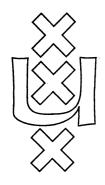
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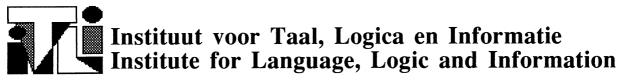
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Abstract

The paper explores the analogy between reducibility statements of Weihrauch's theory of representations and theorems of constructive mathematics which can be reformulated as inclusions between sets. Kleene's function-realizability is the key to understanding of the analogy, and suggests an alternative way of looking at the theory of reducibilities.

1 Introduction

In a series of interesting papers Kreitz and Weihrauch ([KW1, KW2, KW3, W1, W2, WK]) have developed a theory of representations (henceforth "TR" for short), lifting notions of "effectiveness" on Baire space IB to other structures, of cardinality not greater than IB, via the notion of "representation" which is analogous to Ershov's notion of numeration for countable structures. TR has been proposed as an alternative to the various forms of constructive mathematics and has been applied in complexity theory (see e.g.[M]). Just as classical recursive mathematics, TR introduces constructivity considerations in a classical setting.

Looking at examples of representations and the reducibility relations between them, one is struck by an obvious informal parallel or analogy between these results and certain well-known facts from constructive mathematics ("CM" for short) in the style of Bishop, Brouwer and Markov. (For general background on CM, and

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references, see [TD].) In this paper we discuss and explain to some extent this parallelism, and show by means of some examples how results from constructive mathematics may be converted into results on the reducibility of representations, and conversely, how many reducibility results in the theory of representations might actually have been obtained by "translating" a theorem of constructive mathematics.

Although we set in this paper some steps on the road towards a more explicit formulation of the analogies, we are far from having demonstrated "equivalence" between TR and some form of CM. In order to make the idea of "equivalence" precise, one would first have to agree on an appropriate and natural formalism for CM and on a suitable formal setting for TR. Even under the assumption that such an agreement can be reached, I do not think it likely that full equivalence results. However, even the exploration of partial and limited analogies between TR and CM can be worthwhile, e.g. because known results from CM may show us what to expect and look for in the case of TR.

In the papers by Kreitz and Weihrauch we encounter many different representations for (classically) the same set of objects. This is reminiscent of early work in intuitionistic mathematics and Markov's constructive mathematics, where many different constructive analogues of the same classical notions are studied. There later developments showed that only very few of the many alternatives were well-behaved mathematically. (Bishop's constructive mathematics seems to have skipped this "proliferation-of-notions" stage.)

Similarly, it is to be expected that on further systematic development of TR, only a few of the many possible represententations for the same set will turn out to have good properties. Here too analogies might be exploited to advantage.

NOTATION. Let α, β, γ , possibly sub-or superscripted, be used for elements of $\mathbb B$. We assume that our standard coding of finite sequences of $\mathbb N$ is *onto* $\mathbb N$. j_1, j_2 are the inverses to a surjective pairing $(\ ,\):\mathbb N^2\to\mathbb N$; pairing and its inverses are lifted to $\mathbb B$ by $(\alpha,\beta):=\lambda n.(\alpha n,\beta n)$ etc. We write $\bar{\beta}n$ for the (code of) the sequence $\langle\beta 0,\beta 1,\ldots,\beta (n-1)\rangle,\ \bar{\beta}0\equiv\langle\ \rangle$ (empty sequence). We write \hat{n} as short for $\langle n\rangle$. * denotes concatenation of codes.

$$\alpha(\beta) = x := \alpha(\bar{\beta}(\min_z[\alpha(\bar{\beta}z) > 0]) = x + 1,$$

 $\alpha|\beta = \gamma := \forall x(\alpha(\hat{x} * \beta) = \gamma x).$

 $\Phi_{\alpha}: \mathbb{B} \rightharpoonup \mathbb{N}$ and $\Psi_{\alpha}: \mathbb{B} \rightharpoonup \mathbb{B}$ are partial continuous functionals given by

$$egin{aligned} \Phi_{lpha}(eta) &= n := lpha(eta) = n, \ \Psi_{lpha}(eta) &= \gamma := lpha|eta = \gamma. \end{aligned}$$

Let $\langle I_n \rangle_n$ be a standard enumeration of intervals with dyadic rational endpoints, such that $I_{(j,m)} := (\nu_D(j) - 2^{-m}, \nu_D(j) + 2^{-m})$ and ν_D is a standard enumeration of the dyadic rationals $k2^{-n}, k \in \mathbb{Z}, n \in \mathbb{N}$. Let $\langle r_n \rangle_n$ be a standard enumeration of \mathbb{Q}

2 The theory of representations: definitions and examples

DEFINITION. A representation of a set M is a partial surjective mapping $\delta : \mathbb{B} \to M$. We use $\delta, \delta', \delta''$ for arbitrary representations.

If δ, δ' are two representations of M, we say that δ is *reducible* to δ' iff there is a partial continuous $\Gamma: \mathbb{B} \to \mathbb{B}$ such that

$$\forall \alpha \in \text{dom}(\delta)(\delta(\alpha) = \delta'(\Gamma\alpha))$$

If Γ is recursive, we say that δ is computably reducible to δ' (c-reducible). We write $\delta \leq \delta'$, $\delta \leq_{\rm c} \delta'$ for reducibility and c-reducibility respectively.

 δ and δ' are equivalent (c-equivalent) iff $\delta \leq \delta'$ and $\delta' \leq \delta$ ($\delta \leq_{\mathbf{c}} \delta'$ and $\delta' \leq_{\mathbf{c}} \delta$). Notation: $\delta \equiv \delta'$ ($\delta \equiv_{\mathbf{c}} \delta'$).

