# An introduction to Kleene realizability

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# A disjunction without alternative

#### Theorem

At least one of the two numbers  $e + \pi$  and  $e\pi$  is transcendental

#### Proof

Reductio ad absurdum: Suppose  $S=e+\pi$  and  $P=e\pi$  are algebraic. Then  $e,\,\pi$  are solutions of the polynomial with algebraic coefficients

$$X^2 - SX + P = 0$$

Hence e and  $\pi$  are algebraic. Contradiction.

- Proof does not say which of  $e+\pi$  and/or  $e\pi$  is transcendental (The problem of the transcendence of  $e+\pi$  and  $e\pi$  is still open.)
- Non constructivity comes from the use of reductio ad absurdum

### An existence without a witness

#### Theorem

There are two irrational numbers a and b such that  $a^b$  is rational.

#### Proof

Either  $\sqrt{2}^{\sqrt{2}} \in \mathbb{Q}$  or  $\sqrt{2}^{\sqrt{2}} \notin \mathbb{Q}$ , by excluded middle. We reason by cases:

- If  $\sqrt{2}^{\sqrt{2}} \in \mathbb{Q}$ , take  $a = b = \sqrt{2} \notin \mathbb{Q}$ .
- If  $\sqrt{2}^{\sqrt{2}} \notin \mathbb{Q}$ , take  $a = \sqrt{2}^{\sqrt{2}} \notin \mathbb{Q}$  and  $b = \sqrt{2} \notin \mathbb{Q}$ , since:

$$a^b = \left(\sqrt{2}^{\sqrt{2}}\right)^{\sqrt{2}} = (\sqrt{2})^{(\sqrt{2} \times \sqrt{2})} = (\sqrt{2})^2 = 2 \in \mathbb{Q}$$

- Proof does not say which of  $\left(\sqrt{2},\sqrt{2}\right)$  or  $\left(\sqrt{2}^{\sqrt{2}},\sqrt{2}\right)$  is solution
- Non constructivity comes from the use of excluded middle
- But there are constructive proofs, e.g.:  $(a, b) = (\sqrt{2}, 2 \log_2 3)$

# The first non constructive proof

 Historically, excluded middle and reductio ad absurdum are known since antiquity (Aristotle). But they were never used in an essential way until the end of the 19th century. Example:

#### Theorem

There exist transcendental numbers

#### Constructive proof, by Liouville 1844

The number 
$$a=\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}\frac{1}{10^{n!}}=0.110001000000\cdots$$
 is transcendental.

#### Non constructive proof, by Cantor 1874

Since  $\mathbb{Z}[X]$  is denumerable, the set A\ of algebraic numbers is denumerable. But IR  $\sim \mathfrak{P}(IN)$  is not. Hence IR \ A\ is not empty and even uncountable.

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### Brouwer's intuitionism

Luitzen Egbertus Jan Brouwer (1881–1966)

1908: The untrustworthiness of the principles of logic

- Rejection of non constructive principles such as:
  - The law of excluded-middle  $(A \lor \neg A)$
  - Reductio ad absurdum (deduce A from the absurdity of  $\neg A$ )
  - The Axiom of Choice, actually: only its strongest forms (Zorn)
- Principles of intuitionism:
  - Philosophy of the creative subject
  - Each mathematical object is a construction of the mind.
     Proofs themselves are constructions (methods, rules...)
  - Rejection of Hilbert's formalism (no formal rules!)

Brouwer also made fundamental contributions to classical topology (fixed point theorem, invariance of the domain)... only to be accepted in the academia



# Intuitionistic Logic (LJ)

Although Brouwer was deeply opposed to formalism, the rules of Intuitionistic Logic (LJ) were formalized by his student Arend **Heyting** (1898–1990)

1930: The formal rules of intuitionistic logic

1956: Intuitionism. An introduction



### Intuitively:

- Constructions  $A \wedge B$  and  $\forall x \, A(x)$  keep their usual meaning, but constructions  $A \vee B$  and  $\exists x \, A(x)$  get a stronger meaning:
  - A proof of  $A \lor B$  should implicitly decide which of A or B holds
  - A proof of  $\exists x \, A(x)$  should implicitly construct x
- Implication  $A \Rightarrow B$  has now a procedural meaning (cf later) and negation  $\neg A$  (defined as  $A \Rightarrow \bot$ ) is no more involutive

**Technically:** LJ  $\subset$  LK (LK = classical logic)

# Intuitionistic logic: what we keep / what we lose

We keep the implications...

but converse implications are lost (but the last)

De Morgan laws:

$$\neg(A \lor B) \Leftrightarrow \neg A \land \neg B \qquad \neg(A \land B) \Leftarrow \neg A \lor \neg B$$
  
$$\neg(\exists x \ A(x)) \Leftrightarrow \forall x \ \neg A(x) \qquad \neg(\forall x \ A(x)) \Leftarrow \exists x \ \neg A(x)$$

Beware! Do not confound the two rules:

$$\frac{A \vdash \bot}{\vdash \neg A} \quad \begin{pmatrix} \text{introduction rule of } \\ \text{negation, accepted,} \\ \text{cf proof of } \sqrt{2} \notin \mathbb{Q} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\neg A \vdash \bot}{\vdash A} \quad \begin{pmatrix} \text{Reductio ad absurdum,} \\ \text{rejected} \end{pmatrix}$$

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# Intuitionistic mathematics: what we keep / what we lose

#### In Algebra:

- We keep all basic algebra, and most of abstract algebra
- The theory of orders is almost entirely kept
- The same for combinatorics

### In Topology:

 General topology needs to be entirely reformulated: topology without points, formal spaces

#### In Analysis:

- IR still exists, but it is no more unique! (Depends on the construction)
- Functions on compact sets do not reach their maximum
- We can reformulate Borel/Lebesgue measure & integral, using the suitable construction of IR

[Coquand'02]

# A note on decidability

- Intuitionistic mathematicians have nothing against statements of the form  $A \vee \neg A$ . They just need to be proved... constructively
  - LJ  $\vdash (\forall x, y \in \mathbb{N})(x = y \lor x \neq y)$  (equality is decidable on  $\mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\mathbb{Q}$ )
  - LJ  $\forall$   $(\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R})(x = y \lor x \neq y)$  (equality is undecidable on  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mathbb{C}$ )
- More generally, the formula  $(\forall \vec{x} \in S) (A(\vec{x}) \lor \neg A(\vec{x}))$  is intended to mean: "Predicate/relation A is decidable on S"
- This intuitionistic notion of 'decidability' can be formally related to the mathematical (C.S.) notion of decidability using realizability
- Variant: Trichotomy
  - LJ  $\vdash$   $(\forall x, y \in \mathbb{N})(x < y \lor x = y \lor x > y)$
  - LJ  $\forall$   $(\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R})(x < y \lor x = y \lor x > y)$ , but
  - LJ  $\vdash$   $(\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R})(x \neq y \Rightarrow x < y \lor x > y)$

# The jungle of intuitionistic theories

- At the lowest levels of mathematics, intuitionism is well-defined:
  - LJ: Intuitionistic (predicate) logic
  - HA: Heyting Arithmetic (= intuitionistic arithmetic)
  - + some well-known extensions of HA (e.g. Markov principle)
- But as we go higher, definition is less clear. Two trends:
- Predicative theories:

("Swedish school")

- Bishop's constructive analysis
- Martin-Löf type theories (MLTT)
- Aczel's constructive set theory (CZF)
- Impredicative theories:

("French school")

- Girard's system F
- Coguand-Huet's calculus of constructions
- The Cog proof assistant
- Intuitionistic Zermelo Fraenkel (IZF<sub>R</sub>, IZF<sub>C</sub>) [Myhill-Friedman 1973]

### Brouwer's contribution to classical mathematics

Brouwer also made fundamental contributions to classical topology, especially in the theory of topological manifolds:

#### Theorem (Fixed point Theorem)

Any continuous function  $f: D^n \to D^n$  has a fixed point  $(D^n = \text{unit ball of } \mathbb{R}^n)$ 

#### Theorem (Invariance of the domain)

Let  $U\subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  be an open set, and  $f:U\to \mathbb{R}^n$  continuous and injective. Then f(U) is open, and the function f is open.

#### Corollary (Topological invariance of dimension)

Let  $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $V \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$  be nonempty open sets. If U and V are homeomorphic, then n = m.

