

Constructivism and weak logical principles over arithmetic

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We study the interrelation between syntactical restrictions of the following logical principles over (many-sorted) intuitionistic arithmetic.

- **LEM** (Law of Excluded Middle): $\varphi \vee \neg\varphi$
- **DML** (De Morgan's Law): $\neg(\varphi \wedge \psi) \rightarrow \neg\varphi \vee \neg\psi$
- **DNE** (Double Negation Elimination): $\neg\neg\varphi \rightarrow \varphi$
- **DNS** (Double Negation Shift): $\forall x\neg\neg\varphi(x) \rightarrow \neg\neg\forall x\varphi(x)$

Motivations

- 1 **One Conceptual Motivation:**
Foundation (Axiomatization) of Constructivism
- 2 **One Practical Motivation:**
Framework for Constructive Reverse Mathematics
- 3 Applications to other fields (Proof mining, Limit computable math., Computable math. etc.)
- 4 ...

Motivation 1: Foundation of Constructivism

- In early 20 centuries, L. E. J. Brouwer tried to reconstruct mathematics in favor of his intuitionism.
- In Brouwer's intuitionistic mathematics (which is a first school of constructive mathematics), everything has to be built from the ground up, including the meaning of the logical symbols.
- A. Heyting, a pupil of Brouwer, formalized Brouwer's "proofs as constructions"-concept via his theory Heyting arithmetic (HA) with an informal semantics (BHK interpretation, below).
- HA is a variant of Peano arithmetic (PA) based on intuitionistic logic, and one can obtain PA just by adding LEM ($\varphi \vee \neg\varphi$) into the axioms of HA.

BHK (Brouwer/Heyting/Kolmogorov)-interpretation

- There is no proof for \perp .
- A proof of $A \wedge B$ is a pair (q, r) of proofs, where q is a proof of A and r is a proof of B .
- A proof of $A \vee B$ is a pair (n, q) consisting of an integer n and a proof q , where q is a proof of A if $n = 0$ and q is a proof of B if $n \neq 0$.
- A proof p of $\exists x A(x)$ is a pair (c_d, q) , where c_d is the construction of an element d of the domain and q is a proof of $A(d)$.
- A proof p of $A \rightarrow B$ is a construction which transforms any proof of A into a proof of B .
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- Then classical logic is **too strong** as a formalization of constructive reasoning:

Typical Example. A classical rule RAA(reductio ad absurdum)

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Question. How much α capture constructive provability?

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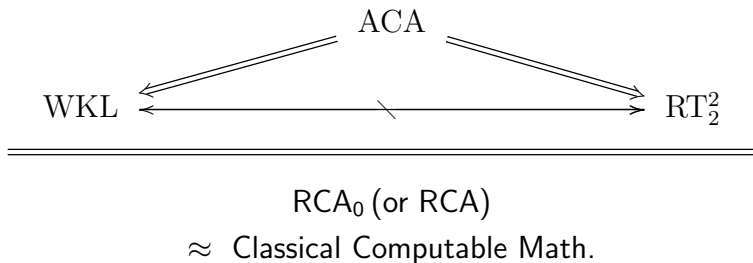
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Classical Reverse Mathematics (1970's-)

- Many of ordinary (non-set theoretic) mathematical theorems are provable in RCA_0 , or equivalent to WKL or ACA over RCA_0 . (Friedman, Simpson etc.)
- A well-known exception is Ramsey's theorem for pairs RT_2^2 . (Cholak/Jockusch/Slaman 2001, Liu 2012)



WKL: Weak König's Lemma, ACA: Arithmetical Comprehension.

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- One can obtain a much **sharper** classification rather than classical reverse mathematics:

	Intuitionistic Logic		Classical Logic	
First-order	HA		PA	
Second-order	EL_0	EL	RCA_0	RCA

$EL_0, EL \approx$ (Bishop's) Constructive Math.

Examples of Constructive Reverse Mathematics.

