

RECITATION 2

1. PROOFS ARE PROGRAMS

As discussed previously in lecture, there is a tight correspondence between the structure of a derivation for a constructive proof and a term in some particular programming language. This leads to the slogans “proofs are programs” and “propositions are types”. The (Curry-Howard-Lambek) correspondence can be fleshed out for the logic we’re studying (intuitionistic propositional logic)¹ by the following table

Propositions	Types
$A \wedge B$	$A * B$
$A \vee B$	$A + B$
$A \supset B$	$A \rightarrow B$
\top	1 (unit)
\perp	0 (void)

Based on this we can produce a version of our rules from the previous recitation that annotate each proposition step in the derivation with the program that it constructs. Those rules are

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{M : A \quad N : B}{\langle M, N \rangle : A \wedge B} \quad \frac{M : A}{\text{inl}(M) : A \vee B} \quad \frac{M : B}{\text{inr}(M) : A \vee B} \quad \frac{M : A \wedge B}{\text{fst}(M) : A} \quad \frac{M : A \wedge B}{\text{snd}(M) : B} \\
 \\
 \frac{M : A \vee B \quad \frac{\frac{u : A \quad v : B}{\vdots} \quad \frac{\vdots}{N : C} \quad \frac{\vdots}{R : C}}{\text{case } M \text{ of } \text{inl}(c) \Rightarrow N \mid \text{inl}(c) \Rightarrow R : C}^{u,v}}{\vdots} \quad \frac{\frac{u : A}{\vdots} \quad \frac{\vdots}{M : B}}{\text{fn } u \Rightarrow M : A \supset B}^u \quad \frac{M : A \supset B \quad N : A}{M(N) :}
 \end{array}$$

2. TRANSLATION

We now turn to the question of translating proofs to programs and back again. In these notes, we present both for the sake of accessibility.

(1) $(A \supset B \supset C) \supset (B \supset A \supset C)$

Proof:

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{A \supset B \supset C \text{ true}^f \quad A \text{ true}^a}{B \supset C \text{ true}}}{C \text{ true}}}{A \supset C \text{ true}}}{B \supset A \supset C \text{ true}} \supset E \quad \frac{\frac{B \text{ true}^b}{\supset I^a}}{\supset I^b}}{(A \supset B \supset C) \supset (B \supset A \supset C) \text{ true}} \supset I^f$$

Program: `fn f => fn b => fn a => (f a) b`

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¹Of course, what makes this correspondence so remarkable is that it extends far beyond this one logic. It is quite robust and extends to almost any well-behaved logic. It also maps between logic and functional programming and lattices which are just closed cartesian categories

(2) $((A \supset B) \vee (A \supset C)) \supset A \supset (B \vee C)$

Proof:

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{A \supset B \text{ true}}{\supset E}^f}{B \text{ true}}}{B \vee C \text{ true}} \vee I_1}{\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{A \supset C \text{ true}}{\supset E}^g}{C \text{ true}}}{B \vee C \text{ true}} \vee I_2}{B \vee C \text{ true}} \vee E^{f,g}}{A \supset (B \vee C) \text{ true}} \supset I^a}{((A \supset B) \vee (A \supset C)) \supset A \supset (B \vee C) \text{ true}} \supset I^{fg}}$$

Program: `fn x => case snd x of inl b => inl (fst x, b) | inr c => inr (fst x, c)`

3. INVENTING PROOF TERMS

Let's consider a new connective λ . We'll give the intro and elim rules and try to come up with constructors, destructors and reduction rules that make sense.