Examples of representations

- (A) $\alpha \mapsto \Phi_{\alpha}$, $\alpha \mapsto \Psi_{\alpha}$ are representations of certain classes $[\mathbb{B} \to \mathbb{N}]$, $[\mathbb{B} \to \mathbb{B}]$ of partial continuous functions.
- (B) Let $\text{En}(\alpha) := \{n : \exists m(\alpha m = n + 1)\}$, then En is a representation of P(IN), the powerset of IN, by enumerations; $\text{En}^{c}(\alpha) := \{n : \forall m(\alpha m \neq n + 1)\}$.
- (C) Let $Cf(\alpha) := \{n : \alpha n = 0\}$, then Cf is a representation of $P(\mathbb{N})$ by characteristic functions.
- (D) We define a representation $\rho_{<}$ of IR as follows.

$$\alpha \in \text{dom}(\rho_{<}) := \exists m \in \mathbb{N} \forall n \in \text{En}(\alpha)(r_n < m)$$

$$\rho_{<}(\alpha) := \text{l.u.b.}\{r_n : n \in \text{En}(\alpha)\}$$

- (E) Similarly for $\rho_{>}$, with (least) upper bound replaced by (greatest) lower bound.
- (F) Let $\mathbb{Q}_n = \{k2^{-n} : k \in \mathbb{Z}\}, \ n \in \mathbb{N}, \text{ and put}$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \alpha \in \mathrm{dom}(\rho_{\mathrm{I\!R}}) & := \forall n (r_{\alpha n} \in \mathbb{Q}_n \wedge |r_{\alpha n} - r_{\alpha(n+1)}| \leq 2^{-(n+1)}), \\ \rho_{\mathrm{I\!R}}(\alpha) & := \lim \langle r_{\alpha n} \rangle_n. \end{array}$$

(G) A complete, separable metric space \mathcal{M} is a triple $(M, d, \langle p_n \rangle_n)$, where d is a distance function on the set M, and $\langle p_n \rangle_n$ is dense in M. \mathcal{M} is in fact completely determined by the distance function on $\langle p_n \rangle_n$, that is to say \mathcal{M} is determined by a function α defined on (coded) triples of natural numbers, such that

$$\forall k(|d(p_i, p_j) - r_{\alpha(i,j,k)}| < 2^{-k})$$

A representation δ_{NC} (Cf. [KW2, 4.12]) may be given for the points of $\mathcal M$ by

$$\operatorname{dom}(\delta_{\mathrm{NC}}) := \{\beta : \forall m(d(p_{\beta(m+1)}, p_{\beta m}) \leq 2^{-m}\} \\
= \{\beta : \forall m, k(r_{\alpha(\beta(m+1), \beta m, k)} < 2^{-m} + 2^{-k})\} \\
\delta_{\mathrm{NC}}(\beta) := \lim \langle p_{\delta n} \rangle_{n}$$

Less well-behaved is the representation $\delta_{\rm C}$, where the Cauchy modulus is left implicit:

$$\operatorname{dom}(\delta_{\mathbf{C}}) := \{\beta : \langle p_{\beta n} \rangle_n \text{ is a Cauchy sequence}\}\$$

 $\delta_{\mathbf{C}}(\beta) := \lim \langle p_{\beta n} \rangle_n.$

(H) A slightly different representation $\delta_{\mathcal{M}}$ has as domain all of IB: let $\langle p_{\gamma(k,m,n)} \rangle_n$ be a standard enumeration (possibly with repetitions) of $\{p_i : d(p_i, p_m) < 2^{-k}\}$, and let

$$\delta_{\mathcal{M}}(\beta) := \lim \langle p_{\delta n} \rangle_n$$

where $\delta 0 = \beta 0$, $\delta(n+1) = \gamma(n, \delta n, \beta(n+1))$. (Special case: $\delta_{\mathbb{R}}$ with $\langle p_n \rangle_n$ a standard enumeration of \mathbb{Q} .)

(I) The (listable) open sets of \mathbb{R} may be represented by ω with

$$dom(\omega) := \mathbb{B}, \ \omega(\alpha) := \bigcup \{I_n : n \in \operatorname{En}(\alpha)\}.$$

This suggests a complementary representation of closed sets as $\delta_{\rm cl}(\alpha) := \mathbb{R} \setminus \omega(\alpha)$. It is not difficult to show that

(1)
$$Cf \leq En, \neg En \leq Cf,$$

(2)
$$\rho_{\mathbb{I}\!\mathbb{R}} \preceq \rho_{<}, \ \rho_{\mathbb{I}\!\mathbb{R}} \preceq \rho_{>}, \ \neg \rho_{<} \preceq \rho_{\mathbb{I}\!\mathbb{R}}, \ \neg \rho_{>} \preceq \rho_{\mathbb{I}\!\mathbb{R}}, \delta_{\mathbb{I}\!\mathbb{R}} \equiv \rho_{\mathbb{I}\!\mathbb{R}}.$$

It is also easy to see that given two representations δ, δ' of a set, we can define a greatest lower bound $\delta \sqcap \delta'$ by

$$\alpha \in \operatorname{dom}(\delta \sqcap \delta') := j_1 \alpha \in \operatorname{dom}(\delta) \land j_2 \alpha \in \operatorname{dom}(\delta') \land \delta(j_1 \alpha) = \delta'(j_2 \alpha), \\ (\delta \sqcap \delta')(\alpha) := \delta(j_1 \alpha) \ (= \delta'(j_2 \alpha)).$$

Then

(3)
$$\operatorname{En} \sqcap \operatorname{En}^{\mathbf{c}} \equiv \operatorname{Cf}, \ \rho_{<} \sqcap \rho_{>} \equiv \rho_{\mathbb{R}}$$

Remarks on CM versus TR. Results such as (1) and (2) invite comparison between CM and TR. In the classical setting of TR differences between representations δ , δ' of the same set X correspond to differences in the amount of information accessible (obtainable) from the representing functions (i.e. the amount of information encoded in the representing functions) concerning the elements of the set. In CM, where all objects are supposed to be given to us (are defined) by the presentation of certain bits of information, the δ , δ' correspond to different sets. Thus, in TR, Cf and En reflect different information concerning elements of P(IN); in CM these correspond to decidable and enumerable sets respectively.

