# Variants of Modified Bar Recursion 

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## Summary

Better way of understanding modified bar recursion (via selection functionals)

Issues of efficiency
(in case we ever need bar recursion in practise)

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| Kxy | $\mapsto$ | $x$ | (weakening) |
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| $S x y z$ | $\mapsto$ | $x z(y z)$ | (contraction) |

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Move contractions from the conclusion to the premise

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& \frac{[\neg(A \wedge B)]_{\delta} \frac{[A]_{\alpha}[B]_{\beta}}{A \wedge B}}{\frac{\frac{\perp}{\neg A}(\alpha)}{\neg A \vee \neg B}} \\
& \frac{\frac{\perp^{\circ}}{\neg A \vee \neg B}(\beta)}{\neg(\neg A \vee \neg B)} \\
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... and using induction ....

$$
\neg \exists b \leq n \neg A(b) \rightarrow \neg \neg \forall b \leq n A(b)
$$

## Example

Infinite pigeonhole principle

$$
\forall n \forall f^{\mathbb{N} \rightarrow n} \exists b \leq n \underbrace{\forall x \exists y>x(f y=b)}_{\{y: f y=b\}}
$$

Follows (classically) from BC for $\Pi_{1}^{0}$-formulas.
Between $\Sigma_{2}^{0}$ and $\Sigma_{1}^{0}$ induction.

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Corresponds to infinite number of LEM applications
... as with comprehension functions

$$
\exists f \forall n(f n=0 \leftrightarrow A(n))
$$

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In practise, only a finitary portion of that is used!

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What about a direct interpretation (realizability)?

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## Selection functions

## Definition (Escardo'07)

A computable functional

$$
\Psi \quad: \quad(A \rightarrow \mathbb{B}) \rightarrow A
$$

is called a selection functional for $A$ if for any predicate

$$
Y: A \rightarrow \mathbb{B}
$$

$\Psi(Y) \in Y$ whenever $Y$ is not empty.

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Assume continuity and take $\Psi_{Y}()$.

## (General) selection functions

Problem: Given a family of (general) selection functions

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## DNS

Has exactly the type of DNS

$$
\neg \exists n \neg A(n) \rightarrow \neg \neg \forall n A(n)
$$

i.e.

$$
\forall n(\underbrace{\neg A(n) \rightarrow A(n)}_{\Phi_{n}}) \rightarrow \underbrace{\neg \forall n A(n)}_{Y} \rightarrow \forall n A(n)
$$

## BBC functional

$$
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## Possibilites

Option 1 (BBC)

$$
\Psi_{Y}(s)=s @ \lambda n \cdot \Phi_{n}\left(\lambda x \cdot Y\left(\Psi_{Y}(s *\langle n, x\rangle)\right)\right)
$$

Option 2 (U. Berger)

$$
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$$

Option 3 (M. Escardo)

$$
\Psi_{Y}(s)=s @ \lambda n \cdot \Phi_{n}\left(\lambda x \cdot Y\left(\Psi_{Y}\left(\overline{\Psi_{Y}(s)}(n) *\langle n, x\rangle\right)\right)\right)
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- Efficient
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## Berger's functional

$$
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$$

- Not very efficient
- Easy to prove total (by bar induction)
- Easy to prove it is a realiser (by bar induction)


## Escardo's functional

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## Definability

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Other connections still open!

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- Motivation of modified bar recursion via selection functions
- Three variants of modified bar recursion
- Issues of efficiency and easiness of totality proof


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