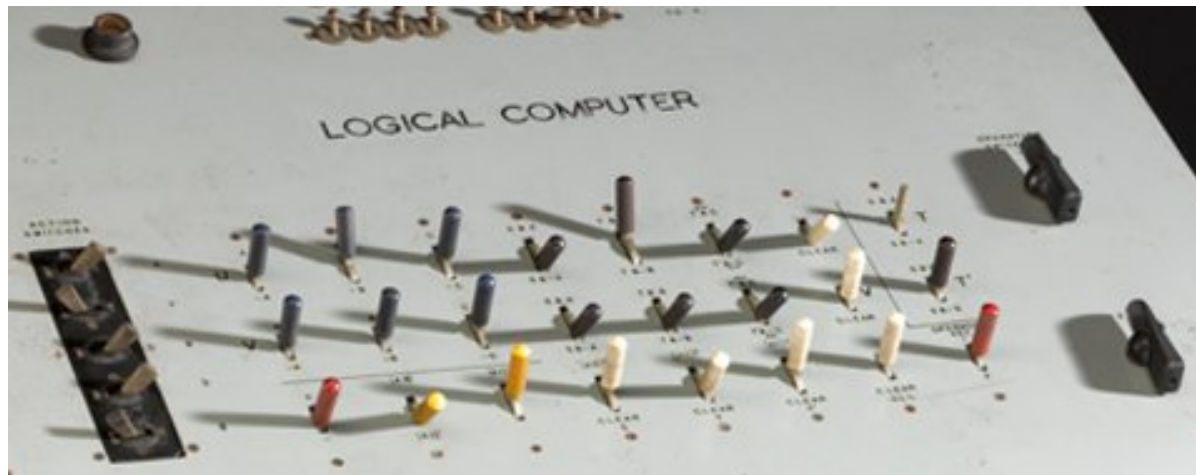


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Lecture IX

Intuitionistic logic(s)

& the proofs-as-programs paradigm



The drinker's theorem

“There is always someone such that, if he drinks, everybody drinks”



Let DF be the statement of the drinker's theorem:

$$\exists x(\text{DRINKS}(x) \Rightarrow \forall y \text{DRINKS}(y))$$

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I. Excluded-middle vs Double negation

Two possible rules

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \neg\neg A}{\Gamma \vdash A} \text{ double negation} \qquad \frac{}{\Gamma \vdash A \vee \neg A} \text{ excluded middle}$$

... allow to derive

$$\frac{\Gamma, \neg A \vdash A}{\Gamma \vdash A} : \quad \frac{\frac{\Gamma, \neg A \vdash \neg A \quad \Gamma, \neg A \vdash A}{\Gamma, \neg A \vdash \perp}}{\Gamma \vdash \neg\neg A} \qquad \frac{\frac{\Gamma \vdash A \vee \neg A \quad \Gamma, A \vdash A \quad \Gamma, \neg A \vdash A}{\Gamma \vdash A}}$$

... are interchangeable, in that one rule can be derived using the other:

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\Gamma, \neg(A \vee \neg A), A \vdash A}{\Gamma, \neg(A \vee \neg A), A \vdash A \vee \neg A}}{\Gamma, \neg(A \vee \neg A), A \vdash \perp}}{\Gamma, \neg(A \vee \neg A) \vdash \neg A}}{\Gamma, \neg(A \vee \neg A) \vdash A \vee \neg A}}{\Gamma \vdash A \vee \neg A}$$

$$\frac{\frac{\Gamma \vdash \neg\neg A}{\Gamma, \neg A \vdash \neg\neg A} \quad \frac{}{\Gamma, \neg A \vdash \neg A}}{\Gamma, \neg A \vdash \perp}}{\Gamma, \neg A \vdash A}}{\Gamma \vdash A}$$

