

**Failure of interpolation  
in the intuitionistic logic  
of constant domains**

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Now we know CD has no good cut-free formulation where

good = a version of a standard deductive proof of interpolation goes through =

each rule is “interpolable” =

there is an explicit definition of the interpolant for the conclusion of the rule from interpolants for the premises.

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## Timeline

Gabbay	1977	
Fine	1979	
Lopez-Escobar	1981	
Kripke	1983	(review of Fine1979,JSL)
Lopez-Escobar	1983	
Mints	1984	
Mints	2008	
Urquhart	2011	
Olkhovikov	2012	

Kripke 1959, 1965; Grzegorzczuk in 1964, inspired by forcing, Beth 1959.

CD = Int + (D):

$$(D) \quad \forall x(A \vee B) \rightarrow (A \vee \forall x B),$$

where  $x$  is not free in  $A$ .

Completeness: Sabine Görnemann 1971

Klemke1971 and Gabbay1969 (Technical report).

Dov M. Gabbay 1977 gives a model-theoretic proof.

The second is by López-Escobar 1981, using proof theory.

In his paper of 1977, Gabbay shows that the strong Robinson consistency theorem does not hold for **CD**; however, he goes on to claim that the weak Robinson consistency theorem holds for **CD**, and from this deduces the interpolation theorem.

The first (negative) result appears in the comprehensive monograph co-authored by Gabbay and Maksimova 2005, but the proof of interpolation does not appear.

The language  $L$  of the logic **CD** :

$\wedge, \vee, \rightarrow, \perp, \forall, \exists$ .

$\neg A \equiv (A \rightarrow \perp)$

0-ary predicate (propositional) symbols are allowed.

## Models

$\mathcal{M} = \langle W, \leq, D, \phi \rangle$ ,

where  $W \neq \emptyset$ ,  $\leq$  is a quasi-ordering on  $W$  (a reflexive transitive relation),  $D \neq \emptyset$

$\phi(P)$  is a  $k+1$ -ary relation contained in  $W \times D^k$  that satisfies the monotonicity condition

$[v \leq w \wedge \langle v, a_1, \dots, a_k \rangle \in \phi(P)] \Rightarrow \langle w, a_1, \dots, a_k \rangle \in \phi(P)$



1.  $v \Vdash_{\mathcal{M}} P\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_k \Leftrightarrow \langle v, a_1, \dots, a_k \rangle \in \phi(P),$
2.  $v \Vdash_{\mathcal{M}} A \wedge B \Leftrightarrow (v \Vdash_{\mathcal{M}} A \wedge v \Vdash_{\mathcal{M}} B),$
3.  $v \Vdash_{\mathcal{M}} A \vee B \Leftrightarrow (v \Vdash_{\mathcal{M}} A \vee v \Vdash_{\mathcal{M}} B),$
4.  $v \Vdash_{\mathcal{M}} A \rightarrow B \Leftrightarrow$   
 $(\forall w \geq v)(w \Vdash_{\mathcal{M}} A \rightarrow w \Vdash_{\mathcal{M}} B),$
5.  $v \Vdash_{\mathcal{M}} \perp$  never holds,
6.  $v \Vdash_{\mathcal{M}} \exists x A \Leftrightarrow \exists a \in D(v \Vdash_{\mathcal{M}} A[\mathbf{a}/x]),$
7.  $v \Vdash_{\mathcal{M}} \forall x A \Leftrightarrow \forall a \in D(v \Vdash_{\mathcal{M}} A[\mathbf{a}/x]) \quad (*)$ .

Assume a base state: an element  $v \in W$  such that  $v \leq w$  for all  $w \in W$ .

The semantics is easily extended to a second-order version, where the second-order variables of arity  $k$  range over  $k + 1$ -ary relations  $R$  over  $W \times D^k$  that satisfy a version of the monotonicity condition above:

$$[v \leq w \wedge \langle v, a_1, \dots, a_k \rangle \in R] \Rightarrow \langle w, a_1, \dots, a_k \rangle \in R.$$

