Synthetic Computability in Constructive Type Theory

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Theorem V *For every $m,n \geq 1$, there exists a recursive function $s_n{}^m$ of $m + 1$ variables such that for all x, $y_1, \ldots, y_m$,*

$$\lambda z_1 \cdots z_n[\varphi_x^{(m+n)}(y_1, \ldots, y_m, z_1, \ldots, z_n)] = \varphi^{(n)}_{s_n{}^m(x,y_1,\ldots,y_m)}.$$

Proof. Take the case $m = n = 1$. (Proof is analogous for the other cases.) Consider the family of all partial functions of one variable which are expressible as $\lambda z[\varphi_x{}^{(2)}(y,z)]$ for various x and y. Using our standard formal characterization for functions of two variables, we can view this as a new formal characterization for a class of partial recursive functions of one variable. By Part III of the Basic Result, there exists a uniform effective procedure for going from sets of instructions in this new characterization to sets of instructions in the old. Hence, by Church's Thesis, there must be a recursive function f of two variables such that

$$\lambda z[\varphi_x{}^{(2)}(y,z)] = \varphi_{f(x,y)}.$$

This f is our desired $s_1{}^1$.⊠

The informal argument by appeal to Church's Thesis and Part III of the Basic Result can be replaced by a formal proof. (Indeed, the functions $s_n{}^m$ can be shown to be primitive recursive.) We refer the reader to Davis [1958] and Kleene [1952]. Theorem V is known as the *s-m-n theorem* and is due to Kleene. Theorem V (together with Church's Thesis) is a tool of great range and power.

THEOREM 1.1. *There is a primitive recursive function* $\gamma(r, y)$ *such that, for* $n \geqq 1$,

$$[r]^A_{1+n}(y, \mathfrak{x}^{(n)}) = [\gamma(r, y)]_n{}^A(\mathfrak{x}^{(n)}).$$

Intuitively, this result may be interpreted, for $A = \phi$, $n = 1$, as declaring the existence of an algorithm[1] by means of which, given any Turing machine Z and number m, a Turing machine Z_m can be found such that

$$\Psi_{Z^{(2)}}(m, x) = \Psi_{Z_m}(x).$$

Now it is clear that there exist Turing machines Z_m satisfying this last relation since, for each fixed m, $\Psi_{Z^{(2)}}(m, x)$ is certainly a partial recursive function of x. Hence, the content of our theorem (in this special case) is that Z_m can be found effectively in terms of Z and m. However, such a Z_m can readily be described as a Turing machine which, beginning at $\alpha = q_1 1^{x+1}$, proceeds to print $\bar{m} = 1^{m+1}$ to the left, eventually arriving at $\beta = q_N 1^{m+1} B 1^{x+1}$, and then proceeds to act like Z when confronted with

[1] Actually, an algorithm given by a *primitive* recursive function.

$q_1 1^{m+1} B 1^{x+1}$. As the general case does not differ essentially from this special case, all that is required for a formal proof is a detailed construction of Z_m and a careful consideration of the Gödel numbers. The reader who wishes to omit the tedious details, and simply accept the result, may well do so.

PROOF OF THEOREM 1.1. For each value of y, let W_y be the Turing machine consisting of the following quadruples:

$$\begin{array}{l} q_1\ 1\ L\ q_1 \\ q_1\ B\ L\ q_2 \\ \left.\begin{array}{l} q_{i+1}\ B\ 1\ q_{i+1} \\ q_{i+1}\ 1\ L\ q_{i+2} \end{array}\right\} 1 \leqq i \leqq y \\ q_{y+2}\ B\ 1\ q_{y+3}. \end{array}$$

Then, with respect to W_y,

$$\begin{aligned} q_1(\overline{\mathfrak{x}^{(n)}}) &\to q_1 B(\overline{\mathfrak{x}^{(n)}}) \\ &\to q_2 BB(\overline{\mathfrak{x}^{(n)}}) \\ &\to \cdots \\ &\to q_{y+3}(\overline{y, \mathfrak{x}^{(n)}}). \end{aligned}$$

Let r be a Gödel number of a Turing machine Z, and let

$$Z_y = W_y \cup Z^{(y+2)}.\dagger$$

Then, since the quadruples of $Z^{(y+2)}$ have precisely the same effect on $q_{y+3}(\overline{y, \mathfrak{x}^{(n)}})$ that those of Z have on $q_1(\overline{y, \mathfrak{x}^{(n)}})$, we have

$$\Psi^{(n)}_{Z_y;A}(\mathfrak{x}^{(n)}) = \Psi^{(1+n)}_{Z}(y, \mathfrak{x}^{(n)}) = [r]^A_{1+n}(y, \mathfrak{x}^{(n)}). \qquad (1)$$

We now proceed to evaluate one of the Gödel numbers of Z_y as a function of r and y. The Gödel numbers of the quadruples that make up W_y are as follows:[1]

$$\begin{aligned} a &= \text{gn}\ (q_1\ 1\ L\ q_1) = 2^9 \cdot 3^{11} \cdot 5^5 \cdot 7^9, \\ b &= \text{gn}\ (q_1\ B\ L\ q_2) = 2^9 \cdot 3^7 \cdot 5^5 \cdot 7^{13}, \\ c(i) &= \text{gn}\ (q_{i+1}\ B\ 1\ q_{i+1}) = 2^{4i+9} \cdot 3^7 \cdot 5^{11} \cdot 7^{4i+9},\ 1 \leqq i \leqq y, \\ d(i) &= \text{gn}\ (q_{i+1}\ 1\ L\ q_{i+2}) = 2^{4i+9} \cdot 3^{11} \cdot 5^5 \cdot 7^{4i+13},\ 1 \leqq i \leqq y, \\ e(y) &= \text{gn}\ (q_{y+2}\ B\ 1\ q_{i+3}) = 2^{4y+13} \cdot 3^7 \cdot 5^{11} \cdot 7^{4y+17}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, if we let

$$\varphi(y) = 2^a \cdot 3^b \cdot 5^{e(y)} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^{y} [\text{Pr}\ (i+3)^{c(i)}\ \text{Pr}\ (i+y+3)^{d(i)}],$$

then $\varphi(y)$ is a primitive recursive function, and, for each y, $\varphi(y)$ is a Gödel number of W_y.

We recall that the predicate IC (x), which is true if and only if x is the number associated with an internal configuration q_i, is primitive recursive, since

$$\text{IC}\ (x) \leftrightarrow \bigvee_{y=0}^{x} (x = 4y + 9).$$

Hence, the function $\iota(x)$, which is 1 when x is the number associated with a q_i and 0 otherwise, is primitive recursive. If h is the Gödel number of a quadruple, then the Gödel number of the quadruple obtained from this one by replacing each q_i by q_{i+y+2} is

$$f(h, y) = 2^{1\,\text{Gl}\,h+4y+8} \cdot 3^{2\,\text{Gl}\,h} \cdot 5^{3\,\text{Gl}\,h+(4y+8)\iota(3\,\text{Gl}\,h)} \cdot 7^{4\,\text{Gl}\,h+4y+8}.$$

Here, $f(h, y)$ is primitive recursive. Hence, if we let

$$\theta(r, y) = \prod_{i=1}^{\mathfrak{L}(r)} \text{Pr}\ (i)^{f(i\,\text{Gl}\,r, y)},$$

then $\theta(r, y)$ is a primitive recursive function and, for each y, $\theta(r, y)$ is a Gödel number of $Z^{(y+2)}$.

Let $\tau(x) = 1$ if x is a Gödel number of a Turing machine; 0, otherwise. Then, by (11) of Chap. 4, Sec. 1, $\tau(x)$ is primitive recursive. Finally, let

$$\gamma(r, y) = (\varphi(y) * \theta(r, y))\tau(r).$$

Then $\gamma(r, y)$ is a primitive recursive function and, for each y, $\gamma(r, y)$ is a Gödel number of Z_y. Hence, by (1),

$$[\gamma(r, y)]_n{}^A(\mathfrak{x}^{(n)}) = [r]^A_{1+n}(y, \mathfrak{x}^{(n)}). \qquad (2)$$

It remains only to consider the case where r is not a Gödel number of a Turing machine. In that case, $\gamma(r, y)$, as defined above, is 0 and, thus, is itself not the Gödel number of a Turing machine; so (2) remains correct.[1]

THEOREM 1.2 (Kleene's Iteration Theorem[2]). *For each* m *there is a primitive recursive function* $S^m(r, \mathfrak{y}^{(m)})$ *such that, for* $n \geqq 1$,

$$[r]^A_{m+n}(\mathfrak{y}^{(m)}, \mathfrak{x}^{(n)}) = [S^m(r, \mathfrak{y}^{(m)})]_n{}^A(\mathfrak{x}^{(n)}).$$

Note that Theorem 1.1 is simply Theorem 1.2 with $m = 1$.

