

LAMBDA CALCULI THROUGH THE LENS OF LINEAR LOGIC

Lesson 1: Linear Logic Proof-Nets

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Atomic Formulas: p and \underline{p} .

Formulas: $A ::= p \mid \underline{p} \mid A \wp B \mid A \otimes B$

(Involutory) Negation:

$$\begin{aligned} p^\perp &:= \underline{p} & \underline{p}^\perp &:= p \\ (A \wp B)^\perp &:= A^\perp \otimes B^\perp & (A \otimes B)^\perp &:= A^\perp \wp B^\perp \end{aligned}$$

Remark $(A^\perp)^\perp = A$

MLL (Two-Sided) Sequent Presentation

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$$\frac{\Gamma, A, B, \Gamma' \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma, B, A, \Gamma' \vdash \Delta} \text{ (perm L)} \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash \Delta, A, B, \Delta'}{\Gamma \vdash \Delta, B, A, \Delta'} \text{ (perm R)}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, A \vdash \Delta \quad \Gamma', B \vdash \Delta'}{\Gamma, \Gamma', A \wp B \vdash \Delta, \Delta'} \text{ (par L)} \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A, B, \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash A \wp B, \Delta} \text{ (par R)}$$

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MLL (Unilateral) Sequent Presentation

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Towards Proof-Nets

How many proofs ending in $\vdash (A_1 \wp A_2), \dots, (A_{2n-1} \wp A_{2n})$
if we start from a derivation of $\vdash A_1, \dots, A_{2n}$?

If $n = 2$, then

$$\frac{\frac{\vdash A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4}{\vdash A_1 \wp A_2, A_3, A_4} (\text{par})}{\vdash A_1 \wp A_2, A_3 \wp A_4} (\text{par}) \qquad \frac{\frac{\vdash A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4}{\vdash A_1, A_2, A_3 \wp A_4} (\text{par})}{\vdash A_1 \wp A_2, A_3 \wp A_4} (\text{par})$$

- $n!$: any possible sequent derivation captures a particular constructor **history** (there are different possible **sequentializations**).



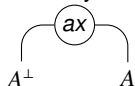
Is there any **better representation** of proof derivations
making abstraction of such **bureaucracy**?



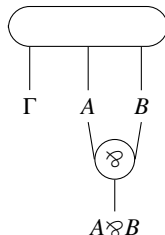
MLL Proof-Nets

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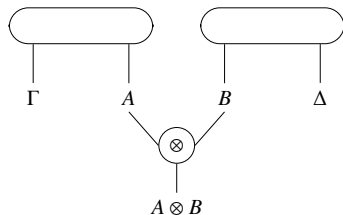
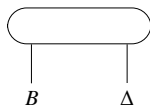
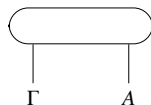
- For every MLL formula A , we have a **PN** with conclusions A^\perp, A having the form:



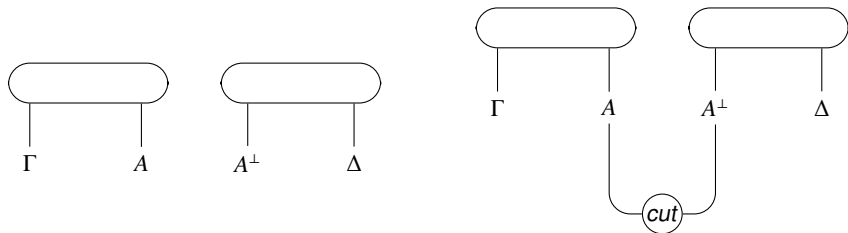
- Given a **PN** with conclusions Γ, A, B on the left, we can construct the **PN** with conclusions $\Gamma, A \wp B$ on the right.



- Given a **PN** with conclusions Γ, A and a **PN** with conclusions Δ, B on the left, we can construct the **PN** with conclusions $\Gamma, A \otimes B, \Delta$ on the right.



