

# On the Propositional Realizability

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Informal intuitionistic semantics: a sentence is true when it has a verification. If  $A$  and  $B$  are sentences, then

a verification of  $A \& B$  is a text containing a verification of  $A$  and a verification of  $B$ ;

a verification of  $A \vee B$  is a text containing a verification of  $A$  or a verification of  $B$  and indicating what of them is verified;

a verification of  $A \rightarrow B$  is a text describing a general operation for obtaining a verification of  $B$  from every verification of  $A$ ;

a verification of  $\neg A$  is a verification of the sentence  $A \rightarrow \perp$ .  
 $\perp$  is a certainly absurd sentence having no verification.

If  $A(x)$  is a predicate with a parameter  $x$  over a domain  $M$ , then in appropriate way, then

- a verification of  $\forall x A(x)$  is a text describing a general operation which allows to obtain a verification of  $A(m)$  for every given  $m \in M$ ;
- a verification of sentence  $\exists x A(x)$  is a text indicating an element  $m \in M$  and containing a verification of  $A(m)$ .

## Intuitionistic propositional calculus

A propositional formula  $A(p_1, \dots, p_n)$  is called intuitionistically valid if it is a scheme of intuitionistically true sentences. The first axiomatization of intuitionistic propositional logic was proposed by Kolmogorov in 1925. Other more wide axiomatizations of intuitionistic logic were proposed by Glivenko, Heyting, and Gentzen. They are all equivalent: the same formula is derivable from each of them. Intuitionistic propositional calculus is denoted by IPC.

The problem of completeness of the calculus IPC was first stated in a precise mathematical form because the informal semantics is very informal. It can be made more precise by refining in a mathematical mode two key notions used in the description of the informal semantics, namely the notion of verification and a general effective operation.

## Kleene's recursive realizability

In 1945 S. C. Kleene proposed a variant of intuitionistic logic based on interpreting general effective operations as recursive functions. He introduced the notion of *recursive realizability* for the first-order arithmetic sentences. The main idea was to consider natural numbers as the codes of total and partial recursive functions as effective operations. Total recursive functions are coded by natural numbers by the Gödel enumeration. The unary function whose value is the code of a total recursive function  $f$  will be denoted by  $\{e\}$ . A code of a verification of a sentence  $\Phi$  is called a *realization* of the sentence.

The relation  $e r \Phi$  (a natural number  $e$  realizes a closed formula  $\Phi$ ) is defined inductively.

If  $\Phi$  is an atomic sentence  $t_1 = t_2$ , then  $e \mathbf{r} \Phi \Leftrightarrow [e = \text{true}]$ .

$$e \mathbf{r} (\Phi \& \Psi) \Leftrightarrow [e = 2^a \cdot 3^b \text{ and } a \mathbf{r} \Phi, b \mathbf{r} \Psi].$$

$$e \mathbf{r} (\Phi \vee \Psi) \Leftrightarrow [e = 2^0 \cdot 3^a \text{ and } a \mathbf{r} \Phi \text{ or } e = 2^1 \cdot 3^b \text{ and } b \mathbf{r} \Psi].$$

$$e \mathbf{r} (\Phi \rightarrow \Psi) \Leftrightarrow [\text{for any } a, \text{ if } a \mathbf{r} \Phi, \text{ then } \{e\}(a) \mathbf{r} \Psi].$$

$$e \mathbf{r} \neg \Phi \Leftrightarrow [e \mathbf{r} (\Phi \rightarrow 0 = 1)].$$

$$e \mathbf{r} \forall x \Phi(x) \Leftrightarrow [\{e\}(n) \mathbf{r} \Phi(n) \text{ for every } n].$$

$$e \mathbf{r} \exists x \Phi(x) \Leftrightarrow [e = 2^n \cdot 3^a \text{ and } a \mathbf{r} \Phi(n)].$$

A propositional formula  $A(p_1, \dots, p_n)$  is

1. *weakly realizable* if every its closed arithmetic instance is realizable;
2. *irrefutable* if every its arithmetic instance is realizable;
3. *effectively realizable* if there exists an algorithm realization of any closed arithmetic instance;
4. *uniformly realizable* if there exists a natural number  $k$  such that every closed arithmetic instance of length  $\leq k$  is realizable.

*Problem:* Are the notions 2, 3, and 4 equivalent?

The corresponding notions of realizability for predicates are defined in a natural way.

- *There exists a weakly realizable predicate formula which is not irrefutable.*
- *There exists an irrefutable predicate formula which is not effectively realizable.*
- *There exists an effectively realizable predicate formula which is not uniformly realizable.*
- *The set of realizable (in any sense) predicate formulas is not arithmetical.*



Consider a language  $L$  obtained by adding an unary symbol  $T$  to the language of arithmetic. We generalize the notion of realizability to this extended language by letting  $e \Vdash \Phi_n$ , where  $\Phi_n$  is an arithmetic sentence with the number  $n$ . It is proved that there are uniformly realizable formulas which are refutable in the language  $L$ . The concept of a realizable predicate formula depends on the language in which we formulate the predicates admissible for the predicate variables.

Constructive meaning of a sentence can be identified with the set of (the Gödel numbers of) the objects verifying the sentence. Thus we come to the idea of interpreting propositions as arbitrary sets of naturals, the logical operations being defined according to recursive realizability:

- $A \& B \Leftrightarrow \{2^a \cdot 3^b \mid a \in A, b \in B\}$ ;
- $A \vee B \Leftrightarrow \{2^0 \cdot 3^a \mid a \in A\} \cup \{2^1 \cdot 3^b \mid b \in B\}$ ;
- $A \rightarrow B \Leftrightarrow \{x \mid \forall a (a \in A \Rightarrow \{x\}(a) \in B)\}$ ;
- $\neg A \Leftrightarrow A \rightarrow \emptyset$ .