- 1 UC_c : Every continuous mapping from $2^{\mathbb{N}}$ to \mathbb{N} with a continuous modulus is uniformly continuous.
 - $RCA_0 \vdash WKL \leftrightarrow UC_c$.
 - $EL_0 \vdash FAN_D \leftrightarrow UC_c$ and $EL_0 + FAN_D \not\vdash WKL$.
- 2 IVT: Intermediate Value Theorem
 - $RCA_0 \vdash IVT$.
 - $EL_0 \vdash IVT \leftrightarrow WKL^c$ and $EL_0 \not\vdash IVT$.

- WKL: Every infinite binary tree has a infinite path.
- FAN_D : Contrapositive of WKL.
- WKL^c : Every infinite binary **convex** tree has a infinite path.

Proposition. (Ishihara 2005)

- $EL_0 \vdash ACA \leftrightarrow \Sigma_1^0\text{-LEM} + \Pi_1^0\text{-AC}^{0,0}$.
- $EL_0 \vdash WKL \leftrightarrow \Sigma_1^0\text{-DML} + \Pi_1^0\text{-AC}_0^{\forall}$.

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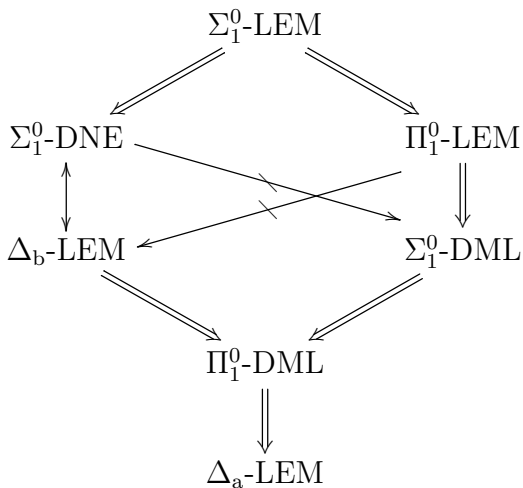
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$$\forall\alpha, \beta\forall x \left(\begin{array}{l} \neg(\exists y \alpha(x, y) = 0 \wedge \exists z \beta(x, z) = 0) \\ \rightarrow \neg\exists y \alpha(x, y) = 0 \vee \neg\exists z \beta(x, z) = 0 \end{array} \right).$$

Notation: We use $x, y, z \dots$ for number variables and $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \dots$ for function variables.

Remark.

$$RCA_0 = EL_0 + LEM = EL_0 + DNE \supset EL_0 + DML.$$

Structure of the weak logical principles over EL_0 , EL or HA .

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Realizability and arithmetic in all finite types

Kreisel's **modified realizability** interpretation (1959–) is a kind of formal treatment of the BHK interpretation in the context of arithmetic in all finite types.

Definition. (Modified realizability interpretation)

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Remark.

M^ω is a finite type extension of Σ_1^0 -DNE, and hence the above system contains the weak logical principles below Σ_1^0 -DNE.

Unification (Oliva 2006)

Definition. (Modified realizability in the Dialectica style)

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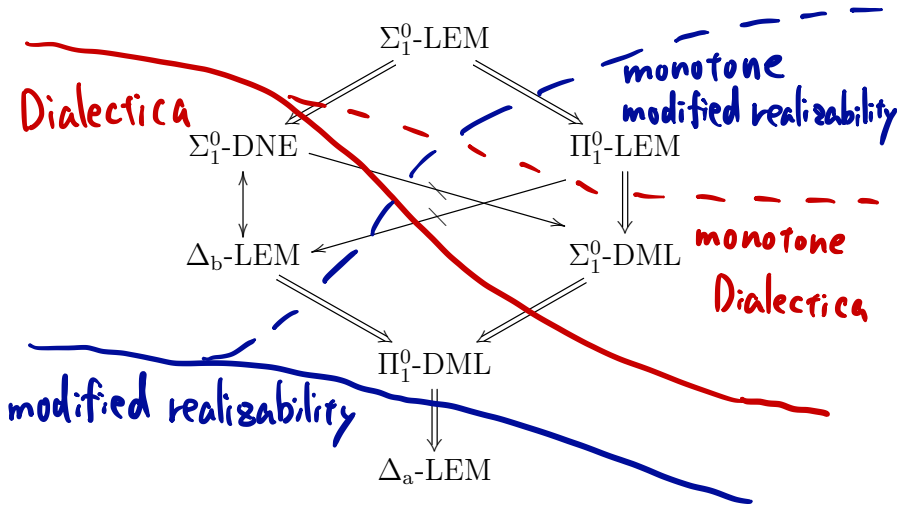
Remark. One can show that A_R is \exists -free.

