

# A case study of forcing in classical realizability: Herbrand's theorem, proof and extracted algorithm

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# Motivations

## Extracting Herbrand trees

- through formalization in Coq and extraction:  
safe (adequacy) but slow (a lot of backtracks on the tree)
- direct program:  
faster but unsafe (implemented in a modified KAM)
- **through a forcing transformation:**  
the best of both worlds:
  - safe (adequacy with forcing)
  - fast (intuitionistic proof: no backtrack on the tree)

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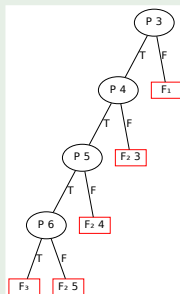
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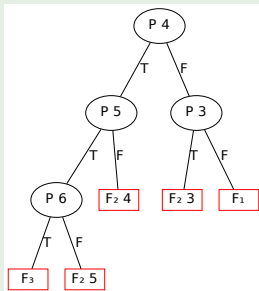
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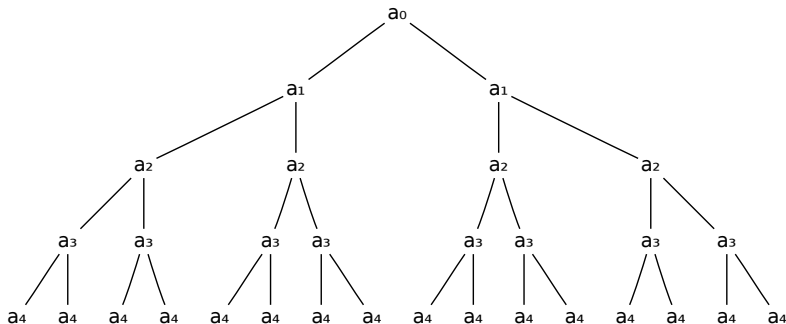
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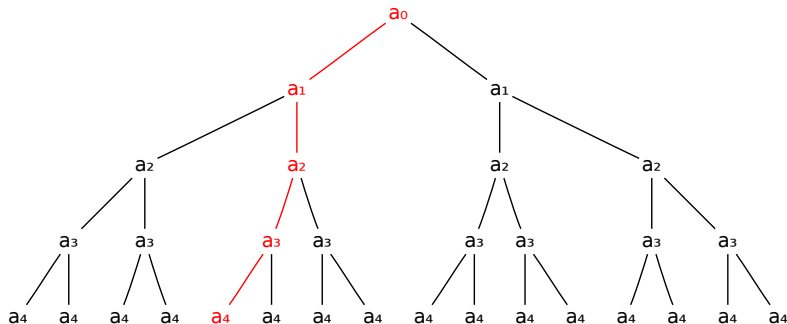


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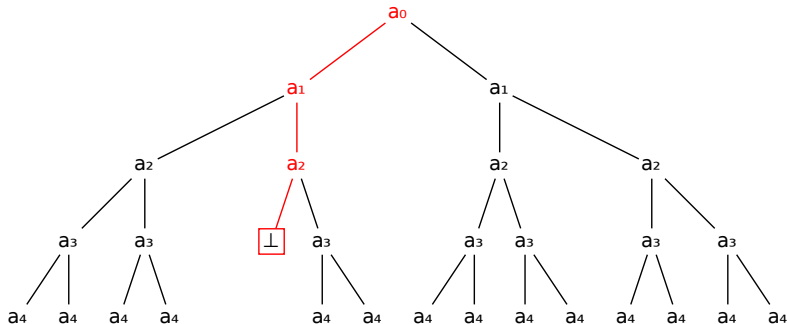


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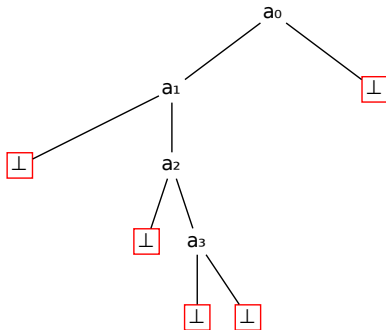


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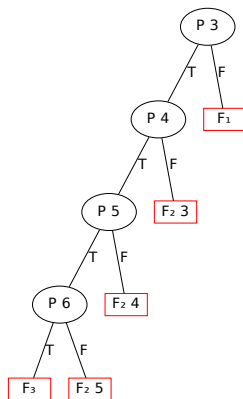
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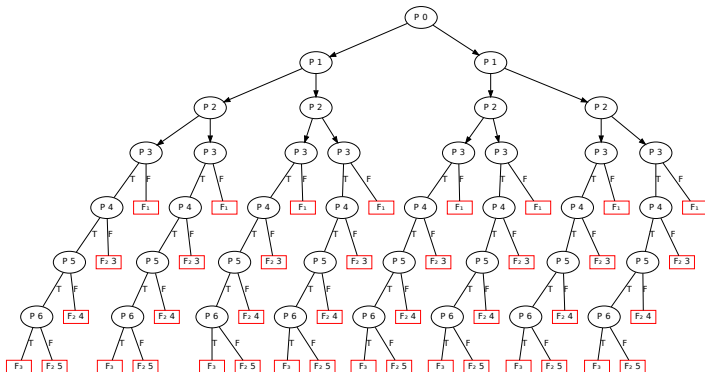


