

# Verified algorithms via proofs

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- Proofs: on constructive real arithmetic (Bishop).
- Algorithms: operate on reals represented by streams of digits.
- Algorithms via proofs: extract computational content. Needs  $P(x)$  and  $P^r(x, t)$  “ $t$  realizes  $P(x)$ ” for predicates  $P$ .
- Verification: formal proof that the extracted term realizes  $A$ .

## A theory of computable functionals (TCF)

Similar to  $HA^\omega$ , but

- add inductively and coinductively defined predicates,
- distinguish computationally relevant (c.r.) and non-computational (n.c.) predicates,
- add realizability predicates (internal “meta”-step),
- allow partial functionals, defined by equations (possibly non-terminating, like corecursion),
- minimal logic: only  $\rightarrow$ ,  $\forall$  primitive.  $\vee$ ,  $\exists$  inductively defined

Minlog implements TCF.

- Assume  $M$  is an **r-free** proof of  $A$ , i.e.,  $M$  contains no realizability predicates  $P^r$  or  ${}^{co}P^r$ .
- We can define its **extracted term**  $et(M)$ , of type  $\tau(A)$ , with the aim to express  $M$ 's computational content.
- $et(M)$  is a term built from variables, constructors, destructors and (co)recursion operators by  $\lambda$ -abstraction and application.

## Theorem (Soundness)

Let  $M$  be an  $\mathbf{r}$ -free derivation of a formula  $A$  from assumptions  $u_i: C_i$  ( $i < n$ ). Then we can derive

$$\begin{cases} \text{et}(M) \mathbf{r} A & \text{if } A \text{ is c.r.} \\ A & \text{if } A \text{ is n.c.} \end{cases}$$

from assumptions

$$\begin{cases} z_{u_i} \mathbf{r} C_i & \text{if } C_i \text{ is c.r.} \\ C_i & \text{if } C_i \text{ is n.c.} \end{cases}$$

We express

- Kolmogorov's view of "formulas as problems"<sup>1</sup>
- Feferman's dictum "to assert is to realize"<sup>2</sup>

by **invariance axioms**:

For **r**-free c.r. formulas  $A$  we require as axioms

$$\text{InvAll}_A: \forall_z (z \mathbf{r} A \rightarrow A).$$

$$\text{InvEx}_A: A \rightarrow \exists_z (z \mathbf{r} A).$$

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<sup>1</sup>Zur Deutung der intuitionistischen Logik, Math. Zeitschr., 1932

<sup>2</sup>Constructive theories of functions and classes, Logic Colloquium 78, p.208

Invariance axioms used in the proof of soundness (1):

**Case**  $(\lambda_{u^A} M^B)^{A \rightarrow B}$  with  $B$  n.c. We need a derivation of  $A \rightarrow B$ .

**Subcase**  $A$  c.r. By IH we have a derivation of  $B$  from  $z \mathbf{r} A$ . Using the invariance axiom  $A \rightarrow \exists_z(z \mathbf{r} A)$  we get the required derivation of  $B$  from  $A$ :

$$\frac{\frac{A \rightarrow \exists_z(z \mathbf{r} A) \quad A}{\exists_z(z \mathbf{r} A)} \quad \frac{[z \mathbf{r} A] \quad B}{B} \text{IH}}{B} \exists^-$$

Invariance axioms used in the proof of soundness (2):

**Case**  $(M^{A \rightarrow B} N^A)^B$  with  $B$  n.c. Goal: find a derivation of  $B$ .

**Subcase**  $A$  c.r. By IH we have derivations of  $A \rightarrow B$  and of  $\text{et}(N) \mathbf{r} A$ . From the invariance axiom  $\forall_z (z \mathbf{r} A \rightarrow A)$  we obtain the required derivation of  $B$  by  $\rightarrow^-$  from the derivation of  $A \rightarrow B$  and

$$\frac{\frac{\forall_z (z \mathbf{r} A \rightarrow A) \quad \text{et}(N)}{\text{et}(N) \mathbf{r} A \rightarrow A} \quad | \text{IH}}{\text{et}(N) \mathbf{r} A} \quad A$$

