Remark:** Each context  $\Gamma \equiv x_1 : a_1, \dots, x_n : a_n$  can also be used as a **substitution:**  $\Gamma \equiv x_1 := a_1, \dots, x_n := a_n$
- The validity of a judgment is defined directly (i.e. semantically); not from a set of inference rules:

## Definition (Semantic validity)

$$\Gamma \vdash t : a \quad :\equiv \quad FV(t) \subseteq \text{dom}(\Gamma) \quad \text{and} \quad (t[\Gamma])^{\mathcal{A}} \preceq a$$

# Semantic typing

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## Definition (Semantic validity)

$$\Gamma \vdash t : a \quad ::= \quad FV(t) \subseteq \text{dom}(\Gamma) \quad \text{and} \quad (t[\Gamma])^{\mathcal{A}} \Vdash a$$

## Proposition

The following semantic typing rules are valid:

$$\frac{}{\Gamma \vdash x : a} \quad ((x:a) \in \Gamma) \quad \frac{}{\Gamma \vdash a : a} \quad \frac{}{\Gamma \vdash t : \top} \quad (FV(t) \subseteq \text{dom}(\Gamma))$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, x : a \vdash t : b}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda x . t : a \rightarrow b} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash t : a \rightarrow b \quad \Gamma \vdash u : a}{\Gamma \vdash tu : b}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t : a_i \quad (\text{for all } i \in I)}{\Gamma \vdash t : \bigwedge_{i \in I} a_i} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash t : a}{\Gamma \vdash t : a'} \quad (a \Vdash a') \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash t : a}{\Gamma' \vdash t : a} \quad (\Gamma' \Vdash \Gamma)$$

**Note:**  $\Gamma' \Vdash \Gamma$  means:  $\Gamma'(x) \Vdash \Gamma(x)$  for all  $x \in \text{dom}(\Gamma) \subseteq \text{dom}(\Gamma')$ .

# Remarkable identities

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- Recall that in (Curry-style) system F, we have:

$$\mathbf{I} := \lambda x . x \quad : \quad \forall \alpha (\alpha \rightarrow \alpha)$$

$$\mathbf{K} := \lambda x y . x \quad : \quad \forall \alpha, \beta (\alpha \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow \alpha)$$

$$\mathbf{S} := \lambda x y z . xz(yz) \quad : \quad \forall \alpha, \beta, \gamma ((\alpha \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow \gamma) \rightarrow (\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow \alpha \rightarrow \gamma)$$

## Proposition

In any implicative structure  $\mathcal{A} = (\mathcal{A}, \preceq, \rightarrow)$  we have:

$$\mathbf{I}^{\mathcal{A}} := (\lambda x . x)^{\mathcal{A}} = \bigwedge_{a \in \mathcal{A}} (a \rightarrow a)$$

$$\mathbf{K}^{\mathcal{A}} := (\lambda x y . x)^{\mathcal{A}} = \bigwedge_{a, b \in \mathcal{A}} (a \rightarrow b \rightarrow a)$$

$$\mathbf{S}^{\mathcal{A}} := (\lambda x y z . xz(yz))^{\mathcal{A}} = \bigwedge_{a, b, c \in \mathcal{A}} ((a \rightarrow b \rightarrow c) \rightarrow (a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow a \rightarrow c)$$

# Remarkable identities

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- The same property holds for:

$$\mathbf{C} := \lambda xyz. xzy : \forall \alpha, \beta, \gamma ((\alpha \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow \gamma) \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow \alpha \rightarrow \gamma)$$

$$\mathbf{W} := \lambda xy. xyy : \forall \alpha, \beta ((\alpha \rightarrow \alpha \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow \alpha \rightarrow \beta)$$

but not for

$$\mathbf{II} := (\lambda x. x)(\lambda x. x) : \forall \alpha (\alpha \rightarrow \alpha)$$

(Thanks to a remark of Étienne Miquey)

- By analogy, we let:

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha^{\mathcal{A}} &:= \bigwedge_{a, b \in \mathcal{A}} (((a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow a) \rightarrow a) && \text{(Peirce's law)} \\ &= \bigwedge_{a \in \mathcal{A}} ((\neg a \rightarrow a) \rightarrow a) && \text{(where } \neg a := (a \rightarrow \perp)) \end{aligned}$$

From this, we extend the encoding of the  $\lambda$ -calculus to all  $\lambda$ -terms enriched with the constant  $\alpha$  (= proof-like  $\lambda_c$ -terms)

