

What is the cost of cut?

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Winning conditions for **P**:

W: **O** has already granted **P**'s active formula

W \perp : **O** has granted \perp

[Lorenzen'60] attempted to *justify constructive logic*. The completeness result w.r.t. LJ came much later [Felscher'85].

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- By composing a proof of $A \multimap B$ and a proof of A we **consume** them to get a proof of B .
- Linear logic formulas behave like **resources**.
- **Exponentials** recover the full expressive power of intuitionistic and classical logic: in $!B$ and $?B$ we are allowed to use **contraction** and **weakening**.

Affine intuitionistic multiplicative additive LL (\mathcal{C})

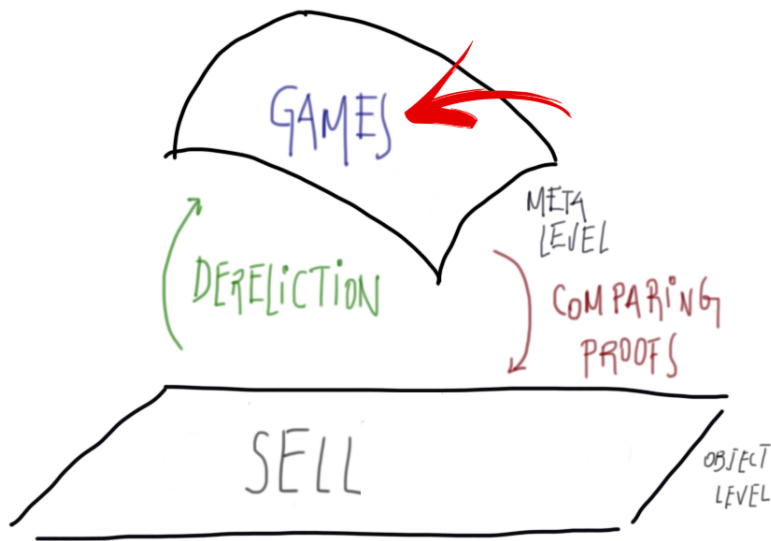
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The meta-level



The game for \mathcal{C} [Fermüller,Lang17]

- **Formulas** are seen as **resources** that can be build from atomic propositions, units 0, 1 and the constructors $\otimes, \&, \oplus, \multimap$
- **States**: multisets of sequents of the form $\Gamma \longrightarrow F$
- Two players: **P** and **O**. Player **P** starts the game and selects a sequent S from the current state.
- The game proceeds in rounds with two possible succ. states:

$$\begin{array}{ll} (1) & G \cup \{S\} \rightsquigarrow G \cup \{S'\} \\ (2) & G \cup \{S\} \rightsquigarrow G \cup \{S_1\} \cup \{S_2\} \end{array}$$

- **P** chooses a sequent S among the current game state, a principal formula in S and a matching rule instance r .
- **P** acts as the **scheduler** of the game.

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Branching structure

Both definitions (a single or a parallel game) are equivalent: **the existence of winning strategies for P remains the same.**

However, semantically, they provide different viewpoints of the connectives.

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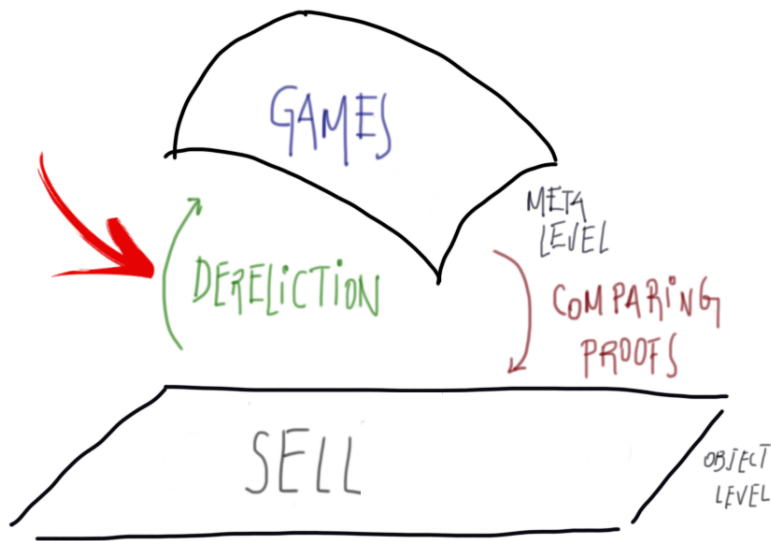
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Intended meaning



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Then:

$!^a A \not\equiv !^b A$ for **any** $a \neq b$.