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Which is **PN** associated to the following proofs?

$$\frac{\frac{\vdash A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4}{\vdash A_1 \wp A_2, A_3, A_4} \text{ (par)}}{\vdash A_1 \wp A_2, A_3 \wp A_4} \text{ (par)}$$

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Digression

- 😊 No bureaucracy (the order of application of independent rules is abstracted away).



- ❌ No trace of the sequentialization/constructor history.



Closing the gap: how do we check that a given graph-like structure truly corresponds to a valid proof-net?

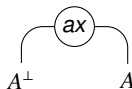
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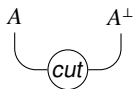
Graph-Like Structures: Pre Proof-Nets

Pre Proof-Nets (Pre-PN) are generated by the following links:

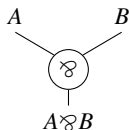
(Axiom)



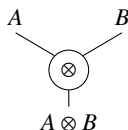
(Cut)



(Par)



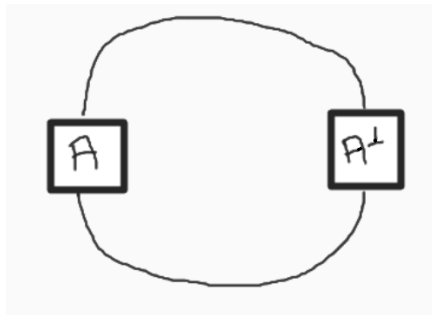
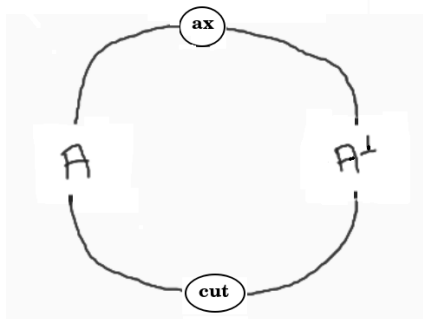
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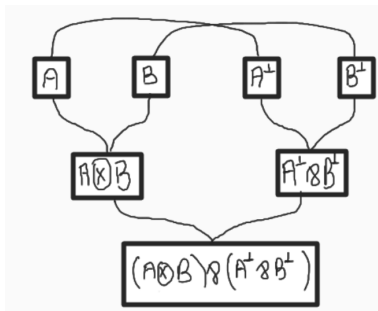
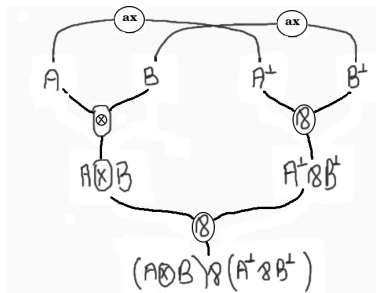
and satisfy the following conditions:

- Every formula is the conclusion of exactly one link.
- Every formula is the premise of at most one link.

A Pre Proof-Net which is not a Proof-Net



A Pre Proof-Net which is a Proof-Net



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We need some correctness criteria on graph-like structures to check if they truly correspond to valid proof-nets

Some References

- Long-trip (Girard 87)
- Contractibility (Danos 90)
- Acyclic-Connected (Danos 90)
- Graph Parsing (Guerrini, Martini, Masini 97)
- ...

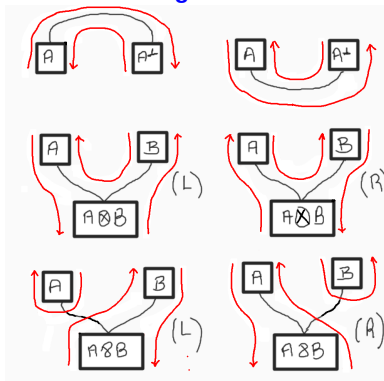
Long-Trip Criteria - Definitions

- Each link is a router:
 - The **ports** of the link are the associated formulas (premisses or conclusions)
 - The **routing rules** of the link indicate the exit port depending on the enter port

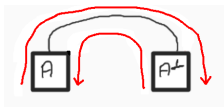
Moreover,

- The axiom and cut links have only one possible **configuration**
- The tensor and par links have two possible **configurations** (L) and (R)
- The leaves connect the enter port with the exit port

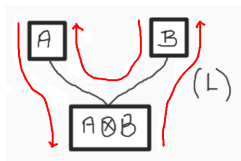
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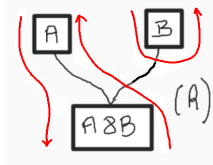
How to Read the Rules?