# Particular case: $\mathcal{A}$ is a complete Heyting algebra (1/2)

Complete Heyting algebras are the particular implicative structures

$\mathcal{A} = (\mathcal{A}, \preceq, \rightarrow)$  where  $\rightarrow$  is defined from the ordering  $\preceq$  by

$$a \rightarrow b := \max\{c \in \mathcal{A} : (c \wedge a) \preceq b\}$$

**Recall:** Complete Heyting (or Boolean) algebras are the structures underlying **forcing** (in the sense of Kripke or Cohen)

## Proposition

When  $\mathcal{A} = (\mathcal{A}, \preceq, \rightarrow)$  is a complete Heyting algebra:

① For all  $a, b \in \mathcal{A}$ :  $ab = a \wedge b$  (application = binary meet)

② For all  $\lambda$ -terms  $t$  with free variables  $x_1, \dots, x_k$  ( $k \geq 0$ )  
and for all  $a_1, \dots, a_k \in \mathcal{A}$ , we have:

$$(t[x_1 := a_1, \dots, x_k := a_k])^{\mathcal{A}} \succeq a_1 \wedge \dots \wedge a_k$$

③ In particular, when  $t$  is closed:  $(t)^{\mathcal{A}} = \top$

④  $\mathcal{A}$  is a (complete) **Boolean algebra** iff  $\perp^{\mathcal{A}} = \top$

# Particular case: $\mathcal{A}$ is a complete Heyting algebra (2/2)

## Proof.

① For all  $c \in \mathcal{A}$ , we have:  $ab \preceq c \Leftrightarrow a \preceq (b \rightarrow c) \Leftrightarrow a \wedge b \preceq c$ ,  
hence  $ab = a \wedge b$ .

② We prove that  $(t[\vec{x} := \vec{a}])^{\mathcal{A}} \succcurlyeq a_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge a_k$  by induction on  $t$

- $t \equiv x$  (variable). Obvious.
- $t \equiv t_1 t_2$  (application). Obvious from point 1.
- $t \equiv \lambda x_0 . t_0$  (abstraction). In this case, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (t[\vec{x} := \vec{a}])^{\mathcal{A}} &= \bigwedge_{a_0} (a_0 \rightarrow (t_0[x_0 := a_0, \vec{x} := \vec{a}])^{\mathcal{A}}) \\
 &\succcurlyeq \bigwedge_{a_0} (a_0 \rightarrow a_0 \wedge a_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge a_k) && \text{(by IH)} \\
 &\succcurlyeq a_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge a_k
 \end{aligned}$$

using the relation  $b \preceq (a \rightarrow a \wedge b)$  of Heyting Algebras.

③ In particular, when  $t$  is closed, we get:  $(t)^{\mathcal{A}} \succcurlyeq \top$

④  $(\mathcal{A}, \preceq)$  Boolean algebra iff  $\alpha^{\mathcal{A}} = \top$ : Obvious. □

# Logical strength of an implicative structure

- **Warning!** We may have  $(t)^{\mathcal{A}} = \perp$  for some closed  $\lambda$ -term  $t$ .

Intuitively, this means that the corresponding term is **inconsistent** in (the logic represented by) the implicative structure  $\mathcal{A}$

- We say that the implicative structure  $\mathcal{A}$  is:
  - **intuitionistically consistent** when  $(t)^{\mathcal{A}} \neq \perp$  for all closed  $\lambda$ -terms
  - **classically consistent** when  $(t)^{\mathcal{A}} \neq \perp$  for all closed  $\lambda$ -terms with  $\alpha$
- **Examples:**
  - Every non-degenerated complete Heyting algebra is int. consistent
  - Every non-degenerated complete Boolean algebra is class. consistent
  - Every implicative structure induced by a total combinatory algebra is intuitionistically consistent
  - Every implicative structure induced by an AKS whose pole  $\perp\!\!\!\perp$  is coherent (cf [\[Krivine'12\]](#)) is classically consistent



# Two trivial examples...

## Trivial example 1:

- Given a complete lattice  $(\mathcal{A}, \preceq)$ , we let

$$a \rightarrow b := b \quad (\text{for all } a, b \in \mathcal{A})$$

Clearly,  $(\mathcal{A}, \preceq, \rightarrow)$  is an implicative structure

- In this structure, we have:  $\mathbf{I}^{\mathcal{A}} := \bigwedge_{a \in \mathcal{A}} (a \rightarrow a) = \bigwedge_{a \in \mathcal{A}} a = \perp$  (!)

## Trivial example 2:

- Given a complete lattice  $(\mathcal{A}, \preceq)$ , we let

$$a \rightarrow b := \top \quad (\text{for all } a, b \in \mathcal{A})$$

Again,  $(\mathcal{A}, \preceq, \rightarrow)$  is an implicative structure!

