

# Normalization of IZF with Replacement

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**Abstract.** IZF is a well investigated impredicative constructive version of Zermelo-Fraenkel set theory. Using set terms, we axiomatize IZF with Replacement, which we call  $\text{IZF}_R$ , along with its intensional counterpart  $\text{IZF}_R^-$ . We define a typed lambda calculus  $\lambda Z$  corresponding to proofs in  $\text{IZF}_R^-$  according to the Curry-Howard isomorphism principle. Using realizability for  $\text{IZF}_R^-$ , we show weak normalization of  $\lambda Z$  by employing a reduction-preserving erasure map from lambda terms to realizers. We use normalization to prove disjunction, numerical existence, set existence and term existence properties. An inner extensional model is used to show the properties for full, extensional  $\text{IZF}_R$ .

## 1 Introduction

Four salient properties of constructive set theories are:

- Numerical Existence Property (NEP): From a proof of a statement “there exists a natural number  $x$  such that  $\dots$ ” a witness  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  can be extracted.
- Disjunction Property (DP): If a disjunction is provable, then one of the disjuncts is provable.
- Set Existence Property (SEP): If  $\exists x. \phi(x)$  is provable, then there is a formula  $\psi(x)$  such that  $\exists!x. \phi(x) \wedge \psi(x)$  is provable, where both  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  are term-free.
- Term Existence Property (TEP): If  $\exists x. \phi(x)$  is provable, then  $\phi(t)$  is provable for some term  $t$ .

How to prove these properties for a given theory? There are a variety of methods applicable to constructive theories. Cut-elimination, proof normalization, realizability, Kripke models. . . . Normalization proofs, based on Curry-Howard isomorphism, have the advantage of providing an explicit method of witness and program extraction from the proofs. They also provide information about the behaviour of the proof system.

We are interested in intuitionistic set theory IZF. It is essentially what remains of ZF set theory after excluded middle is carefully taken away. An important decision to make on the way is whether to use Replacement or Collection axiom schema. We will call the version with Collection  $\text{IZF}_C$  and the version with Replacement  $\text{IZF}_R$ . In the literature, IZF usually denotes  $\text{IZF}_C$ . Both theories extended with excluded middle are equivalent to ZF. They are not equivalent ([1]). While the proof-theoretic power of  $\text{IZF}_C$  is equivalent to ZF, the exact

power of  $\text{IZF}_R$  is unknown. Arguably  $\text{IZF}_C$  is less constructive, as Collection, similarly to Choice, asserts the existence of a set without defining it.

Both versions have been investigated thoroughly. Results up to 1985 are presented in [2] and in [3], later research was concentrated on weaker subsystems, in particular on predicative constructive set theory CZF. [4] describes the set-theoretic apparatus available in CZF and provides further references.

We axiomatize  $\text{IZF}_R$ , along with its intensional version  $\text{IZF}_R^-$ , using set terms. We define typed lambda calculus  $\lambda Z$  corresponding to proofs in  $\text{IZF}_R^-$ . We also define realizability for  $\text{IZF}_R^-$ , in the spirit of [5]. We show weak normalization of  $\lambda Z$  by employing a reduction-preserving erasure map from lambda terms to realizers. Strong normalization of  $\lambda Z$  does not hold; moreover, we show that in non-well-founded IZF even weak normalization fails.

With normalization in hand, the properties NEP, DP, SEP and TEP follow easily. To show these properties for full, extensional  $\text{IZF}_R$ , we define an inner model  $T$  of  $\text{IZF}_R$ , consisting of what we call transitively L-stable sets. We show that a formula is true in  $\text{IZF}_R$  iff its relativization to  $T$  is true in  $\text{IZF}_R^-$ . Therefore  $\text{IZF}_R$  is interpretable in  $\text{IZF}_R^-$ . This allows us to use properties proven for  $\text{IZF}_R^-$ . More detailed proofs of our results can be found in [6].

The importance of these properties in the context of computer science stems from the fact that they make it possible to extract programs from constructive proofs. For example, suppose  $\text{IZF}_R \vdash \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \exists m \in \mathbb{N}. \phi(n, m)$ . From this proof a program can be extracted — take a natural number  $n$ , construct a proof  $\text{IZF}_R \vdash \bar{n} \in \mathbb{N}$ . Combine the proofs to get  $\text{IZF}_R \vdash \exists m \in \mathbb{N}. \phi(\bar{n}, m)$  and apply NEP to get a number  $m$  such that  $\text{IZF}_R \vdash \phi(\bar{n}, \bar{m})$ . We present in details program extraction from  $\text{IZF}_R$  proofs in [7].

There are many provers with the program extraction capability. However, they are usually based on a variant of type theory, which is a foundational basis very different from set theory. This makes the process of formalizing program specification more difficult, as an unfamiliar new language and logic have to be learned from scratch. [8] strongly argues *against* using type theory for the specification purposes, instead promoting standard set theory.

$\text{IZF}_R$  provides therefore the best of both worlds. It is a set theory, with familiar language and axioms. At the same time, programs can be extracted from proofs. Our  $\lambda Z$  calculus and the normalization theorem make the task of constructing the prover based on  $\text{IZF}_R$  not very difficult.

This paper is organized as follows. In section 2 we define  $\text{IZF}_R$  along with its intensional version  $\text{IZF}_R^-$ . In section 3 we define a lambda calculus  $\lambda Z$  corresponding to  $\text{IZF}_R^-$  proofs. Realizability for  $\text{IZF}_R^-$  is defined in section 4 and used to prove normalization of  $\lambda Z$  in section 5. We prove the properties in section 6, and show how to derive them for  $\text{IZF}_R$  in section 7. Comparison with other results can be found in section 8.

## 2 IZF<sub>R</sub>

Intuitionistic set theory IZF<sub>R</sub> is a first-order theory. We postpone the detailed definition of the logic to Section 3.2, stating at this moment only that equality is not a primitive in the logic. IZF<sub>R</sub> is equivalent to ZF, if extended with excluded middle. It's a definitional extension of term-free versions presented in [9], [2] and [1] among others. The signature consists of one binary relational symbol  $\in$  and function symbols used in the axioms below. We will generally use letters  $a, b, c, d, e, f$  to denote logic variables and  $t, u, s$  to denote logic terms. The relational symbol  $t = u$  is an abbreviation for  $\forall z. z \in t \leftrightarrow z \in u$  and  $\phi \leftrightarrow \psi$  abbreviates  $(\phi \rightarrow \psi) \wedge (\psi \rightarrow \phi)$ . Function symbols  $0$  and  $S(t)$  are abbreviations for  $\{x \in \omega \mid \perp\}$  and  $\bigcup\{t, \{t, t\}\}$ . Bounded quantifiers and the quantifier  $\exists! a$  (there exists exactly one  $a$ ) are also abbreviations defined in the standard way. The axioms are as follows:

