

A list of successes that has not yet
changed the world

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The importance of being stupid

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The Girard-Reynolds Isomorphism (2007)

A tale of Two Theorems

Girard's Representation Theorem

Every function that can be proved total in second-order Peano arithmetic can be represented in second-order lambda calculus.

projection : proofs \rightarrow terms

Reynolds's Abstraction Theorem

Terms in second-order lambda calculus take related arguments to related results, for a suitable notion of logical relation.

embedding : terms \rightarrow proofs

The Curry-Howard Isomorphism

$$\frac{\forall \quad \supset \quad \wedge \quad \vee \quad F}{\Pi \quad \rightarrow \quad \times \quad + \quad \perp}$$

The Girard-Reynolds Isomorphism

$$\frac{\forall \quad \forall^2 \quad \forall^1 \quad \rightarrow}{\forall \quad \rightarrow}$$

Rather than enriching the type systems to match logic,
we impoverish logic to match the type structure.

— Daniel Leivant

Girard projection

$$\left(\frac{\begin{array}{c} [A]^x \\ \vdots u \\ B \end{array}}{A \rightarrow B} \rightarrow \mathbf{I}^x \right)^\circ \equiv \frac{\begin{array}{c} [x^{A^\circ}] \\ \vdots \\ u^\circ B^\circ \end{array}}{(\lambda x^{A^\circ} . u^\circ)^{A^\circ \rightarrow B^\circ}} \rightarrow \mathbf{I}^x$$

$$\left(\frac{\begin{array}{cc} \vdots s & \vdots t \\ A \rightarrow B & A \end{array}}{B} \rightarrow \mathbf{E} \right)^\circ \equiv \frac{\begin{array}{cc} \vdots & \vdots \\ s^\circ A^\circ \rightarrow B^\circ & t^\circ A^\circ \end{array}}{(s^\circ t^\circ)^{B^\circ}} \rightarrow \mathbf{E}$$

Reynolds embedding

$$\left(\frac{\begin{array}{c} [x^A] \\ \vdots \\ u^B \end{array}}{(\lambda x^A. u)^{A \rightarrow B}} \rightarrow \mathbf{I}^x \right)^* \equiv \frac{\frac{\frac{[x \in A^*]^x}{\vdots u^*}}{u \in B^*} \beta}{(\lambda x^A. u) x \in B^*} \rightarrow \mathbf{I}^x}{x \in A^* \rightarrow (\lambda x^A. u) x \in B^*} \rightarrow \mathbf{I}^x}{\forall x^A. x \in A^* \rightarrow (\lambda x^A. u) x \in B^*} \forall^1 \mathbf{I}$$

$$\left(\frac{\begin{array}{cc} \vdots & \vdots \\ s^{A \rightarrow B} & t^A \end{array}}{(st)^B} \rightarrow \mathbf{E} \right)^* \equiv \frac{\frac{\forall x^A. x \in A^* \rightarrow s x \in B^*}{t \in A^* \rightarrow st \in B^*} \forall^1 \mathbf{E} \quad \begin{array}{c} \vdots s^* \\ \vdots t^* \\ t \in A^* \end{array}}{st \in B^*} \rightarrow \mathbf{E}$$

Call-by-value is dual to
Call-by-name (2003)

Gentzen 1935: Sequent Calculus

$$\&-IS: \frac{\Gamma \rightarrow \Theta, \mathfrak{A} \quad \Gamma \rightarrow \Theta, \mathfrak{B}}{\Gamma \rightarrow \Theta, \mathfrak{A} \& \mathfrak{B}},$$

$$\&-IA: \frac{\mathfrak{A}, \Gamma \rightarrow \Theta}{\mathfrak{A} \& \mathfrak{B}, \Gamma \rightarrow \Theta} \quad \frac{\mathfrak{B}, \Gamma \rightarrow \Theta}{\mathfrak{A} \& \mathfrak{B}, \Gamma \rightarrow \Theta},$$

$$\vee-IA: \frac{\mathfrak{A}, \Gamma \rightarrow \Theta \quad \mathfrak{B}, \Gamma \rightarrow \Theta}{\mathfrak{A} \vee \mathfrak{B}, \Gamma \rightarrow \Theta},$$

$$\vee-IS: \frac{\Gamma \rightarrow \Theta, \mathfrak{A}}{\Gamma \rightarrow \Theta, \mathfrak{A} \vee \mathfrak{B}} \quad \frac{\Gamma \rightarrow \Theta, \mathfrak{B}}{\Gamma \rightarrow \Theta, \mathfrak{A} \vee \mathfrak{B}},$$

$$\forall-IS: \frac{\Gamma \rightarrow \Theta, \mathfrak{F}a}{\Gamma \rightarrow \Theta, \forall x \mathfrak{F}x},$$

$$\exists-IA: \frac{\mathfrak{F}a, \Gamma \rightarrow \Theta}{\exists x \mathfrak{F}x, \Gamma \rightarrow \Theta}.$$

