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What is

Synthetic Domain Theory?

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1. "Synthetic"

Antonym: "Analytic", as in:

<p>Kant: synthetic a priori truths,</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"> </p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">true by 'insight':</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Kant: Euclidean Geometry</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Poincaré: mathematical induction</p>	<p>vs. analytic truths</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"> </p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">true by virtue of the meaning of words, or by logic</p>
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<p>19th century: synthetic geometry</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"> </p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">axioms for constructions</p>	<p>vs. analytic geometry</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"> </p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">algebra on coordinates</p>
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Also: "synthetic reasoning" in differential geometry
Characteristics: free use of "infinitely small" (or large) numbers, reasoning about manifolds without mention of atlases or charts.

Example (Euler) Proof of $\sin z = z \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} (1 - \frac{z^2}{k^2 \pi^2})$

Start of proof: 'for infinitely large n,

$$2 \cdot \sinh(x) = (1 + \frac{x}{n})^n - (1 - \frac{x}{n})^n$$

Then use: $a^n - b^n = (a-b)(a - \epsilon_1 b) \cdot \dots \cdot (a - \epsilon_{n-1} b)$

where $\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_{n-1}$ are (complex) solutions to $z^n = 1$

What is meant nowadays by "synthetic"?

Loosely: "reason with axioms"

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An example: a glimpse of Synthetic Analysis (or: Synthetic Differential Geometry)

Starting point: the real line \mathbb{R} as 'given', with points $0, 1$

On \mathbb{R} we have (by geometric constructions):

$+, \cdot, -, \frac{1}{n}$ ($n \in \mathbb{N}$) \mathbb{R} is a \mathbb{Q} -algebra

Define: $D = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : x^2 = 0\}$



Axiom: for every function $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ there is a unique $b \in \mathbb{R}$ such that for all $d \in D$:
 $f(d) = f(0) + b \cdot d$

Consequence 1: $D \neq \{0\}$ (uniqueness of b)

Consequence 2: Classical Logic fails

Suppose now $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a function.

Then for each x , consider $d \mapsto f(x+d): D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

By the axiom, there is a unique $b = f'(x)$ such that
for all $d \in D$: $f(x+d) = f(x) + d \cdot b$

It is easy to derive that:

$$(f+g)'(x) = f'(x) + g'(x) \quad (f \cdot g)'(x) = f(x)g'(x) + f'(x)g(x)$$

$$(f \circ g)'(x) = f'(g(x)) \cdot g'(x) \quad (\text{Chain rule})$$

And: Taylor series, partial derivatives, smooth manifolds, integration, flows, ...

2. A review of some elements of Domain Theory

a. ω -cpo

Definition. ω -cpo: poset (X, \leq) such that for every ω -chain $x_0 \leq x_1 \leq x_2 \leq \dots$ there is a least upper bound $\bigsqcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} x_n$:

i) for all i , $x_i \leq \bigsqcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} x_n$

ii) if for all i , $x_i \leq y$, then $\bigsqcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} x_n \leq y$

If (X, \leq) and (Y, \leq) are ω -cpo then $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is continuous if for every ω -chain $x_0 \leq x_1 \leq \dots$ in X , $f(x_0) \leq f(x_1) \leq \dots$ is an ω -chain in Y and

$$f\left(\bigsqcup_n x_n\right) = \bigsqcup_n f(x_n)$$

CPO is the category of ω -cpo and continuous maps

The category CPO is complete:

if $\{X_i : i \in I\}$ is a family of ω -cpo then

$$\prod_{i \in I} X_i \text{ is an } \omega\text{-cpo}$$

The category CPO is cartesian closed:

for two ω -cpo X and Y , let X^Y be the set of continuous functions $Y \rightarrow X$. Set

$f \leq g$ if for all $y \in Y$, $f(y) \leq g(y)$. Then

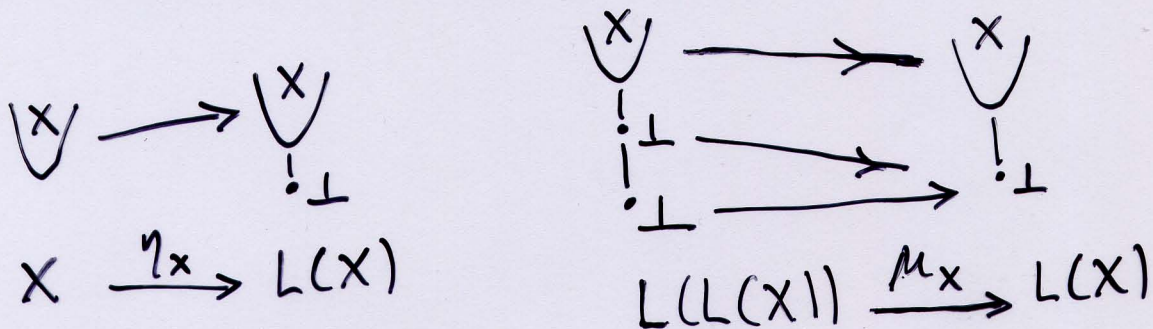
X^Y is an ω -cpo

There is a monad $L: CPO \rightarrow CPO$ ("lifting")

LX is X with a new least element added:



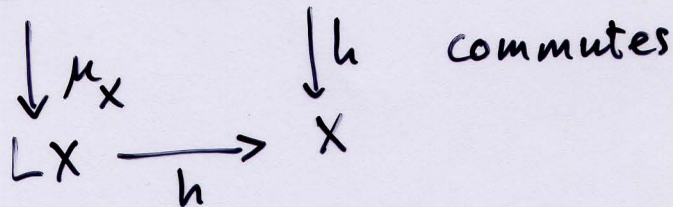
For each X , we have:



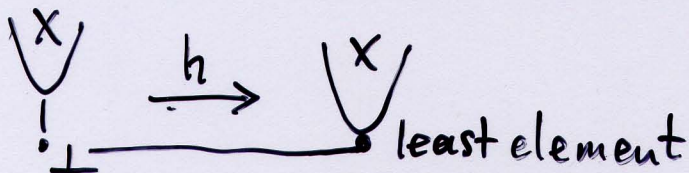
An algebra for L is a cpo X together with a continuous map $L(X) \xrightarrow{h} X$ such that:

i) $h(\eta_x(x)) = x$

ii) $L^2X \xrightarrow{L(h)} LX$



Fact: X is an L -algebra if and only if X has a least element:



Fact: If X is an w -cpo with least element \perp , then every continuous $f: X \rightarrow X$ has a least fixed point, namely $\perp \leq f(\perp) \leq f^2(\perp) \leq \dots$

Fact: if X and Y are ω -cpos with \perp , then Y^X is an ω -cpo with \perp

Fact: the function $\text{fix}: X^X \rightarrow X$ such that $\text{fix}(f) =$ the least fixed point of f , is continuous.

