

# Density formalized

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# Foundation of mathematics for computer-aided formalization

Desired features of such a foundation:

- minimalist
- two-level

points, ideals, abstract objects

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finite approximations

- accomodate **constructive** arguments, i.e., not restrict to the negative fragment.

- To accomodate constructive aspects use both  $\exists_x A$  (**strong  $\exists$** ) and

$\tilde{\exists}_x A$  (**weak  $\exists$** ), defined by  $\neg \forall_x \neg A$  (with  $\neg A := A \rightarrow \perp$ ).

- Similarly:  $A \vee B$  (**strong  $\vee$** ) and

$A \tilde{\vee} B$  (**weak  $\vee$** ), defined by  $(A \rightarrow \perp) \rightarrow (B \rightarrow \perp) \rightarrow \perp$ .

- Classical logic then is a fragment, and we have

$$\vdash \exists_x A \rightarrow \tilde{\exists}_x A, \quad \vdash A \vee B \rightarrow A \tilde{\vee} B,$$

but not conversely; this is why  $\tilde{\exists}, \tilde{\vee}$  are called “weak”.

Kolmogorov 1932: “Zur Deutung der intuitionistischen Logik”

- Proposed to view a formula  $A$  as a **computational problem**, of type  $\tau(A)$ , the type of a potential **solution** or “realizer” of  $A$ .
- Example:  $\forall_n \exists_{m>n} \text{Prime}(m)$  has type  $\mathbf{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{N}$ .

The fact that nested implications may occur in  $A$  requires the concept of **higher type** computable functionals.

Fundamental property of computation:

evaluation must be **finite**.

- **Principle of finite support.** If  $\mathcal{H}(\Phi)$  is defined with value  $n$ , then there is a finite approximation  $\Phi_0$  of  $\Phi$  such that  $\mathcal{H}(\Phi_0)$  is defined with value  $n$ .
- **Monotonicity principle.** If  $\mathcal{H}(\Phi)$  is defined with value  $n$  and  $\Phi'$  extends  $\Phi$ , then also  $\mathcal{H}(\Phi')$  is defined with value  $n$ .
- **Effectivity principle.** An object is computable just in case its set of finite approximations is (primitive) recursively enumerable (or equivalently,  $\Sigma_1^0$ -definable).

## A2. The model of partial continuous functionals

- Gödel (1958): “Über eine noch nicht benützte Erweiterung des finiten Standpunkts”. Higher type term system  $T$ .
- Platek (1966): “Foundations of recursion theory”.
- Scott (1969): LCF “Logic for Computable Functions”. LCF’s term language has arithmetic, booleans and recursion in higher types. LCF is based on classical logic.
- Plotkin (1977): Higher type term system PCF, with partiality.
- Martin-Löf (1984): constructive type theory. Formulas are types. Functionals are total.
- Proposal here: a constructive theory of computation in higher types, based on the Scott (1970) - Ershov (1977) model of **partial continuous functionals**.

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## A2. The model of partial continuous functionals

(Finitary) **algebras** (will be viewed as “non-flat Scott information systems”).

- An algebra  $\iota$  is given by its **constructors**.
- Examples:

$0^{\mathbf{N}}, S^{\mathbf{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{N}}$  for  $\mathbf{N}$  (unary natural numbers),

$1^{\mathbf{P}}, S_0^{\mathbf{P} \rightarrow \mathbf{P}}, S_1^{\mathbf{P} \rightarrow \mathbf{P}}$  for  $\mathbf{P}$  of (binary positive numbers),

$0^{\mathbf{D}}$  (axiom) and  $C^{\mathbf{D} \rightarrow \mathbf{D} \rightarrow \mathbf{D}}$  (rule) for  $\mathbf{D}$  (derivations).

- Examples of “information tokens”:  $S^n 0$  ( $n \geq 0$ ),  $S^2 *$  (in  $\mathbf{N}$ ),  $C(C0*)(C*0)$  (in  $\mathbf{D}$ ) ( $*$ : special symbol; no information).
- An information token is **total** if it contains no  $*$ .
- In  $\mathbf{D}$ : total token  $\sim$  finite (well-founded) derivation.