A  $k$ -place generalized predicate is a function defined on  $\mathbb{N}^k$  whose values are sentences (sets of naturals), i.e., a function  $\mathbb{N}^k \rightarrow 2^{\mathbb{N}}$ . Analogs of irrefutable and uniformly realizable predicate formulas are defined in a natural way. The *absolutely irrefutable* and *absolutely uniformly realizable*

**Theorem 1** *A closed predicate formula is absolutely irrefutable if and only if it is absolutely uniformly realizable.*

Absolutely irrefutable (absolutely uniformly realizable) formulas are called *absolutely realizable*.

Thus in the context of the absolute realizability the coincidence of various notions of realizability for propositional formulas is solved positively.

*Problem:* Is every irrefutable propositional formula absolutely realizable?

Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be the set of one-place generalized predicates.

Define  $P \leq Q$  iff there exists a two-place general recursion  $f$  such that

$$\forall n, x (x \in P(n) \Leftrightarrow f(n, x) \in Q(n)).$$

$\leq$  is a preorder. Let  $\sim$  be an equivalence induced by  $\leq$ .  $\mathcal{P}/\sim$  is a Heyting algebra. This algebra is an exact model of the propositional logic of the absolute realizability.

*Problem:* Is there an arithmetic Heyting algebra  $\forall$ -complete? Is the algebra  $\mathcal{P}/\sim$ ?

F. L. Varpakhovskii introduced two additional propositional connectives called *strong implication* and *conditional disjunction*.

Strong implication is denoted by  $\Phi \Rightarrow \Psi$ .

If  $\theta$  is a list of arithmetic formulas  $\Phi_1, \dots, \Phi_m, \theta_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ) and  $\psi_1, \dots, \psi_n$  are arithmetic formulas, then  $(\theta(\theta_1 \psi_1 \nabla \dots \nabla \theta_n \psi_n))$  is called conditional disjunction of the formulas  $\psi_1, \dots, \psi_n$  with the conditions  $\theta, \theta_1, \dots, \theta_n$ .

The notion of recursive realizability is generalized to the above connectives in the following way.

$e \mathbf{r} (\Phi \Rightarrow \Psi)$  iff for any  $a$  such that  $a \mathbf{r} \Phi$  the value  $\{e\}(a)$  is defined and for any  $a$ , if  $\{e\}(a)$  is defined, then  $\{e\}(a) \mathbf{r} \Psi$ .

Let  $\Phi_1, \dots, \Phi_m, \Psi_1, \dots, \Psi_n$  be closed formulas. Then  
iff

1)  $e$  is of the form  $\prod_{i=0}^n \pi_i^{e_i}$  ( $\pi_i$  is the  $i$ th prime number)

2) for any sequence  $\bar{a} = a_1, \dots, a_m$  there exists  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  such that if  $a_j \vDash \Phi_j$  for any  $j = 1, \dots, m$ , then  $\{e_0\}(\bar{a}) = i$  and  $\{e_i\}(a_{i,1}, \dots, a_{i,m_i})$  is defined,

3) for any  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  and any  $\bar{a} = a_1, \dots, a_m$ , if  $a_j \vDash \Phi_j$  for any  $j = 1, \dots, m_i$ , and the value  $\{e_i\}(a_{i,1}, \dots, a_{i,m_i})$  is defined, then

$$\{e_i\}(a_{i,1}, \dots, a_{i,m_i}) \vDash \Psi_i.$$

The notion of an uniformly realizable propositional formula in an extended language is defined in an obvious way. Varpakhovskii proposed a propositional calculus in the extended language and proved that any deducible formula is uniformly realizable. Moreover, all the known realizable propositional formulas are deducible. Varpakhovskii observes that his calculus gives a formalization of the principles used in the proof of the realizability of propositional formulas. The problem of completeness of Varpakhovskii's calculus is still open.

For an axiomatic theory  $T$  let  $\mathcal{PL}(T)$  be the set of formulas such that all their arithmetic instances are provable in  $T$ . Let  $S$  be HA with additional axioms  $\Phi \equiv \exists x \Phi(x)$  for every arithmetic formula  $\Phi$  and the Markov Principle

MP:  $\forall x(\Phi(x) \vee \neg\Phi(x)) \ \& \ \neg\neg\exists x\Phi(x) \rightarrow \exists x\Phi(x)$

It was proved that all the known realizable propositions are in the logic  $\mathcal{PL}(S)$ .



Extended Church's Thesis is the scheme

$$\text{ECT:} \quad \forall x(\Psi(x) \rightarrow \exists y\Phi(x, y)) \rightarrow \\ \rightarrow \exists e\forall x(\Psi(x) \rightarrow \exists y(\{e\}(x) = y \ \& \ \Phi(x, y)))$$

where  $\Psi(x)$  is an almost negative formula.

The system  $S$  is equivalent to the system of "Russiativism"  $\text{HA} + \text{MP} + \text{ECT}$ .

A. Visser called this system Markov's Arithmetic and by  $\text{MA}$ . Thus any known realizable propositional formula is in the logic  $\mathcal{PL}(\text{MA})$ .

**Theorem 2** *Every propositional formula deducible in the lambda calculus is in the logic  $\mathcal{PL}(\text{MA})$ .*