
Core Extensional Mathematics and Local Constructive Set Theory

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Two papers by Milly Maietti and Giovanni Sambin

- Toward a minimalist foundation for constructive mathematics
- A minimalist two level foundation for constructive mathematics
- My motivations are similar.
- But not the same.

Some settings for constructive mathematics

- Dependent Type Theory (DTT)
- Constructive Set Theory (CST)
- Local Constructive Set Theory (LCST)
- DTT is intensional and keeps the fundamental constructive notions explicit.
- CST is fully extensional and expressed in the single-sorted language of axiomatic set theory.
- LCST is also extensional, but many-sorted and is a predicative variation on higher order arithmetic.

My motivation: To have a setting for topics in constructive mathematics, such as point-free topology, that allows a rigorous presentation that can be simply translated into both the DTT and CST settings.

Core extensional mathematics (CeM)

- LCST is a setting for CeM. It is a generalised predicative version of John Bell's local set theory for the impredicative (topos mathematics)
- CeM has its origins in Bishop style constructive mathematics, as further developed by Bridges, Richman et al and influenced by Martin-Lof's DTT, by CST and by topos theory.
- Roughly, it is generalised predicative mathematics with intuitionistic logic. But it uses no form of choice, so as to be compatible with topos mathematics and allow sheaf models.
- A lot of elementary mathematics can be carried out in CeM; e.g. the categorical axiomatisations of the natural numbers and the constructive Dedekind reals.

Simple type structures over the set N .

- **Impredicative:** $N \quad \mathcal{P}N \quad \mathcal{P}\mathcal{P}N \quad \dots$
For each **set** A , $\mathcal{P}A$ is the **set** of all subsets of A .
- **Predicative:** $N \quad Pow(N) \quad Pow(Pow(N)) \quad \dots$
For each **class** A , $Pow(A)$ is the **class** of all subsets of A .
- N is a set, but the assertion that $Pow(N)$ is a set is **taboo!**.
- Given A , what is a **set of** elements of A ?
- **Some notions of set of:**
 - logical
 - combinatorial
 - hybrid

Notions of set of

- **Logical:** Sets of elements of A are given as **extensions** $B = \{x : A \mid R(x)\}$ of propositional functions R on A . Then $a \in B \equiv R(a)$. But this is the notion of **class on A** .
 - **Combinatorial:** Sets of elements of A are given as families $B = \{a_i\}_{i:I}$ of elements a_i of A , indexed by an **index type** I . Then $a \in B \equiv (\exists i : I)[a =_A a_i]$.
 - **Hybrid** Sets of elements of A are given as $B = \{a_i \mid i : I \mid R(i)\}$, where $\{a_i\}_{i:I}$ is a family of elements a_i indexed by an index type I and R is a propositional function on I . Then $a \in B \equiv (\exists i : I)[R(i) \wedge a =_A a_i]$.
 - The combinatorial notion works when the type theory uses propositions-as-types. The hybrid notion works more generally for type theories that use a suitable treatment of logic.
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Interpreting CST in DTT

- The iterative notion of set, used to interpret CST in DTT, uses an inductive type V whose single introduction rule is

$$\frac{a \text{ is a set of elements of } V}{a : V}$$

- The combinatorial notion of **set of** is used, assuming propositions-as-types, or more generally the hybrid notion might be used. The index types of the families are the ‘small’ types; i.e. the types in some type universe.
- The interpretation of LCST in DTT does not need the inductively defined type V . The powertype of a type A is just the type of **sets of** elements of the type A .

Class notation

- $A \equiv \{x \mid \phi(x, \dots)\}$
- $a \in A \leftrightarrow \phi(a, \dots)$
- $A = B \leftrightarrow \forall x[x \in A \leftrightarrow x \in B]$

Treat classes as individual terms in a **free logic** that is conservative over the set theory.

In a **free logic** individual terms need not denote values in the range of the variables.

The free logic extension

- Define: $\downarrow A \equiv \exists x[x = A]$

- Modify quantifier axioms to:

$$[\forall x\phi(x) \wedge \downarrow A] \rightarrow \phi(A)$$

$$[\downarrow A \wedge \phi(A)] \rightarrow \exists x\phi(x)$$

- Add axioms:

$\downarrow y$, for each variable y

$A \in B \rightarrow \downarrow A$, for class terms A, B

- Keep the rule

$$\frac{\phi(x)}{\forall x\phi(x)} (*)$$

Local CST (LCST)

Formulated in a free logic version of many-sorted intuitionistic predicate logic with equality.

