

Linear Logic Pages

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Phase semantics and Decision problems

MLL = *Multiplicative Linear Logic*
MALL = *Multiplicative Additive Linear Logic*
MELL = *Multiplicative Exponential Linear Logic*
LL = *Linear Logic*
WLL = *Affine Linear Logic*

NP = *non deterministic polynomial time*
PSPACE = *polynomial space*
NEXPTIME = *non deterministic exponential time*

Propositional case

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Theorem: If A is a propositional formula, the following properties are equivalent:

1. A is provable;
2. A holds in any phase model;
3. A holds in the syntactical model;
4. A is cut-free provable.

Corollary: *cut elimination* (propositional case)

Finite model property

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	MLL	MALL	MELL	LL	WLL
finite model property	yes	yes	no	no	yes
semilinear model property	yes	yes	?	no	yes
decidability	yes	yes	?	no	yes

Provability problem

	MLL	MALL	MELL	LL
propositional case	NP-complete	PSPACE-complete	?	undecidable
first order case	NP-complete	NEXPTIME-complete	undecidable	undecidable
second order case	undecidable	undecidable	undecidable	undecidable

Formulas

Formulas are built from atoms and units, using (binary) connectives, modalities, and quantifiers:

- An *atom* is a propositional (*i.e.* second order) variable α or its dual α^\perp . More generally, it is an atomic predicate $\alpha(t_1, \dots, t_n)$ or its dual $\alpha^\perp(t_1, \dots, t_n)$, where t_1, \dots, t_n are first order terms.
- The *multiplicative connectives* are \otimes (*times*, or *multiplicative conjunction*) and its dual \wp (*par*, or *multiplicative disjunction*). The corresponding units are $\mathbf{1}$ (*one*) and \perp (*bottom*).
- The *additive connectives* are $\&$ (*with*, or *additive conjunction*) and its dual \oplus (*plus*, or *additive disjunction*). The corresponding units are \top (*top*) and $\mathbf{0}$ (*zero*).
- The *exponential modalities* are $!$ (*of course*) and its dual $?$ (*why not*).
- The *quantifiers* are \forall (*for all*, or *universal quantifier*) and its dual \exists (*exists*, or *existential quantifier*). A quantifier applies to a first order variable x or to a second order variable α .

If A is an atom, A^\perp stands for its dual. In particular, $A^{\perp\perp} = A$. *Linear negation* is extended to all formulas by de Morgan equations:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (A \otimes B)^\perp &= A^\perp \wp B^\perp, & (A \wp B)^\perp &= A^\perp \otimes B^\perp, & \mathbf{1}^\perp &= \perp, & \perp^\perp &= \mathbf{1}, \\
 (A \& B)^\perp &= A^\perp \oplus B^\perp, & (A \oplus B)^\perp &= A^\perp \& B^\perp, & \top^\perp &= \mathbf{0}, & \mathbf{0}^\perp &= \top, \\
 (!A)^\perp &= ?A^\perp, & (?A)^\perp &= !A^\perp, & (\forall \xi. A)^\perp &= \exists \xi. A^\perp, & (\exists \xi. A)^\perp &= \forall \xi. A^\perp.
 \end{aligned}$$

Linear implication is defined by $A \multimap B = A^\perp \wp B$.

If x is a first order variable and t is a first order term, $A[t/x]$ stands for the formula A where all free occurrences of x have been replaced by t (and bound variables have been renamed when necessary). Similarly, if α is a propositional variable and B is a formula, $A[B/\alpha]$ stands for the formula A where all free occurrences of α (respectively α^\perp) have been replaced by B (respectively B^\perp).

Sequents and rules

Sequents are of the form $\vdash \Gamma$ where Γ is a (possibly empty) sequence of formulas A_1, \dots, A_n . In practise, the sequent $\vdash \Gamma$ is identified with the sequence Γ , and a sequent consisting of a single formula is identified with this formula. Γ^\perp stands for $A_1^\perp, \dots, A_n^\perp$ (respectively $!\Gamma$ for $!A_1, \dots, !A_n$ and $? \Gamma$ for $?A_1, \dots, ?A_n$), and if Δ is another sequence of formulas, $\Gamma \vdash \Delta$ stands for $\vdash \Gamma^\perp, \Delta$.

A sequent is *provable* if it can be derived using the following rules:

$$\begin{array}{c}
\frac{\vdash \Gamma, A, B, \Delta}{\vdash \Gamma, B, A, \Delta} \text{ x} \quad \frac{}{\vdash A, A^\perp} \text{ id} \quad \frac{\vdash A, \Gamma \quad \vdash A^\perp, \Delta}{\vdash \Gamma, \Delta} \text{ cut} \\
\frac{\vdash A, \Gamma \quad \vdash B, \Delta}{\vdash A \otimes B, \Gamma, \Delta} \otimes \quad \frac{\vdash A, B, \Gamma}{\vdash A \wp B, \Gamma} \wp \quad \frac{}{\vdash \mathbf{1}} \mathbf{1} \quad \frac{\vdash \Gamma}{\vdash \perp, \Gamma} \perp \\
\frac{\vdash A, \Gamma \quad \vdash B, \Gamma}{\vdash A \& B, \Gamma} \& \quad \frac{\vdash A, \Gamma}{\vdash A \oplus B, \Gamma} \oplus_1 \quad \frac{\vdash B, \Gamma}{\vdash A \oplus B, \Gamma} \oplus_2 \quad \frac{}{\vdash \top, \Gamma} \top \\
\frac{\vdash A, ?\Gamma}{\vdash !A, ?\Gamma} ! \quad \frac{\vdash A, \Gamma}{\vdash ?A, \Gamma} ?d \quad \frac{\vdash ?A, ?A, \Gamma}{\vdash ?A, \Gamma} ?c \quad \frac{\vdash \Gamma}{\vdash ?A, \Gamma} ?w \\
\frac{\vdash A, \Gamma}{\vdash \forall \xi. A, \Gamma} \forall \quad \frac{\vdash A[\tau/\xi], \Gamma}{\vdash \exists \xi. A, \Gamma} \exists
\end{array}$$

Note that *exchange* is the only structural rule. The rules for exponentials are respectively called *promotion*, *dereliction*, *contraction*, and *weakening*. In the \forall -rule, ξ must have no free occurrence in Γ , but it is well understood that a bound variable can always be renamed. In the \exists -rule, τ is a first order term (if ξ is a first order variable) or a formula (if ξ is a second order variable).

By exchange, any permutation of Γ can be derived from Γ , so that in practise, sequents are considered as finite multisets, and exchange is implicit. Similarly, the following rules are derivable:

$$\frac{\vdash \Gamma, \Delta}{\vdash ?\Gamma, \Delta} ?D \quad \frac{\vdash ?\Gamma, ?\Gamma, \Delta}{\vdash ?\Gamma, \Delta} ?C \quad \frac{\vdash \Delta}{\vdash ?\Gamma, \Delta} ?W$$

Basic equivalences and second order definability

We say that A and B are *equivalent* and we write $A \equiv B$ if both $A \vdash B$ and $B \vdash A$ are provable. This amounts to say that, for any Γ , the sequent $\vdash A, \Gamma$ is provable if and only if $\vdash B, \Gamma$ is provable, or more generally, that $\vdash \Gamma[A/\alpha]$ is provable if and only if $\vdash \Gamma[B/\alpha]$ is provable.