II. Annoying things in logic so far

Formal proof of the Drinker's theorem

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{\dots \vdash \neg \text{DRINKS}(y)}{\dots \vdash \neg \text{DRINKS}(y)} \quad \frac{\dots \vdash \text{DRINKS}(y)}{\dots \vdash \text{DRINKS}(y)} \\
 \hline
 \neg \text{DF}, \text{DRINKS}(\text{BOB}), \neg \text{DRINKS}(y), \text{DRINKS}(y) \vdash \perp \\
 \hline
 \neg \text{DF}, \text{DRINKS}(\text{BOB}), \neg \text{DRINKS}(y), \text{DRINKS}(y) \vdash \forall z \text{DRINKS}(z) \\
 \hline
 \neg \text{DF}, \text{DRINKS}(\text{BOB}), \neg \text{DRINKS}(y) \vdash \text{DRINKS}(y) \Rightarrow \forall z \text{DRINKS}(z) \\
 \hline
 \frac{\neg \text{DF}, \dots \vdash \neg \text{DF}}{\neg \text{DF}, \text{DRINKS}(\text{BOB}), \neg \text{DRINKS}(y) \vdash \exists x (\text{DRINKS}(x) \Rightarrow \forall z \text{DRINKS}(z))} \\
 \hline
 \neg \text{DF}, \text{DRINKS}(\text{BOB}), \neg \text{DRINKS}(y) \vdash \perp \\
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 \neg \text{DF}, \text{DRINKS}(\text{BOB}) \vdash \neg \neg \text{DRINKS}(y) \\
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 \neg \text{DF} \vdash \exists x (\text{DRINKS}(x) \Rightarrow \forall y \text{DRINKS}(y)) \\
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 \vdash \text{DF}
 \end{array}$$

Problem with this

We have proved the theorem

...but we are still incapable of identifying the person satisfying the property
(or rather, our choice depends on the context)

In other words, we fail to provide **a witness of existence**

In other words, the logic we use does not have **the witness property**

The logic we use **lacks a certain dose of constructivism**

Lack of witness, another example

Predicate P : assuming $P(0), \neg P(2)$

Can we **prove** that **there is** an integer x such that $P(x) \wedge \neg P(S(x))$?

$$P(0), \neg P(2) \vdash \exists x (P(x) \wedge \neg P(S(x)))$$

Is there an integer n such that we can **prove** $P(n) \wedge \neg P(S(n))$?

$$P(0), \neg P(2) \vdash P(n) \wedge \neg P(S(n))$$

Concrete example:

Let $u_0 := \sqrt{2}$, $u_{x+1} := u_x^{\sqrt{2}}$, and $P(x)$ be “ u_x irrational”

$P(0), P(2)$?

Applying the above: There is x such that $P(x)$ and $\neg P(x+1)$

Therefore: There is an irrational r ($:= u_x$) such that $r^{\sqrt{2}}$ rational

r is either $\sqrt{2}$ or $\sqrt{2}^{\sqrt{2}}$, depending on whether $\sqrt{2}^{\sqrt{2}}$ is rational or not

The annoying mismatch

Remark:

$\vdash A \wedge B$ if and only if both $\vdash A$ and $\vdash B$

The object-level \wedge matches the meta-level “and”

$\vdash \forall x A[x]$ if and only if for all terms t we have $\vdash A[t]$ (t not necessarily closed)

The object-level \forall matches the meta-level “for all”

Clearly:

If either $\vdash A$ or $\vdash B$ then $\vdash A \vee B$

If there is a term t such that $\vdash A[t]$ then $\vdash \exists x A[x]$

But

If you have...

... you don't necessarily have

$\vdash \exists x A[x]$

an n such that $\vdash A[n]$

Example

$\vdash \exists x (P(x) \vee \neg P(S(x)))$

an n such that $\vdash P(n) \vee \neg P(S(n))$

$\vdash A \vee B$

either $\vdash A$ or $\vdash B$

Example

$\vdash A \vee \neg A$

either $\vdash A$ or $\vdash \neg A$ (e.g., A Goedel formula)

For \vee and \exists , there is a **mismatch** between the object-level and the meta-level

The culprit and how to fix the mismatch

In all our examples, mismatch entirely due to:

- the **Law of Excluded Middle**
- or, equivalently, the **Elimination of Double Negation**.

The fix is easy: **Disallow** those laws

You get what is called **Intuitionistic Logic**(s) -as opposed to Classical logic(s)

Distinction can be done for propositional logic, predicate logic, higher-order logic, etc.

The claim: we recover a full match between object-level and meta-level

- $\vdash A \wedge B$ if and only if both $\vdash A$ and $\vdash B$
- $\vdash \forall x A[x]$ if and only if for all terms t we have $\vdash A[t]$
- $\vdash A \vee B$ if and only if either $\vdash A$ or $\vdash B$
- $\vdash \exists x A[x]$ if and only if there is a term t such that $\vdash A[t]$

The above match works **in the empty theory**, **not in any theory!**

(imagine the theory $A \vee B$ or the theory $\exists x A$)

III. The proofs-as-programs paradigm

Now that we got rid of Excluded Middle/Elimination of Double Negation...

