

An extended framework for specifying and reasoning about proof systems

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Motivation

There are several logics: classical logic, intuitionistic logic (and fragments), modal logics, paraconsistent logics...

Developed for the most varied applications: theorem provers, knowledge representation, proof carrying code...

These logics need **proof systems** for reasoning.

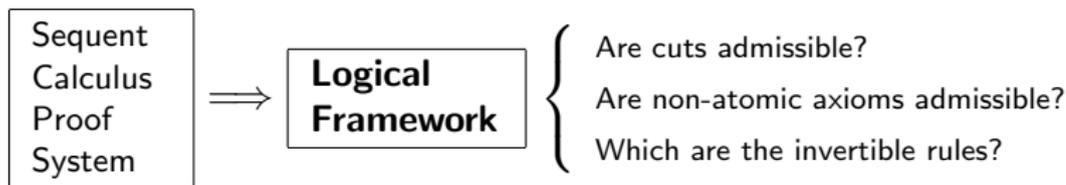
These proof systems should have nice properties, such as:

- cut-elimination
- admissibility of non-atomic axioms
- invertibility of rules

But proving *each* property for *each* system by hand can be very time-consuming and error-prone...

Our approach

Provide a framework that can prove these properties in a uniform and automatic way to various proof systems.



Logical Framework \equiv **Linear Logic with Subexponentials**

Linear Logic

Resource-aware logic:

- **Classical** formulas: “marked” with the exponential operators (! and ?)
- **Linear** formulas: are consumed when used

Refinement of classical logic:

	Additive	Multiplicative
Conjunction (\wedge)	$\&$	\otimes
Disjunction (\vee)	\oplus	\wp

$$\frac{\vdash \Theta : \Gamma, P \quad \vdash \Theta : \Gamma, Q}{\vdash \Theta : \Gamma, P \& Q} [\&]$$

$$\frac{\vdash \Theta : \Gamma, P \quad \vdash \Theta : \Delta, Q}{\vdash \Theta : \Gamma, \Delta, P \otimes Q} [\otimes]$$

Subexponentials [Danos, et al 1993, Nigam and Dale, 2009]

Operators can be **canonical**:

$$A \&^a B \equiv A \&^b B$$

Exponentials are **not** canonical (all others are):

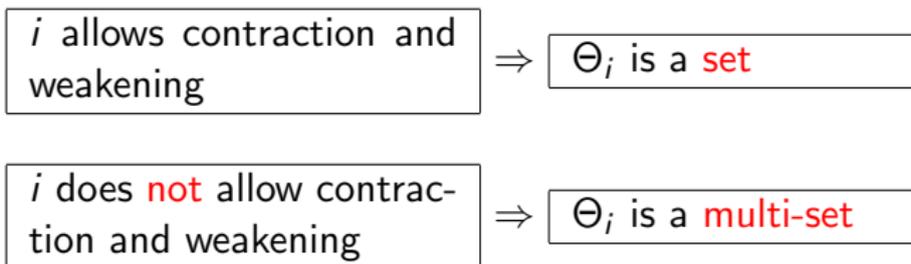
$$!^a F \not\equiv !^b F \text{ and } ?^a F \not\equiv ?^b F$$

$!^a$ and $!^b$ are **different** operators in linear logic, they are called *subexponentials*.

$$\vdash \Theta_a : \Theta_b : \Gamma \equiv \vdash \mathcal{K} : \Gamma$$

Subexponentials [Danos, et al 1993, Nigam and Dale, 2009]

One may declare as many subexponentials as needed, organized in a **pre-order**.



