

Curry-Howard: unveiling the computational content of proofs

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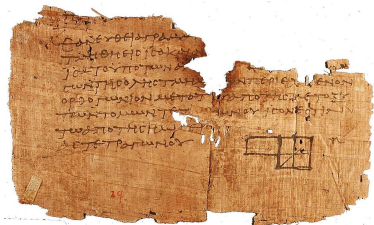
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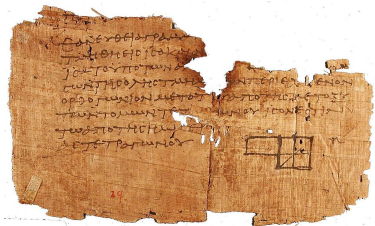
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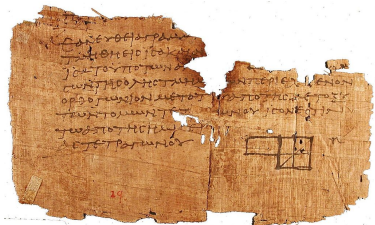
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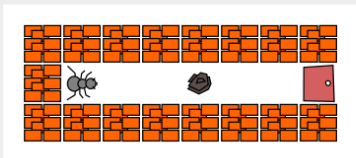
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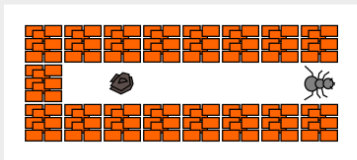
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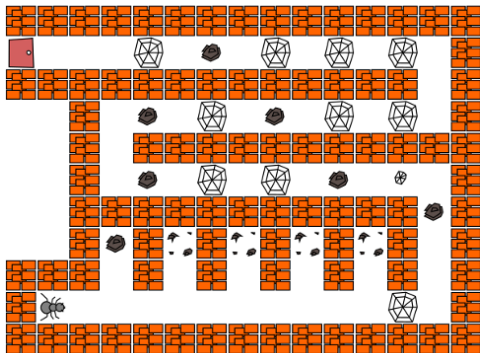
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This is crazy!

Multiple difficulties for yet another challenge!



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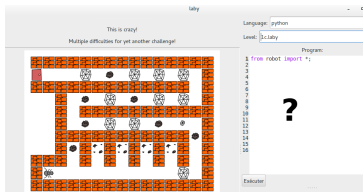
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So ?

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Curry-Howard

(On well-chosen subsets of mathematics and programs)

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A crazy dream:

*“when there are disputes among
persons, we can simply say:
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to see who is right.”*



Geometry

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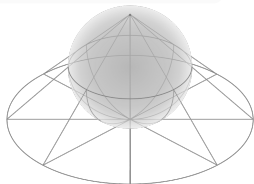
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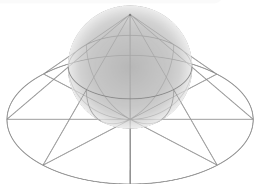
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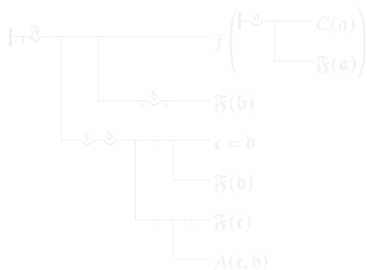


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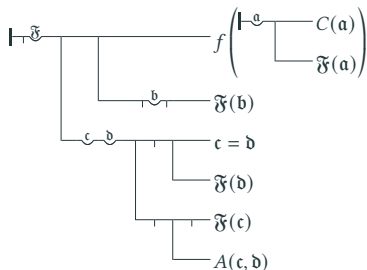


