

Local proof-theoretic foundations and proof-theoretic tameness in ordinary mathematics

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Covers numerous fixed point, zero-finding, minimization or equilibrium problems with iterative procedures (x_n) s.t. e.g. in the case of fixed point problems one has

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Method: Novel forms of Gödel's functional interpretation!

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- From proofs of the convergence of (x_n) itself, one may only get **rates of metastability** Φ (Kreisel 1951, K.05, Tao 07) s.t.

$$\forall k \in \mathbb{N} \forall g \in \mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}} \exists n \in \mathbb{N} \forall i, j \in [n, n+g(n)] (d(x_i, x_j) < 2^{-k}) \in \forall \exists.$$

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Recently: set-valued accretive operators (Cauchy problems). (K./Koutsoukou-Argyraki, K./Powell).

- Uses of **ultraproducts** made in model theory can often be replaced by a **proof-theoretic uniform boundedness principle UB** which can be **eliminated** from proofs without contributing to the extracted bounds (K. ENTCS 2006, Engracia 2009, Günzel/K. Adv. Math. 2016). Recently **UB** has been used to replace sequential weak compactness (Ferreira, Leuştean, Pinto, Adv. Math. to appear).

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Implies: **algorithmic learnability** of a rate of convergence which - if a gap condition is satisfied - yields **oscillation bounds** (K./Safarik APAL 2014, Avigad/Rute ETDS 2015).

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- We argue, that in a related way, also 'proof mining' is successful by focusing on **specific classes of problems** (e.g. iterations of nonlinear operators $T : C \rightarrow C$ on general convex subsets of abstract classes of normed or geodesic spaces).

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- To **detect proof-theoretic tameness requires** to actually carry out the **proof analysis** (though usually some rough upper bound on the complexity can be obtained from proof-theoretic conservation results).

**Proof-theoretic tameness in practice I:
Polynomial rate of asymptotic regularity in
Bauschke's solution of the 'zero displacement
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Theorem (K. FoCM 2019)

$$\Phi(\varepsilon, N, b, K) := \left\lceil \frac{18b + 12\alpha(\varepsilon/6)}{\varepsilon} - 1 \right\rceil \left\lceil \left(\frac{D}{\omega(D, \tilde{\varepsilon})} \right) \right\rceil$$

is a **rate of asymptotic regularity** in Bauschke's result, where

$$\tilde{\varepsilon} := \frac{\varepsilon^2}{27b + 18\alpha(\varepsilon/6)}, D := 2b + NK, \omega(D, \tilde{\varepsilon}) := \frac{1}{16D}(\tilde{\varepsilon}/N)^2.$$

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Definition (Diminnie and White 1981)

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Let (X, d) be a metric space. X satisfies the betweenness property if for any distinct points $x, y, z, w \in X$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} d(x, y) + d(y, z) \leq d(x, z) \\ d(y, z) + d(z, w) \leq d(y, w) \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow d(x, z) + d(z, w) \leq d(x, w).$$

For normed spaces, betweenness follows from (but is strictly weaker than) strict convexity. It fails for $(\mathbb{R}^2, \|\cdot\|_\infty)$, $(\mathbb{R}^2, \|\cdot\|_1)$ but holds for some nonstrictly convex spaces.

The functional interpretation upgrades betweenness to (equivalent in the compact case!):

Definition (K., Lopéz-Acedo, Nicolae 2019)

A metric space (X, d) satisfies the uniform betweenness property with modulus $\Theta : (0, \infty)^3 \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ if

$$\forall \varepsilon, a, b > 0 \forall x, y, z, w \in X$$

$$\left(\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{sep}\{x, y, z, w\} \geq a \wedge \text{diam}\{x, y, z, w\} \leq b \\ d(x, y) + d(y, z) \leq d(x, z) + \Theta(\varepsilon, a, b) \\ d(y, z) + d(z, w) \leq d(y, w) + \Theta(\varepsilon, a, b) \end{array} \right. \right) \Rightarrow d(x, z) + d(z, w) \leq d(x, w) + \varepsilon$$

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Let X be a **b -bounded** metric space with the uniform betweenness property with modulus Θ satisfying

$$\Theta(\varepsilon) := \Theta(\varepsilon, \varepsilon, b) \leq \varepsilon \quad \text{for all } \varepsilon > 0.$$

For $D > 0$ let $N \in \mathbb{N}$ be s.t. $b + 1 < ND$.

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Moreover with $b \geq \text{diam}(X)$, Θ , N as above:

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0 \forall n \geq \Omega_{D,b,\Theta}(\varepsilon) \quad (d(L_{n+1}, M_n) < \varepsilon),$$

where

$$\Omega_{D,b,\Theta}(\varepsilon) = N + N \left\lceil \frac{b}{\Theta^{(N)}(\alpha)} \right\rceil$$

with

$$0 < \alpha \leq \min \left\{ \frac{1}{N}, \frac{D}{2}, \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \right\}.$$

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Low complexity Θ 's can also be obtained in a number of **non-uniquely geodesic** normed and metric cases!

A borderline case for proof-theoretic tameness

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Even in simple cases on $[0, 1]$ there is in general **no computable rate convergence**. However, a **primitive recursive in the simple form as mentioned above rate of metastability** is extracted in (K., Adv. Math. 2011).

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The convergence of numerous iterative algorithms in nonlinear analysis is based on Reich's theorem!

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The existence of (sunny) nonexpansive retractions onto $\text{Fix}(T)$ was first shown by R. Bruck in 1971, 1973 using Zorn's lemma.

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It may well be that a closer analysis of Φ shows that it is already definable in T_0 (in line with a classical result of Parsons that certain forms of type-1 primitive recursion can be reduced to T_0).

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