- In this structure, we have:  $\mathbf{I}^{\mathcal{A}} := \bigwedge_{a \in \mathcal{A}} (a \rightarrow a) = \top$ , but

$$(\mathbf{II})^{\mathcal{A}} := \top \top = \bigwedge \{c \in \mathcal{A} : \top \preceq (\top \rightarrow c)\} = \bigwedge \mathcal{A} = \perp \quad (!)$$

## ... and a non trivial example

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(The following example is inspired from Girard's **phase semantics** for LL)

- Let  $(M, \cdot, 1)$  be a commutative monoid. We let:
  - $\mathcal{A} := \mathfrak{P}(M)$
  - $a \preceq b := a \subseteq b$
  - $a \rightarrow b := \{\gamma \in M : (\forall \alpha \in a) \gamma \alpha \in b\}$  (for all  $a, b \in \mathcal{A}$ )

Clearly,  $(\mathcal{A}, \preceq, \rightarrow)$  is an implicative structure  
(since the product  $\cdot$  is a total operation)

- We easily check that for all  $a, b \in \mathcal{A}$ :

$$ab := a \cdot b = \{\alpha\beta : \alpha \in a, \beta \in b\}$$

Therefore:

- $ab = ba$  (application is commutative)
- $(ab)c = a(bc)$  (application is associative)
- $aa \neq a$ , in general (application is not idempotent)

## ... and a non trivial example

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## Proposition

- ① In the implicative structure  $(\mathcal{A}, \preceq, \rightarrow) = (\mathfrak{P}(M), \subseteq, \rightarrow)$ :

$$\mathbf{I}^{\mathcal{A}} := (\lambda x . x)^{\mathcal{A}} = \{1\} \neq \perp$$

$$\mathbf{C}^{\mathcal{A}} := (\lambda xyz . xzy)^{\mathcal{A}} = \{1\} \neq \perp$$

$$\mathbf{B}^{\mathcal{A}} := (\lambda xyz . x(yz))^{\mathcal{A}} = \{1\} \neq \perp$$

- ② Moreover, if we assume that  $\alpha^2 \neq \alpha$  for some  $\alpha \in M$ , then:

$$\mathbf{K}^{\mathcal{A}} := (\lambda xy . x)^{\mathcal{A}} = \emptyset = \perp$$

$$\mathbf{W}^{\mathcal{A}} := (\lambda xy . xyy)^{\mathcal{A}} = \emptyset = \perp$$

$$\mathbf{S}^{\mathcal{A}} := (\lambda xyz . xz(yz))^{\mathcal{A}} = \emptyset = \perp$$

More generally, for each closed  $\lambda$ -term  $t$ , we (should) have:

$$(t)^{\mathcal{A}} = \begin{cases} \{1\} & \text{if } t \text{ is linear} \\ \emptyset & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \text{(to be checked)}$$

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# Separators

Let  $\mathcal{A} = (\mathcal{A}, \preceq, \rightarrow)$  be an implicative structure

## Definition (Separator)

A **separator** of  $\mathcal{A}$  is a subset  $S \subseteq \mathcal{A}$  such that:

- (1) If  $a \in S$  and  $a \preceq b$ , then  $b \in S$  (upwards closed)
- (2)  $\mathbf{K}^{\mathcal{A}} = (\lambda xy. x)^{\mathcal{A}} \in S$  and  $\mathbf{S}^{\mathcal{A}} = (\lambda xyz. xz(yz))^{\mathcal{A}} \in S$
- (3) If  $(a \rightarrow b) \in S$  and  $a \in S$ , then  $b \in S$  (modus ponens)

We say that  $S$  is **consistent** (resp. **classical**) when  $\perp \notin S$  (resp.  $\mathbf{c}^{\mathcal{A}} \in S$ )

## Remarks:

- Under (1), axiom (3) is equivalent to:
  - (3') If  $a, b \in S$ , then  $ab \in S$  (closure under application)
- In a complete Heyting algebra: separator = filter
- But in general, separators are **not closed** under binary meets

# $\lambda$ -terms and separators

**Intuition:** Separator  $S \subseteq \mathcal{A} =$  **criterion of truth** (in  $\mathcal{A}$ )

- All separators are closed under the operations of the  $\lambda$ -calculus:

## Proposition

Given a separator  $S \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ :

- 1 For all  $\lambda$ -terms  $t$  with free variables  $x_1, \dots, x_k$  and for all  $a_1, \dots, a_k \in S$ , we have:  $(t[x_1 := a_1, \dots, x_k := a_k])^{\mathcal{A}} \in S$
- 2 For all closed  $\lambda$ -terms  $t$ :  $(t)^{\mathcal{A}} \in S$

- Alternative formulation:

Given a closed  $\lambda$ -term  $t$  with parameters in  $S$ :

$$\vdash t : a \quad \text{implies} \quad a \in S$$

If  $a$  has a “proof”  $t$  (possibly using “axioms”  $\in S$ ), then  $a$  is true ( $\in S$ )

