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# 1. Non-classical logic

## 1.1. Intuitionistic logic

Idea: a statement is true if there is a proof of it. A proof of  $\varphi \Rightarrow \psi$  is a “procedure” that can convert a proof of  $\varphi$  to a proof of  $\psi$ . A proof of  $\neg\varphi$  is a proof that there is no proof of  $\varphi$ .

In particular,  $\neg\neg\varphi$  is not always the same as  $\varphi$ .

**Fact.** The Law of Excluded Middle (LEM) ( $\varphi \vee \neg\varphi$ ) is not (generally) intuitionistically valid.

Moreover, the Axiom of Choice is incompatible with intuitionistic set theory.

In intuitionistic logic,  $\exists$  means an explicit element can be found.

Why bother with intuitionistic logic?

- Intuitionistic mathematics is more general, as we assume less (no LEM or AC).
- Several notions that are conflated in classical mathematics are genuinely different constructively.
- Intuitionistic proofs have a computable content that may be absent in classical proofs.
- Intuitionistic logic is the internal logic of an arbitrary topos.

We will inductively define a provability relation by enforcing rules that implement the BHK-interpretation.

**Definition.** A set is **inhabited** if there is a proof that it is non-empty.

**Axiom** (Choice - Intuitionistic Version). Any family of inhabited sets admits a choice function.

**Theorem** (Diaconescu). The Law of Excluded Middle can be intuitionistically deduced from the Axiom of Choice.

*Proof (Hints).*

- Proof should use Axioms of Separation, Extensionality and Choice.
- For proposition  $\varphi$ , consider  $A = \{x \in \{0, 1\} : \varphi \vee (x = 0)\}$  and  $B = \{x \in \{0, 1\} : \varphi \vee (x = 1)\}$ .
- Show that we have a proof of  $f(A) = 0 \vee f(A) = 1$ , similarly for  $f(B)$ .
- Consider the possibilities that arise from above, show that they lead to either a proof of  $\varphi$  or a proof of  $\neg\varphi$ .

□

*Proof.*

- Let  $\varphi$  be a proposition. By the Axiom of Separation, the following are sets:

$$A = \{x \in \{0, 1\} : \varphi \vee (x = 0)\},$$

$$B = \{x \in \{0, 1\} : \varphi \vee (x = 1)\}.$$

- Since  $0 \in A$  and  $1 \in B$ , we have a proof that  $\{A, B\}$  is a family of inhabited sets, thus admits a choice function  $f : \{A, B\} \rightarrow A \cup B$  by the Axiom of Choice.
- $f$  satisfies  $f(A) \in A$  and  $f(B) \in B$  by definition.
- So we have  $f(A) = 0$  or  $\varphi$  is true, and  $f(B) = 1$  or  $\varphi$  is true. Also,  $f(A), f(B) \in \{0, 1\}$ .
- Now  $f(A) \in \{0, 1\}$  means we have a proof of  $f(A) = 0 \vee f(A) = 1$  and similarly for  $f(B)$ .
- There are the following possibilities:
  1. We have a proof that  $f(A) = 1$ , so  $\varphi \vee (1 = 0)$  has a proof, so we must have a proof of  $\varphi$ .
  2. We have a proof that  $f(B) = 0$ , so  $\varphi \vee (0 = 1)$  has a proof, so we must have a proof of  $\varphi$ .
  3. We have a proof that  $f(A) = 0 \wedge f(B) = 1$ , in which case we can prove  $\neg\varphi$ : assume there is a proof of  $\varphi$ , we can prove that  $A = B$  (by the Axiom of Extensionality), in which case  $0 = f(A) = f(B) = 1$ : contradiction.
- So we can always specify a proof of  $\varphi$  or a proof of  $\neg\varphi$ .

□

**Notation.** We write  $\Gamma \vdash \varphi$  to mean that  $\varphi$  is a consequence of the formulae in the set  $\Gamma$ .  $\Gamma$  is called the **set of hypotheses or open assumptions**.

**Notation.** Notation for assumptions and deduction.

**Definition.** The rules of the **intuitionistic propositional calculus (IPC)** are:

- conjunction introduction,
- conjunction elimination,
- disjunction introduction,
- disjunction elimination,
- implication introduction,
- implication elimination,
- assumption,
- weakening,
- construction,
- and for any  $A$ ,

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \perp}{\Gamma \vdash \overline{A}}.$$

as defined below.