- (PAIR)  $\forall a, b \forall c. c \in \{a, b\} \leftrightarrow c = a \vee c = b$
- (INF)  $\forall c. c \in \omega \leftrightarrow c = 0 \vee \exists b \in \omega. c = S(b)$
- (SEP <sub>$\phi(a, \bar{f})$</sub> )  $\forall \bar{f} \forall a \forall c. c \in S_{\phi(a, \bar{f})}(a, \bar{f}) \leftrightarrow c \in a \wedge \phi(c, \bar{f})$
- (UNION)  $\forall a \forall c. c \in \bigcup a \leftrightarrow \exists b \in a. c \in b$
- (POWER)  $\forall a \forall c. c \in P(a) \leftrightarrow \forall b. b \in c \rightarrow b \in a$
- (REPL <sub>$\phi(a, b, \bar{f})$</sub> )  $\forall \bar{f} \forall a \forall c. c \in R_{\phi(a, b, \bar{f})}(a, \bar{f}) \leftrightarrow (\forall x \in a \exists! y. \phi(x, y, \bar{f})) \wedge ((\exists x \in a. \phi(x, c, \bar{f}))$
- (IND <sub>$\phi(a, \bar{f})$</sub> )  $\forall \bar{f}. (\forall a. (\forall b \in a. \phi(b, \bar{f})) \rightarrow \phi(a, \bar{f})) \rightarrow \forall a. \phi(a, \bar{f})$
- (L <sub>$\phi(a, \bar{f})$</sub> )  $\forall \bar{f}, \forall a, b. a = b \rightarrow \phi(a, \bar{f}) \rightarrow \phi(b, \bar{f})$

Axioms SEP <sub>$\phi$</sub> , REPL <sub>$\phi$</sub> , IND <sub>$\phi$</sub>  and L <sub>$\phi$</sub>  are axiom schemas, and so are the corresponding function symbols — there is one for each formula  $\phi$ . Formally, we define formulas and terms by mutual induction:

$$\phi ::= t \in t \mid t = t \mid \dots \quad t ::= a \mid \{t, t\} \mid S_{\phi(a, \bar{f})}(t, \bar{t}) \mid R_{\phi(a, b, \bar{f})}(t, \bar{t}) \mid \dots$$

IZF<sub>R</sub><sup>−</sup> will denote IZF<sub>R</sub> without the Leibniz axiom schema L <sub>$\phi$</sub> . IZF<sub>R</sub><sup>−</sup> is an intensional version of IZF<sub>R</sub> — even though extensional equality is used in the axioms, it does not behave as the “real” equality.

Axioms (PAIR), (INF), (SEP <sub>$\phi$</sub> ), (UNION), (POWER) and (REPL <sub>$\phi$</sub> ) all assert the existence of certain classes and have the same form:  $\forall \bar{a}. \forall c. c \in t_A(\bar{a}) \leftrightarrow \phi_A(\bar{a}, c)$ , where  $t_A$  is a function symbol and  $\phi_A$  a corresponding formula for the axiom A. For example, for (POWER),  $t_{POWER}$  is  $P$  and  $\phi_{POWER}$  is  $\forall b. b \in c \rightarrow b \in a$ . We reserve the notation  $t_A$  and  $\phi_A$  to denote the term and the corresponding formula for the axiom A.

## 3 The $\lambda Z$ calculus

We present a lambda calculus  $\lambda Z$  for IZF<sub>R</sub><sup>−</sup>, based on the Curry-Howard isomorphism principle. The purely logical part is essentially  $\lambda P1$  from [10].

The lambda terms in  $\lambda Z$  will be denoted by letters  $M, N, O, P$ . Letters  $x, y, z$  will be used for lambda variables. There are two kinds of lambda abstractions, one used for proofs of implications, the other for proofs of universal quantification. Since variables in the latter abstractions correspond very closely to the logic variables, we also use letters  $a, b, c$  for them. Letters  $t, s, u$  are reserved for  $\text{IZF}_R$  terms. The types in the system are  $\text{IZF}_R$  formulas.

$$\begin{aligned}
M ::= & x \mid M N \mid \lambda a. M \mid \lambda x : \phi. M \mid \text{inl}(M) \mid \text{inr}(M) \mid \text{fst}(M) \mid \text{snd}(M) \mid [t, M] \mid M t \\
& \langle M, N \rangle \mid \text{case}(M, x.N, x.O) \mid \text{magic}(M) \mid \text{let } [a, x : \phi] = M \text{ in } N \mid \text{ind}_{\phi(a, \bar{b})}(M, \bar{t}) \\
& \text{pairProp}(t, u_1, u_2, M) \mid \text{pairRep}(t, u_1, u_2, M) \mid \text{unionProp}(t, u, M) \\
& \text{unionRep}(t, u, M) \mid \text{sep}_{\phi(a, \bar{f})}\text{Prop}(t, u, \bar{u}, M) \mid \text{sep}_{\phi(a, \bar{f})}\text{Rep}(t, u, \bar{u}, M) \\
& \text{powerProp}(t, u, M) \mid \text{powerRep}(t, u, M) \mid \text{infProp}(t, M) \mid \text{infRep}(t, M) \\
& \text{repl}_{\phi(a, b, \bar{f})}\text{Prop}(t, u, \bar{u}, M) \mid \text{repl}_{\phi(a, b, \bar{f})}\text{Rep}(t, u, \bar{u}, M)
\end{aligned}$$

The  $\text{ind}$  term corresponds to the (IND) axiom, and Prop and Rep terms correspond to the respective axioms. To avoid listing all of them every time, we adopt a convention of using  $\text{axRep}$  and  $\text{axProp}$  terms to tacitly mean all Rep and Prop terms, for  $\text{ax}$  being one of pair, union, sep, power, inf and repl. With this convention in mind, we can summarize the definition of the Prop and Rep terms as:

$$\text{axProp}(t, \bar{u}, M) \mid \text{axRep}(t, \bar{u}, M),$$

where the number of terms in the sequence  $\bar{u}$  depends on the particular axiom.

The free variables of a lambda term are defined as usual, taking into account that variables in  $\lambda$ , case and let terms bind respective terms. The relation of  $\alpha$ -equivalence is defined taking this information into account. We consider  $\alpha$ -equivalent terms equal. We denote all free variables of a term  $M$  by  $FV(M)$  and the free logical variables of a term by  $FV_L(M)$ . Free (logical) variables of a context  $\Gamma$  are denoted by  $FV(\Gamma)$  ( $FV_L(\Gamma)$ ) and defined in a natural way.

### 3.1 Reduction rules

The deterministic reduction relation  $\rightarrow$  arises from the following reduction rules and evaluation contexts:

$$\begin{aligned}
(\lambda x : \phi. M)N &\rightarrow M[x := N] & (\lambda a. M)t &\rightarrow M[a := t] & \text{fst}(\langle M, N \rangle) &\rightarrow M \\
\text{case}(\text{inl}(M), x.N, x.O) &\rightarrow N[x := M] & \text{case}(\text{inr}(M), x.N, x.O) &\rightarrow O[x := M] \\
\text{snd}(\langle M, N \rangle) &\rightarrow N & \text{let } [a, x : \phi] = [t, M] \text{ in } N &\rightarrow N[a := t][x := M] \\
&& \text{axProp}(t, \bar{u}, \text{axRep}(t, \bar{u}, M)) &\rightarrow M \\
&& \text{ind}_{\phi(a, \bar{b})}(M, \bar{t}) &\rightarrow \lambda c. M c (\lambda b. \lambda x : b \in c. \text{ind}_{\phi(a, \bar{b})}(M, \bar{t}) b) \\
[\circ] ::= & \text{fst}([\circ]) \mid \text{snd}([\circ]) \mid \text{case}([\circ], x.M, x.N) \mid \text{axProp}(t, \bar{u}, [\circ]) \\
& \text{let } [a, y : \phi] = [\circ] \text{ in } N \mid [\circ] M \mid \text{magic}([\circ])
\end{aligned}$$

In the reduction rules for  $\text{ind}$  terms, the variable  $x$  is new. In other words, the reduction relation arises by lazily evaluating the rules above.

