

Unavoidable Choice Sequences

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Kleene's formalization of intuitionistic analysis **FIM** (Kleene and Vesley [1965], as extended by Kleene [1969]) includes bar induction, countable and continuous choice, but cannot prove that the constructive arithmetical hierarchy is proper.

Veldman showed that in **FIM** the constructive analytical hierarchy collapses at Σ_2^1 .

These are serious obstructions to interpreting the constructive content of classical analysis, just as the collapse of the arithmetical hierarchy at Σ_3^0 in **HA** + MP_0 + ECT_0 limits the scope and effectiveness of recursive analysis.

Question: Can we do better by working within classical extensions of nonclassical theories, or within classically correct theories obeying e.g. Church's Rule or Brouwer's Rule?

We work in a two-sorted language \mathcal{L} with variables over numbers and one-place number-theoretic functions (*choice sequences*). Our base theory \mathbf{M} – the minimal theory used by Kleene [1969] to formalize the theory of recursive partial functionals, function realizability and q-realizability – extends Heyting arithmetic to the two-sorted language, with extensional equality for functions.

\mathbf{M} includes defining axioms for finitely many primitive recursive function constants, a λ -reduction schema, and the function comprehension schema $\forall x \exists! y A(x, y) \rightarrow \exists \alpha \forall x A(x, \alpha(x))$.

An \mathcal{L} -theory is a consistent axiomatic extension of \mathbf{M} in the language \mathcal{L} (possibly enriched by additional primitive recursive function constants). An \mathcal{L} -theory may be *intuitionistic*, *classical* or *intermediate* depending on its underlying logic.

The \mathcal{L} -theories \mathbf{T} which have been proposed so far to express parts of constructive mathematics typically have one or more of the following properties:

An *explicit* \mathcal{L} -theory T provides explicit witnesses for existential theorems:

- (a) If $\exists x A(x)$ is closed and $\vdash_{\mathbf{T}} \exists x A(x)$ then $\vdash_{\mathbf{T}} A(\mathbf{n})$ for some numeral \mathbf{n} .
- (b) If $\exists \alpha A(\alpha)$ is closed and $\vdash_{\mathbf{T}} \exists \alpha A(\alpha)$, then for some $B(\alpha)$ with only α free:

$$\vdash_{\mathbf{T}} \forall \alpha [B(\alpha) \rightarrow A(\alpha)] \ \& \ \exists ! \alpha B(\alpha).$$

A *Brouwerian* \mathcal{L} -theory \mathbf{T} satisfies *Brouwer's Rule*:

"If $\vdash_{\mathbf{T}} \forall \alpha \exists \beta A(\alpha, \beta)$ then

$$\vdash_{\mathbf{T}} \exists \sigma \forall \alpha [\forall x \exists y (\{\sigma\}[\alpha](x) \simeq y) \ \& \ A(\alpha, \{\sigma\}[\alpha])."]$$

A *recursively acceptable* \mathcal{L} -theory \mathbf{T} satisfies *Markov's Rule*:

"If $\vdash_{\mathbf{T}} \neg\neg\exists xA(x)$ & $\forall x[A(x) \vee \neg A(x)]$ then $\vdash_{\mathbf{T}} \exists xA(x)$ "

and *Church's Rule*:

"If $\vdash_{\mathbf{T}} \exists\alpha A(\alpha)$ with $\exists\alpha A(\alpha)$ closed, then

$$\vdash_{\mathbf{T}} \exists e[\forall x\exists!yT(e, x, y) \ \& \ \forall\alpha[\forall x\forall y[T(e, x, y) \rightarrow \alpha(x) = U(y)] \rightarrow A(\alpha)]]."$$

If \mathbf{T} is both recursively acceptable and explicit, then \mathbf{T} evidently satisfies the *Church-Kleene Rule*:

"If $\vdash_{\mathbf{T}} \exists\alpha A(\alpha)$ where $\exists\alpha A(\alpha)$ is closed, then for a suitable e :

$$\vdash_{\mathbf{T}} \exists\alpha[\forall x(\alpha(x) \simeq \{\mathbf{e}\}(x)) \ \& \ A(\alpha)]."$$

No classical \mathcal{L} -theory has any of these properties (except, of course, closure under Markov's Rule).