Similarly $\rho_{\mathbb{R}}$, $\rho_{<}$, $\rho_{>}$ correspond in CM to respectively the reals (in the sense of one of the standard definitions), "limits" of monotone increasing sequences in \mathbb{Q} with upper bound, and "limits" of monotone decreasing sequences in \mathbb{Q} with lower bound (see [TD]).

The analogue of (1) in CM is: decidable implies enumerable, but not conversely; the analogue of (2) is (approximately): every real is approximated by a bounded monotone increasing sequence in \mathbb{Q} with upper bound, and by a bounded monotone decreasing sequence in \mathbb{Q} with lower bound, but not conversely.

Results such as (3) also have their counterpart in CM: En \sqcap En^c \equiv Cf expresses that a set which is enumerable with enumerable complement is decidable (with an appeal to Markov's principle $\forall x(A \vee \neg A) \wedge \neg \neg \exists xA \to \exists xA$), and $\rho_{<} \sqcap \rho_{>} \equiv \rho_{\mathbb{R}}$ corresponds to the fact that if we have monotone increasing $\langle r_n \rangle_n \subset \mathbb{Q}$, monotone decreasing $\langle s_n \rangle_n \subset \mathbb{Q}$, $\forall n m(r_n < s_m)$, $\forall k \exists n(s_n - r_n < 2^k)$, then $\lim \langle r_n \rangle_n = \lim \langle s_n \rangle_n$ is a real.

As to the representations $\delta_{\rm NC}$, $\delta_{\rm C}$, it is not hard to see that for the reals $\delta_{\rm NC} \leq \delta_{\rm C}$, but $\neg \delta_{\rm C} \leq \delta_{\rm NC}$, while $\delta_{\rm NC} \equiv \delta_{\rm IR}$. $\neg \delta_{\rm C} \leq \delta_{\rm NC}$ expresses that the Cauchy modulus of a fundamental sequence of basis points cannot be computed continuously from the sequence itself; this reflects the distinction between F-numbers and FR-numbers in Markov's constructive mathematics (see [Sh]).

3 From CM to TR

The obvious parallels between certain facts from CM on the one hand, and certain reducibilities in TR on the other hand, raises the question whether we can perhaps systematically translate (certain classes of) statements of CM into reducibility statements of TR.

What the examples of analogies suggest, is the following. Let us assume that we have settled on a common formal language for (parts of) CM and TR, containing at least variables ranging over IN and IB.

On the side of CM, we deal with sets \mathcal{X} , the elements of which are regarded as given by information encodable by elements of \mathbb{B} . That is to say, \mathcal{X} may be thought of as a pair $(X, \delta : X \rightarrow X^*)$ with $X \subset \mathbb{B}$, $\delta(\alpha)$ the element described by α , δ surjective; this is nothing but a representation of X^* . Modulo an isomorphism, we can always take δ to be a map assigning to α its equivalence class α_{\sim} , i.e. $\alpha \sim \beta \leftrightarrow \delta\alpha = \delta\beta$. (Examples: Cf can be presented as (\mathbb{B}, \sim_0) , where $\alpha \sim_0 \beta := \forall n(\alpha n = 0) \leftrightarrow \beta n = 0$), and $\rho_{\mathbb{R}}$ is $(\text{dom}(\rho_{\mathbb{R}}), \sim_1)$ where $\alpha \sim_1 \beta := \forall n(|r_{\alpha k} - r_{\beta k}| \leq 2^{-k+1})$.

Let $\mathcal{Y} = (Y, \delta' : Y \rightarrow Y^*)$. $\mathcal{X} \subset \mathcal{Y}$ is expressible in codes as $\forall \alpha \in X \exists \beta \in Y(\delta \alpha = \delta' \beta)$. Within a classical setting, a more constructive reading of this can be enforced by requiring the existence of a continuous Γ such that $\forall \alpha \in X(\delta \alpha = \delta'(\Gamma \alpha))$ (i.e. $\delta \leq \delta'$. So $\delta \leq \delta'$ appears as the TR-analogue of the constructive reading of $\forall \alpha \in X \exists \beta \in Y(\delta \alpha = \delta' \beta)$.

It is a wellknown fact from the metamathematics of constructive systems, that there is a wide class of sets X and constructive formal systems S such that $S \vdash \forall \alpha \in X \exists \beta \in Y A(\alpha, \beta) \Rightarrow S \vdash \exists \Gamma \forall \alpha \in X A(\alpha, \Gamma \alpha)$ (Γ continuous) holds (more on this in the next section).

Thus, as a rule, a constructive proof of an inclusion will automatically generate

a (constructively proved) reducibility statement. Of course, in the setting of TR reducibility statements may also be proved by classical means. Many mathematical theorems can be reworded as inclusions (for an example, see section 5).

4 Realizability

We shall restrict attention to statements of CM and TR formalizable in the language of elementary analysis EL, with variables for natural numbers (x, y, z, n, m) and variables ranging over IB (α, β, γ) . For a precise description see e.g. [TD, page 144].

Although the results below do have generalizations, there are several reasons for this restriction. First of all, we want to avoid undue complications. We are in this section not aiming at maximal generality, but are satisfied with an illustration of the basic ideas; secondly, if we want to formulate analogues in TR for statements in CM, it is pretty obvious what to do with IN, IB, IR etc., since the elements of these sets are obviously encodable by elements of IB. But for the interpretation of P(IN) (and higher powersets) in the context of TR, we must choose (what from the viewpoint of CM is) a subclass encodable by a subset of IB — such as the decidable or the enumerable sets. There is a certain arbitrariness in this choice, and it seems better to regard En, Cf as the TR-analogues of enumerable and decidable sets respectively, and not as analogues of P(IN).