- A path entering at A , exits at A^\perp .
- A path entering at A^\perp , exits at A .



- A path entering at B , exits at A .
- A path entering at $A \otimes B$, exits at B .
- A path entering at A , exits at $A \otimes B$.



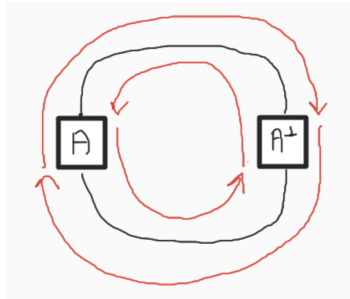
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Theorem

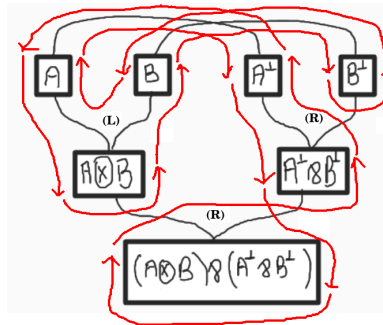
A Pre-PN is a **PN** iff for **every possible configuration** of the links there is a unique **long trip** (i.e. a cycle visiting each node exactly once in each direction).

Exponential Complexity

A Pre-PN which is not a **PN**



A Pre PN which is a **PN**



Acyclic Connected Criteria (ACC) - Definitions

- A Pre-PN is abstracted by a **paired graph** S equipped with
 - A set V of vertices
 - A set E of edges
 - A set $C(S)$ of pairwise disjoint **pairs** of co-incident (*i.e.* one node in common) **edges**. They are marked with an arc in **red**.

For every Pre-PN P we define a paired graph P^- by using the following constructions:

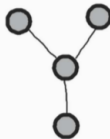
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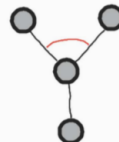
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TENSOR

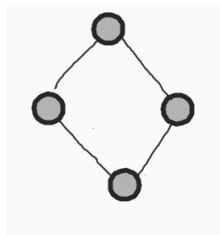


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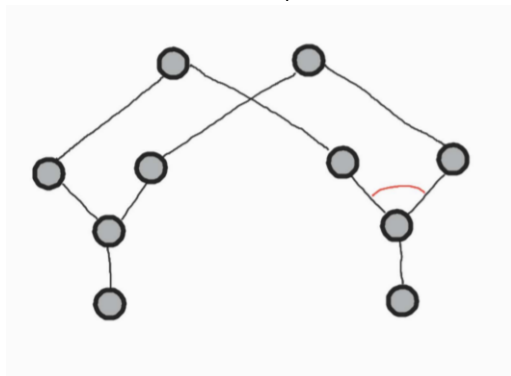


Examples

Paired Graph **P1**



Paired Graph **P2**

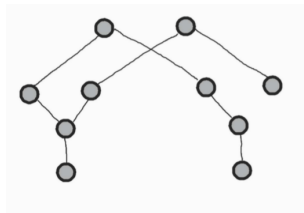
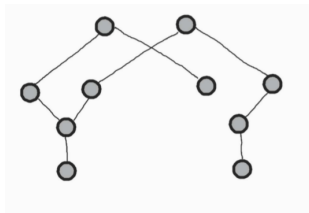


Removing Edges

Definition

Let S be a paired graph. Then $R(S)$ is the set of graphs obtained from S by removing **exactly** one edge for **each** pair in $C(S)$.