## The Counterexample

$$\Gamma = [\forall x \exists y (Py \wedge (Qy \rightarrow Rx)) \wedge \neg \forall x Rx],$$

$$\Delta = \forall x (Px \rightarrow (Qx \vee S)) \rightarrow S.$$

**Lemma 1** *The implication  $\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta$  is valid in all Grzegorzczuk-models.*

$$\alpha := \forall x(Px \rightarrow (Qx \vee S)).$$

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{(Qy \rightarrow Rx), Qy \Rightarrow Rx \vee S}{(Qy \rightarrow Rx), (Qy \vee S) \Rightarrow Rx \vee S} \quad S \Rightarrow Rx \vee S}{Py, (Qy \rightarrow Rx), (Py \rightarrow (Qy \vee S)) \Rightarrow Rx \vee S}}{(Py \wedge (Qy \rightarrow Rx)), (Py \rightarrow (Qy \vee S)) \Rightarrow Rx \vee S}}{(Py \wedge (Qy \rightarrow Rx)), \forall x(Px \rightarrow (Qx \vee S)) \Rightarrow Rx \vee S}}{\frac{\exists y(Py \wedge (Qy \rightarrow Rx)), \alpha \Rightarrow Rx \vee S}{\forall x \exists y(Py \wedge (Qy \rightarrow Rx)), \alpha \Rightarrow Rx \vee S}}{\forall x \exists y(Py \wedge (Qy \rightarrow Rx)), \alpha \Rightarrow \forall x(Rx \vee S)}$$

$$\forall x(Rx \vee S), \neg \forall x Rx \Rightarrow S$$

## Proof.

Assume  $v \Vdash_{\mathcal{M}} \Gamma$ .

Assume  $w \geq v$  and  $w \Vdash_{\mathcal{M}} \forall x(Px \rightarrow (Qx \vee S))$ .

For  $a \in D$ , since  $v \Vdash_{\mathcal{M}} \Gamma$ ,

$w \Vdash_{\mathcal{M}} \exists y(Py \wedge (Qy \rightarrow Ra))$ ,

so that for some  $b \in D$ ,  $w \Vdash_{\mathcal{M}} Pb \wedge (Qb \rightarrow Ra)$ .

Also  $w \Vdash_{\mathcal{M}} Pb \rightarrow (Qb \vee S)$ , hence  $w \Vdash_{\mathcal{M}} (Qb \vee S)$  and so  $w \Vdash_{\mathcal{M}} Ra \vee S$ .

Since  $a$  was arbitrary, it follows that  $w \Vdash_{\mathcal{M}} \forall x(Rx \vee S)$ .

Hence, by (D),  $w \Vdash_{\mathcal{M}} \forall xRx \vee S$ .

Since  $v \Vdash_{\mathcal{M}} \Gamma$ , it follows that  $w \Vdash_{\mathcal{M}} \neg \forall xRx$ , so  $w \Vdash_{\mathcal{M}} S$ , showing

that  $v \Vdash_{\mathcal{M}} \Delta$ . □

**Corollary 1** *The second-order implication*

$$\exists R\Gamma \rightarrow \forall S\Delta$$

*is valid in all G-models.*

**Lemma 2** *Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be a G-model with base point  $w_0$ .*

1.  $w_0 \Vdash_{\mathcal{M}} \exists R\Gamma$  *iff*

$$\forall w \exists a (w_0 \Vdash_{\mathcal{M}} Pa \wedge w \not\Vdash_{\mathcal{M}} Qa). \quad [I(P, Q)]$$

2.  $w_0 \Vdash_{\mathcal{M}} \forall S\Delta$  *iff*

$$\forall w \exists a (w \Vdash_{\mathcal{M}} Pa \wedge w \not\Vdash_{\mathcal{M}} Qa). \quad [J(P, Q)]$$

$$\Box \exists x (\Box Px \wedge \overline{\Box Qx})$$

*where  $\overline{\phantom{x}}$  is classical negation.*

Substitutions for the second-order quantifiers  $\exists R, \forall S$  used in this proof proved to be important to the choice of the model proving non-interpolation.

The *standard translation* of a formula of **CD**.

The *forcing language*  $L_f$  associated with **CD** is a two-sorted first-order language.

The *state variables*,  $u, v, w, u_0, v_0, w_0, u_1, v_1, \dots$

The *individual variables*  $x, y, z, x_0, y_0, z_0, x_1, y_1, \dots$

For every  $k$ -place predicate  $Px_1, \dots, x_k$  in **CD**,

a  $k + 1$ -place predicate  $P^*w, x_1, \dots, x_k$ ;

In addition, it contains the two-place predicate  $\leq$ .

