

Extending Type Theory with Forcing

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- Krivine Realizability and Forcing
 - ↪ Realizability as “non-commutative forcing”.
 - ↪ *Forcing as program transformation* of Miquel.

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- Computational content for Axioms:

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Axiom UltrafilterNat : exists mu:(nat -> Prop) -> Prop,  
  forall f:(nat -> Prop), (mu(f) \/ mu(1-f)) /\ ...
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Theorem Ramsey : ...
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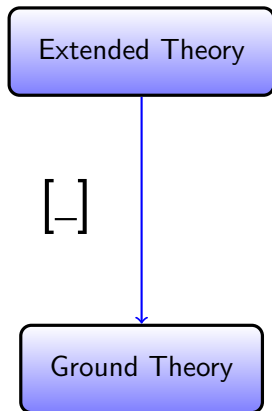
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Proof. ... pose UltrafilterNat. ... Qed.
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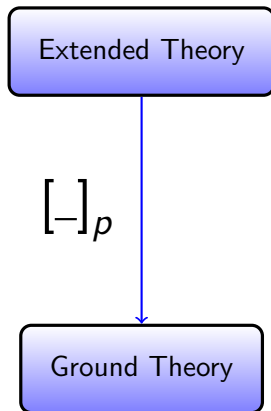
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Print Ramsey.
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↪ UltrafilterNat appears as a black box in the proof term of Ramsey.

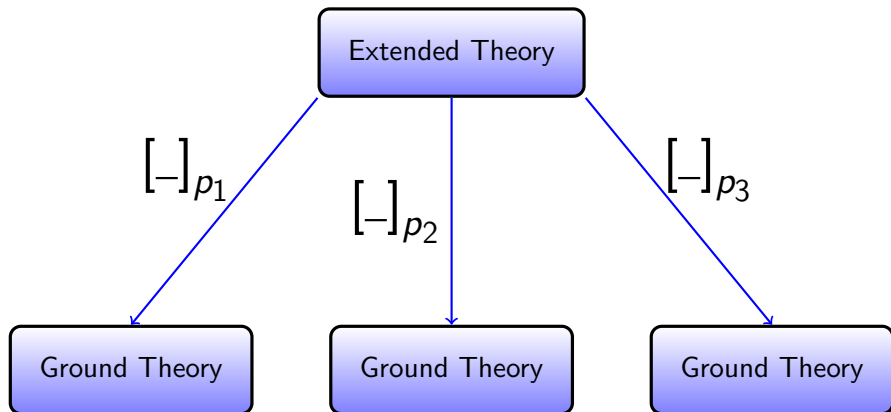
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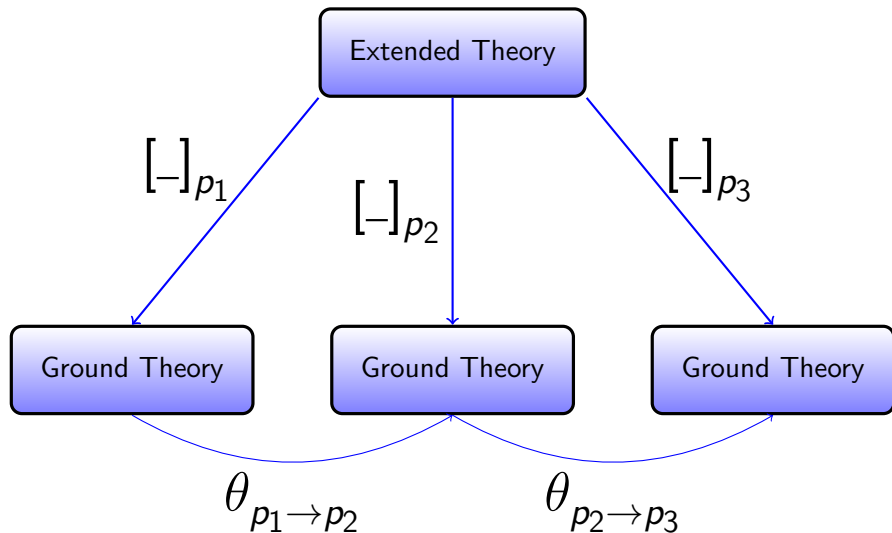
- Adding new reasoning/objects to the theory
 - ↪ Unrestricted Inductive Types
 - ↪ Ultrafilter over \mathbb{N}
 - ↪ Negation of the Continuum Hypothesis.
- Without using Axioms
 - ↪ No problem of coherence
 - ↪ Give them a computational content.
- Translating these new features in the ground system
 - ↪ Translating Types, Propositions and Proofs
 - ↪ Translation as Approximation.





Transformation





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- When M is a proof, solely $[M]_p$ exists.

