

# The Dedekind Reals in ASD

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# Axioms for the real line

An object  $\mathbb{R}$  is a **Dedekind real line** if

- ▶ it is **overt**, with  $\exists$ ;
- ▶ it is **Hausdorff**, with  $\neq$ ;
- ▶ it has a **total order**, i.e.  $(x \neq y) \Leftrightarrow (x < y) \vee (y < x)$ ;
- ▶ it is a **field**, where  $x^{-1}$  is defined iff  $x \neq 0$ ;
- ▶ it is **Dedekind complete**;
- ▶ it is **Archimedean**:

$$p, q : \mathbb{R} \vdash q > 0 \Rightarrow \exists n : \mathbb{Z}. q(n - 1) < p < q(n + 1);$$

- ▶ and **the closed interval is compact**, with  $\forall$ .

# Is any of these axioms optional?

We don't try to axiomatise arithmetic on a Pentium, Cray or abacus as different kinds of "fields".

Compactness of the closed interval shouldn't depend on foundations.

But compactness **fails** in theories in which  $\mathbb{R}$  is the **set of computable numbers**:

- ▶ Type-**One** Effectivity (See Andrej Bauer's notes.)
- ▶ *Synthetic Topology* with the **internal** view of data
- ▶ (Russian) Recursive Analysis  
(See, e.g., *Varieties of Constructive Mathematics* by Douglas Bridges and Fred Richman, LMS Lecture Notes 97, 1987.)

Abstract Stone Duality is a *recursive* theory of topology in which the closed real interval *is* compact.

# Objectives

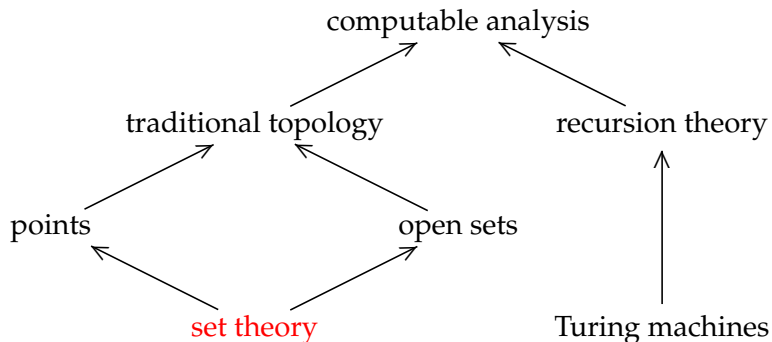
This lecture:

- ▶ How to **fix** models of analysis to make the interval compact.
- ▶ The **computational interpretation** of the axioms for the **Dedekind** real line.

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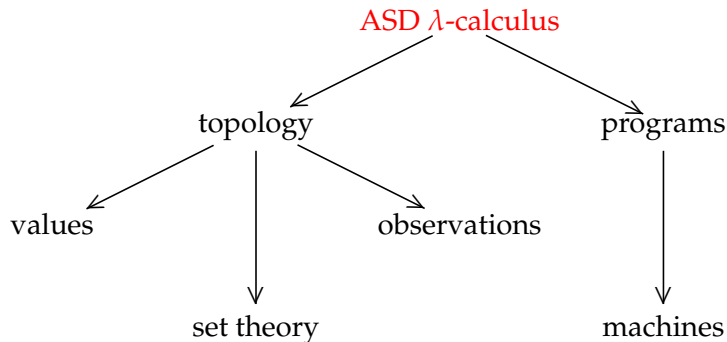
- ▶ Learning to use the **ASD language** for analysis.
- ▶ **Overt subspaces** and the **Intermediate Value Theorem**.

# The traditional picture



From amongst general **set-theoretic** functions, **continuous** and/or **computable** ones are selected by means of **extra conditions**.

# Direct axiomatisation of computable topology



Abstract Stone Duality **only** introduces **computably continuous** functions.

From amongst general **spaces**, it selects the **overt discrete** ones to play the role of **sets**.

# The methodology of ASD

Use the experience of **proof theory** (Gentzen, 1935) and **categorical logic** (Lawvere, 1963, 1970).

- ▶ Identify the key properties of topology and analysis as **universal properties**,
- ▶ translate the universal properties into **proof rules** (introduction, elimination,  $\beta$ - and  $\eta$ -rules),
- ▶ develop **topology and analysis** in the new language,
- ▶ and use the proof rules for **computation**.

No pre-conceived ideas from set theory or recursion theory.