**Definition 1.** We write  $M \downarrow$  if the reduction sequence starting from  $M$  terminates. We write  $M \downarrow v$  if we want to state that  $v$  is the term at which this reduction sequence terminates. We write  $M \rightarrow^* M'$  if  $M$  reduces to  $M'$  in some number of steps.

We distinguish certain  $\lambda Z$  terms as values. The values are generated by the following abstract grammar, where  $M$  is an arbitrary term. Clearly, there are no reductions possible from values.

$$V ::= \lambda a. M \mid \lambda x : \phi. M \mid \text{inr}(M) \mid \text{inl}(M) \mid [t, M] \mid \langle M, N \rangle \mid \text{axRep}(t, \bar{u}, M)$$

### 3.2 Types

The type system for  $\lambda Z$  is constructed according to the principle of the Curry-Howard isomorphism for  $\text{IZF}_R^-$ . Types are  $\text{IZF}_R$  formulas. Contexts  $\Gamma$  are finite sets of pairs  $(x_i, \phi_i)$ . The *range* of a context  $\Gamma$  is the corresponding first-order logic context that contains only formulas and is denoted by  $\text{rg}(\Gamma)$ . The proof rules follow:

$$\begin{array}{c} \frac{}{\Gamma, x : \phi \vdash x : \phi} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash M : \phi \rightarrow \psi \quad \Gamma \vdash N : \phi}{\Gamma \vdash M N : \psi} \quad \frac{\Gamma, x : \phi \vdash M : \psi}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda x : \phi. M : \phi \rightarrow \psi} \\ \\ \frac{\Gamma \vdash M : \phi \quad \Gamma \vdash N : \psi}{\Gamma \vdash \langle M, N \rangle : \phi \wedge \psi} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash M : \phi \wedge \psi}{\Gamma \vdash \text{fst}(M) : \phi} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash M : \phi \wedge \psi}{\Gamma \vdash \text{snd}(M) : \psi} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash M : \perp}{\Gamma \vdash \text{magic}(M) : \phi} \\ \\ \frac{\Gamma \vdash M : \phi}{\Gamma \vdash \text{inl}(M) : \phi \vee \psi} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash M : \psi}{\Gamma \vdash \text{inr}(M) : \phi \vee \psi} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash M : \phi}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda a. M : \forall a. \phi} \quad a \notin \text{FVL}(\Gamma) \\ \\ \frac{\Gamma \vdash M : \phi \vee \psi \quad \Gamma, x : \phi \vdash N : \vartheta \quad \Gamma, x : \psi \vdash O : \vartheta}{\Gamma \vdash \text{case}(M, x.N, x.O) : \vartheta} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash M : \forall a. \phi}{\Gamma \vdash M t : \phi[a := t]} \\ \\ \frac{\Gamma \vdash M : \exists a. \phi \quad \Gamma, x : \phi \vdash N : \psi}{\Gamma \vdash \text{let } [a, x : \phi] := M \text{ in } N : \psi} \quad a \notin \text{FVL}(\Gamma, \psi) \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash M : \phi[a := t]}{\Gamma \vdash [t, M] : \exists a. \phi} \end{array}$$

The rules above correspond to the first-order logic. Formally, we *define* the first-order logic we use by erasing lambda-terms from the typing judgments above and replacing every context by its range. The rest of the rules corresponds to  $\text{IZF}_R^-$  axioms:

$$\begin{array}{c} \frac{\Gamma \vdash M : \phi_A(t, \bar{u})}{\Gamma \vdash \text{axRep}(t, \bar{u}, M) : t \in t_A(\bar{u})} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash M : t \in t_A(\bar{u})}{\Gamma \vdash \text{axProp}(t, \bar{u}, M) : \phi_A(t, \bar{u})} \\ \\ \frac{\Gamma \vdash M : \forall c. (\forall b. b \in c \rightarrow \phi(b, \bar{t})) \rightarrow \phi(c, \bar{t})}{\Gamma \vdash \text{ind}_{\phi(b, \bar{t})}(M, \bar{t}) : \forall a. \phi(a, \bar{t})} \end{array}$$

**Lemma 1 (Curry-Howard isomorphism).** If  $\Gamma \vdash O : \phi$  then  $\text{IZF}_R^- + \text{rg}(\Gamma) \vdash \phi$ . If  $\text{IZF}_R^- + \Gamma \vdash \phi$ , then there exists a term  $M$  such that  $\{(x_\phi, \phi) \mid \phi \in \Gamma\} \vdash M : \phi$ .

*Proof.* Straightforward. Use

$$\lambda\bar{a}\lambda c. (\lambda x : c \in t_A(\bar{a}). \text{axProp}(c, \bar{a}, x), \lambda x : \phi_A(c, \bar{a}). \text{axRep}(c, \bar{a}, x))$$

and  $\lambda\bar{f}\lambda x : (\forall a. (\forall b. b \in a \rightarrow \phi(b, \bar{f})) \rightarrow \phi(a, \bar{f})). \text{ind}_{\phi(b, \bar{f})}(x, \bar{f})$  to witness  $\text{IZF}_R^-$  axioms.

**Lemma 2 (Canonical forms).** *Suppose  $M$  is a value and  $\vdash M : \vartheta$ . Then:*

- If  $\vartheta = \phi \vee \psi$ , then  $(M = \text{inl}(N)$  and  $\vdash N : \phi)$  or  $(M = \text{inr}(N)$  and  $\vdash N : \psi)$ .
- If  $\vartheta = \exists a. \phi$  then  $M = [t, N]$  and  $\vdash N : \phi[a := t]$ .
- If  $\vartheta = t \in t_A(\bar{u})$  then  $M = \text{axRep}(t, \bar{u}, N)$  and  $\vdash N : \phi_A(t, \bar{u})$ .

**Lemma 3 (Progress).** *If  $\vdash M : \phi$ , then either  $M$  is a value or there is a  $N$  such that  $M \rightarrow N$ .*

*Proof.* By induction on  $\vdash M : \phi$ .

**Lemma 4 (Subject reduction).** *If  $\Gamma \vdash M : \phi$  and  $M \rightarrow N$ , then  $\Gamma \vdash N : \phi$ .*

*Proof.* By induction on the definition of  $M \rightarrow N$ , using appropriate substitution lemmas on the way.

**Corollary 1.** *If  $\vdash M : \phi$  and  $M \downarrow v$ , then  $\vdash v : \phi$  and  $v$  is a value.*

## 4 Realizability for $\text{IZF}_R^-$

In this section we work in ZF.