# Intuitionistic and classical cores

## Definition (intuitionistic & classical cores)

Given an implicative algebra we write:

- $S_J^0(\mathcal{A})$  the smallest separator of  $\mathcal{A}$  (intuitionistic core)
- $S_K^0(\mathcal{A})$  the smallest classical separator of  $\mathcal{A}$  (classical core)

We easily check that:

$$S_J^0(\mathcal{A}) = \uparrow\{(t)^{\mathcal{A}} : t \text{ closed } \lambda\text{-term}\}$$

$$S_K^0(\mathcal{A}) = \uparrow\{(t)^{\mathcal{A}} : t \text{ closed } \lambda\text{-term with } \alpha\}$$

writing  $\uparrow B$  the upwards closure of a subset  $B \subseteq \mathcal{A}$

## Proposition

An implicative algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  is intuitionistically (resp. classically) consistent if and only if  $\perp \notin S_J^0(\mathcal{A})$  (resp.  $\perp \notin S_K^0(\mathcal{A})$ )

# Encoding conjunction and disjunction

In any implicative structure, conjunction and disjunction are defined by:

$$a \times b := \bigwedge_{c \in \mathcal{A}} ((a \rightarrow b \rightarrow c) \rightarrow c) \quad (\text{conjunction})$$

$$a + b := \bigwedge_{c \in \mathcal{A}} ((a \rightarrow c) \rightarrow (b \rightarrow c) \rightarrow c) \quad (\text{disjunction})$$

## Proposition

The following semantic typing rules are valid:

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t : a \quad \Gamma \vdash u : b}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda z . z t u : a \times b} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash t : a \times b}{\Gamma \vdash t (\lambda x y . x) : a} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash t : a \times b}{\Gamma \vdash t (\lambda x y . y) : b}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t : a}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda z w . z t : a + b} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash t : b}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda z w . w t : a + b}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t : a + b \quad \Gamma, x : a \vdash u : c \quad \Gamma, y : b \vdash v : c}{\Gamma \vdash t (\lambda x . u) (\lambda y . v) : c}$$

Moreover, we have:  $(\lambda z . z a b)^{\mathcal{A}} = \langle a, b \rangle^{\mathcal{A}} = a \times b$  (pairing = conjunction)



# Encoding quantifiers

Given a family  $(a_i)_{i \in I}$ , we let:

$$\bigvee_{i \in I} a_i := \bigwedge_{i \in I} a_i$$

$$\bigexists_{i \in I} a_i := \bigwedge_{c \in \mathcal{A}} \left( \bigwedge_{i \in I} (a_i \rightarrow c) \rightarrow c \right)$$

## Proposition

The following semantic typing rules are valid:

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t : a_i \quad (\text{for all } i \in I)}{\Gamma \vdash t : \bigvee_{i \in I} a_i} \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash t : \bigvee_{i \in I} a_i}{\Gamma \vdash t : a_{i_0}} \quad (i_0 \in I)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t : a_{i_0}}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda z. z t : \bigexists_{i \in I} a_i} \quad (i_0 \in I) \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash t : \bigexists_{i \in I} a_i \quad \Gamma, x : a_i \vdash u : c \quad (\text{for all } i \in I)}{\Gamma \vdash t (\lambda x. u) : c}$$

**Note:** The simpler encoding  $\bigexists_{i \in I} a_i := \bigvee_{i \in I} a_i$  does not work in classical realizability

# A note on existential quantification

- The interpretation of  $\forall$  and  $\exists$  is asymmetric:

$$\forall(a_i)_{i \in I} := \bigwedge_{i \in I} a_i \quad \exists(a_i)_{i \in I} := \bigwedge_{c \in \mathcal{A}} \left( \bigwedge_{i \in I} (a_i \rightarrow c) \rightarrow c \right)$$

Why not taking  $\exists(a_i)_{i \in I} := \bigvee_{i \in I} a_i$  ?

- Reason:** The latter interpretation “ $\exists = \bigvee$ ” fails to interpret the elimination rule of  $\exists$ . In general:

$$\forall(a_i \rightarrow b)_{i \in I} \rightarrow \bigvee(a_i)_{i \in I} \rightarrow b \notin S_J^0(\mathcal{A})$$

(There are counter-examples with Krivine realizability)

- However, the interpretation “ $\exists = \bigvee$ ” works when:
  - $\mathcal{A}$  is a complete Heyting/Boolean algebra
  - $\mathcal{A} = (\mathfrak{P}(A), \subseteq, \rightarrow)$  is the implicative structure induced by a (total) combinatory algebra  $(P, \cdot, \mathbf{K}, \mathbf{S})$

