Imperative Programs as Proofs (via Game Semantics)

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Motivation 1: Curry-Howard Correspondence

The Curry-Howard isomorphism notes a striking correspondence between *proofs* and *functional programs*:

Types	Propositions	
Programs	Proofs	
Evaluation	Proof normalisation	

- We can extend our notion of programs to include those with imperative effects...
- What are the corresponding proofs?

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Motivation 2: A Simple Games Model

- Modelling programs/proofs as *strategies* is a compelling metaphor and has yielded strong technical results.
- \blacktriangleright \Rightarrow the games themselves are important mathematical entities.
- Curien-Lamarche sequential games are a strikingly simple formulation
 - Rich mathematical structure, can model many languages and logics

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Can we find a logic where each strategy interprets a proof?

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Overview

- We will develop a logic WS1 where formulas correspond to games and proofs to history-sensitive strategies
 - Proofs with imperative computational content
- The system is expressive:
 - This logic contains first-order intuitionistic linear logic
 - We can embed a total imperative programming language

- ightarrow ightarrow We can use it to reason about imperative programs
- This logic admits a strong *full completeness* result with respect to the game model

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Formulas of WS1

- Fix a first-order language *L* with pairs of predicates (φ, φ) and a variable set V (=∈ φ)
- For formulas of the logic are as follows:

$$M, N := \mathbf{1} | \perp | \phi(\overrightarrow{x}) |$$

$$M \otimes N | M \otimes N | N \triangleleft P |$$

$$\forall x.P | M \& N | !N$$

$$P, Q := \mathbf{0} | \top | \overline{\phi}(\overrightarrow{x}) |$$

$$P \otimes Q | P \triangleleft Q | P \otimes N |$$

$$\exists x.P | P \oplus Q | ?P$$

- We have an involutive $(-)^{\perp}$ operation switching polarity
- ▶ We can encode implication $M \multimap N = N \lhd M^{\perp}$

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Formulas as Games

- Formulas denote (families of) two-player games
 - (indexed over *L*-structures and valuations)
 - Opponent and Player alternately play moves according to a tree of valid plays
 - In negative formulas Opponent starts, in positive formulas Player starts
- Proofs of a formula denote (families of) winning P-strategies on the interpretation of that formula.
 - Player must always respond to an Opponent-move
 - There is a winning condition for infinite plays

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Units and Atoms

- ▶ 1 represents the empty negative game (no moves) (\vdash 1)
- \perp represents the game with a single Opponent move ($eq \perp$)
- ► $\phi(\vec{x})$ is interpreted as **1** if the model validates $\phi(\vec{x})$, \perp if it does not

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Units and Atoms

- ▶ 0 represents the empty positive game (no moves) (\forall 0)
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Additives and Quantifiers

- ▶ In M&N, Opponent may chose to start a play in M or in N
 - So a strategy $\vdash M\&N$ is a pair $(\vdash M, \vdash N)$
- In ∀x.M(x), Opponent may chose a value v for x in the model and start a play in M(v)

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Additives and Quantifiers

- In $P \oplus Q$, Player may chose to start a play in P or in Q
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Multiplicatives

- A play in $M \otimes N$ is an **interleaving** of a play in M with a play in N
 - Opponent may start in either component, and then switch between components
- A play in $M \oslash N$ is a play in $M \otimes N$ that must start in M
 - So we have $M \otimes N \cong M \oslash N \& N \oslash M$
- In the game M ⊲ P, it is Player that can switch between the two components.

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Multiplicatives

- ► A play in P⊗Q is an interleaving of a play in P with a play in Q
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- A play in $P \lhd Q$ is a play in $P \otimes Q$ that must start in P
 - So we have $P \otimes Q \cong P \lhd Q \oplus Q \lhd P$
- In the game P ⊘ M, it is Opponent that can switch between the two components.