Proposition.

$$\text{HA}^\omega \vdash \forall \underline{x} (\underline{x} \text{ mr } C \leftrightarrow \forall \underline{y} C_R(\underline{x}, \underline{y})) .$$

Thus, one can see the modified realizability as a kind of Dialectica (Oliva 2006), [and vice versa!](#)

Modified realizability and logical principles



On the status of 2 important restrictions of DNS

- DNS : $\forall x \neg \neg \varphi(x) \rightarrow \neg \neg \forall x \varphi(x)$ is a principle which is modified realizable with an empty realizer.
- For the verification, however, one need DNS itself (as well as AC^ω).

Gödel-Spector's Reduction of Consistency

- 1 In his 1958 paper, Gödel gave a consistency proof of PA by using the Dialectica interpretation.
- 2 In his 1962 paper, Spector extended Gödel's method to second-order arithmetic (classical analysis).

Their method consists of the following steps:

- Firstly, by negative translation, one reduces a classical theory to the corresponding (semi-)intuitionistic theory,
- Secondly, by the Dialectica interpretation, one reduces the (semi-)intuitionistic theory to the quantifier-free functional theory **T** (+ bar recursion).

$$\text{PA}^{(\omega)} \vdash \perp \xRightarrow{\text{Negative translation}} \text{HA}^{(\omega)} \vdash \perp^N (\equiv \perp) \xRightarrow{\text{Dialectica interpretation}} \mathbf{T} \Vdash \perp .$$

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Observation.

- 1 $\text{EL}_0 + \text{AC}^{0,0} + \Sigma_1^0\text{-DNE}$ (which derives $\Sigma_1^0\text{-DNS}^0$) is Dialectica interpretable in \mathbf{T} .
- 2 $\Sigma_2^0\text{-DNS}^0$ is NOT Dialectica interpretable in \mathbf{T} (while it is Dialectica interpretable in $\mathbf{T} + \mathbf{BR}_{0,1}$).

Observation from Pure (Predicate) Logic

Fact 1.

CQC = **IQC** + LEM = **IQC** + DML + DNE.

Let us consider about $\neg\neg$ LEM.

Fact 2.

- **IQC** $\vdash \forall x \neg\neg(\varphi(x) \vee \neg\varphi(x))$.
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Fact 3.

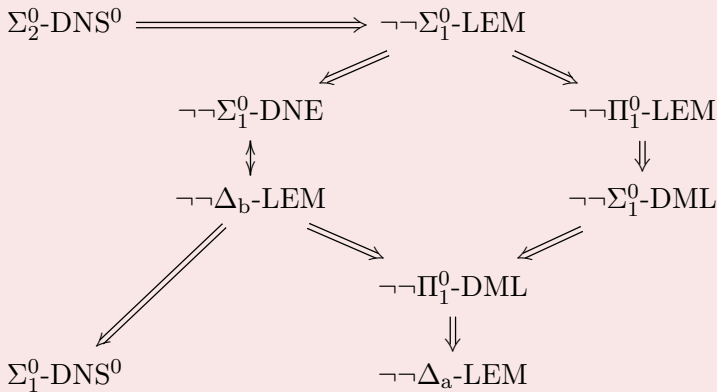
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- $\neg\neg$ LEM : $\neg\neg\forall x(\varphi(x) \vee \neg\varphi(x))$.

The proof shows Σ_2^0 -DNS⁰ $\rightarrow \neg\neg\Sigma_1^0$ -LEM $\rightarrow \Sigma_1^0$ -DNS⁰.

