

# Bar Recursion and the Product of Selection Functions

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A new (modified) form of bar recursion is used

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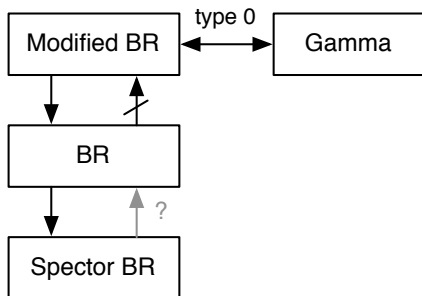
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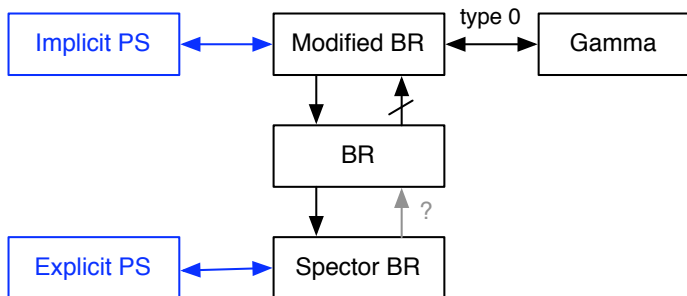
Good definition if tree is well-founded (no infinite branches)

$$f(s) = \begin{cases} g(s) & \text{if } s \text{ is a leaf} \\ h(s, \lambda x. f(s * x)) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

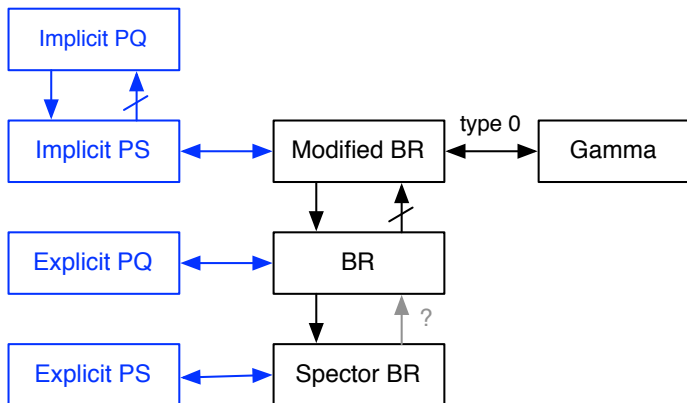
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$$(\phi \otimes \psi)(p) \stackrel{R}{\equiv} \phi(\lambda x^X. \psi(\lambda y^Y. p(x, y)))$$

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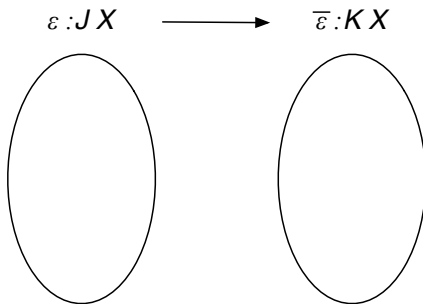
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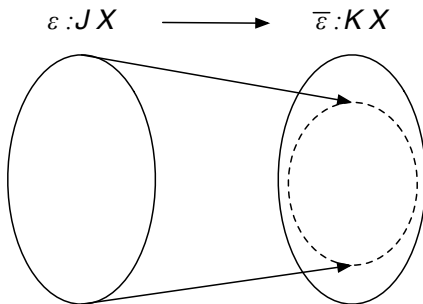
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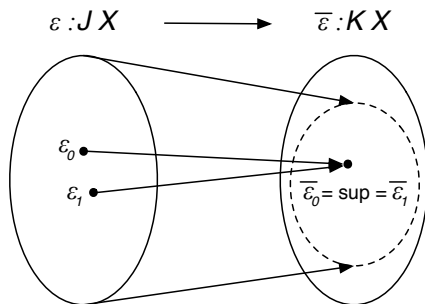
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Not all quantifiers are attainable, e.g.  $R = \{0, 1\}$

$$\phi(p) = 0$$

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Different  $\varepsilon$  might define same  $\phi$ , e.g.  $X = [0, 1]$  and  $R = \mathbb{R}$

$$\varepsilon_0(p) = \mu x. \sup p = p(x)$$

$$\varepsilon_1(p) = \nu x. \sup p = p(x)$$

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## Lemma

$$\overline{\varepsilon \otimes \delta} = \bar{\varepsilon} \otimes \bar{\delta}$$