# Topology as $\lambda$ -calculus — the classical ideas

- ▶  $\Sigma \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \odot \\ \bullet \end{pmatrix}$  is the **Sierpiński space**  
(§ in Martín Escardó's lecture)
- ▶ its points are (“geometric”) **truth values**  $\top$  and  $\perp$
- ▶ continuous functions  $X \rightarrow \Sigma$  correspond to **open** subspaces of  $X$  (inverse images of  $\top$ )
- ▶ continuous functions  $X \rightarrow \Sigma$  correspond to **closed** subspaces of  $X$  (inverse images of  $\perp$ )
- ▶  $\Sigma^X$  is the **topology** on  $X$
- ▶  $\Sigma^X$  itself has the **Scott** (= compact–open) **topology**
- ▶ this works fine when  $X$  is **locally compact**
- ▶ in this case,  $\Sigma^X$  is a **continuous lattice**
- ▶ Scott continuous  $(\top, \wedge)$ -homomorphisms  $\Sigma^X \rightarrow \Sigma$  correspond to **compact** subspaces of  $X$ .



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(this captures the **extensional** correspondence amongst **terms** of type  $\Sigma^X$ , **open subspaces** and **closed subspaces** of  $X$  — see *Geometric & Higher Order Logic* [C])
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- ▶  $\Sigma$ -split subspaces.

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In this system,  $[0, 1]$  is provably compact.

# Dedekind cuts

A (**Dedekind**) cut  $(\delta, v)$  is a pair of predicates on  $\mathbb{Q}$  or  $\mathbb{R}$

$$\Gamma, q \vdash \delta q, vq : \Sigma,$$

such that

$vu$	$\Leftrightarrow \exists t. vt \wedge (t < u)$	$v$ rounded upper
$\delta d$	$\Leftrightarrow \exists e. (d < e) \wedge \delta e$	$\delta$ rounded lower
$\top$	$\Leftrightarrow \exists u. vu$	bounded above
$\top$	$\Leftrightarrow \exists d. \delta d$	bounded below
$\delta d \wedge vu$	$\Rightarrow (d < u)$	disjoint
$(d < u)$	$\Rightarrow (\delta d \vee vu)$	located

Both halves of the cut are needed since there is no negation.

# Legitimate and illegitimate cuts

Let  $a : \mathbb{R}$  and  $e < t$ .

		$\delta d$	$vu$	
real	$a$	$d < a$	$a < u$	legitimate
	$-\infty$	$\perp$	$\top$	unbounded below
	$+\infty$	$\top$	$\perp$	unbounded above
interval	$[e, t]$	$d < e$	$t < u$	not located
	$[t, e]$	$d < t$	$e < u$	not disjoint

Rounded disjoint pseudo-cuts form the **interval domain**.

Constructively, they need not have endpoints  $[e, t]$ .

## Extending functions from reals to cuts

In order to use Dedekind cuts for real computation, we must extend the definitions of the operations.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} & \xrightarrow{i \times i} & \Sigma^{\mathbb{Q}} \times \Sigma^{\mathbb{Q}} \times \Sigma^{\mathbb{Q}} \times \Sigma^{\mathbb{Q}} \\ \downarrow + & & \vdots \quad \times \\ \mathbb{R} & \xrightarrow{i} & \Sigma^{\mathbb{Q}} \times \Sigma^{\mathbb{Q}} \end{array}$$

For the arithmetic operations, this was done classically by Ramon Moore, [Interval Analysis](#), 1966.

How is this generalised to other continuous functions?

# Extending functions from reals to cuts

The extension of **functions** can be obtained from that for **predicates with parameters**.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{R}^n & \xrightarrow{i^n} & (\Sigma^{\mathbb{Q}} \times \Sigma^{\mathbb{Q}})^n \\ \downarrow f & & \vdots F \\ \mathbb{R} & \xrightarrow{i} & \Sigma^{\mathbb{Q}} \times \Sigma^{\mathbb{Q}} \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{ccc} \Gamma \times \mathbb{R}^n & \xrightarrow{i^n} & \Gamma \times (\Sigma^{\mathbb{Q}} \times \Sigma^{\mathbb{Q}})^n \\ \downarrow \phi & \swarrow \Phi & \\ \Sigma & & \end{array}$$

Let  $\Phi_d$  and  $\Psi_u$  be the extensions of

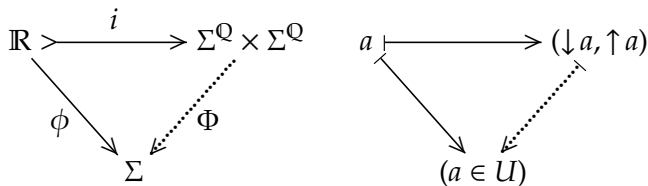
$$\phi_d \equiv \lambda \vec{x}. d < f \vec{x} \quad \text{and} \quad \psi_u \equiv \lambda \vec{x}. f \vec{x} < u$$

Then  $F(\vec{\delta}, \vec{v}) \equiv (\lambda d. \Phi_d(\vec{\delta}, \vec{v}), \lambda u. \Psi_u(\vec{\delta}, \vec{v}))$  extends  $f$ .