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section ‹The $s$-$m$-$n$ theorem›

text ‹For all $m, n > 0$ there is an $(m + 1)$-ary primitive recursive
function $s^m_n$ with
\[
  \varphi_p^{(m + n)}(c_1, \dots,c_m, x_1, \dots, x_n) =
  \varphi_{s^m_n(p, c_1, \dots,c_m)}^{(n)}(x_1, \dots, x_n)
\]
for all $p, c_1, \ldots, c_m, x_1, \ldots, x_n$. Here, $\varphi^{(n)}$ is a
function universal for $n$-ary partial recursive functions, which we will
represent by @{term "r_universal n"}›

text ‹The $s^m_n$ functions compute codes of functions. We start simple:
computing codes of the unary constant functions.›

fun code_const1 :: "nat ⇒ nat" where
  "code_const1 0 = 0"
| "code_const1 (Suc c) = quad_encode 3 1 1 (singleton_encode (code_const1 c))"

lemma code_const1: "code_const1 c = encode (r_const c)"
  by (induction c) simp_all

definition "r_code_const1_aux ≡
  Cn 3 r_prod_encode
    [r_constn 2 3,
     Cn 3 r_prod_encode
       [r_constn 2 1,
        Cn 3 r_prod_encode
          [r_constn 2 1, Cn 3 r_singleton_encode [Id 3 1]]]]"

lemma r_code_const1_aux_prim: "prim_recfn 3 r_code_const1_aux"
  by (simp_all add: r_code_const1_aux_def)

lemma r_code_const1_aux:
  "eval r_code_const1_aux [i, r, c] ↓= quad_encode 3 1 1 (singleton_encode r)"
  by (simp add: r_code_const1_aux_def)

definition "r_code_const1 ≡ r_shrink (Pr 1 Z r_code_const1_aux)"

lemma r_code_const1_prim: "prim_recfn 1 r_code_const1"
  by (simp_all add: r_code_const1_def r_code_const1_aux_prim)

lemma r_code_const1: "eval r_code_const1 [c] ↓= code_const1 c"
proof -
  let ?h = "Pr 1 Z r_code_const1_aux"
  have "eval ?h [c, x] ↓= code_const1 c" for x
    using r_code_const1_aux r_code_const1_def
    by (induction c) (simp_all add: r_code_const1_aux_prim)
  then show ?thesis by (simp add: r_code_const1_def r_code_const1_aux_prim)
qed

text ‹Functions that compute codes of higher-arity constant functions:›

definition code_constn :: "nat ⇒ nat ⇒ nat" where
  "code_constn n c ≡
    if n = 1 then code_const1 c
    else quad_encode 3 n (code_const1 c) (singleton_encode (triple_encode 2 n 0))"

lemma code_constn: "code_constn (Suc n) c = encode (r_constn n c)"
  unfolding code_constn_def using code_const1 r_constn_def
  by (cases "n = 0") simp_all

definition r_code_constn :: "nat ⇒ recf" where
  "r_code_constn n ≡
     if n = 1 then r_code_const1
     else
       Cn 1 r_prod_encode
        [r_const 3,
         Cn 1 r_prod_encode
          [r_const n,
           Cn 1 r_prod_encode
            [r_code_const1,
             Cn 1 r_singleton_encode
              [Cn 1 r_prod_encode
                [r_const 2, Cn 1 r_prod_encode [r_const n, Z]]]]]]"

lemma r_code_constn_prim: "prim_recfn 1 (r_code_constn n)"
  by (simp_all add: r_code_constn_def r_code_const1_prim)

lemma r_code_constn: "eval (r_code_constn n) [c] ↓= code_constn n c"
  by (auto simp add: r_code_constn_def r_code_const1 code_constn_def r_code_const1_prim)

text ‹Computing codes of $m$-ary projections:›

definition code_id :: "nat ⇒ nat ⇒ nat" where
  "code_id m n ≡ triple_encode 2 m n"

lemma code_id: "encode (Id m n) = code_id m n"
  unfolding code_id_def by simp

text ‹The functions $s^m_n$ are represented by the following function.
The value $m$ corresponds to the length of @{term "cs"}.›

definition smn :: "nat ⇒ nat ⇒ nat list ⇒ nat" where
  "smn n p cs ≡ quad_encode
     3
     n
     (encode (r_universal (n + length cs)))
     (list_encode (code_constn n p # map (code_constn n) cs @ map (code_id n) [0..<n]))"

lemma smn:
  assumes "n > 0"
  shows "smn n p cs = encode
   (Cn n
     (r_universal (n + length cs))
     (r_constn (n - 1) p # map (r_constn (n - 1)) cs @ (map (Id n) [0..<n])))"
proof -
  let ?p = "r_constn (n - 1) p"
  let ?gs1 = "map (r_constn (n - 1)) cs"
  let ?gs2 = "map (Id n) [0..<n]"
  let ?gs = "?p # ?gs1 @ ?gs2"
  have "map encode ?gs1 = map (code_constn n) cs"
    by (intro nth_equalityI; auto; metis code_constn assms Suc_pred)
  moreover have "map encode ?gs2 = map (code_id n) [0..<n]"
    by (rule nth_equalityI) (auto simp add: code_id_def)
  moreover have "encode ?p = code_constn n p"
    using assms code_constn[of "n - 1" p] by simp
  ultimately have "map encode ?gs =
      code_constn n p # map (code_constn n) cs @ map (code_id n) [0..<n]"
    by simp
  then show ?thesis
    unfolding smn_def using assms encode.simps(4) by presburger
qed

text ‹The next function is to help us define @{typ recf}s corresponding
to the $s^m_n$ functions. It maps $m + 1$ arguments $p, c_1, \ldots, c_m$ to
an encoded list of length $m + n + 1$. The list comprises the $m + 1$ codes
of the $n$-ary constants $p, c_1, \ldots, c_m$ and the $n$ codes for all
$n$-ary projections.›

definition r_smn_aux :: "nat ⇒ nat ⇒ recf" where
    list_encode (map (code_constn n) (p # cs) @ map (code_id n) [0..<n])"
proof -
  let ?xs = "map (λi. Cn (Suc m) (r_code_constn n) [Id (Suc m) i]) [0..<Suc m]"
  let ?ys = "map (λi. r_constn m (code_id n i)) [0..<n]"
  have len_xs: "length ?xs = Suc m" by simp

  have map_xs: "map (λg. eval g (p # cs)) ?xs = map Some (map (code_constn n) (p # cs))"
  proof (intro nth_equalityI)
    show len: "length (map (λg. eval g (p # cs)) ?xs) =
        length (map Some (map (code_constn n) (p # cs)))"
      by (simp add: assms(2))

    have "map (λg. eval g (p # cs)) ?xs ! i = map Some (map (code_constn n) (p # cs)) ! i"
        if "i < Suc m" for i
    proof -
      have "map (λg. eval g (p # cs)) ?xs ! i = (λg. eval g (p # cs)) (?xs ! i)"
        using len_xs that by (metis nth_map)
      also have "... = eval (Cn (Suc m) (r_code_constn n) [Id (Suc m) i]) (p # cs)"
        using that len_xs
        by (metis (no_types, lifting) add.left_neutral length_map nth_map nth_upt)
      also have "... = eval (r_code_constn n) [the (eval (Id (Suc m) i) (p # cs))]"
        using r_code_constn_prim assms(2) that by simp
      also have "... = eval (r_code_constn n) [(p # cs) ! i]"
        using len that by simp
      finally have "map (λg. eval g (p # cs)) ?xs ! i ↓= code_constn n ((p # cs) ! i)"
        using r_code_constn by simp
      then show ?thesis
        using len_xs len that by (metis length_map nth_map)
    qed
    moreover have "length (map (λg. eval g (p # cs)) ?xs) = Suc m" by simp
    ultimately show "⋀i. i < length (map (λg. eval g (p # cs)) ?xs) ⟹
        map (λg. eval g (p # cs)) ?xs ! i =
        map Some (map (code_constn n) (p # cs)) ! i"
      by simp
  qed
  moreover have "map (λg. eval g (p # cs)) ?ys = map Some (map (code_id n) [0..<n])"
    using assms(2) by (intro nth_equalityI; auto)
  ultimately have "map (λg. eval g (p # cs)) (?xs @ ?ys) =
      map Some (map (code_constn n) (p # cs) @ map (code_id n) [0..<n])"
    by (metis map_append)
  moreover have "map (λx. the (eval x (p # cs))) (?xs @ ?ys) =
      map the (map (λx. eval x (p # cs)) (?xs @ ?ys))"
    by simp
  ultimately have *: "map (λg. the (eval g (p # cs))) (?xs @ ?ys) =
      (map (code_constn n) (p # cs) @ map (code_id n) [0..<n])"
    by simp

  have "∀i<length ?xs. eval (?xs ! i) (p # cs) = map (λg. eval g (p # cs)) ?xs ! i"
    by (metis nth_map)
  then have
    "∀i<length ?xs. eval (?xs ! i) (p # cs) = map Some (map (code_constn n) (p # cs)) ! i"
    using map_xs by simp
  then have "∀i<length ?xs. eval (?xs ! i) (p # cs) ↓"
    using assms map_xs by (metis length_map nth_map option.simps(3))
  then have xs_converg: "∀z∈set ?xs. eval z (p # cs) ↓"
    by (metis in_set_conv_nth)