Assumptions plus cost – system $\mathcal{C}(\mathbb{R}^+)$

Augment assumptions with **costs**, where assumptions are formulas occurring **negatively** on sequents.

$$\frac{\Gamma, !^a A, A \longrightarrow C}{\Gamma, !^a A \longrightarrow C} !^a_L, a \in \mathbb{R}^+$$

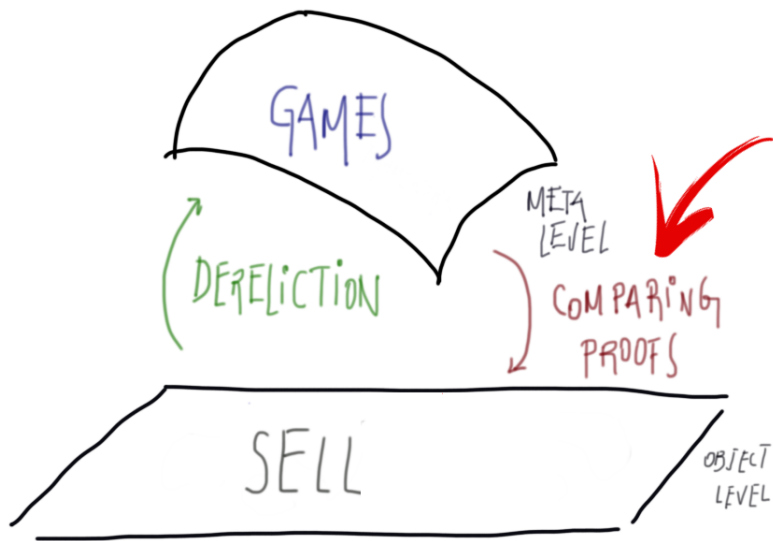
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- Depending on the r , the round proceeds as follows:
 - ① If the rule r is not $!_L$, then the game proceeds as before, with budget b .
 - ② **Budget decrease**: $!_L$ with premise S' and principal formula $!^a A$, then the game proceeds in the game state $(G \cup \{S'\}, b - a)$.
 - ③ **To win the game**: non negative final budget.

Properties



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where $\Gamma \longrightarrow A$ is a $\mathcal{C}(\mathbb{R}^+)$ sequent and $b \in \mathbb{R}^+$.

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$$\frac{c : \Gamma, !^a A, A \longrightarrow C}{a + c : \Gamma, !^a A \longrightarrow C} !_L$$

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Game theoretically, **P** must be prepared for any of the choices of **O** when she decides to select $w \oplus b$ (on the left).

Results

Theorem

Given a $\mathcal{C}(\mathbb{R}^+)$ -proof Ξ of a sequent S , there exists a smallest budget with $\text{cost}(\Xi)$ that suffices to win the game $\mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathbb{R}^+)$ on S when following the strategy corresponding to Ξ .

Spectrum

$\text{spec}(S) := \{\text{cost}(\Xi) \mid \Xi \text{ is an } \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{R}^+)\text{-proof of } S\}.$

Theorem

If $\vdash_{\mathcal{C}(\mathbb{R}^+)} \Gamma \longrightarrow A$, then $\text{spec}(\Gamma \longrightarrow A)$ has a least element. In other words, there is a smallest b such that $\vdash_{\mathcal{C}^{\ell}(\mathbb{R}^+)} \Gamma \longrightarrow_b A$.

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Moreover, whenever cut_ℓ is admissible w.r.t. $f : \mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$, then $a + b \leq f(a, b)$.