**Definition.** The **conjunction introduction ( $\wedge$ -I)** rule:

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A \quad \Gamma \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash A \wedge B}.$$

**Definition.** The **conjunction elimination ( $\wedge$ -E)** rule:

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A}{\Gamma \vdash A \vee B}, \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash A \vee B}.$$

**Definition.** The **disjunction introduction** ( $\vee$ -**I**) rule:

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A}{\Gamma \vdash A \vee B}, \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash A \vee B}.$$

**Definition.** The **disjunction elimination (proof by cases)** ( $\vee$ -**E**) rule:

$$\frac{\Gamma, A \vdash C \quad \Gamma, B \vdash C \quad \Gamma \vdash A \vee B}{\Gamma \vdash C}.$$

**Definition.** The **implication/arrow introduction** ( $\rightarrow$ -**I**) rule (note the similarity to the deduction theorem):

$$\frac{\Gamma, A \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash A \rightarrow B}.$$

**Definition.** The **implication/arrow elimination** ( $\rightarrow$ -**E**) rule (note the similarity to modus ponens):

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A \rightarrow B \quad \Gamma \vdash A}{\Gamma \vdash B}.$$

**Definition.** The **assumption** ( $Ax$ ) rule: for any  $A$ ,

$$\overline{\Gamma, A \vdash A}$$

**Definition.** The **weakening** rule:

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash B}{\Gamma, A \vdash B}.$$

**Definition.** The **construction** rule:

$$\frac{\Gamma, A, A \vdash B}{\Gamma, A \vdash B}.$$

**Remark.** We obtain classical propositional logic (CPC) from IPC by adding either:

- $\Gamma \vdash A \vee \neg A$ :

$$\overline{\Gamma \vdash A \vee \neg A},$$

or

- If  $\Gamma, \neg A \vdash \perp$ , then  $\Gamma \vdash A$ :

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

**Notation.** see scan

**Definition.** We obtain **intuitionistic first-order logic (IQC)** by adding the following rules to IPC for quantification:

- existential inclusion,
- existential elimination,
- universal inclusion,
- universal elimination

as defined below.

**Definition.** The **existential inclusion ( $\exists$ -I)** rule: for any term  $t$ ,

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \varphi[t/x]}{\Gamma \vdash \exists x.\varphi(x)}.$$

**Definition.** The **existential elimination ( $\exists$ -E)** rule:

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \exists x.\varphi \quad \Gamma, \varphi \vdash \psi}{\Gamma \vdash \psi},$$

where  $x$  is not free in  $\Gamma$  or  $\psi$ .

**Definition.** The **universal inclusion ( $\forall$ -I)** rule:

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \varphi}{\Gamma \vdash \forall x.\varphi},$$

where  $x$  is not free in  $\Gamma$ .

**Definition.** The **universal exclusion ( $\forall$ -E)** rule:

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \forall x.\varphi(x)}{\Gamma \vdash \varphi[t/x]},$$

where  $t$  is a term.

**Definition.** We define the notion of **discharging/closing** open assumptions, which informally means that we remove them as open assumptions, and append them to the consequence by adding implications. We enclose discharged assumptions in square brackets  $[]$  to indicate this, and add discharged assumptions in parentheses to the right of the proof. For example,  $\rightarrow$ -I is written as

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \Gamma, [A] \\ \vdots \\ B \end{array}}{\Gamma \vdash A \rightarrow B} (A)$$

**Example.** A natural deduction proof that  $A \wedge B \rightarrow B \wedge A$  is given below:

$$\frac{\frac{[A \wedge B]}{A} \quad \frac{[A \wedge B]}{B}}{B \wedge A} \quad \frac{B \wedge A}{A \wedge B \rightarrow B \wedge A} (A \wedge B)$$

**Example.** A natural deduction proof of  $\varphi \rightarrow (\psi \rightarrow \varphi)$  is given below (note clearly we must use  $\rightarrow$ -I):

$$\frac{\frac{[\varphi] \quad [\psi]}{\psi \rightarrow \varphi}}{\varphi \rightarrow (\psi \rightarrow \varphi)}$$

**Example.** A natural deduction proof of  $(\varphi \rightarrow (\psi \rightarrow \chi)) \rightarrow ((\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow (\varphi \rightarrow \chi))$  (note clearly we must use  $\rightarrow$ -I):