... but these results use classical reasoning in an essential way, and were never regarded as valid by Brouwer

# What does it mean to be constructive for a theory? (1/2)

- There is no fixed criterion for a theory  $\mathcal{T}$  to be constructive, but a mix of syntactical, semantical and philosophical criteria
- But it should fulfill at least the following 4 criteria:
  - \$\mathcal{T}\$ should be recursive. Which means that the sets of axioms, derivations and theorems of \$\mathcal{T}\$ are all recursively enumerable

     Note: This is already the case for standard classical theories: PA, ZF, ZFC, etc.
  - (2)  $\mathscr{T}$  should be consistent:  $\mathscr{T} \not\vdash \bot$
  - (3)  $\mathscr{T}$  should satisfy the disjunction property:

If 
$$\mathcal{T} \vdash A \lor B$$
, then  $\mathcal{T} \vdash A$  or  $\mathcal{T} \vdash B$ 

(where A, B are closed formulas)

(4)  $\mathcal{T}$  should satisfy the numeric existence property:

If 
$$\mathscr{T} \vdash (\exists x \in \mathbb{IN}) A(x)$$
, then  $\mathscr{T} \vdash A(n)$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{IN}$ 

(where A(x) only depends on x)

# What does it mean to be constructive for a theory? (2/2)

- In most cases, we also require that:
  - (5)  $\mathcal{T}$  should satisfy the existence property (or witness property):

If 
$$\mathscr{T} \vdash \exists x \, A(x)$$
, then  $\mathscr{T} \vdash A(t)$  for some closed term  $t$ 

(where A(x) only depends on x)

**Note:** Needs to be adapted when the language of  $\mathscr T$  has no closed term (for instance: set theory)

### Theorem (Non constructivity of classical theories)

If a classical theory is recursive, consistent and contains Q, then it fulfills none of the disjunction and numeric existence properties

**Note:** Q = Robinson Arithmetic ( $\subset$  PA), that is: the (finite) fragment of PA where the induction scheme is replaced by the (much weaker) axiom  $\forall x (x = 0 \lor \exists y (x = s(y)))$ 

**Proof.** From the hypotheses, Gödel's 1st incompleteness theorem applies, so we can pick a closed formula G such that  $\mathscr{T} \not\vdash G$  and  $\mathscr{T} \not\vdash \neg G$ . We conclude noticing that:

$$\mathscr{T} \vdash G \lor \neg G$$
 and  $\mathscr{T} \vdash (\exists x \in \mathsf{IN}) ((x = 1 \land G) \lor (x = 0 \land \neg G))$ 

- Constructivity is a semantical (and philosophical) criterion, that cannot be simply ensured by the use of intuitionistic logic (LJ)
- Indeed, some awkward axiomatizations in LJ may imply the excluded middle, and thus lead to non constructive theories. Some examples:
- In intuitionistic arithmetic (HA):
  - The axiom of well-ordering

$$(\forall S \subseteq \mathsf{IN}) \left[ \exists x \, (x \in S) \ \Rightarrow \ (\exists x \in S) (\forall y \in S) \, x \leq y \right]$$

implies the excluded middle; it is not constructive. In HA, induction (which is constructive) does not imply well-ordering

# Why using LJ does not ensure constructivity

#### • In constructive analysis:

[Bishop 1967]

The axiom of trichotomy

$$(\forall x, y \in \mathbb{IR}) (x < y \lor x = y \lor x > y)$$

is not constructive. It has to be replaced by the axiom

$$(\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}) (x \neq y \Rightarrow x < y \lor x > y)$$

which is classically equivalent

The axiom of completeness

Each inhabited subset of IR that has an upper bound in IR has a least upper bound in IR

implies excluded middle. It has to be restricted to the inhabited subsets  $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  that are order located above, i.e., such that:

For all 
$$a < b$$
, either  $(\forall x \in S) (x \le b)$  or  $(\exists x \in S) (x \ge a)$ 

#### In Intuitionistic Set Theory:

• The classical formulation of the Axiom of Regularity (or Foundation)

$$\forall x (x \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow (\exists y \in x)(y \cap x \neq 0))$$

implies excluded middle. It has to be replaced by the axiom scheme

$$\forall x ((\forall y \in x) A(y) \Rightarrow A(x)) \Rightarrow \forall x A(x)$$

known as set induction, that is classically equivalent

- The set-theoretic Axiom of Choice (Zorn, Zermelo, etc.) implies excluded middle [Diaconescu 1975]
- In all cases, the constructivity of a given intuitionistic theory  $\mathscr{T}$  is justified by realizability techniques... (for criteria (2)–(5))
  - ... either directly (realizability model)
  - ... either indirectly (type system + normalization)

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# The language of Arithmetic

### First-order terms and formulas

**FO-terms** 
$$e, e_1 ::= x \mid f(e_1, \dots, e_k)$$
 (f of arity k)

Formulas 
$$A, B ::= e_1 = e_2 \mid \top \mid \bot \mid A \Rightarrow B \mid A \land B \mid A \lor B \mid \forall x A \mid \exists x A$$

- We assume given one k-ary function symbol f for each primitive recursive function of arity k: 0, s, +, -,  $\times$ ,  $\uparrow$ , etc.
- Only one (binary) predicate symbol: = (equality)
- Macros:  $\neg A := A \Rightarrow \bot$ ,  $A \Leftrightarrow B := (A \Rightarrow B) \land (B \Rightarrow A)$
- Syntactic worship: Free & bound variables. Work up to  $\alpha$ -conversion. Set of free variables: FV(e), FV(A). Substitution:  $e[x := e_0]$ ,  $A[x := e_0]$ .

### Choice of a deduction system

- There are many equivalent ways to present the deduction rules of intuitionistic (or classical) predicate logic:
  - In the style of Hilbert (only formulas, no sequents)
  - ② In the style of Gentzen (left & right rules)
  - In the style of Natural Deduction (with or without sequents)

Since these systems define the very same class of provable formulas<sup>1</sup> (for a given logic, LJ or LK), choice is just a matter of convenience

- Systems only based on formulas (Hilbert's, N.D. without sequents) are easier to define, but much more difficult to manipulate
- In what follows, we shall systematically use sequents

 $<sup>^1</sup>$ In sequent-based systems, formulas are identified with sequents of the form  $\vdash A$ , that is: with sequents with 0 hypothesis (lhs) and 1 thesis (rhs)

### Sequents

### Definition (Sequent)

[Gentzen 1934]

A sequent is a pair of finite lists of formulas written

$$A_1,\ldots,A_n\vdash B_1,\ldots,B_m \qquad (n,m\geq 0)$$

•  $A_1, \ldots, A_n$  are the hypotheses

(which form the antecedent)

•  $B_1, \ldots, B_m$  are the theses

(which form the consequent)

(that reads: 'entails')

Some authors use finite multisets (of formulas) rather than finite lists, since the order is irrelevant, both in the antecedent and in the consequent

- Sequents are usually written  $\Gamma \vdash \Delta$
- $(\Gamma, \Delta \text{ finite lists of formulas})$
- Intuitive meaning:  $\Lambda \Gamma \Rightarrow V \Delta$

$$\Lambda \Gamma \Rightarrow V \Delta$$

- Empty sequent "⊢" represents contradiction
- Syntactic worship: Notations  $FV(\Gamma)$ ,  $\Gamma[x := e]$  extended to finite lists  $\Gamma$

# Rules of inference & systems of deduction

Formulas and sequents can be used as judgments. Each system of deduction is based on a set of judgments  $\mathscr{J}$  (= a set of expressions asserting something)

Given a set of judgments \$\mathscr{J}\$:

### Definition (Rule of inference)

A rule of inference is a pair formed by a finite set of judgments  $\{J_1,\ldots,J_n\}\subseteq\mathscr{J}$  and a judgment  $J\in\mathscr{J}$ , usually written

$$\frac{J_1 \quad \cdots \quad J_n}{J}$$

- $J_1, \ldots, J_n$  are the premises of the rule
- J is the conclusion of the rule

### Definition (System of deduction)

A system of deduction is a set of inference rules

### Definition (Derivation)

Let  ${\mathscr S}$  be a system of deduction based on some set of judgments  ${\mathscr J}$ .

**Derivations** (of judgments) in  $\mathscr S$  are inductively defined as follows: If  $d_1, \ldots, d_n$  are derivations of  $J_1, \ldots, J_n$  in  $\mathscr S$ , respectively, and if  $(\{J_1, \ldots, J_n\}, J)$  is a rule of  $\mathscr S$ , then

$$d = \begin{cases} \vdots d_1 & \vdots d_n \\ \frac{j_1}{J} & \dots & \frac{j_n}{J} \end{cases}$$
 is a derivation of  $J$  in  $\mathscr{S}$ 

- ② A judgment J is derivable in  $\mathscr S$  when there is a derivation of J in  $\mathscr S$ 
  - ullet By definition, the set of derivable judgments of  $\mathscr S$  is the smallest set of judgments that is closed under the rules in  $\mathscr S$
  - One also uses proof/provable for derivation/derivable

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 Two systems of deduction (based on the same set of judgments) are equivalent when the induce the same set of derivable judgments

#### Definition (Admissible rule)

A rule  $R = (\{J_1, \dots, J_n\}, J)$  is admissible in a system of deduction  $\mathscr S$ when:  $J_1, \ldots, J_n$  derivable in  $\mathscr{S}$  implies J derivable in  $\mathscr{S}$ .