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Proof: Take

$$\begin{aligned} a : !^{1/k} p &\longrightarrow !^{1/k} p^{\otimes(k \cdot a)} \\ b : !^{1/k} p^{\otimes(k \cdot a)} &\longrightarrow p^{\otimes(k \cdot k \cdot a \cdot b)} \\ k.a.b : !^{1/k} p &\longrightarrow p^{\otimes(k \cdot k \cdot a \cdot b)} \end{aligned}$$

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- Last case = particular case with no bangs.
- General case where A is not bang-free: open problem.

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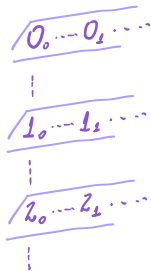
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- ① $a_b \geq_{\mathcal{E}} a_c$ (i.e., the ordering $\geq_{\mathcal{E}}$ ignores the subindices).
- ② $a_b >_{\mathcal{E}} c_d$ iff $a > c$.

For any formula $A \in \mathcal{C}^{\ell}(\mathbb{R}^+)$, we define $[A]_c$ as the formula that substitutes any modality $!^{a_b}$ with $!^{a_{b+c}}$.

- Sequent labels belong to \mathbb{R}^+ , modal labels belong to \mathcal{E} .
- Promotion of $!^{a_0}$ has the same effect/constraints that the promotion of $!^{a_b}$.
- Dereliction of the latter requires a greater budget ($a + b$ instead of a).
- $!^{a_b}A \equiv !^{a_c}A$, each direction requiring a different budget.
- $\mathcal{E}_0 = \{a_0 \mid a \in \mathbb{R}^+\} \simeq \mathbb{R}^+$, that is, each element $a \in \mathbb{R}^+$ can be seen as the equivalence class of a_0 in $\mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R}^+$ modulo \mathbb{R}^+ .

The new $\mathcal{C}^\ell(\mathbb{R}^+)$

Definition

A is \multimap -linear if for all subformulas of the form $B \multimap C$, B doesn't have occurrences of $!$ ^{a} .

Theorem (\multimap -linear cut)

If A is a \multimap -linear formula, then the following rule is admissible

$$\frac{a : !\Gamma, \Delta_1 \longrightarrow A \quad b : !\Gamma, \Delta_2, [A]_a \longrightarrow C}{a + b : !\Gamma, \Delta_1, \Delta_2 \longrightarrow C} \text{ cut}_{LL}$$

Moreover, if $a : \Gamma \longrightarrow C$ is provable using cut_{LL} , then there is a cut-free proof of $a' : \Gamma \longrightarrow C$ for some $a \geq a'$.

The source of evil tamed!

$$\frac{\frac{c : !\Gamma, \Delta_1, A \xrightarrow{\pi_1} B}{c : !\Gamma, \Delta_1 \rightarrow A \multimap B} \quad \frac{b_1 : !\Gamma, \Delta'_2 \xrightarrow{\pi_2} [A]_c \quad b_2 : !\Gamma, \Delta''_2, [B]_c \xrightarrow{\pi_3} C}{b_1 + b_2 : !\Gamma, \Delta_2, [A \multimap B]_c \rightarrow C}}{c + b_1 + b_2 : !\Gamma, \Delta_1, \Delta_2 \rightarrow C}$$

reduces to

$$\frac{b_1 : !\Gamma, \Delta'_2 \xrightarrow{\pi_2} A \quad \frac{c : !\Gamma, \Delta_1, [A]_{b_1} \xrightarrow{\pi_1} B \quad b_2 : !\Gamma, \Delta''_2, [B]_c \xrightarrow{\pi_3} C}{c + b_2 : !\Gamma, \Delta_1, \Delta''_2, [A]_{b_1} \rightarrow C}}{c + b_1 + b_2 : !\Gamma, \Delta_1, \Delta_2 \rightarrow C}$$

Note: $[A]_c = [A]_{b_1} = A$.

Outline

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What next?

- Classical LL;
- Non-affine LL;
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- Complexity of cut-elimination.

Thanks!!!