Here are some typical equivalences:

$$\begin{aligned}
& A \otimes (B \otimes C) \equiv (A \otimes B) \otimes C, & A \otimes B \equiv B \otimes A, & A \otimes \mathbf{1} \equiv A \\
& A \wp (B \wp C) \equiv (A \wp B) \wp C, & A \wp B \equiv B \wp A, & A \wp \perp \equiv A, \\
& A \& (B \& C) \equiv (A \& B) \& C, & A \& B \equiv B \& A, & A \equiv A \& A, & A \& \mathbf{1} \equiv A, \\
& A \oplus (B \oplus C) \equiv (A \oplus B) \oplus C, & A \oplus B \equiv B \oplus A, & A \equiv A \oplus A, & A \oplus \mathbf{0} \equiv A, \\
& & A \otimes (B \oplus C) \equiv (A \otimes B) \oplus (A \otimes C), & A \otimes \mathbf{0} \equiv \mathbf{0}, \\
& & A \wp (B \& C) \equiv (A \wp B) \& (A \wp C), & A \wp \top \equiv \top, \\
& !!A \equiv !A, & !A \equiv !A \otimes !A, & !\mathbf{1} \equiv \mathbf{1}, & !(A \& B) \equiv !A \otimes !B, & !\top \equiv \mathbf{1}, \\
& ??A \equiv ?A, & ?A \equiv ?A \wp ?A, & ?\perp \equiv \perp, &?(A \oplus B) \equiv ?A \wp ?B, & ?\mathbf{0} \equiv \perp, \\
& \forall \xi. \forall \zeta. A \equiv \forall \zeta. \forall \xi. A, & \forall \xi. (A \& B) \equiv \forall \xi. A \& \forall \xi. B, & A \equiv \forall \xi. A, & A \wp \forall \xi. B \equiv \forall \xi. (A \wp B), \\
& \exists \xi. \exists \zeta. A \equiv \exists \zeta. \exists \xi. A, & \exists \xi. (A \oplus B) \equiv \exists \xi. A \oplus \exists \xi. B, & A \equiv \exists \xi. A, & A \otimes \exists \xi. B \equiv \exists \xi. (A \otimes B).
\end{aligned}$$

In the last two equivalences of the last two lines, the variable ξ must have no free occurrence in A .

By definition of linear implication, we also get:

$$\begin{aligned}
& A \multimap (B \multimap C) \equiv (A \otimes B) \multimap C, & A \multimap (B \wp C) \equiv (A \multimap B) \wp C, \\
& A \multimap B \equiv B^\perp \multimap A^\perp, & \mathbf{1} \multimap A \equiv A, & A \multimap \perp \equiv A^\perp, \\
& A \multimap (B \& C) \equiv (A \multimap B) \& (A \multimap C), & (A \oplus B) \multimap C \equiv (A \multimap C) \& (B \multimap C), \\
& & A \multimap \top \equiv \top, & \mathbf{0} \multimap A \equiv \top, \\
& & A \multimap \forall \xi. B \equiv \forall \xi. (A \multimap B), & \exists \xi. B \multimap A \equiv \forall \xi. (B \multimap A).
\end{aligned}$$

In the last two equivalences, the variable ξ must have no free occurrence in A .

Note also the following equivalences:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbf{1} \equiv \forall \alpha. \alpha \multimap \alpha, & A \oplus B \equiv \forall \alpha. !(A \multimap \alpha) \multimap !(B \multimap \alpha) \multimap \alpha, & \mathbf{0} \equiv \forall \alpha. \alpha, \\
& \perp \equiv \exists \alpha. \alpha \otimes \alpha^\perp, & A \& B \equiv \exists \alpha. !(\alpha \multimap A) \otimes !(\alpha \multimap B) \otimes \alpha, & \top \equiv \exists \alpha. \alpha.
\end{aligned}$$

In other words:

- Multiplicative units are definable in terms of second order quantifiers and multiplicative connectives.
- Additive connectives are definable in terms of second order quantifiers, multiplicative connectives, and exponentials.
- Additive units are definable in terms of second order quantifiers.

Two-sided sequent calculus

Formulas are built in the same way as in the one-sided calculus, except that *linear negation* and *linear implication* are primitive connectives. Sequents are of the form $\Gamma \vdash \Delta$ where Γ and Δ are finite sequences of formulas. The rules are the following:

$$\begin{array}{c}
\frac{\Gamma \vdash \Delta, A, B, \Theta}{\Gamma \vdash \Delta, B, A, \Theta} \vdash^x \quad \frac{\Gamma, A, B, \Delta \vdash \Theta}{\Gamma, B, A, \Delta \vdash \Theta} \vdash^x \quad \frac{}{A \vdash A} \text{id} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A, \Delta \quad \Theta, A \vdash \Lambda}{\Gamma, \Theta \vdash \Delta, \Lambda} \text{cut} \\
\\
\frac{\Gamma, A \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash A^\perp, \Delta} \vdash^\perp \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A, \Delta}{\Gamma, A^\perp \vdash \Delta} \vdash^\perp \quad \frac{\Gamma, A \vdash B, \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash A \multimap B, \Delta} \vdash \multimap \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A, \Delta \quad \Theta, B \vdash \Lambda}{\Gamma, \Theta, A \multimap B \vdash \Delta, \Lambda} \multimap \vdash \\
\\
\frac{\Gamma \vdash A, \Delta \quad \Theta \vdash B, \Lambda}{\Gamma, \Theta \vdash A \otimes B, \Delta, \Lambda} \vdash \otimes \quad \frac{\Gamma, A, B \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma, A \otimes B \vdash \Delta} \otimes \vdash \quad \frac{}{\vdash \mathbf{1}} \vdash \mathbf{1} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma, \mathbf{1} \vdash \Delta} \mathbf{1} \vdash \\
\\
\frac{\Gamma, A \vdash \Delta \quad \Theta, B \vdash \Lambda}{\Gamma, \Theta, A \wp B \vdash \Delta, \Lambda} \wp \vdash \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A, B, \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash A \wp B, \Delta} \vdash \wp \quad \frac{}{\perp \vdash} \perp \vdash \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash \perp, \Delta} \vdash \perp \\
\\
\frac{\Gamma \vdash A, \Delta \quad \Gamma \vdash B, \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash A \& B, \Delta} \vdash \& \quad \frac{\Gamma, A \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma, A \& B \vdash \Delta} \&_1 \vdash \quad \frac{\Gamma, B \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma, A \& B \vdash \Delta} \&_2 \vdash \quad \frac{}{\Gamma \vdash \top, \Delta} \vdash \top \\
\\
\frac{\Gamma, A \vdash \Delta \quad \Gamma, B \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma, A \oplus B \vdash \Delta} \oplus \vdash \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A, \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash A \oplus B, \Delta} \oplus_1 \vdash \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash B, \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash A \oplus B, \Delta} \oplus_2 \vdash \quad \frac{}{\Gamma, \mathbf{0} \vdash \Delta} \mathbf{0} \vdash \\
\\
\frac{!\Gamma \vdash A, ?\Delta}{!\Gamma \vdash !A, ?\Delta} \vdash ! \quad \frac{\Gamma, A \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma, !A \vdash \Delta} !d \vdash \quad \frac{\Gamma, !A, !A \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma, !A \vdash \Delta} !c \vdash \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma, !A \vdash \Delta} !w \vdash \\
\\
\frac{!\Gamma, A \vdash ?\Delta}{!\Gamma, ?A \vdash ?\Delta} ? \vdash \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A, \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash ?A, \Delta} \vdash ?d \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash ?A, ?A, \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash ?A, \Delta} \vdash ?c \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash ?A, \Delta} \vdash ?w \\
\\
\frac{\Gamma \vdash A, \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash \forall \xi. A, \Delta} \vdash \forall \quad \frac{\Gamma, A[\tau/\xi] \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma, \forall \xi. A \vdash \Delta} \forall \vdash \quad \frac{\Gamma, A \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma, \exists \xi. A \vdash \Delta} \exists \vdash \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A[\tau/\xi], \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash \exists \xi. A, \Delta} \vdash \exists
\end{array}$$

In the $\vdash \forall$ -rule and in the $\exists \vdash$ -rule, ξ must have no free occurrence in Γ, Δ .