Define inductively  $I$  (unary, on reals in  $[-1, 1]$ ) by the clauses

$$0 \in I,$$

$$d \in \text{Sd} \rightarrow x \in I \rightarrow \frac{x + d}{2} \in I \quad (\text{Sd: signed digit } -1, 0, 1).$$

The dual  ${}^{\text{co}}I$  of  $I$  is defined by its closure axiom

$$x \in {}^{\text{co}}I \rightarrow x = 0 \vee \exists_{d, x'} \left( d \in \text{Sd} \wedge x' \in {}^{\text{co}}I \wedge x = \frac{x' + d}{2} \right)$$

Coinduction (or gfp-axiom): every “competitor” satisfying the same closure axiom is contained in  ${}^{\text{co}}I$ .

## Theorem (Av)

$$x, y \in \text{coI} \rightarrow \frac{x+y}{2} \in \text{coI}$$

**Proof** (Berger & Seisenberger, 2010). Let

$$P := \left\{ \frac{x+y}{2} \mid x, y \in \text{coI} \right\}, \quad Q := \left\{ \frac{x+y+i}{2} \mid x, y \in \text{coI}, i \in \text{Sd}_2 \right\}$$

with  $\text{Sd}_2 := \{-2, -1, 0, 1, 2\}$ . Then prove

$$P \subseteq Q \subseteq \text{coI}.$$

$P \subseteq Q$  is easy. For  $Q \subseteq \text{coI}$  show that  $Q$  also satisfies the closure axiom for  $\text{coI}$ . Coinduction gives the claim.

*The computational content of this proof is an algorithm operating on stream representations of reals.*

- Realizers of  $x \in {}^{\text{co}}I$ : finite or infinite lists of signed digits  $\mathbb{L}(\mathbb{D})$ .
- $\mathbb{L}(\mathbb{D})$  has constructors  $U$  (empty list) and  $d :: u$ .
- Define inductively  $I^r$  (n.c., binary) by

$$I^r(0, U),$$

$$I^r(x, u) \rightarrow I^r\left(\frac{x+d}{2}, d :: u\right).$$

- The dual  ${}^{\text{co}}I^r$  of  $I^r$  is defined by its closure axiom

$${}^{\text{co}}I^r(x, u) \rightarrow (x = 0 \wedge u = U) \vee$$

$$\exists_{d, x', u'} \left( {}^{\text{co}}I^r(x', u') \wedge x = \frac{x' + d}{2} \wedge u = d :: u' \right).$$

## Lemma (Init)

$$x, y \in {}^{\text{co}}I \rightarrow \exists_{i, x', y'} \left( i \in \text{Sd}_2 \wedge x', y' \in {}^{\text{co}}I \wedge \frac{x + y}{2} = \frac{x' + y' + i}{4} \right).$$

Extracted term

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Av}_{\text{init}} : \mathbb{L}(\mathbb{D}) &\rightarrow \mathbb{L}(\mathbb{D}) \rightarrow \mathbb{D}_2 \times \mathbb{L}(\mathbb{D}) \times \mathbb{L}(\mathbb{D}) \\ (d :: u, e :: v) &\mapsto \langle d + e, u, v \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

## Lemma (Step)

$$i \in \text{Sd}_2 \rightarrow x, y \in \text{col} \rightarrow \exists_{d \in \text{Sd}} \exists_{j \in \text{Sd}_2} \exists_{x', y' \in \text{col}} \left( \frac{x+y+i}{4} = \frac{\frac{x'+y'+j}{4} + d}{2} \right).$$

Extracted term

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Av}_{\text{step}}: \mathbb{D}_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{L}(\mathbb{D}) \rightarrow \mathbb{L}(\mathbb{D}) \rightarrow \mathbb{D} \times \mathbb{D}_2 \times \mathbb{L}(\mathbb{D}) \times \mathbb{L}(\mathbb{D}) \\ (i, d :: u, e :: v) \mapsto \langle K(d + e + 2i), J(d + e + 2i), u, v \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

with  $J, K: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} i &= J(i) + 4K(i), \\ |J(i)| &\leq 2, \\ |i| \leq 6 &\rightarrow |K(i)| \leq 1. \end{aligned}$$

