The Computational Content of Classical Proofs Extracting programs from classical proofs.

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This means that

$$\vdash_{\mathsf{PA}} \forall x \exists y . P(x, y) \iff \vdash_{\mathsf{HA}} \forall x \exists y . P(x, y),$$

where P is a computable predicate.

Corollary

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- Terms and formulas are defined as usual.
- ► ⊢_C resp. ⊢_I denotes classical resp. intuitionistic derivability in a natural deduction system.

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1, 2 and 3 are not very surprising, and their proofs are easy inductions on the depth of the derivation. 4 is less obvious. A counterexample is $\varphi = \neg \forall x. P(x)$.

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Proof of 1 and 2 are straight-forward inductions on the derivation. A counterexample of 4 is $\varphi := \neg \neg A$.

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Fact

For any quantifier-free formula $\varphi(x_1, \ldots, x_n)$ there is a primitive recursive function symbol *F* such that

$$\vdash_{\mathsf{HA}} \varphi(x_1,\ldots,x_n) \leftrightarrow F(x_1,\ldots,x_n) = \mathbf{0}.$$

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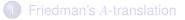
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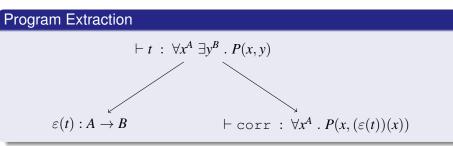
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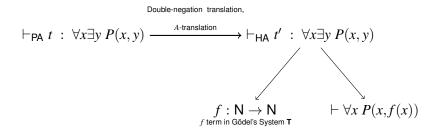
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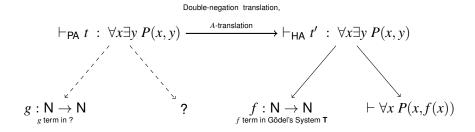
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