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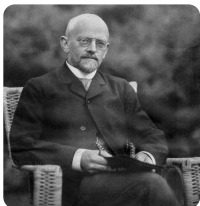
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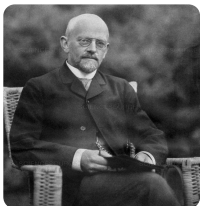
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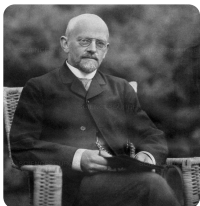
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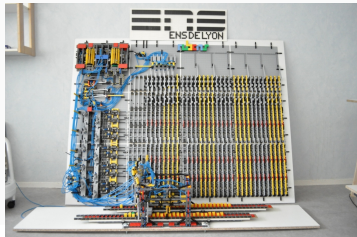
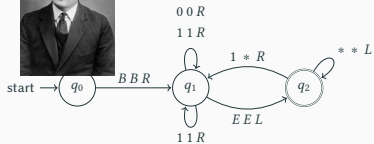
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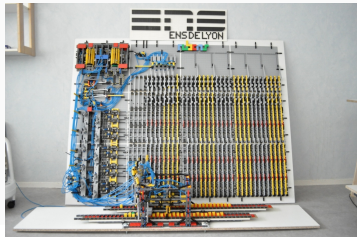
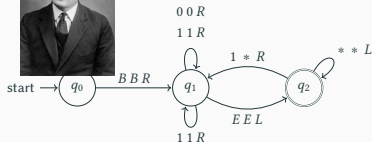
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Turing machines



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Halting problem: negative answer to the *Entscheidungsproblem!*

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A. M. TURING

[Nov. 12,

We can show further that *there can be no machine \mathcal{E} which, when supplied with the S.D of an arbitrary machine \mathcal{M} , will determine whether \mathcal{M} ever prints a given symbol (0 say).*

We will first show that if there is a machine \mathcal{E} then there is a general

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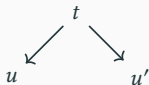
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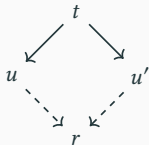
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Theoretical questions

Determinism:



Confluence:



Normalization:

$$t \longrightarrow t' \longrightarrow t'' \overset{?}{\dashrightarrow} V \dashrightarrow$$

Types

Goal:

eliminate unwanted behaviour

Simple types:

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Subject reduction

If $\Gamma \vdash t : A$ and $t \rightarrow_{\beta} t'$, then $\Gamma \vdash t' : A$.

Normalization

If $\Gamma \vdash t : A$, then t normalizes.

Curry-Howard

A somewhat obvious observation

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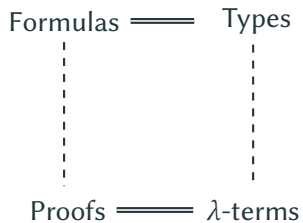
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A implies B	function $A \rightarrow B$
A and B	pair of A and B
$\forall x \in A. B(x)$	dependent product $\Pi x : A. B$

Benefits:

Program your proofs!

Prove your programs!

Cut-elimination (Gentzen's *Hauptsatz*)

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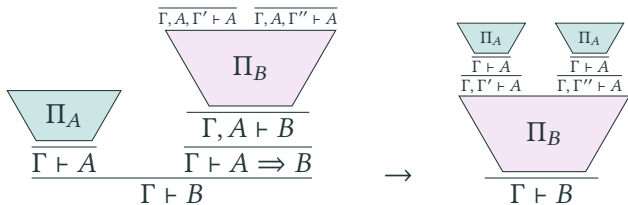
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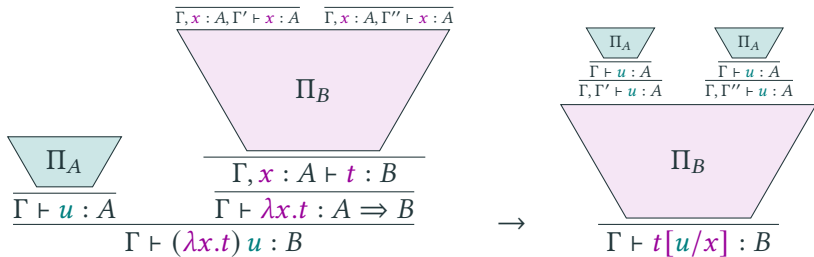
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Commercial break



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Require Import Utf8.
Set Implicit Argument.

Hypothesis Animals:Type.
Hypothesis plato: Animals.
Hypothesis IsCat : Animals → Prop.
Hypothesis LikesFish : Animals → Prop.