De Morgan equations become equivalences, so that any formula A of the two-sided calculus is equivalent to a formula \hat{A} of the one-sided calculus. A sequent $\Gamma \vdash \Delta$ is provable in the two-sided calculus if and only if the sequent $\vdash \hat{\Gamma}^\perp, \hat{\Delta}$ is provable in the one-sided calculus. In particular, a sequent $\vdash \Gamma$ is provable in the one-sided calculus if and only if it is provable in the two-sided calculus.

Hybrid sequent calculus

Formulas are the same as in the one-sided calculus. Sequents are of the form $\vdash \Theta ; \Gamma$ where Θ and Γ are finite sequences of formulas. We write $\vdash \Gamma$ for $\vdash ; \Gamma$. The rules are the following (J.-M. Andreoli):

$$\begin{array}{c}
\frac{\vdash \Theta ; \Gamma, A, B, \Delta}{\vdash \Theta ; \Gamma, B, A, \Delta} \text{x} \quad \frac{\vdash \Theta, A, \Theta' ; A, \Gamma}{\vdash \Theta, A, \Theta' ; \Gamma} \text{a} \quad \frac{}{\vdash \Theta ; A, A^\perp} \text{id} \quad \frac{\vdash \Theta ; A, \Gamma \quad \vdash \Theta ; A^\perp, \Delta}{\vdash \Theta ; \Gamma, \Delta} \text{cut} \\
\\
\frac{\vdash \Theta ; A, \Gamma \quad \vdash \Theta ; B, \Delta}{\vdash \Theta ; A \otimes B, \Gamma, \Delta} \otimes \quad \frac{\vdash \Theta ; A, B, \Gamma}{\vdash \Theta ; A \wp B, \Gamma} \wp \quad \frac{}{\vdash \Theta ; \mathbf{1}} \mathbf{1} \quad \frac{\vdash \Theta ; \Gamma}{\vdash \Theta ; \perp, \Gamma} \perp \\
\\
\frac{\vdash \Theta ; A, \Gamma \quad \vdash \Theta ; B, \Gamma}{\vdash \Theta ; A \& B, \Gamma} \& \quad \frac{\vdash \Theta ; A, \Gamma}{\vdash \Theta ; A \oplus B, \Gamma} \oplus_1 \quad \frac{\vdash \Theta ; B, \Gamma}{\vdash \Theta ; A \oplus B, \Gamma} \oplus_2 \quad \frac{}{\vdash \Theta ; \top, \Gamma} \top \\
\\
\frac{\vdash \Theta ; A}{\vdash \Theta ; !A} ! \quad \frac{\vdash \Theta, A ; \Gamma}{\vdash \Theta ; ?A, \Gamma} ? \quad \frac{\vdash \Theta ; A, \Gamma}{\vdash \Theta ; \forall \xi. A, \Gamma} \forall \quad \frac{\vdash \Theta ; A[\tau/\xi], \Gamma}{\vdash \Theta ; \exists \xi. A, \Gamma} \exists
\end{array}$$

The second structural rule is called *absorption*. In the \forall -rule, ξ must have no free occurrence in Θ, Γ .

A sequent $\vdash \Theta ; \Gamma$ is provable in the hybrid calculus if and only if $\vdash ?\Theta, \Gamma$ is provable in the one-sided calculus. In particular, $\vdash \Gamma$ is provable in the one-sided calculus if and only if it is provable in the hybrid calculus. Note that, in practise, Θ can be considered as a finite set of formulas.

Intuitionistic Linear Logic

Formulas are built as in (Classical) Linear Logic, except that there is no *negation*, no *why not*, and *par* is replaced by *linear implication*. Sequents are of the form $\Gamma \vdash A$ where Γ is a finite sequence of formulas and A is a formula. The rules are the following:

$$\begin{array}{c}
\frac{\Gamma, A, B, \Delta \vdash C}{\Gamma, B, A, \Delta \vdash C} \text{ x} \quad \frac{}{A \vdash A} \text{ id} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A \quad \Delta, A \vdash C}{\Gamma, \Delta \vdash C} \text{ cut} \\
\frac{\Gamma, A \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash A \multimap B} \vdash \multimap \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A \quad \Delta, B \vdash C}{\Gamma, \Delta, A \multimap B \vdash C} \multimap \vdash \\
\frac{\Gamma \vdash A \quad \Delta \vdash B}{\Gamma, \Delta \vdash A \otimes B} \vdash \otimes \quad \frac{\Gamma, A, B \vdash C}{\Gamma, A \otimes B \vdash C} \otimes \vdash \quad \frac{}{\vdash \mathbf{1}} \vdash \mathbf{1} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash C}{\Gamma, \mathbf{1} \vdash C} \mathbf{1} \vdash \\
\frac{\Gamma \vdash A \quad \Gamma \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash A \& B} \vdash \& \quad \frac{\Gamma, A \vdash C}{\Gamma, A \& B \vdash C} \&_1 \vdash \quad \frac{\Gamma, B \vdash C}{\Gamma, A \& B \vdash C} \&_2 \vdash \quad \frac{}{\Gamma \vdash \top} \vdash \top \\
\frac{\Gamma, A \vdash C \quad \Gamma, B \vdash C}{\Gamma, A \oplus B \vdash C} \oplus \vdash \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A}{\Gamma \vdash A \oplus B} \vdash \oplus_1 \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash A \oplus B} \vdash \oplus_2 \quad \frac{}{\Gamma, \mathbf{0} \vdash C} \mathbf{0} \vdash \\
\frac{! \Gamma \vdash A}{! \Gamma \vdash ! A} \vdash ! \quad \frac{\Gamma, A \vdash C}{\Gamma, ! A \vdash C} ! d \vdash \quad \frac{\Gamma, ! A, ! A \vdash C}{\Gamma, ! A \vdash C} ! c \vdash \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash C}{\Gamma, ! A \vdash C} ! w \vdash \\
\frac{\Gamma \vdash A}{\Gamma \vdash \forall \xi. A} \vdash \forall \quad \frac{\Gamma, A[\tau/\xi] \vdash C}{\Gamma, \forall \xi. A \vdash C} \forall \vdash \quad \frac{\Gamma, A \vdash C}{\Gamma, \exists \xi. A \vdash C} \exists \vdash \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A[\tau/\xi]}{\Gamma \vdash \exists \xi. A} \vdash \exists
\end{array}$$

In the $\vdash \forall$ -rule and in the $\exists \vdash$ -rule, ξ must have no free occurrence in Γ (respectively in Γ and C).

If A is provable in Intuitionistic Linear Logic, then it is obviously provable in Linear Logic. The converse holds if A contains no additive unit (\top , $\mathbf{0}$) and no second order quantifier, but not in general: Linear Logic is *not* a conservative extension of Intuitionistic Linear Logic (H. Schellinx). For instance, the formula $((\alpha \multimap \beta) \multimap \mathbf{0}) \multimap \alpha \otimes \top$ is provable in Linear Logic, but not in Intuitionistic Linear Logic.

More structural rules

Linear Logic does not allow (unrestricted) contraction and weakening:

$$\frac{\vdash A, A, \Gamma}{\vdash A, \Gamma} \text{ c} \quad \frac{\vdash \Gamma}{\vdash A, \Gamma} \text{ w}$$

If we add them, we essentially get *Classical Logic* with modalities. In that case, we have $A \otimes B \equiv A \& B$, $A \wp B \equiv A \oplus B$, $\mathbf{1} \equiv \top$, and $\perp \equiv \mathbf{0}$. Furthermore, the \perp -rule becomes redundant, as well as the ?c-rule and the ?w-rule.

If we only add (unrestricted) weakening, we get *Affine Linear Logic*. In that case, we have $\mathbf{1} \equiv \top$, $\perp \equiv \mathbf{0}$, and the following sequents become provable:

$$A \otimes B \vdash A \& B, \quad A \oplus B \vdash A \wp B.$$

Furthermore, the \perp -rule becomes redundant, as well as the ?w-rule.

If we only add (unrestricted) contraction, we get *Contractive Linear Logic*. In that case, the following sequents become provable:

$$A \& B \vdash A \otimes B, \quad A \wp B \vdash A \oplus B.$$

Furthermore, the ?c-rule becomes redundant.