...let's look at the fragment of propositional logic concerning **implication** only:

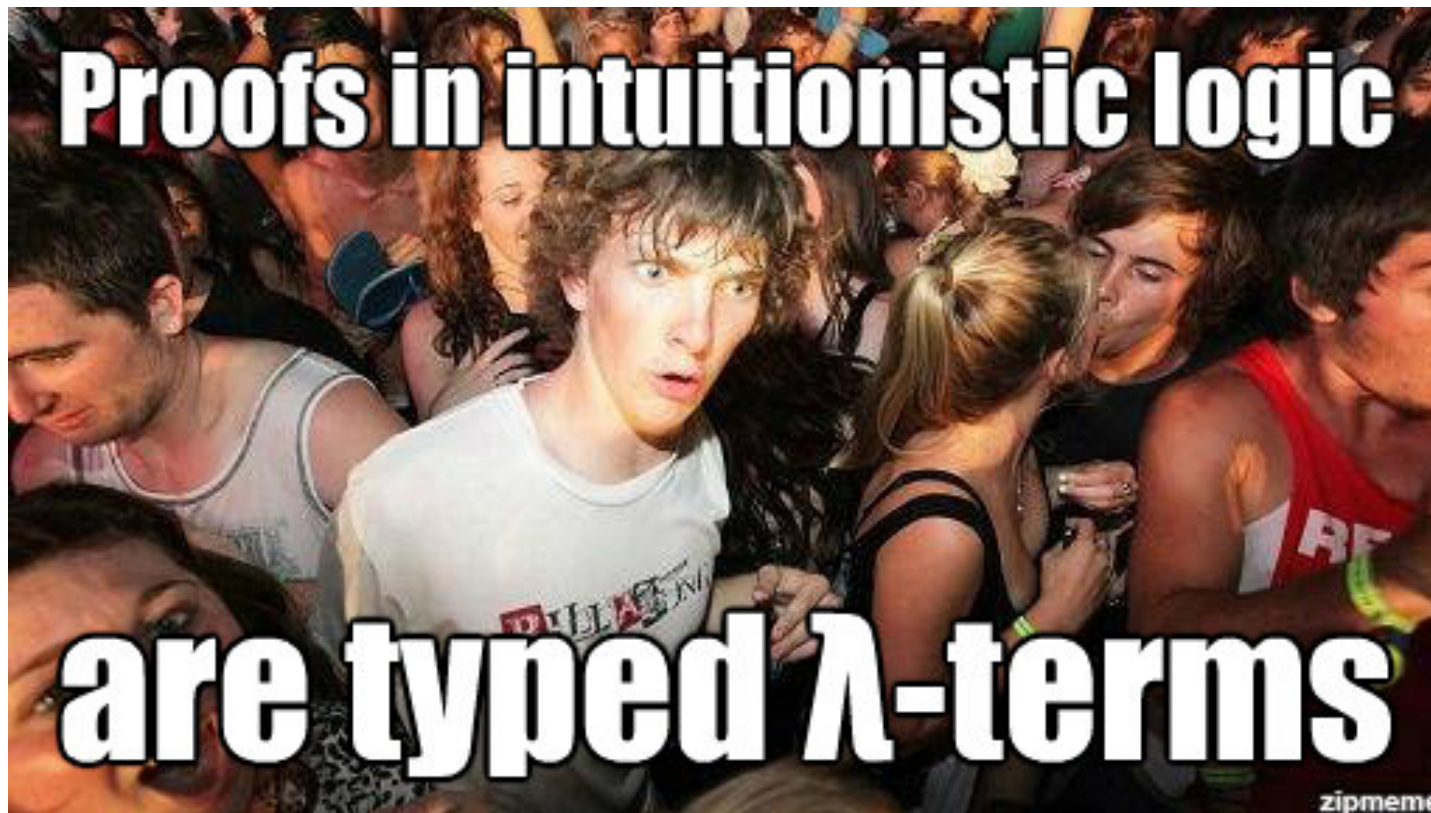
$$\frac{}{\Gamma, P \vdash P}$$
$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash P \Rightarrow Q \quad \Gamma \vdash P}{\Gamma \vdash Q}$$
$$\frac{\Gamma, P \vdash Q}{\Gamma \vdash P \Rightarrow Q}$$

Now let's look again at the typing rules for the λ -calculus:

$$\frac{}{\Delta, x:A \Vdash x:A}$$
$$\frac{\Delta \Vdash t:A \rightarrow B \quad \Delta \Vdash u:A}{\Delta \Vdash tu:B}$$
$$\frac{\Delta, x:A \Vdash t:B}{\Delta \Vdash \lambda x.t:A \rightarrow B}$$

What can we say?