Embedding-Projection pairs

A pair of ~~continuous~~ ^{continuous} functions $X \begin{matrix} \xleftarrow{r} \\ \xrightarrow{i} \end{matrix} Y$ is an embedding-projection pair if

$$ri(x) \leq x, \quad x \in X$$
$$ir(y) \leq y, \quad y \in Y$$

Then: if X and Y have \perp , both i and r preserve \perp

Theorem (limit-colimit coincidence)

Suppose we have a chain of embedding-projection pairs

$$P_1 \begin{matrix} \xleftarrow{r_1} \\ \xrightarrow{i_1} \end{matrix} P_2 \begin{matrix} \xleftarrow{r_2} \\ \xrightarrow{i_2} \end{matrix} P_3 \longrightarrow \dots$$

and all P_i are ω -cpos with \perp .

Then there is an ω -cpo with \perp , P , and embedding-projection pairs $P \begin{matrix} \xleftarrow{q_n} \\ \xrightarrow{j_n} \end{matrix} P$ such that:

$$P_1 \xrightarrow{i_1} P_2 \xrightarrow{i_2} \dots$$
$$\begin{matrix} \searrow j_1 & & \searrow j_2 & \searrow \dots \\ & P & & \end{matrix}$$

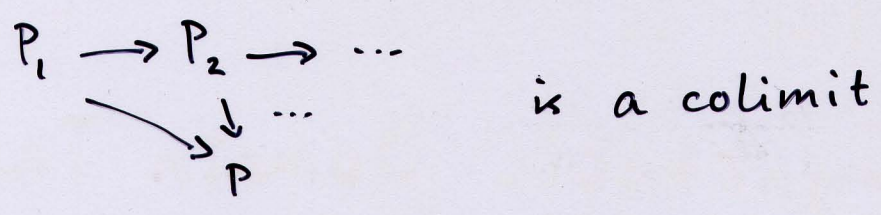
is a colimit in CPO

and:

$$\begin{matrix} & P & & \searrow \dots \\ q_1 \swarrow & & q_2 \downarrow & \\ P_1 & \xleftarrow{r_1} & P_2 & \xleftarrow{r_2} \dots \end{matrix}$$

is a limit in CPO

And in the category CPO_{\perp}^{EP} of ω -cpo's with \perp and embedding-projection pairs as maps,



Theorem Suppose $F : (CPO_{\perp}^{OP})^m \times (CPO_{\perp})^n \rightarrow CPO_{\perp}$ is 'locally continuous', that is: its action on maps preserves l.u.b.'s of ω -chains.

Then there is a functor $\tilde{F} : (CPO_{\perp}^{EP})^{m+n} \rightarrow CPO_{\perp}^{EP}$ satisfying:

- the action of \tilde{F} on objects is the same as F
- \tilde{F} preserves colimits of ω -chains

Application

Consider $F : CPO_{\perp}^{OP} \times CPO_{\perp} \rightarrow CPO_{\perp}$
 $F(Y, X) = X^Y$

Have the composite

$$G : CPO_{\perp}^{EP} \xrightarrow{\Delta} CPO_{\perp}^{EP} \times CPO_{\perp}^{EP} \xrightarrow{\tilde{F}} CPO_{\perp}^{EP}$$

$$X \mapsto X^X$$

Starting with any ω -cpo with \perp , P_0 , one can construct an embedding-projection pair

$$P_0 \begin{array}{c} \longleftarrow \\ \longrightarrow \end{array} P_1 = P_0^{P_0}$$

This gives a chain

$$P_0 \xrightarrow{f_0} P_1 \xrightarrow{f_1} P_2 \longrightarrow \dots \quad \text{in } CPO_{\perp}^{EP}$$

with $P_{i+1} = G(P_i)$ and $f_{i+1} = G(f_i)$

If P is the colimit of this chain, then since G preserves colimits of chains, $P \cong G(P) = P^P$

$P \cong P^P$ gives a nontrivial model of the untyped λ -calculus

In this way one can "solve recursive domain equations"
(Meaning, find ω -cpo's X satisfying $X \cong \Phi(X)$ where Φ represents an appropriate functor)

Also, solve systems like

$$X_1 \cong \Phi_1(X_1, \dots, X_n)$$

$$X_2 \cong \Phi_2(X_1, \dots, X_n)$$

$$\vdots$$
$$X_n \cong \Phi_n(X_1, \dots, X_n)$$

3. Why partial orders?

Consider the Language PCF

Types: B (Booleans) | N (integers) | $Type \rightarrow Type$
variables x^σ, \dots

Terms include

$t, f : B$ (true, false)

If ... then ... else :: $B \rightarrow (N \rightarrow (N \rightarrow N))$ (definition by cases)

$Y_\sigma : (\sigma \rightarrow \sigma) \rightarrow \sigma$ (fix point)

(and much more)

+ λ -terms $\lambda x^\sigma M : \sigma \rightarrow \tau$

Operational semantics: given by a reduction relation \mapsto , including

If t then M else $N \mapsto M$

$Y_\sigma M \mapsto M(Y_\sigma M)$

$(\lambda x^\sigma M)N \mapsto M[N/x]$

etc.