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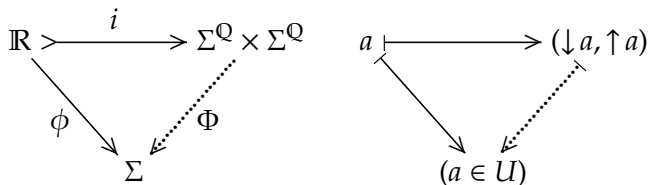


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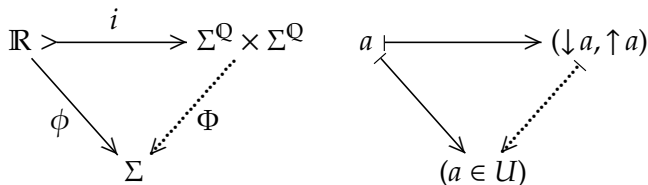
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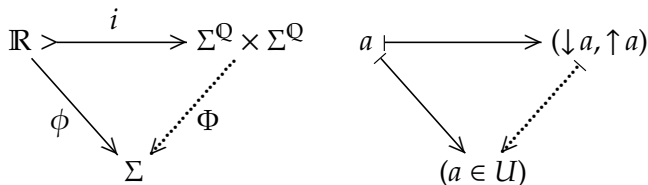
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## It can all be expressed rationally

We have defined the idempotent  $\mathcal{E} \equiv I \cdot \Sigma^i$  on  $\Sigma^{\Sigma^{\mathbb{Q}} \times \Sigma^{\mathbb{Q}}}$  by

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{E}\Phi(\delta, v) &\equiv I(\lambda x. \Phi(ix))(\delta, v) \\ &\Leftrightarrow \exists du : \mathbb{R}. \delta d \wedge vu \wedge \forall x : [d, u]. \Phi(\delta_x, v_x) : \Sigma^{\Sigma^{\mathbb{Q}} \times \Sigma^{\mathbb{Q}}}.\end{aligned}$$

Since  $\Phi$  is **Scott continuous** and  $[d, u]$  is **compact**, this is

$$\begin{aligned}\exists q_0 < \dots < q_{2n+1} : \mathbb{Q}. \quad & \delta q_1 \wedge v q_{2n} \wedge \\ & \bigwedge_{k=0}^{n-1} \Phi(\lambda e. e < q_{2k}, \lambda t. q_{2k+3} < t)\end{aligned}$$

(See *Dedekind Reals in ASD*, Section 3.)

**This only depends on rational numbers and predicates.**

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**When** it exists, we say that the subspace is  **$\Sigma$ -split** by  $I$ .

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# Type theory for $\Sigma$ -split subspaces

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We must construct a **new category** whose objects are formal  $\Sigma$ -split subspaces  $\{X \mid E\} \mapsto X$ .

(cf. constructing a new field containing a formal root of a polynomial).

The good news: there is an equivalent **type theory** with a normalisation theorem.

Show that **the new category has the required properties**.  
(The most difficult part is to construct products.)

Relate it to a **familiar category of spaces**.  
(Computably based locally compact locales.)

The bad news: **all of this takes over 200 journal pages** [A,B,G].

## Instead, we *specialise* to $\mathbb{R}^n$

To complete the construction of  $\mathbb{R}$ :

- ▶  $(\delta, \nu)$  is a cut iff it's  $\mathcal{E}$ -admissible
- ▶  $\mathbb{R}$  is overt, Hausdorff and totally ordered
- ▶  $\mathbb{R}$  is Dedekind complete:  $\mathbb{R}\text{-cuts} \cong \mathbb{Q}\text{-cuts}$
- ▶ define the arithmetic operations
- ▶ the closed interval is compact
- ▶ any model of the axioms is uniquely isomorphic to the construction.

## A project for you!

In your favourite model of analysis (TTE, Bishop, Brouwer, realisability, ...)

- ▶ Does  $I : \Sigma^{\mathbb{R}} \rightarrow \Sigma^{\Sigma^{\mathbb{Q}} \times \Sigma^{\mathbb{Q}}}$  exist already?
- ▶ Follow the details of the construction in *Subspaces in ASD* [B].
- ▶ Is the other interesting structure of your model preserved?
- ▶ How do the theorems in ASD compare with the original ones?