We use terms of type-free version of lambda calculus for realizers. We call this calculus  $\lambda\bar{Z}$ . The terms of  $\lambda\bar{Z}$  are generated by the following grammar and are denoted by  $A_{\bar{Z}}$ . The set of  $\lambda\bar{Z}$  values is denoted by  $\lambda\bar{Z}_v$ .

$$M ::= x \mid M N \mid \lambda x. M \mid \text{inl}(M) \mid \text{inr}(M) \mid \text{magic}(M) \mid \text{fst}(M) \mid \text{snd}(M) \mid \langle M, N \rangle \\ \text{case}(M, x.N, x.O) \mid \text{axRep}(M) \mid \text{axProp}(M) \mid \text{ind}(M) \mid \text{app}(M, N)$$

The term  $\text{app}(M, N)$  denotes call-by-value application with the evaluation context  $\text{app}(M, [\circ])$  and the reduction rule  $\text{app}(M, v) \rightarrow M v$ . Essentially,  $\lambda\bar{Z}$  results from  $\lambda Z$  by erasing of all first-order information. This can be made precise by the definition of the erasure map  $\bar{M}$  from terms of  $\lambda Z$  to  $\lambda\bar{Z}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{x} &= x & \overline{M N} &= \bar{M} \bar{N} & \overline{\lambda a. M} &= \bar{M} & \overline{\lambda x : \tau. M} &= \lambda x. \bar{M} & \overline{\text{inl}(M)} &= \text{inl}(\bar{M}) \\ \overline{\langle t, M \rangle} &= \bar{M} & \overline{\langle M, N \rangle} &= \langle \bar{M}, \bar{N} \rangle & \overline{\text{inr}(M)} &= \text{inr}(\bar{M}) & \overline{\text{fst}(M)} &= \text{fst}(\bar{M}) \\ \overline{\text{snd}(M)} &= \text{snd}(\bar{M}) & \overline{\text{magic}(M)} &= \text{magic}(\bar{M}) & \overline{\text{let}[a, y] = M \text{ in } N} &= \text{app}(\lambda y. \bar{N}, \bar{M}) \\ \overline{\text{axRep}(t, \bar{u}, M)} &= \text{axRep}(\bar{M}) & \overline{\text{axProp}(t, \bar{u}, M)} &= \text{axProp}(\bar{M}) \\ \overline{\text{ind}_{\phi}(M, \bar{t}, u)} &= \text{ind}(\bar{M}) \end{aligned}$$

We call a  $\lambda Z$  reduction *atomic* if it is of the form  $(\lambda a. M) t \rightarrow M[a := t]$ . The reduction rules and values in  $\lambda\bar{Z}$  are induced in an obvious way from  $\lambda Z$ , so that if  $M \rightarrow M'$  is a nonatomic reduction in  $\lambda Z$ , then  $\bar{M} \rightarrow \bar{M}'$ , if  $M \rightarrow M'$  is an atomic reduction in  $\lambda Z$ , then  $\bar{M} = \bar{M}'$  and if  $M$  is a value in  $\lambda Z$  not of the form  $\lambda a. N$ , then  $\bar{M}$  is a value in  $\lambda\bar{Z}$ . In particular  $\text{ind}(M) \rightarrow M$  ( $\lambda x. \text{ind}(M)$ ).

**Lemma 5.** *If  $\overline{M}$  normalizes, so does  $M$ .*

*Proof.* Any infinite chain of reductions starting from  $M$  must contain an infinite number of nonatomic reductions, which map to reductions in  $\overline{M}$  in a natural way.

We now move to the definition of the language for the realizability relation.

**Definition 2.** *A set  $A$  is a  $\lambda$ -name iff  $A$  is a set of pairs  $(v, B)$  such that  $v \in \lambda\overline{Z}_v$  and  $B$  is a  $\lambda$ -name.*

In other words,  $\lambda$ -names are sets hereditarily labelled by  $\lambda\overline{Z}$  values.

**Definition 3.** *The class of  $\lambda$ -names is denoted by  $V^\lambda$ .*

Formally,  $V^\lambda$  is generated by the transfinite inductive definition on ordinals:

$$V_\alpha^\lambda = \bigcup_{\beta < \alpha} P(\lambda\overline{Z}_v \times V_\beta^\lambda) \quad V^\lambda = \bigcup_{\alpha \in ORD} V_\alpha^\lambda$$

The  $\lambda$ -rank of a  $\lambda$ -name  $A$  is the smallest  $\alpha$  such that  $A \in V_\alpha^\lambda$ .

**Definition 4.** *For any  $A \in V^\lambda$ ,  $A^+$  denotes  $\{(M, B) \mid M \downarrow v \wedge (v, B) \in A\}$ .*

**Definition 5.** *A (class-sized) first-order language  $L$  arises by enriching the  $IZF_R$  signature with constants for all  $\lambda$ -names.*

From now on until the end of this section, symbols  $M, N, O, P$  range exclusively over  $\lambda\overline{Z}$ -terms, letters  $a, b, c$  vary over logical variables in the language, letters  $A, B, C$  vary over  $\lambda$ -names and letter  $\rho$  varies over finite partial functions from logic variables in  $L$  to  $V^\lambda$ . We call such functions *environments*.

**Definition 6.** *For any formula  $\phi$  of  $L$ , any term  $t$  of  $L$  and  $\rho$  defined on all free variables of  $\phi$  and  $t$ , we define by metalevel mutual induction a realizability relation  $M \Vdash_\rho \phi$  in an environment  $\rho$  and a meaning of a term  $\llbracket t \rrbracket_\rho$  in an environment  $\rho$ :*

1.  $\llbracket a \rrbracket_\rho \equiv \rho(a)$
2.  $\llbracket A \rrbracket_\rho \equiv A$
3.  $\llbracket \omega \rrbracket_\rho \equiv \omega'$ , where  $\omega'$  is defined by the means of inductive definition:  $\omega'$  is the smallest set such that:
  - $(\text{infRep}(N), A) \in \omega'$  if  $N \downarrow \text{inl}(O)$ ,  $O \Vdash A = 0$  and  $A \in V_\omega^\lambda$ .
  - If  $(M, B) \in \omega'^+$ , then  $(\text{infRep}(N), A) \in \omega'$  if  $N \downarrow \text{inr}(O)$ ,  $O \downarrow \langle M, P \rangle$ ,  $P \Vdash A = S(B)$  and  $A \in V_\omega^\lambda$ .

*It is easy to see that any element of  $\omega'$  is in  $V_\alpha^\lambda$  for some finite  $\alpha$  and so that  $\omega' \in V_{\omega+1}^\lambda$ .*

4.  $\llbracket t_A(\overline{u}) \rrbracket_\rho \equiv \{(\text{axRep}(N), B) \in \lambda\overline{Z}_v \times V_\gamma^\lambda \mid N \Vdash_\rho \phi_A(B, \llbracket \overline{u} \rrbracket_\rho)\}$
5.  $M \Vdash_\rho \perp \equiv \perp$
6.  $M \Vdash_\rho t \in s \equiv M \downarrow v \wedge (v, \llbracket t \rrbracket_\rho) \in \llbracket s \rrbracket_\rho$

7.  $M \Vdash_\rho \phi \wedge \psi \equiv M \downarrow \langle M_1, M_2 \rangle \wedge M_1 \Vdash_\rho \phi \wedge M_2 \Vdash_\rho \psi$
8.  $M \Vdash_\rho \phi \vee \psi \equiv (M \downarrow \text{inl}(M_1) \wedge M_1 \Vdash_\rho \phi) \vee (M \downarrow \text{inr}(M_1) \wedge M_1 \Vdash_\rho \psi)$
9.  $M \Vdash_\rho \phi \rightarrow \psi \equiv (M \downarrow \lambda x. M_1) \wedge \forall N. (N \Vdash_\rho \phi) \rightarrow (M_1[x := N] \Vdash_\rho \psi)$
10.  $M \Vdash_\rho \forall a. \phi \equiv \forall A \in V^\lambda. M \Vdash_\rho \phi[a := A]$
11.  $M \Vdash_\rho \exists a. \phi \equiv \exists A \in V^\lambda. M \Vdash_\rho \phi[a := A]$

Note that  $M \Vdash_\rho A \in B$  iff  $(M, A) \in B^+$ .