Admissible rules are usually written

$$\frac{J_1 \quad \cdots \quad J_n}{I}$$

- Clearly: R admissible in  $\mathscr{S}$  iff  $\mathscr{S} \cup \{R\}$  equivalent to  $\mathscr{S}$
- In practice, deduction systems are defined as finite sets of schemes of rules (that is: families of rules), that are still called rules. The notion of admissible rule immediately extends to schemes

# A remark on implication

In logic, we have (at least) three symbols to represent implication:

- The implication symbol ⇒, used in formulas. Represents a potential point for deduction, but not an actual deduction step
- The entailment symbol ⊢, used in sequents. Same thing as ⇒, but in a sequent, that represents a formula under decomposition:

$$A_1, \dots, A_n \vdash B_1, \dots, B_m$$

$$\approx A_1 \land \dots \land A_n \Rightarrow B_1 \lor \dots \lor B_m$$

(So that  $\vdash$  is a distinguished implication, closer to a point of deduction)

• The inference rule " — ", used in rules & derivations. This symbol represents an actual deduction step:

$$\frac{P_1 \cdots P_n}{C}$$
  $\left(\begin{array}{c} \text{From } P_1, \dots, P_n \\ \text{deduce } C \end{array}\right)$ 

# On the meaning of sequents

 Sequents are not intended to enrich the expressiveness of a logical system; they are only intended to represent a state in a proof, or a formula under decomposition:

$$\Gamma \vdash \Delta \quad \approx \quad \bigwedge \Gamma \Rightarrow \bigvee \Delta$$

(With the conventions  $\bigwedge \varnothing := \top$  and  $\bigvee \varnothing := \bot$ )

• **Formally:** In most (if not all<sup>2</sup>) systems in the literature, we have:

$$\Gamma \vdash \Delta$$
 derivable iff  $\vdash (\bigwedge \Gamma \Rightarrow \bigvee \Delta)$  derivable

This equivalence holds, at least:

- In Gentzen's sequent calculus (LK)
- In intuitionistic sequent calculus (LJ)
- In intuitionistic/classical natural deduction (NJ/NK)
- In Linear Logic (LL), replacing  $\land$ ,  $\lor$ ,  $\top$ ,  $\bot$ ,  $\Rightarrow$  by  $\otimes$ , ?, 1,  $\bot$ ,  $\multimap$
- Exercise: Check it for both systems NJ/NK presented hereafter

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>The author knows no exception to this rule

# Intuitionistic Natural Deduction (NJ)

 Intuitionistic Natural Deduction (NJ) is a deduction system based on asymmetric sequents of the form:

$$A_1, \ldots, A_n \vdash A$$
 or:  $\Gamma \vdash A$ 

These sequents are also called intuitionistic sequents

- Recall that:  $\Gamma \vdash A$  has the same meaning as  $\bigwedge \Gamma \Rightarrow A$
- System NJ has three kinds of (schemes of) rules:
  - Introduction rules, defining how to prove each connective/quantifier
  - Elimination rules, defining how to use each connective/quantifier
  - The Axiom rule, which is a conservation rule
- The Trimūrti of logic:

Introduction rules = Brahma
Elimination rules = Shiva
Axiom rule = Vishnu

Rules for the intuitionistic propositional calculus:

### Deduction rules of NJ

Introduction & elimination rules for quantifiers:

$$(\forall) \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A}{\Gamma \vdash \forall x A} \times \notin FV(\Gamma) \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash \forall x A}{\Gamma \vdash A[x := e]}$$

$$(\exists) \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A[x := e]}{\Gamma \vdash \exists x A} \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash \exists x A \qquad \Gamma, A \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash B} \times \notin FV(\Gamma, B)$$

Introduction & elimination rules for equality:

$$(=) \qquad \qquad \overline{\Gamma \vdash e = e} \qquad \qquad \left| \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 = e_2 \qquad \Gamma \vdash A[x := e_1]}{\Gamma \vdash A[x := e_2]} \right|$$

To get Classical Natural Deduction (NK), just replace

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \bot}{\Gamma \vdash A} \text{ (ex falso quod libet)} \qquad \text{by} \qquad \frac{\Gamma, \neg A \vdash \bot}{\Gamma \vdash A} \text{ (reductio ad absurdum)}$$

# Basic properties of NJ/NK

Admissible rules (both in NJ/NK):

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A}{\Gamma' \vdash A} \ \Gamma \subseteq \Gamma' \ (\mathsf{Monotonicity}) \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A}{\Gamma[x := e] \vdash A[x := e]} \ (\mathsf{Substitutivity})$$

where  $\Gamma \subseteq \Gamma'$  means: for all  $A, A \in \Gamma$  implies  $A \in \Gamma'$ 

From Monotonicity, we deduce (both in NJ/NK):

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A}{\sigma \Gamma \vdash A} \text{ (Permutation)} \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A}{\Gamma, B \vdash A} \text{ (Weakening)} \qquad \frac{\Gamma, B, B \vdash A}{\Gamma, B \vdash A} \text{ (Contraction)}$$

• We write  $\Gamma \vdash_{\mathsf{N} \mathsf{I}} A$  for: ' $\Gamma \vdash A$  is derivable in  $\mathsf{N}\mathsf{J}$ ' (the same for NK)

### Proposition (Inclusion $NJ \subseteq NK$ )

If 
$$\Gamma \vdash_{\mathsf{NJ}} A$$
, then  $\Gamma \vdash_{\mathsf{NK}} A$ 

### The axioms of first-order arithmetic

The axioms of first-order arithmetic are the following closed formulas:

• Defining equations of all primitive recursive function symbols:

$$\forall x (x + 0 = x) \qquad \forall x (x \times 0 = 0)$$

$$\forall x \forall y (x + s(y) = s(x + y)) \qquad \forall x \forall y (x \times s(y) = x \times y + x)$$

$$\forall x (\mathsf{pred}(0) = 0) \qquad \forall x (x - 0 = 0)$$

$$\forall x (\mathsf{pred}(s(x)) = x) \qquad \forall x \forall y (x - s(y)) = \mathsf{pred}(x - y)$$
etc.

Peano axioms:

(P3) 
$$\forall x \forall y (s(x) = s(y) \Rightarrow x = y)$$

$$(P4) \quad \forall x \, \neg (s(x) = 0)$$

(P5) 
$$\forall \vec{z} [A(\vec{z},0) \land \forall x (A(\vec{z},x) \Rightarrow A(\vec{z},s(x))) \Rightarrow \forall x A(\vec{z},x)]$$

for all formulas  $A(\vec{z}, x)$  whose free variables occur among  $\vec{z}, x$ 

This set of axioms is written Ax(HA) or Ax(PA)

# Heyting Arithmetic (HA)

#### Definition (Heyting Arithmetic)

Heyting Arithmetic (HA) is the theory based on first-order intuitionistic logic (NJ) and whose set of axioms is Ax(HA). Formally:

$$HA \vdash A \equiv \Gamma \vdash_{NJ} A$$
 for some  $\Gamma \subseteq Ax(HA)$ 

- Replacing NJ by NK, we get Peano Arithmetic (same axioms)
- When building proofs, it is convenient to integrate the axioms of HA in the system of deduction, by replacing the Axiom rule

$$\overline{\Gamma \vdash A} \stackrel{A \in \Gamma}{}$$
 by  $\overline{\Gamma \vdash A} \stackrel{A \in \Gamma \cup Ax(HA)}{}$ 

The extended deduction system is then written HA

• Question: Is HA constructive?

# Basic properties

- Given a function symbol f and a closed FO-terms e, we write:
  - $f^{\mathbb{N}}$  (:  $\mathbb{N}^k \to \mathbb{N}$ ) the primitive recursive function associated to f
  - $\bullet$   $e^{\mathbb{N}}$  ( $\in$   $\mathbb{N}$ ) the denotation of e in  $\mathbb{N}$  (standard model)
- Since the system of axioms of HA provides the defining equations of all primitive recursive functions, we have:

#### Proposition (Computational completeness)

If 
$$\mathbb{IN} \models e_1 = e_2$$
, then  $\mathsf{HA} \vdash e_1 = e_2$ 

Note: Converse implication amounts to the property of consistency

### Corollary (Completeness for $\Sigma_1^0$ -formulas)

$$|\mathsf{f} \quad \mathsf{IN} \models \exists \vec{x} \, (e_1(\vec{x}) = e_2(\vec{x})), \quad \mathsf{then} \quad \mathsf{HA} \vdash \exists \vec{x} \, (e_1(\vec{x}) = e_2(\vec{x}))$$

Note: Converse implication is the property of 1-consistency

ullet Gödel's 1st incompleteness theorem says that PA is not  $\Pi^0_1$ -complete

# Proving that HA is constructive

We now aim at proving that HA is constructive, in the sense that:

HA fulfills the disjunction property:

If 
$$HA \vdash A \lor B$$
, then  $HA \vdash A$  or  $HA \vdash B$  (where  $A, B$  are closed formulas)

HA fulfills the witness property:

If 
$$HA \vdash \exists x A(x)$$
, then  $HA \vdash A(n)$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  (where  $A(x)$  only depends on  $x$ )

HA is clearly recursive, and consistent from the existence of the standard model

There are essentially two ways to prove this:

- (1) As a consequence of a cut elimination theorem
- (2) By constructing a realizability model

However, cut elimination is usually deduced from strong normalization, that is most often proved by techniques of realizability

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# What is the difference betwen typing and realizability?