## A2. The model of partial continuous functionals

For **D** (derivations):

- $\{C0*, C*0\}$  is **consistent**, written  $C0* \uparrow C*0$ .
- $\{C0*, C*0\} \vdash C00$  (**entails**).
- Ideals: consistent and **deductively closed** sets of tokens.

Examples of ideals:

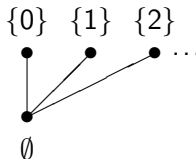
- $\{C0*, C**\}$ .
- $\{C00, C0*, C*0, C**\}$ .
- The deductive closure of a finite (well-founded) derivation.
- $\{C**, C(C**)*, C*(C**), C(C**)(C**), \dots\}$  (**cototal**).
- Locally correct, but possibly non well-founded derivations (Mints 1978).



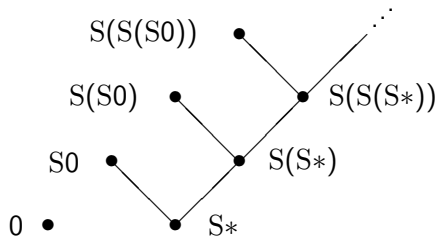
## A2. The model of partial continuous functionals

Flat or non flat algebras?

- Flat:



- Non flat:



## A2. The model of partial continuous functionals

Non flat!

- Continuous maps  $f: |\mathbf{N}| \rightarrow |\mathbf{N}|$  (see below) are monotone:  
 $x \subseteq y \rightarrow fx \subseteq fy$ .
- Easy: every constructor gives rise to a continuous function.
- Want: constructors have **disjoint ranges** and are **injective**  
(cf. the Peano axioms:  $Sx \neq 0$  and  $Sx = Sy \rightarrow x = y$ ).
- This holds for non-flat algebras, but **not** for flat ones. There  
constructors must be strict (i.e.,  $C\vec{x}\emptyset\vec{y} = \emptyset$ ), hence

in **P**:  $S_1\emptyset = \emptyset = S_2\emptyset$  (overlapping ranges),

in **D**:  $C\emptyset\{0\} = \emptyset = C\{0\}\emptyset$  (not injective).

## A2. The model of partial continuous functionals

The Scott-Ershov model of partial continuous functionals.

- Let  $\mathbf{A} = (A, \text{Con}_A, \vdash_A)$ ,  $\mathbf{B} = (B, \text{Con}_B, \vdash_B)$  be information systems (Scott). **Function space**:  $\mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{B} := (C, \text{Con}, \vdash)$ , with

$$C := \text{Con}_A \times B,$$

$$\{(U_i, b_i)\}_{i \in I} \in \text{Con} := \forall_{J \subseteq I} (\bigcup_{j \in J} U_j \in \text{Con}_A \rightarrow \{b_j\}_{j \in J} \in \text{Con}_B),$$

$$\{(U_i, b_i)\}_{i \in I} \vdash (U, b) := (\{b_i \mid U \vdash_A U_i\} \vdash_B b).$$

- Partial continuous functionals** of type  $\rho$ : the ideals in  $\mathbf{C}_\rho$ .

$$\mathbf{C}_\iota := (\text{Tok}_\iota, \text{Con}_\iota, \vdash_\iota), \quad \mathbf{C}_{\rho \rightarrow \sigma} := \mathbf{C}_\rho \rightarrow \mathbf{C}_\sigma.$$

- $f \in |\mathbf{C}_\rho|$ : limit of **formal neighborhoods**  $U \in \text{Con}_{\rho \rightarrow \sigma}$ .
- $f \in |\mathbf{C}_\rho|$  **computable**: r.e. limit.

## Why formalization?

- Correctness, precision, completeness. Likely to become the future standard in mathematics.
- Computer support: data banks, help in (interactive) proving.
- Computational content: realizability interpretation, soundness, extraction.