Contractive Linear Logic must not be confused with *Relevant Logic*, which has an artificial distributivity law, and therefore, no good property of cut elimination.

Cut elimination (key cases)

A cut with an identity is eliminated as follows:

$$\frac{\frac{}{\vdash A, A^\perp} \text{id}}{\vdash A, \Gamma} \text{cut} \rightarrow \vdash A, \Gamma$$

A cut between two matching logical rules is eliminated as follows:

$$\frac{\frac{\vdash A, \Gamma \quad \vdash B, \Delta}{\vdash A \otimes B, \Gamma, \Delta} \otimes \quad \frac{\vdash A^\perp, B^\perp, \Theta}{\vdash A^\perp \wp B^\perp, \Theta} \wp}{\vdash \Gamma, \Delta, \Theta} \text{cut} \rightarrow \frac{\vdash A, \Gamma \quad \frac{\vdash B, \Delta \quad \vdash A^\perp, B^\perp, \Theta}{\vdash A^\perp, \Delta, \Theta} \text{cut}}{\vdash \Gamma, \Delta, \Theta} \text{cut}$$

$$\frac{\frac{}{\vdash \mathbf{1}} \mathbf{1} \quad \frac{\vdash \Gamma}{\vdash \perp, \Gamma} \perp}{\vdash \Gamma} \text{cut} \rightarrow \vdash \Gamma$$

$$\frac{\frac{\vdash A, \Gamma \quad \vdash B, \Gamma}{\vdash A \& B, \Gamma} \& \quad \frac{\vdash A^\perp, \Delta}{\vdash A^\perp \oplus B^\perp, \Delta} \oplus_1}{\vdash \Gamma, \Delta} \text{cut} \rightarrow \frac{\vdash A, \Gamma \quad \vdash A^\perp, \Delta}{\vdash \Gamma, \Delta} \text{cut}$$

$$\frac{\frac{\vdash A, \Gamma \quad \vdash B, \Gamma}{\vdash A \& B, \Gamma} \& \quad \frac{\vdash B^\perp, \Delta}{\vdash A^\perp \oplus B^\perp, \Delta} \oplus_2}{\vdash \Gamma, \Delta} \text{cut} \rightarrow \frac{\vdash B, \Gamma \quad \vdash B^\perp, \Delta}{\vdash \Gamma, \Delta} \text{cut}$$

$$\frac{\frac{\vdash A, ?\Gamma}{\vdash !A, ?\Gamma} ! \quad \frac{\vdash A^\perp, \Delta}{\vdash ?A^\perp, \Delta} ?d}{\vdash ?\Gamma, \Delta} \text{cut} \rightarrow \frac{\vdash A, ?\Gamma \quad \vdash A^\perp, \Delta}{\vdash ?\Gamma, \Delta} \text{cut}$$

$$\frac{\frac{\vdash A, ?\Gamma}{\vdash !A, ?\Gamma} ! \quad \frac{\vdash ?A^\perp, ?A^\perp, \Delta}{\vdash ?A^\perp, \Delta} ?c}{\vdash ?\Gamma, \Delta} \text{cut} \rightarrow \frac{\frac{\vdash A, ?\Gamma}{\vdash !A, ?\Gamma} ! \quad \frac{\frac{\vdash A, ?\Gamma}{\vdash !A, ?\Gamma} ! \quad \vdash ?A^\perp, ?A^\perp, \Delta}{\vdash ?A^\perp, ?\Gamma, \Delta} \text{cut}}{\frac{\vdash ?\Gamma, ?\Gamma, \Delta}{\vdash ?\Gamma, \Delta} ?C} \text{cut}$$

$$\frac{\frac{\vdash A, ?\Gamma}{\vdash !A, ?\Gamma} ! \quad \frac{\vdash \Delta}{\vdash ?A^\perp, \Delta} ?w}{\vdash ?\Gamma, \Delta} \text{cut} \rightarrow \frac{\vdash \Delta}{\vdash ?\Gamma, \Delta} ?W$$

$$\frac{\frac{\vdash A, \Gamma}{\vdash \forall \xi. A, \Gamma} \forall \quad \frac{\vdash A^\perp[\tau/\xi], \Delta}{\vdash \exists \xi. A^\perp, \Delta} \exists}{\vdash \Gamma, \Delta} \text{cut} \rightarrow \frac{\vdash A[\tau/\xi], \Gamma \quad \vdash A^\perp[\tau/\xi], \Delta}{\vdash \Gamma, \Delta} \text{cut}$$

Cut elimination (commutative cases)

Commutation with most logical rules is straightforward. Here are some typical examples:

$$\begin{array}{c}
\frac{\frac{\frac{\vdash A, B, C, \Gamma}{\vdash A, B \wp C, \Gamma} \wp}{\vdash B \wp C, \Gamma, \Delta} \text{cut}}{\vdash A^\perp, \Delta} \text{cut} \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{\frac{\frac{\vdash A, B, C, \Gamma}{\vdash B, C, \Gamma, \Delta} \text{cut}}{\vdash B \wp C, \Gamma, \Delta} \wp}{\vdash A^\perp, \Delta} \text{cut} \\
\\
\frac{\frac{\frac{\vdash A, B, \Gamma}{\vdash A, B \otimes C, \Gamma, \Theta} \otimes}{\vdash B \otimes C, \Gamma, \Delta, \Theta} \otimes}{\vdash A^\perp, \Delta} \text{cut} \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{\frac{\frac{\vdash A, B, \Gamma}{\vdash B, \Gamma, \Delta} \text{cut}}{\vdash B \otimes C, \Gamma, \Delta, \Theta} \otimes}{\vdash C, \Theta} \otimes \\
\\
\frac{\frac{\frac{\vdash A, B, \Gamma}{\vdash A, B \& C, \Gamma} \&}{\vdash B \& C, \Gamma, \Delta} \&}{\vdash A^\perp, \Delta} \text{cut} \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{\frac{\frac{\vdash A, B, \Gamma}{\vdash B, \Gamma, \Delta} \text{cut}}{\vdash B \& C, \Gamma, \Delta} \&}{\vdash A^\perp, \Delta} \text{cut} \quad \frac{\frac{\frac{\vdash A, C, \Gamma}{\vdash C, \Gamma, \Delta} \text{cut}}{\vdash A^\perp, \Delta} \text{cut}}{\vdash A^\perp, \Delta} \text{cut} \\
\\
\frac{\frac{\frac{\vdash A, \top, \Gamma}{\vdash \top, \Gamma, \Delta} \top}{\vdash A^\perp, \Delta} \text{cut}}{\vdash \top, \Gamma, \Delta} \top \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{\frac{\vdash \top, \Gamma, \Delta}{\vdash \top, \Gamma, \Delta} \top}{\vdash A^\perp, \Delta} \top
\end{array}$$

In the case of the *promotion* rule, the commutation is the following:

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\vdash ?A, B, ?\Gamma}{\vdash ?A, !B, ?\Gamma} !}{\vdash !B, ?\Gamma, ?\Delta} \text{cut}}{\vdash A^\perp, ?\Delta} \text{cut} \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\vdash A^\perp, ?\Delta}{\vdash !A^\perp, ?\Delta} !}{\vdash ?A, B, ?\Gamma} \text{cut}}{\vdash B, ?\Gamma, ?\Delta} !}{\vdash !B, ?\Gamma, ?\Delta} !$$

