

Computational Logic

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- λ -calculus
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We continue focusing on the **structural** and **representational** aspects of proofs. Last week, we have seen how **combinatory logic** (CL) **terms** could be employed to represent Hilbert System **proofs** for the **implicational fragment** of **intuitionistic** propositional logic. More precisely, typed CL-terms correspond to proofs in Hilbert Systems restricted to Axiom Schemes 1 and 2, the **types** of the CL-terms correspond to the **formulas** proven, and **weak-reduction** \rightarrow_w of CL terms corresponds to **normalization** of the proofs. These correspondences together constitute the **Curry–Howard** isomorphism. The isomorphism extends to larger fragments (including conjunction, disjunction, etc.) of (intuitionistic) logic, but we will not discuss that in this course.

Instead, we focus on establishing a Curry–Howard isomorphism for the same, implicational, fragment of intuitionistic logic, but for **Natural Deduction** (ND) instead of the Hilbert System (H). In particular, we introduce the **λ -calculus** as a **term** calculus such that **typed** λ -terms correspond to proofs in ND. More precisely, λ -terms are terms constructed from **variables**, **applications**, and **λ -abstractions**, which correspond to (names of) **assumptions**, **Implication Elimination**, and **Implication Introduction** in ND, respectively.

We introduce **β -reduction** \rightarrow_{β} of typed λ -terms, show that it corresponds to **normalization** of ND proofs, and that every λ -term has a (unique) **normal form**, i.e. that every ND can be normalized (doesn't contain an Implication Introduction immediately followed by an Implication Elimination). With the types and formulas as before, this constitutes the Curry–Howard isomorphism between Natural Deduction and the (typed) λ -calculus.

We finish with relating both term-calculi, i.e. combinatory logic and the λ -calculus. In particular, we show that every λ -term can be translated to a CL term of the same type, and vice versa. **Bracket abstraction** is at the heart of this translation. Via the Curry–Howard isomorphism, it allows to translate a Natural Deduction proof of a formula (using Implication Introduction) into a Hilbert System proof (using Axiom Schemes 1 and 2). The translations establish, e.g., that ND is sound and complete for Kripke semantics, since Hilbert Systems (restricted to Axiom Schemes 1 and 2) are, as we showed last time.

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Lemma

$$\Gamma \vdash_{pn} \varphi \iff \Gamma \vdash_{ND} \varphi$$

Here \vdash_{pn} refers to natural deduction as in Section 4.2 of Fitting (*line-based, not tree-based*) restricted to the inference rules for *implication* only: Modus Ponens (as for Hilbert Systems) and the inference rule given in Figure 4.1.

Examples

for arbitrary formulas ϕ, ψ, χ : (we assume \supset is right-associative)

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- Cf. this definition to how **functions** (terms of **function** type) are usually compared **via elements** (terms of **base** type) in math: $f \geq g$ if $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, f(x) \geq g(x)$, so-called **pointwise** comparison. In logic, relations defined in this way, inductively **lifting** a relation on base types to arbitrary types, are called **logical** relations. SC is the logical relation obtained by **lifting** SN.

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where the first clause uses the bracket abstraction algorithm

Examples

- $(\lambda xy.x)_{CL} = [x](\lambda y.x)_{CL} = [x][y](x)_{CL} = [x][y]x = [x](Kx) = K$, using the optimization of the exercises, for the last equality
- $(SKK)_{\lambda} = (\lambda xyz.xz(yz))(\lambda xy.x)(\lambda xy.x)$. Recall SKK is Hilbert System proof of $X \supset X$. Note $(\lambda xyz.xz(yz))(\lambda xy.x)(\lambda xy.x) \rightarrow_{\beta}^* (\lambda yz.z)(\lambda xy.x) \rightarrow_{\beta}^* \lambda z.z$, with $\lambda z.z$ the **identity** function, which obviously has type $\tau \rightarrow \tau$, which would justify defining $(I)_{\lambda} = \lambda x.x$

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Remark

This result allows to ‘switch freely’ between ND and H, e.g. it follows that ND is sound and complete for Kripke semantics. However, beware the translation $(-)_{\lambda}$ is **linear**, but ‘the’ reverse translation $(-)_{CL}$ is **exponential**. That is, ND proofs blow up in size when translated to H proofs, but not vice versa. On the other hand, H proofs do not use λ -abstraction, a notion considered complex. Indeed combinatory logic was invented to get rid of λ -abstractions, more precisely of **bound** variables.

