Certified exact real computation on hyperspaces*

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In recent ongoing work [KPT21, KPT22a, KPT22b] we develop a framework for verified exact real computation in a dependent type theory and build the Coq library CAERN based on the theory $^1$.

As before, we assume to work in a simple dependent type theory with basic types $0, 1, 2, N, Z$ and universes $\text{Prop}$ for classical proposition and $\text{Type}$ as a universe of types. We assume classical axioms to hold in $\text{Prop}$ and axiomatically define a type $R$ of real numbers. The soundness of our axioms is justified by extending a realizability interpretation in the category of assemblies over Kleene’s second algebra. We further extend Coq’s program extraction to map $R$ and basic operations on real numbers to the corresponding types and operations in the AERN Haskell framework for efficient exact real computation [Kon21].

Our previous work mostly deals with basic operations on real and complex numbers such as computation of square roots and other simple functions. In the present work we extend our framework to computation on higher-order objects such as spaces of functions and hyperspaces of real subsets. To this end, we need to have a continuity principle in our axiomatic system saying that every function in our type theory is continuous. Following the general approach of our project, we introduce the continuity principle in an abstract level without referring to specific constructions of continuous types:

$$\Pi(f : R \to S). \Pi(x : R). (f \ x) \downarrow \rightarrow M\Sigma(n : N). \Pi(y : N). |x - y| < 2^{-n} \rightarrow (f \ y) \downarrow$$

where $S$ denotes Sierpinski space. That is, for any Sierpinski-valued mapping $f$ from reals, when $f \ x$ is defined, there nondeterministically exists a natural number $n$ such that $f$ is defined also for any $2^{-n}$-close real number $y$.

To express subsets classically we use the universe $\text{Prop}$ and define

$$\text{cs Subset}(X) \equiv X \rightarrow \text{Prop}.$$ 

and classical operations such as $\in, \cup, \cap, \text{etc.}$ in the obvious way. Following e.g. [Pau16], we can further define spaces of open, closed, compact and overt subsets and prove some of their properties.

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$^1$Our Coq implementation and the extracted Haskell/AERN programs can be found at [https://github.com/holgerthies/coq-aern](https://github.com/holgerthies/coq-aern)
To extend the program extraction feature to subsets and function spaces, we also need to extend AERN by types for such spaces. We discuss how to implement these types in an efficient way and give some examples of extracted programs. We also discuss possible applications such as drawing of real subsets and reachability problems for simple dynamical systems.

References