The definition of the ordinal  $\gamma$  in item 4 depends on  $t_A(\bar{u})$ . This ordinal is close to the rank of the set denoted by  $t_A(\bar{u})$  and is chosen so that Lemma 8 can be proven. Let  $\bar{\alpha} = \overline{\text{rank}(\llbracket u \rrbracket_\rho)}$ . Case  $t_A(\bar{u})$  of:

- $\{u_1, u_2\} \text{ — } \gamma = \max(\alpha_1, \alpha_2)$
- $P(u) \text{ — } \gamma = \alpha + 1.$
- $\bigcup u \text{ — } \gamma = \alpha$
- $S_{\phi(a, \bar{f})}(u, \bar{u}) \text{ — } \gamma = \alpha_1.$
- $R_{\phi(a, b, \bar{f})}(u, \bar{u})$ . Tedious. Use Collection in the metatheory to get the appropriate ordinal. Details can be found in [6].

**Lemma 6.** *The definition of realizability is well-founded.*

*Proof.* Use the measure function  $m$  which takes a clause in the definition and returns a triple of integers, with lexicographical order in  $\mathbb{N}^3$ .

- $m(M \Vdash_\rho \phi) =$  (“number of constants  $\omega$  in  $\phi$ ”, “number of function symbols in  $\phi$ ”, “structural complexity of  $\phi$ ”)
- $m(\llbracket t \rrbracket_\rho) =$  (“number of constants  $\omega$  in  $t$ ”, “number of function symbols in  $t$ ”, 0)

Since the definition is well-founded, (metalevel) inductive proofs on the definition of realizability are justified.

**Lemma 7.** *If  $A \in V_\alpha^\lambda$ , then there is  $\beta < \alpha$  such that for all  $B$ , if  $M \Vdash_\rho B \in A$ , then  $B \in V_\beta^\lambda$ . Also, if  $M \Vdash_\rho B = A$ , then  $B \in V_\alpha^\lambda$ .*

The following lemma states the crucial property of the realizability relation.

**Lemma 8.**  $(M, A) \in \llbracket t_A(\bar{u}) \rrbracket_\rho$  iff  $M = \text{axRep}(N)$  and  $N \Vdash_\rho \phi_A(A, \llbracket \bar{u} \rrbracket_\rho)$ .

*Proof.* For all terms apart from  $\omega$ , the left-to-right direction is immediate. For the right-to-left direction, suppose  $N \Vdash_\rho \phi_A(A, \llbracket \bar{u} \rrbracket_\rho)$  and  $M = \text{axRep}(N)$ . To show that  $(M, A) \in \llbracket t_A(\bar{u}) \rrbracket_\rho$ , we need to show that  $A \in V_\gamma^\lambda$ . The proof proceeds by case analysis on  $t_A(\bar{u})$ . Let  $\bar{\alpha} = \overline{\text{rank}(\llbracket u \rrbracket_\rho)}$ . Case  $t_A(\bar{u})$  of:

- $\{u_1, u_2\}$ . Suppose that  $N \Vdash_\rho A = \llbracket u_1 \rrbracket_\rho \vee A = \llbracket u_2 \rrbracket_\rho$ . Then either  $N \downarrow \text{inl}(N_1) \wedge N_1 \Vdash_\rho A = \llbracket u_1 \rrbracket_\rho$  or  $N \downarrow \text{inr}(N_1) \wedge N_1 \Vdash_\rho A = \llbracket u_2 \rrbracket_\rho$ . By Lemma 7, in the former case  $A \in V_{\alpha_1}^\lambda$ , in the latter  $A \in V_{\alpha_2}^\lambda$ , so  $A \in V_{\max(\alpha_1, \alpha_2)}^\lambda$ .
- $P(u)$ . Suppose that  $N \Vdash_\rho \forall c. c \in A \rightarrow c \in \llbracket u \rrbracket_\rho$ . Then  $\forall C. N \Vdash_\rho C \in A \rightarrow C \in \llbracket u \rrbracket_\rho$ , so  $\forall C. N \downarrow \lambda x. N_1$  and  $\forall O. (O \Vdash C \in A) \Rightarrow N_1[x := O] \Vdash_\rho C \in \llbracket u \rrbracket_\rho$ . Take any  $(v, B) \in A$ . Then  $v \Vdash_\rho B \in A$ . So  $N_1[x := v] \Vdash_\rho B \in \llbracket u \rrbracket_\rho$ . Thus any such  $B$  is in  $V_\alpha^\lambda$ , so  $A \in V_{\alpha+1}^\lambda$ .



- $\bigcup u$ . Suppose  $N \Vdash_\rho \exists c. c \in \llbracket u \rrbracket_\rho \wedge A \in c$ . It is easy to see that  $A \in V_\alpha^\lambda$ .
- $S_{\phi(a, \bar{f})}(u, \bar{u})$ . Suppose  $N \Vdash_\rho A \in \llbracket u \rrbracket_\rho \wedge \dots$ . It follows that  $A \in V_{\alpha_1}^\lambda$ .
- $R_{\phi(a, \bar{f})}(u, \bar{u})$ . Tedious. For details, see [6].

For  $\omega$ , for the left-to-right direction proceed by induction on the definition of  $\omega'$ . The right-to-left direction is easy, using Lemma 7.

The following sequence of lemmas lays ground for the normalization theorem. They are proven either by induction on the definition of terms and formulas or by induction on the definition of realizability.

**Lemma 9.**  $\llbracket t[a := s] \rrbracket_\rho = \llbracket t \rrbracket_{\rho[a := \llbracket s \rrbracket_\rho]}$  and  $M \Vdash_\rho \phi[a := s]$  iff  $M \Vdash_{\rho[a := \llbracket s \rrbracket_\rho]} \phi$ .

**Lemma 10.**  $\llbracket t[a := s] \rrbracket_\rho = \llbracket t[a := \llbracket s \rrbracket_\rho] \rrbracket_\rho$  and  $M \Vdash_\rho \phi[a := s]$  iff  $M \Vdash_\rho \phi[a := \llbracket s \rrbracket_\rho]$ .

**Lemma 11.** If  $(M \Vdash_\rho \phi)$  then  $M \downarrow$ .

**Lemma 12.** If  $M \rightarrow^* M'$  then  $M' \Vdash_\rho \phi$  iff  $M \Vdash_\rho \phi$ .

**Lemma 13.** If  $M \Vdash_\rho \phi \rightarrow \psi$  and  $N \Vdash_\rho \phi$ , then  $M N \Vdash_\rho \psi$ .

## 5 Normalization

In this section, environments  $\rho$  map lambda variables to  $\lambda\bar{Z}$  terms and logic variables to sets in  $V^\lambda$ . Any such environment can be used as a realizability environment by ignoring the mapping of lambda variables.

**Definition 7.** For a sequent  $\Gamma \vdash \phi$ ,  $\rho \models \Gamma \vdash \phi$  means that  $\rho : FV(\Gamma, \phi) \rightarrow (V^\lambda \cup \Lambda_{\bar{Z}})$ , for all  $a \in FV_L(\Gamma, \phi)$ ,  $\rho(a) \in V^\lambda$  and for all  $(x_i, \phi_i) \in \Gamma$ ,  $\rho(x_i) \Vdash_\rho \phi_i$ .