**Definition 1** *The standard translation of a formula  $A$  of **CD** is a formula  $ST_w(A)$  of the forcing language  $L_f$ , where  $w$  is a state variable.*

$$\begin{aligned}
ST_w(Px_1, \dots, x_k) &= P^*w, x_1, \dots, x_k, \\
ST_w(A \wedge B) &= ST_w(A) \wedge ST_w(B), \\
ST_w(A \vee B) &= ST_w(A) \vee ST_w(B), \\
ST_w(\perp) &= \perp, \\
ST_w(\exists x A) &= \exists x ST_w(A), \\
ST_w(\forall x A(x)) &= \forall x ST_w(A), \\
ST_w(A \rightarrow B) &= \forall v \geq w [ST_v(A) \Rightarrow ST_v(B)]
\end{aligned}$$

where  $v$  is a fresh state variable.



**Lemma 3** *If  $\mathcal{M} = \langle \mathcal{W}, \leq, \mathcal{D}, \phi \rangle$  is a G-model, and  $A$  is a sentence of  $L(\mathcal{D})$ , then:*

1. *For any state  $u \in \mathcal{W}$ ,*

*$u \Vdash_{\mathcal{M}} A$  if and only if  $\mathcal{M} \models ST_w(A)[\mathbf{u}/w]$ .*

2.  *$\Vdash_{\mathcal{M}} A$  if and only if  $\mathcal{M} \models ST_w(A)[\mathbf{w}_0/w]$ .*

**Proof.** By induction on the complexity of the formula  $A$ . □

**Lemma 4** *If  $\Theta$  is an interpolant for  $\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta$ , then  $ST_w(\Theta)$  is a semantical interpolant for  $I(P, Q)$  and  $J(P, Q)$ . That is, for any  $G$ -model  $\mathcal{M}$ ,*

1.  $\mathcal{M} \models I(P, Q) \Rightarrow \mathcal{M} \models ST_w(\Theta)[\mathbf{w}_0/w];$

2.  $\mathcal{M} \models ST_w(\Theta)[\mathbf{w}_0/w] \Rightarrow \mathcal{M} \models J(P, Q).$

## Asimulations

The basic concept of *asimulation* due to Grigory Olkhovikov.

An asymmetric counterpart of the concept of bisimulation in modal logic.

Let  $\mathcal{M}_1 = \langle W_1, \leq_1, D_1, \phi_1 \rangle$  and

$\mathcal{M}_2 = \langle W_2, \leq_2, D_2, \phi_2 \rangle$ .

A mapping

$v, d_1, \dots, d_k \mapsto w, e_1, \dots, e_k; \quad v \in \mathcal{M}_i, w \in \mathcal{M}_j.$  many  
value

$v \mapsto w; \quad d_n \mapsto e_n, \quad n \in \{1, \dots, k\}.$

An *asimulation* between  $\mathcal{M}_1$  and  $\mathcal{M}_2$  is a relation  $Z$  satisfying the following conditions:

**Definition 2** 1.  $Z \subseteq \bigcup_{k \geq 0}$

$$(W_1 \times D_1^k) \times (W_2 \times D_2^k) \cup \\ [(W_2 \times D_2^k) \times (W_1 \times D_1^k)];$$

$$2. \{(v, \vec{d} Z w, \vec{e}) \wedge v \Vdash_i P[\vec{d}]\} \Rightarrow w \Vdash_j P[\vec{e}],$$

for  $P$  a  $k$ -place predicate;

$$3. \{(t, \vec{d} Z u, \vec{e}) \wedge u \leq_j v\} \Rightarrow (\exists w \in W_i)$$

$$(t \leq_i w \wedge (w, \vec{d} Z v, \vec{e}) \wedge (v, \vec{e} Z w, \vec{d}));$$

$$4. \{t \in W_i \wedge (t, \vec{d} Z u, \vec{e}) \wedge f \in D_i\}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\exists g \in D_j)(t, \vec{d}, f Z u, \vec{e}, g);$$

$$5. \{t \in W_i \wedge (t, \vec{d} Z u, \vec{e}) \wedge g \in D_j\}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\exists f \in D_i)(t, \vec{d}, f Z u, \vec{e}, g),$$

where  $\{i, j\} = \{1, 2\}$ , and  $\Vdash_i$  and  $\Vdash_j$  are the forcing relations in  $\mathcal{M}_i$  and  $\mathcal{M}_j$ .

The concept of asimulation is due to G. Olkhovikov, this presentation is due to A. Urquhart.

In the present case, we need only a half.