#### Point of view of the hacker:

Many situations where an ill-typed program is correct w.r.t. execution:

This expression has type bool but is here used with type int

However my\_useless\_function always returns a bool when applied to an int...

#### Distinct notions of correctness:

- Correctness w.r.t. typing
- ② Correctness w.r.t. execution → Realizability

# System T: common parts

### Syntax

Types
 
$$A, B$$
 ::=
 nat
  $| A \times B |$ 
 $| A \rightarrow B |$ 

 Terms
  $t, u$ 
 ::=
  $x | \lambda x \cdot t | tu$ 
 $| \langle t_1, t_2 \rangle | \pi_1(t) | \pi_2(t)$ 
 $| \pi_2(t) |$ 
 $| 0 | S(t) | \text{rec}(t_0, t_1, u)$ 

#### Reduction rules

$$(\lambda x.t)u \succ t[x := u]$$
 $\pi_1(\langle t_1, t_2 \rangle) \succ t_1$ 
 $\pi_2(\langle t_1, t_2 \rangle) \succ t_2$ 
 $\operatorname{rec}(t_0, t_1, 0) \succ t_0$ 
 $\operatorname{rec}(t_0, t_1, S(u)) \succ t_1 u (\operatorname{rec}(t_0, t_1, u))$ 

# System T: typing

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash x : A}{\Gamma \vdash x : A} \xrightarrow{(x : A) \in \Gamma} \frac{\Gamma, x : A \vdash t : B}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda x . t : A \to B} \xrightarrow{\Gamma \vdash t : A \to B} \frac{\Gamma \vdash u : A}{\Gamma \vdash t u : B}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t_1 : A}{\Gamma \vdash \langle t_1, t_2 \rangle : A \times B} \xrightarrow{\Gamma \vdash t : A \times B} \frac{\Gamma \vdash t : A \times B}{\Gamma \vdash \pi_1(t) : A} \xrightarrow{\Gamma \vdash t : A \times B} \frac{\Gamma \vdash t : A \times B}{\Gamma \vdash \pi_2(t) : B}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t : \text{nat}}{\Gamma \vdash 0 : \text{nat}} \xrightarrow{\Gamma \vdash t : \text{nat}} \frac{\Gamma \vdash t : \text{nat}}{\Gamma \vdash S(t) : \text{nat}}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t_0 : A}{\Gamma \vdash \text{rec}(t_0, t_1, u) : A} \xrightarrow{\Gamma \vdash u : A} \frac{\Gamma \vdash u : A}{\Gamma \vdash \text{rec}(t_0, t_1, u) : A}$$

- Typing deals with open terms → typing contexts
- Simple justification: typing derivation
- Type checking & inference are decidable (syntax directed)
- But reduction is never mentioned...
  - ... which guaranty do we have w.r.t. computation?

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3 results ensure the correctness of the system w.r.t. computation:

### (1) Subject reduction

If  $\Gamma \vdash t : A$  and  $t \succ t'$ , then  $\Gamma \vdash t' : A$ 

### (2) Closed normal forms of type nat

 $\vdash t$ : nat, where t is in normal form, then  $t = S^n(0)$ (for some n)

### (3) Normalization

If  $\Gamma \vdash t : A$ , then t is (strongly) normalizing

 $(1) + (2) + (3) \Rightarrow \text{Every closed term } t : \text{nat reduces to a natural}$ 

**Remarks:** Proofs of (1) and (2) are purely combinatorial. Proof of (3) is in general not combinatorial, and usually relies on realizability techniques

# System *T*: realizability

Binary relation  $t \Vdash A$  (t = closed term)

### Definition of the realizability relation

- **1**  $t \Vdash \text{nat}$  iff  $t \succ^* S^n(0)$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$
- **2**  $t \Vdash A \times B$  iff  $t \succ^* \langle t_1, t_2 \rangle$  for some  $t_1 \Vdash A$  y  $t_2 \Vdash B$
- - Closed terms → no context
  - Purely computational definition: syntax = black box
  - No correctness to prove; hard-wired in the definition!
     (Set of realizers of A is closed under anti-reduction)
  - No elementary justification (as a derivation)
     → requires an external justification: proof
  - Relation  $t \Vdash A$  is undecidable, not even recursively enumerable

# System T: from typing to realizability

### Theorem (Adequacy)

If 
$$x_1: A_1, \ldots, x_n: A_n \vdash t: B$$
, then for all  $u_1, \ldots, u_n:$   
 $u_1 \Vdash A_1, \ldots, u_n \Vdash A_n$  imply  $t[x_1 := u_1; \ldots; x_n := u_n] \Vdash B$ 

**Proof:** straightforward induction on the derivation. The cases of  $\lambda$  and  $\langle \_, \_ \rangle$  rely on the property of closure under anti-reduction.

Particular case (empty context):  $\vdash t : A$  implies  $t \Vdash A$ 

- Typing + adequacy →
   every closed term t : nat reduces to a natural
   (Without using (1) + (2) + (3). Actually, (3) is proved by realizability.)
- **Beware!**  $t \Vdash A$  does not imply t : AThere are much more realizers than well-typed terms

# Example of an ill-typed realizer

• In system T, we easily implement a term is\_prime : nat  $\rightarrow$  nat such that

is\_prime 
$$(S^n(0)) \succ^* \begin{cases} S(0) & \text{if } n \text{ is prime} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

From this, we let:

Clearly:  $next\_prime \Vdash nat \rightarrow nat$  $\forall$  next\_prime : nat  $\rightarrow$  nat

(Since  $next\_prime$  contains non-normalizing subterm Y)

## Intermezzo: syntax vs semantics

All of this is reminiscent from a well-known phenomenon in logic:

• If  $\mathcal{M}$  is a Tarski model of a theory  $\mathcal{T}$ :

$$\mathcal{T} \vdash \phi \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathscr{M} \models \phi \qquad \qquad (\mathsf{but} \not=)$$

• If  $\mathcal{M}$  is a realizability model of a type system  $\mathcal{T}$ :

$$\vdash_{\mathscr{T}} t: A \qquad \Rightarrow \qquad t \Vdash_{\mathscr{M}} A \qquad \qquad (\mathsf{but} \not=)$$

Semantics always captures more judgments than syntax...

... but decidability/recursivity is irremediably lost

In logic:

Realizability = model theory based on the operational semantics of the underlying "proofs" (intuitionistic or classical)

# Typing and realizability: a metaphore





### Plan

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# Background

- 1908. Brouwer: The untrustworthiness of the principles of logic (Principles of intuitionism)
- 1936. Church: An unsolvable problem of elementary number theory (Application of the λ-calculus to the Entscheidungsproblem)
- 1936. Turing: On computable numbers, with an application to the Entscheidungsproblem
   (Alternative solution to the Entscheidungsproblem, using Turing machines)
- 1936. Kleene: λ-definability and recursiveness (Definition of partial recursive functions)
- 1945. Kleene: On the interpretation of intuitionistic number theory (Introduction of realizability, as a semantics for HA)

A survey on (intuitionistic) realizability:

Jaap van Oosten: Realizability: A Historical Essay.