Results (Kohlenbach/F. 2018)

Whenever an implication does not follow by transitivity,
then it actually does not hold!



EL_0, EL or HA

Warning

The hierarchy **above** $\neg\neg\Sigma_1^0$ -LEM collapses in the presence of the axiom of choice!

Fact.

For all n , $EL_0 + \Pi_1^0\text{-AC}^{0,0} + \neg\neg\Sigma_1^0\text{-LEM} \vdash \neg\neg\Sigma_n^0\text{-LEM}$.

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Theorem.

$$\text{EL} + \text{ECT}_0 + \Sigma_1^0\text{-DNS}^0 \not\vdash \neg\neg\Delta_a\text{-LEM}.$$

Proof Sketch.

Suppose that $\text{EL} + \text{ECT}_0 + \Sigma_1^0\text{-DNS}^0 \vdash \neg\neg\Delta_a\text{-LEM}$.

By the previous lemma, we have that $\text{EL} + \text{ECT}_0 + \Sigma_1^0\text{-DNS}^0$ (equivalently $\Sigma_1^0\text{-DNS}^{0-}$) proves $\neg\neg\Pi_1^0\text{-DML}$, in particular,

$$\neg\neg\forall x \left(\begin{array}{l} \neg(\forall y s(x, y) = 0 \wedge \forall z t(x, z) = 0) \\ \rightarrow \neg\forall y s(x, y) = 0 \vee \neg\forall z t(x, z) = 0 \end{array} \right) \quad (1)$$

where s, t are from Kohlenbach 2015.

Then $\text{HA} + \text{ECT}_0 + \Sigma_1^0\text{-DNS}^{0-} \vdash (1)$.

By Kleene realizability, one can **drop ECT_0** and obtain $\text{HA}^\omega + \text{AC} + \Sigma_1^0\text{-DNS}^0$ proves

$$\neg\neg\exists f\forall x \left(\begin{array}{l} \neg(\forall y s(x, y) = 0 \wedge \forall z t(x, z) = 0) \\ \rightarrow \left(\begin{array}{l} (f(x) = 0 \rightarrow \neg\forall y s(x, y) = 0) \\ \wedge (f(x) \neq 0 \rightarrow \neg\forall z t(x, z) = 0) \end{array} \right) \end{array} \right). \quad (2)$$

By modified realizability, we have

$\text{HA}^\omega + \text{QF-AC}^{0,0} + \Sigma_1^0\text{-DNS}^0 \vdash (2)$.

HRO is a model of the former but (2) is false in HRO. □

Corollary

$EL + AC^{0,0} + \Sigma_1^0\text{-DNS}^0 \not\vdash \neg\neg\Delta_a\text{-LEM}$
and $HA + \Sigma_1^0\text{-DNS}^0 \not\vdash \neg\neg\Delta_a\text{-LEM}$ in the language of HA.

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A Possible Direction

An interesting direction concerning foundations of constructivism is to investigate the weak logical principles in other theories with respect to constructivism (as Martin-Löf type theory).

“Neutral” constructivism and the logical principles

- The logical principles weaker than Markov's principle (Σ_1^0 -DNE) are accepted both in classical mathematics and Russian constructive recursive mathematics.
- While Markov's principle is not accepted in intuitionistic mathematics, it is consistent with e.g. $HA^\omega + AC^\omega + C-N + BI_M$ (Ishihara/Nemoto).
- Then it is interesting to see whether some weak logical principles are provable in (the system corresponding to) intuitionistic mathematics (without Kripke scheme).

Proposition.

Σ_2^0 -DNS⁰ is equivalent to $(\neg\neg\Sigma_1^0)$ - BI_M over $EL_0 + \Pi_1^0$ - $AC^{0,0} + \Sigma_1^0$ -DNS¹, where

$$\Sigma_1^0$$
-DNS¹ : $\forall\alpha\neg\neg\exists xA_{qf}(\alpha, x) \rightarrow \neg\neg\forall\alpha\exists xA_{qf}(\alpha, x).$

Thank you for your attention!