# Semi-Constructive versions of the Rasiowa-Sikorski Lemma and Possibility Semantics for Intuitionistic Logic

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## Introduction

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- The following are well-known and important results about Boolean algebras and classical predicate logic (CPL):
  - The Rasiowa-Sikorski Lemma for Boolean algebras
  - Stone's representation theorem
  - The completeness of CPL with respect to Tarskian semantics
- Over time, these results have been generalized in two different ways:
  - By moving away from *Boolean algebras*, and extending the results to distributive lattices, Heyting algebras and intuitionistic logic (mathematical program);
  - By moving away from *classical mathematics*, in particular working under *fragments* of the axiom of choice instead of the full *AC* (metamathematical program).

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• In all three cases, the same idea will appear, namely that we have to work with pairs of filters and ideals rather than just with filters.

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### Lemma (Rasiowa-Sikorski)

Let *B* be a Boolean algebra and *Q* a countable set of subsets of *B* with meets existing in *B*. Then for any  $a \in B$ , if  $a \neq 0$ , then there is an ultrafilter *p* over *B* such that:

- a ∈ p;
- For any  $X \in Q$ , if  $X \subseteq p$ , then  $\bigwedge X \in p$ .

- Rasiowa and Sikorski's original proof was an application of the Baire Category Theorem for compact Hausdorff spaces (*BCT*) to the dual Stone space of a Boolean algebra.
- Rauszer-Sabalski(1975), Görnemann(1971), and more recently Goldblatt(2012) showed how to generalize this result to DL and HA.
- These proofs however are non-constructive, because they rely on the Boolean Prime Ideal Theorem (BPI) or the Prime Filter Theorem (PFT).

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#### Tarski's Lemma

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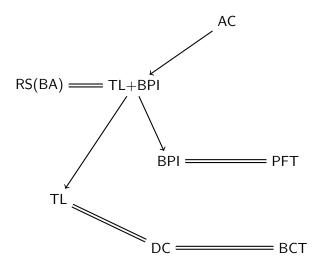
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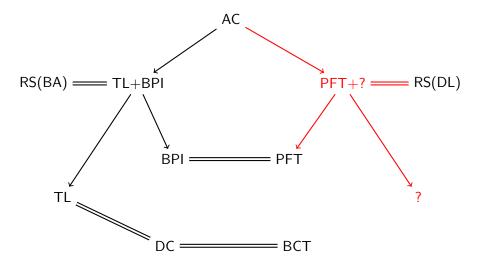
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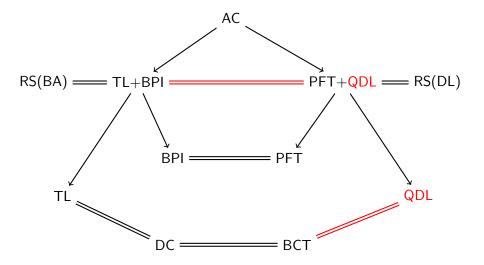
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- Goldblatt also proves that Tarski's Lemma is equivalent over ZF to several other statements, including BCT and the Axiom of Dependent Choices (DC).









### Q-Lemma for DL

Let *L* be a distributive lattice and  $Q_M$  and  $Q_J$  two countable sets of distributive meets and joins existing in *L* respectively. Then for any  $a, b \in L$  such that  $a \nleq b$ , there exists a pair (F, I) over *L* such that: i)  $a \in F$  and  $b \in I$ ,  $F \cap I = \emptyset$ ; ii) For any  $\bigwedge X \in Q_M$ , either  $\bigwedge X \in F$ , or there exists  $x \in X \cap I$ ;

iii) For any  $\bigvee Y \in Q_J$ , either  $\bigvee Y \in I$ , or there exists  $y \in Y \cap F$ .

### Proof.

Recall first that L is distributive iff for any  $a, b, c \in L$ , if  $a \leq b \lor c$  and  $a \land c \leq b$  then  $a \leq b$ . Hence for any  $X \in Q_M$ ,  $Y \in Q_J$ ,  $a, b \in L$ , by distributivity if  $a \nleq b$ , then either  $a \nleq x \lor b$  for some  $x \in X$ , or  $a \land \bigwedge X \nleq b$ , and dually either  $a \land y \nleq b$  for some  $y \in Y$ , or  $a \nleq \bigvee Y \lor b$ . Order all subsets in  $Q_M$  and all subsets in  $Q_J$ , and...

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### Proof.