Operational preorder: say $M \sqsubseteq N$ if, whenever $C[M] \mapsto c$ and c is a constant of type B or N , then $C[N] \mapsto c$

Denotational semantics: interpretation of terms in ω -cpo's with \perp

For each type σ have an ω -cpo with \perp , $\llbracket \sigma \rrbracket$:

$$\llbracket B \rrbracket = \begin{array}{c} t \quad f \\ \diagdown \quad / \\ \perp \end{array}$$

$$\llbracket N \rrbracket = \begin{array}{c} 0 \quad 1 \quad 2 \quad \dots \\ \diagdown \quad / \quad \dots \\ \perp \end{array} \quad \llbracket \sigma \rightarrow \tau \rrbracket = \llbracket \tau \rrbracket^{\llbracket \sigma \rrbracket}$$

Every ^{closed} term M of type σ is interpreted by an element of $\llbracket \sigma \rrbracket$, e.g. for M of type $\sigma \rightarrow \sigma$,

$$\llbracket Y_{\sigma} M \rrbracket = \text{fix}(\llbracket M \rrbracket)$$

Denotational preorder: $M \sqsubseteq N$ if $\llbracket M \rrbracket \leq \llbracket N \rrbracket$

We say:

$\llbracket \cdot \rrbracket$ is adequate if $M \sqsubseteq N$ implies $M \sqsubseteq N$

$\llbracket \cdot \rrbracket$ is fully abstract if $M \sqsubseteq N$ implies $M \sqsubseteq N$

4. Synthetic Domain Theory

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Goal: try to find a category of just sets, with all its functions, which has properties suitable to carry out the constructions we did for w -cpo's.

Basic assumption

- (i) For every set X , a set $\mathcal{O}(X)$ of "open subsets" of X is given, such that if $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is a function and $U \in \mathcal{O}(Y)$, then $f^{-1}(U) = \{x \in X : f(x) \in U\} \in \mathcal{O}(X)$
- (ii) There is a set Σ and an open subset T of Σ such that for every X and every $U \in \mathcal{O}(X)$, there is a unique $c_U: X \rightarrow \Sigma$ such that $U = c_U^{-1}(T)$
- (ii) implies: Σ can be identified with a subset of $\mathcal{P}(\{*\})$, that is, with a set of propositions
- ($\mathcal{P}(\{*\}) \cong \text{Propositions}$ via
 $\alpha \mapsto [* \in \alpha]$
 $\{* : p\} \longleftarrow | p$)

We write $U \subset_o X$ for $U \in \mathcal{O}(X)$

Axiom 1

- i) For every set X , $X \subset_o X$
- ii) For every set X , $\emptyset \subset_o X$
- iii) For every set X , if $Y \subset_o X$ and $U \subset_o Y$, then $U \subset_o X$

i), $\forall X (X \subset_o X)$ implies, that under $\Sigma \subset \mathcal{P}(\{*\})$,

$\top \in_o \Sigma$ can be identified with $\{\text{true}\}$

ii), $\forall X (\emptyset \subset_o X)$ is equivalent to: $\perp \in \Sigma$ ^{false}

i) + iii), $\forall X Y U (U \subset_o Y \subset_o X \Rightarrow U \subset_o X)$ is equivalent to the dominance axioms (Rosolini):

a) $\text{true} \in \Sigma$

b) $(p \in \Sigma \wedge p \Rightarrow (q \in \Sigma)) \Rightarrow ((p \wedge q) \in \Sigma)$

We shall be interested in partiality: partial functions $X \rightarrow Y$ with open domain

First, a remark on dominances

Suppose A is a set. We write \tilde{A} for the set
 $\{B \subset A : B \text{ has at most one element}\}$
 For $\alpha \in \tilde{A}$ we write $I(\alpha)$ for " α has an element",
 and $\downarrow \alpha$ for the unique element of α , if $I(\alpha)$.

Suppose $\Phi \subset A$ is a subset such that:

$$1) \exists a (a \in \Phi)$$

2) For all $a \in A$ and all $\Psi \subset A$,
 if $(a \in \Phi \Rightarrow \exists b (b \in \Psi))$ then there is
 an $\alpha \in \tilde{A}$ such that

$$(a \in \Phi \Rightarrow I(\alpha) \wedge \downarrow \alpha \in \Psi)$$

3) For all $a \in A$ and all $\alpha \in \tilde{A}$,
 if $(a \in \Phi \Rightarrow I(\alpha))$ then there is $b \in A$
 such that $((a \in \Phi \wedge \downarrow \alpha \in \Phi) \Leftrightarrow b \in \Phi)$

Then the set $\Sigma = \{p : \exists a \in A (p \leftrightarrow a \in \Phi)\}$
 is a dominance:

by 1) $\text{true} \in \Sigma$

Suppose $p \in \Sigma$ and $p \Rightarrow (q \in \Sigma)$. Let $a \in A$
 such that $p \leftrightarrow a \in \Phi$; then

$$a \in \Phi \Rightarrow \exists b (q \leftrightarrow b \in \Phi)$$

By 2), there is $\alpha \in \tilde{A}$ such that

$$a \in \Phi \Rightarrow I(\alpha) \wedge (q \leftrightarrow \downarrow \alpha \in \Phi)$$

By 3), there is $b \in A$ such that

$$((a \in \Phi \wedge \downarrow \alpha \in \Phi) \leftrightarrow b \in \Phi);$$

then $p \wedge q \leftrightarrow b \in \Phi$

Example: A a set of computations of some type,
 and $\Phi \subset A$ the set of terminating computations

Return to partial maps with open domain:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} U & \subset & X \\ \downarrow \neq & & \\ Y & & \end{array}$$

Definition. $L(Y) = \{ \alpha \in \tilde{Y} : I(\alpha) \in \Sigma \}$

There are maps $\eta_Y: Y \rightarrow L(Y)$ ($\eta_Y(y) = \{y\}$)

and $\mu_Y: L^2(Y) \rightarrow L(Y)$ ($\mu_Y(A) = \cup A$)

For $f: X \rightarrow Y$ define $L(f): L(X) \rightarrow L(Y)$ by

$$L(f)(\alpha) = \{ f(x) : x \in \alpha \}$$

Observe: For every partial map as above there is a unique ^{total} function $\tilde{f}: X \rightarrow L(Y)$ such that

$$(\tilde{f})^{-1}(Y) = U. \text{ Namely,}$$

$$\tilde{f}(x) = \{fx : x \in U\}$$

L is a monad, similar to the lifting monad for cpo's.