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Gamma & \longleftrightarrow & \Delta \\ P & \longleftrightarrow & A \\ Q & \longleftrightarrow & B \\ \Rightarrow & \longleftrightarrow & \rightarrow \end{array}$$



More precisely

Propositions are Types

Proofs are Programs

Every proof tree in (the implication fragment of) intuitionistic logic

can be **annotated** to be the typing tree of some λ -term

(λ -calculus variables annotate hypotheses, a λ -term annotates the conclusion)

Conversely, every typing tree, for some λ -term t ,

can be turned into a proof tree in (the implication fragment of) intuitionistic logic,

simply by **hiding** variables and λ -term annotations

It is the **Curry-Howard isomorphism**

Re-expressing the rules using annotations

Let's use

- α, β , etc. for the variables annotating hypotheses

(not to confuse with the variables x, y , etc. in the terms of predicate logic)

- M, N , etc. for the λ -terms annotating proof-trees

(not to confuse with the terms of predicate logic t, u, \dots)

$$\frac{}{\Gamma, \alpha : P \vdash \alpha : P}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, \alpha : P \vdash M : Q}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda \alpha. M : P \Rightarrow Q}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash M : P \Rightarrow Q \quad \Gamma \vdash N : P}{\Gamma \vdash M N : Q}$$

What about the other connectives?

We can **extend** the λ -calculus

to account for the introduction and elimination rules of the other connectives

\wedge, \vee

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash M : P_1 \quad \Gamma \vdash N : P_2}{\Gamma \vdash (M, N) : P_1 \wedge P_2} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash M : P_1 \wedge P_2}{\Gamma \vdash \pi_i(M) : P_i} \quad i \in \{1, 2\}$$

$P_1 \wedge P_2$ is a **product type** “ $P_1 * P_2$ ” (e.g., in OCaml)

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash M : P_i}{\Gamma \vdash \text{inj}_i(M) : P_1 \vee P_2} \quad i \in \{1, 2\}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash M : P_1 \vee P_2 \quad \Gamma, \alpha_1 : P_1 \vdash N_1 : Q \quad \Gamma, \alpha_2 : P_2 \vdash N_2 : Q}{\Gamma \vdash \text{match } M \text{ with } \text{inj}_1(\alpha_1) \mapsto N_1, \text{inj}_2(\alpha_2) \mapsto N_2 : Q}$$

$P_1 \vee P_2$ is a **sum type** “ $P_1 + P_2$ ”

\forall, \exists, \perp

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash M : P}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda x.M : \forall x P} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash M : \forall x P}{\Gamma \vdash M t : \{t/x\} P}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash M : \{t/x\} P}{\Gamma \vdash \langle t, M \rangle : \exists x P} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash M : \exists x P \quad \Gamma, \alpha : P \vdash N : Q}{\Gamma \vdash \text{let } \langle x, \alpha \rangle = M \text{ in } N : Q}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash M : \perp}{\Gamma \vdash \text{abort}(M) : P}$$

$\neg P$ defined as $P \Rightarrow \perp$, and \top defined as $\neg \perp$ (i.e., $\perp \Rightarrow \perp$)

Summing up the syntax

	Intro-constructs	Elim-constructs	
$M, N, \dots ::= \alpha$			axiom
	$\lambda\alpha.M$	$M N$	\Rightarrow
	(M, N)	$\pi_i(M)$	\wedge
	$\text{inj}_i(M)$	$\text{match } M \text{ with } \text{inj}_1(\alpha_1) \mapsto N_1, \text{inj}_2(\alpha_2) \mapsto N_2$	\vee
	$\lambda x.M$	$M t$	\forall
	$\langle t, M \rangle$	$\text{let } \langle x, \alpha \rangle = M \text{ in } N$	\exists
		$\text{abort}(M)$	\perp