Note: The logics specified may have contexts that behave as set or multi-set. Interesting... :)

Subexponentials [Danos, et al 1993, Nigam and Dale, 2009]

$$\frac{\vdash \mathcal{K} \leq_I : \cdot \uparrow A}{\vdash \mathcal{K} : \cdot \downarrow !A} \quad [!/, \text{ s.t. } \mathcal{K}[\{x \mid I \not\leq x \wedge x \notin \mathcal{U}\}] = \emptyset] \qquad \frac{\vdash \mathcal{K}_{+I} A : \Gamma \uparrow L}{\vdash \mathcal{K} : \Gamma \uparrow L, ?/A} \quad [?/]$$

Rule $?/$: stores a formula in a context.

Rule $!/$: very useful for the restrictions on the context.

- smaller or not related “linear” subexponentials **must be empty**
- smaller or not related “classical” subexponentials **are made empty**

Focusing

Focused proofs are the normal form of proofs for proof search

- **Sound** and **complete** proof search strategy for linear logic
- Based on the division of linear logic's connectives:
 - **Asynchronous** (negative): $\wp, \&, ?^i, \top, \perp, \forall$
 - **Synchronous** (positive): $\otimes, \oplus, !^i, 1, 0, \exists$

Asynchronous \Rightarrow invertible rules \Rightarrow *apply eagerly*

Synchronous \Rightarrow non-invertible rules \Rightarrow *apply when no negative formula is left*

Focusing

Focused proofs are composed by the alternation of **negative** and **positive** phases.

Each *phase* is a collection of rules of the same polarity that can compose one or more **macro-rule**:

$$\frac{\vdash \mathcal{K} : \Gamma \Downarrow A_i}{\vdash \mathcal{K} : \Gamma \Downarrow A_1 \oplus A_2} \oplus_i \quad \frac{\vdash \mathcal{K} : \Gamma \Downarrow A_1 \quad \vdash \mathcal{K} : \Delta \Downarrow A_2}{\vdash \mathcal{K} : \Gamma, \Delta \Downarrow A_1 \otimes A_2} \otimes \quad \frac{\vdash \mathcal{K} : \Gamma \Uparrow N}{\vdash \mathcal{K} : \Gamma \Downarrow N} R \Downarrow$$

$$N_1 \oplus (N_2 \otimes N_3) \rightsquigarrow$$

$$\frac{\vdash \mathcal{K} : \Gamma \Uparrow N_1}{\vdash \mathcal{K} : \Gamma \Downarrow N_1 \oplus (N_2 \otimes N_3)} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{\vdash \mathcal{K} : \Gamma \Uparrow N_2 \quad \vdash \mathcal{K} : \Delta \Uparrow N_3}{\vdash \mathcal{K} : \Gamma, \Delta \Downarrow N_1 \oplus (N_2 \otimes N_3)}$$

Encoding Sequent Calculus Systems in LL

Types:

o	linear-logic formulas
form	object-logic formulas
term	object-logic terms

Propositions:

$[\cdot]$	form \rightarrow o
$[\cdot]$	form \rightarrow o

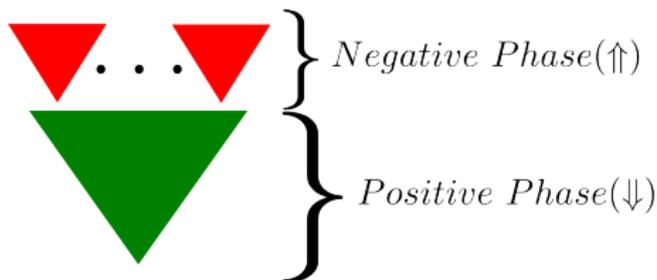
$$\underbrace{B_1, \dots, B_n \vdash C_1, \dots, C_m}_{\text{Object-logic}} \rightsquigarrow \underbrace{\vdash [B_1], \dots, [B_n], [C_1], \dots, [C_m]}_{\text{Meta-logic (SELLF)}}$$

Bipoles

Monopole: atoms and negative connectives.

Bipole: negated atoms, monopoles and positive connectives.