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{[\varphi \rightarrow (\psi \rightarrow \chi)] \quad [\varphi \rightarrow \psi] \quad [\varphi]}{\psi \rightarrow \chi} \quad \psi}{\chi}}{\varphi \rightarrow \chi}}{(\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow (\varphi \rightarrow \chi)}{(\varphi \rightarrow (\psi \rightarrow \chi)) \rightarrow ((\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow (\varphi \rightarrow \chi))}$$

**Notation.** If  $\Gamma$  is a set of propositions,  $\varphi$  is a proposition and  $L \in \{\text{IPC}, \text{IQC}, \text{CPC}, \text{CQC}\}$ , write  $\Gamma \vdash_L \varphi$  if there is a proof of  $\varphi$  from  $\Gamma$  in the logic  $L$ .

**Lemma.** If  $\Gamma \vdash_{\text{IPC}} \varphi$ , then  $\Gamma, \psi \vdash_{\text{IPC}} \varphi$  for any proposition  $\psi$ . If  $p$  is a primitive proposition (doesn't contain any logical connectives or quantifiers) and  $\psi$  is any proposition, then  $\Gamma[\psi/p] \vdash_{\text{IPC}} \varphi[\psi/p]$ .

*Proof.* Induction on number of lines of proof (exercise). □

## 1.2. The simply typed $\lambda$ -calculus

**Definition.** The set  $\Pi$  of **simple types** is generated by the grammar

$$\Pi := U \mid \Pi \rightarrow \Pi$$

where  $U$  is a countable set of **type variables (primitive types)** together with an infinite set of  $V$  of **variables**. So  $\Pi$  consists of  $U$  and is closed under  $\rightarrow$ : for any  $a, b \in \Pi$ ,  $a \rightarrow b \in \Pi$ .

**Definition.** The set  $\Lambda_\Pi$  of **simply typed  $\lambda$ -terms** is defined by the grammar

$$\Lambda_\Pi := V \mid \lambda V : \Pi. \Lambda_\Pi \mid \Lambda_\Pi \Lambda_\Pi$$

In the term  $\lambda x : \tau. M$ ,  $x$  is a variable,  $\tau$  is type and  $M$  is a  $\lambda$ -term. Forming terms of this form is called  **$\lambda$ -abstraction**. Forming terms of the form  $\Lambda_\Pi \Lambda_\Pi$  is called  **$\lambda$ -application**.

**Example.** The  $\lambda$ -term  $\lambda x : \mathbb{Z}. x^2$  should represent the function  $x \mapsto x^2$  on  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

**Definition.** A **context** is a set of pairs  $\Gamma = \{x_1 : \tau_1, \dots, x_n : \tau_n\}$  where the  $x_i$  are distinct variables and each  $\tau_i$  is a type. So a context is an assignment of a type to each variable in a given set. Write  $C$  for the set of all possible contexts. Given a context  $\Gamma \in C$ , write  $\Gamma, x : \tau$  for the context  $\Gamma \cup \{x : \tau\}$  (if  $x$  does not appear in  $\Gamma$ ).

The **domain** of  $\Gamma$  is the set of variables  $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  that occur in it, and its **range**,  $|\Gamma|$ , is the set of types  $\{\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n\}$  that it manifests.

**Definition.** Recursively define the **typability relation**  $\Vdash \subseteq C \times \Lambda_\Pi \times \Pi$  via:

1. For every context  $\Gamma$ , variable  $x$  not occurring in  $\Gamma$  and type  $\tau$ , we have  $\Gamma, x : \tau \Vdash x : \tau$ .
2. For every context  $\Gamma$ , variable  $x$  not occurring in  $\Gamma$ , types  $\sigma, \tau \in \Pi$ , and  $\lambda$ -term  $M$ , if  $\Gamma, x : \sigma \Vdash M : \tau$ , then  $\Gamma \Vdash (\lambda x : \sigma. M) : (\sigma \rightarrow \tau)$ .
3. For all contexts  $\Gamma$ , types  $\sigma, \tau \in \Pi$ , and terms  $M, N \in \Lambda_\Pi$ , if  $\Gamma \Vdash M : (\sigma \rightarrow \tau)$  and  $\Gamma \Vdash N : \sigma$ , then  $\Gamma \Vdash (MN) : \tau$ .