Sorts: $N \quad \alpha \times \beta \quad \mathcal{P}\alpha$

Basic formulae: $\perp \quad \top \quad [a = a'] \quad [a \in b]$ for $a, a' : \alpha, b : \mathcal{P}\alpha$

Compound formulae:

$$\phi \wedge \phi' \quad \phi \vee \phi' \quad \phi \rightarrow \phi'$$

$$(\forall x : \alpha)\phi(x) \quad (\exists x : \alpha)\phi(x)$$

Individual terms:

$$\frac{}{0 : N} \quad \frac{a : N}{s(a) : N} \quad \frac{a : \alpha \quad b : \beta}{(a, b) : \alpha \times \beta}$$

$$\frac{}{\{x : \alpha \mid \phi(x)\} : \mathcal{P}\alpha} \quad \text{for each formula } \phi(x)$$

Axioms and rules

Free logic version of many-sorted intuitionistic predicate logic with equality.

↓ axioms: $\downarrow x$ for variables x , $\downarrow 0$ and $\downarrow s(y)$ for each variable $y : N$.

$\downarrow(x, y)$ for variables $x : \alpha$, $y : \beta$

$[a \in b] \rightarrow \downarrow a$ for terms $a : \alpha$, $b : \mathcal{P}\alpha$

N and $\alpha \times \beta$ axioms:

$s(x) = 0 \rightarrow \perp$ and $s(x) = s(x') \rightarrow [x = x']$ for variables $x, x' : N$

$[(x, y) = (x', y')] \rightarrow [x = x'] \wedge [y = y']$ for variables $x, x' : \alpha$, $y, y' : \beta$

$(\exists x : \alpha)(\exists y : \beta)[z = (x, y)]$ for variable $z : \alpha \times \beta$

Structural $\mathcal{P}\alpha$ axioms:

$a \in \{x : \alpha \mid \phi(x)\} \leftrightarrow \phi(a)$ for terms $a : \alpha$

$(\forall x : \alpha)[x \in b \leftrightarrow x \in b'] \rightarrow [b = b']$ for terms $b, b' : \mathcal{P}\alpha$

When are class terms set terms?

Set existence axioms for $LCZF^-$

Emptysets: $\downarrow \emptyset_\alpha$, where $\emptyset_\alpha \equiv \{x : \alpha \mid \perp\}$.

Pairing: $\downarrow \{x, x'\}$ for variables $x, x' : \alpha$, where
 $\{x, x'\} \equiv \{x'' : \alpha \mid x'' = x \vee x'' = x'\}$.

Equalitysets: $\downarrow \delta(x, x')$ for variables $x, x' : \alpha$, where
 $\delta(x, x') \equiv \{x'' : \alpha \mid x'' = x \wedge x'' = x'\}$.

Indexed Union: $(\forall x : \alpha)[x \in z \rightarrow \downarrow \{y : \beta \mid (x, y) \in R\}]$
 $\rightarrow \downarrow \{y : \beta \mid (\exists x : \alpha)[x \in z \wedge (x, y) \in R]\}$
for variables $z : \mathcal{P}\alpha$ and terms $R : \mathcal{P}(\alpha \times \beta)$.

Infinity: $\downarrow \mathbb{N}$ where $\mathbb{N} \equiv \{x \in N \mid (\forall z \in \mathcal{P}N)[Ind(z) \rightarrow x \in z]\}$

$$Ind(z) \equiv [0 \in z \wedge (\forall x : N)[x \in z \rightarrow s(x) \in z]]$$

Full Mathematical Induction:

$$Ind(A) \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \subseteq A \text{ for terms } A : \mathcal{P}N$$

Some abbreviations

In the following $\phi(x)$ is a formula, with $x : \alpha$ a variable.
 $A, A' : \mathcal{P}\alpha$, $B : \mathcal{P}\beta$ and $R : \mathcal{P}(\alpha \times \beta)$ are terms.