Coming back to the paired graph **P2**:



Remark: Every Pre-PN P can be seen (i.e. abstracted) as a paired graph P^- .

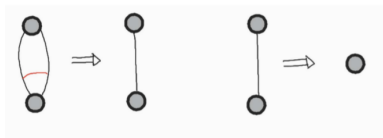
Theorem

A Pre-PN P is a PN iff every graph in $R(P^-)$ is connected and acyclic (i.e. a tree).

Still Exponential: 2^p , where p is the number of par links in the graph

Contractibility - Definitions

We consider the following rewriting system with two rules:



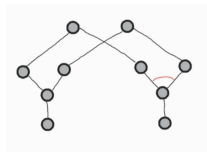
Given a paired graph S :

- The first rule can only be applied to a pairwise disjoint pair of edges of $C(S)$ connecting the **same** two nodes.
- The second rule can only be applied to an edge (not in $C(S)$) connecting two **different** nodes.

Examples



reduces to



reduces to



Theorem

A Pre-PN P is a PN iff P^- is **contractible** (i.e. reduces to a single node).

Quadratic Time

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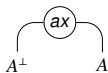
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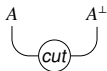
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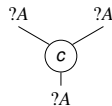
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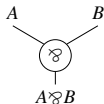
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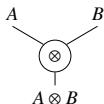
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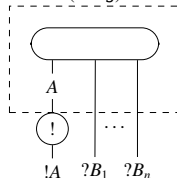
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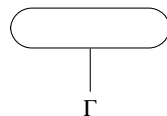
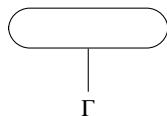


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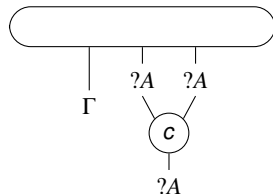
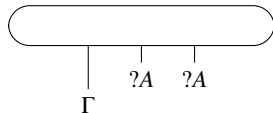
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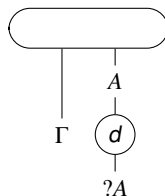
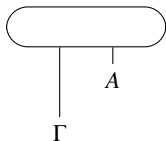


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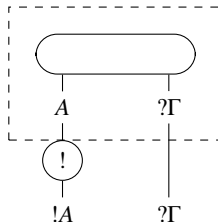
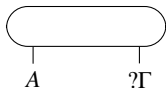


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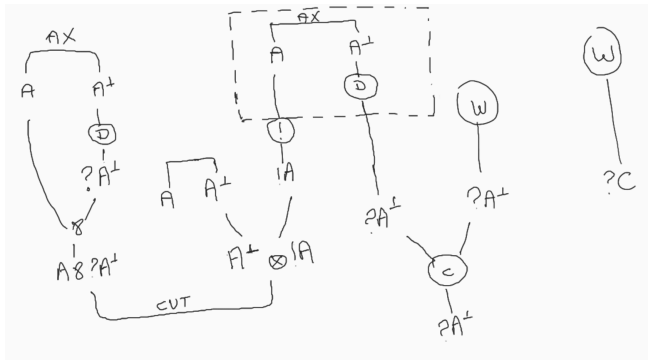
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- Given a **PN** with conclusions $? \Gamma, A$, we can construct the following **PN** with conclusions $? \Gamma, !A$



Example



- **Structural transformations:**

- Equivalences
- Additional Rewriting Rules

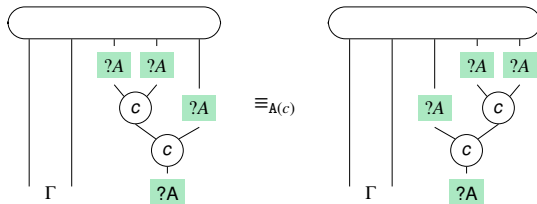
- **Cut Elimination transformations:**

- **Multiplicative** Rewriting Rules:
Reduction rules not involving **BOXES**
- **Exponential** Rewriting Rules:
Reduction rules involving **BOXES**