Mathematical Structures in Computer Science 12(3): 239-263. 2002

# The Brouwer-Heyting-Kolmogorov (BHK) semantics

 Philosophical input: the meaning of a proposition A is the set \[ A \] of "evidences" that A holds:

(where D is the semantic domain of quantifications)

 The BHK philosophical interpretation of propositions can be given a mathematical contents: the theory of realizability

# Kleene realizability

#### 1945. Kleene: On the interpretation of intuitionistic number theory

- Realizability in Heyting Arithmetic (HA)
- Definition of the realizability relation  $n \Vdash A$ 
  - n = Gödel code of a partial recursive function
  - $\bullet$  A = closed formula of HA
- Theorem: Every provable formula of HA is realized (But some unprovable formulas are realized too...)
- Application to the disjunction & existence properties

#### Remarks:

- Codes for partial recursive functions can be replaced by the elements of any partial combinatory algebra (see later)
- Here, we shall take the closed terms of (untyped) system T

# The language of realizers

### Terms of system T $(= \lambda$ -calculus + primitive pairs & integers)

**Syntactic worship:** Free & bound variables. Renaming. Work up to  $\alpha$ -conversion. Set of free variables: FV(t). Capture-avoiding substitution: t[x:=u]

• Notation:  $\bar{n} := S^n O \quad (n \in \mathbb{N})$ 

#### Reduction rules

• Grand reduction written  $t \succ^* u$  (reflexive, transitive, context-closed)

### Definition of the relation $t \Vdash A$

• **Recall:** For each closed FO-term e, we write  $e^{\mathbb{I}\mathbb{N}}$  its denotation in  $\mathbb{I}\mathbb{N}$ 

#### Lemma (Closure under anti-reduction)

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If t \succ^* t' and t' \Vdash A, then t \Vdash A
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We now want to prove the

### Theorem (Soundness)

If  $HA \vdash A$ , then  $t \Vdash A$  for some closed  $\lambda$ -term t

### Outline of the proof:

- **Step 1:** Translating FO-terms into  $\lambda$ -terms
- **Step 2:** Translating derivations of LJ into  $\lambda$ -terms
- Step 3: Adequacy lemma
- Step 4: Realizing the axioms of HA
- Final step: Putting it all together

# Step 1: Translating FO-terms into $\lambda$ -terms

#### Proposition (Compiling primitive recursive functions in system T)

Each (prim. rec.) function symbol f is computed by a closed  $\lambda$ -term  $f^*$ :

If 
$$f^{\mathbb{N}}(n_1,\ldots,n_k)=m$$
, then  $f^*\bar{n}_1\cdots\bar{n}_k\succ^*\bar{m}$ 

Proof. Standard exercise of compilation. Examples:

$$\begin{array}{lll} \mathbf{0}^{*} & := & \mathbf{0} & (+)^{*} & := & \lambda x, y . \operatorname{rec}(x, \ \lambda_{-}, z . \mathbf{S} \, z, \ y) \\ \mathbf{s}^{*} & := & \mathbf{S} & (\times)^{*} & := & \lambda x, y . \operatorname{rec}(\mathbf{0}, \ \lambda_{-}, z . (+)^{*} \, z \, x, \ y) \\ \operatorname{pred}^{*} & := & \lambda x . \operatorname{rec}(\mathbf{0}, \ \lambda z, {}_{-}.z, \ x) & (-)^{*} & := & \lambda x, y . \operatorname{rec}(x, \ \lambda_{-}, z . \operatorname{pred}^{*} z, \ y) \end{array}$$

• Each FO-term e with free variables  $x_1, \ldots, x_k$  is translated into a closed  $\lambda$ -term  $e^*$  with the same free variables, letting:

$$x^* := x$$
 and  $(f(e_1, \dots, e_k))^* := f^* e_1^* \cdots e_k^*$ 

**Fact:** If *e* is closed, then  $e^* \succ^* \bar{n}$ , where  $n = e^{\mathbb{I}\mathbb{N}}$ 

# Step 2: Translating derivations into $\lambda$ -terms

- Every derivation  $d:(A_1,\ldots,A_n\vdash B)$  is translated into a  $\lambda$ -term  $d^*$  with free variables  $x_1, \ldots, x_k, z_{A_1}, \ldots, z_{A_n}$ , where:
  - $x_1, \ldots, x_k$  are the free variables of  $A_1, \ldots, A_n, B$
  - $z_{A_1}, \ldots, z_{A_n}$  are proof variables associated to hypotheses  $A_1, \ldots, A_n$
- The construction of  $d^*$  follows the Curry-Howard correspondence:

$$\left(\overline{A_1,\ldots,A_n\vdash A_i}\right)^*:=\ z_{A_i}\qquad \left(\overline{\Gamma\vdash \top}\right)^*:=\ 0\qquad \left(\begin{array}{c}\vdots \ d\\\underline{\Gamma\vdash \bot}\\\overline{\Gamma\vdash A}\end{array}\right)^*:=\ \mathsf{any\_term}$$
 
$$\left(\begin{array}{c}\vdots \ d\\\underline{\Gamma,A\vdash B}\\\overline{\Gamma\vdash A\to B}\end{array}\right)^*:=\ \lambda z_A\cdot d^*\qquad \left(\begin{array}{c}\vdots \ d_1 & \vdots \ d_2\\\underline{\Gamma\vdash A\to B & \Gamma\vdash A}\\\overline{\Gamma\vdash B}\end{array}\right)^*:=\ d_1^*d_2^*$$

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# Step 2: Translating derivations into $\lambda$ -terms

$$\begin{pmatrix} \vdots d_1 & \vdots d_2 \\ \frac{\Gamma \vdash A & \Gamma \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash A \land B} \end{pmatrix}^* := \langle d_1^*, d_2^* \rangle$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \vdots d \\ \frac{\Gamma \vdash A \land B}{\Gamma \vdash A} \end{pmatrix}^* := \pi_1(d^*) \qquad \begin{pmatrix} \vdots d \\ \frac{\Gamma \vdash A \land B}{\Gamma \vdash B} \end{pmatrix}^* := \pi_2(d^*)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \vdots d \\ \frac{\Gamma \vdash A}{\Gamma \vdash A \lor B} \end{pmatrix}^* := \langle \bar{0}, d^* \rangle \qquad \begin{pmatrix} \vdots d \\ \frac{\Gamma \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash A \lor B} \end{pmatrix}^* := \langle \bar{1}, d^* \rangle$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \vdots d & \vdots d_1 & \vdots d_2 \\ \frac{\Gamma \vdash A \lor B}{\Gamma \vdash A \lor B} & \Gamma, A \vdash C & \Gamma, B \vdash C \end{pmatrix}^* := \operatorname{match}(d^*, \lambda z_A \cdot d_1^*, \lambda z_B \cdot d_2^*)$$

 $\text{writing} \qquad \text{match}\big(u,t_1,t_2\big) \ := \ \operatorname{rec}\big(t_1\left(\pi_2(u)\right),\ \lambda_-, \ldots t_2\left(\pi_2(u)\right),\ \pi_1(u)\big)$ 

writing

$$\begin{pmatrix}
\vdots & d \\
\Gamma \vdash A \\
\Gamma \vdash \forall x A
\end{pmatrix}^* := \lambda x \cdot d^* \qquad \begin{pmatrix}
\vdots & d \\
\Gamma \vdash \forall x A \\
\Gamma \vdash A[x := e]
\end{pmatrix}^* := d^* e^*$$

$$\begin{pmatrix}
\vdots & d \\
\Gamma \vdash A[x := e]
\\
\Gamma \vdash \exists x A
\end{pmatrix}^* := \langle e^*, d^* \rangle \qquad \begin{pmatrix}
\vdots & d_1 & \vdots & d_2 \\
\Gamma \vdash \exists x A & \Gamma, A \vdash B \\
\Gamma \vdash B
\end{pmatrix}^* := let \langle x, z \rangle = d_1^* \text{ in } d_2^*$$

$$\begin{pmatrix}
\vdots & d_1 & \vdots & d_2 \\
\Gamma \vdash B
\end{pmatrix}^* := d^* e^*$$

$$\begin{pmatrix}
\vdots & d_1 & \vdots & d_2 \\
\Gamma \vdash B
\end{pmatrix}^* := let \langle x, z \rangle = d_1^* \text{ in } d_2^*$$

$$\begin{pmatrix}
\vdots & d_1 & \vdots & d_2 \\
\Gamma \vdash e_1 = e_2 & \Gamma \vdash A[x = e_1]
\\
\Gamma \vdash A[x := e_2]
\end{pmatrix}^* := d^* e^*$$

let  $\langle x, z \rangle = t$  in  $u := (\lambda y . (\lambda x, z . u) \pi_1(y) \pi_2(y)) t$ 

# Step 3: Adequacy lemma

Recall that in the definition of  $d^*$ , we assumed that each first-order variable x is also a  $\lambda$ -variable. (Remaining  $\lambda$ -variables z are used as proof variables.)

#### Definition (Valuation)

A valuation is a function  $\rho$ : FOVar  $\rightarrow$  IN. A valuation  $\rho$  may be applied:

- ullet to a formula A; notation: A[
  ho] (result is a closed formula)
- to a  $\lambda$ -term t; notation:  $t[\rho]$  (result is a possibly open  $\lambda$ -term)

### Lemma (Adequacy)

Let  $d: (A_1, \ldots, A_n \vdash B)$  be a derivation in NJ. Then:

- for all valuations  $\rho$ ,
- for all realizers  $t_1 \Vdash A_1[\rho], \ldots, t_n \Vdash A_n[\rho]$ ,

we have:  $d^*[\rho][z_1 := t_1, \ldots, z_n := t_n] \Vdash B[\rho]$ 

**Proof:** By induction on d, using that  $\{t: t \Vdash B\}$  is closed under anti-evaluation

# Step 4: Realizing the axioms of HA

### Lemma (Realizing true $\Pi_1^0$ -formulas)

Let  $e_1(\vec{x})$ ,  $e_2(\vec{x})$  be FO-terms depending on free variables  $\vec{x}$ .