Theorem PlatoLikesFish :
  (∀ (x:Animals), IsCat x → LikesFish x)
  → IsCat plato
  → LikesFish plato.
Proof.
  intros HCat Hplato.
  apply (HCat plato).
  apply Hplato.
Qed.

Print PlatoLikesFish.

Definition myproof:=
  λ (HCat: (∀ (x:Animals), IsCat x → LikesFish x)),
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Check myproof.

Definition myproof2 A (a:A) (P1:A→Prop) (P2:A→Prop):=
  λ (t:∀x,P1 x→P2 x),
  λ (u:P1 a),

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Bad news

Yet a lot of things are missing

Limitations

Mathematics

$$A \vee \neg A$$

$$\neg\neg A \Rightarrow A$$

All sets can
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same elements are equal

Computer Science

try . . . catch . . .

x := 42

random()

stop

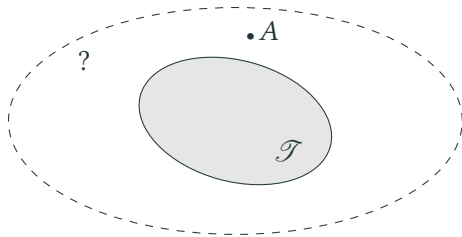
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↔ *We want more !*

Non-constructive principles

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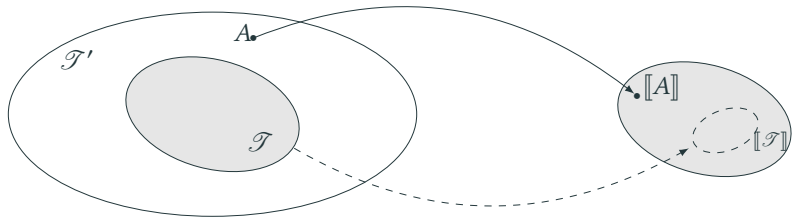
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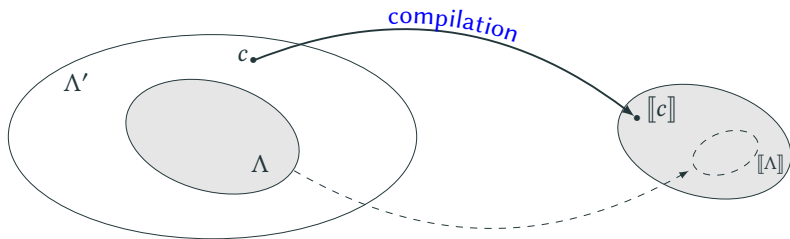
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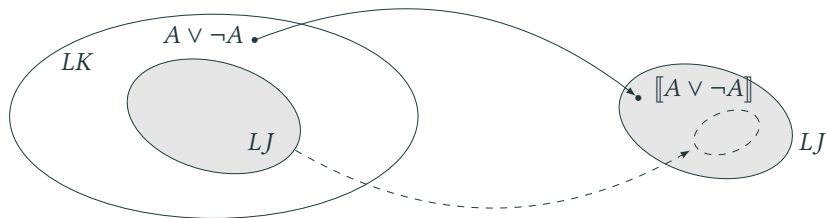
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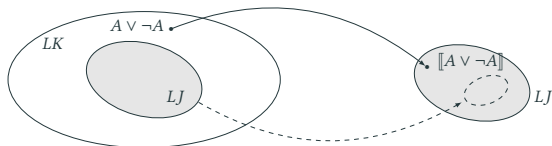
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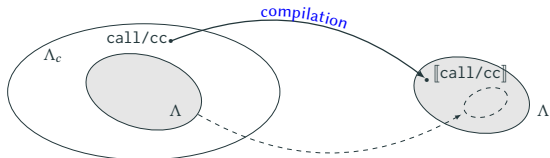
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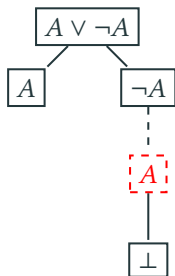
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Which side to choose?