Classically, $\Sigma = \begin{array}{c} \text{true} \\ ! \\ \text{false} \end{array}$

Classically, $LX = \begin{array}{c} \textcircled{X} \\ ! \\ \emptyset \end{array}$

Definition. An object with \perp is an algebra for the monad L .

A strict map between objects with \perp is an L -algebra homomorphism

Complete objects

In Posets, an ω -chain is an order-preserving map

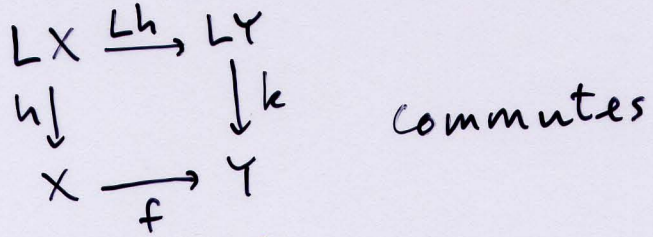
from $\omega = \begin{matrix} \vdots \\ \cdot 2 \\ \vdots \\ \cdot 1 \\ \vdots \\ \cdot 0 \end{matrix}$ into an object.

Consider also $\omega+1: \begin{matrix} \cdot \omega \\ \vdots \\ \cdot 1 \\ \vdots \\ \cdot 0 \end{matrix}$

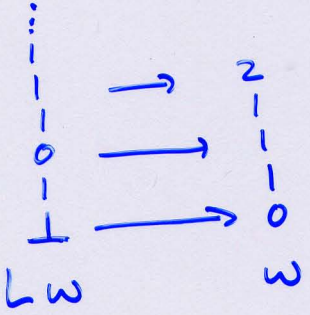
X is a cpo if and only if every monotone map $f: \omega \rightarrow X$ has a unique continuous extension to $\bar{f}: \omega+1 \rightarrow X$

Definition. A weak L-algebra is an object X together with a map $LX \xrightarrow{h} X$

A morphism of weak L-algebras $(X, h) \rightarrow (Y, k)$ is a function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ such that



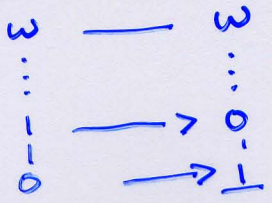
In Posets,



is the initial weak L-algebra

A weak L-coalgebra is $(X \xrightarrow{h} LX)$.

In Posets,



is the final weak L-coalgebra

Lambek's Lemma If \mathcal{C} is a category and $F: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ a functor, then if $(X, FX \xrightarrow{h} X)$ is an initial weak F -algebra, h is an isomorphism

Proof. Given $(X, FX \xrightarrow{h} X)$ consider the weak F -algebra $(FX, F^2X \xrightarrow{Fh} FX)$. By initiality of $(X, FX \xrightarrow{h} X)$ there is a unique $i: X \rightarrow FX$ such that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} FX & \xrightarrow{Fi} & F^2X \\ h \downarrow & & \downarrow Fh \\ X & \xrightarrow{i} & FX \end{array} \quad \text{commutes}$$

Clearly, also

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F^2X & \xrightarrow{Fh} & FX \\ Fh \downarrow & & \downarrow h \\ FX & \xrightarrow{h} & X \end{array} \quad \text{commutes}$$

Composing, $hi: X \rightarrow X$ is a morphism of weak F -algebras from (X, h) to itself. Since (X, h) is initial, $hi = \text{id}_X$.

From the first diagram, we see that

$$ih = Fh \circ Fi = F(hi) = F(\text{id}_X) = \text{id}_{FX}$$

So h is an isomorphism with inverse i . \square

Of course, the same holds for a final weak coalgebra

In our general case of sets and functions, and

$$LX = \{ \alpha \in \tilde{X} : I(\alpha) \in \Sigma \}$$

do initial weak L-algebra and final weak L-coalgebra exist?

Yes. Let $N = \{0, 1, \dots\}$ the set of natural numbers.

$$\text{Let } F = \{ \psi \in \Sigma^N : \forall n \in N (\psi(n+1) \Rightarrow \psi(n)) \}$$

Define $\tau: F \rightarrow LF$ by

$$\tau(\psi) = \{ \lambda n. \psi(n+1) : \psi(0) \}$$

Then (F, τ) is a final weak L-coalgebra:

If $(X, \sigma: X \rightarrow LX)$ is a weak L-coalgebra

there is a unique homomorphism of weak L-coalgebras

$f: X \rightarrow F$ given by

$$f(x)(0) = I(\sigma(x))$$

$$f(x)(n+1) = I(\sigma(x)) \wedge f(\downarrow \sigma(x))(n)$$

L also has an initial weak algebra

$$LI \xrightarrow{\sigma} I$$

(Jibladze)

$$I = \{ \psi \in F : \forall \text{ propositions } \phi$$

$$\forall n \in N ((\psi(n) \rightarrow \phi) \rightarrow \phi) \rightarrow \phi \}$$

$\tau: F \rightarrow LF$ is an isomorphism, and $\sigma: LI \rightarrow I$ is the restriction of τ^{-1} to LI

• For I , we have an induction principle:

if $A \subset I$ and

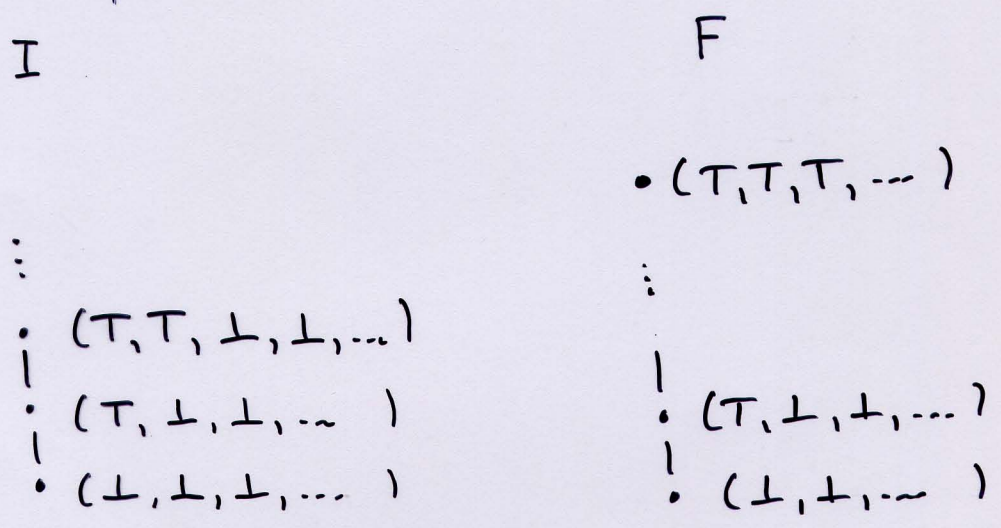
$$\forall \psi \in I \ [\exists n \in \mathbb{N} (\psi(n) \rightarrow \psi \in A) \rightarrow \psi \in A]$$