**Notation.** We will refer to the  $\lambda$ -calculus of  $\Lambda_\Pi$  with this typability relation as  $\lambda(\rightarrow)$ .

**Definition.** A variable  $x$  occurring in a  $\lambda$ -abstraction  $\lambda x : \sigma. M$  is **bound** and is **free** otherwise. A term with no free variables is called **closed**.

**Definition.** Terms  $M$  and  $N$  are  **$\alpha$ -equivalent** if they differ only in the names of their bound variables.

**Definition.** If  $M$  and  $N$  are  $\lambda$ -terms and  $x$  is a variable, then we define the **substitution of  $N$  for  $x$  in  $M$**  by the following rules:

- $x[x := N] = N$ .
- $y[x := N] = y$  for  $y \neq x$ .
- $(PQ)[x := N] = P[x := N]Q[x := N]$  for  $\lambda$ -terms  $P, Q$ .
- $(\lambda y : \sigma. P)[x := N] = \lambda y : \sigma. (P[x := N])$  for  $x \neq y$  and  $y$  not free in  $N$ .

**Definition.** The  **$\beta$ -reduction** relation is the smallest relation  $\xrightarrow{\beta}$  on  $\Lambda_\Pi$  closed under the following rules:

- $(\lambda x : \sigma. P)Q \xrightarrow{\beta} P[x := Q]$ . The term being reduced is called a  **$\beta$ -redex**, and the result is called its  **$\beta$ -contraction**.
- If  $P \xrightarrow{\beta} P'$ , then for all variables  $x$  and types  $\sigma \in \Pi$ , we have  $\lambda x : \sigma. P \xrightarrow{\beta} \lambda x : \sigma. P'$ .
- If  $P \xrightarrow{\beta} P'$  and  $Z$  is a  $\lambda$ -term, then  $PZ \xrightarrow{\beta} P'Z$  and  $ZP \xrightarrow{\beta} ZP'$ .

**Definition.** We define  **$\beta$ -equivalence**,  $\equiv_\beta$ , as the smallest equivalence relation containing  $\xrightarrow{\beta}$ .

**Example.** We have  $(\lambda x : \mathbb{Z}. (\lambda y : \tau. x))2 \xrightarrow{\beta} (\lambda y : \tau. 2)$ .

**Lemma** (Free Variables Lemma). Let  $\Gamma \Vdash M : \sigma$ . Then

- If  $\Gamma \subseteq \Gamma'$ , then  $\Gamma' \Vdash M : \sigma$ .
- The free variables of  $M$  occur in  $\Gamma$ .

- There is a context  $\Gamma^* \subseteq \Gamma$  whose variables are exactly the free variables in  $M$ , with  $\Gamma^* \Vdash M : \sigma$ .

**Lemma** (Generation Lemma).

1. For every variable  $x \in V$ , context  $\Gamma$  and type  $\sigma \in \Pi$ : if  $\Gamma \Vdash x : \sigma$ , then  $x : \sigma \in \Gamma$ .
2. If  $\Gamma \Vdash (MN) : \sigma$ , then there is a type  $\tau \in \Pi$  such that  $\Gamma \Vdash M : \tau \rightarrow \sigma$  and  $\Gamma \Vdash N : \tau$ .
3. If  $\Gamma \Vdash (\lambda x.M) : \sigma$ , then there are types  $\tau, \rho \in \Pi$  such that  $\Gamma, x : \tau \Vdash M : \rho$  and  $\sigma = (\tau \rightarrow \rho)$ .

*Proof.* By induction (exercise). □

**Lemma** (Substitution Lemma).

1. If  $\Gamma \Vdash M : \sigma$  and  $\alpha \in U$  is a type variable, then  $\Gamma[\alpha := \tau] \Vdash M : \sigma[\alpha := \tau]$ .
2. If  $\Gamma, x : \tau \Vdash M : \sigma$  and  $\Gamma \Vdash N : \tau$ , then  $\Gamma \Vdash M[x := N] : \sigma$ .

**Proposition** (Subject Reduction). If  $\Gamma \Vdash M : \sigma$  and  $M \xrightarrow[\beta]{} N$ , then  $\Gamma \Vdash N : \sigma$ .