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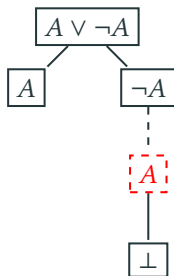
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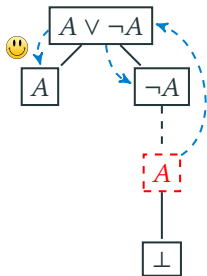
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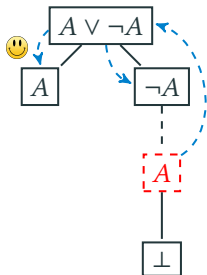
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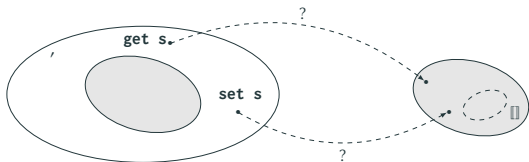
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Any idea?

Logical content of a memory cell

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New axiom ?

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Programing primitive



Logical translation ?

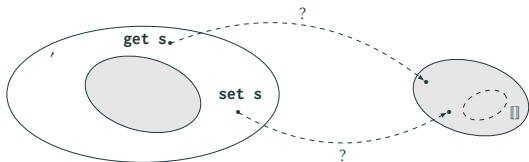
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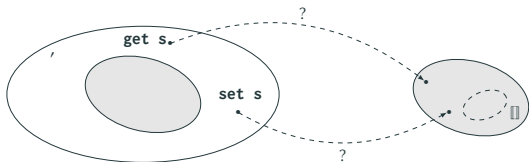
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A new way of life

The motto

With side-effects come new reasoning principles.

In my thesis, I used several **computational features**:

- dependent types
- lazy evaluation
- streams
- shared memory

to get a **proof** for the axioms of **dependent and countable choice** that is compatible with **classical logic**.

Key idea

Memoization of choice functions through the stream of their values.

Realizability

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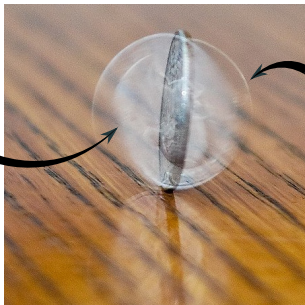
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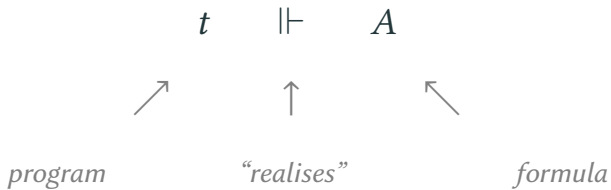
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for theories



a **tool** to analyse
programs behavior

Realizability



Intuitively

$t \Vdash A$ = “ t computes (soundly) w.r.t. A ”

The *type soundness* that we really want

Typing

$$\frac{\Gamma, x : A \vdash t : B}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda x. t : A \rightarrow B}$$

(syntax, nothing but the syntax)

Realizability

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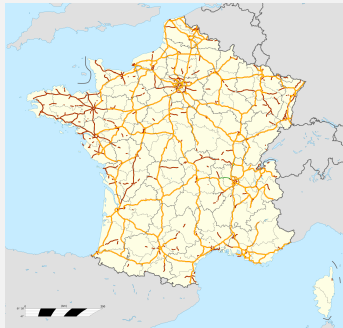
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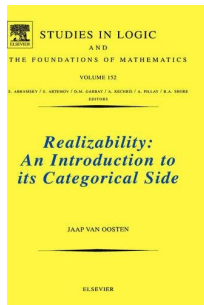
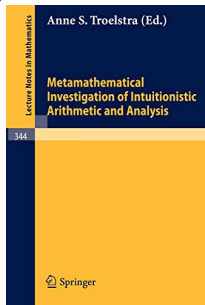
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A bouquet garni of recipes

Programs	Theory
PCA	logique propositionnelle
fonctions calculables	HA
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...	...