# Interpreting first-order logic

- Formulas of first-order logic are interpreted by:

$$\llbracket \phi \Rightarrow \psi \rrbracket = \llbracket \phi \rrbracket \rightarrow \llbracket \psi \rrbracket$$

$$\llbracket \neg \phi \rrbracket = \llbracket \phi \rrbracket \rightarrow \perp$$

$$\llbracket \phi \wedge \psi \rrbracket = \bigwedge_{a \in \mathcal{A}} ((\llbracket \phi \rrbracket \rightarrow \llbracket \psi \rrbracket \rightarrow a) \rightarrow a)$$

$$\llbracket \phi \vee \psi \rrbracket = \bigwedge_{a \in \mathcal{A}} ((\llbracket \phi \rrbracket \rightarrow a) \rightarrow (\llbracket \psi \rrbracket \rightarrow a) \rightarrow a)$$

$$\llbracket \forall x \phi(x) \rrbracket = \bigwedge_{v \in M} \llbracket \phi(v) \rrbracket$$

$$\llbracket \exists x \phi(x) \rrbracket = \bigwedge_{a \in \mathcal{A}} \left( \bigwedge_{v \in M} (\llbracket \phi(v) \rrbracket \rightarrow a) \rightarrow a \right)$$

## Theorem (Soundness)

If  $\vdash_{\text{LJ}} \phi$  (resp.  $\vdash_{\text{LK}} \phi$ ), then  $\llbracket \phi \rrbracket \in S_J^0(\mathcal{A})$  (resp.  $\llbracket \phi \rrbracket \in S_K^0(\mathcal{A})$ )

# Implicative algebras

## Definition (Implicative algebra)

An **implicative algebra** is a quadruple  $(\mathcal{A}, \preceq, \rightarrow, S)$  where

- $(\mathcal{A}, \preceq, \rightarrow)$  is an implicative structure (= algebra of truth values)
- $S \subseteq \mathcal{A}$  is a separator (+ criterion of truth)

An implicative algebra  $(\mathcal{A}, \preceq, \rightarrow, S)$  is

- consistent when  $\perp \notin S$
- classical when  $\alpha^{\mathcal{A}} \in S$

- The separator  $S \subseteq \mathcal{A}$  induces a **preorder of entailment**:

$$a \vdash_S b \quad :\equiv \quad (a \rightarrow b) \in S \quad (\text{for all } a, b \in \mathcal{A})$$

- The **poset reflection** of  $(\mathcal{A}, \vdash_S)$  is written  $\mathcal{A}/S$ :

$$[a] \leq_S [b] \quad \text{iff} \quad a \vdash_S b \quad (\text{for all } a, b \in \mathcal{A})$$

# The induced Heyting algebra

## Proposition

Let  $\mathcal{A} = (\mathcal{A}, \preceq, \rightarrow, S)$  be an implicative algebra

- ① The quotient poset  $H = (\mathcal{A}/S, \leq_S)$  is a **Heyting algebra**, where:

$$[a] \rightarrow_H [b] = [a \rightarrow b]$$

$$[a] \wedge_H [b] = [a \times b] \quad [a] \vee_H [b] = [a + b]$$

$$\perp_H = [\perp] \quad \top_H = [\top] = S$$

- ② When  $\mathcal{A}$  is classical (i.e.  $\alpha^{\mathcal{A}} \in S$ ), this poset is a **Boolean algebra**

The poset  $H = (\mathcal{A}/S, \leq_S)$  is called the **Heyting algebra induced by  $\mathcal{A}$**

## Remarks:

- The Heyting algebra  $H$  is in general **not complete**
- **Beware!** The ordering  $\leq_S$  on  $H$  comes from  $\vdash_S$  (entailment), and not from  $\preceq$  (subtyping). However, we have:  $a \preceq b \Rightarrow [a] \leq_S [b]$ .

# Ultraseparators

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Although separators are *not* filters (w.r.t. the order  $\leq$ ), they can be manipulated similarly to filters. For instance:

- We call an **ultraseparator** any separator  $S \subseteq \mathcal{A}$  that is consistent and maximal (w.r.t. inclusion) among consistent separators
- By Zorn's lemma, we easily check that any consistent separator can be extended into an ultraseparator

## Trivial Boolean algebra

$S \subseteq \mathcal{A}$  is an **ultraseparator** if and only if the induced Heyting algebra  $(\mathcal{A}/S, \leq_S)$  is the **trivial Boolean algebra**:

$$S \subseteq \mathcal{A} \text{ ultraseparator} \quad \text{iff} \quad (\mathcal{A}/S, \leq_S) \approx \mathbf{2}$$

**Remark:** Works even when the ultraseparator  $S \subseteq \mathcal{A}$  is not classical!

# Ultraseparators

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**Remark:** There are non-classical ultraseparators!