  have "∀i<length ?ys. eval (?ys ! i) (p # cs) = map (λx. eval x (p # cs)) ?ys ! i"
    by simp
  then have
    "∀i<length ?ys. eval (?ys ! i) (p # cs) = map Some (map (code_id n) [0..<n]) ! i"
    using assms(2) by simp
  then have "∀i<length ?ys. eval (?ys ! i) (p # cs) ↓"
    by simp
  then have "∀z∈set (?xs @ ?ys). eval z (p # cs) ↓"
    using xs_converg by auto
  moreover have "recfn (length (p # cs)) (Cn (Suc m) (r_list_encode (m + n)) (?xs @ ?ys))"
    using assms r_code_constn_prim by auto
  ultimately have "eval (r_smn_aux n m) (p # cs) =
      eval (r_list_encode (m + n)) (map (λg. the (eval g (p # cs))) (?xs @ ?ys))"
    unfolding r_smn_aux_def using assms by simp
  then have "eval (r_smn_aux n m) (p # cs) =
      eval (r_list_encode (m + n)) (map (code_constn n) (p # cs) @ map (code_id n) [0..<n])"
    using * by metis
  moreover have "length (?xs @ ?ys) = Suc (m + n)" by simp
  ultimately show ?thesis
    using r_list_encode * assms(1) by (metis (no_types, lifting) length_map)
qed

text ‹For all $m, n > 0$, the @{typ recf} corresponding to $s^m_n$ is
given by the next function.›

definition r_smn :: "nat ⇒ nat ⇒ recf" where
 "r_smn n m ≡
    Cn (Suc m) r_prod_encode
     [r_constn m 3,
      Cn (Suc m) r_prod_encode
       [r_constn m n,
        Cn (Suc m) r_prod_encode
          [r_constn m (encode (r_universal (n + m))), r_smn_aux n m]]]"

lemma r_smn_prim [simp]: "n > 0 ⟹ prim_recfn (Suc m) (r_smn n m)"
  by (simp_all add: r_smn_def r_smn_aux_prim)

lemma r_smn:
  assumes "n > 0" and "length cs = m"
  shows "eval (r_smn n m) (p # cs) ↓= smn n p cs"
  using assms r_smn_def r_smn_aux smn_def r_smn_aux_prim by simp

lemma map_eval_Some_the:
  assumes "map (λg. eval g xs) gs = map Some ys"
  shows "map (λg. the (eval g xs)) gs = ys"
  using assms
  by (metis (no_types, lifting) length_map nth_equalityI nth_map option.sel)

text ‹The essential part of the $s$-$m$-$n$ theorem: For all $m, n > 0$
the function $s^m_n$ satisfies
\[
  \varphi_p^{(m + n)}(c_1, \dots,c_m, x_1, \dots, x_n) =
  \varphi_{s^m_n(p, c_1, \dots,c_m)}^{(n)}(x_1, \dots, x_n)
\] for all $p, c_i, x_j$.›

lemma smn_lemma:
  assumes "n > 0" and len_cs: "length cs = m" and len_xs: "length xs = n"
  shows "eval (r_universal (m + n)) (p # cs @ xs) =
    eval (r_universal n) ((the (eval (r_smn n m) (p # cs))) # xs)"
proof -
  let ?s = "r_smn n m"
  let ?f = "Cn n
    (r_universal (n + length cs))
    (r_constn (n - 1) p # map (r_constn (n - 1)) cs @ (map (Id n) [0..<n]))"
  have "eval ?s (p # cs) ↓= smn n p cs"
    using assms r_smn by simp
  then have eval_s: "eval ?s (p # cs) ↓= encode ?f"
    by (simp add: assms(1) smn)

  have "recfn n ?f"
    using len_cs assms by auto
  then have *: "eval (r_universal n) ((encode ?f) # xs) = eval ?f xs"
    using r_universal[of ?f n, OF _ len_xs] by simp

  let ?gs = "r_constn (n - 1) p # map (r_constn (n - 1)) cs @ map (Id n) [0..<n]"
      show "length (map (λg. the (eval g xs)) ?gs) = length (p # cs @ xs)"
        by (simp add: len_xs)
      have len: "length (map (λg. the (eval g xs)) ?gs) = Suc (m + n)"
        by (simp add: len_cs)
      moreover have "map (λg. the (eval g xs)) ?gs ! i = (p # cs @ xs) ! i"
        if "i < Suc (m + n)" for i
      proof -
        from that consider "i = 0" | "i > 0 ∧ i < Suc m" | "Suc m ≤ i ∧ i < Suc (m + n)"
          using not_le_imp_less by auto
        then show ?thesis
        proof (cases)
          case 1
          then show ?thesis using assms(1) len_xs by simp
        next
          case 2
          then have "?gs ! i = (map (r_constn (n - 1)) cs) ! (i - 1)"
            using len_cs
            by (metis One_nat_def Suc_less_eq Suc_pred length_map
              less_numeral_extra(3) nth_Cons' nth_append)
          then have "map (λg. the (eval g xs)) ?gs ! i =
              (λg. the (eval g xs)) ((map (r_constn (n - 1)) cs) ! (i - 1))"
            using len by (metis length_map nth_map that)
          also have "... = the (eval ((r_constn (n - 1) (cs ! (i - 1)))) xs)"
            using 2 len_cs by auto
          also have "... = cs ! (i - 1)"
            using r_constn len_xs assms(1) by simp
          also have "... = (p # cs @ xs) ! i"
            using 2 len_cs
            by (metis diff_Suc_1 less_Suc_eq_0_disj less_numeral_extra(3) nth_Cons' nth_append)
          finally show ?thesis .
        next
          case 3
          then have "?gs ! i = (map (Id n) [0..<n]) ! (i - Suc m)"
            using len_cs
            by (simp; metis (no_types, lifting) One_nat_def Suc_less_eq add_leE
              plus_1_eq_Suc diff_diff_left length_map not_le nth_append
              ordered_cancel_comm_monoid_diff_class.add_diff_inverse)
          then have "map (λg. the (eval g xs)) ?gs ! i =
              (λg. the (eval g xs)) ((map (Id n) [0..<n]) ! (i - Suc m))"
            using len by (metis length_map nth_map that)
          also have "... = the (eval ((Id n (i - Suc m))) xs)"
            using 3 len_cs by auto
          also have "... = xs ! (i - Suc m)"
            using len_xs 3 by auto
          also have "... = (p # cs @ xs) ! i"
            using len_cs len_xs 3
            by (metis diff_Suc_1 diff_diff_left less_Suc_eq_0_disj not_le nth_Cons'
              nth_append plus_1_eq_Suc)
          finally show ?thesis .
        qed
      qed
      ultimately show "map (λg. the (eval g xs)) ?gs ! i = (p # cs @ xs) ! i"
          if "i < length (map (λg. the (eval g xs)) ?gs)" for i
        using that by simp
    qed
    ultimately show ?thesis by simp
qed

theorem smn_theorem:
  assumes "n > 0"
  shows "∃s. prim_recfn (Suc m) s ∧
    (∀p cs xs. length cs = m ∧ length xs = n ⟶
      eval (r_universal (m + n)) (p # cs @ xs) =
      eval (r_universal n) ((the (eval s (p # cs))) # xs))"
  using smn_lemma exI[of _ "r_smn n m"] assms by simp
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Machine-checked textbook proofs

Theorem V *For every* $m,n \geq 1$, *there exists a recursive function* $s_n{}^m$ *of* $m + 1$ *variables such that for all* $x, y_1, \ldots, y_m$,

$$\lambda z_1 \cdots z_n[\varphi_x^{(m+n)}(y_1, \ldots, y_m, z_1, \ldots, z_n)] = \varphi^{(n)}_{s_n{}^m(x,y_1,\ldots,y_m)}.$$

Proof. Take the case $m = n = 1$. (Proof is analogous for the other cases.) Consider the family of all partial functions of one variable which are expressible as $\lambda z[\varphi_x{}^{(2)}(y,z)]$ for various x and y. Using our standard formal characterization for functions of two variables, we can view this as a new formal characterization for a class of partial recursive functions of one variable. By Part III of the Basic Result, there exists a uniform effective procedure for going from sets of instructions in this new characterization to sets of instructions in the old. Hence, by Church's Thesis, there must be a recursive function f of two variables such that

$$\lambda z[\varphi_x{}^{(2)}(y,z)] = \varphi_{f(x,y)}.$$

This f is our desired $s_1{}^1$.☒

The informal argument by appeal to Church's Thesis and Part III of the Basic Result can be replaced by a formal proof. (Indeed, the functions $s_n{}^m$ can be shown to be primitive recursive.) We refer the reader to Davis [1958] and Kleene [1952]. Theorem V is known as the *s-m-n theorem* and is due to Kleene. Theorem V (together with Church's Thesis) is a tool of great range and power.

THEOREM 1.1. *There is a primitive recursive function* $\gamma(r, y)$ *such that, for* $n \geqq 1$,

$$[r]^A_{1+n}(y, \mathfrak{x}^{(n)}) = [\gamma(r, y)]_n^A(\mathfrak{x}^{(n)}).$$

Intuitively, this result may be interpreted, for $A = \phi$, $n = 1$, as declaring the existence of an algorithm[1] by means of which, given any Turing machine Z and number m, a Turing machine Z_m can be found such that

$$\Psi_{Z^{(2)}}(m, x) = \Psi_{Z_m}(x).$$

Now it is clear that there exist Turing machines Z_m satisfying this last relation since, for each fixed m, $\Psi_{Z^{(2)}}(m, x)$ is certainly a partial recursive function of x. Hence, the content of our theorem (in this special case) is that Z_m can be found effectively in terms of Z and m. However, such a Z_m can readily be described as a Turing machine which, beginning at $\alpha = q_1 1^{x+1}$, proceeds to print $\bar{m} = 1^{m+1}$ to the left, eventually arriving at $\beta = q_N 1^{m+1} B 1^{x+1}$, and then proceeds to act like Z when confronted with

[1] Actually, an algorithm given by a *primitive* recursive function.