This could be an exercise for a PhD student, or a major piece of research.

Please ask me for help.

# Computation using interval notation

Now use the **notation** of Interval Analysis  
(but not its **semantics**).

- ▶ Instead of **Dedekind cuts**

$$(\delta, \nu) = (\lambda d. d < a, \lambda u. a < u) : \Sigma^{\mathbb{Q}} \times \Sigma^{\mathbb{Q}}$$

- ▶ we use **families of intervals** (connected neighbourhoods)

$$\theta = (\lambda du. d < a < u) : \Sigma^{\mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{Q}},$$

where  $\mathbb{Q}$  is the type of **dyadic** rationals.

$$\theta du \equiv \delta d \wedge \nu u \quad \delta d \equiv \exists u. \theta du \quad \nu u \equiv \exists d. \theta du.$$

Note:  $[d, u]$  is a **pair of rational numbers**, not a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}$ .

In  $n$  dimensions, a system of **close-packed spheres**  
could be used, instead of **cubes**.

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$$[d, u] < [e, t] \equiv (u < e) \quad \text{and} \quad [d, u] \# [e, t] \equiv (u < e) \vee (t < d),$$

we **reduce  $<$  and  $\neq$  for numbers to  $\Subset$ ,**

$$a < b \Leftrightarrow \exists d u e t. a \in [d, u] \wedge [d, u] < [e, t] \wedge b \in [e, t]$$

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In particular, when  $\phi x$  is of the form  $x \in [e, t]$ ,

$$\forall_o x \in \mathbf{x}. (x \in [e, t]) \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{x} \Subset [e, t].$$

So, in the normalisation of  $a \in [e, t] \equiv \mathbf{z}$  under  $\forall_o x \in \mathbf{x}$ ,

$$x \in \mathbf{z} \quad \text{becomes} \quad \mathbf{x} \Subset \mathbf{z}.$$

Hence **real variables become interval variables**,  $\in$  becomes  $\Subset$ .

# Real arithmetic becomes interval arithmetic

When  $a$  is an **arithmetic expression**  $b \star c$ ,

$$b \star c \in z \Leftrightarrow \exists xy. b \in x \wedge c \in y \wedge (x \star y \subseteq z)$$

where  $x \star y$  has **Moore's** interpretation:

$$[d, u] + [e, t] \equiv [d + e, u + t] \quad -[d, u] \equiv [-u, -d]$$

$$[d, u] \times [e, t] \equiv [\min(de, dt, ue, ut), \max(de, dt, ue, ut)]$$

For division and roots we must say separately that

$$[d, u]^{-1} \subseteq [e, t] \equiv (0 < d \wedge ue < 1 < dt) \vee (u < 0 \wedge dt < 1 < ue)$$

$$\sqrt{[d, u]} \subseteq [e, t] \equiv (e < 0 \vee e^2 < d) \wedge (0 < t \wedge u < t^2).$$

If  $a$  is a **Dedekind cut** or family of intervals,

$$\text{admit}(\delta, v) \in [d, u] \Leftrightarrow \delta d \wedge vu \quad \text{admit}(\theta) \in [d, u] \Leftrightarrow \theta du.$$

# Compactness, quantification and optimisation

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For any  $d < m < u$  we have

$$\forall x \in [d, u]. \phi x \Leftrightarrow \forall x \in [d, m]. \phi x \wedge \forall x \in [m, u]. \phi x$$

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The recursion is **well founded** because  $[d, u]$  is **compact**.

In fact,  $\forall x: [d, u]. \Phi(\downarrow x, \uparrow x) \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{E}\Phi(\downarrow d, \uparrow u)$ .

## The result of the normalisation

- ▶  $\lambda$ -abstraction and application normalise using essentially Peter Landin's **SECD machine**,
- ▶ equality of integer terms normalises by **unification**,
- ▶ excluding disjunction and recursion, this leaves a **PROLOG clause**,
- ▶ in which real arithmetic becomes a system of **polynomial constraints**.
- ▶ With disjunction or recursion we have a **non-deterministic parallel PROLOG** program.
- ▶ The universal quantifier becomes an **optimisation problem**.

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**Interval analysis without intervals!**

# Conclusion

We axiomatised  $\mathbb{R}$  according to **analyst's intuition**.

We **rejected foundational prejudice**  
from both set theory and recursion theory.

Instead we relied on **categorical intuition**.

Using techniques of **proof theory**,  
we turned this into **computation**.

We still have to show that this is **useful for analysis**.