Typical example is given by **intuitionistic realizability**:

- Let  $(\mathcal{A}, \preceq, \rightarrow)$  be the implicative structure induced by a **total combinatory algebra**  $(P, \cdot, \mathbf{K}, \mathbf{S})$ :
  - $\mathcal{A} := \mathfrak{P}(P)$  (sets of combinators)
  - $a \preceq b := a \subseteq b$  (inclusion)
  - $a \rightarrow b := \{z \in P : \forall x \in a, z \cdot x \in b\}$  (**Kleene's implication**)
- Let  $S = \mathfrak{P}(P) \setminus \{\emptyset\} = \mathcal{A} \setminus \{\perp\}$ . We easily check that  $S$  is a consistent separator, obviously maximal. Hence:  $\mathcal{A}/S \approx \mathbf{2}$ .
- Identity  $\mathcal{A}/S \approx \mathbf{2}$  reflects the fact that in intuitionistic realizability, we have either  $\Vdash \phi$  or  $\Vdash \neg\phi$  for each **closed** formula  $\phi$ .
- On the other hand, we have:  $\alpha^{\mathcal{A}} = \bigwedge_a ((\neg a \rightarrow a) \rightarrow a) = \emptyset$   
 (Indeed, from a realizer  $t \in \alpha^{\mathcal{A}}$ , we would easily solve the halting problem)

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# Separators and filters

- In the theory of implicative algebras, separators play the same role as filters in the theory of Heyting algebras.

However, separators  $S \subseteq \mathcal{A}$  are in general *not* filters:

$$a, b \in S \Rightarrow ab \in S$$

$$a, b \in S \Rightarrow a \times b \in S$$

$$a, b \in S \not\Rightarrow a \wedge b \in S$$

- On the other hand, in the particular case where  $\mathcal{A}$  is (derived from) a **complete Heyting algebra**, we have: **separator = filter**
- We shall now study in the general case the situations where a separator happens to be also a filter

# Non deterministic choice

- Given an implicative structure  $\mathcal{A} = (\mathcal{A}, \preceq, \rightarrow)$ , we let:

$$\multimap^{\mathcal{A}} := \bigwedge_{a,b} (a \rightarrow b \rightarrow a \wedge b) \quad (\text{non deterministic choice})$$

We shall also use the symbol  $\multimap$  (**non-deterministic choice operator**) as an extra constant of the  $\lambda$ -calculus (like  $\wp$ ), that is interpreted by  $\multimap^{\mathcal{A}}$

- In Krivine's  $\lambda_c$ -calculus, universal realizers of the “type”  $\multimap^{\mathcal{A}}$  are the instructions  $\multimap$  with the non-deterministic evaluation rule:

$$\multimap \star u \cdot v \cdot \pi \succ \begin{cases} u \star \pi \\ v \star \pi \end{cases} \quad [\text{Guillermo \& M., 2014}]$$

*“Attention à l’instruction fork qui a des effets dévastateurs!”*

J.-L. Krivine, 12/03/2012

# Non deterministic choice and parallel 'or'

- Let  $\text{Nat}^{\mathcal{A}}(n) := \bigwedge_{a \in \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{N}}} \left( a(0) \rightarrow \bigwedge_{p \in \mathbb{N}} (a(p) \rightarrow a(p+1)) \rightarrow a(n) \right)$

## Fact

- $\text{tt}^{\mathcal{A}} = (\lambda xy. x)^{\mathcal{A}} \wedge (\lambda xy. y)^{\mathcal{A}}$  (tt  $\wedge$  ff)
- $\text{tt}^{\mathcal{A}} \dashv\vdash_S \bigwedge_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \text{Nat}^{\mathcal{A}}(n)$  (in any separator  $S \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ )

- Non deterministic choice is related to the **parallel 'or'**

$$\text{p-or}^{\mathcal{A}} := (\perp \rightarrow \top \rightarrow \perp) \wedge (\top \rightarrow \perp \rightarrow \perp) \quad (\text{parallel 'or'})$$

## Fact

- $\text{tt}^{\mathcal{A}} \Vdash \text{p-or}^{\mathcal{A}}$
- $\text{tt}^{\mathcal{A}} \dashv\vdash_S \text{p-or}^{\mathcal{A}}$  (in any **classical** separator  $S \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ )

# Non deterministic choice, parallel 'or' and filters

- Let  $\mathcal{A} = (\mathcal{A}, \preceq, \rightarrow)$  be an implicative structure
- It is clear that a separator  $S \subseteq \mathcal{A}$  is a **filter** if and only if it is closed under binary meets:  $a, b \in S \Rightarrow a \wedge b \in S$  (for all  $a, b \in \mathcal{A}$ )