If 
$$\mathbb{N} \models \forall \vec{x} (e_1(\vec{x}) = e_2(\vec{x}))$$
, then  $\lambda \vec{x} \cdot \vec{0} \Vdash \forall \vec{x} (e_1(\vec{x}) = e_2(\vec{x}))$ 

Since all defining equations of function symbols are Π<sub>1</sub><sup>0</sup>:

### Corollary

All defining equations of function symbols are realized

#### Lemma (Realizing Peano axioms)

$$\lambda xyz \cdot z \quad \vdash \quad \forall x \, \forall y \, (s(x) = s(y) \Rightarrow x = y)$$

$$\text{any\_term} \quad \vdash \quad \forall x \, (s(x) \neq 0)$$

$$\lambda \vec{y} \cdot \text{rec} \quad \vdash \quad \forall \vec{y} \, [A(\vec{y}, 0) \Rightarrow \forall x \, (A(\vec{y}, x) \Rightarrow A(\vec{y}, s(x))) \Rightarrow \forall x \, A(\vec{y}, x)]$$

$$\text{writing rec} :\equiv \lambda z_0, z_1, x \cdot \text{rec}(z_0, z_1, x)$$

# Final step: Putting it all together

### Theorem (Soundness)

If  $HA \vdash A$ , then  $t \Vdash A$  for some closed  $\lambda$ -term t

**Proof.** Assume HA  $\vdash$  A, so that there are axioms  $A_1, \ldots, A_n$  and a derivation  $d: (A_1, \ldots, A_n \vdash A)$  in LJ. Take realizers  $t_1, \ldots, t_n$  of  $A_1, \ldots, A_n$ . By adequacy, we have  $d^*[z_1 := t_1, \ldots, z_n := t_n] \Vdash A$ .

### Corollary (Consistency)

HA is consistent: HA  $\forall \bot$ 

**Proof.** If  $HA \vdash \bot$ , then the formula  $\bot$  is realized, which is impossible by definition

 Remark. Since HA ⊆ PA and PA is consistent (from the existence of the standard model), we already knew that HA is consistent

# $\Sigma_1^0$ -soundness and completeness

### Proposition ( $\Sigma_1^0$ -soundness/completeness)

For every closed  $\Sigma_1^0$ -formula, the following are equivalent:

(1) HA 
$$\vdash \exists \vec{x} (e_1(\vec{x}) = e_2(\vec{x}))$$
 (formula is provable)

(2) 
$$t \Vdash \exists \vec{x} (e_1(\vec{x}) = e_2(\vec{x}))$$
 for some  $t$  (formula is realized)

(3) IN 
$$\models \exists \vec{x} (e_1(\vec{x}) = e_2(\vec{x}))$$
 (formula is true)

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Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2) by soundness (2) \Rightarrow (3) by definition of t \Vdash \exists \vec{x} (e_1(\vec{x}) = e_2(\vec{x}))
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 $(3) \Rightarrow (1)$  by  $\Sigma_1^0$ -completeness

### Corollary (Existence property for $\Sigma_1^0$ -formulas)

If 
$$\mathsf{HA} \vdash \exists \vec{x} \, (e_1(\vec{x}) = e_2(\vec{x}))$$
, then  $\mathsf{HA} \vdash e_1(\vec{n}) = e_2(\vec{n})$  for some  $\vec{n} \in \mathsf{IN}$ 

**Proof.** Use  $(1) \Rightarrow (3)$ , and conclude by computational completeness

# The halting problem

• Let h be the binary function symbol associated to the primitive recursive function  $h^{\mathbb{N}}: \mathbb{N}^2 \to \mathbb{N}$  defined by

$$h^{\mathbb{N}}(n,k) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if Turing machine } n \text{ stops after } k \text{ evaluation steps} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

• Write 
$$H(x) := \exists y (h(x, y) = 1)$$
 (halting predicate)

#### Proposition

The formula  $\forall x (H(x) \lor \neg H(x))$  is **not** realized

**Proof.** Let  $t \Vdash \forall x (H(x) \lor \neg H(x))$ , and put  $u := \lambda x$ . fst (t x). We check that:

- For all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , either  $u \, \bar{n} \succ^* \bar{0}$  or  $u \, \bar{n} \succ^* \bar{1}$
- If  $u \bar{n} > 0$ , then H(n) is realized, so that Turing machine n halts
- If  $u \bar{n} >^* \bar{1}$ , then H(n) is not realized so that Turing machine n loops

Therefore, the program u solves the halting problem, which is impossible

### EM is not derivable in HA

• By soundness we get: HA  $\forall x (H(x) \lor \neg H(x))$ . Hence:

### Theorem (Unprovability of EM)

The law of excluded middle (EM) is not provable in HA

• **Remark:** We actually showed that the open instance  $H(x) \vee \neg H(x)$  of EM is not provable in HA. On the other hand we can prove (classically) that each closed instance of EM is realizable:

#### Proposition (Realizing closed instances of EM)

For each **closed** formula A, the formula  $A \lor \neg A$  is realized

Proof. Using meta-theoretic EM (in the model), we distinguish two cases:

- Either A is realized by some term t. Then  $\langle \bar{0}, t \rangle \Vdash A \vee \neg A$
- Either A is not realized. Then  $t \Vdash \neg A$  (t any), hence  $\langle \overline{1}, t \rangle \Vdash A \vee \neg A$
- But this proof is not accepted by intuitionists (uses meta-theoretic EM)

# Unprovable, but realizable

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We have already seen that the Halting Problem

$$(\mathsf{HP}) \qquad \forall x \left( H(x) \vee \neg H(x) \right)$$

is not realized. Therefore:

#### Proposition

any\_term  $\Vdash \neg HP$ , but:  $HA \not\vdash \neg HP$  (since:  $PA \not\vdash \neg HP$ )

**Proof.** Since HP is not realized, its negation is realized by any term. On the other hand we have PA  $\not\vdash \neg HP$  (since PA  $\vdash HP$ ), so that HA  $\not\vdash \neg HP$ 

#### Morality:

- PA takes position for the excluded middle
- HA actually takes no position (for or against) the excluded middle.
   In practice, it is 100% compatible with classical logic
- Kleene realizability takes position against excluded middle. Many realized formulas (such as ¬HP) are classically false

• Recall that all true  $\Pi_1^0$ -formulas are realized:

If 
$$\mathbb{N} \models \forall \vec{x} (e_1(\vec{x}) = e_2(\vec{x}))$$
, then  $\lambda \vec{x} \cdot \bar{0} \Vdash \forall \vec{x} (e_1(\vec{x}) = e_2(\vec{x}))$ 

• But Gödel undecidable formula G is a true  $\Pi_1^0$ -formula. Therefore:

### Proposition

 $\lambda z.\bar{0} \Vdash G.$ but:  $HA \not\vdash G$ (since:  $PA \not\vdash G$ )

#### Remarks:

- Like  $\neg HP$ , the formula G is realized but not provable
- Unlike  $\neg HP$ , the formula G is classically true

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## Unprovable, but realizable

Markov Principle (MP) is the following scheme of axioms:

$$\forall x (A(x) \lor \neg A(x)) \Rightarrow \neg \neg \exists x A(x) \Rightarrow \exists x A(x)$$

Obviously: PA ⊢ MP

### Proposition (MP is realized)

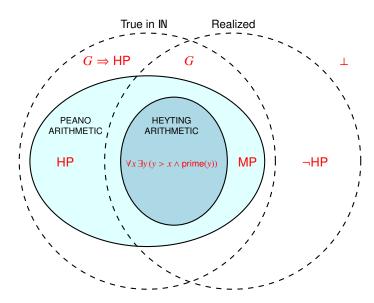
$$t_{\mathsf{MP}} \Vdash \forall x (A(x) \lor \neg A(x)) \Rightarrow \neg \neg \exists x A(x) \Rightarrow \exists x A(x)$$

where 
$$t_{MP} := \lambda z_{-} \mathbf{Y} (\lambda rx \cdot \text{if fst} (zx) = 0 \text{ then } \langle x, \text{snd} (zx) \rangle \text{ else } r(Sx))$$
  
 $\mathbf{Y} := \lambda f \cdot (\lambda x \cdot f(xx)) (\lambda x \cdot f(xx))$ 

- Using modified realizability, one can show: HA ⊬ MP [Kreisel]
- We have the strict inclusions:

$$HA \subset HA + MP \subset PA$$

# To sum up



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# Towards the disjunction and existence properties

### Proposition (Semantic disjunction & existence properties)

- If  $HA \vdash A \lor B$ , then A is realized or B is realized
- ② If  $HA \vdash \exists x A(x)$ , then A(n) is realized for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