...construct a descending sequence  $\{a_n\}_{n\in\omega}$  and an increasing sequence  $\{b_n\}_{n\in\omega}$  such that  $a_0 = a$ ,  $b_0 = b$ ,  $a_i \nleq b_i$  for all  $i \in \omega$ , and for  $X_i \in Q_M$ , either  $a_{2i} \leq \bigwedge X_i$  or  $b_{2i} \geq x$  for some  $x \in X_i$ , and for  $Y_j \in Q_J$ , either  $b_{2i+1} \geq \bigvee Y_j$  or  $a_{2j+1} \leq y$  for some  $y \in Y_j$ . The upward and downward closure of  $\{a_n\}_{n\in\omega}$  and  $\{b_n\}_{n\in\omega}$  respectively yield the required pair.

#### Q-Lemma for HA

Let A be a Heyting algebra, and  $Q_M$  and  $Q_J$  two countable  $(\bigwedge, \rightarrow)$ -complete sets of distributive meets and joins existing in A respectively. Then for any Q-pair (F, I) over A and any  $a, b \in A$ , if  $a \rightarrow b \notin F$ , then there exists a Q-pair (F', I') such that  $F \cup \{a\} \subseteq F'$  and  $b \in I'$ .

### Proof.

This is an "internalized" version of the previous one.

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- It is well-known that every Boolean algebra can be represented as a subalgebra of the powerset of its dual Stone space. (Stone representation theorem).
- This result generalizes to distributive lattices and Heyting algebras: every distributive lattice can be represented as a subalgebra of the upsets of its dual Priestley (resp. Esakia) space. (Priestley (resp. Esakia) representation theorem).
- Those results are non-constructive: they provide prime-filter based representations and therefore rely on the Prime Filter Theorem.

## Constructive representation for Boolean algebras

• There exists however an elegant choice-free representation theorem for Boolean algebras: the filter space construction.

### Definition (Filter-space)

Let *B* be a Boolean algebra. The filter-space of *B* is the topological space  $(S_B, \tau)$ , where  $S_B$  is the set of all proper filters over *B*, and  $\tau$  is the upset topology induced by the inclusion ordering.

#### Lemma

Let *B* be a Boolean algebra and  $(S_B, \tau)$  its filter space. Then the Stone map  $|\cdot|: B \to \mathscr{P}(S_B)$  is an embedding of *B* into the regular opens  $\operatorname{RO}(S_B)$  of  $(S_B, \tau)$ .

• In fact,  $RO(S_B)$  is the canonical extension of *B*.

- This result relies on the well-known topological fact that the regular opens of any topological space form a complete Boolean algebra.
- In point-free topological terms: the *IC* operator (*Interior-Closure*) is the double negation nucleus on the frame of opens of any topological space.
- Can we follow a similar strategy for all distributive lattices?

A refined bi-topological space is a bi-topological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  such that  $\tau_1 \subseteq \tau_2$ 

#### Lemma

Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  be a refined bi-topological space. Then the operator  $I_1C_2$  (Interior in  $\tau_1$ , Closure in  $\tau_2$ ) is a nucleus on the frame of opens in  $\tau_1$ .

#### Corollary

Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  be a refined bi-topological space. Then  $RO_{12}(X)$  is a *cHA*.

Let *L* be a lattice. A *pseudo-complete pair* over *L* is a pair (F, I) such that:

- *F* is a filter, *I* is an ideal, and  $F \cap I = \emptyset$  (compatible pair);
- For any a ∈ F, b ∈ I and c ∈ L, if a ∧ c ≤ b, then c ∈ I (Right Meet Property);
- For any a ∈ F, b ∈ I and c ∈ L, if a ≤ b ∨ c, then c ∈ F (Left Join Property).

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## Lemma (ZF)

Let L be a lattice. Then L is distributive iff for any compatible pair (F, I) over L, there exists a pseudo-complete pair  $(F^*, I^*)$  such that  $F \subseteq F^*$  and  $I \subseteq I^*$ .

Let *L* be a distributive lattice. The *canonical filter-ideal space* is the refined bitopological space  $(S_L, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ , where  $S_L$  is the set of all pseudo-complete pairs over *L*, and  $\tau_1$  and  $\tau_2$  are the upset topologies induced by the filter inclusion ordering and the filter-ideal inclusion ordering respectively.

#### Theorem

Let *L* be a distributive lattice, and  $(S_L, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  its canonical filter-ideal space. Then the Stone map:  $|\cdot|: L \to \mathscr{P}(S_L)$  defined by  $|a| = \{(F, I) \in S_L ; a \in F\}$  is a DL-embedding of *L* into  $\operatorname{RO}_{12}(S_L)$ . Additionally, if *L* is a Heyting algebra, then  $|\cdot|$  is a HA-embedding.