DEFINITION. The class of almost negative formulas is the least class containing formulas t = s, $\exists x(t = s)$, $\exists \alpha(t = s)$ and closed under $\land, \rightarrow, \forall x, \forall \alpha, \neg$. \Box N.B. $\neg A$ may actually be rendered as $A \rightarrow 1 = 0$, $A \lor B$ is definable as $\exists x((x = 0 \rightarrow A) \land (x \neq 0 \rightarrow B))$.

Almost negative formulas do not contain "essential" existential quantifiers. That is to say, $\exists x(t=s)$ is innocent in the sense that if true, the x can be found as $\min_x[t=s]$; $\exists \alpha(t=s]$ is reduced to the preceding case since it is equivalent to $\exists x(t[\alpha/x*\lambda x.0] = s[\alpha/x*\lambda x.0])$ (all terms of EL are continuous in their function parameters and $\{x*\lambda x.0: x \in \mathbb{N}\}$ ranges over a dense subset of \mathbb{B}). In the presence of Markov's principle $\forall x(A \vee \neg A) \wedge \neg \neg \exists xA \to \exists xA$, almost negative formulas are equivalent to negative ones not containing any existential quantifier or disjunction.

For notions of constructive mathematics definable in **EL** we can easily give a recipe for finding a corresponding representation with almost negative domain, namely Kleene's function realizability, formalized in detail in [K].

Function realizability associates to each formula A an almost negative formula with an extra function variable α (α not free in A), written α r A (" α realizes A").

If the elements of a set X are presented as a subset of $\mathbb{B}^l \times \mathbb{N}^k$ definable by a formula $A(\vec{\beta}, \vec{x})$ in EL, with an appropriate equivalence relation \sim , the obvious

choice of representation is δ_A with

$$egin{array}{ll} \operatorname{dom}(\delta_A) &:= \{(lpha, ec{eta}, ec{x}) : lpha \operatorname{\mathbf{r}} A(ec{eta}, ec{x})\} \ \delta_A(lpha, ec{eta}, ec{x}) &:= (ec{eta}, ec{x})/\sim \end{array}$$

We recall the definition of $\alpha \mathbf{r} A$, presented by induction on the complexity of A:

DEFINITION. $(A \lor B \text{ treated as defined})$

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\alpha \mathbf{r} (t = s) := t = s
\alpha \mathbf{r} (A \wedge B) := (\mathbf{j}_{1} \alpha \mathbf{r} A) \wedge (\mathbf{j}_{2} \alpha \mathbf{r} B)
\alpha \mathbf{r} (A \to B) := \forall \beta (\beta \mathbf{r} A \to \alpha | \beta \mathbf{r} B)
\alpha \mathbf{r} \forall \beta A := \forall \beta (\alpha | \beta \mathbf{r} A)
\alpha \mathbf{r} \forall x A := \forall \beta (\alpha | \beta \mathbf{r} A [x/\beta 0]
\alpha \mathbf{r} \exists \beta A := (\mathbf{j}_{2} \alpha) \mathbf{r} A [\beta/\mathbf{j}_{1} \alpha]
\alpha \mathbf{r} \exists x A := (\mathbf{j}_{2} \alpha) \mathbf{r} A [x/(\mathbf{j}_{1} \alpha) 0]
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(Alternative clauses for $\forall x, \exists x$ leading to an equivalent notion are: $\alpha \mathbf{r} \forall x A := \forall x (\lambda y. \alpha(x, y) \mathbf{r} A), \ \alpha \mathbf{r} \exists x A := \lambda y. \alpha(y + 1) \mathbf{r} A[x/\alpha 0]$). \square

It is easy to see that $\alpha \mathbf{r} A$ is logically equivalent to an almost negative formula. For almost negative formulas B realizability is equivalent to truth: $B \leftrightarrow \exists \alpha (\alpha \mathbf{r} B)$. But in general $\exists \alpha (\alpha \mathbf{r} A)$ is not provably equivalent to A.

If we apply this recipe to the concept underlying $\rho_{<}$, i.e. "least-upper-bounds" of enumerable sets of rationals with an upper bound, we have α 's encoding such sets and satisfying

$$A(\alpha) := \exists n \in \mathbb{Z} \forall m \in \operatorname{En}(\alpha) (r_m < n).$$

 $\forall m \in \text{En}(\alpha)(r_m < n)$ is almost negative, and the representation suggested by the recipe is not $\rho_{<}$ but the modified $\rho_{<}^*$ in which the existential quantifier has been made explicit:

$$dom(\rho_{<}^{*}) := \{\alpha : \forall m \in En(\lambda y.\alpha(y+1))(r_{m} < \alpha 0)\}$$

$$\rho_{<}^{*} := l.u.b.\{r_{m} : m \in En(\alpha)\}.$$

It is easy to see that $\rho_{<}^{*} \leq \rho_{<}$, but not $\rho_{<} \leq \rho_{<}^{*}$. In many other examples the predicates defining the domain of a representation δ are in fact almost negative and can be straightforwardly read as deriving from a definition of a corresponding notion in CM. For an interesting example, see also δ_{loc} in the next section.

In the case of sets in CM with a complicated definition, replacing $A(\beta)$ by $\exists \alpha (\alpha \mathbf{r} A(\beta))$ as the notion considered (which is what our proposal for a "privileged" representation amounts to) may actually involve a *change* in the notion studied, since in general $A \leftrightarrow \exists \alpha (\alpha \mathbf{r} A)$ is not provable.

On the other hand, the logical schema $A \leftrightarrow \exists \alpha (\alpha \mathbf{r} A)$ is equivalent to a generalized continuity schema:

GC
$$\forall \alpha [A\alpha \to \exists \beta \ B(\alpha, \beta)] \to \exists \gamma \forall \alpha [A\alpha \to B(\alpha, \gamma | \alpha)]$$

where A is almost negative, and the soundness theorem for function realizability establishes the consistency of GC relative to many constructive systems, in particular relative to EL + BI + M (containing FAN, AC_{01} , $CONT_1$).