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Exponentials

 $\begin{array}{rcl} M, \ N := & !M & \dots \\ P, \ Q := & ?P & \dots \end{array}$

- !*M* denotes an (ordered) interleaving of infinitely many copies of *M*
 - Opponent may spawn new copies of *M* and switch between copies he has opened (!*M* ≅ *M*⊘!*M*)
- ?P denotes an (ordered) interleaving of infinitely many copies of P
 - Player may spawn new copies of P and switch between copies he has opened (?P ≅ P⊲?P)

These are the only operators yielding infinite games

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Example

- The game of Booleans can be given by $\mathbf{B} = \bot \lhd (\top \oplus \top)$
 - ► A play consists of an O-move (q) followed by one of two P-moves (t or f)
 - Two winning strategies correspond to True or False values
- ▶ We can represent 'functions' Bool \rightarrow Bool by $\mathbf{B} \multimap \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{B} \lhd \mathbf{B}^{\perp} = (\perp \lhd (\top \oplus \top)) \lhd (\top \oslash (\perp \& \bot))$

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Opponent asks for output

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Player gives output

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Sequents

A *sequent* of WS1 is $\Phi \vdash \Gamma$ where:

- Φ = X; Θ where X is variables in scope, Θ is atomic assumptions on those variables.
- **Γ** is a nonempty list of formulas, of either polarity.

 $\Phi \vdash M, P, Q, N$

Comma is to be read as a left-associative \oslash or \lhd :

 $\Phi \vdash ((M \lhd P) \lhd Q) \oslash N$

 \Rightarrow First move must occur in first formula.

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Core Rules

$\overline{\bm{\Phi}\vdash\bm{1},\bm{\Gamma}}$	$\overline{\Phi \vdash \top}$	
$\Phi \vdash M, N, \Gamma \qquad \Phi \vdash N, M, \Gamma$	$\Phi \vdash Q, P, \Gamma$	$\Phi \vdash P, Q, \Gamma$
$\Phi \vdash M \otimes N, \Gamma$	$\Phi \vdash P \otimes Q, \Gamma$	$\Phi \vdash P \otimes Q, \Gamma$
$\Phi \vdash M, \Gamma \qquad \Phi \vdash N, \Gamma$	$\Phi \vdash P, \Gamma$	$\Phi \vdash Q, \Gamma$
Φ ⊢ <i>M</i> & <i>N</i> ,Γ	$\Phi \vdash P \oplus Q, \Gamma$	$\Phi \vdash P \oplus Q, \Gamma$
$_\Phi \vdash P_$	$\Phi \vdash \bot, P \otimes Q, \Gamma$	$\Phi \vdash \bot, P \oslash N, \Gamma$
$\Phi\vdash\bot, \textit{P}$	$\Phi\vdash\bot, P, Q, \Gamma$	$\Phi \vdash \bot, P, N, \Gamma$
$\Phi\vdash\bot,\Gamma$	$\Phi \vdash N$	$\Phi \vdash \top, M \otimes N, \Gamma$
$\overline{\Phi\vdash\bot,N,\Gamma}$	$\Phi \vdash \top, N$	$\Phi \vdash \top, M, N, \Gamma$
$\Phi \vdash op, \mathcal{N} \lhd \mathcal{P}, \Gamma$	$\Phi \vdash \top, \Gamma$	$\Phi \vdash A, N, \Gamma$
$\overline{ \Phi \vdash \top, N, P, \Gamma}$	$\Phi \vdash \top, P, \Gamma$	$\Phi \vdash A \oslash N, \Gamma$
$\Phi \vdash A, P, \Gamma$	$\Phi \vdash N, !N, \Gamma$	$\Phi \vdash P, ?P, \Gamma$
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Core Rules (atoms and quantifiers)

A proof of $X; \Theta \vdash \Gamma$ is interpreted as a strategy on $\llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket(L)$ for each Θ -satisfying \mathcal{L} -model over X