A **bipole derivation** contains a single alternation of phases:



Another example

System G3K

$$\frac{y : A, x : \Box A, xRy, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta}{x : \Box A, xRy, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta} \Box_I \quad (\Box_I) [x : \Box A]^\perp \otimes \exists y. (!^R R(x, y)^\perp \otimes ?^I [y : A])$$

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\vdash \cdot \infty \mathcal{R} \dot{R} \cdot \dot{i} \cdot \dot{i} \cdot \uparrow R(a, b)^\perp}{\vdash \mathcal{L}_{G3K} \infty \mathcal{R} \dot{R} [a : \Box A, \Gamma] \dot{i} [\Delta] \dot{i} \cdot \Downarrow !^R R(a, b)^\perp} \quad !^R \quad \frac{\vdash \mathcal{L}_{G3K} \infty \mathcal{R} \dot{R} [a : \Box A], [b : A, \Gamma] \dot{i} [\Delta] \dot{i} \cdot \uparrow \cdot}{\vdash \mathcal{L}_{G3K} \infty \mathcal{R} \dot{R} [a : \Box A, \Gamma] \dot{i} [\Delta] \dot{i} \cdot \Downarrow ?^I [b : A]} \quad R \Downarrow, ?^I}{\vdash \mathcal{L}_{G3K} \infty \mathcal{R} \dot{R} [a : \Box A, \Gamma] \dot{i} [\Delta] \dot{i} \cdot \Downarrow (!^R R(a, b)^\perp \otimes ?^I [b : A])} \quad \otimes, \exists}{\vdash \mathcal{L}_{G3K} \infty \mathcal{R} \dot{R} [a : \Box A, \Gamma] \dot{i} [\Delta] \dot{i} \cdot \Downarrow [a : \Box A]^\perp \otimes \exists y. (!^R R(a, y)^\perp \otimes ?^I [y : A])} \quad D_\infty, \exists}{\vdash \mathcal{L}_{G3K} \infty \mathcal{R} \dot{R} [a : \Box A, \Gamma] \dot{i} [\Delta] \dot{i} \cdot \uparrow \cdot} \quad \Xi, \exists$$

Where Ξ is a derivation containing only the initial rule.

This system + a subset of the labels' relations captures different modal logics, such as T, 4, B, S4, TB, S5.

Proof Systems Theories

1 Identity rules (cut and initial)

$$\text{Cut} = \exists A. !^a ?^b \lfloor A \rfloor \otimes !^c ?^d \lceil A \rceil$$

$$\text{Init} = \exists A. \lfloor A \rfloor^\perp \otimes \lceil A \rceil^\perp$$

2 Structural rules

$$\exists A. [\lfloor A \rfloor^\perp \otimes (?^i \lfloor A \rfloor \wp \dots \wp ?^i \lfloor A \rfloor)]$$

$$\exists A. [\lceil A \rceil^\perp \otimes (?^j \lceil A \rceil \wp \dots \wp ?^j \lceil A \rceil)]$$

3 Introduction rules

$$\exists x_1 \dots \exists x_n [(\lfloor \diamond(x_1, \dots, x_n) \rfloor)]^\perp \otimes B]$$

$$\exists x_1 \dots \exists x_n [(\lceil \diamond(x_1, \dots, x_n) \rceil)]^\perp \otimes B]$$

Systems encoded and the subexponentials used

- G1m (minimal logic): l, r both linear
- mLJ (multi-conclusion LJ): l, r both classical
- LJQ* (focused sequent calculus for LJ): f linear, l, r classical
- S4 (modal logic):
 - l, r : classical
 - \Box_L, \Diamond_R : classical (holds formulas marked with \Box or \Diamond on the left or right)
 - e : classical (“dummy” subexponential to specify structural properties)
- Lax Logic (intuitionistic modal logic):
 - l classical, r linear
 - \circ_r linear
- G3K + relation rules (modal logics T, 4, B, S4, TB, S5): l, r, R classical