Terms, Coterms, Statements

Term	M, N	$::=$	$x \mid \langle M, N \rangle \mid \langle M \rangle \text{inl} \mid \langle N \rangle \text{inr} \mid [K] \text{not} \mid (S).\alpha$
Coterm	K, L	$::=$	$\alpha \mid [K, L] \mid \text{fst}[K] \mid \text{snd}[L] \mid \text{not}\langle M \rangle \mid x.(S)$
Statement	S, T	$::=$	$M \bullet K$

Right sequent $\Gamma \rightarrow \Theta \mid M : A$

Left sequent $K : A \mid \Gamma \rightarrow \Theta$

Center sequent $\Gamma \mid S \vdash \Theta$

Logical rules

$$\frac{\Gamma \rightarrow \Theta \mid M : A \quad \Gamma \rightarrow \Theta \mid N : B}{\Gamma \rightarrow \Theta \mid \langle M, N \rangle : A \& B} \&R$$

$$\frac{K : A \mid \Gamma \rightarrow \Theta}{\text{fst}[K] : A \& B \mid \Gamma \rightarrow \Theta} \quad \frac{L : B \mid \Gamma \rightarrow \Theta}{\text{snd}[L] : A \& B \mid \Gamma \rightarrow \Theta} \&L$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \rightarrow \Theta \mid M : A}{\Gamma \rightarrow \Theta \mid \langle M \rangle \text{inl} : A \vee B} \quad \frac{\Gamma \rightarrow \Theta \mid N : B}{\Gamma \rightarrow \Theta \mid \langle N \rangle \text{inr} : A \vee B} \vee R$$

$$\frac{K : A \mid \Gamma \rightarrow \Theta \quad L : B \mid \Gamma \rightarrow \Theta}{[K, L] : A \vee B \mid \Gamma \rightarrow \Theta} \vee L$$

$$\frac{K : A \mid \Gamma \rightarrow \Theta}{\Gamma \rightarrow \Theta \mid [K] \text{not} : \neg A} \neg R \quad \frac{\Gamma \rightarrow \Theta \mid M : A}{\text{not} \langle M \rangle : \neg A \mid \Gamma \rightarrow \Theta} \neg L$$

Structural rules

$$\frac{}{x : A \rightarrow \mathbf{I} x : A} \text{IdR}$$

$$\frac{}{\alpha : A \mathbf{I} \rightarrow \alpha : A} \text{IdL}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \mathbf{I} S \mathbf{I} \rightarrow \Theta, \alpha : A}{\Gamma \rightarrow \Theta \mathbf{I} (S).\alpha : A} \text{RI}$$

$$\frac{x : A, \Gamma \mathbf{I} S \mathbf{I} \rightarrow \Theta}{x.(S) : A \mathbf{I} \Gamma \rightarrow \Theta} \text{LI}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \rightarrow \Theta \mathbf{I} M : A \quad K : A \mathbf{I} \Delta \rightarrow \Lambda}{\Gamma, \Delta \mathbf{I} M \bullet K \mathbf{I} \rightarrow \Theta, \Lambda} \text{Cut}$$

Call-by-value

Value $V, W ::= x \mid \langle V, W \rangle \mid \langle V \rangle \text{inl} \mid \langle W \rangle \text{inr} \mid [K] \text{not}$

Term context $E ::= \langle \{ \}, M \rangle \mid \langle V, \{ \} \rangle \mid \langle \{ \} \rangle \text{inl} \mid \langle \{ \} \rangle \text{inr}$

$(\beta\&)$ $\langle V, W \rangle \bullet \text{fst}[K] \longrightarrow_v V \bullet K$

$(\beta\&)$ $\langle V, W \rangle \bullet \text{snd}[L] \longrightarrow_v W \bullet L$

(βV) $\langle V \rangle \text{inl} \bullet [K, L] \longrightarrow_v V \bullet K$

(βV) $\langle W \rangle \text{inr} \bullet [K, L] \longrightarrow_v W \bullet L$

$(\beta\neg)$ $[K] \text{not} \bullet \text{not} \langle M \rangle \longrightarrow_v M \bullet K$

(βL) $V \bullet x.(S) \longrightarrow_v S\{V/x\}$

(βR) $(S).\alpha \bullet K \longrightarrow_v S\{K/\alpha\}$

(ηL) $K \longrightarrow_v x.(x \bullet K)$

(ηR) $M \longrightarrow_v (M \bullet \alpha).\alpha$

(ζ) $E\{M\} \longrightarrow_v (M \bullet x.(E\{x\} \bullet \beta)).\beta$

Call-by-name

Covalue $P, Q ::= \alpha \mid [P, Q] \mid \text{fst}[P] \mid \text{snd}[Q] \mid \text{not}\langle M \rangle$