$q_1 1^{m+1} B 1^{x+1}$. As the general case does not differ essentially from this special case, all that is required for a formal proof is a detailed construction of Z_m and a careful consideration of the Gödel numbers. The reader who wishes to omit the tedious details, and simply accept the result, may well do so.

PROOF OF THEOREM 1.1. For each value of y, let W_y be the Turing machine consisting of the following quadruples:

$$\begin{array}{l} q_1\ 1\ L\ q_1 \\ q_1\ B\ L\ q_2 \\ \left.\begin{array}{l} q_{i+1}\ B\ 1\ q_{i+1} \\ q_{i+1}\ 1\ L\ q_{i+2} \end{array}\right\}\ 1 \leqq i \leqq y \\ q_{y+2}\ B\ 1\ q_{y+3}. \end{array}$$

Then, with respect to W_y,

$$\begin{aligned} q_1(\overline{\mathfrak{x}^{(n)}}) &\rightarrow q_1 B(\overline{\mathfrak{x}^{(n)}}) \\ &\rightarrow q_2 BB(\overline{\mathfrak{x}^{(n)}}) \\ &\rightarrow \cdots \\ &\rightarrow q_{y+3}(\overline{y, \mathfrak{x}^{(n)}}). \end{aligned}$$

Let r be a Gödel number of a Turing machine Z, and let

$$Z_y = W_y \cup Z^{(y+2)}.\dagger$$

Then, since the quadruples of $Z^{(y+2)}$ have precisely the same effect on $q_{y+3}(\overline{y, \mathfrak{x}^{(n)}})$ that those of Z have on $q_1(\overline{y, \mathfrak{x}^{(n)}})$, we have

$$\Psi^{(n)}_{Z_y;A}(\mathfrak{x}^{(n)}) = \Psi^{(1+n)}_{Z}(y, \mathfrak{x}^{(n)}) = [r]^A_{1+n}(y, \mathfrak{x}^{(n)}). \tag{1}$$

We now proceed to evaluate one of the Gödel numbers of Z_y as a function of r and y. The Gödel numbers of the quadruples that make up W_y are as follows:[1]

$$\begin{aligned} a &= \text{gn}\ (q_1\ 1\ L\ q_1) = 2^9 \cdot 3^{11} \cdot 5^5 \cdot 7^9, \\ b &= \text{gn}\ (q_1\ B\ L\ q_2) = 2^9 \cdot 3^7 \cdot 5^5 \cdot 7^{13}, \\ c(i) &= \text{gn}\ (q_{i+1}\ B\ 1\ q_{i+1}) = 2^{4i+9} \cdot 3^7 \cdot 5^{11} \cdot 7^{4i+9},\ 1 \leqq i \leqq y, \\ d(i) &= \text{gn}\ (q_{i+1}\ 1\ L\ q_{i+2}) = 2^{4i+9} \cdot 3^{11} \cdot 5^5 \cdot 7^{4i+13},\ 1 \leqq i \leqq y, \\ e(y) &= \text{gn}\ (q_{y+2}\ B\ 1\ q_{i+3}) = 2^{4y+13} \cdot 3^7 \cdot 5^{11} \cdot 7^{4y+17}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, if we let

$$\varphi(y) = 2^a \cdot 3^b \cdot 5^{e(y)} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^{y} [\text{Pr}\ (i + 3)^{c(i)}\ \text{Pr}\ (i + y + 3)^{d(i)}],$$

then $\varphi(y)$ is a primitive recursive function, and, for each y, $\varphi(y)$ is a Gödel number of W_y.

We recall that the predicate IC (x), which is true if and only if x is the number associated with an internal configuration q_i, is primitive recursive, since

$$\text{IC}\ (x) \leftrightarrow \bigvee_{y=0}^{x} (x = 4y + 9).$$

Hence, the function $\iota(x)$, which is 1 when x is the number associated with a q_i and 0 otherwise, is primitive recursive. If h is the Gödel number of a quadruple, then the Gödel number of the quadruple obtained from this one by replacing each q_i by q_{i+y+2} is

$$f(h, y) = 2^{1\,\text{Gl}\,h+4y+8} \cdot 3^{2\,\text{Gl}\,h} \cdot 5^{3\,\text{Gl}\,h+(4y+8)\iota(3\,\text{Gl}\,h)} \cdot 7^{4\,\text{Gl}\,h+4y+8}.$$

Here, $f(h, y)$ is primitive recursive. Hence, if we let

$$\theta(r, y) = \prod_{i=1}^{\mathfrak{L}(r)} \text{Pr}\ (i)^{f(i\,\text{Gl}\,r, y)},$$

then $\theta(r, y)$ is a primitive recursive function and, for each y, $\theta(r, y)$ is a Gödel number of $Z^{(y+2)}$.

Let $\tau(x) = 1$ if x is a Gödel number of a Turing machine; 0, otherwise. Then, by (11) of Chap. 4, Sec. 1, $\tau(x)$ is primitive recursive. Finally, let

$$\gamma(r, y) = (\varphi(y) * \theta(r, y))\tau(r).$$

Then $\gamma(r, y)$ is a primitive recursive function and, for each y, $\gamma(r, y)$ is a Gödel number of Z_y. Hence, by (1),

$$[\gamma(r, y)]_n^A(\mathfrak{x}^{(n)}) = [r]^A_{1+n}(y, \mathfrak{x}^{(n)}). \tag{2}$$

It remains only to consider the case where r is not a Gödel number of a Turing machine. In that case, $\gamma(r, y)$, as defined above, is 0 and, thus, is itself not the Gödel number of a Turing machine; so (2) remains correct.[1]

THEOREM 1.2 (Kleene's Iteration Theorem[2]). *For each* m *there is a primitive recursive function* $S^m(r, \mathfrak{y}^{(m)})$ *such that, for* $n \geqq 1$,

$$[r]^A_{m+n}(\mathfrak{y}^{(m)}, \mathfrak{x}^{(n)}) = [S^m(r, \mathfrak{y}^{(m)})]_n^A(\mathfrak{x}^{(n)}).$$

Note that Theorem 1.1 is simply Theorem 1.2 with $m = 1$.

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section ‹The $s$-$m$-$n$ theorem›

text ‹For all $m, n > 0$ there is an $(m + 1)$-ary primitive recursive
function $s^m_n$ with
\[
  \varphi_p^{(m + n)}(c_1, \dots,c_m, x_1, \dots, x_n) =
  \varphi_{s^m_n(p, c_1, \dots,c_m)}^{(n)}(x_1, \dots, x_n)
\]
for all $p, c_1, \ldots, c_m, x_1, \ldots, x_n$. Here, $\varphi^{(n)}$ is a
function universal for $n$-ary partial recursive functions, which we will
represent by @{term "r_universal n"}›

text ‹The $s^m_n$ functions compute codes of functions. We start simple:
computing codes of the unary constant functions.›

fun code_const1 :: "nat ⇒ nat" where
  "code_const1 0 = 0"
| "code_const1 (Suc c) = quad_encode 3 1 1 (singleton_encode (code_const1 c))"

lemma code_const1: "code_const1 c = encode (r_const c)"
  by (induction c) simp_all

definition "r_code_const1_aux ≡
  Cn 3 r_prod_encode
    [r_constn 2 3,
     Cn 3 r_prod_encode
       [r_constn 2 1,
        Cn 3 r_prod_encode
          [r_constn 2 1, Cn 3 r_singleton_encode [Id 3 1]]]]"

lemma r_code_const1_aux_prim: "prim_recfn 3 r_code_const1_aux"
  by (simp_all add: r_code_const1_aux_def)

lemma r_code_const1_aux:
  "eval r_code_const1_aux [i, r, c] ↓= quad_encode 3 1 1 (singleton_encode r)"
  by (simp add: r_code_const1_aux_def)

definition "r_code_const1 ≡ r_shrink (Pr 1 Z r_code_const1_aux)"

lemma r_code_const1_prim: "prim_recfn 1 r_code_const1"
  by (simp_all add: r_code_const1_def r_code_const1_aux_prim)

lemma r_code_const1: "eval r_code_const1 [c] ↓= code_const1 c"
proof -
  let ?h = "Pr 1 Z r_code_const1_aux"
  have "eval ?h [c, x] ↓= code_const1 c" for x
    using r_code_const1_aux r_code_const1_def
    by (induction c) (simp_all add: r_code_const1_aux_prim)
  then show ?thesis by (simp add: r_code_const1_def r_code_const1_aux_prim)
qed

text ‹Functions that compute codes of higher-arity constant functions:›

definition code_constn :: "nat ⇒ nat ⇒ nat" where
  "code_constn n c ≡
    if n = 1 then code_const1 c
    else quad_encode 3 n (code_const1 c) (singleton_encode (triple_encode 2 n 0))"