## B1. Terms

## Terms (of higher type)

- $T^+$  (common extension of Gödel's  $T$  and Plotkin's PCF).  
Partial functionals allowed.
- Constants are given by their defining equations. Examples are  $Y$  (fixed point operator),  $\mathcal{R}$  (structural recursion),  ${}^{\text{co}}\mathcal{R}$  (corecursion).
- An (external) semantics: for every closed term  $\lambda_{\vec{x}}M$  of type  $\vec{\rho} \rightarrow \sigma$  inductively define a set  $\llbracket \lambda_{\vec{x}}M \rrbracket$  of tokens of type  $\vec{\rho} \rightarrow \sigma$ .  $\llbracket \lambda_{\vec{x}}M \rrbracket$  is an ideal.

## B1. Terms

Definition ( $a \in \llbracket \lambda_{\vec{x}} M \rrbracket$ )

Case  $\lambda_{\vec{x},y,\vec{z}} M$  with  $\vec{x}$  free in  $M$ , but not  $y$ .

$$\frac{(\vec{U}, \vec{W}, a) \in \llbracket \lambda_{\vec{x},\vec{z}} M \rrbracket}{(\vec{U}, V, \vec{W}, a) \in \llbracket \lambda_{\vec{x},y,\vec{z}} M \rrbracket} (K).$$

Case  $\lambda_{\vec{x}} M$  with  $\vec{x}$  the free variables in  $M$ .

$$\frac{U \vdash a}{(U, a) \in \llbracket \lambda_x x \rrbracket} (V), \quad \frac{(\vec{U}, V, a) \in \llbracket \lambda_{\vec{x}} M \rrbracket \quad (\vec{U}, V) \subseteq \llbracket \lambda_{\vec{x}} N \rrbracket}{(\vec{U}, a) \in \llbracket \lambda_{\vec{x}} (MN) \rrbracket} (A).$$

For every constructor  $C$  and defined constant  $D$ :

$$\frac{\vec{U} \vdash \vec{a}^*}{(\vec{U}, C\vec{a}^*) \in \llbracket C \rrbracket} (C), \quad \frac{(\vec{V}, a) \in \llbracket \lambda_{\vec{x}} M \rrbracket \quad \vec{U} \vdash \vec{P}(\vec{V})}{(\vec{U}, a) \in \llbracket D \rrbracket} (D),$$

with one rule  $(D)$  for every defining equation  $D\vec{P}(\vec{x}) = M$ .

## B2. A theory of computable functionals (TCF)

TCF (theory of computable functionals), a variant of  $HA^\omega$  with variables ranging over arbitrary **partial** continuous functionals.

- Terms from  $T^+$ . Constants for (partial) computable functionals, defined by equations.
- Inductively (and coinductively) defined predicates. Totality for ground types inductively defined.
- Induction  $:=$  elimination (or least-fixed-point) axiom for a totality predicate. (Coinduction  $:=$  greatest-fixed-point axiom for a coinductively defined predicate.)
- Minimal logic:  $\rightarrow, \forall$  only.  $=$  (Leibniz),  $\exists, \vee, \wedge$  (Martin-Löf) inductively defined.
- $\perp := (\text{False} = \text{True})$ . Ex-falso-quodlibet:  $\perp \rightarrow A$  provable.

## B3. Extension of TCF to formal neighborhoods

An extension  $\text{TCF}^+$  of  $\text{TCF}$ , with variables

$x, y, f$       for partial continuous functionals,  
 $a, b, c$       for tokens,  
 $U, V, W$     for formal neighborhoods.

(All variables are typed).

- Internal semantics: we now can inductively define predicates  $P_{\vec{x}, M} a$  to mean  $a \in \llbracket \lambda_{\vec{x}} M \rrbracket$ .
- Based on these we can now formally prove in  $\text{TCF}^+$  that (for example)  $\llbracket Y \rrbracket f = \bigcup_n f^n \emptyset$ , or more precisely

$$a \in \llbracket Y \rrbracket f \leftrightarrow \exists_n (a \in f^n \emptyset)$$



## B3. Extension of TCF to formal neighborhoods

Proof sketch. Recall the defining equation

$$Yf = f(Yf).$$

It suffices to prove

*For every  $n > 0$ , there is a derivation of  $(U, a) \in \llbracket Y \rrbracket$  with  $D$ -height  $n$  if and only if  $U^n \emptyset \vdash a$ .*