Equivalence Relation for MELL Proof-Nets

$$\frac{\frac{\vdash \Gamma, ?A^1, ?A^2, ?A^3}{\vdash \Gamma, ?A^{1,2}, ?A^3} \text{ (cont)}}{\vdash \Gamma, ?A^{1,2,3}} \text{ (cont)}$$

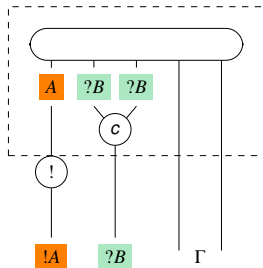
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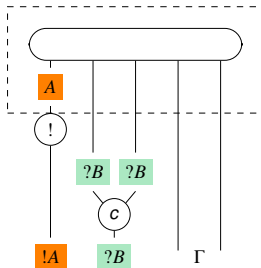
Equivalence Relation for MELL Proof-Nets

$$\frac{\frac{\vdash ?\Gamma, \boxed{?B}, \boxed{?B}, \boxed{A}}{\vdash ?\Gamma, ?B, A} \text{ (cont)}}{\vdash ?\Gamma, \boxed{?B}, \boxed{!A}} \text{ (bang)}$$

$$\frac{\frac{\vdash ?\Gamma, \boxed{?B}, \boxed{?B}, \boxed{A}}{\vdash ?\Gamma, ?B, ?B, !A} \text{ (bang)}}{\vdash ?\Gamma, \boxed{?B}, \boxed{!A}} \text{ (cont)}$$



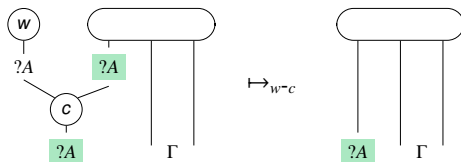
$\equiv_{\text{IO}(c)}$



Additional Rewriting Rules for MELL Proof-Nets

$$\frac{\frac{\vdash \Gamma, ?A}{\vdash \Gamma, ?A, ?A} \text{ (weak)}}{\vdash \Gamma, ?A} \text{ (cont)}$$

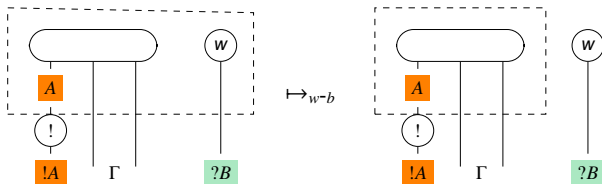
$$\vdash \Gamma, ?A$$



Additional Rewriting Rules for MELL Proof-Nets

$$\frac{\frac{\vdash ?\Gamma, A}{\vdash ?\Gamma, A, ?B} \text{ (weak)}}{\vdash ?\Gamma, !A, ?B} \text{ (bang)}$$

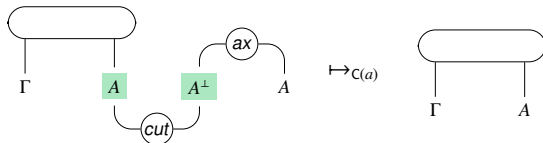
$$\frac{\frac{\vdash ?\Gamma, A}{\vdash ?\Gamma, !A} \text{ (bang)}}{\vdash ?\Gamma, !A, ?B} \text{ (weak)}$$



Multiplicative Cut Elimination Rules for MELL Proof-Nets

$$\frac{\frac{\vdash \Gamma, A \quad \vdash A^\perp, A}{\vdash \Gamma, A} \text{ (cut)}}{\vdash \Gamma, A} \text{ (ax)}$$

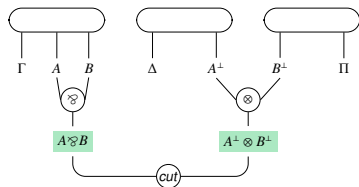
$$\vdash \Gamma, A$$



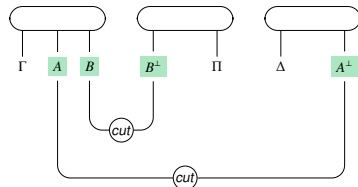
Multiplicative Cut Elimination Rules for MELL Proof-Nets