By coinduction from the Step Lemma we obtain

$$\exists_{i,x,y} \left( i \in \text{Sd}_2 \wedge x, y \in \text{coI} \wedge z = \frac{x + y + i}{4} \right) \rightarrow z \in \text{coI}$$

Theorem (Av)

$$x, y \in \text{coI} \rightarrow \frac{x + y}{2} \in \text{coI}$$

## Extracted term of type

$$\mathbb{L}(\mathbb{D}) \rightarrow \mathbb{L}(\mathbb{D}) \rightarrow \mathbb{L}(\mathbb{D})$$

defined using corecursion:

- From  $u, v \in \mathbb{L}(\mathbb{D})$  form an initial triple  $AV_{\text{init}}(u, v) \in \mathbb{D}_2 \times \mathbb{L}(\mathbb{D}) \times \mathbb{L}(\mathbb{D})$ .
- Iterate  $AV_{\text{step}}: \mathbb{D}_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{L}(\mathbb{D}) \rightarrow \mathbb{L}(\mathbb{D}) \rightarrow \mathbb{D} \times \mathbb{D}_2 \times \mathbb{L}(\mathbb{D}) \times \mathbb{L}(\mathbb{D})$  starting with  $AV_{\text{init}}(u, v)$ .
- Return the stream of generated  $d \in \mathbb{D}$ .

Initially we had

$$AV_{\text{init}}(d :: u, e :: v) := \underbrace{\langle d + e, u, v \rangle}_{\in \text{Sd}_2}$$

and then

$$AV_{\text{step}}(i, d :: u, e :: v) := \underbrace{\langle K(d + e + 2i), J(d + e + 2i), u, v \rangle}_{\in \text{Sd}} \quad \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\text{triple for rec. call}}$$

Hence the lookahead is  $n + 1$ . This can be expressed as

$$u|_{n+1} = u'|_{n+1} \rightarrow v|_{n+1} = v'|_{n+1} \rightarrow cAv(u, v)|_n = cAv(u', v')|_n$$

and proved by induction on  $n$ .

Idea (Nils Köpp): insert the expected lookahead into the goal. Replace the unary **coinductive** predicate  $^{\text{co}}$  on reals by a binary **inductive** predicate  $L$  with the property that

*a realizer of  $x \in L_n$  is a list of length  $n$  of signed digits approximating  $x$  with error bound  $\frac{1}{2^n}$ .*

The intended meaning of  $L$  is expressed by its two clauses

$$|x| \leq 1 \rightarrow x \in L_0, \tag{1}$$

$$d \in \text{Sd} \rightarrow x \in L_n \rightarrow y = \frac{x+d}{2} \rightarrow y \in L_{n+1}. \tag{2}$$

(2) says that if we know  $n$  digits of a representation of  $x$  and  $y = \frac{x+d}{2}$ , then we know  $n+1$  digits of a representation of  $y$ .

We proceed as before, but with  $L$  instead of  ${}^{\text{co}}l$ :

### Lemma (LInit)

$$x, y \in L_{n+1} \rightarrow \exists_{i, x', y'} \left( i \in \text{Sd}_2 \wedge x', y' \in L_n \wedge \frac{x + y}{2} = \frac{x' + y' + i}{4} \right).$$

Extracted term

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LAv}_{\text{init}} : \mathbb{L}(\mathbb{D}) &\rightarrow \mathbb{L}(\mathbb{D}) \rightarrow \mathbb{D}_2 \times \mathbb{L}(\mathbb{D}) \times \mathbb{L}(\mathbb{D}) \\ (d :: u, e :: v) &\mapsto \langle d + e, u, v \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Same as for  ${}^{\text{co}}l$ .