lemma code_constn: "code_constn (Suc n) c = encode (r_constn n c)"
  unfolding code_constn_def using code_const1 r_constn_def
  by (cases "n = 0") simp_all

definition r_code_constn :: "nat ⇒ recf" where
  "r_code_constn n ≡
     if n = 1 then r_code_const1
     else
       Cn 1 r_prod_encode
        [r_const 3,
         Cn 1 r_prod_encode
          [r_const n,
           Cn 1 r_prod_encode
            [r_code_const1,
             Cn 1 r_singleton_encode
              [Cn 1 r_prod_encode
                [r_const 2, Cn 1 r_prod_encode [r_const n, Z]]]]]]"

lemma r_code_constn_prim: "prim_recfn 1 (r_code_constn n)"
  by (simp_all add: r_code_constn_def r_code_const1_prim)

lemma r_code_constn: "eval (r_code_constn n) [c] ↓= code_constn n c"
  by (auto simp add: r_code_constn_def r_code_const1 code_constn_def r_code_const1_prim)

text ‹Computing codes of $m$-ary projections:›

definition code_id :: "nat ⇒ nat ⇒ nat" where
  "code_id m n ≡ triple_encode 2 m n"

lemma code_id: "encode (Id m n) = code_id m n"
  unfolding code_id_def by simp

text ‹The functions $s^m_n$ are represented by the following function.
The value $m$ corresponds to the length of @{term "cs"}.›

definition smn :: "nat ⇒ nat ⇒ nat list ⇒ nat" where
  "smn n p cs ≡ quad_encode
     3
     n
     (encode (r_universal (n + length cs)))
     (list_encode (code_constn n p # map (code_constn n) cs @ map (code_id n) [0..<n]))"

lemma smn:
  assumes "n > 0"
  shows "smn n p cs = encode
   (Cn n
     (r_universal (n + length cs))
     (r_constn (n - 1) p # map (r_constn (n - 1)) cs @ (map (Id n) [0..<n])))"
proof -
  let ?p = "r_constn (n - 1) p"
  let ?gs1 = "map (r_constn (n - 1)) cs"
  let ?gs2 = "map (Id n) [0..<n]"
  let ?gs = "?p # ?gs1 @ ?gs2"
  have "map encode ?gs1 = map (code_constn n) cs"
    by (intro nth_equalityI; auto; metis code_constn assms Suc_pred)
  moreover have "map encode ?gs2 = map (code_id n) [0..<n]"
    by (rule nth_equalityI) (auto simp add: code_id_def)
  moreover have "encode ?p = code_constn n p"
    using assms code_constn[of "n - 1" p] by simp
  ultimately have "map encode ?gs =
      code_constn n p # map (code_constn n) cs @ map (code_id n) [0..<n]"
    by simp
  then show ?thesis
    unfolding smn_def using assms encode.simps(4) by presburger
qed

text ‹The next function is to help us define @{typ recf}s corresponding
to the $s^m_n$ functions. It maps $m + 1$ arguments $p, c_1, \ldots, c_m$ to
an encoded list of length $m + n + 1$. The list comprises the $m + 1$ codes
of the $n$-ary constants $p, c_1, \ldots, c_m$ and the $n$ codes for all
$n$-ary projections.›

definition r_smn_aux :: "nat ⇒ nat ⇒ recf" where

  list_encode (map (code_constn n) (p # cs) @ map (code_id n) [0..<n])"
proof -
  let ?xs = "map (λi. Cn (Suc m) (r_code_constn n) [Id (Suc m) i]) [0..<Suc m]"
  let ?ys = "map (λi. r_constn m (code_id n i)) [0..<n]"
  have len_xs: "length ?xs = Suc m" by simp

  have map_xs: "map (λg. eval g (p # cs)) ?xs = map Some (map (code_constn n) (p # cs))"
  proof (intro nth_equalityI)
    show len: "length (map (λg. eval g (p # cs)) ?xs) =
        length (map Some (map (code_constn n) (p # cs)))"
      by (simp add: assms(2))

    have "map (λg. eval g (p # cs)) ?xs ! i = map Some (map (code_constn n) (p # cs)) ! i"
      if "i < Suc m" for i
    proof -
      have "map (λg. eval g (p # cs)) ?xs ! i = (λg. eval g (p # cs)) (?xs ! i)"
        using len_xs that by (metis nth_map)
      also have "... = eval (Cn (Suc m) (r_code_constn n) [Id (Suc m) i]) (p # cs)"
        using that len_xs
        by (metis (no_types, lifting) add.left_neutral length_map nth_map nth_upt)
      also have "... = eval (r_code_constn n) [the (eval (Id (Suc m) i) (p # cs))]"
        using r_code_constn_prim assms(2) that by simp
      also have "... = eval (r_code_constn n) [(p # cs) ! i]"
        using len that by simp
      finally have "map (λg. eval g (p # cs)) ?xs ! i ↓= code_constn n ((p # cs) ! i)"
        using r_code_constn by simp
      then show ?thesis
        using len_xs len that by (metis length_map nth_map)
    qed
    moreover have "length (map (λg. eval g (p # cs)) ?xs) = Suc m" by simp
    ultimately show "⋀i. i < length (map (λg. eval g (p # cs)) ?xs) ⟹
        map (λg. eval g (p # cs)) ?xs ! i =
        map Some (map (code_constn n) (p # cs)) ! i"
      by simp
  qed
  moreover have "map (λg. eval g (p # cs)) ?ys = map Some (map (code_id n) [0..<n])"
    using assms(2) by (intro nth_equalityI; auto)
  ultimately have "map (λg. eval g (p # cs)) (?xs @ ?ys) =
      map Some (map (code_constn n) (p # cs) @ map (code_id n) [0..<n])"
    by (metis map_append)
  moreover have "map (λx. the (eval x (p # cs))) (?xs @ ?ys) =
      map the (map (λx. eval x (p # cs)) (?xs @ ?ys))"
    by simp
  ultimately have *: "map (λg. the (eval g (p # cs))) (?xs @ ?ys) =
      (map (code_constn n) (p # cs) @ map (code_id n) [0..<n])"
    by simp

  have "∀i<length ?xs. eval (?xs ! i) (p # cs) = map (λg. eval g (p # cs)) ?xs ! i"
    by (metis nth_map)
  then have
    "∀i<length ?xs. eval (?xs ! i) (p # cs) = map Some (map (code_constn n) (p # cs)) ! i"
    using map_xs by simp
  then have "∀i<length ?xs. eval (?xs ! i) (p # cs) ↓"
    using assms map_xs by (metis length_map nth_map option.simps(3))
  then have xs_converg: "∀z∈set ?xs. eval z (p # cs) ↓"
    by (metis in_set_conv_nth)

  have "∀i<length ?ys. eval (?ys ! i) (p # cs) = map (λx. eval x (p # cs)) ?ys ! i"
    by simp
  then have
    "∀i<length ?ys. eval (?ys ! i) (p # cs) = map Some (map (code_id n) [0..<n]) ! i"
    using assms(2) by simp
  then have "∀i<length ?ys. eval (?ys ! i) (p # cs) ↓"
    by simp
  then have "∀z∈set (?xs @ ?ys). eval z (p # cs) ↓"
    using xs_converg by auto
  moreover have "recfn (length (p # cs)) (Cn (Suc m) (r_list_encode (m + n)) (?xs @ ?ys))"
    using assms r_code_constn_prim by auto
  ultimately have "eval (r_smn_aux n m) (p # cs) =
      eval (r_list_encode (m + n)) (map (λg. the (eval g (p # cs))) (?xs @ ?ys))"
    unfolding r_smn_aux_def using assms by simp
  then have "eval (r_smn_aux n m) (p # cs) =
      eval (r_list_encode (m + n)) (map (code_constn n) (p # cs) @ map (code_id n) [0..<n])"
    using * by metis
  moreover have "length (?xs @ ?ys) = Suc (m + n)" by simp
  ultimately show ?thesis
    using r_list_encode * assms(1) by (metis (no_types, lifting) length_map)
qed

text ‹For all $m, n > 0$, the @{typ recf} corresponding to $s^m_n$ is
given by the next function.›

definition r_smn :: "nat ⇒ nat ⇒ recf" where
 "r_smn n m ≡
   Cn (Suc m) r_prod_encode
    [r_constn m 3,
     Cn (Suc m) r_prod_encode
      [r_constn m n,
       Cn (Suc m) r_prod_encode
        [r_constn m (encode (r_universal (n + m))), r_smn_aux n m]]]"

lemma r_smn_prim [simp]: "n > 0 ⟹ prim_recfn (Suc m) (r_smn n m)"
  by (simp_all add: r_smn_def r_smn_aux_prim)

lemma r_smn:
  assumes "n > 0" and "length cs = m"
  shows "eval (r_smn n m) (p # cs) ↓= smn n p cs"
  using assms r_smn_def r_smn_aux smn_def r_smn_aux_prim by simp

lemma map_eval_Some_the:
  assumes "map (λg. eval g xs) gs = map Some ys"
  shows "map (λg. the (eval g xs)) gs = ys"
  using assms
  by (metis (no_types, lifting) length_map nth_equalityI nth_map option.sel)