#### **Proof.** From main Theorem & definition of realizability:

- **1** If HA  $\vdash$  A  $\lor$  B, then  $t \Vdash$  A  $\lor$  B for some t, so that: either  $t \succ^* \langle \overline{0}, u \rangle$  for some  $u \Vdash$  A, or  $t \succ^* \langle \overline{1}, u \rangle$  for some  $u \Vdash$  B
- ③ If HA  $\vdash \exists x A(x)$ , then  $t \vdash \exists x A(x)$  for some t, so that:  $t \succ^* \langle \bar{n}, u \rangle$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $u \vdash A(n)$
- These weak forms of the disjunction & existence properties are now widely accepted as criteria of constructivity
- To prove the strong forms of the disjunction and existence properties (criteria (3) and (4) = (5)), we need to introduce glued realizability

- Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be a set of closed formulas such that:
  - $\bullet$   $\mathcal{P}$  contains all theorems of HA
  - $\mathcal{P}$  is closed under modus ponens:  $(A \Rightarrow B) \in \mathcal{P}$ ,  $A \in \mathcal{P} \Rightarrow B \in \mathcal{P}$

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Definition of the relation t \Vdash_{\mathcal{P}} A (t, A \text{ closed})
t \Vdash_{\mathcal{P}} \bot \qquad \equiv \bot
t \Vdash_{\mathcal{P}} \top \qquad \equiv t \succ^* 0
t \Vdash_{\mathcal{P}} e_1 = e_2 \equiv e_1^{\mathbb{N}} = e_2^{\mathbb{N}} \land t \succ^* 0
t \Vdash_{\mathcal{P}} A \land B \equiv \exists t_1 \exists t_2 (t \succ^* \langle t_1, t_2 \rangle \land t_1 \Vdash_{\mathcal{P}} A \land t_2 \Vdash_{\mathcal{P}} B)
t \Vdash_{\mathcal{P}} A \lor B \equiv \exists u ((t \succ^* \langle \bar{0}, u \rangle \land u \Vdash_{\mathcal{P}} A) \lor (t \succ^* \langle \bar{1}, u \rangle \land u \Vdash_{\mathcal{P}} B))
t \Vdash_{\mathcal{P}} A \Rightarrow B \equiv \forall u (u \Vdash_{\mathcal{P}} A \Rightarrow tu \Vdash_{\mathcal{P}} B) \land (A \Rightarrow B) \in \mathcal{P}
t \Vdash_{\mathcal{P}} \forall x A(x) \equiv \forall n (t \bar{n} \Vdash_{\mathcal{P}} A(n)) \land (\forall x A(x)) \in \mathcal{P}
t \Vdash_{\mathcal{P}} \exists x A(x) \equiv \exists n \exists u (t \succ^* \langle \bar{n}, u \rangle \land u \Vdash_{\mathcal{P}} A(n))
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ullet Plain realizability = case where  ${\cal P}$  contains all closed formulas

# Glued realizability

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### Theorem [Kleene'45]

#### Proof.

- By a straightforward induction on A
- ② Same proof as for plain realizability. Extracted program t is the same as before (definitions of  $f\mapsto f^*$ ,  $e\mapsto e^*$ ,  $d\mapsto d^*$  unchanged). Only change appears in the statement & proof of Adequacy (step 3), that uses  $\Vdash_{\mathcal{P}}$  rather than  $\Vdash$ .
- To sum up: For each set of closed formulas  $\mathcal P$  that contains all theorems of HA and that is closed under modus ponens:

provable in HA 
$$\subseteq$$
  $\mathcal{P}$ -realized  $\subseteq$   $\mathcal{P}$ 

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• Particular case:  $\mathcal{P} = HA$ : (= set of theorems of HA)

### Proposition

 $HA \vdash A$  iff  $t \Vdash_{\mathsf{HA}} A$  for some closed  $\lambda$ -term t

• From this we deduce:

### Corollary (Disjunction/existence properties)

- lacktriangle If  $HA \vdash A \lor B$ , then  $HA \vdash A$  or  $HA \vdash B$
- ② If  $HA \vdash \exists x A(x)$ , then  $HA \vdash A(n)$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Same proof as before, using the fact that  $HA \vdash A$  iff A is HA-realized Proof.

• **Conclusion:** We proved that HA is constructive, *champagne!* 



# Program extraction

### Proposition (Provably total functions are recursive)

If  $HA \vdash \forall \vec{x} \exists y \ A(\vec{x}, y)$  (i.e. the relation  $A(\vec{x}, y)$  is provably total in HA), then there exists a total recursive function  $\phi : \mathbb{N}^k \to \mathbb{N}$  such that:

$$\mathsf{HA} \; \vdash \; A(\vec{n}, \phi(\vec{n}))$$
 for all  $\vec{n} = (n_1, \dots, n_k) \in \mathsf{IN}^k$ 

**Proof.** Let d be a derivation of A in HA, and  $d^*$  the corresponding closed  $\lambda$ -term (constructed in Steps 1, 2, 4). We take  $\phi := \lambda \vec{x} \cdot \pi_1(d^*\vec{x})$ 

- Note: The relation  $A(\vec{x}, y)$  may not be functional. In this case, the extracted program  $\phi := \lambda \vec{x} \cdot \pi_1(d^* \vec{x})$  associated to the derivation d chooses one output  $\phi(\vec{n})$  for each input  $\vec{n} \in \mathbb{N}^k$
- Optimizing extracted program  $\phi$ : Using modified realizability [Kreisel], we can ignore all sub-proofs corresponding to Harrop formulas:

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# Kleene's original presentation

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- Kleene did not consider closed  $\lambda$ -terms as realizers, but natural numbers, used as Gödel codes for partial recursive functions
- Definition of realizability parameterized by:
  - A recursive injection  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : \mathbb{IN} \times \mathbb{IN} \to \mathbb{IN}$  (pairing)
  - An enumeration  $(\phi_n)_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$  of all partial recursive functions of arity 1
- Kleene application:  $n \cdot p := \phi_n(p)$  (partial operation)
- Realizability relation:  $n \Vdash A$   $(n \in \mathbb{N}, A \text{ closed formula})$

#### Theorem

If  $HA \vdash A$ , then  $n \Vdash A$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ 

 As before, we can also realize many unprovable formulas, such as the negation of the Halting Problem (¬HP), Gödel undecidable formula G and Markov Principle (MP), as well as Church's Thesis (CT) (cf later)

# Kleene's original presentation

 $n \Vdash \forall x A(x) \equiv \forall p (n \cdot p \Vdash A(p))$ 

Definition of the realizability relation  $n \Vdash A$ 

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 $(n \in \mathbb{N}, A \text{ closed})$ 

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\begin{array}{lll}
n \Vdash \bot & \equiv & \bot \\
n \Vdash \top & \equiv & n = 0 \\
n \Vdash e_1 = e_2 & \equiv & e_1^{\mid N} = e_2^{\mid N} \land n = 0 \\
n \Vdash A \land B & \equiv & \exists n_1 \exists n_2 \ (n = \langle n_1, n_2 \rangle \land n_1 \Vdash A \land n_2 \Vdash B) \\
n \Vdash A \lor B & \equiv & \exists m \ ((n = \langle 0, m \rangle \land m \Vdash A) \lor (n = \langle 1, m \rangle \land m \Vdash B)) \\
n \Vdash A \Rightarrow B & \equiv & \forall p \ (p \Vdash A \Rightarrow n \cdot p \Vdash B)
\end{array}
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- Proof of Main Theorem is essentially the same as before. But:
  - We need to work with Hilbert's system for LJ (rather than with NJ)
  - Gödel codes induce a lot of code obfuscation...

 $n \Vdash \exists x A(x) \equiv \exists p \exists m (n = \langle p, m \rangle \land m \Vdash A(p))$ 

 As before, we can define glued realizability, prove the disjunction & existence properties, extract program from proofs, etc.