## Why Should We Care?

### The product of selection functions...

- computes optimal plays in sequential games
- can be used for backtracking with pruning
- finds strategies in Nash equilibria (backward induction)
- computational content of Tychonoff's theorem
- construction that prod of searchable sets is searchable
- is behind construction in proof of Bekič's lemma
- **solves Spector's equations**
- **realizes classical axiom of choice**



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### Theorem

*Iteration of simple product is (prim. rec.) equivalent to iteration of dependent product (same for EPS)*

$$\text{IPS}_s(\varepsilon) = \varepsilon_s \otimes_d \lambda x^{X|s|} . \text{IPS}_{s*x}(\varepsilon).$$

### Proof idea.

Use mapping  $(X \rightarrow JY) \rightarrow J(X \rightarrow Y)$ . □

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where  $c = \varepsilon_s(\lambda x^{X|s|}.\text{SBR}_{s*x}^\omega(\varepsilon)(q))$ .

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IPS is primitive recursively equivalent to

$$\text{MBR}_s(\varepsilon)(q) = \varepsilon_s(\lambda x^{X|s|}.q_x(\text{MBR}_{s*x}(\varepsilon)(q_x))),$$

where  $\varepsilon_s: (X_n \rightarrow R) \rightarrow \prod_{i \geq n} X_i$ .

### Proof idea.

(1) Think of

$$(X_n \rightarrow R) \rightarrow \prod_{i \geq n} X_i$$

as **skewed selection functions**.

(2) Define product of such selection functions.

(3) Show binary products are **uniformly** inter-definable. □



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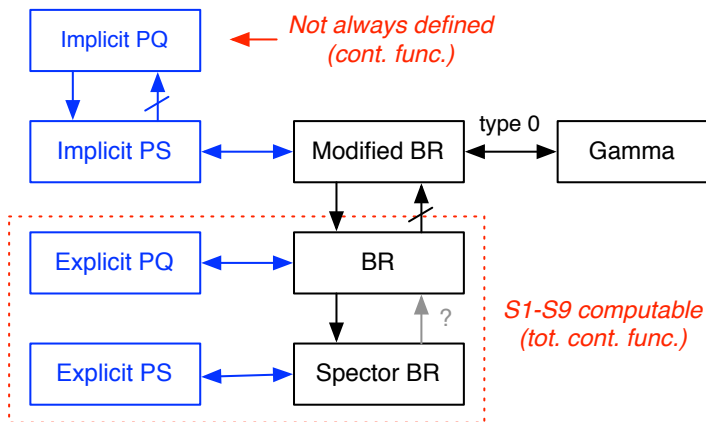
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**Question.** Is simple (non-dependent) EPQ sufficient?

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## Remark 1: On Strong Monads

$K$  and  $J$  are strong monads, i.e. for  $T \in \{J, K\}$

- $A \rightarrow TA$
- $T^2A \rightarrow TA$
- $(A \wedge TB) \rightarrow T(A \wedge B)$

$\overline{(\cdot)}: J \rightarrow K$  is a monad morphism

$J$  (but not  $K$ ) also satisfies (used for Main Result 1)

$$(A \rightarrow JB) \rightarrow J(A \rightarrow B).$$



## Remark 2: On Negative Translations

$J$  gives rise to a new form of “negative” translation  
(presented by Martín Escardó on Tuesday)

$$KA \equiv \neg\neg A$$

$$JA \equiv (\neg A \rightarrow A)$$

If  $\perp \rightarrow A$  they are the same, but in ML  $J$  is stronger

Modified bar recursion witnesses  $J$ -shift

$$\forall n JA(n) \rightarrow J\forall n A(n)$$

and hence double negation ( $K$ ) shift when  $\perp \rightarrow A(n)$

## Remark 3: On Games and Optimal Plays

General notion of game based on generalised quantifiers

If quantifiers attainable, product s.f. computes optimal play

Arithmetic  $\mapsto$  Finite games of **fixed** length

Analysis  $\mapsto$  Finite games of **unbounded** length

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