So, looking at examples of concrete representations as found in the papers by Kreitz and Weihrauch, we see that in many cases the domains are definable by almost negative formulas, and hence the representations may be regarded as being derived from a CM-notion by our recipe.

But what about representations with a domain not defined by an almost negative formula, can we also think of these as derived from a suitable CM-notion? The principal difficulties we meet in the examples are of two types: (a) the definition of $dom(\delta)$ contains set-quantifiers, and (b) the definition of $dom(\delta)$ contains (essential) quantifiers $\exists \alpha$ or $\exists x$.

As long as we are working in the context of EL, the first difficulty can only be circumvented by finding an equivalent definition in the language of EL.

In the second case, where a definition of $dom(\delta)$ in **EL** contains quantifiers $\exists \alpha$ or $\exists n$, there is a quite general solution: we may replace these quantifiers by $\neg \neg \exists \alpha, \neg \neg \exists n$, or equivalently by $\neg \forall \alpha \neg, \neg \forall n \neg$. In the classical setting of TR this is actually the same representation, but now the definition is (almost) negative. (Under this transformation, $\delta_{\mathbf{C}}$ corresponds to the quasi-numbers of constructive recursive mathematics, and $\rho_{<}$ to monotone increasing sequences which are not unbounded.)

An example of the elimination of a set quantifier is the following. In [KW3, page 29] the following representation δ'_{cl} of a class of closed subsets of IR is considered:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \alpha \in \mathrm{dom}(\delta'_{\mathrm{cl}}) &:= \exists X \subset \mathrm{I\!R}(X \text{ closed } \wedge \mathrm{En}(\alpha) = \{k : I_k \cap X \neq \emptyset\}), \\ \delta'_{\mathrm{cl}}(\alpha) &:= \bigcap_m \bigcup_n \{I_{(n,m)} : (n,m) \in \mathrm{En}(\alpha)\}. \end{array}$$

We can replace the quantifier $\exists X \subset \mathbb{R}$ by an extra condition on the enumeration expressing that whenever a finite set I_{n_1}, \ldots, I_{n_p} covers an I_m with $m \in \operatorname{En}(\alpha)$ then at least one $n_i \in \operatorname{En}(\alpha)$. One can then prove that $\delta'_{\operatorname{cl}}(\alpha)$ as defined above is indeed closed, and that α indeed enumerates all I_k with nonempty intersection with $\delta'_{\operatorname{cl}}$. In passing from an inclusion statement $\forall \alpha \in \operatorname{dom}(\delta) \exists \beta \in \operatorname{dom}(\delta')(\delta(\alpha) = \delta'(\beta))$ in CM to $\delta \preceq \delta'$ the statement is strengthened by requiring continuous dependence of β from α ; but this is usually an automatic consequence of a constructive proof of the conclusion, by the following

THEOREM. For suitable formal theories S in the language of EL, the following derived rule holds:

$$\mathbf{S} \vdash \forall \alpha [A\alpha \to \exists \beta B(\alpha, \beta)] \Rightarrow \mathbf{S} \vdash \exists \gamma \forall \alpha [A(\alpha) \to \gamma | \alpha \downarrow \land B(\alpha, \gamma | \alpha)]$$

(So γ codes a partial continuous function in $[\mathbb{B} \to \mathbb{B}]$). Moreover, if $\forall \alpha \exists \beta A(\alpha, \beta)$ is closed, then γ may be taken to be recursive. For S we can take EL, with some of the following schemata added:

(1) bar induction BI;

(2) the fan theorem FAN, a consequence of BI:

$$\forall \alpha \leq \beta \exists x A(\bar{\alpha}x) \to \exists z \forall \alpha \leq \beta \exists x \leq z A(\bar{\alpha}x)$$

- (3) Markov's principle (cf. end of section 2)
- (4) the countable axiom of choice AC_{01} : $\forall x \exists \alpha A(x,\alpha) \to \exists \beta \forall x A(x,\lambda y.\beta(x,y))$;
- (5) the continuity principle CONT₁: $\forall \alpha \exists \beta A(\alpha, \beta) \rightarrow \exists \gamma \forall \alpha A(\alpha, \gamma | \alpha)$, or some weaker version.

PROOF. By q-realizability for functions; see [T, 3.3, 3.7.9]. \square

The theorem may be applied as follows. Suppose that we can express in **EL**, for representations δ , δ' , δ with an almost negative domain,

$$\forall \alpha \in \text{dom}(\delta) \exists \beta (\delta(\alpha) = \delta'(\beta))$$

and this is provable in a suitable system S (e.g. $EL + FAN + MP + AC_{01}$), which is a subsystem of classical analysis, then by the theorem

$$\mathbf{S} \vdash \exists \gamma \forall \alpha \in \mathrm{dom}(\delta)(\gamma | \alpha \downarrow \land \delta(\alpha) = \delta'(\gamma | \alpha)).$$

That is to say, in cases where δ , δ' have been chosen to correspond to the constructive definitions of sets X, Y, the constructive proof of $\forall x \in X \exists y \in Y (x = y)$ automatically yields the stronger $\delta \leq \delta'$ (established constructively as well as classically).

For an extension to stronger systems, see e.g. [Fr], where an extension of q-realizability to intuitionistic second-order arithmetic is given. For further generalizations to higher-order logic, see e.g. [vO].

5 An example

How translation of CM-statements, and the use of the metatheorem works out in practice, we can see from the following more or less representative example. In [Bi, page 177] we find the following

THEOREM. Let X be an inhabited closed located set in a complete separable metric space $\mathcal{M} \equiv (M, d, \langle p_n \rangle_n)$, $x \in M$ such that $\forall y \in X(d(y, x) > 0)$, then d(X, x) > 0.

PROOF. For a constructive proof, see [Bi]. A classical proof is even easier.