Expansion of identities

Identities are expanded into atomic ones as follows:

$$\begin{array}{c}
\frac{\frac{\frac{\vdash A, A^\perp}{\vdash A \otimes B, A^\perp \wp B^\perp} \text{id}}{\vdash A \otimes B, A^\perp \wp B^\perp} \text{id}}{\vdash A \otimes B, A^\perp \wp B^\perp} \text{id} \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\vdash A, A^\perp}{\vdash A \otimes B, A^\perp, B^\perp} \otimes}{\vdash A \otimes B, A^\perp \wp B^\perp} \wp}{\vdash A \otimes B, A^\perp \wp B^\perp} \otimes} \\
\\
\frac{\frac{\vdash \mathbf{1}, \perp}{\vdash \mathbf{1}, \perp} \text{id}}{\vdash \mathbf{1}, \perp} \text{id} \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{\frac{\vdash \mathbf{1}}{\vdash \mathbf{1}, \perp} \perp}{\vdash \mathbf{1}, \perp} \perp \\
\\
\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\vdash A, A^\perp}{\vdash A, A^\perp \oplus B^\perp} \oplus_1}{\vdash A \& B, A^\perp \oplus B^\perp} \text{id}}{\vdash A \& B, A^\perp \oplus B^\perp} \text{id}}{\vdash A \& B, A^\perp \oplus B^\perp} \text{id} \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\vdash A, A^\perp}{\vdash A, A^\perp \oplus B^\perp} \oplus_1}{\vdash A \& B, A^\perp \oplus B^\perp} \oplus_1}{\vdash A \& B, A^\perp \oplus B^\perp} \oplus_1 \quad \frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\vdash B, B^\perp}{\vdash B, A^\perp \oplus B^\perp} \oplus_2}{\vdash A \& B, A^\perp \oplus B^\perp} \oplus_2}{\vdash A \& B, A^\perp \oplus B^\perp} \oplus_2}{\vdash A \& B, A^\perp \oplus B^\perp} \&} \\
\\
\frac{\frac{\vdash \top, \mathbf{0}}{\vdash \top, \mathbf{0}} \text{id}}{\vdash \top, \mathbf{0}} \text{id} \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{\vdash \top, \mathbf{0}}{\vdash \top, \mathbf{0}} \top \\
\\
\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\vdash A, A^\perp}{\vdash A, ?A^\perp} \text{id}}{\vdash A, ?A^\perp} \text{id}}{\vdash !A, ?A^\perp} \text{id}}{\vdash !A, ?A^\perp} \text{id} \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\vdash A, A^\perp}{\vdash A, ?A^\perp} \text{id}}{\vdash A, ?A^\perp} \text{id}}{\vdash !A, ?A^\perp} \text{id}}{\vdash !A, ?A^\perp} \text{id} \\
\\
\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\vdash A, A^\perp}{\vdash A, \exists \xi. A^\perp} \exists}{\vdash \forall \xi. A, \exists \xi. A^\perp} \text{id}}{\vdash \forall \xi. A, \exists \xi. A^\perp} \text{id}}{\vdash \forall \xi. A, \exists \xi. A^\perp} \text{id} \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\vdash A, A^\perp}{\vdash A, \exists \xi. A^\perp} \exists}{\vdash \forall \xi. A, \exists \xi. A^\perp} \exists}{\vdash \forall \xi. A, \exists \xi. A^\perp} \exists}{\vdash \forall \xi. A, \exists \xi. A^\perp} \forall
\end{array}$$

About provable formulas

In a cut-free proof of a formula A , the last rule must be a logical rule. Therefore:

- \perp is not provable (*strong consistency*);
- $\mathbf{0}$ is not provable (*weak consistency*);
- if $A \otimes B$ is provable, then A and B are provable (*splitting property*);
- if $A \oplus B$ is provable, then A or B is provable (*disjunction property*);
- if $\exists\xi.A$ is provable, then $A[\tau/\xi]$ is provable for some τ (*existence property*).

To sum up:

- $\mathbf{1}$, \top are provable, but not \perp , $\mathbf{0}$, α , α^\perp ;
- $A \otimes B$, as well as $A \& B$, is provable if and only if A and B are provable;
- $A \wp B$ is provable if and only if the sequent $\vdash A, B$ is provable;
- $A \oplus B$ is provable if and only if A or B is provable;
- $!A$, as well as $\forall\xi.A$, is provable if and only if A is provable;
- $?A$ is provable whenever A is provable;
- $\exists\xi.A$ is provable if and only if $A[\tau/\xi]$ is provable for some τ .

It may happen that:

- A and B are provable, but not $A \wp B$ (take $A = B = \mathbf{1}$);
- $A \wp B$ is provable but neither A nor B is provable (take $A = \alpha$ and $B = \alpha^\perp$);
- $?A$ is provable but not A (take $A = \alpha \oplus \alpha^\perp$).

Note also that:

- the empty sequent is not provable, so that A and A^\perp cannot be both provable;
- the sequent $\vdash A_1, \dots, A_n$ is provable if and only if the formula $A_1 \wp \dots \wp A_n$ is provable.

Polarities

We say that a formula A is *positive* (respectively *negative*) if $A \equiv !A$ (respectively $A \equiv ?A$). Obviously, A is positive if and only if A^\perp is negative. Furthermore:

- $\mathbf{1}$ and $\mathbf{0}$ are positive, as well as $!A$ for any A ;
- if A and B are positive, so are $A \otimes B$ and $A \oplus B$;
- if A is positive, so is $\exists\xi.A$.

By duality, we get:

- \perp and \top are negative, as well as $?A$ for any A ;
- if A and B are negative, so are $A \wp B$ and $A \& B$;
- if A is negative, so is $\forall\xi.A$.

We say that A is *regular* if $A \equiv ?!A$. We have:

- if A is positive, then $?A$ is regular;
- \perp is regular, as well as $?!A$ for any A ;
- if A and B are regular, so is $A \wp B$.

Intuitionistic Logic

Intuitionistic formulas are built from atoms (α , or more generally, $\alpha(t_1, \dots, t_n)$) and units (\top , \perp) using binary connectives (\Rightarrow , \wedge , \vee) and quantifiers (\forall , \exists). Sequents are of the form $\Gamma \vdash C$ where Γ is a sequence of formulas and C is a formula. The rules are the following:

$$\begin{array}{c}
\frac{\Gamma, A, B, \Delta \vdash C}{\Gamma, B, A, \Delta \vdash C} \text{ x} \quad \frac{\Gamma, A, A \vdash C}{\Gamma, A \vdash C} \text{ c} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash C}{\Gamma, A \vdash C} \text{ w} \quad \frac{}{A \vdash A} \text{ id} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A \quad \Delta, A \vdash C}{\Gamma, \Delta \vdash C} \text{ cut} \\
\frac{\Gamma, A \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash A \Rightarrow B} \vdash \Rightarrow \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A \quad \Delta, B \vdash C}{\Gamma, \Delta, A \Rightarrow B \vdash C} \Rightarrow \vdash \\
\frac{\Gamma \vdash A \quad \Gamma \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash A \wedge B} \vdash \wedge \quad \frac{\Gamma, A \vdash C}{\Gamma, A \wedge B \vdash C} \wedge_1 \vdash \quad \frac{\Gamma, B \vdash C}{\Gamma, A \wedge B \vdash C} \wedge_2 \vdash \quad \frac{}{\Gamma \vdash \top} \vdash \top \\
\frac{\Gamma, A \vdash C \quad \Gamma, B \vdash C}{\Gamma, A \vee B \vdash C} \vee \vdash \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A}{\Gamma \vdash A \vee B} \vdash \vee_1 \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash A \vee B} \vdash \vee_2 \quad \frac{}{\Gamma, \perp \vdash C} \perp \vdash \\
\frac{\Gamma \vdash A}{\Gamma \vdash \forall \xi. A} \vdash \forall \quad \frac{\Gamma, A[\tau/\xi] \vdash C}{\Gamma, \forall \xi. A \vdash C} \forall \vdash \quad \frac{\Gamma, A \vdash C}{\Gamma, \exists \xi. A \vdash C} \exists \vdash \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A[\tau/\xi]}{\Gamma \vdash \exists \xi. A} \vdash \exists
\end{array}$$

In the $\vdash \forall$ -rule (respectively in the $\exists \vdash$ -rule), ξ must have no free occurrence in Γ (respectively in Γ, C). Alternatively, the rules for \wedge and \top can be formulated as follows (*multiplicative* version):