Note that if  $\rho \models \Gamma \vdash \phi$ , then for any term  $t$  in  $\Gamma, \phi$ ,  $\llbracket t \rrbracket_\rho$  is defined and so is the realizability relation  $M \Vdash_\rho \phi$ .

**Definition 8.** For a sequent  $\Gamma \vdash \phi$ , if  $\rho \models \Gamma \vdash \phi$  and  $M \in \Lambda_{\bar{Z}}$ , then  $M[\rho]$  is  $M[x_1 := \rho(x_1), \dots, x_n := \rho(x_n)]$ .

**Theorem 1.** If  $\Gamma \vdash M : \vartheta$  then for all  $\rho \models \Gamma \vdash \vartheta$ ,  $\overline{M}[\rho] \Vdash_\rho \vartheta$ .

*Proof.* For any  $\lambda\bar{Z}$  term  $M$ ,  $M'$  in the proof denotes  $\overline{M}[\rho]$  and IH abbreviates inductive hypothesis. We proceed by metalevel induction on  $\Gamma \vdash M : \vartheta$ . We show the interesting cases. Case  $\Gamma \vdash M : \vartheta$  of:

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$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash M : \phi_A(t, \bar{u})}{\Gamma \vdash \text{axRep}(t, \bar{u}, M) : t \in t_A(\bar{u})}$$

By IH,  $M' \Vdash_\rho \phi_A(t, \bar{u})$ . By Lemma 10 this is equivalent to  $M' \Vdash_\rho \phi_A(\llbracket t \rrbracket_\rho, \overline{\llbracket \bar{u} \rrbracket_\rho})$ . By Lemma 8 ( $\text{axRep}(M'), \llbracket t \rrbracket_\rho \in \llbracket t_A(\bar{u}) \rrbracket_\rho$ , so  $\text{axRep}(M') \Vdash_\rho t \in t_A(\bar{u})$ , so also  $\text{axRep}(t, \bar{u}, M)[\rho] \Vdash_\rho t \in t_A(\bar{u})$ ).

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash M : t \in t_A(\bar{u})}{\Gamma \vdash \text{axProp}(t, \bar{u}, M) : \phi_A(t, \bar{u})}$$

By IH,  $M' \Vdash_\rho t \in t_A(\bar{u})$ . This means that  $M' \downarrow v$  and  $(v, \llbracket t \rrbracket_\rho) \in \llbracket t_A(\bar{u}) \rrbracket$ . By Lemma 8,  $v = \text{axRep}(N)$  and  $N \Vdash_\rho \phi_A(\llbracket t \rrbracket_\rho, \llbracket \bar{u} \rrbracket_\rho)$ . By Lemma 10,  $N \Vdash_\rho \phi_A(t, \bar{u})$ . Moreover,  $\text{axProp}(t, \bar{u}, M) = \text{axProp}(M') \rightarrow^* \text{axProp}(\text{axRep}(N)) \rightarrow N$ . Lemma 12 gives us the claim.

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash M : \phi}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda a. M : \forall a. \phi}$$

By IH, for all  $\rho \models \Gamma \vdash M : \phi$ ,  $\overline{M}[\rho] \Vdash \phi$ . We need to show that for all  $\rho \models \Gamma \vdash \lambda a. M : \forall a. \phi$ ,  $\lambda a. \overline{M} = \overline{M}[\rho] \Vdash_\rho \forall a. \phi(a)$ . Take any such  $\rho$ . We need to show that  $\forall A. \overline{M}[\rho] \Vdash_\rho \phi[a := A]$ . Take any  $A$ . By Lemma 9, it suffices to show that  $\overline{M}[\rho] \Vdash_{\rho[a:=A]} \phi$ . However,  $\rho[a := A] \models \Gamma \vdash M : \phi$ , so we get the claim by IH.

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash M : \forall a. \phi}{\Gamma \vdash M t : \phi[a := t]}$$

By IH,  $M' \Vdash_\rho \forall a. \phi$ , so  $\forall A. M' \Vdash_\rho \phi[a := A]$ . in particular  $M' \Vdash_\rho \phi[a := \llbracket t \rrbracket_\rho]$ , so by Lemma 10  $M' = \overline{(M t)}[\rho] \Vdash_\rho \phi[a := t]$ .

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash M : \forall c. (\forall b. b \in c \rightarrow \phi(b, \bar{t})) \rightarrow \phi(c, \bar{t})}{\Gamma \vdash \text{ind}_{\phi(b, \bar{t})}(M, \bar{t}) : \forall a. \phi(a, \bar{t})}$$

We need to show that  $\text{ind}(M') \Vdash_\rho \forall a. \phi(a, \bar{t})$ , that is, that for all  $A$ ,  $\text{ind}(M') \Vdash_\rho \phi(A, \bar{t})$ . We proceed by induction on  $\lambda$ -rank of  $A$ . Since  $\text{ind}(M') \rightarrow M' (\lambda x. \text{ind}(M'))$ , by Lemma 12 it suffices to show that  $M' (\lambda x. \text{ind}(M')) \Vdash_\rho \phi(A, \bar{t})$ . By IH, we have  $M' \Vdash_\rho \forall c. (\forall b. b \in c \rightarrow \phi(b, \bar{t})) \rightarrow \phi(c, \bar{t})$ , so for all  $C$ ,  $M' \Vdash_\rho (\forall b. b \in C \rightarrow \phi(b, \bar{t})) \rightarrow \phi(C, \bar{t})$ . If we take  $C = A$ , then by Lemma 13 it suffices to show that  $\lambda x. \text{ind}(M') \Vdash_\rho \forall b. b \in A \rightarrow \phi(b, \bar{t})$ . Take any  $B$ . It suffices to show that  $\lambda x. \text{ind}(M') \Vdash_\rho B \in A \rightarrow \phi(B, \bar{t})$ . Take any  $N \Vdash_\rho B \in A$ . By Lemma 7, the  $\lambda$ -rank of  $B$  is smaller than the  $\lambda$ -rank of  $A$  and so by inner inductive hypothesis  $\text{ind}(M') \Vdash_\rho \phi(B, \bar{t})$ . Since  $x$  is new in the reduction rule,  $\text{ind}(M') = \text{ind}(M')[x := N]$  and we get the claim.

**Corollary 2 (Normalization).** *If  $\vdash M : \phi$ , then  $M \downarrow$ .*

*Proof.* By Theorem 1, for any  $\rho \models (\vdash M : \phi)$ , we have  $\overline{M}[\rho] \Vdash_\rho \phi$ . Take any such  $\rho$ , for example mapping all free logic variables of  $M$  and  $\phi$  to  $\emptyset$ . By Lemma 11,  $\overline{M}[\rho] \downarrow$ , and since  $\overline{M} = \overline{M}[\rho]$ ,  $\overline{M} \downarrow$ . Lemma 5 gives us the claim.