## Proposition (Characterizing filters)

- A separator  $S \subseteq \mathcal{A}$  is a filter if and only if:  $\top^{\mathcal{A}} \in S$
- A classical separator  $S \subseteq \mathcal{A}$  is a filter if and only if:  $\text{p-or}^{\mathcal{A}} \in S$

## Proof.

- ( $\Rightarrow$ ) In any separator  $S \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ , we have  $(\lambda xy. x)^{\mathcal{A}}, (\lambda xy. y)^{\mathcal{A}} \in S$ . So that when  $S$  is a filter, we get  $\top^{\mathcal{A}} = (\lambda xy. x)^{\mathcal{A}} \wedge (\lambda xy. y)^{\mathcal{A}} \in S$ .

( $\Leftarrow$ ) If  $\top^{\mathcal{A}} \in S$ , then  $(a \rightarrow b \rightarrow a \wedge b) \in S$  for all  $a, b \in \mathcal{A}$ . So that if  $a, b \in S$ , we get  $a \wedge b$  (applying the modus ponens twice in  $S$ ).
- Obvious from item 1, since:  $\top^{\mathcal{A}} \in S$  iff  $\text{p-or}^{\mathcal{A}} \in S$ . □

# Generating separators

- Given any subset  $X \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ , we write:
  - $\text{App}(X)$  the **applicative algebra generated by  $X$** , i.e. the smallest subset of  $\mathcal{A}$  containing  $X$  and closed under application
  - $\uparrow X$  the upwards closure of  $X$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  (w.r.t.  $\preceq$ )

## Lemma (Separator generated by a subset of $\mathcal{A}$ )

For all  $X \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ , the subset  $\uparrow \text{App}(X \cup \{\mathbf{K}^{\mathcal{A}}, \mathbf{S}^{\mathcal{A}}\}) \subseteq \mathcal{A}$  is the smallest separator of  $\mathcal{A}$  containing  $X$  as a subset

- A separator  $S \subseteq \mathcal{A}$  is **finitely generated** when it is of the form
 
$$S = \uparrow \text{App}(X) \quad \text{for some finite subset } X \subseteq \mathcal{A}$$
- We observe that both separators  $S_J^0(\mathcal{A}) \subseteq \mathcal{A}$  (**intuitionistic core**) and  $S_K^0(\mathcal{A}) \subseteq \mathcal{A}$  (**classical core**) are finitely generated

# Finitely generated separators and principal filters

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## Theorem

Given a separator  $S \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ , the following are equivalent:

- 1  $S$  is finitely generated and  $\mathfrak{h}^{\mathcal{A}} \in S$
- 2  $S$  is a **principal filter**:  $S = \uparrow\{\Theta\}$  for some  $\Theta \in S$   
( $\Theta$  is called the **universal proof** of  $S$ )
- 3 The induced Heyting algebra  $H := (\mathcal{A}/S, \leq_S)$  is **complete**, and the surjection  $[\cdot] : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow H$  commutes with **infinitary meets**:

$$\left[ \bigwedge_{i \in I} a_i \right] = \bigwedge_{i \in I} [a_i]$$

In model theoretic terms, this situation corresponds to a **collapse** of (intuitionistic/classical) realizability into (Kripke/Cohen) forcing!

# Finitely generated separators and principal filters

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## Proof.

- $S$  finitely generated +  $\mathfrak{h}^{\mathcal{A}} \in \mathcal{S} \Rightarrow S$  principal filter

Suppose that  $S = \uparrow \text{App}(\{g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n\})$  and  $\mathfrak{h}^{\mathcal{A}} \in S$ . From the latter,  $S$  is a filter, so that for all  $k \geq 1$ , we have more generally:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{h}_k^{\mathcal{A}} &:= \bigwedge_{a_1, \dots, a_k} (a_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow a_k \rightarrow a_1 \wedge \dots \wedge a_k) \\ &= \bigwedge_{i=1..k} (\lambda x_1 \dots x_k. x_i)^{\mathcal{A}} \in S \end{aligned}$$

We let:  $\Theta := (\mathbf{Y}(\lambda r. \mathfrak{h}_{n+1}^{\mathcal{A}} g_1 \dots g_n (r r)))^{\mathcal{A}} \in S$ , where  $\mathbf{Y} \equiv (\lambda y f. f(y y f))(\lambda y f. f(y y f))$  is Turing's fixpoint combinator.

By construction we have  $\Theta \preceq \mathfrak{h}_{n+1}^{\mathcal{A}} g_1 \dots g_n (\Theta \Theta)$ , hence:

$$\Theta \preceq g_1, \quad \dots, \quad \Theta \preceq g_n \quad \text{and} \quad \Theta \preceq \Theta \Theta$$

By induction, we get  $\Theta \preceq a$  for all  $a \in \text{App}(g_1, \dots, g_n)$ , and thus  $\Theta \preceq a$  for all  $a \in S$ . Therefore:  $\Theta = \min(S)$  and  $S = \uparrow\{\Theta\}$ . (...)