**Lemma 5** *Let  $Z$  be an asimulation between  $\mathcal{M}_1$  and  $\mathcal{M}_2$ . Then if  $t, \vec{d} Z u, \vec{e}$  and  $t \Vdash_i A[\vec{d}]$ , then  $u \Vdash_j A[\vec{e}]$ , where  $\{i, j\} = \{1, 2\}$ .*

**Proof.** By induction on the complexity of the formula  $A$ . The steps for atomic formulas,  $\wedge$ ,  $\vee$  and  $\perp$  are straightforward.

Assume  $t, \vec{d} Z u, \vec{e}$ ,  $t \Vdash_i A[\vec{d}] \rightarrow B[\vec{d}]$ .

If  $u \leq_j v$  and  $v \Vdash_j A[\vec{e}]$ , then by the third condition in Definition 2,

$$(\exists w \in W_i)(t \leq_i w \wedge (w, \vec{d} Z v, \vec{e}) \wedge (v, \vec{e} Z w, \vec{d})).$$

By inductive assumption,  $w \Vdash_i A[\vec{d}]$ , so that  $w \Vdash_i B[\vec{d}]$ , since  $t \Vdash_i A[\vec{d}] \rightarrow B[\vec{d}]$ . Again, by inductive assumption,  $v \Vdash_j B[\vec{e}]$ , showing that  $u \Vdash_j A[\vec{e}] \rightarrow B[\vec{e}]$ .

Assume that  $t, \vec{d} Z u, \vec{e}$  and that  $t \Vdash_i \exists x A[\vec{d}, x]$ . Then  $t \Vdash_i A[\vec{d}, f]$ , for some  $f \in D_i$ . By the fourth condition in Definition 2, there is a  $g$  in  $D_j$  so that  $t, \vec{d}, f Z u, \vec{e}, g$ . By inductive assumption,  $u \Vdash_j A[\vec{e}, g]$ , so that  $u \Vdash_j \exists x A[\vec{e}, x]$ .

Assume that  $t, \vec{d} Z u, \vec{e}$  and that  $t \Vdash_i \forall x A[\vec{d}, x]$ .  
 Let  $g$  be an arbitrary individual in  $D_j$ . By the  
 fifth condition in Definition 2,

$$(\exists f \in D_i)(t, \vec{d}, f Z u, \vec{e}, g).$$

Then  $t \Vdash_i A[\vec{d}, f]$ , so by inductive assumption,

$$u \Vdash_j A[\vec{e}, g], \text{ showing that } u \Vdash_j \forall x A[\vec{e}, x]. \quad \square$$

### **Refuting interpolation $\Gamma(P, Q, R) \rightarrow \Delta(P, Q, S)$**

G. Olkhovikov defined two models for the lan-  
 guage  $P, Q$  with bases  $w, v$ , and asimulation



$\mathcal{M}_1$  *asym*<sub>P,Q</sub>  $\mathcal{M}_2$  plus

$$\mathcal{M}_1^* = (\mathcal{M}_1, R^*), \quad \mathcal{M}_2^* = (\mathcal{M}_2, S^*), \text{ s.t.}$$

$$w \vdash_{\mathcal{M}_1^*} \Gamma \quad v \not\vdash_{\mathcal{M}_2^*} \Delta. \quad (1)$$

**Lemma 6**  $\Gamma(P, Q, R) \rightarrow \Delta(P, Q, S)$  does not have an interpolant  $\mathbf{I}(P, Q)$ .

Proof. Assume for contradiction that

$$\vdash \Gamma(P, Q, R) \rightarrow \mathbf{I}(P, Q), \quad \vdash \mathbf{I}(P, Q) \rightarrow \Delta(P, Q, S).$$

Then

$$w \vdash_{\mathcal{M}_1^*} \Gamma \Rightarrow w \vdash_{\mathcal{M}_1^*} \mathbf{I}(P, Q) \Rightarrow_{\text{asym}_{P,Q}}$$

$$v \vdash_{\mathcal{M}_2^*} \mathbf{I}(P, Q) \Rightarrow v \vdash_{\mathcal{M}_2^*} \Delta$$

a contradiction with (1). □

## Models

$\mathbb{N}$ : positive natural numbers,

$k\mathbb{N} + l$ : the set  $\{kn + l \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ .

**Definition 3** 1. A quasi-partition  $(A, B, C)$ :

(a)  $A \cup B \cup C = \mathbb{N}$ ;

(b)  $A, B, C$  are pairwise disjoint;

(c)  $A$  and  $C$  are infinite;

(d)  $B$  is either empty or infinite.