We give a reformulation in TR. We first define a representation of inhabited closed located sets.

DEFINITION.

$$\begin{array}{ll} \alpha \in \mathrm{dom}(\delta_{\mathrm{loc}}) &:= \exists X \subset M (\exists x (x \in X) \land X \ \mathrm{located} \ \land \\ & \forall \beta \in \mathrm{dom}(\delta_{\mathcal{M}}) (d(X, \delta_{\mathcal{M}}(\beta)) = \delta_{\mathrm{I\!R}}(\alpha \mid \beta))) \\ \delta_{\mathrm{loc}}(\alpha) &:= \{\delta_{\mathcal{M}}(\beta) : \delta_{\mathrm{I\!R}}(\alpha \mid \beta) = 0\}. \ \Box \end{array}$$

So $\lambda\beta.(\alpha|\beta)$ describes the continuous distance function $d(X, \delta_{\mathcal{M}}(\beta))$ ($\delta_{\mathcal{M}}$ as defined in section 2, (H)).

DEFINITION. For pairs (X, x), X a closed located set of \mathcal{M} , $x \in M$, d(X, x) > 0, we choose a representation ρ^* as follows. If $\alpha = (\beta, \hat{n} * \gamma)$, and $X = \delta_{loc}(\beta)$, $x = \delta_{\mathcal{M}}(\gamma)$ and $d(X, x) > 2^{-n}$, then $\alpha \in \text{dom}(\rho^*)$, and $\rho^*(\beta, \hat{n} * \gamma) = (\delta_{loc}(\beta), \delta_{\mathcal{M}}(\gamma))$.

For pairs (X, x), X closed located, inhabited, $x \in M$ such that $\forall y \in X(d(y, x) > 0)$, we define ρ^{**} as follows. If $\alpha = (\beta, \beta', \beta'')$, $\delta_{loc}(\beta) = X$, $\delta_{\mathcal{M}}(\beta') = x$, and β'' such that

$$\delta_{\mathcal{M}}(\gamma) \in X \to \beta''(\gamma) \downarrow \wedge d(\delta_{\mathcal{M}}(\gamma), \delta_{\mathcal{M}}(\beta')) > 2^{-\beta''(\gamma)},$$

then $\alpha \in \text{dom}(\rho^{**})$, and clearly

$$\rho^{**}(\beta, \beta', \beta'') = (\delta_{loc}(\beta), \delta_{\mathcal{M}}(\beta')).$$

It is not difficult to strengthen the proof of the theorem to a constructive proof of the equivalence $\rho^* \equiv \rho^{**}$. (Even if this reformulation of the theorem looks a bit complicated at first sight, it is nevertheless a straightforward spelling out of the required explicit information.)

If we want to obtain $\rho^* \equiv \rho^{**}$ via an appeal to the derived rule in the preceding section, we must put in some extra work.

Reformulation of the representation δ_{loc}

Let X be inhabited, located in a complete, separable metric space \mathcal{M} , and let f(x) = d(X, x). the $X = \{x : f(x) = 0\}$. Our definition of δ_{loc} given above is not satisfactory, inasmuch its definition is not in the language of **EL**. We can correct this as follows. It is not difficult to see that X itself is a complete, separable metric space, and that we can construct explicitly a sequence $\langle q_n \rangle_n$ of points in X, dense in X. The distance function $\lambda x.d(X,x)$ must satisfy

$$\forall x, y \in M(d(X, y) = 0 \rightarrow d(x, y) \ge d(x, X)),$$

$$\forall x, k \exists y (d(X, y) = 0 \land d(x, y) < d(x, X) + 2^{-k}).$$

Now an arbitrary continuous $f: M \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$ represents the distance function of $X_f \equiv \{x: f(x) = 0\}$, i.e. $d(X_f, x) = f(x)$, if the following conditions are satisfied:

$$\begin{cases} \forall x, y (f(y) = 0 \rightarrow d(x, y) \ge f(x)), \ \forall n (f(q_n) = 0) \\ \forall x, k \exists n (d(x, q_n) < f(x) + 2^{-k}) \end{cases}$$

If f is represented by a γ such that $\delta_{\mathbb{R}}(\gamma|\alpha) = f(\delta_{\mathcal{M}}(\alpha))$, and d by a γ' such that $\delta_{\mathbb{R}}(\gamma'|(\alpha,\beta)) = d(\delta_{\mathcal{M}}(\alpha),\delta_{\mathcal{M}}(\beta))$, and the sequence $\langle q_n \rangle_n$ by a γ'' such that $q_n = \delta_{\mathcal{M}}(\lambda y.\gamma''(n,y))$, it is not hard to verify that (*) can be expressed by an almost negative formula.

We can take (*) as the condition (on γ and γ'') determining the domain of an appropriate representation of the located, closed, inhabited sets. Now the theorem on the derived rule applies. The "balance of work" in the case of a constructive proof is more or less neutral: compared with a direct constructive proof of $\rho^* \equiv \rho^{**}$,

we had to put in a bit extra work in order to formulate things in **EL**, while we saved a little by an appeal to the derived rule. In this particular case we can give a much shorter proof by reasoning classically: from the classically proven $\forall y d(\delta_{loc}(\alpha), y) > 0 \rightarrow \exists k \, d(\delta_{loc}(\alpha), x) > 2^{-k}$ we can find the k continuously in α .

REMARK. In adopting a coding as an appropriate rendering of a concept of constructive mathematics, one often uses a lemma: if f is a continuous map from \mathcal{M} to \mathcal{M}' , \mathcal{M} and \mathcal{M}' complete separable metric spaces, then (classically, or if we assume intuitionistic continuity axioms) there is a continuous $\Gamma: \mathbb{B} \longrightarrow \mathbb{B}$ such that $f(\delta_{\mathcal{M}}(\alpha)) = \delta_{\mathcal{M}'}(\Gamma\alpha)$ (proof left to the reader).