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\vdash \Gamma, A, B}{\vdash \Gamma, A \wp B} \text{ (par)}}{\vdash \Gamma, \Delta, \Pi} \frac{\frac{\vdash \Delta, A^\perp \quad \vdash \Pi, B^\perp}{\vdash \Delta, A^\perp \otimes B^\perp, \Pi} \text{ (tensor)}}{\vdash \Gamma, \Delta, \Pi} \text{ (cut)}$$

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\vdash \Gamma, A, B}{\vdash \Gamma, \Pi, A} \text{ (cut)}}{\vdash \Gamma, \Delta, \Pi} \frac{\frac{\vdash \Pi, B^\perp}{\vdash \Delta, A^\perp} \text{ (cut)}}{\vdash \Gamma, \Delta, \Pi} \text{ (cut)}$$



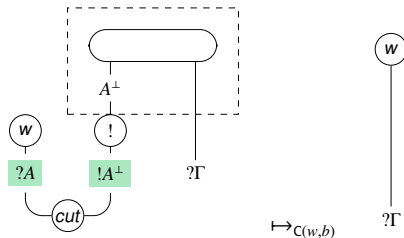
$\mapsto \mathbb{C}(\wp, \otimes)$



Exponential Cut Elimination Rules for MELL Proof-Nets

$$\frac{\frac{\vdash \Delta}{\vdash \Delta, ?A} \text{ (weak)} \quad \frac{\vdash ?\Gamma, A^\perp}{\vdash ?\Gamma, !A^\perp} \text{ (bang)}}{\vdash \Delta, ?\Gamma} \text{ (cut)}$$

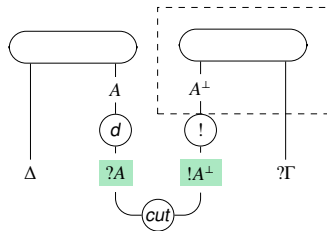
$$\frac{\vdash \Delta}{\vdash \Delta, ?\Gamma} \text{ (weak)}$$



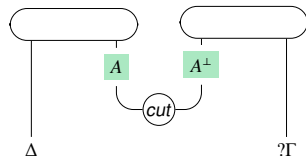
Exponential Cut Elimination Rules for MELL Proof-Nets

$$\frac{\frac{\vdash \Delta, A}{\vdash \Delta, ?A} \text{ (der)} \quad \frac{\vdash ?\Gamma, A^\perp}{\vdash ?\Gamma, !A^\perp} \text{ (bang)}}{\vdash \Delta, ?\Gamma} \text{ (cut)}$$

$$\frac{\vdash \Delta, A \quad \vdash ?\Gamma, A^\perp}{\vdash \Delta, ?\Gamma} \text{ (cut)}$$



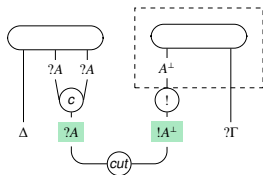
$\mapsto_{C(d,b)}$



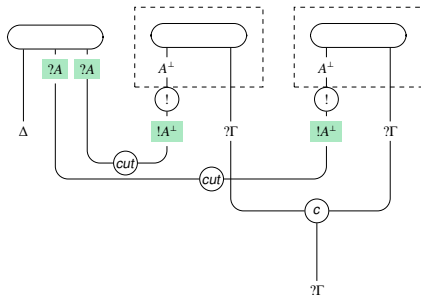
Exponential Cut Elimination Rules for MELL Proof-Nets

$$\frac{\frac{\vdash \Delta, ?A, ?A}{\vdash \Delta, ?A} \text{ (cont)}}{\vdash \Delta, ?\Gamma} \quad \frac{\frac{\vdash ?\Gamma, A^\perp}{\vdash ?\Gamma, !A^\perp} \text{ (bang)}}{\vdash \Delta, ?\Gamma} \text{ (cut)}$$