FIM has all these properties. So do the \mathcal{L} -theory **FIM** + MP_1 and its (classically correct) \mathcal{L} -subtheory **T**₁ \equiv **M** + **BI**₁ + MP_1 , which prove that the constructive arithmetical hierarchy is proper. Here **BI**₁ is the bar induction schema and MP_1 is

$$\forall\alpha(\neg\neg\exists x\alpha(x) = 0 \rightarrow \exists x\alpha(x) = 0).$$

In addition to “saving the constructive arithmetical hierarchy,” **T**₁ has “more classical sequences” than **FIM**, in the following sense. If **T** is an \mathcal{L} -theory and

$$\vdash_{\mathbf{T}} \neg\neg\exists\alpha A(\alpha),$$

then we say “a sequence α satisfying $A(\alpha)$ is unavoidable over **T**.”

Only recursive sequences are unavoidable over **FIM** (JRM [1971]) but the characteristic functions of all arithmetical relations (with or without sequence parameters), and of all classically Δ_1^1 relations, are unavoidable over **FIM** + MP_1 and over **T**₁ (Solovay, JRM, in JRM [2003]).

Definition. \mathbf{T}_2 comes from \mathbf{FIM} by adding

I. $\neg\neg\forall x[A(x) \vee \neg A(x)]$ for arithmetical $A(x)$ (parameters of both sorts allowed, but no sequence quantifiers).

II. “Only classically Σ_1^1 sequences are unavoidable”:

$$\forall\alpha\neg\neg\exists e\forall x\forall y[\alpha(x) = y \leftrightarrow \neg\neg\exists\beta\forall z\neg T(e, x, y, \bar{\beta}(z))].$$

III. “Every Π_1^1 sequence is unavoidable”:

$$\begin{aligned} &\forall e[\forall x\neg\neg\exists y\forall\beta\exists zT(e, x, y, \bar{\beta}(z)) \& \\ &\forall x\forall y\forall u(\forall\beta\exists zT(e, x, y, \bar{\beta}(z)) \& \forall\beta\exists zT(e, x, u, \bar{\beta}(z)) \rightarrow y = u) \rightarrow \\ &\neg\neg\exists\alpha\forall x\forall y[\alpha(x) = y \leftrightarrow \forall\beta\exists zT(e, x, y, \bar{\beta}(z))]]. \end{aligned}$$

\mathbf{T}_2 is consistent by a classical realizability interpretation (a modification of my old \mathbf{G} realizability) satisfying first-order Peano arithmetic \mathbf{PA} but not \mathbf{MP}_1 .

Definition. A sequence ε *agrees with* an \mathcal{L} -formula E as follows.

1. Every ε *agrees with* a prime formula P .
2. ε *agrees with* $A \ \& \ B$, if $(\varepsilon)_0$ *agrees with* A and $(\varepsilon)_1$ *agrees with* B .
3. ε *agrees with* $A \vee B$, if $(\varepsilon(0))_0 = 0$ implies that $(\varepsilon)_1$ *agrees with* A , while $(\varepsilon(0))_0 \neq 0$ implies that $(\varepsilon)_1$ *agrees with* B .
4. ε *agrees with* $A \rightarrow B$, if, whenever α *agrees with* A , $\{\varepsilon\}[\alpha]$ is defined and *agrees with* B .
5. ε *agrees with* $\neg A$, if ε *agrees with* $A \rightarrow 1 = 0$.
6. ε *agrees with* $\exists x A(x)$, if $(\varepsilon)_1$ *agrees with* $A(x)$.
7. ε *agrees with* $\forall x A(x)$, if, for each x , $\{\varepsilon\}[x]$ is completely defined and *agrees with* $A(x)$.
8. ε *agrees with* $\exists \alpha A(\alpha)$, if $\{(\varepsilon)_0\}$ is completely defined and $(\varepsilon)_1$ *agrees with* $A(\alpha)$.
9. ε *agrees with* $\forall \alpha A(\alpha)$, if, for each sequence α , $\{\varepsilon\}[\alpha]$ is completely defined and *agrees with* $A(\alpha)$.