As the reduction system is deterministic, the distinction between strong and weak normalization does not exist. If the reduction system is extended to allow reductions anywhere inside of the term, the Corollary 2 shows only weak normalization. Strong normalization then, surprisingly, does not hold. One reason, trivial, are ind terms. However, even without them, the system would not

strongly normalize, as the following counterexample, invented by Crabbé and adapted to our framework shows:

**Theorem 2 (Crabbé’s counterexample).** *There is a formula  $\phi$  and term  $M$  such that  $\vdash M : \phi$  and  $M$  does not strongly normalize.*

*Proof.* Let  $t = \{x \in 0 \mid x \in x \rightarrow \perp\}$ . Consider the terms:

$$N \equiv \lambda y : t \in t. \text{snd}(\text{sepProp}(t, 0, y)) y \quad M \equiv \lambda x : t \in 0. N(\text{sepRep}(t, 0, \langle x, N \rangle))$$

Then it is easy to see that  $\vdash N : t \in t \rightarrow \perp$ ,  $\vdash M : t \in 0 \rightarrow \perp$  and that  $M$  does not strongly normalize.

Moreover, a slight (from a semantic point of view) modification to  $\text{IZF}_R^-$ , namely making it non-well-founded, results in a system which is not even weakly normalizing. A very small fragment is sufficient for this effect to arise. Let  $T$  be an intuitionistic set theory consisting of 2 axioms:

- (C)  $\forall a. a \in c \leftrightarrow a = c$
- (D)  $\forall a. a \in d \leftrightarrow a \in c \wedge a \in a \rightarrow a \in a$ .

The constant  $c$  denotes a non-well-founded set. The existence of  $d$  can be derived from separation axiom:  $d = \{a \in c \mid a \in a \rightarrow a \in a\}$ . The lambda calculus corresponding to  $T$  is defined just as for  $\text{IZF}_R^-$ .

**Theorem 3.** *There is a formula  $\phi$  and term  $M$  such that  $\vdash_T M : \phi$  and  $M$  does not weakly normalize.*

*Proof.* It is relatively easy to find a term  $N$  such that  $\vdash_T N : d \in c$ . Take  $\phi = d \in d \rightarrow d \in d$ . The term  $M$  below proves the claim.

$$O \equiv \lambda x : d \in d. \text{snd}(\text{dRep}(d, c, x)) x \quad M \equiv O(\text{dProp}(d, c, \langle N, O \rangle)).$$

We believe all these results could be formalized in  $\text{IZF}_C$  (Collection seems to be necessary for the definition of the realizability set corresponding to the Replacement term in Section 4). Powell has shown in [11] that the notion of rank can be defined meaningfully in intuitionistic set theories, so it should be possible to carry out the developments in Section 4 with the notion of  $\lambda$ -rank which makes sense in  $\text{IZF}_C$ . We haven’t carried out the detailed check, though.

## 6 Applications

The normalization theorem provides immediately several results.

**Corollary 3 (Disjunction Property).** *If  $\text{IZF}_R^- \vdash \phi \vee \psi$ , then  $\text{IZF}_R^- \vdash \phi$  or  $\text{IZF}_R^- \vdash \psi$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose  $\text{IZF}_R^- \vdash \phi \vee \psi$ . By Curry-Howard isomorphism, there is a  $\lambda Z$  term  $M$  such that  $\vdash M : \phi \vee \psi$ . By Corollary 1,  $M \downarrow v$  and  $\vdash v : \phi \vee \psi$ . By Canonical Forms, either  $v = \text{inl}(N)$  and  $\vdash N : \phi$  or  $v = \text{inr}(N)$  and  $\vdash N : \psi$ . By applying the other direction of Curry-Howard isomorphism we get the claim.

**Corollary 4 (Term Existence Property).** *If  $\text{IZF}_R^- \vdash \exists x. \phi(x)$ , then there is a term  $t$  such that  $\text{IZF}_R^- \vdash \phi(t)$ .*

*Proof.* By Curry-Howard isomorphism, there is a  $\lambda Z$ -term  $M$  such that  $\vdash M : \exists x. \phi$ . By normalizing  $M$  and applying Canonical Forms, we get  $[t, N]$  such that  $\vdash N : \phi(t)$ . and thus by Curry-Howard isomorphism  $\text{IZF}_R^- \vdash \phi(t)$ .

**Corollary 5 (Set Existence Property).** *If  $\text{IZF}_R^- \vdash \exists x. \phi(x)$  and  $\phi(x)$  is term-free, then there is a term-free formula  $\psi(x)$  such that  $\text{IZF}_R^- \vdash \exists! x. \phi(x) \wedge \psi(x)$ .*

*Proof.* Take  $t$  from Term Existence Property. It is not difficult to see that there is a term-free formula  $\psi(x)$ , defining  $t$ , so that  $\text{IZF}_R^- \vdash (\exists! x. \psi(x)) \wedge \psi(t)$ . Then  $\text{IZF}_R^- \vdash \exists! x. \phi(x) \wedge \psi(x)$  can be easily derived.

To show NEP, we first define an extraction function  $F$  which takes a proof  $\vdash M : t \in \omega$  and returns a natural number  $n$ .  $F$  works as follows:

It normalizes  $M$  to  $\text{natRep}(N)$ . By Canonical Forms,  $\vdash N : t = 0 \vee \exists y \in \omega. t = S(y)$ .  $F$  then normalizes  $N$  to either  $\text{inl}(O)$  or  $\text{inr}(O)$ . In the former case,  $F$  returns 0. In the latter,  $\vdash O : \exists y. y \in \omega \wedge t = S(y)$ . Normalizing  $O$  it gets  $[t_1, P]$ , where  $\vdash P : t_1 \in \omega \wedge t = S(t_1)$ . Normalizing  $P$  it gets  $Q$  such that  $\vdash Q : t_1 \in \omega$ . Then  $F$  returns  $F(\vdash Q : t_1 \in \omega) + 1$ .

To show that  $F$  terminates for all its arguments, consider the sequence of terms  $t, t_1, t_2, \dots$  obtained throughout the life of  $F$ . We have  $\text{IZF}_R^- \vdash t = S(t_1)$ ,  $\text{IZF}_R^- \vdash t_1 = S(t_2)$  and so on. Thus, the length of the sequence is at most the rank of the set denoted by  $t$ , so  $F$  must terminate after at most  $\text{rank}(\llbracket t \rrbracket)$  steps.

**Corollary 6 (Numerical existence property).** *If  $\text{IZF}_R^- \vdash \exists x \in \omega. \phi(x)$ , then there is a natural number  $n$  and term  $t$  such that  $\text{IZF}_R^- \vdash \phi(t) \wedge t = \bar{n}$ .*

*Proof.* As before, use Curry-Howard isomorphism to get a value  $[t, M]$  such that  $\vdash [t, M] : \exists x. x \in \omega \wedge \phi(x)$ . Thus  $M \vdash t \in \omega \wedge \phi(t)$ , so  $M \downarrow \langle M_1, M_2 \rangle$  and  $\vdash M_1 : t \in \omega$ . Take  $n = F(\vdash M_1 : t \in \omega)$ . It's easy to see that patching together in an appropriate way proofs obtained throughout the execution of  $F$ , a proof of  $t = \bar{n}$  for some natural number  $n$  can be produced.

This version of NEP differs from the one usually found in the literature, where in the end  $\phi(\bar{n})$  is derived. However,  $\text{IZF}_R^-$  does not have the Leibniz axiom for the final step. We conjecture that it is the only version which holds in non-extensional set theories.

## 7 Extensional $\text{IZF}_R$

We will show that we can extend our results to full  $\text{IZF}_R$ . We work in  $\text{IZF}_R^-$ .