6 Compactness of bounded closed subsets

As a second illustrative example we show how conversely a reducibility result from [KW] might also have been obtained from a proof of CM with application of the derived rule.

DEFINITION. δ_{cl} represents closed sets as countable intersections of complements of basis intervals:

$$\delta_{\mathrm{cl}} := \bigcap \{ \mathbb{R} \setminus I_k : k \in \mathrm{En}(lpha) \} = \mathbb{R} \setminus \bigcup \{ I_k : k \in \mathrm{En}(lpha) \}.$$

For the corresponding notion of bounded sets we define δ_{bcl} :

$$\hat{n} * \alpha \in \text{dom}(\delta_{\text{bcl}}) := \delta_{\text{cl}}(\alpha) \subset [-n, n] \ (n \in \mathbb{N}),$$

 $\delta_{\text{bcl}}(\hat{n} * \alpha) := \delta_{\text{cl}}(\alpha) \text{ whenever } \hat{n} * \alpha \in \text{dom}(\delta_{\text{bcl}}). \square$

 $\operatorname{dom}(\delta_{\operatorname{bcl}})$ is easily seen to be definable by an almost negative formula (e.g. $\hat{n} * \alpha \in \operatorname{dom}(\delta_{\operatorname{bcl}}) \leftrightarrow \forall r \in \mathbb{Q}(r < -n \lor n < r \to \exists m(\alpha m > 0 \land r \in I_{\alpha m-1}))$). We want to compare $\delta_{\operatorname{bcl}}$ with $\delta_{\operatorname{whb}}$, a representation of the compact subsets of \mathbb{R} .

DEFINITION. Put

$$egin{array}{ll} C_{lpha} &:= \{I_j: j \in \operatorname{En}(lpha)\}, \ C_{lpha,n} &:= \{I_j: \exists i \in D_n (lpha i = j+1)\} \end{array}$$

where $\langle D_n \rangle_n$ is some standard enumeration of finite sets, e.g. $D_n = \{m_0 < \ldots < m_{p-1}\} \Leftrightarrow n = \sum_{i < p} 2^{m_i}$.

A function $\beta \in \mathbb{B}$ witnesses the compactness of $X \subset \mathbb{R}$ (is a witness for compactness of X) iff

$$\forall \alpha[(X \subset \bigcup C_{\alpha}) \leftrightarrow (\alpha \in \text{dom}(\Phi_{\beta}))] \text{ and }$$

 $\forall \alpha[(X \subset \bigcup C_{\alpha}) \to X \subset \bigcup C_{\alpha,\beta(\alpha)}].$

The weak Heine-Borel representation is then given by

$$\begin{array}{ll} \alpha \in \mathrm{dom}(\delta_{\mathrm{whb}}) & := \exists X \subset \mathrm{I\!R}(\alpha \text{ witnesses compactness of X}) \\ \delta_{\mathrm{whb}}(\alpha) & := \bigcap \{ \bigcup C_{\beta,\alpha(\beta)} : \alpha(\beta) \downarrow \land \beta \in \mathrm{I\!B} \} \end{array}$$

Theorem. $\delta_{bcl} \leq \delta_{whb}$.

PROOF. We show constructively $\forall \alpha \in \text{dom}(\delta_{bcl}) \exists \gamma \in \text{dom}(\delta_{whb})(\delta_{bcl}(\alpha) = \delta_{whb}(\gamma))$. Let $\hat{n} * \alpha \in \text{dom}(\delta_{bcl})$, then $\delta_{bcl}(\hat{n} * \alpha) = [-n, n] \setminus \bigcup \{I_j : j \in \text{En}(\alpha)\} = [-n, n] \setminus \bigcup C_{\alpha}$. Assuming the compactness of [-n, n] (which is a consequence of FAN) we have

$$\delta_{\mathrm{bcl}}(\hat{n} * \alpha) \subset \bigcup C_{\beta} \Leftrightarrow \exists m([-n, n] \subset \bigcup C_{\alpha, m} \cup \bigcup C_{\beta, m})$$

and

$$[-n,n]\subset \bigcup C_{\alpha,n}\cup \bigcup C_{eta,m}\Rightarrow \delta_{\mathrm{bcl}}(\hat{n}*lpha)\subset \bigcup C_{eta,m}.$$

Since $[-n, n] \subset \bigcup C_{\alpha,n} \cup \bigcup C_{\beta,m}$ is decidable in n, m, α, β , we can compute m for any β covering $\delta_{\text{bcl}}(\hat{n} * \alpha)$. \square

This proof is constructive (assuming FAN), so, with an appeal to our derived rule M may be found continuously from β , by Φ_{γ} say. Then γ is a witness for the compactness of $\delta_{\rm bcl}(\hat{n}*\alpha)$, and may be found (again appealing to the derived rule) continuously from α .

REMARK. If we compare the proof with the similar argument in [KW], we see that we have saved little work by an appeal to the derived rule, since the continuity of the dependencies is not difficult to see. But the proof shows at least that this result fits into our "metamathematical schema".

More interesting is a proof of the converse, $\delta_{\rm whb} \preceq \delta_{\rm bcl}$. The proof in [KW3] looks (nearly) constructive, but does not bring the statement under our schema, since (a) constructively we also need to show that $\delta_{\rm whb}(\alpha)$ defines a closed set (in CM a witness of compactness does not uniquely determine the set being witnessed: $[1,2] \cup [2,3]$ and [1,3] have the same witnesses of compactness, but $[1,2] \cup [2,3]$ is not closed), and (b) the domain of $\delta_{\rm whb}$ has not been defined in EL. So we have to prove a

Lemma. $\alpha \in \text{dom}(\delta_{\text{whb}})$ is expressible by an almost negative predicate. Proof.

