

# 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  $\Sigma_2^1$ .

These are serious obstructions to interpreting the constructive content of classical analysis, just as the collapse of the arithmetical hierarchy at  $\Sigma_3^0$  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  $\lambda$ -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  $\alpha$  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**<sub>1</sub>  $\equiv$  **M** + **BI**<sub>1</sub> +  $MP_1$ , which prove that the constructive arithmetical hierarchy is proper. Here **BI**<sub>1</sub> 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**<sub>1</sub> 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  $\alpha$  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  $\Delta_1^1$  relations, are unavoidable over **FIM** +  $MP_1$  and over **T**<sub>1</sub> (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  $\Sigma_1^1$  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  $\Pi_1^1$  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  $\varepsilon$  *agrees with* an  $\mathcal{L}$ -formula  $E$  as follows.

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



*Definition.* Let  $\varepsilon$  be a  $\Delta_1^1$  sequence and  $E$  a formula of  $\mathcal{L}$  with at most  $\Psi$  free. Let  $\Psi$  be numbers and  $\Delta_1^1$  sequences interpreting  $\Psi$ .

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

*Definition.* A closed formula  $E$  is  $\Delta_1^1$  *realizable* if and only if some  $\Delta_1^1$  sequence  $\varepsilon$   $\Delta_1^1$  realizes  $E$ . An open formula is  $\Delta_1^1$  *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  $\varepsilon^E$  which agrees with  $E$ .

*Lemma 7.* Let  $E$  contain free only  $\Psi$ . Then  $E$  is  $\Delta_1^1$  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  $\Delta_1^1$  sequence  $\delta$ :  $\varphi[\Psi, \delta]$  is completely defined and agrees with  $E$  for every choice of  $\Psi$ , and if every sequence in the list  $\Psi$  is  $\Delta_1^1$  then  $\varphi[\Psi, \delta]$   $\Delta_1^1$  realizes- $\Psi$   $E$ .

The  $\varphi[\Psi, \delta]$  given by Lemma 7 is called a  $\Delta_1^1$  *realizer for  $E$* .

*Lemma 9.* (a) For each arithmetical formula  $A(\beta, x_1, \dots, x_k)$  with no free variables other than  $\beta, x_1, \dots, x_k$ , and for each  $\Delta_1^1$  sequence  $\beta$ , there is a  $\Delta_1^1$  function  $\vartheta_\beta$  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  $\beta, x_1, \dots, x_k \dashv\vdash A(\beta, x_1, \dots, x_k)$  if and only if, under the intended classical interpretation,  $A(\beta, x_1, \dots, x_k)$  is true  $\beta, x_1, \dots, x_k$ .

(b) With the same conditions on  $A(\beta, x_1, \dots, x_k)$  and  $\beta$ , there is a  $\Delta_1^1$  sequence  $\psi$  which  $\Delta_1^1$  realizes  $\beta$   
 $\forall x_1 \dots \forall x_k [A(\beta, x_1, \dots, x_k) \vee \neg A(\beta, x_1, \dots, x_k)]$ . 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  $\Delta_1^1$  realizable.

**Theorem.** If  $\Gamma \vdash_{\mathcal{T}_2} E$  and the formulas  $\Gamma$  are  $\Delta_1^1$ realizable, so is  $E$ .

*Proof.* For each axiom  $E$  with only  $\Psi$  free we give a  $\Delta_1^1$ realizer  $\varphi[\Psi, \delta]$ . Then, assuming that a  $\Delta_1^1$ realizer exists for each premise of a rule of inference, we give a  $\Delta_1^1$ realizer for the conclusion. E.g.

$\varphi[\Psi] \simeq \varphi[\Psi, \lambda t.0] \simeq \Lambda \sigma \lambda t.0$  is a  $\Delta_1^1$ realizer for an instance of (I) with only  $\Psi$  free, since Lemma 9(b) gives a  $\Delta_1^1$ 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  $\Delta_1^1$ realizer for the axiom (II) asserting that every sequence is classically  $\Sigma_1^1$ . Agreement is obvious; and for each  $\Delta_1^1$  sequence  $\alpha$  there exist numbers  $f$  and, by the **Spector-Gandy Theorem**, also  $e$  so that for all  $x, y$ :

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

$\varphi \simeq \Lambda \sigma \Lambda \pi \lambda t.0$   $\Delta_1^1$ realizes axiom (III).

**Corollary 1.**  $\mathbf{T}_2$  is consistent, in fact every closed theorem of  $\mathbf{T}_2$  has a recursive  $\Delta_1^1$  realizer.

*Proof.* In the proof of the theorem, the parameter  $\delta$  used in defining a  $\Delta_1^1$  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  $\Delta_1^1$  realizable so  $\mathbf{T}_2$  is consistent.

**Corollary 2.**  $\mathbf{T}_2$  is Brouwerian and does not prove  $\text{MP}_1$ .

*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  $\Delta_1^1$  realizable, contradicts  $\text{MP}_1$ .

**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  $\Delta_1^1$  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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