then $A = I$

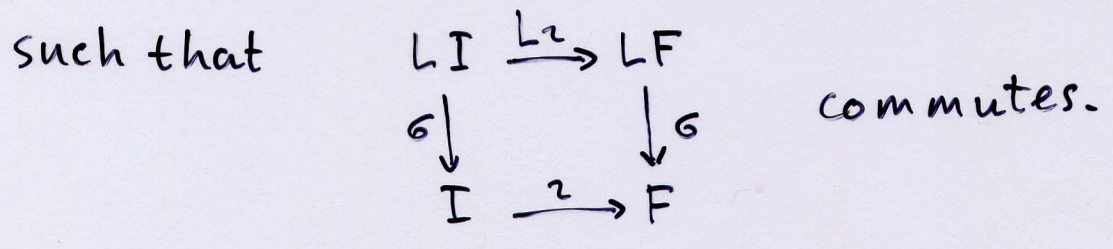
• The following holds for $\psi \in F$:

$$\exists n \in \mathbb{N} \neg \psi(n) \Rightarrow \psi \in I \Rightarrow \neg \exists n \neg \psi(n)$$

Classical pictures:



By the initial-weak algebra property we have $\tau: I \rightarrow F$ (in fact, the embedding)



Definition. X is complete if the function $X^2: X^F \rightarrow X^I$ is an isomorphism

That is, if every function $I \rightarrow X$ extends uniquely to a function $F \rightarrow X$

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Example $\{*\}$ is complete (obvious)

I is not complete, since $I \neq F$

Theorem. Suppose X is an object with \perp (an L -algebra). If X is complete, then every function $g: X \rightarrow X$ has a fixed point.

Proof. There are maps

$$\rho: LI \rightarrow I \quad \rho(\alpha)(n) = I(\alpha) \wedge \downarrow \alpha(n)$$

$$s: I \rightarrow I \quad s(\varphi)(n) = \begin{cases} \top & \text{if } n=0 \\ \varphi(n-1) & \text{if } n>0 \end{cases}$$

One can prove: (I, ρ) is an L -algebra. Moreover, for every L -algebra $(LX \xrightarrow{a} X)$ and every $g: X \rightarrow X$, there is a unique function $h: I \rightarrow X$ such that both

$$\begin{array}{ccc} LI & \xrightarrow{Lh} & LX \\ \rho \downarrow & & \downarrow a \\ I & \xrightarrow{h} & X \end{array} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} I & \xrightarrow{h} & X \\ s \downarrow & & \downarrow g \\ I & \xrightarrow{h} & X \end{array} \quad \text{commute}$$

Since X is complete, h extends uniquely to $\bar{h}: F \rightarrow X$.

Also, $s: I \rightarrow I$ extends to $\bar{s}: F \rightarrow F$ (same definition)

By uniqueness of \bar{h} ,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F & \xrightarrow{\bar{h}} & X \\ \bar{s} \downarrow & & \downarrow g \\ F & \xrightarrow{\bar{h}} & X \end{array} \quad \text{commutes}$$

But in F , \bar{s} has a fixed point $\omega = (\top, \top, \dots)$

Hence, $g(\bar{h}(\omega)) = \bar{h}(\bar{s}(\omega)) = \bar{h}(\omega)$, so $\bar{h}(\omega)$ is a fixed point for g . \square

Easy to see:

- Any limit of a diagram of complete objects is complete, in particular: if X is complete, so is X^Y for each Y . Moreover, retracts of complete objects are complete

Can we find a category of complete objects which has similar properties as CPO?

No.

Because, using classical logic, if X is complete hence every function $X \rightarrow X$ has a fixed point, $X \cong \{*\}$.

The theory up to now, although consistent with classical logic, seems rather empty...

Axiom 2 Σ is complete

Axiom 2 is classically inconsistent, but consistent with intuitionistic logic!

Axiom 2 is equivalent to: F is complete.

For, Σ is a retract of F

and F is a retract of $\Sigma^{\mathbb{N}}$: by $\Phi: \Sigma^{\mathbb{N}} \rightarrow F$

$$\Phi(\varphi)(n) = \bigwedge_{i=0}^n \varphi(i)$$

Now for a category of (pre) domains

Definition (Freyd) A category \mathcal{C} is called algebraically compact if for every endofunctor $T: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ there exist an initial weak T -algebra $TI \xrightarrow{\sigma} I$ and a final weak T -coalgebra $F \xrightarrow{\tau} TF$, and moreover, the canonical map

$$\begin{array}{ccc} TI & \xrightarrow{T\tau} & TF \\ \sigma \downarrow & & \downarrow \tau^{-1} \\ I & \xrightarrow{\tau} & F \end{array}$$

is an isomorphism

Big advantage of the definition: it is self-dual (if \mathcal{C} is algebraically compact, so is \mathcal{C}^{op})

Theorem (Freyd) If the categories \mathcal{C} and \mathcal{D} are algebraically compact, so is $\mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{D}$.

Hence: if \mathcal{A} is alg. compact, so is $(\mathcal{A}^{op})^n \times \mathcal{A}^m$.

Therefore recursive domain equations can be solved in \mathcal{A} , as shown by Fiore (thesis).