Reductions

$$\begin{aligned}(\lambda\alpha.M) N &\longrightarrow_{\text{root}} \{N/\alpha\} M \\ \pi_i((M_1, M_2)) &\longrightarrow_{\text{root}} M_i \\ \text{match } \text{inj}_i(M) \text{ with } \text{inj}_1(\alpha_1) \mapsto N_1, \text{inj}_2(\alpha_2) \mapsto N_2 &\longrightarrow_{\text{root}} \{M/\alpha_i\} N_i \\ (\lambda x.M) t &\longrightarrow_{\text{root}} \{t/x\} M \\ \text{let } \langle x, \alpha \rangle = \langle t, M \rangle \text{ in } N &\longrightarrow_{\text{root}} \{t, M/x, \alpha\} N\end{aligned}$$

+ some permutation rules such as

$$\begin{aligned}(\text{match } M \text{ with } \text{inj}_1(\alpha_1) \mapsto N_1, \text{inj}_2(\alpha_2) \mapsto N_2) N &\longrightarrow_{\text{root}} \text{match } M \text{ with } \text{inj}_1(\alpha_1) \mapsto (N_1 N), \text{inj}_2(\alpha_2) \mapsto (N_2 N) \\ \pi_i(\text{match } M \text{ with } \text{inj}_1(\alpha_1) \mapsto N_1, \text{inj}_2(\alpha_2) \mapsto N_2) &\longrightarrow_{\text{root}} \text{match } M \text{ with } \text{inj}_1(\alpha_1) \mapsto \pi_i(N_1), \text{inj}_2(\alpha_2) \mapsto \pi_i(N_2) \\ \dots &\end{aligned}$$

Results from Lecture 7 still hold

Remark: If $\Gamma \vdash M : P$ then $\text{FV}(M)$ is included in the domain of Γ

Substitution: If $\Gamma, \alpha : P \vdash M : Q$ and $\Gamma \vdash N : P$, then $\Gamma \vdash \{N/\alpha\} M : Q$

Subject Reduction: If $\Gamma \vdash M : P$ and $M \longrightarrow M'$ then $\Gamma \vdash M' : P$

Through the Curry-Howard isomorphism,

This is describing a **proof transformation** process

Strong Normalisation: If $\Gamma \vdash M : P$ then M is strongly normalising
(careful with the permutation rules, though)

The process of transforming proofs terminates, producing proofs of a **particular shape**:
the typing trees of irreducible λ -terms

Corollary:

Every theorem P that has a proof in a theory \mathcal{T} , also has a proof **of that shape**

Shape of those proofs in the empty theory

Theorem:

1. Any **closed**, **irreducible** and **typed** λ -term, is an intro-construct
2. There is no **closed**, **irreducible** λ -term of type \perp

Proof: by simultaneous induction on the size of λ -terms
(and 2. easy consequence of 1.)

Corollary (still in the empty theory)

Consistency: intuitionistic predicate logic without axioms is consistent

Proof: If \perp has a proof, it also has a proof whose λ -term is an intro-construct. Impossible.

Witness property: if $\vdash \exists x P[x]$ then there is a term t such that $\vdash P[t]$

Proof: The proof can be transformed into a proof annotated by an intro-construct, necessarily $\langle t, M \rangle$, which provides t and the proof of $\vdash P[t]$

Disjunction property: if $\vdash P_1 \vee P_2$ then either $\vdash P_1$ or $\vdash P_2$

Proof: The proof can be transformed into a proof annotated by an intro-construct, necessarily $\text{inj}_i(M)$, where M annotates a proof of $\vdash P_i$

Conclusion: In the empty theory, we recover a full match between object-level and meta-level (in the sense discussed before)

Remark: Law of Excluded Middle would break all of the above approach

In non-empty theories

Axioms labelled by variables α, β , etc.

without computational role

Theorem about shape of irreducible typed λ -terms no longer holds if not closed

In some theories (e.g., \mathcal{PA}), a computational role can be given to axioms

Theorem holds again, and its corollaries:

Consistency, Witness property, Disjunction property

Programming by proving

In arithmetic, does $\forall x \exists y (x = 2 \times y \vee x = 2 \times y + 1)$

have a proof in intuitionistic logic?

by **induction** on x !

What about $\exists y (25 = 2 \times y \vee 25 = 2 \times y + 1)$?

What is the witness?

How do you compute it?

An intuitionistic proof of

$$\forall x \exists y (x = 2 \times y \vee x = 2 \times y + 1)$$

is a **program** that computes the half

here by **recursion** on x !

Its execution mechanism is the proof-transformation process described before

The program is *correct* with respect to the *specification*

$$x = 2 \times y \vee x = 2 \times y + 1$$

See other examples in the practical

Questions?