

- BAHAREH AFSHARI, *From interpolation to proofs.*

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From a proof-theoretic perspective, the idea that interpolation is tied to provability is a natural one. Thinking about Craig interpolation, if a ‘nice’ proof of a valid implication $\phi \rightarrow \psi$ is available, one may succeed in defining an interpolant by induction on the proof-tree, starting from leaves and proceeding to the implication at the root. This method has recently been applied even to fixed point logics admitting cyclic proofs [1, 4]. In contrast, for uniform interpolation, there is no single proof to work from but a collection of proofs to accommodate: a witness to each valid implication $\phi \rightarrow \psi$ where the vocabulary of ψ is constrained. Working over a set of prospective proofs and relying on the structural properties of sequent calculus is the essence of Pitts’ seminal result on uniform interpolation for intuitionistic logic [3].

In this talk we explore the opposite direction of the above endeavour, arguing that uniform interpolation can entail completeness of a proof system. We will demonstrate this in the case of propositional modal μ -calculus by showing that the uniform interpolants obtained from cyclic proofs [2] play an important role in establishing completeness for the natural Hilbert axiomatisation of this fixed point logic.

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