Proving cut-elimination

- 1 Reduction to principal cuts
 - Permute cut rules upwards
 - Permute introduction rules downwards
 - Transform one cut into another (no general procedure was found yet)
- 2 Reduction to atomic cuts
- 3 Elimination of atomic cuts

Proving cut-elimination

Step 1: Reduction to principal cuts

- Permute cut rules upwards

$$\frac{\Gamma \longrightarrow A \quad \frac{\Gamma', A, F \longrightarrow G}{\Gamma', A \longrightarrow F \supset G} \supset_R}{\Gamma, \Gamma' \longrightarrow F \supset G} \text{Cut} \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad \frac{\Gamma \longrightarrow A \quad \Gamma', A, F \longrightarrow G}{\Gamma, \Gamma', F \longrightarrow G} \text{Cut} \supset_R \frac{\Gamma, \Gamma', F \longrightarrow G}{\Gamma, \Gamma' \longrightarrow F \supset G} \supset_R$$

- Permute introduction rules downwards

$$\frac{\varphi \quad \frac{\frac{\Gamma, A, B, F \longrightarrow G}{\Gamma, A \wedge B, F \longrightarrow G} \wedge_L}{\Gamma, A \wedge B \longrightarrow F \supset G, \Delta} \supset_R}{\Gamma \longrightarrow F \supset G, \Delta} \text{Cut} \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad \frac{\varphi \quad \frac{\Gamma, A, B, F \longrightarrow G}{\Gamma, A, B \longrightarrow F \supset G, \Delta} \supset_R}{\Gamma, A \wedge B \longrightarrow F \supset G, \Delta} \wedge_L}{\Gamma \longrightarrow F \supset G, \Delta} \text{Cut}$$

Permutations:

Depend on the subexponentials and their relations.

Proving cut-elimination

Step 1: Reduction to principal cuts

Proof by **static analysis** of subexponentials.

Example: Cut = $\exists A. !^a ?^b [A] \otimes !^c ?^d [A]$

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\Xi_1}{\vdash \mathcal{K}_1 \leq_a +_b [A] : \cdot \uparrow \cdot}}{\vdash \mathcal{K}_1 : \cdot \Downarrow !^a ?^b [A]} \quad !^a, ?^b \quad \frac{\frac{\frac{\Xi'_2}{\vdash \mathcal{K}_2 \leq_{c,s} +_d [A] +_t B : \cdot \uparrow \cdot}}{\vdash \mathcal{K}_2 \leq_c +_d [A] : \cdot \Downarrow !^s ?^t B} \quad !^s, ?^t}{\vdash \mathcal{K}_2 \leq_c +_d [A] : \cdot \uparrow \cdot} \quad D_\infty}{\vdash \mathcal{K}_2 : \cdot \Downarrow !^c ?^d [A]} \quad !^c, ?^d}{\frac{\vdash \mathcal{K}_1 \otimes \mathcal{K}_2 : \cdot \Downarrow !^a ?^b [A] \otimes !^c ?^d [A]}{\vdash \mathcal{K}_1 \otimes \mathcal{K}_2 : \cdot \uparrow} \quad \otimes} \quad D_\infty, \exists$$

Case: $s \not\leq d$ **impossible** (otherwise rule $!^s$ could not be applied).

Proving cut-elimination

Step 1: Reduction to principal cuts

Case: $s \preceq d$

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\Xi_1}{\vdash \mathcal{K}_1 \leq_{s,a} +_b [A] : \cdot \uparrow \cdot}}{\vdash \mathcal{K}_1 \leq_s : \cdot \Downarrow !^a ?^b [A]} \quad \frac{\frac{\Xi'_2}{\vdash \mathcal{K}_2 \leq_{s,c} +_t B +_d [A] : \cdot \uparrow \cdot}}{\vdash \mathcal{K}_2 \leq_s +_t B : \cdot \Downarrow !^c ?^d [A]} \quad !^a, ?^b \quad !^c, ?^d}{\frac{\vdash \mathcal{K}_1 \otimes \mathcal{K}_2 \leq_s +_t B : \cdot \Downarrow !^a ?^b [A] \otimes !^c ?^d [A]}{\vdash \mathcal{K}_1 \otimes \mathcal{K}_2 \leq_s +_t B : \cdot \uparrow \cdot} \otimes} D_{\infty, \exists}$$