**Lemma 14.** *Equality is an equivalence relation.*

**Definition 9.** *A set  $C$  is L-stable, if  $A \in C$  and  $A = B$  implies  $B \in C$ .*

**Definition 10.** *A set  $C$  is transitively L-stable ( $TLS(C)$  holds) if it is L-stable and every element of  $C$  is transitively L-stable.*

This definition is formalized in a standard way, using transitive closure, available in  $\text{IZF}_R^-$ , as shown e.g. in [4]. We denote the class of transitively L-stable sets by  $T$ . The statement  $V = T$  means that  $\forall A. TLS(A)$ . Class  $T$  in  $\text{IZF}_R^-$  plays a similar role to the class of well-founded sets in ZF without Foundation. By  $\in$ -induction we can prove:

**Lemma 15.**  $\text{IZF}_R \vdash V = T$ .

The restriction of a formula  $\phi$  to  $T$ , denoted by  $\phi^T$ , is defined as usual, taking into account the following translation of terms:

$$a^T \equiv a \quad \{t, u\}^T \equiv \{t^T, u^T\} \quad \omega^T \equiv \omega \quad (\bigcup t)^T \equiv \bigcup t^T \quad (P(t))^T \equiv P(t^T) \cap T$$

$$(S_{\phi(a, \bar{f})}(u, \bar{u}))^T \equiv S_{\phi^T(a, \bar{f})}(u^T, \bar{u}^T) \quad (R_{\phi(a, b, \bar{f})}(t, \bar{u}))^T \equiv R_{b \in T \wedge \phi^T(a, b, \bar{f})}(t^T, \bar{u}^T)$$

The notation  $T \models \phi$  means that  $\phi^T$  holds. It is not very difficult to show:

**Theorem 4.**  $T \models \text{IZF}_R$ .

**Lemma 16.**  $\text{IZF}_R \vdash \phi$  iff  $\text{IZF}_R^- \vdash \phi^T$ .

**Corollary 7.**  $\text{IZF}_R$  satisfies DP and NEP.

*Proof.* For DP, suppose  $\text{IZF}_R \vdash \phi \vee \psi$ . By Lemma 16,  $\text{IZF}_R^- \vdash \phi^T \vee \psi^T$ . By DP for  $\text{IZF}_R^-$ , either  $\text{IZF}_R^- \vdash \phi^T$  or  $\text{IZF}_R^- \vdash \psi^T$ . Using Lemma 16 again we get either  $\text{IZF}_R \vdash \phi$  or  $\text{IZF}_R \vdash \psi$ .

For NEP, suppose  $\text{IZF}_R \vdash \exists x. x \in \omega \wedge \phi(x)$ . By Lemma 16,  $\text{IZF}_R^- \vdash \exists x. x \in T \wedge x \in \omega^T. \phi^T(x)$ , so  $\text{IZF}_R^- \vdash \exists x \in \omega^T. x \in T \wedge \phi^T(x)$ . Since  $\omega^T = \omega$ , using NEP for  $\text{IZF}_R^-$  we get a natural number  $n$  such that  $\text{IZF}_R^- \vdash \exists x. \phi^T(x) \wedge x = \bar{n}$ . By Lemma 16 and  $\bar{n} = \bar{n}^T$ , we get  $\text{IZF}_R \vdash \exists x. \phi(x) \wedge x = \bar{n}$ . By the Leibniz axiom,  $\text{IZF}_R \vdash \phi(\bar{n})$ .

We cannot establish TEP and SEP as easily, since it is not the case that  $t^T = t$  for all terms  $t$ . However, a simple modification to the axiomatization of  $\text{IZF}_R$  yields these results too. It suffices to guarantee that whenever a set is defined, it must be in  $T$ . To do this, we modify three axioms and add one new, axiomatizing transitive closure. Let  $PTC(a, c)$  be a formula that says:  $a \subseteq c$  and  $c$  is transitive. The axioms are:

$$\begin{aligned}
& (\text{SEP}'_{\phi(a,\bar{f})}) \quad \forall \bar{f} \forall a \forall c. c \in S_{\phi(a,\bar{f})}(a, \bar{f}) \leftrightarrow c \in a \wedge \phi^T(c, \bar{f}) \\
& (\text{POWER}') \quad \forall a \forall c. c \in P(a) \leftrightarrow c \in T \wedge \forall b. b \in c \rightarrow b \in a \\
& (\text{REPL}'_{\phi(a,b,\bar{f})}) \quad \forall \bar{f} \forall a \forall c. c \in R_{\phi(a,b,\bar{f})}(a, \bar{f}) \leftrightarrow (\forall x \in a \exists! y \in T. \phi^T(x, y, \bar{f})) \wedge \\
& \quad (\exists x \in a. \phi^T(x, c, \bar{f})) \\
& (\text{TC}) \quad \forall a, c. c \in TC(a) \leftrightarrow (c \in a \vee \exists d \in TC(a). c \in d) \wedge \forall d. PTC(a, d) \rightarrow c \in d.
\end{aligned}$$

In the modified axioms, the definition of  $T$  is written using  $TC$  and relativization of formulas to  $T$  this time leaves terms intact, we set  $t^T \equiv t$  for all terms  $t$ .

It is not difficult to see that this axiomatization is equivalent to the old one and is still a definitional extension of term-free versions of [9], [2] and [1]. We can therefore adopt it as the official axiomatization of  $\text{IZF}_R$ . All the developments in sections 4-8 can be done for the new axiomatization in the similar way. In the end we get:

**Corollary 8.**  *$\text{IZF}_R$  satisfies DP, NEP, TEP and SEP.*

A different technique to tackle the problem of the Leibniz axiom, used by Friedman in [12], is to define new membership ( $\in^*$ ) and equality ( $\sim$ ) relations in an intensional universe from scratch, so that  $(V, \in^*, \sim)$  interprets his intuitionistic set theory along with the Leibniz axiom. Our  $T$ , on the other hand, utilizes existing  $\in, =$  relations. We plan to present an alternative normalization proof, where the method to tackle the Leibniz axiom is closer to Friedman's ideas, in the forthcoming [13].

## 8 Related work

In [9], DP, NEP, SEP are proven for  $\text{IZF}_R$  without terms. TEP is proven for comprehension terms, the full list of which is not recursive. It is easy to see that  $\text{IZF}_R$  is a definitional extension of Myhill's version. Our results therefore improve on [9], by providing an explicit recursive list of terms corresponding to  $\text{IZF}_R$  axioms to witness TEP.

In [14] strong normalization of a constructive set theory without induction and replacement axioms is shown using Girard's method. As both normalization and theory are defined in a nonstandard way, it is not clear if the results could entail any of DP, NEP, SEP and TEP for the theory.

[15] defines realizability using lambda calculus for classical set theory conservative over ZF. The types for the calculus are defined. However, it seems that the types correspond more to the truth in the realizability model than to provable statements in the theory. Moreover, the calculus doesn't even weakly normalize.

In [16], a set theory without the induction and replacement axioms is interpreted in the strongly normalizing lambda calculus with types based on  $F\omega.2$ . This has been extended with conservativeness result in [17].

In [18], DP and NEP along with other properties are derived for CZF using a combination of realizability and truth. The technique likely extends to  $\text{IZF}_C$ , but it does not seem to be strong enough to prove SEP and TEP for  $\text{IZF}_R$ .

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