## A note on completions

- For any distributive lattice *L* with canonical filter-ideal space  $(S_L, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ , RO<sub>12</sub> $(S_L)$  is the canonical extension of *L*.
- But one can also slightly modify the canonical filter-ideal space  $(S_L, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  of a distributive lattice *L* in order to realize various kind of completions as  $RO_{12}(S_L)$ .
- For example, letting τ<sub>+</sub> and τ<sub>-</sub> be the topologies generated by the bases {|a|; a ∈ L} and {|a|<sup>-</sup>; a ∈ L} respectively, we have that RO<sub>+-</sub>(S<sub>L</sub>) is the MacNeille completion of L.
- Alternatively, for  $Q_M$  and  $Q_J$  as above, letting  $Q_L$  be the set of all pseudo-complete Q-pairs, we have that  $\text{RO}_{12}(Q_L)$  is a completion of L that preserves precisely all infinite meets in  $Q_M$  and all infinite joins in  $Q_J$ . The proof requires the Q-Lemma.

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- Rasiowa and Sikorski applied their lemma to the Lindenbaum-Tarski algebra of *CPL* and gave a new proof of the completeness of CPL with respect to *Tarskian* models.
- Similarly, a combination of the Rasiowa-Sikorski Lemma for Heyting algebras and Esakia representation theorem yields a very similar proof of the Kripke completeness of Intuitionistic Predicate Logic with Constant Domains (IPL).
- But *semi-constructive* methods can also be used to prove the completeness of CPL with respect to *possibility semantics*.

### Definition (Regular map)

Let  $(P, \leq_1, )$  and  $(Q, \leq_2)$  be posets. A map  $f : P \to Q$  is *regular* if for every  $x \in P$  and  $a \in Q$ , if for all  $y \geq_1 x$  there is  $z \geq_1 y$  such that  $a \leq_2 f(z)$ , then  $a \leq_2 f(x)$ .

### Definition (First-order Possibility model)

A (first-order) possibility model is a tuple  $(X, \leq, D, h, I)$  such that  $\leq$  is a partial order on X, D is a domain of individuals, h is an assignment from Var(IPL) to D and for each  $R^n \in Rel(IPL)$ ,  $I(R^n)$  is a monotone and regular map from X to  $\mathscr{P}(D^n)$ .

## Possibility semantics

### Definition (Valuation)

Let  $(X, \leq, D, h, I)$  be a first-order possibility model. The valuation  $I^* : Fm(IPL) \to RO(X)$  is defined inductively as follows:

- $s \vDash \top$  always,  $s \vDash \bot$  never;
- $s \models R^n(v_1, ..., v_n)$  iff  $(h(v_1), ..., h(v_n)) \in I(R^n)(x)$  for any  $R^n \in Rel(IPC), v_1, ..., v_n \in Var(IPL);$
- $s \vDash \phi \land \psi$  iff  $s \vDash \phi$  and  $s \vDash \psi$ ;
- $s \vDash \phi \lor \psi$  iff for all  $y \ge s$  there is  $z \ge y$  such that  $z \vDash \phi$  or  $z \vDash \psi$ ;
- $s \vDash \phi \rightarrow \psi$  iff for all  $y \ge s$ , if  $y \vDash \phi$ , then  $y \vDash \psi$ ;
- $s \vDash \forall x \phi(x)$  iff  $s \vDash \phi(x)[a/x]$  for all  $a \in D$ ;
- s ⊨ ∃xφ(x) iff for all y ≥ s there is z ≥ y such that z ⊨ φ(x)[a/x] for some a ∈ D.

A formula  $\phi$  is valid on a possibility model  $(X, \leq, D, h, I)$  if  $I^*(\phi) = X$ .

- Classical Predicate Logic (CPL) is sound and complete with respect to first-order possibility models.
- The completeness proof involves the construction of a term model based on the filter space of the Lindenbaum-Tarski algebra of CPL, restricted to the set of Q-filters, for Q = {{φ(x) ; x ∈ Var} ; φ ∈ Fml}, and uses Tarski's Lemma.

### Definition (Refined regular map)

Let  $(P, \preccurlyeq_1, \preccurlyeq_2)$  be a refined preorder and  $(Q, \leq)$  a poset. A map  $f: P \to Q$  is *refined regular* if for every  $x \in P$  and  $a \in Q$ , if for all  $y \succeq_1 x$  there is  $z \succeq_2 y$  such that  $a \leq f(z)$ , then  $a \leq f(x)$ .

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A (first-order) intuitionistic possibility model (IP-model) is a tuple  $(X, \preccurlyeq_1, \leq_2, D, h, I)$  such that  $(X, \preccurlyeq_1, \leq_2)$  is a refined bi-preorder,  $\leq_2$  is a partial order on X, D is a domain of individuals, h is an assignment from Var(IPL) to D and for each  $R^n \in Rel(IPL)$ ,  $I(R^n)$  is a monotone and refined regular map from X to  $\mathcal{P}(D^n)$ .