Every derivation of  $(U, a) \in \llbracket Y \rrbracket$  must have the form

$$\frac{\frac{W \vdash (V, a)}{(W, V, a) \in \llbracket \lambda_f f \rrbracket} \quad \frac{\frac{(U_i, a_i) \in \llbracket Y \rrbracket}{(W, U_i, a_i) \in \llbracket \lambda_f Y \rrbracket} \quad \frac{W \vdash (V_{ij}, a_{ij})}{(W, V_{ij}, a_{ij}) \in \llbracket \lambda_f f \rrbracket}}{(W, a_i) \in \llbracket \lambda_f (Yf) \rrbracket}}{\frac{(W, a) \in \llbracket \lambda_f (f(Yf)) \rrbracket}{(U, a) \in \llbracket Y \rrbracket}} (Y), \text{ assuming } U \vdash W$$

with  $V := \{a_i \mid i \in I\}$ ,  $U_i := \{(V_{ij}, a_{ij}) \mid j \in I_i\}$ .

“ $\rightarrow$ ”: by induction on the  $D$ -height. “ $\leftarrow$ ”: by induction on  $n$ .

Computational content of proofs. Two alternatives.

- ① Might be seen directly and expressed by a term  $M$  in  $T^+$ .  
Then one needs to prove that  $M$  realizes  $A$  (soundness).
- ② Alternative (works always): extract computational content from a proof of  $A$ . Soundness proof can be machine generated automatically.

Example: density theorem. The first alternative will be used.

Inductive definition of  $(\vec{U}, a) \in \llbracket \lambda_{\vec{x}} M \rrbracket$  not necessary here: since no defined constants occur,  $\llbracket \lambda_{\vec{x}} M \rrbracket$  of type  $\vec{\rho} \rightarrow \sigma$  can be defined from a “ $\Sigma$ -formula”  $(\vec{U}, a) \in \llbracket \lambda_{\vec{x}} M \rrbracket$ .

$\text{TCF}^+$ : formal language, axioms.

- Need **coding** of types  $\rho$ , tokens  $a$ , formal neighborhoods  $U$ .
- $U$  as  $\{a_i \mid i < n\}$ , **finite enumerated set** ( $a_i$  prim. rec.).
- **$\Delta$ -formula**: equation  $t = 0$  with  $t$  prim. rec. term.
- Fix  $W = \{(U_i, b_i) \mid i < n\}$ ,  $z := \{a \mid C(a)\}$  ( $C$   $\Delta$ -formula).

$$Wz := \{b_i \mid \forall_{a \in U_i} C(a)\} \quad (\text{application of } W \text{ to } z)$$

can be written as a finite enumerated set.

## B4. Computational content

- (Typed) **term**: built from variables and constructors:

$$M, N ::= x^\rho \mid C^\rho \mid (\lambda_{x^\rho} M^\sigma)^{\rho \rightarrow \sigma} \mid (M^{\rho \rightarrow \sigma} N^\rho)^\sigma.$$

- **$\Sigma$ -formula**:  $t = 0$  ( $\Delta$ -formula),  $a \in x$ ;  $\wedge, \vee, \exists, \forall_{i < n}$ .
- An **ideal** is a consistent deductively closed set of tokens.

$$I_\rho x := \forall_{a, b \in x} (a \uparrow b) \wedge \forall_{U \subseteq x} \forall_a (U \vdash a \rightarrow a \in x).$$

- **$\Sigma$ -comprehension**. Let  $C(a, \vec{y})$  be a  $\Sigma$ -formula.

$$\begin{aligned} I_{\vec{\rho}} \vec{y} &\rightarrow \forall_{a, b} (C(a, \vec{y}) \rightarrow C(b, \vec{y}) \rightarrow a \uparrow b) \\ &\rightarrow \forall_{U, b} (\forall_{a \in U} C(a, \vec{y}) \rightarrow U \vdash b \rightarrow C(b, \vec{y})) \\ &\rightarrow \exists_x \forall_a (a \in x \leftrightarrow C(a, \vec{y})). \end{aligned}$$

Assume that no defined constant  $D$  occurs in  $M$ . Then for  $\lambda_{\vec{x}}M$  of type  $\vec{\rho} \rightarrow \sigma$  we can define  $(\vec{U}, a) \in \llbracket \lambda_{\vec{x}}M \rrbracket$  as a  $\Sigma$ -formula.