Cooking books



A 3-steps recipe

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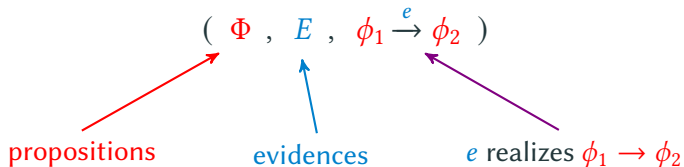
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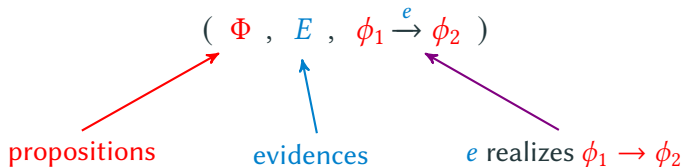
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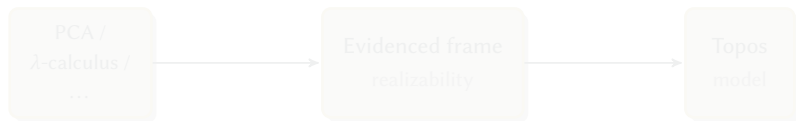
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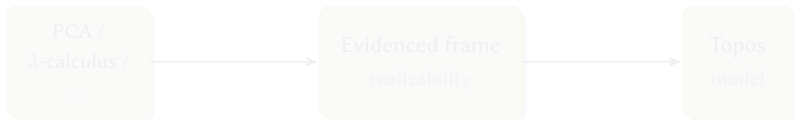
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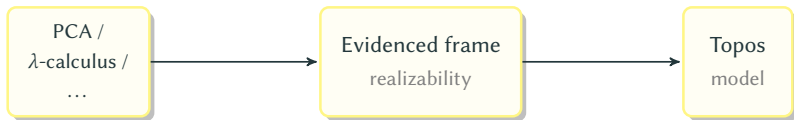
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Why do we care?

One key lemma:

If $\vdash t : A$ then $t \in |A|$

Plenty of consequences:

Normalization

Typed terms normalize.

Soundness

There is no proof p such that $\vdash p : \perp$.

Witness extraction

If $\vdash t : \exists x^{\mathbb{N}}. f(x) = 0$ then we can compute n out of t s.t. $f(n) = 0$.

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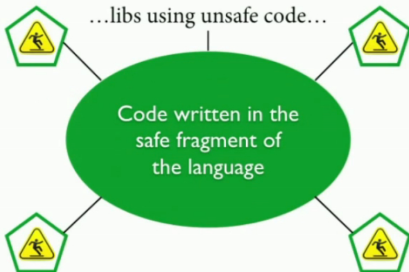


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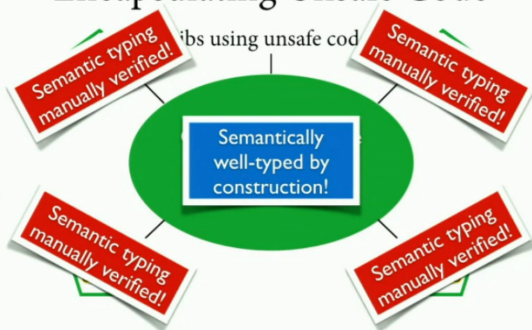


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(intuition: level of truthness)

Boolean
algebra



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(intuition: programs whose computational behavior is guided by A)

Krivine realizability: crazy new models

$$\mathcal{M}_{\perp} \Vdash A \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \exists t, t \in |A|$$

A puzzling fact:

$\forall x. \text{Nat}(x)$ is not realized in general

There exists a model where $\nabla_n \triangleq \{x : x < n\}$ verifies:

- ❶ ∇_2 is not well-ordered
- ❷ there is an injection from ∇_n to ∇_{n+1}
- ❸ there is no surjection from ∇_n to ∇_{n+1}
- ❹ $\nabla_m \times \nabla_n \simeq \nabla_{mn}$

In particular: $\mathcal{M} \Vdash \neg AC$ and $\mathcal{M} \Vdash \neg CH$

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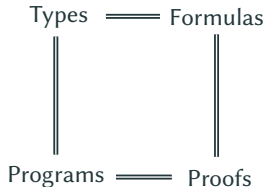
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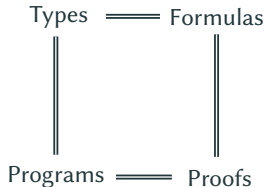
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