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Other Rules

$\vdash \Gamma^*, \Delta$	$\vdash \Gamma^{*}, M, N, \Delta$	$\vdash \Gamma^{*}, M, N, \Delta$	$dash$ Γ^{*}, M, Δ
$\vdash \Gamma^*, 1, \Delta$	$\vdash \Gamma^*, M \otimes N, \Delta$	$\vdash \Gamma^*, N, M, \Delta$	$\vdash \Gamma^*, \Delta$
$\vdash \Gamma^*, \Delta$	$dash$ Γ^*, P, Q, Δ	$dash$ Γ^*, P, Q, Δ	$dash$ Γ^*, Δ
$ \vdash \Gamma^*, 0, \Delta$	$\vdash \Gamma^*, P \otimes Q, \Delta$	$\vdash \Gamma^*, Q, P, \Delta$	$\vdash \Gamma^*, P, \Delta$
$\vdash M, \Gamma, \Delta^2$	+ $\vdash N, \Delta_1^+$	$ N N^{\perp}$	$\vdash \Gamma, !M, \Delta$
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$\vdash \Gamma^*, N^{\perp}, \Gamma$	$ 1 \vdash N, \Delta^+ $	$\vdash \Gamma, !M, \Delta$	$\vdash M, P^{\perp}, P$
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Interpretation of Proofs

- We can interpret proofs as (families of) strategies using the ideas described above
- Semantics of the 'other' rules use the *categorical structure* of the games model:
 - One may compose strategies M → N and N → L, take the tensor of maps M ⊗ N → M' ⊗ N' and so on

We distinguish them from the 'core' rules due to full completeness result...

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Full Completeness

- We can show that any uniform family of winning finitary strategies is the denotation of a unique analytic proof
- ► We define a semantics-guided proof search procedure:
 - Choice of rule to prove $\vdash A, \Gamma$ determined by A in most cases
 - ► There is a choice in ⊗,⊕,∃ cases; determined by move played by the strategy
 - But what if there is a different choice in different components?

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Uniformity of Strategies

- The interpretations of proofs are *uniform* families of strategies.
 - If $(L, v) \models \overline{\phi}(\overrightarrow{x})$ whenever $(L', v') \models \overline{\phi}(\overrightarrow{x})$ then $\llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket(L', v')$ is a subgame of $\llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket(L, v)$
 - ► Uniformity means that the strategy on (L', v') is the restriction of the strategy on (L, v)

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Non-example

Consider $\bot \lhd (\overline{\phi} \oplus (\top \oslash \phi))$ ("excluded middle")



There is a family of winning strategies, but it is not uniform.

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Categorical Formalisation

Uniformity is formalised using tools from category theory...

- A sequent $X; \Theta \vdash \Gamma$ is interpreted as a functor $\mathcal{M}_X^{\Theta} \to \mathcal{G}$
 - *M*^Θ_X is the category where objects are Θ-satisfying
 L-structures and *X*-valuations, and morphisms are functions that preserve positive predicates and valuation (⇒ injective)
 - G is the category of games and strategies
- A proof of X; Θ ⊢ Γ is interpreted as a uniform winning strategy on [[X; Θ ⊢ Γ]]
 - A lax-natural transformation I ⇒ [[X; Θ ⊢ Γ]] that is pointwise winning

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Uniformity Results

Proposition

Provided Θ is "lean" (contains $x \neq y$ for all distinct $x, y \in X$)

- A uniform winning strategy on P ⊕ Q is a uniform winning strategy on P or a uniform strategy on Q
- A uniform winning strategy on P⊗Q is a uniform winning strategy on P ⊲ Q or a uniform winning strategy on Q ⊲ P
- A uniform winning strategy on ∃x.P(x) corresponds to a choice of a unique variable y (in scope) and uniform winning strategy on P(y).

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Reification of Strategies

We can hence define our proof search procedure for bounded strategies:

- Apply match rule to ensure Θ is lean
- Decompose the head formula using core introduction rules until it is a unit
 - Choices for $\mathfrak{D}, \oplus, \exists$ determined by strategy
- Consolidate the tail into a single formula using the elimination rules
- Strictly decrease the size of the strategy using the rules that remove the head unit