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A \quad \Delta \vdash B}{\Gamma, \Delta \vdash A \wedge B} \vdash \wedge \quad \frac{\Gamma, A, B \vdash C}{\Gamma, A \wedge B \vdash C} \wedge \vdash \quad \frac{}{\vdash \top} \vdash \top$$

The translation $A \mapsto A^*$ from Intuitionistic Logic into Linear Logic is defined by

$$\begin{aligned}
\alpha^* &= \alpha, & (A \Rightarrow B)^* &= !A^* \multimap B^*, & (A \wedge B)^* &= A^* \& B^*, & (A \vee B)^* &= !A^* \oplus !B^*, \\
\top^* &= \top, & \perp^* &= \mathbf{0}, & (\forall \xi. A)^* &= \forall \xi. A^*, & (\exists \xi. A)^* &= \exists \xi. !A^*.
\end{aligned}$$

A sequent $\Gamma \vdash C$ is provable in Intuitionistic Logic if and only if its translation $! \Gamma^* \vdash C^*$ is provable in Linear Logic. The *only if* direction is easy. Conversely, it is clear that $\Gamma \vdash C$ is provable in Intuitionistic Logic whenever its translation $! \Gamma^* \vdash C^*$ is provable in *Intuitionistic* Linear Logic: It suffices to consider the obvious translation $A \mapsto A_*$ from Intuitionistic Linear Logic into Intuitionistic Logic, defined by

$$\begin{aligned}
\alpha_* &= \alpha, & (A \multimap B)_* &= A_* \Rightarrow B_*, & (A \otimes B)_* &= (A \& B)_* = A_* \wedge B_*, & (A \oplus B)_* &= A_* \vee B_*, \\
\mathbf{1}_* &= \top_* = \top, & \mathbf{0}_* &= \perp, & (!A)_* &= A_*, & (\forall \xi. A)_* &= \forall \xi. A_*, & (\exists \xi. A)_* &= \exists \xi. A_*.
\end{aligned}$$

But since Linear Logic is not a conservative extension of Intuitionistic Linear Logic, it is more difficult to show that $\Gamma \vdash C$ is provable in Intuitionistic Logic whenever its translation is provable in Linear Logic (H. Shellinx).

The above translation is sometimes called the *call-by-name translation*. There is also a *call-by-value translation*, defined by

$$\begin{aligned}
\alpha^* &= !\alpha, & (A \Rightarrow B)^* &= !(A^* \multimap B^*), & (A \wedge B)^* &= A^* \otimes B^*, & (A \vee B)^* &= A^* \oplus B^*, \\
\top^* &= \mathbf{1}, & \perp^* &= \mathbf{0}, & (\forall \xi. A)^* &= !\forall \xi. A^*, & (\exists \xi. A)^* &= \exists \xi. A^*.
\end{aligned}$$

In that case, a proof of $\Gamma \vdash C$ is translated into a proof of $\Gamma^* \vdash C^*$, using the fact that A^* is positive for any A .

Classical Logic

Formulas are built from atoms (α , $\neg\alpha$, or more generally, $\alpha(t_1, \dots, t_n)$, $\neg\alpha(t_1, \dots, t_n)$) and units (\top , \perp) using binary connectives (\wedge , \vee) and quantifiers (\forall , \exists). Negation is defined on atoms and extended to all formulas by De Morgan equations. Implication is defined by $A \Rightarrow B = \neg A \vee B$. Sequents are of the form $\vdash \Gamma$ where Γ is a sequence of formulas. The rules are the following:

$$\begin{array}{c} \frac{\vdash \Gamma, A, B, \Delta}{\vdash \Gamma, B, A, \Delta} \text{ x} \quad \frac{\vdash A, A, \Gamma}{\vdash A, \Gamma} \text{ c} \quad \frac{\vdash \Gamma}{\vdash A, \Gamma} \text{ w} \quad \frac{}{\vdash A, \neg A} \text{ id} \quad \frac{\vdash A, \Gamma \quad \vdash \neg A, \Delta}{\Gamma, \Delta} \text{ cut} \\ \\ \frac{\vdash A, \Gamma \quad \vdash B, \Gamma}{\vdash A \wedge B, \Gamma} \wedge \quad \frac{\vdash A, \Gamma}{\vdash A \vee B, \Gamma} \vee_1 \quad \frac{\vdash B, \Gamma}{\vdash A \vee B, \Gamma} \vee_2 \quad \frac{}{\vdash \top, \Gamma} \top \\ \\ \frac{\vdash A, \Gamma}{\vdash \forall \xi. A, \Gamma} \forall \quad \frac{\vdash A[\tau/\xi], \Gamma}{\vdash \exists \xi. A, \Gamma} \exists \end{array}$$

In the \forall -rule, ξ must have no free occurrence in Γ . Alternatively, the rules for \wedge , \vee , and \top can be formulated as follows (*multiplicative* version):

$$\frac{\vdash A, \Gamma \quad \vdash B, \Delta}{\vdash A \wedge B, \Gamma, \Delta} \wedge \quad \frac{\vdash A, B, \Gamma}{\vdash A \vee B, \Gamma} \vee \quad \frac{}{\vdash \top} \top$$

A translation $A \mapsto A^*$ of (cut-free) Classical Logic into Linear Logic is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha^* &= \alpha, & (\neg\alpha)^* &= \alpha^\perp & (A \wedge B)^* &= ?A^* \otimes ?B^*, & (A \vee B)^* &= A^* \oplus B^*, \\ \top^* &= \mathbf{1}, & \perp^* &= \mathbf{0}, & (\forall \xi. A)^* &= \forall \xi. ?A^*, & (\exists \xi. A)^* &= \exists \xi. A^*. \end{aligned}$$

A variant is given by $(A \wedge B)^* = ?A^* \& ?B^*$ and $\top^* = \top$. In both cases, a sequent $\vdash \Gamma$ is provable in Classical Logic if and only if its translation $\vdash ?\Gamma^*$ is provable in Linear Logic. The *only if* direction is easy: It suffices to consider *cut-free* proofs. Conversely, it is clear that $\vdash \Gamma$ is provable in Classical Logic whenever its translation $\vdash ?\Gamma^*$ is provable in Linear Logic: It suffices to consider the obvious translation $A \mapsto A_*$ from Linear Logic into Classical Logic, defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_* &= \alpha, & (\alpha^\perp)_* &= \neg\alpha, & (A \otimes B)_* &= (A \& B)_* = A_* \wedge B_*, & (A \wp B)_* &= (A \oplus B)_* = A_* \vee B_*, \\ \mathbf{1}_* &= \top_* = \top, & \perp_* &= \mathbf{0}_* = \perp, & (!A)_* &= (?A)_* = A_*, & (\forall \xi. A)_* &= \forall \xi. A_*, & (\exists \xi. A)_* &= \exists \xi. A_*. \end{aligned}$$

An alternative translation of (cut-free) Classical Logic into Linear Logic is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha^* &= ?\alpha, & (\neg\alpha)^* &= ?\alpha^\perp & (A \wedge B)^* &= A^* \& B^*, & (A \vee B)^* &= A^* \wp B^*, \\ \top^* &= \top, & \perp^* &= \perp, & (\forall \xi. A)^* &= \forall \xi. A^*, & (\exists \xi. A)^* &= ?\exists \xi. A^*. \end{aligned}$$

In that case, a cut-free proof of $\vdash \Gamma$ is translated into a proof of $\vdash \Gamma^*$, using the fact that A^* is negative for any A .

A translation of (full) Classical Logic into Linear Logic is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha^* &= ?!\alpha, & (\neg\alpha)^* &= ?!?\alpha^\perp, & (A \wedge B)^* &= ?(!A^* \otimes !B^*), & (A \vee B)^* &= A^* \wp B^*, \\ \top^* &= ?!\mathbf{1}, & \perp^* &= \perp, & (\forall \xi. A)^* &= ?!\forall \xi. A^*, & (\exists \xi. A)^* &= ?\exists \xi. !A^*. \end{aligned}$$

In that case, a proof of $\vdash \Gamma$ is translated into a proof of $\vdash \Gamma^*$, using the fact that A^* is regular and that $(\neg A)^* \equiv ?A^{*\perp}$ for any A .