text ‹The essential part of the $s$-$m$-$n$ theorem: For all $m, n > 0$
the function $s^m_n$ satisfies
\[
  \varphi_p^{(m + n)}(c_1, \dots,c_m, x_1, \dots, x_n) =
  \varphi_{s^m_n(p, c_1, \dots,c_m)}^{(n)}(x_1, \dots, x_n)
\] for all $p, c_i, x_j$.›

lemma smn_lemma:
  assumes "n > 0" and len_cs: "length cs = m" and len_xs: "length xs = n"
  shows "eval (r_universal (m + n)) (p # cs @ xs) =
    eval (r_universal n) ((the (eval (r_smn n m) (p # cs))) # xs)"
proof -
  let ?s = "r_smn n m"
  let ?f = "Cn n
    (r_universal (n + length cs))
    (r_constn (n - 1) p # map (r_constn (n - 1)) cs @ (map (Id n) [0..<n]))"
  have "eval ?s (p # cs) ↓= smn n p cs"
    using assms r_smn by simp
  then have eval_s: "eval ?s (p # cs) ↓= encode ?f"
    by (simp add: assms(1) smn)

  have "recfn n ?f"
    using len_cs assms by auto
  then have *: "eval (r_universal n) ((encode ?f) # xs) = eval ?f xs"
    using r_universal[of ?f n, OF _ len_xs] by simp

  let ?gs = "r_constn (n - 1) p # map (r_constn (n - 1)) cs @ map (Id n) [0..<n]"

    show "length (map (λg. the (eval g xs)) ?gs) = length (p # cs @ xs)"
      by (simp add: len_xs)
    have len: "length (map (λg. the (eval g xs)) ?gs) = Suc (m + n)"
      by (simp add: len_cs)
    moreover have "map (λg. the (eval g xs)) ?gs ! i = (p # cs @ xs) ! i"
      if "i < Suc (m + n)" for i
    proof -
      from that consider "i = 0" | "i > 0 ∧ i < Suc m" | "Suc m ≤ i ∧ i < Suc (m + n)"
        using not_le_imp_less by auto
      then show ?thesis
      proof (cases)
        case 1
        then show ?thesis using assms(1) len_xs by simp
      next
        case 2
        then have "?gs ! i = (map (r_constn (n - 1)) cs) ! (i - 1)"
          using len_cs
          by (metis One_nat_def Suc_less_eq Suc_pred length_map
            less_numeral_extra(3) nth_Cons' nth_append)
        then have "map (λg. the (eval g xs)) ?gs ! i =
            (λg. the (eval g xs)) ((map (r_constn (n - 1)) cs) ! (i - 1))"
          using len by (metis length_map nth_map that)
        also have "... = the (eval ((r_constn (n - 1) (cs ! (i - 1)))) xs)"
          using 2 len_cs by auto
        also have "... = cs ! (i - 1)"
          using r_constn len_xs assms(1) by simp
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          by (metis diff_Suc_1 less_Suc_eq_0_disj less_numeral_extra(3) nth_Cons' nth_append)
        finally show ?thesis .
      next
        case 3
        then have "?gs ! i = (map (Id n) [0..<n]) ! (i - Suc m)"
          using len_cs
          by (simp; metis (no_types, lifting) One_nat_def Suc_less_eq add_leE
            plus_1_eq_Suc diff_diff_left length_map not_le nth_append
            ordered_cancel_comm_monoid_diff_class.add_diff_inverse)
        then have "map (λg. the (eval g xs)) ?gs ! i =
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          using len by (metis length_map nth_map that)
        also have "... = the (eval ((Id n (i - Suc m))) xs)"
          using 3 len_cs by auto
        also have "... = xs ! (i - Suc m)"
          using len_xs 3 by auto
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          by (metis diff_Suc_1 diff_diff_left less_Suc_eq_0_disj not_le nth_Cons'
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      qed
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  using smn_lemma exI[of _ "r_smn n m"] assms by simp
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Enumerability, one-one reducibility, truth-table reducibility, ...

Myhill isomorphism theorem

Theorem

Let X and Y be enumerable discrete types, $p : X \to \mathbb{P}$, and $q : Y \to \mathbb{P}$. If $p \preceq_1 q$ and $q \preceq_1 p$, then there exist $f : X \to Y$ and $g : Y \to X$ such that for all $x : X$ and $y : Y$:

$$px \leftrightarrow q(fx), \quad qy \leftrightarrow p(gy), \quad g(fx) = x, \quad f(gy) = y$$

jww Felix Jahn and Gert Smolka [CPP '23]

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- Heyting arithmetic, Kleene [1945]
- Bishop's constructive mathematics / Martin-Löf Type Theory
- HoTT (MLTT + propositional truncation + univalence), Swan and Uemura [2019]
- MLTT, Yamada [2020]

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Theorem

The law of excluded middle and the axiom of countable choice together are inconsistent with CT:

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Which axioms keep CIC computational?

$$\text{LEM} \land \text{AC}_{\mathbb{N},\mathbb{B}} \to \neg\text{CT}$$

- Can one of the assumptions be dropped? (No)
- Can one of the assumptions be weakened? (Yes)
- How much?

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AUC: Axiom of unique choice
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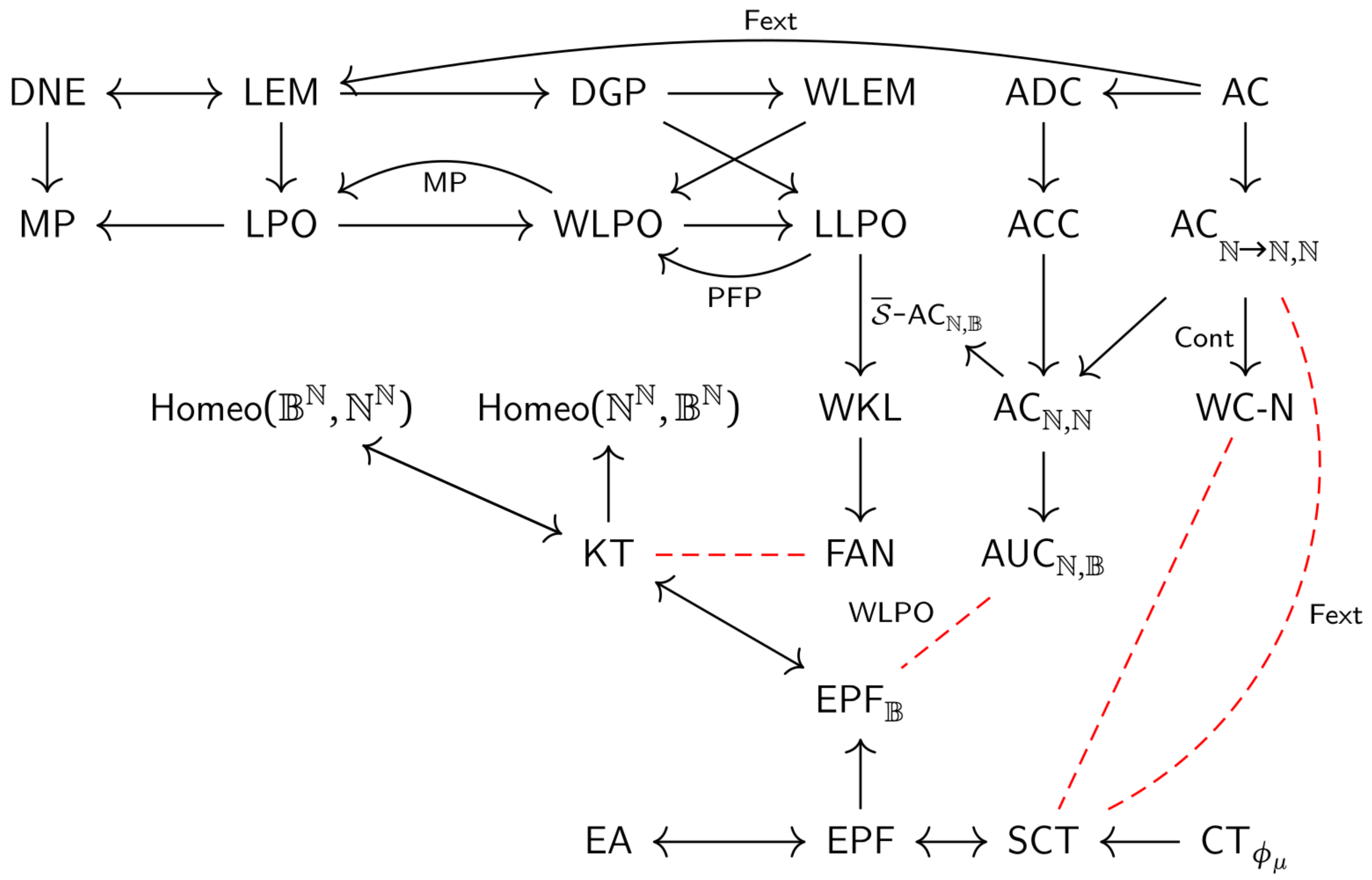

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Synthetic computability á la Richman

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1983 Basic results in computable analysis by Richman

1987 More results in computable analysis by Bridges and Richman

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  - Allows talking e.g. about the arithmetical hierarchy
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Conjecture

The following are consistent in CIC:

- CT (implies in particular SCT)
- LEM (implies in particular MP)
- functional extensionality
- Uniformisation: “Every total relation contains a total functional subrelation.”