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{B \text{ true}}{\vdots}}{\perp \text{ true}}^u}{A \wedge B \text{ true}}}{\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{A \text{ true}}{\vdots}}{\perp \text{ true}}^u}{A \wedge B \text{ true}}}{C \text{ true}} \wedge E^u}{C \text{ true}} \wedge E^v}{\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{B \text{ true}}{\vdots}}{\perp \text{ true}}^u}{A \wedge B \text{ true}}}{C \text{ true}} \wedge E^u}{C \text{ true}} \wedge E^v}$$

Let's come up with constructors that make sense for λ

$$\frac{M : A \quad \frac{\frac{\frac{u : B}{\vdots}}{\perp}}{N : \perp}}{\text{inl}(M, u.N) : A \wedge B}^u}{\text{inr}(u.M, N) : A \wedge B}^u$$

And the destructor...

$$\frac{E : A \wedge B \quad \frac{\frac{\frac{u : A}{\vdots}}{\vdots}}{M : C}^u \quad \frac{\frac{\frac{v : \neg B}{\vdots}}{\vdots}}{N : C}^v}{\text{case } E \text{ of inl}(u, v) \Rightarrow M \mid \text{inr}(u, v) \Rightarrow N : C}^u \quad \frac{\frac{\frac{u : \neg A}{\vdots}}{\vdots}}{M : C}^u \quad \frac{\frac{\frac{v : B}{\vdots}}{\vdots}}{N : C}^v}}{\text{case } E \text{ of inl}(u, v) \Rightarrow M \mid \text{inr}(u, v) \Rightarrow N : C}^v$$

Now we still need to define a reduction rule for λ . Reduction rules are applied when the destructor is applied to a constructor.

$$\text{case inl}(N', u'.M') \text{ of inl}(u, v) \Rightarrow M \mid \text{inr}(u, v) \Rightarrow N \Longrightarrow^r [N'/u, \text{fn } u' \Rightarrow M'/v]M$$

$$\text{case inr}(u'.N', M') \text{ of inl}(u, v) \Rightarrow M \mid \text{inr}(u, v) \Rightarrow N \Longrightarrow^r [\text{fn } u' \Rightarrow N'/u, M'/v]N$$

4. REDUCTIONS

Let's try reducing a term until we can no longer apply reduction rules.

$$(\text{fn } a \Rightarrow \text{fn } b \Rightarrow (\text{fn } f \Rightarrow \text{fn } p \Rightarrow \langle \text{fst}(f)\text{fst}(p), \text{snd}(f)\text{snd}(p) \rangle) \langle \text{fn } u \Rightarrow a, \text{fn } u \Rightarrow b \rangle \langle b, a \rangle)$$

$$(\text{fn } a \Rightarrow \text{fn } b \Rightarrow (\text{fn } p \Rightarrow \langle \text{fst}(\langle \text{fn } u \Rightarrow a, \text{fn } u \Rightarrow b \rangle)\text{fst}(p), \text{snd}(\langle \text{fn } u \Rightarrow a, \text{fn } u \Rightarrow b \rangle)\text{snd}(p) \rangle) \langle b, a \rangle)$$

Notice at this point we have a few options on how to proceed. It's actually the case that there is a term that we will reach no matter which order we apply reduction rules. It's generally known as the Church Rosser theorem that if a term finishes reducing in two ways, then they arrive at the same place. With our system we'll always reach a "normal" form after a finite number of reductions, so we can apply rules in whatever order we wish.

$$(\text{fn } a \Rightarrow \text{fn } b \Rightarrow (\text{fn } p \Rightarrow \langle \langle \text{fn } u \Rightarrow a \rangle \text{fst}(p), \text{snd}(\langle \text{fn } u \Rightarrow a, \text{fn } u \Rightarrow b \rangle)\text{snd}(p) \rangle) \langle b, a \rangle)$$

$$(\text{fn } a \Rightarrow \text{fn } b \Rightarrow (\text{fn } p \Rightarrow \langle \langle \text{fn } u \Rightarrow a \rangle \text{fst}(p), (\text{fn } u \Rightarrow b)\text{snd}(p) \rangle) \langle b, a \rangle)$$

$$(\text{fn } a \Rightarrow \text{fn } b \Rightarrow (\text{fn } p \Rightarrow \langle a, (\text{fn } u \Rightarrow b)\text{snd}(p) \rangle) \langle b, a \rangle)$$

$$(\text{fn } a \Rightarrow \text{fn } b \Rightarrow (\text{fn } p \Rightarrow \langle a, b \rangle) \langle b, a \rangle)$$

$$(\text{fn } a \Rightarrow \text{fn } b \Rightarrow \langle a, b \rangle)$$