Definition. Let ε be a Δ_1^1 sequence and E a formula of \mathcal{L} with at most Ψ free. Let Ψ be numbers and Δ_1^1 sequences interpreting Ψ .

1. $\varepsilon \Delta_1^1$ realizes- Ψ a prime formula P , if P is *true- Ψ* .
2. $\varepsilon \Delta_1^1$ realizes- Ψ $A \ \& \ B$, if $(\varepsilon)_0 \Delta_1^1$ realizes- Ψ A and $(\varepsilon)_1 \Delta_1^1$ realizes- Ψ B .
3. $\varepsilon \Delta_1^1$ realizes- Ψ $A \vee B$, if $(\varepsilon(0))_0 = 0 \Rightarrow (\varepsilon)_1 \Delta_1^1$ realizes- Ψ A , and $(\varepsilon(0))_0 \neq 0 \Rightarrow (\varepsilon)_1 \Delta_1^1$ realizes- Ψ B .
4. $\varepsilon \Delta_1^1$ realizes- Ψ $A \rightarrow B$, if ε agrees with $A \rightarrow B$ and, whenever $\alpha \Delta_1^1$ realizes- Ψ A , $\{\varepsilon\}[\alpha]$ (is defined and) Δ_1^1 realizes- Ψ B .
5. $\varepsilon \Delta_1^1$ realizes- Ψ $\neg A$, if $\varepsilon \Delta_1^1$ realizes- Ψ $A \rightarrow 1 = 0$.
6. $\varepsilon \Delta_1^1$ realizes- Ψ $\exists x A(x)$, if $(\varepsilon)_1 \Delta_1^1$ realizes- Ψ , $(\varepsilon(0))_0 A(x)$.
7. $\varepsilon \Delta_1^1$ realizes- Ψ $\forall x A(x)$, if, for each x , $\{\varepsilon\}[x]$ is defined and Δ_1^1 realizes- Ψ , $x A(x)$.
8. $\varepsilon \Delta_1^1$ realizes- Ψ $\exists \alpha A(\alpha)$, if $\{(\varepsilon)_0\}$ is defined and $(\varepsilon)_1 \Delta_1^1$ realizes- Ψ , $\{(\varepsilon)_0\} A(\alpha)$.
9. $\varepsilon \Delta_1^1$ realizes- Ψ $\forall \alpha A(\alpha)$, if ε agrees with $\forall \alpha A(\alpha)$ and, for each Δ_1^1 sequence α , $\{\varepsilon\}[\alpha]$ is defined and Δ_1^1 realizes- Ψ , $\alpha A(\alpha)$.

Definition. A closed formula E is Δ_1^1 *realizable* if and only if some Δ_1^1 sequence ε Δ_1^1 realizes E . An open formula is Δ_1^1 *realizable* if and only if its universal closure is.

We need a number of lemmas, differing little from those for G realizability, e.g.

Lemma 4. For each formula E there is a primitive recursive sequence ε^E which agrees with E .

Lemma 7. Let E contain free only Ψ . Then E is Δ_1^1 realizable if and only if there is a recursive partial functional $\varphi[\Psi, \gamma] \simeq \lambda t. \varphi(\Psi, \gamma, t)$ such that, for some Δ_1^1 sequence δ : $\varphi[\Psi, \delta]$ is completely defined and agrees with E for every choice of Ψ , and if every sequence in the list Ψ is Δ_1^1 then $\varphi[\Psi, \delta]$ Δ_1^1 realizes- Ψ E .

The $\varphi[\Psi, \delta]$ given by Lemma 7 is called a Δ_1^1 *realizer for E* .