$$\frac{\frac{\vdash \mathcal{K}_1 \otimes \mathcal{K}_2 \leq_s +_t B : \cdot \uparrow \cdot}{\vdash \mathcal{K}_1 \otimes \mathcal{K}_2 : \cdot \Downarrow !^s ?^t B} \quad !^s, ?^t}{\vdash \mathcal{K}_1 \otimes \mathcal{K}_2 : \cdot \uparrow} D_{\infty}$$

This permutation is possible given:

- $s \preceq a \Rightarrow \mathcal{K}_1 \leq_{s,a} = \mathcal{K}_1 \leq_a$
- $c \preceq t \Rightarrow !^c$ is allowed

Proving cut-elimination

Step 2: Reduction to atomic cuts [Miller and Pimentel, 2012]

Left and right introduction rules must be **dual**.

Introduction rules for a connective \diamond :

$$\exists \bar{x}([\diamond(\bar{x})]^\perp \otimes B_l) \quad \text{and} \quad \exists \bar{x}([\diamond(\bar{x})]^\perp \otimes B_r)$$

They are called **dual** the following can be proved in selff:

$$\vdash \text{Cut} : \cdot \uparrow \forall \bar{x}(B_l^\perp \wp B_r^\perp)$$

Proving cut-elimination

Step 2: Reduction to atomic cuts [Miller and Pimentel, 2012]

Proof:

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\vdash \mathcal{X}, \text{Cut}, \Psi; \Delta_1 \Downarrow B_l}{\vdash \mathcal{X}, \text{Cut}, \Psi; \Delta_1 \Downarrow B_l}}{\vdash \mathcal{X}, \text{Cut}, \Psi; \Delta_1 \Downarrow B_l}}{\vdash \mathcal{X}, \text{Cut}, \Psi; \Delta_1 \Downarrow B_l}}{\vdash \mathcal{X}, \text{Cut}, \Psi; \Delta_1 \Downarrow B_l}} \quad \frac{\frac{\frac{\vdash \mathcal{X}, \text{Cut}, \Psi; \Delta_2 \Downarrow B_r}{\vdash \mathcal{X}, \text{Cut}, \Psi; \Delta_2 \Downarrow B_r}}{\vdash \mathcal{X}, \text{Cut}, \Psi; \Delta_2 \Downarrow B_r}}{\vdash \mathcal{X}, \text{Cut}, \Psi; \Delta_2 \Downarrow B_r}}{\vdash \mathcal{X}, \text{Cut}, \Psi; \Delta_2 \Downarrow B_r}}}{\vdash \mathcal{X}, \text{Cut}, \Psi; \Delta_1, \Delta_2 \Uparrow \cdot} \otimes \quad D_2 \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad \boxed{\text{Cut on object logic}}$$

Proving cut-elimination

Step 2: Reduction to atomic cuts [Miller and Pimentel, 2012]

Since B_l and B_r are dual:

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\tilde{\Pi}_2}{\vdash ?\mathcal{X}, ?Cut, ?\Psi, \Delta_2, B_r} \quad \frac{\frac{\frac{\tilde{\Pi}_1}{\vdash ?\mathcal{X}, ?Cut, ?\Psi, \Delta_1, B_l} \quad \frac{\frac{\Pi'}{\vdash ?\mathcal{X}, ?Cut, ?\Psi, B_r^\perp, B_l^\perp} \text{ cut}}{\vdash ?\mathcal{X}, ?Cut, ?\Psi, \Delta_1, B_r^\perp} \text{ cut}}{\vdash ?\mathcal{X}, ?Cut, ?\Psi, \Delta_1, \Delta_2} \text{ cut}} \text{ cut}$$

$\tilde{\Pi}_1$ and $\tilde{\Pi}_2$ are the proofs Π_1 and Π_2 transformed to unfocused proofs.