(1)
$$\forall \gamma [(\bigcap_{\beta} \{ \bigcup C_{\beta,\alpha(\beta)} : \alpha(\beta) \downarrow \} \subset \bigcup C_{\gamma}) \to \alpha(\gamma) \downarrow]$$

expresses that α witnesses compactness of $\bigcap_{\beta} \{ \bigcup C_{\beta,\alpha(\beta)} : \alpha(\beta) \downarrow \}$. We can rewrite (1) as

(2)
$$\forall \gamma [\forall \gamma' (\forall \beta (\alpha(\beta)) \to \delta_{\mathbb{R}}(\gamma') \in \bigcup C_{\beta,\alpha(\beta)}) \to \delta_{\mathbb{R}}(\gamma') \in \bigcup C_{\gamma}) \to \alpha(\gamma) \downarrow]$$

and this is easily verified to be equivalent to an almost negative statement.

In order to meet objection (a) above, we need a

LEMMA. In EL + MP we can prove that whenever

(1)
$$\forall \gamma [(\bigcap_{\beta} \{ \bigcup C_{\beta,\alpha(\beta)} : \alpha(\beta) \downarrow \} \subset \bigcup C_{\gamma}) \to \alpha(\gamma) \downarrow]$$

then $\delta_{\text{whb}}(\alpha) \equiv X_{\alpha}$ is closed.

PROOF. Let $x \notin X_{\alpha}$, $X_{\alpha} \subset [-n, n]$. (We may assume this without loss of generality, since $C_{\lambda n,n}$ certainly covers, so $\alpha(\lambda n,n)\downarrow$, and $\bigcup C_{\lambda n,n,\alpha(\lambda n,n)}$ provides us with a bound.) Consider the following subset of $\langle I_n \rangle_n$ consisting of intervals of the forms

$$\{(r,r'): r \le -n-1 \land r' < x\}, \ \{(r,r'): x < r \land n+1 \le r'\}.$$

This set covers X_{α} , for if $x' \in X_{\alpha}$, $x \neq x$, then by Markov's principle $x' \sharp x$, i.e. x' < x or x < x', hence $x' \in (-n-1,r)$ for some r < x or $x' \in (r', n+1)$ for some r' > x. Since X_{α} is compact, there is a finite collection

$$\{(r'_1, r_1), \dots, (r'_p, r_p)\} \cup \{(s_1, s'_1), \dots, (s_q, s'_q)\}$$

with $r_i' \leq -n-1$, $r_i < x, x < s_j, n+1 \leq s_j'$ covering X_{α} . Now each $x' \in X_{\alpha}$ has a distance to x of at least $\inf\{x - \sup\{r_1, \ldots, r_p\}, \inf\{s_1, \ldots, s_q\} - x\} > 0$. Therefore, if x is in the closure of X_{α} , also $\neg \neg x \in X_{\alpha}$. If $x \in X_{\alpha}$, then

$$\forall \beta(\alpha(\beta)) \rightarrow \exists j (x \in I_j \in C_{\beta,\alpha(\beta)}),$$

hence if $\neg \neg x \in X_{\alpha}$, then

$$\forall \beta(\alpha(\beta)) \rightarrow \neg\neg \exists j(x \in I_j \in C_{\beta,\alpha(\beta)})).$$

By Markov's principle, we can drop $\neg\neg$, so $x \in X$. \Box

By means of the preceding two lemma's, the proof in [KW] is now easily adapted to obtain

PROPOSITION. $dom(\delta_{whb}) \subset dom(\delta_{bcl})$ is constructively provable. \square

This brings the reducibility $\delta_{\text{whb}} \leq \delta_{\text{bcl}}$ under our general schema. But note that in this case the balance of work is even *negative*: in order to make the proof of the proposition constructive we needed to put in extra work.

7 Concluding remarks

(1) Our discussion covers most, but not all specific representations and reducibilities discussed in the work of Weihrauch and Kreitz. Thus in [W2] representations for sets of continuous maps between separable metric spaces in which a pointset X appears as a parameter (the domain of definition of the function). To bring this under the schema, we need to extend the results of section 4 to EL extended with a (purely schematic) set variable. We have checked that this is possible, but we are not really satisfied with our treatment.

The formulation of an TR-analogue to a CM-inclusion or -equality statement may become awkward if the CM-statement is expressed in a language with set variables. As an example, consider the following simple theorem taken from [BB, page 37]:

THEOREM. For inhabited sets $X \subset \mathbb{R}$ with an upper bound, X has an l.u.b. iff (*) $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}(x < y \to y \ge X \lor \exists x' \in X(x < x'))$, where $y \ge X := \forall x \in X(y \ge x)$. \Box

This theorem may be recast as $\delta_{1,X} \equiv \delta_{2,X}$ where $\delta_{1,X}$ and $\delta_{2,X}$ are representations depending on a parameter X. A code in $\text{dom}(\delta_{1,X})$ should specify an $x_0 \in X$, an upper bound for X, and a decision function applicable to pairs x,y with x < y for (*), plus a function yielding the $x' \in X$ if the second alternative in (*) holds. $\delta_{1,X}$ assigns to this code simply l.u.b.(X). A code for $\delta_{2,X}$ should specify an element of X, an upper bound x_1 of X, and a sequence $(y_n)_n \subset X$ such that $y_n + 2^{-n} > x_1$.

As the example shows, the fact that $P(\mathbb{R})$ is not encodable by \mathbb{B} may be circumvented by parametric representations. We suspect that this can be done quite generally (cf. the representations of the continuous partial functions between metric spaces mentioned above), but this aspect calls for further investigation.

- (2) For reducibilities between representations expressible in EL, function realizability provides a key to understanding the analogies between CM and TR. However, in general there is no saving of labour in deriving reducibilities from CM-results. But the CM-results suggest reducibilities, and the discussion shows that attention to the logical form of the definitions of domains of representations may help to explain why certain representations are better behaved than others a type of explanation different in spirit from the topological criteria in [KW2], hence adding a little bit of insight.
- (3) We believe that comparison between CM and TR may be useful in selecting the mathematically best-behaved representations.

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