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- Examples :
 - ↪ Step-indexing :
 - Divergence is approximated as *reducing at least n times*
 - $n \in \mathbb{N}$ approximates ω .
 - ↪ Cohen Forcing : p approximate the generic set G .
 - ↪ Cohen Real : A partial function $f : \text{nat} \rightarrow_{\text{fin}} \text{bool}$ approximates a total function $g : \text{nat} \rightarrow \text{bool}$

Theorem

If $\Gamma \vdash_{\mathcal{F}} M : T$ in the Extended Theory then

$$\rho : \mathcal{P}, \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket \vdash \llbracket M \rrbracket_{\rho} : \llbracket T \rrbracket_{\rho}$$

in the Ground Theory.

- The validity of the new rules/objects is checked in the ground system.
 - ↪ Just check $\llbracket M \rrbracket_{\rho}$ is of type $\llbracket T \rrbracket_{\rho}$
- No Need to change the typechecker !

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 - ↪ To keep coherence and normalization of the theory !

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- $\llbracket \mu(\lambda D : \text{Type}.(D \rightarrow D)) \rrbracket_1 \simeq (\llbracket D \rrbracket_0 \rightarrow \llbracket D \rrbracket_0) \rightarrow (\llbracket D \rrbracket_0 \rightarrow \llbracket D \rrbracket_0)$

Negating the Continuum Hypothesis

- Adapt the proof of Cohen
- Building a set A such that
 - There exists two injections i_1, i_2 s.t.

$$\text{nat} \hookrightarrow^{i_1} A \hookrightarrow^{i_2} \mathbf{P}(\text{nat})$$

- There is no surjection

$$\text{nat} \twoheadrightarrow A \twoheadrightarrow \mathbf{P}(\text{nat})$$

↪ $\mathbf{P}(T)$ is the type $T \rightarrow \text{Prop}$.

↪ A will be $\widehat{\mathbf{P}(\text{nat})}$ where $\llbracket \widehat{\mathbf{P}(\text{nat})} \rrbracket_p \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{P}(\text{nat})$.

↪ $\widehat{\mathbf{P}(\text{nat})}$ is different from $\mathbf{P}(\text{nat})$!

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Some intuitions

- A polymorphic dependently typed λ -calculus
 - ↪ Archetypal example : list_n
 - ↪ No syntactic distinction Types/Terms.
- Distinctions between Propositions and Datatypes
 - ↪ Using sorts Prop and Type.
 - ↪ Proof-terms $M : P$ with $P : \text{Prop}$.
 - ↪ Dependent products $\prod x : T. P$ are also used to model universal quantification.
- Plus Inductive Types ($\text{nat}, =, \dots$).

Definition of the language

- The Sorts $s := \text{Prop}, \text{Type}_i$
- The Terms $M, N, P, T := x \mid s \mid \lambda x : T. M \mid \Pi x : T. U \mid \Sigma x : T. U \mid \{x : T \mid P\} \mid MN \langle M, N \rangle \mid \pi_i M$
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- Conversion rule (congruence) :

$$\begin{aligned}(\lambda x : T. M)N &\cong M\{N/x\} \\ \pi_i \langle M_1, M_2 \rangle &\cong M_i \quad (i = 1, 2)\end{aligned}$$

↪ Plus proof-irrelevance.

Inference Rules (1/3)

$$\text{Var} \frac{\mathbf{wf}(\Gamma) \quad (x : T) \in \Gamma}{\Gamma \vdash x : T} \quad \text{Ax} \frac{\mathbf{wf}(\Gamma) \quad (s_1, s_2) \in \mathcal{A}}{\Gamma \vdash s_1 : s_2}$$

$$\text{Conv} \frac{\Gamma \vdash M : T \quad T \simeq U}{\Gamma \vdash M : U}$$

$$\mathcal{A} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{(\text{Prop}, \text{Type}_0), (\text{Type}_i, \text{Type}_{i+1})\}$$

Inference Rules (2/3)

$$\text{Abstr} \frac{\Gamma, x : T \vdash M : U}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda x : T. M : \Pi x : T. U} \quad \text{App} \frac{\Gamma \vdash M : \Pi x : T. U \quad \Gamma \vdash N : T}{\Gamma \vdash MN : U \{N/x\}}$$

$$\text{Prod} \frac{\Gamma \vdash T : s_1 \quad \Gamma, x : T \vdash U : s_2}{\Gamma \vdash \Pi x : T. U : \max(s_1, s_2)}$$

- $\max(s, \text{Prop}) = \text{Prop}$ for any $s \in \mathcal{S}$.
- $\max(\text{Prop}, \text{Type}_i) = \text{Type}_i$ and
- $\max(\text{Type}_i, \text{Type}_j) = \text{Type}_{\max(i,j)}$