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\vdash ?\Gamma, A^\perp}{\vdash ?\Gamma, !A^\perp} \text{ (bang)}}{\vdash \Delta, ?A, ?A} \text{ (cut)}}{\vdash \Delta, ?\Gamma, ?A} \text{ (cut)}}{\vdash \Delta, ?\Gamma, ?\Gamma} \text{ (cut)} \quad \frac{\frac{\vdash ?\Gamma, A^\perp}{\vdash ?\Gamma, !A^\perp} \text{ (bang)}}{\vdash \Delta, ?\Gamma, ?\Gamma} \text{ (cut)} \text{ (cont)}$$



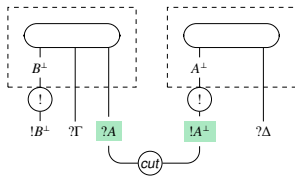
$\mapsto_{C(c,b)}$



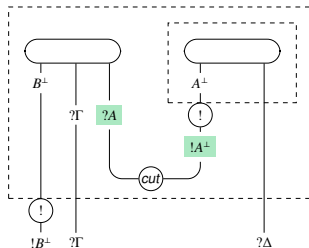
Exponential Cut Elimination Rules for MELL Proof-Nets

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

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



$\mapsto_{C(b,b)}$



The Reduction Relation for MELL Proof-Nets

Let consider the following relations:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{R} &:= \{C(a), C(\wp, \otimes), C(w, b), C(d, b), C(c, b), C(b, b), w-b, w-c\} \\ \mathcal{E} &:= \{A(c), IO(c)\}\end{aligned}$$

- The reduction relation $\rightarrow_{\mathcal{R}}$ is the closure by all **PN** contexts of the rules in \mathcal{R} .
- The congruence $\simeq_{\mathcal{E}}$ is the reflexive, symmetric, transitive, closed by **PN** contexts relation on **PN** generated by the equations \mathcal{E} .

Said differently, the reduction rules in \mathcal{R} and congruences rules in \mathcal{E} are applied locally **inside** some (common) context.

Finally, we shall write $\rightarrow_{\mathcal{R}/\mathcal{E}}$ for the reduction relation on MELL proof-nets generated by the reduction relation $\rightarrow_{\mathcal{R}}$ modulo the congruence $\simeq_{\mathcal{E}}$, i.e.

$$p \rightarrow_{\mathcal{R}/\mathcal{E}} p' \text{ iff } \exists p_1, p_2 \text{ such that } p \simeq_{\mathcal{E}} p_1 \rightarrow_{\mathcal{R}} p_2 \simeq_{\mathcal{E}} p'$$

Definition

A reduction relation \mathcal{S} is said to be **confluent** if and only if for every t, u, v such that $t \rightarrow_{\mathcal{S}}^* u$ and $t \rightarrow_{\mathcal{S}}^* v$ there is t' such that $u \rightarrow_{\mathcal{S}}^* t'$ and $v \rightarrow_{\mathcal{S}}^* t'$.

Theorem (Confluence)

The reduction $\rightarrow_{\mathcal{R}/\mathcal{E}}$ is confluent on MELL Proof-Nets.

Definition

- A reduction relation \mathcal{S} is said to be **terminating** if and only if for every t there is no infinite $\rightarrow_{\mathcal{S}}$ -sequence starting at t (i.e. every $\rightarrow_{\mathcal{S}}$ -reduction sequence starting at any term is terminating).
- A reduction relation \mathcal{S} is said to be **strongly normalizing** if and only if every **typed object** t is terminating.

Theorem (Strong Normalization)

The reduction $\rightarrow_{\mathcal{R}/\mathcal{E}}$ is terminating on MELL Proof-Nets (i.e. $\rightarrow_{\mathcal{R}/\mathcal{E}}$ is strongly normalizing).

Proof.

Based on strong normalization of $\rightarrow_{\mathcal{R}}$ by Girard.