Invariants

Here, we consider propositional formulas in the *multiplicative* fragment of Linear Logic, built from a set \mathcal{P} of propositional variables. If Γ is a sequent, $[\Gamma]_{\otimes}$ stands for the number of occurrences of \otimes in Γ . Similarly, we define $[\Gamma]_{\wp}$, $[\Gamma]_{\mathbf{1}}$, $[\Gamma]_{\perp}$, $[\Gamma]_{\alpha}$, and $[\Gamma]_{\alpha^{\perp}}$. Note that the following equation holds for any sequent of length n :

$$[\Gamma]_{\otimes} + [\Gamma]_{\wp} + n = [\Gamma]_{\mathbf{1}} + [\Gamma]_{\perp} + \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{P}} ([\Gamma]_{\alpha} + [\Gamma]_{\alpha^{\perp}}).$$

Furthermore, a provable sequent satisfies the following equations:

$$[\Gamma]_{\alpha} = [\Gamma]_{\alpha^{\perp}}, \quad [\Gamma]_{\wp} + n = [\Gamma]_{\perp} + \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{P}} [\Gamma]_{\alpha} + 1, \quad [\Gamma]_{\wp} + [\Gamma]_{\mathbf{1}} + n = [\Gamma]_{\otimes} + [\Gamma]_{\perp} + 2.$$

This is easily checked by induction on proofs. Note that the last equation is a consequence of the previous ones. In the case of a provable formula, we get:

$$[A]_{\alpha} = [A]_{\alpha^{\perp}}, \quad [A]_{\wp} = [A]_{\perp} + \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{P}} [A]_{\alpha}, \quad [A]_{\wp} + [A]_{\mathbf{1}} = [A]_{\otimes} + [A]_{\perp} + 1.$$

Those conditions are not sufficient: Take for instance $A = (\mathbf{1} \wp \mathbf{1}) \otimes \perp$, or $A = (\alpha \wp \alpha) \otimes (\alpha^{\perp} \wp \alpha^{\perp})$.

About exponential rules

If A is a formula, $A^{(n)}$ stands for the sequent A, \dots, A of length n . The following rules are derivable (*weak promotion*, *digging*, *absorption*, and *multiplexing*):

$$\frac{\vdash A, \Gamma}{\vdash !A, ?\Gamma} \quad \frac{\vdash ??A, \Gamma}{\vdash ?A, \Gamma} \quad \frac{\vdash ?A, A, \Gamma}{\vdash ?A, \Gamma} \quad \frac{\vdash A^{(n)}, \Gamma}{\vdash ?A, \Gamma}$$

Furthermore, *promotion* is derivable from *weak promotion* and *digging*.

Multiplexing is invertible in certain circumstances: A sequent $\vdash ?A, \Gamma$ with no occurrence of $\&$, $!$, or second order \exists is provable if and only if $\vdash A^{(n)}, \Gamma$ is provable for some n . This is easily checked by induction on cut-free proofs. To see that this does not hold in general, take for instance $A = \alpha^{\perp}$ and $\Gamma = \alpha \& \mathbf{1}$, or $\Gamma = !\alpha$. Similarly, a sequent $\vdash ?A, \Gamma$ with no occurrence of $!$ or second order \exists is provable if and only if $\vdash (A \oplus \perp)^{(n)}, \Gamma$ is provable for some n .

If A is a formula, $!_n A$ stands for the formula $(A \& \mathbf{1}) \otimes \dots \otimes (A \& \mathbf{1})$ (n times) and $?_n A$ for the formula $(A \oplus \perp) \wp \dots \wp (A \oplus \perp)$ (n times). The latter result can be generalized as follows: Consider a provable sequent with p occurrences of $!$, q occurrences of $?$, and no second order \exists . Then, for all $m_1, \dots, m_p \in \mathbb{N}$, there are $n_1, \dots, n_q \in \mathbb{N}$ such that the sequent obtained by replacing the p occurrences of $!$ by $!_{m_1}, \dots, !_{m_p}$ and the q occurrences of $?$ by $?_{n_1}, \dots, ?_{n_q}$ is provable (*approximation theorem*).

Note that the following rule is *not* admissible:

$$\frac{C \vdash A \quad C \vdash C \otimes C \quad C \vdash \mathbf{1}}{C \vdash !A}$$

For instance, if $A = C = \alpha \otimes !(\alpha \multimap \alpha \otimes \alpha) \otimes !(\alpha \multimap \mathbf{1})$, the three premisses are provable but not the conclusion.

Phase spaces

If M is a (multiplicative) monoid and $X, Y \subset M$, we write XY for the set $\{xy \mid x \in X \text{ and } y \in Y\}$ and $X \multimap Y$ for the set $\{z \in M \mid xz \in Y \text{ for all } x \in X\}$.

A *phase space* is a pair (M, \perp^M) where M is a commutative (multiplicative) monoid and $\perp^M \subset M$. If $X \subset M$, we write X^\perp for $X \multimap \perp^M$. It is easy to prove the following properties:

$$\begin{aligned} X \subset Y^\perp \text{ if and only if } XY \subset \perp^M, \quad XX^\perp \subset \perp^M, \quad \text{if } X \subset Y \text{ then } Y^\perp \subset X^\perp, \quad X \subset X^{\perp\perp}, \\ X^{\perp\perp\perp} = X^\perp, \quad (X^{\perp\perp}Y)^\perp = (XY)^\perp = X \multimap Y^\perp, \quad (X^{\perp\perp} \cup Y)^\perp = (X \cup Y)^\perp = X^\perp \cap Y^\perp. \end{aligned}$$

A *fact* is an $X \subset M$ such that $X = X^{\perp\perp}$, or equivalently, $X = Y^\perp$ for some $Y \subset M$. For instance, $\perp^M = \{1\}^\perp$ is a fact, as well as

$$\mathbf{1}^M = (\perp^M)^\perp = \{1\}^{\perp\perp}, \quad \top^M = M = \emptyset^\perp, \quad \mathbf{0}^M = (\top^M)^\perp = M^\perp = \emptyset^{\perp\perp}.$$

Note also that:

- if $X \subset M$ and Y is a fact, then $X \multimap Y = (XY^\perp)^\perp$ is a fact;
- if $(X_i)_{i \in I}$ is a family of facts, then $\bigcap_{i \in I} X_i = (\bigcup_{i \in I} X_i^\perp)^\perp$ is a fact;
- if $X \subset M$, then $X^{\perp\perp}$ is the smallest fact containing X .

We write $x \sqsubseteq y$ if $\{y\}^\perp \subset \{x\}^\perp$, or equivalently, $\{x\}^{\perp\perp} \subset \{y\}^{\perp\perp}$. We write $x \equiv y$ if $x \sqsubseteq y$ and $y \sqsubseteq x$, or equivalently, $\{x\}^\perp = \{y\}^\perp$.

We define the following operations on facts:

$$\begin{aligned} X \wp Y &= X^\perp \multimap Y = (X^\perp Y^\perp)^\perp, & X \otimes Y &= (X^\perp \wp Y^\perp)^\perp = (X \multimap Y^\perp)^\perp = (XY)^\perp, \\ X \& Y &= X \cap Y = (X^\perp \cup Y^\perp)^\perp, & X \oplus Y &= (X^\perp \& Y^\perp)^\perp = (X^\perp \cap Y^\perp)^\perp = (X \cup Y)^\perp, \\ ?X &= (X^\perp \cap \mathbf{1}^M)^\perp, & !X &= (?X^\perp)^\perp = (X \cap \mathbf{1}^M)^\perp, \end{aligned}$$

where $\mathbf{1}^M = \{x \in \mathbf{1}^M \mid x = x^2\}$. In the last two definitions, $\mathbf{1}^M$ may be replaced by any submonoid \mathbf{K}^M of $\mathbf{J}^M = \{x \in \mathbf{1}^M \mid x \equiv x^2\} = \{x \in M \mid x \sqsubseteq x^2 \text{ and } x \sqsubseteq 1\}$. Such a \mathbf{K}^M is called an *exponential structure* (Y. Lafont). For instance:

$$\mathbf{K}^M = \{1\} \text{ (trivial structure),} \quad \mathbf{K}^M = \mathbf{1}^M \text{ (standard structure),} \quad \mathbf{K}^M = \mathbf{J}^M \text{ (full structure).}$$

Anyway, the notion of *topolinear space* is definitively obsolete.