Synthetic Oracle Computability

Oracle computability

We call $F : (Q \to A \to \mathbb{P}) \to (I \to O \to \mathbb{P})$ an (oracle-)computable functional if there is a computation tree $\tau : I \to \mathbb{L}A \rightharpoonup Q + O$ such that

$$\forall Rio.\ FRio \leftrightarrow \exists qs\ as.\ \tau i\ ; R \vdash qs\ ; as\ \wedge\ \tau\ i\ as \triangleright \text{out}\ o$$

where the interrogation relation $\sigma; R \vdash qs; as$ is inductively defined:

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where we use the shorthands ask q and out o for the respective injections into the sum type $Q + O$ for better intuition.

Turing reducibility

$$\hat{p} \;:=\; \lambda xb.\begin{cases} px & \text{if } b = \text{true} \\ \neg px & \text{if } b = \text{false}, \end{cases}$$

A predicate $p : X \to \mathbb{P}$ Turing reduces to $q : Y \to \mathbb{P}$ if:

$$p \preceq_{\mathsf{T}} q \;:=\; \exists F.\, F \textit{ is computable} \land \forall xb.\, \hat{p}xb \leftrightarrow F\hat{q}xb$$

Semi-decidability

$p : X \to \mathbb{P}$ is semi-decidable relative to $q : Y \to \mathbb{P}$ if there is a computable

$$F : (Y \to \mathbb{B} \to \mathbb{P}) \to X \to \mathbb{1} \to \mathbb{P}$$

with

$$\forall x.\, px \leftrightarrow F\,\hat{q}\,x \star .$$

Theorem (PT)

We have $p \preceq_{\mathsf{T}} q$ if

- q *is classical* ($\forall y.\ qy \lor \neg qy$),
- p *is semi-decidable in* q
- *the complement of* p *is semi-decidable in* q

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Or replace *quantor-free* by *decidable*.

Theorem

Both definitions are equivalent under CT.

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Axioms for Oracle computability

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$$\xi : \mathbb{N} \to (\mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{LB} \to \mathbb{N} + \mathbb{1})$$

enumerating any possible tree.

Given a tree $\sigma : \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{LB} \to \mathbb{N} + \mathbb{1}$ define

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$$\Xi_c R x := \widehat{\xi c} R x$$

We define the Turing jump q' of a predicate $q : \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{P}$ as

$$q' c := \Xi_c\, \hat{q}\, c$$

Theorem

q' is semi-decidable in q, but its complement is not.

Classical logic in the arithmetical hierarchy

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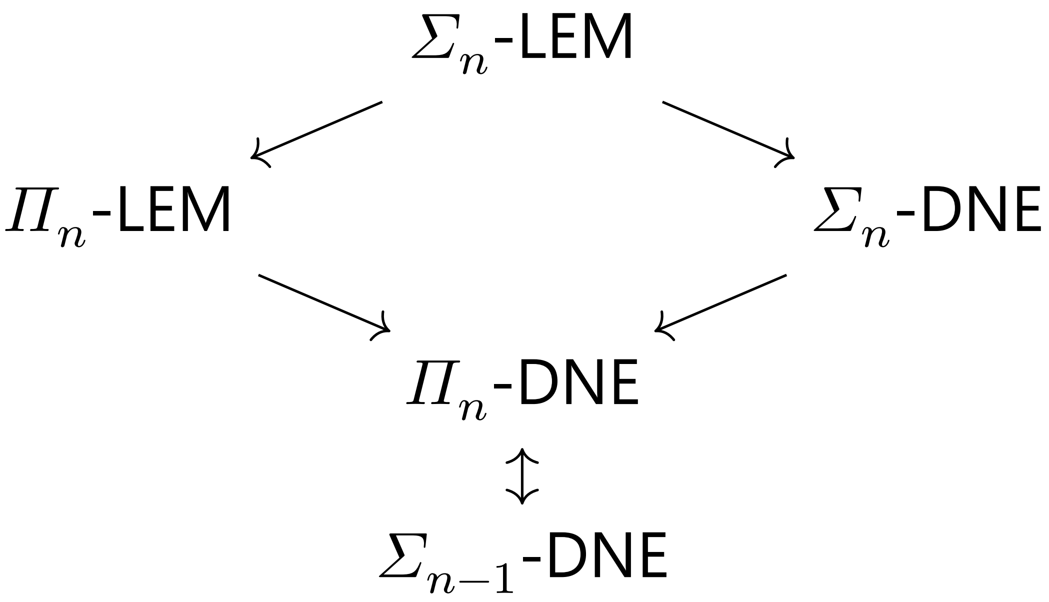

Y. Akama, S. Berardi, S. Hayashi, and U. Kohlenbach, An arithmetical hierarchy of the law of excluded middle and related principles (2004)

Post's theorem

Theorem (Post)

Assuming Σ^0_n-LEM:

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- *If* A *is* Σ_n, *then* $A \preceq_T \emptyset^{(n)}$.

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Results

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Theorem

Let ϕ be given as in EPF and $p : \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{P}$. If p treats elements as codes w.r.t. ϕ and is non-trivial, then p is undecidable.

Proof.

Let f decide p and let pc_1 and $\neg pc_2$. Define $h_x y :=$ **if** fx *then* $\phi_{c_2} y$ **else** $\phi_{c_1} y$ and let γ via EPF be s.t. $\phi_{\gamma x} \equiv h_x$. Let c be a fixed-point for γ.
Case analysis on fc:

- If $fc =$ true we have pc and $\phi_c \equiv \phi_{\gamma c} \equiv h_c \equiv \phi_{c_2}$. Thus pc_2, contradiction.
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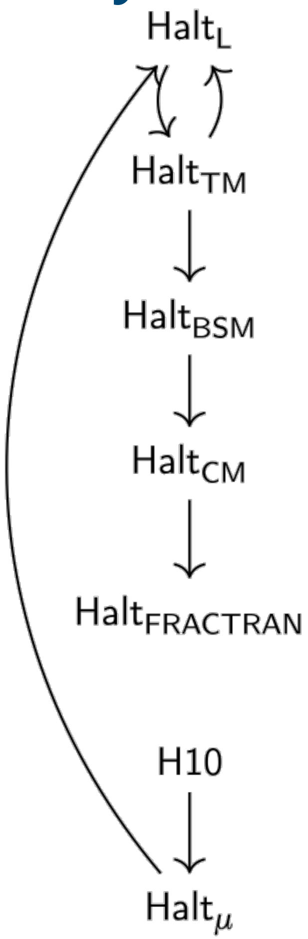

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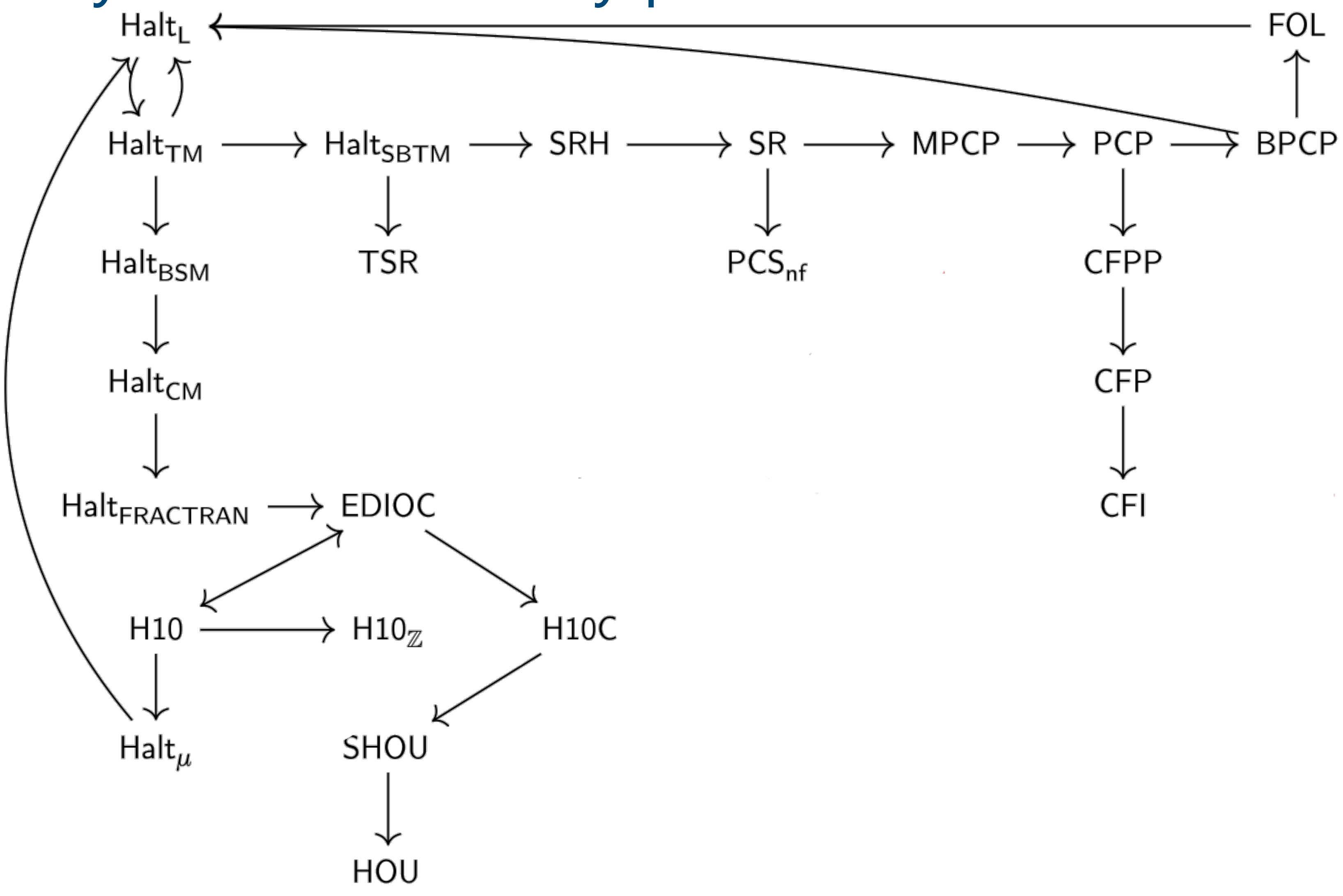