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Some Core Rules (reminder)

$$\frac{(\Phi \vdash \Gamma)[\frac{z}{x}, \frac{z}{y}] \qquad \Phi, x \neq y \vdash \Gamma}{\Phi \vdash \Gamma} \\
\frac{\Phi \vdash M, N, \Gamma \qquad \Phi \vdash N, M, \Gamma}{\Phi \vdash M \otimes N, \Gamma} \\
\frac{\Phi \vdash M, \Gamma \qquad \Phi \vdash N, \Gamma}{\Phi \vdash M \otimes N, \Gamma} \\
\frac{\Phi \vdash P}{\Phi \vdash \bot, P} \\
\frac{\Phi \vdash L, \Gamma}{\Phi \vdash \bot, N, \Gamma} \\
\frac{\Phi \vdash T, N \lhd P, \Gamma}{\Phi \vdash T, N, P, \Gamma} \\
\frac{\Phi \vdash A, P, \Gamma}{\Phi \vdash A \lhd P, \Gamma}$$

$$\overline{\Phi \vdash \top}$$

$$\frac{\Phi \vdash P, Q, \Gamma}{\Phi \vdash P \otimes Q, \Gamma}$$

$$\frac{\Phi \vdash Q, \Gamma}{\Phi \vdash P \oplus Q, \Gamma}$$

$$\frac{\Phi \vdash L, P \otimes N, \Gamma}{\Phi \vdash \bot, P, N, \Gamma}$$

$$\frac{\Phi \vdash T, M \otimes N, \Gamma}{\Phi \vdash A \otimes N, \Gamma}$$

$$\frac{\Phi \vdash P, ?P, \Gamma}{\Phi \vdash ?P, \Gamma}$$

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Full Completeness

Thus, each finitary winning uniform strategy is the denotation of a unique analytic proof.

- In the exponential-free subsystem, the interpretation of any proof is finitary.
- We can 'normalise' proofs to analytic proofs via the semantics
 - (unique analytic proof with same semantics)
- \blacktriangleright \Rightarrow all of the 'other' rules (e.g. cut) are admissible

This also works for the full system, if we allow normal forms to be *infinitary analytic proofs*.

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Analytic Theorems

- In e.g. ILL, we can reduce any proof to an analytic (cut-free) finite proof, even in the presence of exponentials
- In WS1, the analytic proof may be infinite. Why the weaker situation?
 - ► In ILL proofs ≈ innocent strategies a strategy on !N must act the same way in each thread.
 - In WS1 proofs are history-sensitive so ! really introduces infinite (possibly non-computable) behaviour

But we can write proofs which denote infinite (computable, total) behaviour...

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Non-core rules for Exponential

To generate a finite proof on a type involving the exponentials, we can use the following proof rule:

$$\frac{\vdash M, P^{\perp}, P}{\vdash !M, P}$$

This represents the fact that:

Proposition In \mathcal{G} , !M is the final coalgebra of the functor $M \oslash _$.

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Intuitionistic Linear Logic

- We can use this (with contraction) to derive promotion
 >> Embedding of Intuitionistic Linear Logic in WS1
- There are formulas that are not provable in ILL but are provable in WS1 e.g. medial:

$$\vdash ((\alpha \otimes \beta \multimap \bot) \otimes (\gamma \otimes \delta \multimap \bot) \multimap \bot) \multimap ((\alpha \multimap \bot) \otimes (\gamma \multimap \bot) \multimap \bot) \otimes ((\beta \multimap \bot) \otimes (\delta \multimap \bot) \multimap \bot)$$

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Boolean Variables

- Let $Bi = (\bot \& \bot) \lhd \top$ (input Boolean)
- !var =!(B&Bi) is a type of reusable Boolean variables (read method and write method)
- We can define a reusable Boolean cell ⊢ B —o!var using the anamorphism rule and a proof p ⊢ var, B, B[⊥]

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Boolean Cell — p



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TotLang and its Embedding Formulas as Specifications Further Directions

Algol-style Total Programming Language

We can embed a total programming language (TotLang).