# Finitely generated separators and principal filters

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## Proof (continued).

- $S$  principal filter  $\Rightarrow H$  complete + commutation property

Suppose that  $S = \uparrow\{\Theta\}$ , and let  $[a_i]_{i \in I} \in H^I$  be a family of elements of  $H$ , defined from a family of representatives  $(a_i)_{i \in I} \in \mathcal{A}^I$ . Since  $(\bigwedge_{i \in I} a_i) \preceq a_i$  for all  $i \in I$ ,  $[\bigwedge_{i \in I} a_i]$  is a lower bound of the family  $[a_i]_{i \in I}$  in  $H$ .

Conversely, if  $[b]$  is a lower bound of the family  $[a_i]_{i \in I}$  in  $H$ , we have  $(b \rightarrow a_i) \in S$  for all  $i \in I$ . And since  $S = \uparrow\{\Theta\}$ , we get  $\Theta \preceq (b \rightarrow a_i)$  for all  $i \in I$ , so that:

$$\Theta \preceq \bigwedge_{i \in I} (b \rightarrow a_i) = b \rightarrow \bigwedge_{i \in I} a_i.$$

Hence  $[b] \leq_S [\bigwedge_{i \in I} a_i]$ . Therefore,  $[\bigwedge_{i \in I} a_i]$  is the g.l.b. of the family  $[a_i]_{i \in I}$ , hence the commutation property  $[\bigwedge_{i \in I} a_i] = \bigwedge_{i \in I} [a_i]$ . (...)



# Finitely generated separators and principal filters

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## Proof (continued).

- $H$  complete + commut. property  $\Rightarrow S$  finitely generated +  $\bigwedge^{\mathcal{A}} \in S$

Suppose that  $H = \mathcal{A}/S$  is complete and that the surjection  $[\cdot] : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow H$  commutes with infinitary meets. Let  $\Theta = \bigwedge S$ . From the commutation property, we have:

$$[\Theta] = \left[ \bigwedge_{a \in S} a \right] = \bigwedge_{a \in S} [a] = \bigwedge_{a \in S} \top_H = \top_H,$$

hence  $\Theta \in S$ , so that  $\Theta = \min(S)$  and  $S = \uparrow\{\Theta\}$ . Therefore the separator  $S$  is a (principal) filter, hence we have  $\bigwedge^{\mathcal{A}} \in S$ .

$S$  is also finitely generated, by the unique generator  $\Theta$ . □

# Uniform existential quantification

- We say that an implicative structure  $\mathcal{A} = (\mathcal{A}, \multimap, \rightarrow)$  has **uniform existential quantification** when for all  $(a_i)_{i \in I} \in \mathcal{A}^I$  and  $b \in \mathcal{A}$ :

$$(*) \quad \bigwedge_{i \in I} (a_i \rightarrow b) = \left( \bigvee_{i \in I} a_i \right) \rightarrow b$$

- This equality (that corresponds to  $\exists$ -elim) holds in:
  - all complete Heyting/Boolean algebras
  - all the implicative algebras induced by total combinatory algebras  $(P, \cdot, \mathbf{K}, \mathbf{S})$  (**intuitionistic realizability**)

- When  $(*)$  holds, we can let: 
$$\bigvee_{i \in I} a_i := \bigwedge_{i \in I} a_i$$

## Proposition

If  $\mathcal{A}$  has uniform existential quantifications, then:

- $\text{p-or} := (\perp \rightarrow \top \rightarrow \perp) \wedge (\top \rightarrow \perp \rightarrow \perp) = \top$
- All classical separators  $S \subseteq \mathcal{A}$  are filters

**Morality:** Uniform  $\exists/\forall$  (both) are incompatible with classical realizability

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# Conclusion

We introduced **implicative algebras**, a simple algebraic structure that is common to **forcing** and **realizability** (intuitionistic & classical)

- Relies on the fundamental idea that **truth values** can be manipulated as **generalized realizers** (via the operations of the  $\lambda$ -calculus)

Proof = Program = Type = Formula

- Criterion of truth given by a **separator** (generalizing filters)
- Implicative algebras can be used to construct:
  - Models of 1st-order logic (**implicative models**)
  - Categorical models of higher-order logic: **implicative triposes/toposes**
  - Models of (I)ZF set theory
- In this structure: **forcing** = **non deterministic realizability**
- **Remark:** One can show that **classical implicative algebras** have the same expressiveness as **abstract Krivine structures** (but with a lighter machinery)