We are interested in complete, algebraically compact categories. Classically, this is hard to satisfy:

1. Easy: every algebraically compact category has a Zero object (an object which is both initial and final)
2. Every algebraically compact preorder is trivial
3. (Classically) Every complete, algebraically compact category is a preorder

But: in models of intuitionistic set theory, nontrivial complete, algebraically compact categories exist!

Categories of pre domains These should satisfy

the properties of CPO, and preferably more:

- full subcategories of Set
- the objects are complete
- the category is complete
- the category is closed under \perp

Nice to have, more over:

- the category is (essentially) small
(for interpreting polymorphic type theories)
- the category is algebraically compact

Domains, then, are pre domains with \perp

Examples.

1) Replete objects (Hyland, Taylor, Phoa)

Call a monomorphism $m: A \rightarrow B$ Σ -dense

if $\Sigma^m: \Sigma^B \rightarrow \Sigma^A$ is an isomorphism

X is **replete** if for every Σ -dense mono m ,

$X^B \xrightarrow{X^m} X^A$ is an isomorphism.

Easy to see: • full subcategory on replete objects is complete

• every replete object is complete (since $\iota: I \rightarrow F$ is Σ -dense)

Moreover, if X is replete so is $L(X)$

And: in the realizability model of set theory, the replete objects form (essentially) a set

2) Regular Σ -posets

For this example, assume a further condition on Σ , namely:

$$(*) \quad \forall p \in \Sigma \quad (\neg\neg p \Rightarrow p)$$

We have, always, a preorder on every set X :
 $x \leq y$ if for every open $U \subseteq_o X$, if $x \in U$ then $y \in U$. In other words, iff

$$\forall f \in \Sigma^X \quad (f(x) \Rightarrow f(y))$$

$$\text{Let } \phi_x: X \rightarrow \Sigma^{\Sigma^X} \quad \phi_x(x)(f) = f(x)$$

Then: \leq is a partial order iff ϕ_x is monic

We say: X is a **Σ -poset** if ϕ_x is monic.

We say: X is a **regular Σ -poset** if ϕ_x is monic and

$$\forall A \in \Sigma^{\Sigma^X} \quad (\neg\neg \exists x \in X (A = \phi_x(x)) \Rightarrow \exists x \in X (A = \phi_x(x)))$$

Theorem [Reus; v0-Simpson] If X is a complete regular Σ -poset, so is $L(X)$

In the realizability model of Set Theory, the regular Σ -posets have been called 'Extensional PER's' or ExPer's

In this model, we have:

Theorem [Freyd-Mulry-Rosolini-Scott]

- a) ExPer's form a complete, small category
- b) The category ExPer_0 on complete ExPers with \perp , is algebraically compact and \perp -pres. maps

3) Well-complete objects [Longley; Simpson]

This seems to be the most successful notion.

Call X **well-complete** if $L(X)$ is complete.

- Facts:
- i) if X is well-complete, X is complete
 - ii) if X is well-complete, so is $L(X)$
 - iii) well-complete objects form a complete category

Simpson (2002; 2004) proves a strong theorem about categories of well-complete objects.

For a correct formulation of it, we need to be a little less informal than up to now about what we mean by "sets"

Sets and Classes

Assume we're in a world of 'classes' (and functions between them) in which there is a universe of sets which is a model of intuitionistic set theory.

In particular we shall need the **Axiom of Replacement** which says:

If \mathcal{K} is a class, X a set, and $F: X \rightarrow \mathcal{K}$ a function, then there is a set Y which contains $\{F(x) : x \in X\}$

Sets are 'small'. We assume we have an apparatus to reason about small things; for example for each class \mathcal{K} we can form

$$\mathcal{P}_s(\mathcal{K}) = \{y \subseteq \mathcal{K} \mid y \text{ is small}\}$$

Some axioms:

- 1) $\{*\}$ is small
- 2) If \mathcal{K} is small, so is $\mathcal{P}_s(\mathcal{K})$
- 3) If \mathcal{K} is small and $y \subseteq \mathcal{K}$ then y is small
- 4) If \mathcal{K} and \mathcal{Y} are small, so is $\mathcal{Y}^{\mathcal{K}}$
- 5) \mathbb{N} is small

Immediate consequences:

- $\mathcal{P}(\{*\}) = \mathcal{P}_s(\{*\})$ is small, hence so is $\Sigma \subset \mathcal{P}(\{*\})$
- $F \subset \Sigma^{\mathbb{N}}$ is small, hence so is $I \subset F$
- If X is small, so is $L(X) \subset \mathcal{P}(\{*\})^X$

Let K be the category of small well-complete objects and partial maps with open domain (equivalently, K is the Kleisli category for L on small well-complete objects)

K generalizes: ω -cpo's with \perp and \perp -preserving maps

Theorem (Simpson) K is algebraically compact

"Proof" (a few basic ideas) This is a glorification (higher dimensional generalization) of the proof that every endofunction on a complete object with \perp has a fixed point.

Recall: If X is an L -algebra, $g: X \rightarrow X$ then there is a unique L -algebra homomorphism $h: (I, \rho) \rightarrow X$ such that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} I & \xrightarrow{h} & X \\ s \downarrow & & \downarrow g \\ I & \xrightarrow{h} & X \end{array} \quad \text{commutes.}$$

Essentially, this result is lifted to the level of categories.

K_0 , the class of objects of K , is an L -algebra, as well as each hom-set $K(A, B)$.

I is a ^{partial order} ~~category~~, hence a category, and also an L -algebra in the above sense; $s: I \rightarrow I$ is an endofunctor.

There is a notion of ' L -algebra homomorphism' for functors between such ' L -algebra categories'

Then, for each endofunctor $F: \mathcal{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}$ there is a unique L -algebra homomorphism functor $H: \mathcal{I} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}$ such that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{I} & \xrightarrow{H} & \mathcal{K} \\ \downarrow S & & \downarrow F \\ \mathcal{I} & \xrightarrow{H} & \mathcal{K} \end{array} \quad \text{commutes}$$

[the construction of H makes essential use of the Replacement axiom]

A notion of 'bilimit' for such H (limit-colimit) is defined. By completeness of \mathcal{K} , H has such a bilimit; this will be the carrier of an initial weak algebra - final weak coalgebra for the functor F .