*Proof.*

- By induction on the derivation of  $M \xrightarrow[\beta]{} N$ , using Generation and Substitution Lemmas (exercise). □

**Definition.** A  $\lambda$ -term  $M \in \Lambda_\Pi$  is an  **$\beta$ -normal form ( $\beta$ -NF)** if there is no term  $N$  such that  $M \xrightarrow[\beta]{} N$ .

**Notation.** Write  $M \twoheadrightarrow[\beta] N$  if  $M$  reduces to  $N$  after (potentially multiple)  $\beta$ -reductions.

**Theorem** (Church-Rosser for  $\lambda(\rightarrow)$ ). Suppose that  $\Gamma \Vdash M : \sigma$ . If  $M \twoheadrightarrow[\beta] N_1$  and  $M \twoheadrightarrow[\beta] N_2$ , then there is a  $\lambda$ -term  $L$  such that  $N_1 \twoheadrightarrow[\beta] L$  and  $N_2 \twoheadrightarrow[\beta] L$ , and  $\Gamma : L : \sigma$ .

**Corollary** (Uniqueness of normal form). If a simply-typed  $\lambda$ -term admits a  $\beta$ -NF, then this form is unique.

**Proposition** (Uniqueness of types).

1. If  $\Gamma \Vdash M : \sigma$  and  $\Gamma \Vdash M : \tau$ , then  $\sigma = \tau$ .
2. If  $\Gamma \Vdash M : \sigma$  and  $\Gamma \Vdash N : \tau$ , and  $M \equiv[\beta] N$ , then  $\sigma = \tau$ .

*Proof.*

1. Induction (exercise).
2. By Church-Rosser, there is a  $\lambda$ -term  $L$  which both  $M$  and  $N$  reduce to. By Subject Reduction, we have  $\Gamma \Vdash L : \sigma$  and  $\Gamma \Vdash L : \tau$ , so  $\sigma = \tau$  by 1. □

**Example.** There is no way to assign a type to  $\lambda x.xx$ : let  $x$  be of type  $\tau$ , then by the Generation Lemma, in order to apply  $x$  to  $x$ ,  $x$  must be of type  $\tau \rightarrow \sigma$  for some type  $\sigma$ . But  $\tau \neq \tau \rightarrow \sigma$ , which contradicts Uniqueness of Types.



**Definition.** The **height function** is the recursively defined map  $h : \Pi \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  that maps all type variables  $u \in U$  to 0, and a function type  $\sigma \rightarrow \tau$  to  $1 + \max\{h(\sigma), h(\tau)\}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} h &: \Pi \rightarrow \mathbb{N}, \\ h(u) &= 0 \quad \forall u \in U, \\ h(\sigma \rightarrow \tau) &= 1 + \max\{h(\sigma), h(\tau)\} \quad \forall \sigma, \tau \in \Pi. \end{aligned}$$

We extend the height function from types to redexes by taking the height of its  $\lambda$ -abstraction.

**Notation.**  $(\lambda x : \sigma. P^\tau)^{\sigma \rightarrow \tau}$  denotes that  $P$  has type  $\tau$  and the  $\lambda$ -abstraction has type  $\sigma \rightarrow \tau$ .

**Theorem** (Weak normalisation for  $\lambda(\rightarrow)$ ). Let  $\Gamma \vdash M : \sigma$ . Then there is a finite reduction path  $M := M_0 \xrightarrow[\beta]{} M_1 \xrightarrow[\beta]{} \dots \xrightarrow[\beta]{} M_n$ , where  $M_n$  is in  $\beta$ -normal form.

*Proof.* ("Taming the Hydra")

- Idea is to apply induction on the complexity of  $M$ .
- Define a function  $m : \Lambda_\Pi \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$  by

$$m(M) := \begin{cases} (0, 0) & \text{if } M \text{ is in } \beta\text{-NF} \\ (h(M), \text{redex}(M)) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where  $h(M)$  is the maximal height of a redex in  $M$ , and  $\text{redex}(M)$  is the number of redexes in  $M$  of that height.

- We use induction over  $\omega \times \omega$  to show that if  $M$  is typable, then it admits a reduction to  $\beta$ -NF.
- The problem is that inductions can copy redexes or create new ones, so our strategy is to always reduce the right-most redex of maximal height.
- We will argue that, by following this strategy, any new redexes that we generate have a strictly lower height than the height of the redex we chose to reduce.
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