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- 1 Give three λ -terms M such that $\vdash M : \tau \rightarrow \tau \rightarrow \tau$, for τ an arbitrary type. We count only terms up to renaming of variables; so $\lambda xy.xy$ and $\lambda yx.yx$ are considered the same (as they can be obtained by renaming x into y and vice versa), but different from $\lambda xy.yx$. Is this a reasonable way to count terms inhabiting types, i.e. to count proofs of propositions, vis-à-vis the Curry–Howard isomorphism?
- 2 Bonus: Show that, among the three λ -terms in the previous exercise, at least two must be $=_{\beta}$ -related.
- 3 Reduce the λ -term $M = (\lambda x.xx)(\lambda yz.yz)$ to normal form N (it requires 3 \rightarrow_{β} -steps; give each of them).
- 4 Show that there is no λ -term M such that $\vdash M : (\tau \rightarrow \tau) \rightarrow \tau$, for τ an arbitrary type.
Hint: normalization or Kripke models (1 cross each)
- 5 Compute the translation $(SS(KI))_{\lambda}$, i.e. the translation of W on slide 21 of the previous week, and reduce the resulting λ -term to normal form.

- 6 Bonus (1 cross per item): The Haskell expression $(\backslash x \rightarrow \backslash x \rightarrow x)$ corresponds to the λ -term $\lambda x.\lambda x.x$. Asking Haskell the type of the former yields $p1 \rightarrow p2 \rightarrow p2$.
- Explain why using the type assignment rules for λ -calculus (slide 13), we can infer $\vdash \lambda y.\lambda x.x : \sigma \rightarrow (\tau \rightarrow \tau)$, but not $\vdash \lambda x.\lambda x.x : \sigma \rightarrow (\tau \rightarrow \tau)$, assuming $\sigma \neq \tau$ (cf. the remark there).
Could one overcome this limitation? That is, could our type assignment system be adapted such that we **do** have $\vdash \lambda x.\lambda x.x : \sigma \rightarrow (\tau \rightarrow \tau)$?
 - Just as per our conventions $\lambda yx.x$ is shorthand for $\lambda y.\lambda x.x$, in Haskell $(\backslash y x \rightarrow x)$ is shorthand for $(\backslash y \rightarrow \backslash x \rightarrow x)$. Do $(\backslash x x \rightarrow x)$ and $(\backslash x \rightarrow \backslash x \rightarrow x)$ have the same type in Haskell? Can you explain why (not)?
- 7 SC is defined (slide 17) in terms of itself: **SC** of M is defined in terms of **SC** of \vec{N} . Argue that SC is still well-defined, i.e. that it is a proper inductive definition for simply typed terms (either CL-terms or λ -terms).
- 8 Work out the details of the first item, the variable case, (slide 17) of the proof that all simply typed CL terms are SC. In particular, show that SC entails SN and that every typed variable is SC.

- 9 Complete the details of the proof (slide 20) that inhabitation is decidable. More precisely, give both the details of the proof of the subformula property, and of that the subformula property entails decidability of inhabitation.
- 10 Bonus (worth 4 crosses): implement an inhabitation checker for implicational intuitionistic logic, based on the previous exercise.
- 11 Bonus: Suppose combinatory logic would have another constant J having some type and reduction rule, for all terms M_i , $JM_1 \dots M_n \rightarrow_w E$ where E is an expression **only constructed from applications and the M_i** and both sides have the same base type, e.g. $\Gamma \vdash J : (\sigma \rightarrow \sigma \rightarrow \tau) \rightarrow \sigma \rightarrow \tau$ with rule $JM_1M_2 \rightarrow_w M_1M_2M_2$ (note the conditions hold for K and S). Is \rightarrow_w still strongly normalizing? If it is not, give a specific J and rule for it allowing an infinite reduction. If it is, give a proof.
- 12 Bonus (worth 3 crosses): **directly** show weak normalization of \rightarrow_β on typable λ -terms, **without** showing (a property that entails) strong normalization . Hint: an idea analogous to that for the cut elimination procedure in the book works, judiciously choosing a \rightarrow_β step among the possible ones and showing that that decreases some measure.

- 13 Bonus (worth 4 crosses): Prove or disprove that the tableau cut-elimination procedure in Fitting is **strongly** normalizing. Proceed as follows: the proof of Lemma 8.9.3 establishes **weak** normalization by transforming **minimal** cuts. (Try to) verify whether
- correctness of the transformations depends on minimality,
 - the induction (see p. 232) used in the proof works for non-minimal cuts,
 - **strong** normalization, when eliminating arbitrary cuts, holds.

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Fitting

- Section 4.1 (from Curry–Howard-perspective)
- Section 4.2 (idem)

Additional Literature

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