[Note H generalizes (and modifies) the diagram of 'iterates' of F] ■

Application (Simpson) This result has been applied to give a proof of computational adequacy for the language FPC with recursively defined types.

Rosolini and Simpson (2004) go one step further: assuming a **Small** category of domains which is also ~~complete~~ **complete**, define relationally parametric model for a polymorphic language, and prove computational adequacy.

Concluding this sketch of the theoretical development of synthetic domain theory, the following quote from Rosolini-Simpson 2004:

'This paper reveals synthetic domain theory to be a serious competitor to state-of-the-art techniques in operational semantics'

Models

1. A model in the realizability topos Eff
 Our predomains will be ^{$\neg\neg$} separated objects (objects X for which $\forall x, y \in X (\neg\neg(x=y) \rightarrow x=y)$ is true). These can be described as **assemblies**:

An assembly is a (classical) set X together with a function $|\cdot|_X: X \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})$ taking values in the nonempty subsets of \mathbb{N}

A morphism of assemblies $(X, |\cdot|_X) \rightarrow (Y, |\cdot|_Y)$ is a function $f: X \rightarrow Y$, such that there exist a partial recursive function φ with the property that for all $x \in X$ and all $n \in |x|_X$, $\varphi(n) \in |f(x)|_Y$

The dominance Σ in Eff . Let $K = \{e \mid e \cdot e \downarrow\}$.

$$\text{Now } \Sigma = \{p \mid \exists e \in \mathbb{N} (p \leftrightarrow e \in K)\}$$

In Eff , Markov's Principle $(\neg\neg(e \in K) \rightarrow e \in K)$ holds; so $\forall p \in \Sigma (\neg\neg p \rightarrow p)$. In particular, Σ is $\neg\neg$ -separated

As assembly, Σ can be represented as

$$\Sigma = (\{\top, \perp\}, |\cdot|_\Sigma) \quad \begin{aligned} |\top|_\Sigma &= K \\ |\perp|_\Sigma &= \bar{K} = \mathbb{N} - K \end{aligned}$$

Given assembly $(X, |\cdot|_X)$ and $X' \subseteq X$, the subassembly $(X', |\cdot|_X)$ is an open subset iff there is a recursively enumerable subset A of \mathbb{N}

Such that:

- i) for all $x \in X'$, $|x|_X \subset A$
- ii) for all $x \in X - X'$, $|x|_X \cap A = \emptyset$

(Every open subset is of this form)

The lift functor L on assemblies:

$$L(X, l \cdot |_X) = (X \sqcup \{\perp\}, l \cdot |_{LX})$$

$$|x|_{LX} = \{n \in \mathbb{N} : n \cdot n \in |x|_X\}$$

$$|\perp|_{LX} = \bar{K}$$

The final weak L -coalgebra F can be rendered

$$\text{as: } F = (\omega + 1, l \cdot |_F)$$

$$|n|_F = \{e \mid W_e = \{m \mid m < n\}\}$$

$$|\omega|_F = \{e \mid W_e = \mathbb{N}\}$$

As we know, $F = \{\psi \in \Sigma^{\mathbb{N}} \mid \forall n (\psi(n+1) \Rightarrow \psi(n))\}$

From Jibladze's formula for I it follows that

$$\{\psi \in F \mid \exists n \neg \psi(n)\} \subseteq I \subseteq \{\psi \in F \mid \neg \exists n \neg \psi(n)\}$$

In fact, for Eff one can show that

$$I = \{\psi \in F \mid \neg \exists n \neg \psi(n)\}$$

which means that I is a sub-assembly of F :

$$I = (\omega, l \cdot |_F)$$

Let us show that Σ is complete

Suppose $\phi: I \rightarrow \Sigma$. Let $X = \phi^{-1}(\{T\})$

X corresponds to an open subassembly of I , so there is a recursively enumerable set A such that:

(1) $n \in X \Rightarrow \{e \mid W_e = [0, \dots, n-1]\} \subset A$

(2) $n \notin X \Rightarrow \{e \mid W_e \neq [0, \dots, n-1]\} \cap A = \emptyset$

Lemma If $n \in X$, $n+1 \in X$

Proof Suppose $A = W_a$. By recursion theorem, pick e such that

$$e \cdot k \approx \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } k < n \\ a \cdot e & \text{if } k = n \\ \text{undefined} & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

If $a \cdot e \uparrow$, $W_e = [0, \dots, n-1]$ so $n \notin X$; hence if $n \in X$, $a \cdot e \downarrow$ and $W_e = [0, \dots, n]$, so $n+1 \in X$. \square

Similarly, if $n \in X$ there is an e such that $W_e = \mathbb{N}$ and $e \in A$.

So if $n \in X$ and $\psi: F \rightarrow \Sigma$ extends ϕ , then $\psi(w) = T$. Conversely, if $n \in X$, such an extension ψ exists.

What if $X = \emptyset$? Then $\phi(n) = \perp$. We can extend ϕ by $\psi(w) = \perp$.

Suppose $\{e \mid W_e = \mathbb{N}\} \subset A$ though. Pick e such that

$$e \cdot k \approx \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if at stage } k, a \cdot e \text{ has not yet} \\ & \text{been computed} \\ \text{undefined} & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

If $e \notin A$, then $W_e = \mathbb{N}$ so $e \in A$; ζ .

Hence $e \in A$, so $W_e = [0, \dots, m-1]$ for some m ; but then $m \in X$. ζ

So ϕ extends to $\psi: F \rightarrow \Sigma$ in exactly one way.

2. A model in "modified realizability"

Now we consider 'Modified assemblies':

Objects are triples $(X, |\cdot|_X, P_X)$ such that $(X, |\cdot|_X)$ is an assembly, and $|\cdot|_X \subset P_X \subset \mathbb{N}$, for all $x \in X$

Arrows are functions $f: X \rightarrow Y$ such that there is a partial recursive function φ satisfying:

- i) $x \in X, n \in |\cdot|_X \Rightarrow \varphi(n) \in |\cdot|_Y$
- ii) $n \in P_X \Rightarrow \varphi(n) \in P_Y$

Modified assemblies are also the \perp -separated objects of a topos. But in this topos, Markov's Principle fails.