Phase models

Here we consider propositional formulas built from a set \mathcal{P} of propositional variables. A *phase model* is a phase space (possibly with an exponential structure) together with a fact α^M for each $\alpha \in \mathcal{P}$. The interpretation, which is already defined for units and propositional variables is extended to all formulas in the obvious way:

$$\begin{aligned} (\alpha^\perp)^M &= (\alpha^M)^\perp, & (A \wp B)^M &= A^M \wp B^M, & (A \otimes B)^M &= A^M \otimes B^M, \\ (A \& B)^M &= A^M \& B^M, & (A \oplus B)^M &= A^M \oplus B^M, & (?A)^M &= ?A^M, & (!A)^M &= !A^M. \end{aligned}$$

Since A^M is always a fact, we also get $(A^\perp)^M = (A^M)^\perp$ and $(A \multimap B)^M = (A^M)^\perp \wp B^M = A^M \multimap B^M$.

We say that A *holds* in the model if $1 \in A^M$. Note that the formula $A \multimap B$ holds if and only if $A^M \subset B^M$. More generally, if Γ is a sequence of formulas A_1, \dots, A_n , we write Γ^M for $(A_1 \wp \dots \wp A_n)^M$, and we say that the sequent $\vdash \Gamma$ *holds* in the model if $1 \in \Gamma^M$, or equivalently, $(A_1^M)^\perp \dots (A_n^M)^\perp \subset \perp^M$. By induction on proofs, it is easy to see that if a sequent is provable, then it holds in any phase model (*soundness*).

Here are some basic examples:

- If $\perp^M = \emptyset$, then \perp^M and \top^M are the only facts, and we get a Boolean model. In that case, soundness means that any provable formula is classically valid.
- Let $\alpha \in \mathcal{P}$. If $M = \mathbb{Z}$ with addition, $\perp^M = \{0\}$, $\alpha^M = \{1\}$, and $\beta^M = \{0\}$ for each $\beta \in \mathcal{P} \setminus \{\alpha\}$, then for any multiplicative formula A , the set A^M consists of the single element $[A]_\alpha - [A]_{\alpha^\perp}$. In that case, soundness means that $[A]_\alpha = [A]_{\alpha^\perp}$ whenever A is provable.
- If $M = \mathbb{Z}$ with addition, $\perp^M = \{1\}$, and $\alpha^M = \{1\}$ for each $\alpha \in \mathcal{P}$, then for any multiplicative formula A , the set A^M consists of the single element $[A]_\perp + \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{P}} [A]_\alpha - [A]_\wp$. In that case, soundness means that $[A]_\wp = [A]_\perp + \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{P}} [A]_\alpha$ whenever A is provable.

A *logical congruence* \sim on a phase model M is a congruence such that \perp^M is closed for \sim : if $x \in \perp^M$ and $x \sim y$, then $y \in \perp^M$. For instance, $=$ is the finest logical congruence and \equiv is the coarsest one. If \sim is a logical congruence, then all facts are closed for \sim , and the canonical projection $\pi : M \mapsto M/\sim$ induces a structure of phase model on the quotient monoid M/\sim :

$$\perp^{M/\sim} = \pi(\perp^M), \quad \alpha^{M/\sim} = \pi(\alpha^M) \text{ for each } \alpha \in \mathcal{P}, \quad \mathbf{K}^{M/\sim} = \pi(\mathbf{K}^M).$$

It is easy to see that $A^{M/\sim} = \pi(A^M)$ for any formula A . In particular, A holds in M if and only if it holds in M/\sim . Note that if \mathbf{K}^M is the *standard* exponential structure on M , then $\pi(\mathbf{K}^M)$ is not necessarily the standard exponential structure on M/\sim .

Syntactical model

The *syntactical model* is defined as follows:

- M is the free commutative monoid generated by all formulas. In other words, M is the set of all sequents, considered as finite multisets, with multiset union;
- \perp^M is the set of all *cut-free* provable sequents, and $\alpha^M = \{\alpha\}^\perp$ for each $\alpha \in \mathcal{P}$. In other words, $\alpha^M = \{\Gamma \in M \mid \vdash \alpha, \Gamma \text{ is cut-free provable}\}$;
- \mathbf{K}^M is the set of all sequents of the form $?\Gamma$.

By induction on formulas, $A^M \subset \{A\}^\perp$ for any A (M. Okada). In particular, if A holds in the syntactical model, then the empty sequent belongs to $\{A\}^\perp$, which means that A is (cut-free) provable (*completeness*).

Note the following points:

- By cut elimination, \perp^M is the set of all provable sequents. However, it is essential to consider cut-free proofs if one wants to use this model for proving cut elimination.
- In fact, $A^M = \{A\}^\perp$ for any A , but in the cut-free version of the syntactical model, only the inclusion can be proved directly, and this is enough for proving completeness and cut elimination.
- M can be replaced by the free commutative monoid generated by all subformulas of A . Therefore, completeness holds for phase models whose underlying monoid is *finitely generated*.
- M can also be replaced by M/\sim , where \sim is the smallest congruence such that $\Gamma, \Gamma \sim \Gamma$ for any $\Gamma \in \mathbf{K}^M$, so that $\pi(\mathbf{K}^M) = \mathbf{I}^{M/\sim}$. Therefore, completeness holds for phase models with the *standard* exponential structure.
- Completeness does not hold for phase models with the *trivial* exponential structure: For instance, $\alpha \oplus (!\alpha \multimap \mathbf{0})$ holds in any such phase model, but it is not provable.

Finite models

We say that a model M is *finite* if it has finitely many facts. In that case, M/\equiv is a finite monoid and satisfies the same formulas as M . We say that a fragment of Linear Logic satisfies the *finite model property* if any formula of this fragment that hold in all finite models is provable. It is easy to see that such a fragment is decidable.

The *multiplicative additive* fragment satisfies the finite model property (Y. Lafont). To see that, it suffices to consider a finite version of the syntactical model. For instance:

- M is the free commutative monoid generated by all subformulas of A ;
- $\perp^M = \{\Gamma \in M \mid \vdash \Gamma \text{ is cut-free provable or } |\Gamma| > |A|\}$, where $|\Gamma| = [\Gamma]_{\mathfrak{A}} + n$ for any sequent Γ of length n , and $\alpha^M = \{\alpha\}^\perp$ for each $\alpha \in \mathcal{P}$.

The *multiplicative exponential* fragment does *not* satisfy the finite model property: For instance, the formula $!\alpha \otimes !(\alpha \otimes \beta) \otimes !(\alpha \otimes \beta \multimap \mathbf{1}) \multimap \beta$ holds in any finite model, but it is not provable.

We say that a model M is *affine* if the set \perp^M is an ideal of M , that is $\perp^M M \subset \perp^M$. This amounts to say that $\perp^M = \mathbf{0}^M$, or equivalently, $\mathbf{1}^M = \top^M$. In that case, any fact is an ideal. There is a completeness theorem for Affine Linear Logic with respect to affine models, and Affine Linear Logic satisfies a finite model property. This comes from the fact that if M is a finitely generated free commutative monoid, then all its ideals are finitely generated. Consequently, Affine Linear Logic is decidable (A. Kopylov).