## **IP** semantics

### Definition (Valuation)

Let  $(X, \preccurlyeq_1, \leq_2, D, h, I)$  be a first-order IP model. The valuation  $I^* : Fm(IPL) \rightarrow RO_{12}(X)$  is defined inductively as follows:

- $s \Vdash \top$  always,  $s \Vdash \bot$  never;
- $s \Vdash R^n(v_1, ..., v_n)$  iff  $(h(v_1), ..., h(v_n)) \in I(R^n)(x)$  for any  $R^n \in Rel(IPC), v_1, ..., v_n \in Var(IPL);$
- $s \Vdash \phi \land \psi$  iff  $s \Vdash \phi$  and  $s \Vdash \psi$ ;
- $s \Vdash \phi \lor \psi$  iff for all  $y \succeq_1 s$  there is  $z \ge_2 y$  such that  $z \Vdash \phi$  or  $z \Vdash \psi$ ;
- $s \Vdash \phi \to \psi$  iff for all  $y \ge s$ , if  $y \Vdash \phi$ , then  $y \Vdash \psi$ ;
- $s \Vdash \forall x \phi(x)$  iff  $s \Vdash \phi(x)[a/x]$  for all  $a \in D$ ;
- s ⊩ ∃xφ(x) iff for all y ≽<sub>1</sub> s there is z ≥<sub>2</sub> y such that z ⊩ φ(x)[a/x] for some a ∈ D.

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- "Intuitive" picture of an IP-model (X, ≼1, ≤2, D, h, I): X represents a set of (partial) states of information.
- Two agents, *Eloise* and *Abelard*, order these states of information as *possible developments* of one another.
- Namely, for any  $x, y \in X$ :
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  - $x \leq_2 y$  iff y is a possible development of x according to Abelard.
- Eloise and Abelard are in an asymmetric Student / Instructor relation: Abelard knows at least as much as Eloise (i.e. ≤<sub>2</sub> ⊆ ≼<sub>1</sub>).
- In particular, Eloise may fail to distinguish two different states of information, while Abelard doesn't. (i.e. ≼<sub>1</sub> is a preorder vs. ≤<sub>2</sub> is a partial order)

- Idea behind the forcing relation: Abelard is testing Eloise's knowledge of some formula at a given state of information.
- Eloise knows  $\phi$  iff for every question asked by Abelard, Eloise can reply  $\phi$  in a way that is satisfactory to Abelard.
- Formally:  $s \Vdash \phi$  iff  $\forall y \succeq_1 s \exists z \geq_2 y : z \Vdash \phi$ .

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#### Lemma

- Let  $M_1 := (X, \leq_1)$  be a Kripke model. Then  $M_2 := (X, \leq_1, \Delta_X)$ , where  $\Delta_X$  is the identity on X, is an IP-model. Moreover, for any formula  $\phi \in Fm_{IPC}$  and any  $x \in X$ ,  $M_1, x \Vdash \phi$  iff  $M_2, x \Vdash \phi$ .
- Let M<sub>1</sub> := (X, ≤<sub>1</sub>) be a possibility model. Then M<sub>2</sub> := (X, ≤<sub>1</sub>, ≤<sub>1</sub>), is an IP-model. Moreover, for any formula φ ∈ Fm<sub>IPC</sub> and any x ∈ X, M<sub>1</sub>, x ⊨ φ iff M<sub>2</sub>, x ⊨ φ.
- Intuitively: Kripke frames are those IP-frames in which Abelard knows much more than Eloise. Possibility frames are those IP-frames in which Eloise knows as much as Abelard.

## The semantic hierarchy for intuitionistic logic

• The following hierarchy of semantics for IPC is well-known:

Kripke frames  $\prec$  Topological spaces  $\prec$  Heyting algebras

#### Lemma

For any complete Heyting algebra A, there exists an IP-frame  $(X, \preccurlyeq_1, \leq_2)$  such that A is isomorphic to  $RO_{12}(X)$ .

• This means that we can complete the hierarchy as follows:

Kripke frames  $\prec$  Topological spaces  $\prec$  IP-frames  $\prec$  Heyting algebras

• In fact, the propositional fragment of IP-semantics is equivalent to Dragalin semantics (Bezhanishvili and Holliday 2016), and a restriction of FM-frames for lax logic (Fairtlough-Mendler 1997).

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- Can we generalize the *Q*-Lemma to varieties of non-distributive lattices?
- What kind of completions of DL and HA are realized as refined regular opens of filter-ideal spaces with bitopologies in the interval  $[(\tau_+, \tau_-), (\tau_1, \tau_2)]$ ?
- Weakening of Kuznetsov's problem: Is every intermediate logic complete with respect to some class of IP-frames?

# Thank You!