Inference Rules (3/3)

$$\text{Sum} \frac{\Gamma \vdash T : s \quad \Gamma, x : T \vdash U : s}{\Gamma \vdash \Sigma x : T.U : s} \quad \text{Pair} \frac{\Gamma \vdash M : T \quad \Gamma \vdash N : U\{M/x\}}{\Gamma \vdash (M, N) : \Sigma x : T.U}$$

$$\text{Proj-1} \frac{\Gamma \vdash M : \Sigma x : T.U}{\Gamma \vdash \pi_1 M : T} \quad \text{Proj-2} \frac{\Gamma \vdash M : \Sigma x : T.U}{\Gamma \vdash \pi_2 M : U\{\pi_1 M/x\}}$$

$$\text{Subset} \frac{\Gamma \vdash T : s \quad \Gamma, x : T \vdash U : \text{Prop}}{\Gamma \vdash \{x : T \mid U\} : s}$$

Plus Subtyping for Subset Types !

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- $\theta_{p \rightarrow q}$ satisfies some commutative diagrams
 - ↪ Presheaf conditions
 - ↪ Encoded using subset types

Translation of Sorts

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\rightsquigarrow Same for Type , with extra Proofs of transitivity and reflexivity of θ

Translation of the Dependent Product

- $\llbracket \Pi x : T.U \rrbracket_p^\sigma$ is defined as

$$\left\{ f : \Pi q : \mathcal{P}_p \Pi x : \llbracket T \rrbracket_q^\sigma \cdot \llbracket U \rrbracket_q^{\sigma+(x, T, q)} \mid \mathbf{comm}_\Pi(f, T, U, p) \right\}$$

↪ Like $p \Vdash P \Rightarrow Q$ is usually defined as $\forall q \leq p. (q \Vdash P) \Rightarrow (q \Vdash Q)$.

- $\mathbf{comm}_\Pi(f, T, U, p)$ enforces f to satisfy

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \llbracket T \rrbracket_p^\sigma & \xrightarrow{f_p} & \llbracket U \rrbracket_p^\sigma \\ \theta_{p \rightarrow q}^{\sigma, T} \downarrow & & \downarrow \theta_{p \rightarrow q}^{\sigma, U} \\ \llbracket T \rrbracket_q^\sigma & \xrightarrow{f_q} & \llbracket U \rrbracket_q^\sigma \end{array}$$

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- So $[x]_q^\sigma$ is not translated as x but as $\theta_{\sigma_2(x) \rightarrow q}^{\sigma, \sigma_1(x)} x$

$$x : \llbracket T \rrbracket_p^\sigma \vdash \theta_{p \rightarrow q}^{\sigma, T} x : \llbracket T \rrbracket_q^\sigma$$

\rightsquigarrow σ encodes the type and the forcing condition at which x has been introduced in Γ .

\rightsquigarrow $\sigma_1(x) = T$ and $\sigma_2(x) = p$.

\rightsquigarrow Every translation $[M]_p^\sigma$ is indexed by this environment σ .

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- $[MN]_p^\sigma$ is defined as

$$[M]_p^\sigma \rho [N]_p^\sigma.$$

Theorem

If $\Gamma \vdash M : T$ and σ is a valid interpretation of Γ then

$$\llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket^\sigma \vdash \llbracket M \rrbracket_p^\sigma : \llbracket T \rrbracket_p^\sigma$$

where p is the last forcing condition appearing in σ .

↪ Need to extend the proof of this theorem when extending the translation !

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- $[\mathbf{EM}]_p^\sigma$ can be false
↪ Adapt the usual Kripke model
- Need to use sheaf translation rather than presheaves to keep it.
↪ With dense topology on \mathcal{P}
↪ Constant presheaves are not sheaves !

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Which generalization ?

- In Coq, Inductive Types must satisfy the *positivity* criteria
↪ Inductive $T := C : (T \rightarrow \text{nat}) \rightarrow T$
is forbidden.
- We allow them in the forcing layer.
- Forcing conditions will be `nat`.
↪ Well-foundation of the forcing conditions !
- The n th approximation of an inductive type will be its n th unwinding.

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- $[\triangleright_s T]_{\mathbf{S}_n}^\sigma \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [T]_n^\sigma$
- \triangleright_s will guard the recursion.

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- For a proposition P , $\mathbf{fix}_P M$ computes a proof of P from a proof M of $\triangleright_{\text{Prop}} P \rightarrow P$
↪ Computational content of the Löb Rule.

- Negative translation for Prop and Type
 - ↪ Using Sheafification.
- Links with the work of Krivine and Miquel ?
 - ↪ Formulas and proofterms are translated uniformly here.
- A Prototype extending Coq is in development.
 - ↪ Build on top of Coq
 - ↪ Use the typechecker of Coq
- Formalize usual Forcing proof in Coq