Definition ( $a \in M$  as  $\Sigma$ -formula)

$$(a \in M) := \exists_{\vec{U} \subseteq \vec{x}} ((\vec{U}, a) \in \llbracket \lambda_{\vec{x}}M \rrbracket).$$

with  $\vec{x}$  the free variables of  $M$ .

## B4. Computational content

- One can prove that every closed term  $M$  denotes an ideal, i.e.,

$$a, b \in M \rightarrow a \uparrow b, \quad U \subseteq M \rightarrow U \vdash b \rightarrow b \in M.$$

- $(M = N) := \forall_a (a \in M \leftrightarrow a \in N)$  (**extensional equality**).
- $G_\rho x$  ( $x$  is a **total** ideal) is defined by induction on  $\rho$ :

$$\begin{aligned} G_\iota x &:= I_\rho x \wedge x \text{ contains a total token } a, \\ G_{\rho \rightarrow \sigma} f &:= I_{\rho \rightarrow \sigma} f \wedge \forall_x (G_\rho x \rightarrow \underbrace{\exists_y (y = fx \wedge G_\sigma y)}_{G_\sigma(fx)}). \end{aligned}$$

## Lemma (Extension)

If  $G_\rho f$ ,  $I_\rho g$  and  $f \subseteq g$ , then  $G_\rho g$ .

## Lemma (Continuity of application)

$$b \in fx \leftrightarrow \exists_{U \subseteq x} ((U, b) \in f).$$

## Definition (Extensional equality $=^t_\rho$ on total ideals)

$$\begin{aligned}(x =^t_\rho y) &:= (x = y), \\ (f =^t_{\rho \rightarrow \sigma} g) &:= \forall x \in G_\rho (fx =^t_\sigma gx).\end{aligned}$$

## Theorem (Ershov, Longo & Moggi)

$$\forall x, y \in G_\rho \forall f \in G_{\rho \rightarrow \sigma} (x =^t_\rho y \rightarrow fx =^t_\sigma fy).$$

Proof. Uses a characterization of  $=^t_\rho$ :

$$\forall f, g \in G_\rho (f =^t_\rho g \leftrightarrow G_\rho(f \cap g)).$$

## B4. Computational content

The total functionals are dense (w.r.t. the Scott topology) in the space of all partial continuous functionals of type  $\rho$ .

$$\forall U \in \text{Con}_\rho \exists x \in G_\rho (U \subseteq x).$$

One can explicitly define a realizer via  $\Delta$ -formulas:

### Theorem (Density; Kreisel, Ershov, U. Berger)

For every type  $\rho = \rho_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \rho_p \rightarrow \iota$  we have  $\Delta$ -formulas  $\text{TExt}_\rho$  and  $\text{Sep}_\rho^i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, p$ ) such that the following can be proved in  $\text{TCF}^+$ . For any given  $U, V \in \text{Con}_\rho$

(a)  $U \subseteq \{a \mid \text{TExt}_\rho(U, a)\} \in G_\rho$  and

(b)  $U \not\ll_\rho V \rightarrow \vec{z}_{U,V} \in G \wedge U \vec{z}_{U,V} \not\ll_\iota V \vec{z}_{U,V},$

where  $\vec{z}_{U,V} = z_{U,V,1}, \dots, z_{U,V,p}$  and  $z_{U,V,i} = \{a \mid \text{Sep}_\rho^i(U, V, a)\}.$

Proof. By induction on  $\rho$ .



# Conclusion

- Basic semantical concept: partial continuous functionals.
- **Ideal** (or **point**): a consistent deductively closed set of tokens.
- TCF: Theory of computable functionals.
- $\text{TCF}^+$ : Refinement, with  $\forall_a$  and  $\forall_U$ , in addition to  $\forall_x$ .
- Formalization of the density theorem in  $\text{TCF}^+$ .

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