## Lemma (LStep)

$$i \in \text{Sd}_2 \rightarrow x, y \in L_{n+1} \rightarrow \\ \exists d \in \text{Sd} \exists j \in \text{Sd}_2 \exists x', y' \in L_n \left( \frac{x+y+i}{4} = \frac{\frac{x'+y'+j}{4} + d}{2} \right).$$

## Extracted term

$$\text{LAv}_{\text{step}}: \mathbb{D}_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{L}(\mathbb{D}) \rightarrow \mathbb{L}(\mathbb{D}) \rightarrow \mathbb{D} \times \mathbb{D}_2 \times \mathbb{L}(\mathbb{D}) \times \mathbb{L}(\mathbb{D}) \\ (i, d :: u, e :: v) \mapsto \langle K(d + e + 2i), J(d + e + 2i), u, v \rangle.$$

Same as for <sup>co</sup>l.

By induction on  $n$  from the Step Lemma we obtain

$$i \in \text{Sd}_2 \rightarrow x, y \in L_n \rightarrow \frac{x + y + i}{4} \in L_n.$$

Extracted term:

Contains the recursion operator.

## Theorem (LAv)

$$x, y \in L_{n+1} \rightarrow \frac{x+y}{2} \in L_n.$$

**Proof.** Induction on  $n$ .

Extracted term of type

$$\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{L}(\mathbb{D}) \rightarrow \mathbb{L}(\mathbb{D}) \rightarrow \mathbb{L}(\mathbb{D})$$

defined using recursion:

- From  $u, v \in \mathbb{L}(\mathbb{D})$  form an initial triple  $\text{LAv}_{\text{init}}(u, v) \in \mathbb{D}_2 \times \mathbb{L}(\mathbb{D}) \times \mathbb{L}(\mathbb{D})$ .
- Iterate  $\text{LAv}_{\text{step}}: \mathbb{D}_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{L}(\mathbb{D}) \rightarrow \mathbb{L}(\mathbb{D}) \rightarrow \mathbb{D} \times \mathbb{D}_2 \times \mathbb{L}(\mathbb{D}) \times \mathbb{L}(\mathbb{D})$   $n$  times starting with  $\text{LAv}_{\text{init}}(u, v)$ .
- Return the stream of generated  $d \in \mathbb{D}$ .

Same as for <sup>cof</sup>.

The lookahead analysis is built into the goal, i.e., the specification. There is no need for a lookahead analysis after the proof. Then why *coI*-proofs?

- *coI*-proofs can be done without knowledge of a lookahead.
- From them we may guess a lookahead and then do a similar *L*-proof, replacing coinduction by induction.
- For multiplication this worked as well, with lookahead  $3n + 3$ .

- $L$ -proofs can also be done without a previous  $\text{co}l$ -proof.
- One then needs a direct intuition about the lookahead.

Example: multiplication.

- There the  $L$ -proof is based on the decomposition

$$\frac{\frac{x'+d'}{2} + d}{2} \cdot \frac{\frac{y'+e'}{2} + e}{2} = \frac{\frac{\frac{x'y'+d'e'+de'}{2} + de}{2} + \frac{\frac{e'x'+d'y'+d'e}{2} + \frac{dy'+ex'}{2}}{2}}{2}$$

(easy calculation).

- The r.h.s. uses average 4 times.
- We obtain an  $L$ -proof with lookahead  $n + 6$ .

Goal: formal proof (in TCF) that the extracted term is a realizer.  
Minlog implements

- generation of a soundness proof: `add-sound`
- proof checking: `check-proof`, `check-and-display-proof`

(add-sound "LAverage")

ok, LAverageSound has been added as a new theorem:

```
allnc x,y,n,u^(
  LMR x(Succ n)u^ ->
  allnc u^0(LMR y(Succ n)u^0 ->
    LMR((1#2)*(x+y))n(cLAverage n u^ u^0)))
```

with computation rule

```
cLAverage eqd([n,u,u0]cLAvcToL n(cLAvToAvc u u0))
```

```
(cp (theorem-name-to-prove "LAverageSound"))
```

Ok, proof is correct.

No free assumption variables.

No global assumptions used.

No implicit global assumptions (unproven rewrite rules).

Theorems used: (LCompatSound RealEqSym LAvcToLSound  
                  LAvToAvcSound LToReal)

## Future work

- Study of extracted terms (i.e., implicit computational content) for proofs in constructive analysis (integration, ode's).
- Compare the Soundness Theorem with MetaCoq.
- Exact real arithmetic in Agda, “MetaAgda”?