Coterm context $F ::= [\{\ }, K] \mid [P, \{\ }] \mid \text{fst}[\{\ }] \mid \text{snd}[\{\ }]$

$$(\beta\vee) \quad \langle M \rangle \text{inl} \bullet [P, Q] \longrightarrow_n M \bullet P$$

$$(\beta\vee) \quad \langle N \rangle \text{inr} \bullet [P, Q] \longrightarrow_n N \bullet Q$$

$$(\beta\&) \quad \langle M, N \rangle \bullet \text{fst}[P] \longrightarrow_n M \bullet P$$

$$(\beta\&) \quad \langle M, N \rangle \bullet \text{snd}[Q] \longrightarrow_n N \bullet Q$$

$$(\beta\neg) \quad [K] \text{not} \bullet \text{not}\langle M \rangle \longrightarrow_n M \bullet K$$

$$(\beta\text{R}) \quad (S).\alpha \bullet P \longrightarrow_n S\{P/\alpha\}$$

$$(\beta\text{L}) \quad M \bullet x.(S) \longrightarrow_n S\{M/x\}$$

$$(\eta\text{R}) \quad M \longrightarrow_n (M \bullet \alpha).\alpha$$

$$(\eta\text{L}) \quad K \longrightarrow_n x.(x \bullet K)$$

$$(\zeta) \quad F\{K\} \longrightarrow_n y.((y \bullet F\{\alpha\}).\alpha \bullet K)$$

Duality

$$(X)^\circ \equiv X$$

$$(A \& B)^\circ \equiv A^\circ \vee B^\circ$$

$$(A \vee B)^\circ \equiv A^\circ \& B^\circ$$

$$(\neg A)^\circ \equiv \neg A^\circ$$

$$(x)^\circ \equiv x^\circ$$

$$(\alpha)^\circ \equiv \alpha^\circ$$

$$(\langle M, N \rangle)^\circ \equiv [M^\circ, N^\circ]$$

$$([K, L])^\circ \equiv \langle K^\circ, L^\circ \rangle$$

$$(\langle M \rangle \text{inl})^\circ \equiv \text{fst}[M^\circ]$$

$$(\text{fst}[K])^\circ \equiv \langle K^\circ \rangle \text{inl}$$

$$(\langle N \rangle \text{inr})^\circ \equiv \text{snd}[M^\circ]$$

$$(\text{snd}[L])^\circ \equiv \langle K^\circ \rangle \text{inr}$$

$$([K] \text{not})^\circ \equiv \text{not} \langle K^\circ \rangle$$

$$(\text{not} \langle M \rangle)^\circ \equiv [M^\circ] \text{not}$$

$$((S).\alpha)^\circ \equiv \alpha^\circ.(S^\circ)$$

$$(x.(S))^\circ \equiv (S^\circ).x^\circ$$

$$(M \bullet K)^\circ \equiv K^\circ \bullet M^\circ$$

Well-typed programs can't
be blamed (2009)
(with Robby Findler)

and Amal Ahmed, Jacob Matthews,
Jeremy Siek, and Peter Thiemann

Subtyping

Subtype

$$\overline{\text{Dyn} <: \text{Dyn}}$$

$$\frac{S' <: S \quad T <: T'}{S \rightarrow T <: S' \rightarrow T'}$$

$$\frac{s \text{ implies } t}{\{x : B \mid s\} <: \{x : B \mid t\}}$$

Positive

$$\overline{S <:^+ \text{Dyn}}$$

$$\frac{S' <:^- S \quad T <:^+ T'}{S \rightarrow T <:^+ S' \rightarrow T'}$$

$$\frac{s \text{ implies } t}{\{x : B \mid s\} <:^+ \{x : B \mid t\}}$$

Naive

$$\overline{S <:_n \text{Dyn}}$$

$$\frac{S <:_n S' \quad T <:_n T'}{S \rightarrow T <:_n S' \rightarrow T'}$$

$$\frac{s \text{ implies } t}{\{x : B \mid s\} <:_n \{x : B \mid t\}}$$

Negative

$$\overline{\text{Dyn} <:^- T}$$

$$\frac{S' <:^+ S \quad T <:^- T'}{S \rightarrow T <:^- S' \rightarrow T'}$$

$$\overline{\{x : B \mid s\} <:^- \{x : B \mid t\}}$$

$$\frac{s \text{ sf } p \quad S <:^+ T}{\langle T \Leftarrow S \rangle^p s \text{ sf } p}$$

$$\frac{s \text{ sf } p \quad S <:^- T}{\langle T \Leftarrow S \rangle^{\bar{p}} s \text{ sf } p}$$

$$\frac{s \text{ sf } p \quad p \neq q \quad \bar{p} \neq q}{\langle T \Leftarrow S \rangle^q s \text{ sf } p}$$

The Blame Theorem

Preservation

If $s \text{ sf } p$ and $s \longrightarrow t$ then $t \text{ sf } p$.