- Simply typed lambda calculus
- Ground types: com, nat, var
- Constants: skip, sequencing, ifzero, repeat, 0, suc, assignment, deref, newvar, coroutines, encaps, mkvar

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \mathrm{add} &=& \lambda \,\,\mathrm{m}\,\,\mathrm{n}\,\,. &\,\mathrm{newvar}\,\,\mathrm{x}\,:=\,\mathrm{n}\,\,\mathrm{in}\\ &\,\mathrm{repeat}\,\,\mathrm{m}\,\,(\mathrm{x}\,:=\,\mathrm{succ}\,\,!\mathrm{x})\,\,;\,\,!\mathrm{x}\\ \mathrm{newstack} &=& \mathrm{encaps}\,\,(\lambda\,\,\mathrm{g}\,\,.\,\,\mathrm{newvar}\,\,\mathrm{x}\,:=\,0\,\,\mathrm{in}\,\,\mathrm{g}\,\,\mathrm{a}\,\,\mathrm{b})\,\,0\\ &\,\mathrm{where} && \mathrm{a}\,=\,\lambda\,\,\mathrm{n}\,\,. &\,\mathrm{mkvar}\,\,\mathrm{n}\,\,(\lambda\,\,\mathrm{m}\,\,.\,\,\,\mathrm{x}\,:=\,\mathrm{suc}\,\,\mathrm{m})\\ &\,\mathrm{b}\,=\,\lambda\,\,\mathrm{n}\,\,. &\,\mathrm{ifzero}\,\,!\mathrm{x}\,\,\mathrm{then}\,\,\mathrm{n}\,\,\mathrm{else}\\ &\,(\mathrm{let}\,\,\mathrm{z}\,=\,!\mathrm{x}\,-\,1\,\,\mathrm{in}\,\,\mathrm{x}\,:=\,0\,\,;\,\,\mathrm{z}) \end{array}$$

TotLang and its Embedding Formulas as Specifications Further Directions

Naturals in WS1

 To embed TotLang into WS1 we must add natural numbers to WS1...

$$N := \omega \mid \ldots \qquad P := \overline{\omega} \mid \ldots$$

- ▶ ω (resp. $\overline{\omega}$) denotes the game \bot^{ω} (resp. \top^{ω})
- Proof rules:

Full completeness, normalisation etc extends to this setting

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Language Embedding

- ▶ We can map types to negative formulas: com $\mapsto \bot \lhd \top$, nat $\mapsto \bot \lhd \overline{\omega}$, var $\mapsto \mathbf{B} \& \mathbf{Bi}, A \to B \mapsto B \lhd ?A^{\bot}, ...$
- The lambda calculus part uses the structure of the ILL embedding
- Constants can be mapped to proofs in WS1

The games model of TotLang is fully abstract, resultantly:

 Two programs M and N are observationally equivalent if and only if their representations in WS1 have the same (infinitary) normal form

(we can also embed a call-by-value language with these features)

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Formulas as Specifications

Formulas of WS1 are much finer than the programming language types, we can use them to represent specifications on programs.

- Evalation order of arguments
- Number of times an argument is interrogated
- Predicates on ground values

Example:

Identity specification on nat → nat given by
 ⊥ ⊲ ⊤ ⊘ ∀x.⊥ ⊲ ∃y.y = x

Adding function symbols increases expressivity further.

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Uniformity for Controlling Imperative Flow

We can use uniformity of the underlying strategies to give refinements on imperative beavhiour. E.g...

- Define $\mathbf{B}' = \bot \lhd (\overline{\alpha} \oplus \overline{\beta})$, $\mathbf{Bi}' = (\alpha \& \beta) \lhd \top$.
- If α and β are false, $\mathbf{B}' = \mathbf{B}$, $\mathbf{Bi}' = \mathbf{Bi}$
- ► ... in which case worm = Bi'⊘!B' represents the type of a "write-once-read-many" Boolean cell.
- But since any proof must be a uniform strategy on *all* models, any proof of **worm** must act as a well-behaved Boolean cell.

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Data-independence

We can use the first-order structure in a different way to model a data-independent language:

- Interpretation of ground type depends on model (val = ⊥ ⊲ ∃x.⊤)
- Cells of ground type, only operation is equality
- Example program: data-independent set

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Further Directions

- Enhancing the logic to be able to specify more interesting properties of more interesting programs
- Introducing propositional variables
 - Ranging over arbitrary games polymorphism
- Recursive types
 - ▶ a la Clairambault e.g. list(\mathbf{B}) = $\mu X . \bot \lhd (\top \oplus (\top \oslash (\mathbf{B} \otimes X)))$
- Universality results
 - IN is a universal type in the games model... are the embeddings/retractions definable in the logic?

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Thank You

Any questions?