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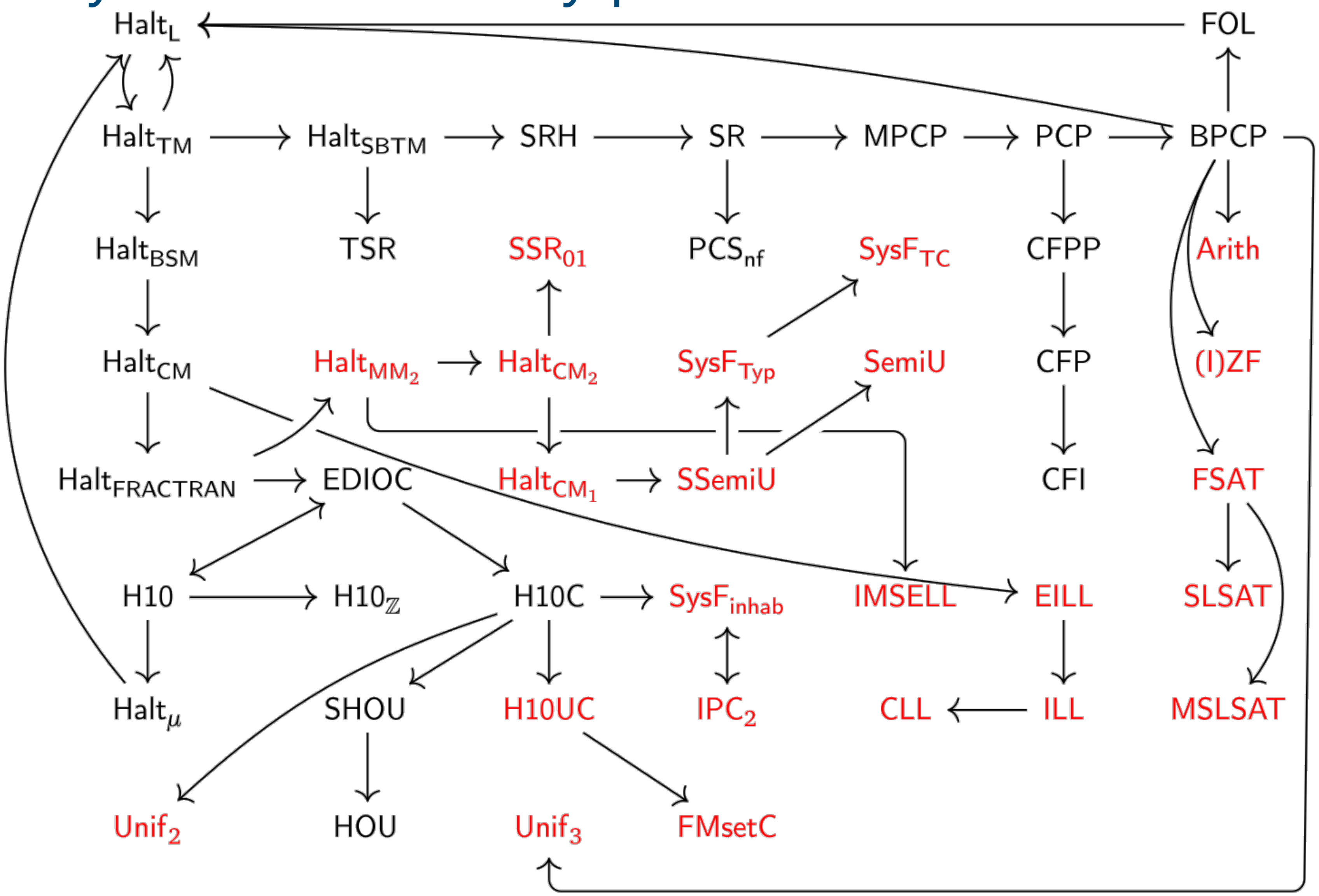

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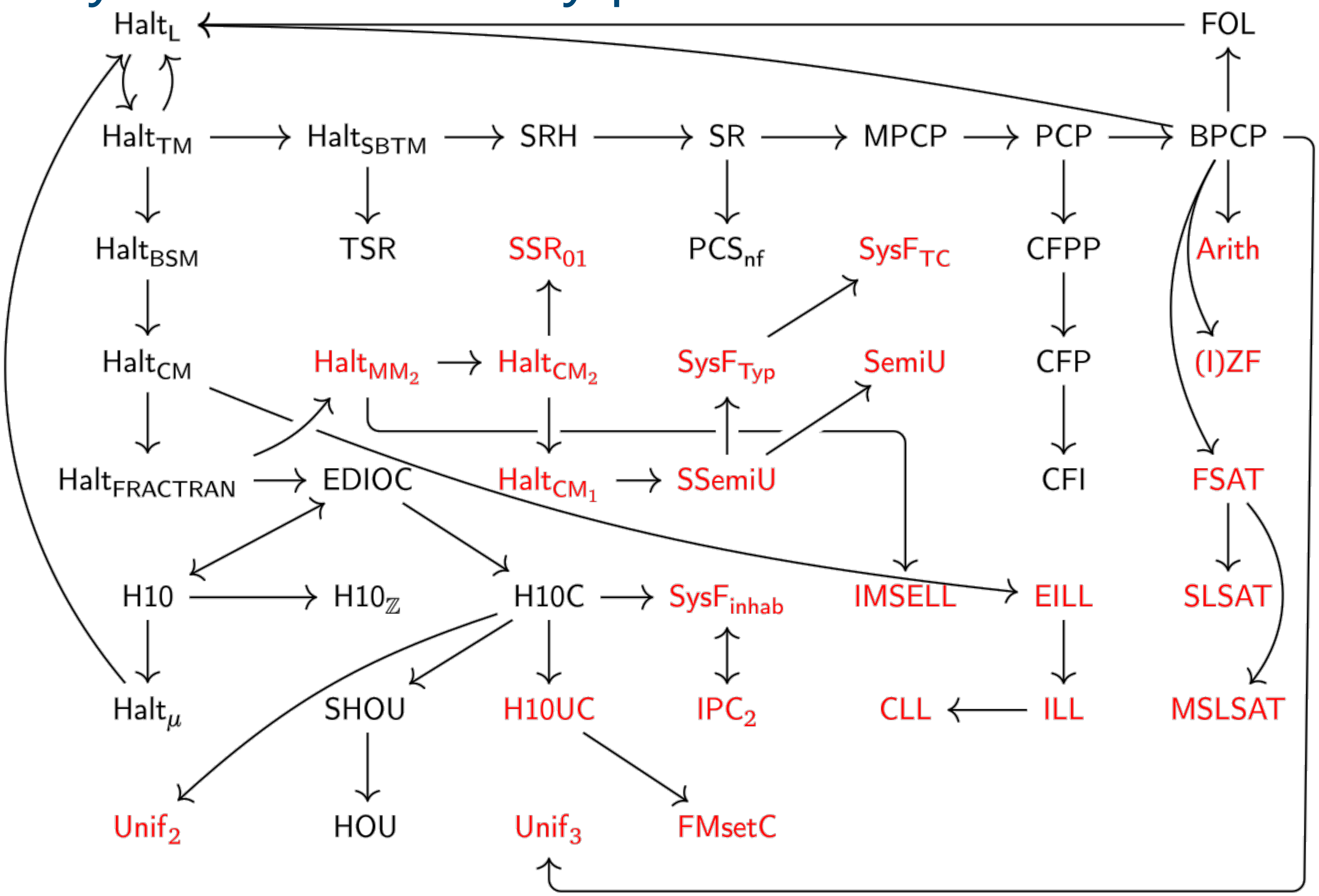

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Models of computation

- Equivalence proofs for computability of relations $\mathbb{N}^k \to \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{P}$
- Identification of the weak call-by-value λ-calculus as sweet spot
  - extraction framework doing automatic computability proofs
  - can be used to prove many-one equivalence between problems
  - can be used to prove that SCT is a consequence of CT
  - even works as a foundation for complexity theory, see Fabian Kunze's work

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