

Una lógica constructiva con pruebas y refutaciones clásicas

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Outline

The BHK Interpretation

($\{\wedge, \vee, \neg\}$ fragment)

$$(A \wedge B)^+ \simeq A^+ \times B^+$$

$$(A \vee B)^+ \simeq A^+ \uplus B^+$$

$$(\neg A)^+ \simeq A^+ \Rightarrow \mathbf{0}$$

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Nelson's Strong Negation

(Nelson, 1949)

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Propositions $P ::= A^+$ strong affirmation

Example rules

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System PRK

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A strong affirmation A^+ is canonically proved with an introduction rule.

System PRK – Noteworthy rules

Absurdity

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A^+ \quad \Gamma \vdash A^-}{\Gamma \vdash P} \text{ABS}$$

Negation

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A classical affirmation A^\oplus is canonically proved by assuming A^\ominus and proving A^+ .

System PRK – Admissible rules

Weakening

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

Cut

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

Substitution

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash Q}{\Gamma[\alpha := A] \vdash Q[\alpha := A]}$$

General absurdity

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash P \quad \Gamma \vdash P^\sim}{\Gamma \vdash Q}$$

Contraposition

$$\frac{\Gamma, P \vdash Q \quad P \text{ classical}}{\Gamma, Q^\sim \vdash P^\sim}$$

Strengthening

$$\frac{\Gamma, P^\sim \vdash P \quad P \text{ classical}}{\Gamma \vdash P}$$

Where:

$$(A^+)^\sim \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} A^- \quad (A^-)^\sim \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} A^+ \quad (A^\oplus)^\sim \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} A^\ominus \quad (A^\ominus)^\sim \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} A^\oplus$$

System PRK – Properties

Theorem (Embedding + conservative extension)

$\vdash A$ holds classically if and only if $\vdash A^\oplus$ holds in PRK

Strong propositions behave constructively

The **classical** excluded middle $\vdash (A \vee \neg A)^\oplus$ always holds.

The **strong** excluded middle $\vdash (A \vee \neg A)^+$ does not hold in general.

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The calculus λ^{PRK}

We assign explicit witnesses to proofs:

t, s, u, \dots	$::=$	x	variable
		$t \blacktriangleright_P s$	absurdity
		$\langle t, s \rangle^\pm$	\wedge^+ / \vee^- introduction
		$\pi_i^\pm(t)$	\wedge^+ / \vee^- elimination
		$\text{in}_i^\pm(t)$	\vee^+ / \wedge^- introduction
		$\text{case}^\pm t [_{x:P.s}] [_{y:Q.u}]$	\vee^+ / \wedge^- elimination
		$\nu^\pm t$	\neg^+ / \neg^- introduction
		$\mu^\pm t$	\neg^+ / \neg^- elimination
		$\bigcirc_{(x:P)}^\pm \cdot t$	classical introduction
		$t \bullet^\pm s$	classical elimination

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Type system (excerpt)

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t : A^+ \quad \Gamma \vdash s : A^-}{\Gamma \vdash t \blacktriangleright_P s : P} \text{ABS} \quad \dots \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash t : A^\ominus \quad \Gamma \vdash s : B^\ominus}{\Gamma \vdash \langle t, s \rangle^- : (A \vee B)^-} \text{IV}^-$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, x : A^\ominus \vdash t : A^+}{\Gamma \vdash \circ_{(x:A^\ominus)}^+ \cdot t : A^\oplus} \text{IO}^+ \quad \dots \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash t : A^\oplus \quad \Gamma \vdash s : A^\ominus}{\Gamma \vdash t \bullet^+ s : A^+} \text{EO}^+$$

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Reduction rules

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \pi_i^\pm(\langle t_1, t_2 \rangle^\pm) \xrightarrow{\beta_\wedge^+ / \beta_\vee^-} t_i \\
 \text{case}^\pm(\text{in}_i^\pm(t)) [x.s_1] [x.s_2] \xrightarrow{\beta_\vee^+ / \beta_\wedge^-} s_i[x := t] \\
 \mu^\pm(\nu^\pm t) \xrightarrow{\beta_{\neg}^+ / \beta_{\neg}^-} t \\
 (\circ_x^\pm . t) \bullet^\pm s \xrightarrow{\beta_\circ^+ / \beta_\circ^-} t[x := s] \\
 \langle t_1, t_2 \rangle^+ \blacktriangleright \text{in}_i^-(s) \xrightarrow{\blacktriangleright_\wedge} (t_i \bullet^+ s) \blacktriangleright (s \bullet^- t_i) \\
 \text{in}_i^+(t) \blacktriangleright \langle s_1, s_2 \rangle^- \xrightarrow{\blacktriangleright_\vee} (t \bullet^+ s_i) \blacktriangleright (s_i \bullet^- t) \\
 (\nu^+ t) \blacktriangleright (\nu^- s) \xrightarrow{\blacktriangleright_{\neg}} (s \bullet^+ t) \blacktriangleright (t \bullet^- s) \\
 \circ_x^\pm . (t \bullet^\pm x) \xrightarrow{\eta_\circ} t \quad \text{if } x \notin \text{fv}(t)
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Theorem (Convergence)

λ^{PRK} is confluent and strongly normalizing.