Let

$$\Sigma = \{p \in \Omega \mid \exists e \in \mathbb{N} (p \leftrightarrow \neg \neg e \in K)\}$$

Σ corresponds to the modified assembly

$$(|\cdot|_{\Sigma}, \perp, \mathbb{N}) \quad |\cdot|_{\Sigma} = K \quad \perp|_{\Sigma} = \bar{K}$$

$$F = (\omega+1, |\cdot|_F, \mathbb{N}) \quad |\cdot|_F = \{e \mid W_e = [0, \dots, n-1]\}$$

$$|\omega|_F = \{e \mid W_e = \mathbb{N}\}$$

One can prove: for modified realizability

$$I = \{\psi \in F : \exists n \neg \neg \psi(n)\}$$

And can be given by

$$I = (\omega, |\cdot|_I, \mathbb{N})$$

$$|\cdot|_I = \{\langle e, m \rangle \mid m \geq n \ \& \ W_e = [0, \dots, n-1]\}$$

Again, in Modified Assemblies, Σ is complete.

Yet there are differences with the situation for Assemblies:

① In Assemblies, complete \Rightarrow well-complete

In Modified assemblies, $2 = 1+1$ is complete, but not well-complete

② In Assemblies, the Scott axiom holds:

(S) For all functions $P: \Sigma^{\mathbb{N}} \rightarrow \Sigma$,
 $P(\lambda n. \top) \Rightarrow \exists n \in \mathbb{N}. P(\hat{n})$

(where $\hat{n} \in \Sigma^{\mathbb{N}}$ is: $\hat{n}(k) = \begin{cases} \top & k < n \\ \perp & k \geq n \end{cases}$)

In Modified Assemblies, this fails

3. There are various models in Grothendieck toposes

Often, a subcategory C of $w\text{-cpo}$ is taken, such that C is dense in $w\text{-cpo}$; with a subcanonical topology on C .

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5. Other 'Synthetic' developments

Recently, two attempts have been made at 'synthesizing' mathematical theories. These are:

1. Escardó's 'synthetic topology'
2. Bauer's 'synthetic computability theory'.

Discuss some elements of 2.

Upshot: using ideas from synthetic domain theory, it seems possible to give a treatment of elementary recursion theory, without going into computation models (like Turing machines).

Specifically, a theory is presented, whose interpretation in the effective topos yields theorems of recursion theory.

Starting point: higher order logic with Axiom of Dependent Choices for \mathbb{N} (that is: \mathbb{N} is internally projective), and Markov's Principle:

$$\forall f: \mathbb{Z}^{\mathbb{N}} \quad \neg \forall n \ f(n) = 0 \rightarrow \exists n \ f(n) = 1$$

Define a **countable set** as a ~~quotient of~~ set A such that there is $\mathbb{N} \rightarrow A+1$

(if $A \rightarrow 1$, can assume $\mathbb{N} \rightarrow A$)

Easy: $\mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}$ and $2^{\mathbb{N}}$ are not countable

Definition. $\Sigma = \{p : \exists f \in 2^{\mathbb{N}} \ (p \leftrightarrow \exists n \ f(n) = 1)\}$

Note: $2^N \rightarrow \Sigma$ Also: $T_1 \perp \in \Sigma$

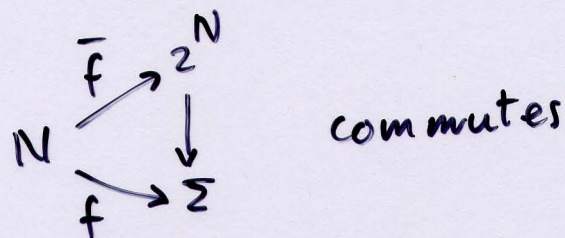
Define: $U \subseteq X$ open if there is $f: X \rightarrow \Sigma$ such that $U = f^{-1}(T)$

Proposition: Every open subset of N is countable

Proof: let $U \subseteq N$ open, classified by $f: N \rightarrow \Sigma$

By internal projectivity of N , there is $\bar{f}: N \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2^N$

such that



Define $e: N \times N \rightarrow 1 + U$ by

$$e(\langle n, m \rangle) = \begin{cases} n & \text{if } \bar{f}(n)(m) = 1 \\ * & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

So, if $U \subseteq N$ open and inhabited, there is $N \rightarrow U$.
($U \rightarrow 1$)

Interpretation: Every non empty r.e. set is the image of a recursive function

By internal projectivity of N , and $2^N \rightarrow \Sigma$, we have $2^N \simeq (2^N)^N \rightarrow \Sigma^N$

This means: for $U \subseteq N$ open, there is $r: N \times N \rightarrow 2$ such that $n \in U \iff \exists m \in N. r(m, n) = 1$

Interpretation: Every r.e. set is a projection of a recursive set

Define: $N_{\perp} = \{ U \subseteq N \text{ open} \mid \forall m, n (m \in U \wedge n \in U \rightarrow m = n) \}$

Then N_{\perp}^N the set of partial maps $N \rightarrow N$ with open domain

Partial recursive functions

Now, we introduce an axiom.

Axiom Σ^N is countable.

Consequence:

Classical Logic fails, because:

- 1) Since $\Sigma^N \rightarrow \Sigma$, Σ is countable
- 2) Were Σ decidable, $\Sigma \cong 2$, hence $\Sigma^N \cong 2^N$ but Σ^N countable, 2^N not.

Theorem N_{\perp}^N is countable

Consequence: there is enumeration $\varphi_{(-)} : N \rightarrow N_{\perp}^N$

Hence, acceptable Gödel numbering of partial recursive functions

Theorem [Phoa Principle]

For every $u : \Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma$, $x \in \Sigma$,

$$u(x) = (u(\perp) \vee x) \wedge u(\top)$$

Corollary: every map $\Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma$ is monotone

Corollary [Scott Axiom]: Every $f : \Sigma^N \rightarrow \Sigma$ is monotone and for $u \in \Sigma^N$,

$$f(u) = \top \Rightarrow \exists n_1, \dots, n_k \in u. f(\{n_1, \dots, n_k\}) = \top$$

Interpretation: Rice-Shapiro Theorem

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