Progress

If $s \text{ sf } p$ then $s \not\rightarrow \text{blame } p$.

The First Tangram Theorem

$S <: T$ if and only if $S <:^+ T$ and $S <:^- T$

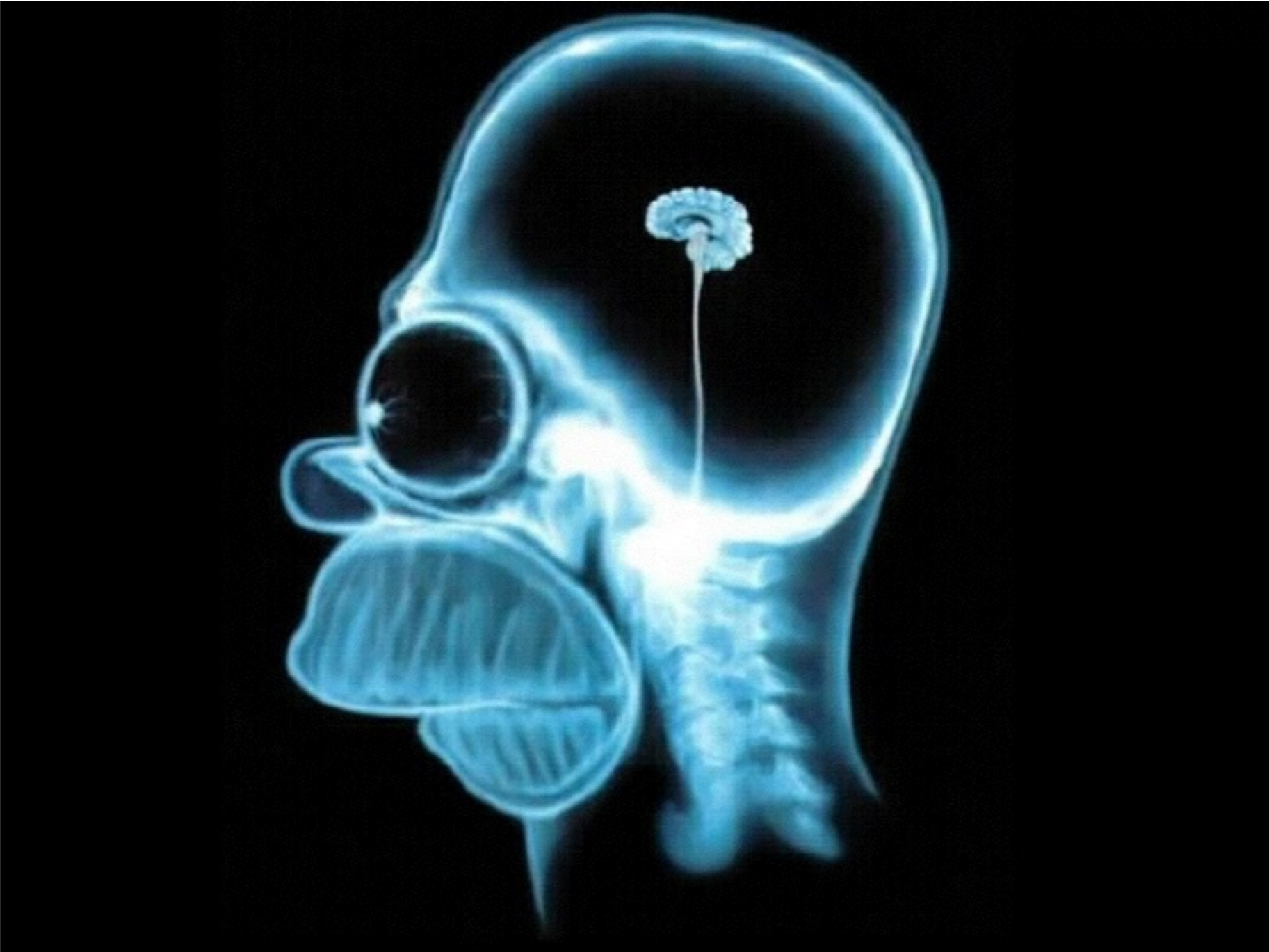
The Second Tangram Theorem

$S <:{}_n T$ if and only if $S <:^+ T$ and $T <:^- S$



Conclusion:
The importance of
being stupid





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