2. An order  $\trianglelefteq$  on quasi-partitions:

$$(A, B, C) \trianglelefteq (D, E, F) \Leftrightarrow [A \subseteq D \wedge F \subseteq C].$$

The base points for  $\mathcal{M}_1$  and  $\mathcal{M}_2$ :

$$\mathbf{v} = (v_1, v_2, v_3) = (3\mathbb{N}, 3\mathbb{N} + 1, 3\mathbb{N} + 2);$$

$$\mathbf{w} = (w_1, w_2, w_3) = (2\mathbb{N}, \emptyset, 2\mathbb{N} + 1).$$

**Definition 4** *The states:*

$$W_1 = \{(A, B, C) \mid \mathbf{v} \trianglelefteq (A, B, C) \wedge B \cap w_2 \text{ is infinite}\};$$

$$W_2 = \{\mathbf{w}\} \cup \{(A, B, C) \mid \mathbf{w} \trianglelefteq (A, B, C) \wedge B \neq \emptyset\};$$

*The ordering on  $\mathcal{M}_1$  and  $\mathcal{M}_2$  is  $\trianglelefteq$ ;*

$$D_1 = D_2 = \mathbb{N}; \text{ for } i = 1, 2$$

$$\phi_i(P) = \{\langle v, a \rangle \mid a \in v_1 \cup v_2\},$$

$$\phi_i(Q) = \{\langle v, a \rangle \mid a \in v_1\}.$$

$\mathcal{M}_1$  and  $\mathcal{M}_2$  are G-models.

**Lemma 7** 1.  $\mathcal{M}_1$  satisfies  $I(P, Q)$ ;

2.  $J(P, Q)$  fails in  $\mathcal{M}_2$ .

An asimulation  $Z$  between  $\mathcal{M}_1$  and  $\mathcal{M}_2$ .

$D^{(k)}$ : the family of all sequences of length  $k$ , chosen from the set  $D$ , where all  $k$  elements of the sequence are distinct.

$D \setminus \vec{u}$

If  $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in \mathbb{N}^{(k)}$ , then the mapping  $\vec{u}_l \mapsto \vec{v}_l$ , for  $1 \leq l \leq k$ , is a bijection between the elements of  $\vec{u}$  and those of  $\vec{v}$ ; we use the notation  $[\vec{u} \mapsto \vec{v}]$  for this bijection.

**Definition 5** 1.  $Z \subseteq \bigcup_{k \geq 0} [(W_1 \times D_1^{(k)}) \times (W_2 \times D_2^{(k)})] \cup [(W_2 \times D_2^{(k)}) \times (W_1 \times D_1^{(k)})]$ ;

2. If  $\langle (A, B, C), \vec{d} \rangle Z \langle (D, E, F), \vec{e} \rangle$ , where  $\vec{d} \in D_i^{(k)}$ ,  $\vec{e} \in D_j^{(k)}$ ,  $\{i, j\} = \{1, 2\}$ , then for  $1 \leq l \leq k$ ,

(a) If  $\vec{d}_l \in A$  then  $\vec{e}_l \in D$ ;

(b) If  $\vec{d}_l \in B$ , then  $\vec{e}_l \in D \cup E$ .

**Lemma 8** *The relation  $Z$  is an asimulation between the  $G$ -models  $\mathcal{M}_1$  and  $\mathcal{M}_2$ .*

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Logic CD of constant domains is obtained by adding schema  $\forall x(p \vee Bx) \rightarrow (p \vee \forall x Bx)$  to intuitionistic predicate calculus. Corresponding Kripke semantics is a familiar semantics for intuitionistic predicate calculus plus condition that individual domain is one and the same for all worlds.



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The present author [L.E.] tries to prove that CD does not have any cut-free Genzen-style axiomatization with a finite number of rules where formulas are analyzed only up to finite depth  $k$ . He concludes this from the statement of necessity in such axiomatics of a derivable formula

$$\forall x(p \vee B(x)) \rightarrow (p \vee (q \rightarrow \forall x_1 \dots x_{k-1} B(x)))$$

However this formula is derivable in the axiomatics obtained by adding the rule

$$\frac{p, \Gamma \Rightarrow C \quad \forall x Bx, \Gamma \Rightarrow C}{\forall x(p \vee Bx), \Gamma \Rightarrow C}$$

to ordinary intuitionistic rules. The error by the author is in the case C2 which is not treated.  
Signed G. Mints