Lemma 9. (a) For each arithmetical formula $A(\beta, x_1, \dots, x_k)$ with no free variables other than β, x_1, \dots, x_k , and for each Δ_1^1 sequence β , there is a Δ_1^1 function ϑ_β of t, x_1, \dots, x_k such that if $\vartheta[x_1, \dots, x_k] = \lambda t. \vartheta_\beta(t, x_1, \dots, x_k)$ then for all x_1, \dots, x_k :

- (i) $\vartheta[x_1, \dots, x_k]$ agrees with $A(\beta, x_1, \dots, x_k)$.
- (ii) $\vartheta[x_1, \dots, x_k] \Delta_1^1$ realizes $\beta, x_1, \dots, x_k \Vdash A(\beta, x_1, \dots, x_k)$ if and only if, under the intended classical interpretation, $A(\beta, x_1, \dots, x_k)$ is true β, x_1, \dots, x_k .

(b) With the same conditions on $A(\beta, x_1, \dots, x_k)$ and β , there is a Δ_1^1 sequence ψ which Δ_1^1 realizes β
 $\forall x_1 \dots \forall x_k [A(\beta, x_1, \dots, x_k) \vee \neg A(\beta, x_1, \dots, x_k)]$. In particular, if $A(x_1, \dots, x_k)$ is purely arithmetical, then $A(x_1, \dots, x_k) \vee \neg A(x_1, \dots, x_k)$ is Δ_1^1 realizable.

Theorem. If $\Gamma \vdash_{\mathcal{T}_2} E$ and the formulas Γ are Δ_1^1 realizable, so is E .

Proof. For each axiom E with only Ψ free we give a Δ_1^1 realizer $\varphi[\Psi, \delta]$. Then, assuming that a Δ_1^1 realizer exists for each premise of a rule of inference, we give a Δ_1^1 realizer for the conclusion. E.g.

$\varphi[\Psi] \simeq \varphi[\Psi, \lambda t.0] \simeq \Lambda \sigma \lambda t.0$ is a Δ_1^1 realizer for an instance of (I) with only Ψ free, since Lemma 9(b) gives a Δ_1^1 realizer for $\forall x[A(x) \vee \neg A(x)]$, and (I) is the double negation of this formula.

$\varphi \simeq \varphi[\delta] \simeq \varphi[\lambda t.0] \simeq \Lambda \alpha \Lambda \pi \lambda t.0$ is a Δ_1^1 realizer for the axiom (II) asserting that every sequence is classically Σ_1^1 . Agreement is obvious; and for each Δ_1^1 sequence α there exist numbers f and, by the **Spector-Gandy Theorem**, also e so that for all x, y :

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha(x) = y &\Leftrightarrow (\gamma)(Ez)T(f, x, y, \bar{\gamma}(z)) \\ &\Leftrightarrow (E\beta \in \Delta_1^1)(z)\bar{T}(e, x, y, \bar{\beta}(z)). \end{aligned}$$

$\varphi \simeq \Lambda \sigma \Lambda \pi \lambda t.0$ Δ_1^1 realizes axiom (III).

Corollary 1. \mathbf{T}_2 is consistent, in fact every closed theorem of \mathbf{T}_2 has a recursive Δ_1^1 realizer.

Proof. In the proof of the theorem, the parameter δ used in defining a Δ_1^1 realizer for an axiom of \mathbf{T}_2 can always be taken to be recursive, and this property is preserved by the rules of inference. $0 = 1$ is not Δ_1^1 realizable so \mathbf{T}_2 is consistent.

Corollary 2. \mathbf{T}_2 is Brouwerian and does not prove MP_1 .

Proof. \mathbf{T}_2 has Brouwer's continuous choice principle as an axiom schema. Vesley's Schema **VS**, which (proves Brouwer's creating subject counterexamples and) is Δ_1^1 realizable, contradicts MP_1 .

Corollary 3. $\mathbf{T}_3 = \mathbf{T}_2 + \mathbf{PA}$ is a Brouwerian \mathcal{L} -theory which is not recursively acceptable.

Proof. \mathbf{T}_3 is consistent by Δ_1^1 realizability. \mathbf{T}_3 proves $\forall x \exists! y [y \leq 1 \ \& \ (y = 0 \leftrightarrow \exists z T(x, x, z))]$ and hence $\exists \alpha \neg \exists e \forall x \exists y (T(e, x, y) \ \& \ U(y) = \alpha(x))$, so violates Church's Rule.

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