Cut-elimination on meta-level: decides on object level cuts may still exist, but on simpler formulas than B_l and B_r .

Proving cut-elimination

Step 3: Elimination of atomic cuts

Further restrictions needed on the subexponentials used for the cut rule:

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\equiv}{\vdash \mathcal{K}_1 \leq_{a+b} [A] : \cdot \uparrow \cdot}}{\vdash \mathcal{K}_1 : \cdot \downarrow !^a ?^b [A]} \quad \frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\vdash \mathcal{K}_2^1 : \cdot \downarrow [A]^\perp \quad \vdash \mathcal{K}_2^2 : \cdot \downarrow [A]^\perp}{\vdash \mathcal{K}_2 \leq_{c+d} : \cdot \downarrow [A]^\perp \otimes [A]^\perp} \otimes}{\vdash \mathcal{K}_2 \leq_{c+d} [A] : \cdot \uparrow \cdot} D_{\infty, \exists}}{\vdash \mathcal{K}_2 : \cdot \downarrow !^c ?^d [A]} !^c, ?^d}{\vdash \mathcal{K}_1 \otimes \mathcal{K}_2 : \cdot \downarrow !^a ?^b [A] \otimes !^c ?^d [A]} \otimes}{\vdash \mathcal{K} : \cdot \uparrow \cdot} D_{\infty, \exists}$$

$$\boxed{\mathcal{K}_1 \subset \mathcal{K} \text{ and } [A] \in \mathcal{K}} \Rightarrow \boxed{[A] \text{ must be in } s \text{ such that } b \preceq s}$$

Note: A formula may be moved to an upper subexponential without affecting provability.

Proving cut-elimination

Theorem: Given a proof system's specification in SELLF, all conditions for the admissibility of cuts described are decidable.

- Permutation of rules and elimination of atomic cuts: **static** check of the subexponentials used.
- Duality of introduction rules: proved in **$v + 2$ steps**, where v is the maximum number of premisses atoms in the body of the introduction clauses.

Note: Some cut-elimination cases cannot yet be identified, such as the transformation of one cut into another.

Proving admissibility of non-atomic identities

[Miller and Pimentel, 2012]

Introduction rules for a connective \diamond :

$$\exists \bar{x}([\diamond(\bar{x})]^\perp \otimes B_l) \quad \text{and} \quad \exists \bar{x}([\diamond(\bar{x})]^\perp \otimes B_r)$$

They are called **initial-coherent** the following can be proved in selff:

$$\vdash \text{Init} : \cdot \uparrow \forall \bar{x} (?^\infty B_l \wp ?^\infty B_r)$$

In a system with initial coherent introduction rules, the initial rule can be restricted to its **atomic** version.

Proving the invertibility of rules

Follows from the facts:

- object-logic rules \Rightarrow bipoles in SELLF
- bipoles in SELLF \Rightarrow bodies are (purely) negative formulas
- negative formulas \Rightarrow negative rules are invertible in SELLF
- invertible rules \Rightarrow permutable rules
- permutable rules in meta-logic + adequacy on the level of derivations \Rightarrow permutable rules in the object-logic
- object-logic rules are invertible

Conclusion

Given a sequent calculus system's specification in SELLF, we can:

- Prove cut-elimination (if the proof is not very involved)
- Prove admissibility of non-atomic initial rules
- Check the invertibility of rules

Implemented and online at

<http://www.logic.at/people/giselle/tatu>.

Thank you for your attention!

Questions?