# Church's Thesis (CT)

• Let h' be the ternary function symbol associated to the primitive recursive function  $h'^{\mathbb{N}}: \mathbb{N}^3 \to \mathbb{N}$  defined by

$$h'^{\mathbb{N}}(n,p,k) = \begin{cases} s(r) & \text{if Turing machine } n \text{ applied to } p \text{ stops after} \\ k \text{ evaluation steps and returns } r \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

and put: 
$$x \cdot y = z := \exists k (h'(x, y, k) = s(z))$$

 Church's Thesis (CT) internalizes in the language of HA the fact that every provably total function is recursive:

(CT) 
$$\forall x \,\exists y \, A(x,y) \ \Rightarrow \ \exists n \, \forall x \, \exists y \, (n \cdot x = y \wedge A(x,y))$$

• Clearly: PA  $\vdash \neg CT$  (take  $A(x, y) := (H(x) \land y = 1) \lor (\neg H(x) \land y = 0)$ )

#### Proposition

CT is realized by some  $n \in \mathbb{IN}$  (although HA  $\nvdash$  CT)

# Towards partial combinatory algebras

**Idea:** To define a language of realizers, we need a set A whose elements behave as partial functions on A, and that is 'closed under  $\lambda$ -abstraction'

### Definition (Partial applicative structure – PAS)

A partial applicative structure (PAS) is a set  $\mathcal{A}$  equipped with a partial function  $(\cdot): \mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{A} \rightharpoonup \mathcal{A}$ , called application

**Notation:**  $abc = (a \cdot b) \cdot c$ , etc.

(application is left-associative)

- **Intuition:** Each element a of a partial applicative structure  $\mathcal{A}$  represents a partial function on  $\mathcal{A}$ :  $(b \mapsto ab) : \mathcal{A} \rightharpoonup \mathcal{A}$
- A PAS is combinatorialy complete when it contains enough elements to represent all closed  $\lambda$ -terms (Formal definition given later)

### Definition (Partial combinatory algebra - PCA)

A partial combinatory algebra (PCA) is a combinatorially complete PAS

# Let $\mathcal{A}$ be a partial applicative structure

### Definition (A-expressions)

Combinatory terms over A (or A-expressions) are defined by:

$$A$$
-expressions

$$t, u ::=$$

$$t,u$$
 ::=  $x \mid a \mid tu$ 

$$(a \in A)$$

**Syntactic worship:** Free variables FV(t), substitution t[x := u]

- **Remark:** Set of A-expr. = free magma generated by  $A \uplus Var$
- We define a (partial) interpretation function  $t \mapsto t^{\mathcal{A}}$  from the set of closed A-expressions to A, using the inductive definition:

$$a^{\mathcal{A}} = a \qquad (tu)^{\mathcal{A}} = t^{\mathcal{A}} \cdot u^{\mathcal{A}}$$

• Notations: 
$$t\downarrow$$
 when  $t^A$  is defined  $t\uparrow$  when  $t^A$  is undefined

$$t\cong u$$
 when either  $t,u\uparrow$  or  $t,u\downarrow$  and  $t^{\mathcal{A}}=u^{\mathcal{A}}$ 

### Definition (Combinatorial completeness)

A partial applicative structure A is combinatorially complete when for each A-expression  $t(x_1, \ldots, x_n)$  with free variables among  $x_1, \ldots, x_n$  $(n \ge 1)$ , there exists  $a \in \mathcal{A}$  such that for all  $a_1, \ldots, a_n \in \mathcal{A}$ :

- $\bigcirc$   $aa_1 \cdots a_{n-1} \downarrow$
- $a_1 \cdots a_n \cong t(a_1, \ldots, a_n)$

Notation:  $a = (x_1, \dots, x_n \mapsto t(x_1, \dots, x_n))^A$ 

(not unique, in general)

### Theorem (Combinatorial completeness)

A partial applicative structure A is combinatorially complete iff there are two elements  $K, S \in A$  s.t. for all  $a, b, c \in A$ :

- **1 K** $ab \downarrow$  and **K**ab = a
- **2** Sab  $\downarrow$  and Sabc  $\cong$  ac(bc)

Condition is necessary: by combinatorial completeness, take

$$\mathbf{K} = (x, y \mapsto x)^{\mathcal{A}}$$
 and  $\mathbf{S} = (x, y, z \mapsto xz(yz))^{\mathcal{A}}$ 

• To prove that condition is sufficient, use combinators  $K, S \in A$  to define  $\lambda$ -abstraction on the set of  $\mathcal{A}$ -expressions:

#### Definition of $\lambda x \cdot t$ :

$$\lambda x . x := \mathbf{SKK}$$
  $\lambda x . y := \mathbf{K} y$  if  $y \not\equiv x$   
 $\lambda x . a := \mathbf{K} a$   $\lambda x . tu := \mathbf{S} (\lambda x . t) (\lambda x . u)$ 

By construction we have  $FV(\lambda x \cdot t) = FV(t) \setminus \{x\}$ , and for each A-expression t(x) that depends (at most) on x:

$$\lambda x \cdot t(x) \downarrow$$
 and  $(\lambda x \cdot t(x)) a \cong t(a)$  for all  $a \in A$ 

• Condition is sufficient: if  $K, S \in A$  exist, put

$$(x_1,\ldots,x_n\mapsto t(x_1,\ldots,x_n))^{\mathcal{A}}:=(\lambda x_1\cdots x_n\cdot t(x_1,\ldots,x_n))^{\mathcal{A}}$$

# Examples of partial combinatory algebras

#### Definition (Partial combinatory algebra - PCA)

A partial combinatory algebra (PCA) is a combinatorially complete PAS

- Examples of total combinatory algebras:
  - The set of closed  $\lambda$ -terms quotiented by  $\beta$ -conversion
  - The free magma generated by constants K, S and quotiented by the relations Kab = a, Sabc = ac(bc) (Combinatory Logic)
- Examples of (really) partial combinatory algebras:
  - The set of closed  $\lambda$ -terms in normal form, equipped with the partial application defined by:  $t \cdot u = NF(tu)$
  - Kleene's 1st model: IN equipped with  $n \cdot p = \phi_n(p)$
  - Kleene's 2d model: based on IN<sup>IN</sup> + product topology
  - The graph model: based on  $\mathfrak{P}(\omega)$  + product topology

# Using partial combinatory algebras

• Using combinatory completeness, we can encode all constructs of system T in any partial combinatory algebra A, for example:

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• pair := (\lambda xyz . zxy)^A

• \pi_1 := (\lambda z . z (\lambda xy . x))^A

• \pi_2 := (\lambda z . z (\lambda xy . y))^A

• 0 := (\lambda xf . x)^A (= \mathbf{K})

• \mathbf{Y} := (\lambda nxf . f n)^A [Parigot]

• \mathbf{Y} := (\lambda f . (\lambda x . f (x x)) (\lambda x . f (x x)))^A [Church]

• rec := (\lambda x_0 x_1 . \mathbf{Y} (\lambda rn . n x_0 (\lambda z . x_1 z (r z))))^A
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- Using these constructions, we can define the relation or realizability  $a \Vdash A$ , where  $a \in \mathcal{A}$  and A is a closed formula (exercise)
- Main Theorem holds in all PCA  $\mathcal{A}$  (exercise), and depending on the choice of  $\mathcal{A}$ , we can realize more or less formulas

 Through the CH correspondence, the types of combinators  $\mathbf{K} = \lambda xy \cdot x$  and  $\mathbf{S} = \lambda xyz \cdot xz(yz)$  correspond to the axioms of Hilbert deduction for minimal propositional logic:

$$\mathbf{K} = \lambda xy \cdot x \qquad : \quad A \Rightarrow B \Rightarrow A$$

$$\mathbf{S} = \lambda xyz \cdot xz(yz) : (A \Rightarrow B \Rightarrow C) \Rightarrow (A \Rightarrow B) \Rightarrow A \Rightarrow C$$

#### Hilbert deduction for LJ

Rules:

$$\frac{\vdash A \Rightarrow B \quad \vdash A}{\vdash B} \qquad \frac{\vdash A \Rightarrow B}{\vdash A \Rightarrow \forall x B} \quad x \notin FV(A) \qquad \frac{\vdash A \Rightarrow B}{\vdash \exists x A \Rightarrow B} \quad x \notin FV(B)$$

• Axioms:

A 
$$\Rightarrow$$
 B  $\Rightarrow$  A  $\qquad$  (A  $\Rightarrow$  B  $\Rightarrow$  C)  $\Rightarrow$  (A  $\Rightarrow$  B)  $\Rightarrow$  A  $\Rightarrow$  C  
A  $\Rightarrow$  B  $\Rightarrow$  A  $\wedge$  B  $\Rightarrow$  A  $\wedge$  B  $\Rightarrow$  B  $\wedge$  T  $\wedge$   $\wedge$  A  $\wedge$  B  $\wedge$  B  $\wedge$  C  
A  $\Rightarrow$  A  $\wedge$  B  $\wedge$  B  $\wedge$  A  $\wedge$  B  $\wedge$  B  $\wedge$  C  $\wedge$  C

### Extensions and variants

### Extensions of Kleene realizability:

- To second- & higher-order Heyting arithmetic
  - t theories:
- To intuitionistic & constructive set theories:
  - IZF<sub>R</sub>, IZF<sub>C</sub>

[Myhill-Friedman 1973, McCarty 1984] [Aczel 1977]

CZF

#### Variants:

Modified realizability

[Kreisel]

[Troelstra]

Techniques of reducibility candidates

[Tait, Girard, Parigot]

#### Categorical realizability:

Strong connections with topoi

[Scott, Hyland, Johnstone, Pitts]

### Realizability for classical logic:

- Kleene realizability via a negative translation
- Classical realizability in PA2, in ZF

[Krivine 1994, 2001-]