- ▶ The main difficulty in the SN proof is how to deal with the mutually recursive types $A^\oplus \simeq A^\ominus \Rightarrow A^+$ and $A^\ominus \simeq A^\oplus \Rightarrow A^-$.
- ▶ The SN proof is via a translation to System F with non-strictly positive recursive types, relying on a result by Mendler.

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There have been many computational interpretations of classical logic:

1. Parigot's $\lambda\mu$.
2. Barbanera and Berardi's symmetric λ -calculus.
3. Curien and Herbelin's $\bar{\lambda}\mu\tilde{\mu}$.
4. Krivine's λ_c .
5. ...

λ^{PRK} provides a new computational interpretation for classical logic.

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Example: conjunction

Taking:

$$\begin{aligned}\langle t, s \rangle &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \circ_{(_:(A \wedge B)^\ominus)}^+ \cdot \langle t, s \rangle^+ \\ \pi_i(t) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \circ_{(x:A_i^\ominus)}^+ \cdot \pi_i^+(t \bullet^+ \circ_{(_:(A_1 \wedge A_2)^\oplus)}^- \cdot \text{in}_i^-(x)) \bullet^+ x\end{aligned}$$

Classical introduction and elimination of conjunction can be derived:

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t : A^\oplus \quad \Gamma \vdash s : B^\oplus}{\Gamma \vdash \langle t, s \rangle : (A \wedge B)^\oplus} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash t : (A_1 \wedge A_2)^\oplus}{\Gamma \vdash \pi_i(t) : A_i^\oplus}$$

The standard computation rule for projection can be recovered:

$$\pi_i(\langle t_1, t_2 \rangle) \rightarrow^* t_i$$

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A more interesting example: implication

In classical logic, implication is derivable from negation and disjunction. This can be extended to the computational level.

Let $(A \rightarrow B) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\neg A \vee B)$.

Abstraction and application can be defined with their expected types:

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda x. t &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{O}_{(y:(A \Rightarrow B)\ominus)}^+ \cdot \text{in}_2^+(t[x := \mathbf{X}_y]) \\ \mathbf{X}_y &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{O}_{(z:A\ominus)}^+ \cdot (\mu^-(\mathbf{X}'_{y,z} \bullet^- \text{O}_{(_:(\neg A)\ominus)}^+ \cdot \nu^+ z)) \bullet^+ z \\ \mathbf{X}'_{y,z} &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \pi_1^+(y \bullet^- \text{O}_{(_:(A \Rightarrow B)\ominus)}^+ \cdot \text{in}_1^+(\text{O}_{(_:(\neg A)\ominus)}^+ \cdot \nu^+ z)) \\ t @ s &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{IC}_{(x:B\ominus)}^+ \cdot \\ &\quad \text{case}^+ (t \bullet^+ \text{O}_{(_:(A \rightarrow B)\oplus)}^- \cdot \langle (\text{O}_{(_:(\neg A)\oplus)}^- \cdot \nu^- s), x \rangle^-) \\ &\quad \quad [(y:(\neg A)\oplus) \cdot s \boxtimes_{B^+} \mu^-(y \bullet^+ \text{O}_{(_:(\neg A)\oplus)}^- \cdot \nu^- x)] \\ &\quad \quad [(z:B\oplus) \cdot z \bullet^+ x]\end{aligned}$$

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Kripke Semantics

A Kripke model for PRK is a structure $\mathcal{M} = (\mathcal{W}, \leq, \mathcal{V}^+, \mathcal{V}^-)$.

(Enjoying appropriate technical conditions).

Forcing (excerpt)

$$\mathcal{M}, w \Vdash \alpha^+ \iff \alpha \in \mathcal{V}_w^+$$

$$\mathcal{M}, w \Vdash \alpha^- \iff \alpha \in \mathcal{V}_w^-$$

⋮

$$\mathcal{M}, w \Vdash (A \vee B)^- \iff \mathcal{M}, w \Vdash A^\ominus \text{ and } \mathcal{M}, w \Vdash B^\ominus$$

⋮

$$\mathcal{M}, w \Vdash A^\oplus \iff \mathcal{M}, w' \not\Vdash A^- \text{ for all } w' \geq w$$

⋮

Theorem (Soundness and Completeness)

$$\Gamma \vdash P \quad \text{if and only if} \quad \Gamma \Vdash P$$

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Further Extensions

Second Order λ^{PRK}

We have extended λ^{PRK} with implication, co-implication, and second-order quantifiers:

Pure propositions $A ::= \dots \mid A \rightarrow A \mid A \times A \mid \forall \alpha. A \mid \exists \alpha. A$

- ▶ All of the previous results can be extended to this setting.
- ▶ The SN proof requires a completely different strategy, using reducibility candidates.

Intuitionistic λ^{PRK}

We have identified an intuitionistic subset of λ^{PRK} .

The key is, essentially, to identify A^\oplus with A^+ rather than with $A^\ominus \rightarrow A^+$.

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Future Work

- ▶ Relate λ^{PRK} with existing classical calculi.
- ▶ Extend λ^{PRK} with dependent types.
- ▶ In System F, $\{\exists, \wedge, \vee, \perp, \top, \neg\}$ can be derived from $\{\forall, \rightarrow\}$.
This is not true in second-order PRK (!)
Can we identify subsets of “computationally adequate” connectives?