$$(\forall x \in A) \phi(x) \quad (\forall x : \alpha) (x \in A \rightarrow \phi(x))$$

$$(\exists x \in A) \phi(x) \quad (\exists x : \alpha) (x \in A \wedge \phi(x))$$

$$\{x \in A \mid \phi(x)\} \quad \{x : \alpha \mid x \in A \wedge \phi(x)\}$$

$$A \subseteq A' \quad (\forall x \in A) x \in A'$$

$$Pow(A) \quad \{y : \mathcal{P}\alpha \mid y \subseteq A\}$$

$$A \cup A' \quad \{x : \alpha \mid x \in A \vee x \in A'\}$$

$$A \cap A' \quad \{x : \alpha \mid x \in A \wedge x \in A'\}$$

$$R : A \succ B \quad (\forall x \in A)(\exists y \in B) (x, y) \in R$$

$$R : A \succ\prec B \quad R : A \succ B \wedge (\forall y \in B)(\exists x \in A) (x, y) \in R$$

$$A \times B \quad \{z \in \alpha \times \beta \mid (\exists x \in A)(\exists y \in B)[z = (x, y)]\}$$

$$mv(A, B) \quad \{z \in Pow(A \times B) \mid z : A \succ B\}$$

Collection Schemes

Strong Collection $(\forall u \in Pow(A))$

$$[R : u \succ B] \rightarrow (\exists v \in Pow(B))[R : u \succ\!\!\!\prec v]$$

Fullness (equivalent to Subset Collection)

$$(\forall u \in Pow(A))(\forall v \in Pow(B))(\exists z \in Pow(mv(u, v))) \\ (\forall r \in mv(x, y))(\exists r' \in z)[r' \subseteq r]$$

Inductive definitions in Local CST,1

- Let $\mathcal{I}\alpha \equiv \mathcal{P}(\alpha \times \mathcal{P}\alpha)$ and extend the language by allowing basic formulae $t \vdash a$ for $t : \mathcal{I}\alpha$ and $a : \alpha$.
- We think of t as an **inductive definition** or **abstract axiom system** with inductive generation rules or inference steps

$$\frac{X}{a} \text{ for } (a, X) \in t$$

- $t \vdash a$ is intended to express that a is inductively generated by t or is a theorem of t .
- Define
 $CL(t, c) \equiv (\forall x : \alpha)(\forall y : \mathcal{P}\alpha)[(x, y) \in t \wedge y \subseteq c] \rightarrow x \in c$
and $I(t) \equiv \{x : \alpha \mid t \vdash x\}$

Inductive definitions in Local CST,2

- $LCZF$ is obtained from $LCZF^-$ by adding
 - $\mathcal{I}0$ $t \subseteq t' \rightarrow I(t) \subseteq I(t')$.
 - $\mathcal{I}1$ $(\forall z : \mathcal{I}\alpha) CL(z, I(z))$.
 - $\mathcal{I}2$ $(\forall z : \mathcal{I}\alpha) CL(z, c) \rightarrow I(z) \subseteq c$ for terms $c : \mathcal{P}\alpha$.
- **Theorem:** Define $\bar{I}(t) \equiv \{x : \alpha \mid (\exists z \in Pow(t)) x \in I(z)\}$.
Then
 1. $CL(t, \bar{I}(t))$,
 2. $CL(t, c) \rightarrow \bar{I}(t) \subseteq c$ for $c : \mathcal{P}\alpha$.

Inductive definitions in Local CST,3

- To extend to an axiom system $LCZF^+$ primitive \vdash is not needed as we can define

$$t \vdash' a \equiv (\forall y : \mathcal{P}\alpha)[CL(t, y) \rightarrow a \in y]$$

and

$$I'(t) \equiv \{x : \alpha \mid t \vdash' x\}.$$

and add the axiom $(\forall z : \mathcal{I}\alpha) \downarrow I'(z)$.

- Then $\mathcal{I}'0$ and $\mathcal{I}'1$ are derivable. We should add the further axiom

$$\mathcal{I}'2 : (\forall z : \mathcal{I}\alpha)[CL(z, c) \rightarrow I'(z) \subseteq c]$$

for $z : \mathcal{P}\alpha$.

- But further axioms are needed to get the desired local applications of REA etc.
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