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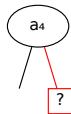
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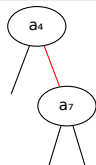
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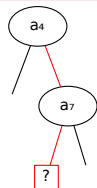
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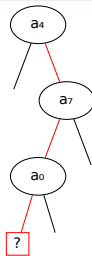
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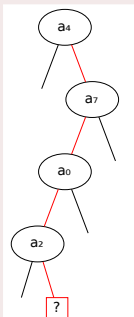
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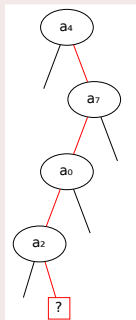
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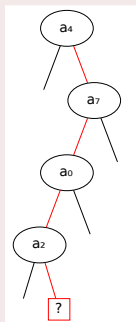
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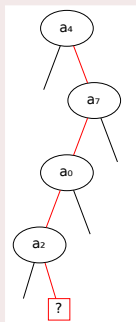
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- $\text{eval } p (F \ n) \ b = 1$  means:
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- building the tree bottom-up:  
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$\mathbb{N}$  :  $x \in \mathbb{N} := \forall Z. Z(0) \rightarrow (\forall n, Z(n) \rightarrow Z(n+1)) \rightarrow Z(x)$

## Notations

$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}. A := \forall n. n \in \mathbb{N} \rightarrow A$      $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}. A := \exists n. n \in \mathbb{N} \wedge A$

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# Recall on the forcing transformation

Taken from [\[Kri11\]](#) and [\[Miq11\]](#)

## Input (forcing structure)

A forcing structure is given by

- a set  $(\kappa, C)$  of forcing conditions  $(p \in C$  written  $C[p]$ )
- a product operation  $\cdot$  on forcing conditions
- a maximal condition  $1$
- a bunch of proof terms  $\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_8$

## Output (program transformation)

A logical transformation:

$$t : A \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad t^* : p \text{ IF } A$$

Adequacy lemmas:

$$t : A \rightarrow t \Vdash A \qquad t : A \rightarrow t^* \Vdash p \text{ IF } A$$

A wrapper  $w$  s.t.  $t : 1 \text{ IF } A \rightarrow w t : A$  (if  $A$  arithmetical)

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- Two definitions:

membership test  $\text{mem } a p := \text{test } a 0 p \parallel \text{test } a 1 p$

adding a binding  $(a, b) :: p := \text{sing } a b \cup p$

## In our case (2/3): the forcing structure

Our forcing structure:

- $\kappa := \iota$ ,  $C[p] := p \in FVal \wedge (\text{subH } p \rightarrow \text{subH } \emptyset)$
- $p \cdot q := p \cup q$
- $1 := \emptyset$
- $\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_8$  comes from the interface of finite relations

### Remarks

- $C$  is a datatype
- $FVal$  represents finite functions from  $\omega$  to 2
- $C[p] = p \in FVal$  gives Cohen forcing conditions  
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genericity (we shall use instead a simple instance)

- Simple translation in the base universe

$$p \Vdash q \in G \equiv p \leq q := \forall r. C[p \cdot r] \rightarrow C[q \cdot r]$$

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## Step 4: The proof (in the forcing universe)

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Last axiom to translate:

$$\forall a \in \text{Atom}. \exists p \in G. \exists b \in \text{Bool}. \text{test } a \ b \ p = 1$$

*i.e.* find a proof term for

$$1 \text{ IF } \forall a \in \text{Atom}. \exists p \in G. \exists b \in \text{Bool}. \text{test } a \ b \ p = 1$$

Two solutions  $\rightsquigarrow$  two ways of building the tree:

left-to-right scan

right-to-left scan

## Step 6: Absolute formulæ

### Definition (Absolute formula)

A formula is absolute when  $\forall p \in C. A \leftrightarrow p \text{ IF } A$   
that is there exists proof terms

$$\xi_A : p \text{ IF } A \rightarrow C[p] \rightarrow A$$

$$\xi'_A : (C[p] \rightarrow A) \rightarrow p \text{ IF } A$$

- Absolute sort:  $\iota^* = \iota$  whereas  $o^* = \kappa \rightarrow o$   
everything in  $\iota \rightsquigarrow$  no computational object changes
- Absolute set = absolute sort + absolute relativization predicate
  - example: datatypes ( $\mathbb{N}$ , Bool, FVal, Atom, Comp, tree)  
equality on  $\iota$
  - counter-example: total valuations  $\iota \rightarrow o$

**subH $\emptyset$  :=  $\exists t \in \text{tree}. \text{subHtree } \emptyset t = 1$  is absolute**

The wrapper  $w$  is simply  $\xi$

## Extracted algorithm

- No fixed enumeration needed  
     $\leadsto$  enumeration built by the proof of the premise
- Herbrand tree inside forcing condition:
  - $p \in FVal$                       position in the tree
  - $\text{subH } p \rightarrow \text{subH } \emptyset$       context of the current tree
- Intuitionistic proof: no backtrack in real mode
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