

Intuitionistic Logic

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 \vdash r\vee \\
 \vdash IV \\
 \vdash C
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In Real Life

- A You should respect C's belief, for all beliefs are of equal validity and cannot be denied.
- B What about D's belief? (Where D believes something that is considered to be wrong by most people, such as nazism or the world being flat)
- A I agree it is right to deny D's belief.
- B If it is right to deny D's belief, it is not true that no belief can be denied. Therefore, I can deny C's belief if I can give reasons that suggest it too is incorrect.

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- ① I deny that belief of yours and believe it to be invalid.
 - ② According to your statement, this belief of mine (1) is valid, like all other beliefs.
 - ③ However, your statement also contradicts and invalidates mine, being the exact opposite of it.
 - ④ The conclusions of 2 and 3 are incompatible and contradictory, so your statement is logically absurd.

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We proved $A \vee B$, but neither A nor B .

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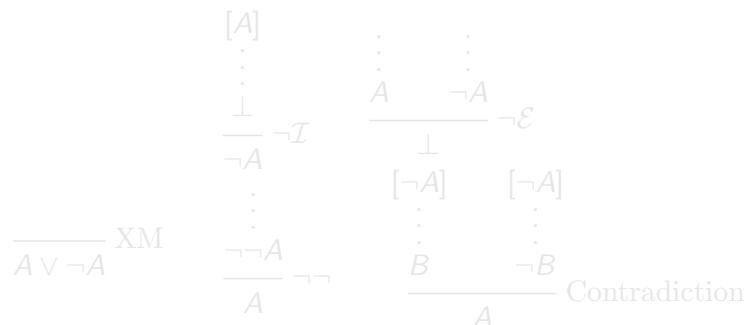
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- In fact, classical logic does not fit well in natural deduction.

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 [A] \\
 \vdots \\
 \perp \\
 \hline \neg I \\
 \neg A \\
 \vdots \\
 \frac{}{A \vee \neg A} XM \\
 \vdots \\
 \neg \neg A \\
 \hline A
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 \vdots \quad \vdots \\
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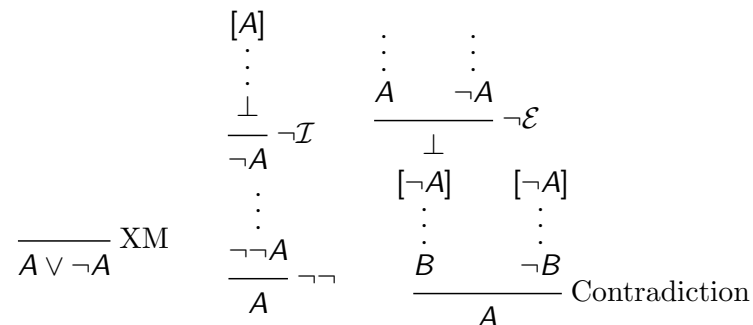
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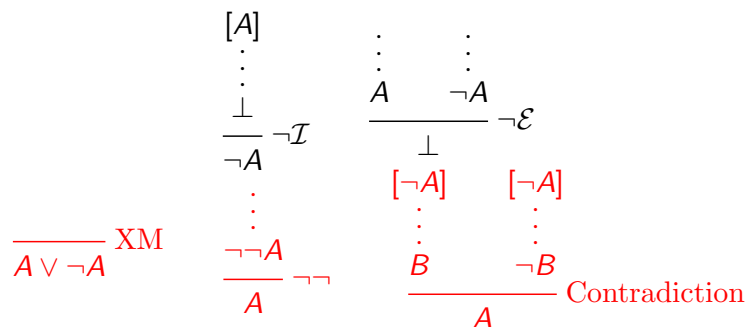
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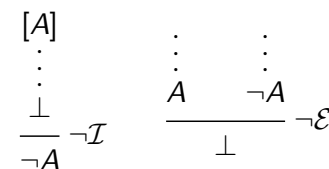
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So **define** $\neg A := A \Rightarrow \perp$.

Prove $A \vdash \neg\neg A$ Prove $A \vdash \neg\neg A$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 A \quad [A \Rightarrow \perp]^1 \\
 \hline
 \perp \Rightarrow\mathcal{E} \\
 \hline
 (A \Rightarrow \perp) \Rightarrow \perp \Rightarrow\mathcal{I}_1
 \end{array}$$

Prove $\neg\neg\neg A \vdash \neg A$ Prove $\neg\neg\neg A \vdash \neg A$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{[A]^2 \quad [A \Rightarrow \perp]^1}{\perp} \Rightarrow \mathcal{E} \\
 \frac{\perp}{(A \Rightarrow \perp) \Rightarrow \perp} \Rightarrow \mathcal{I}_1 \quad ((A \Rightarrow \perp) \Rightarrow \perp) \Rightarrow \perp \Rightarrow \mathcal{E} \\
 \hline
 \frac{\perp}{A \Rightarrow \perp} \Rightarrow \mathcal{I}_2
 \end{array}$$

Intuitionistic Natural Deduction

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{[A] \quad \vdots \quad B}{A \Rightarrow B} \Rightarrow \mathcal{I} \quad \frac{\vdots \quad A \quad \vdots \quad A \Rightarrow B}{B} \Rightarrow \mathcal{E} \quad \frac{\vdots \quad \perp}{A} \perp \mathcal{E} \\
 \frac{A \quad B}{A \wedge B} \wedge \mathcal{I} \quad \frac{A \wedge B}{A} \wedge \mathcal{I} \mathcal{E} \quad \frac{A \wedge B}{B} \wedge r \mathcal{E} \\
 \frac{\vdots \quad A}{A \vee B} \vee \mathcal{I} \mathcal{I} \quad \frac{\vdots \quad B}{A \vee B} \vee r \mathcal{I} \quad \frac{\vdots \quad A \vee B \quad \begin{array}{c} [A] \\ \vdots \\ C \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} [B] \\ \vdots \\ C \end{array}}{C} \vee \mathcal{E}
 \end{array}$$

LJ: Intuitionistic Sequent Calculus

1 Constructivity

2 Intuitionistic Logic

- NJ: Intuitionistic Natural Deduction
- LJ: Intuitionistic Sequent Calculus

LK: Identity Group

$$\frac{}{A \vdash A} \text{Id} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A, \Delta \quad \Gamma', A \vdash \Delta'}{\Gamma, \Gamma' \vdash \Delta, \Delta'} \text{Cut}$$

LK: Identity Group

$$\frac{}{A \vdash A} \text{Id} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A, \Delta \quad \Gamma', A \vdash \Delta'}{\Gamma, \Gamma' \vdash \Delta, \Delta'} \text{Cut}$$

LJ: Identity Group

$$\frac{}{A \vdash A} \text{Id} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A \quad \Gamma', A \vdash B}{\Gamma, \Gamma' \vdash B} \text{Cut}$$

LK: Structural Group

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash \tau(\Delta)} \vdash X \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash \Delta}{\sigma(\Gamma) \vdash \Delta} X \vdash$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash A, \Delta} \vdash W \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma, A \vdash \Delta} W \vdash$$

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

LK: Structural Group

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash \tau(\Delta)} \vdash X \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash \Delta}{\sigma(\Gamma) \vdash \Delta} X \vdash$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash A, \Delta} \vdash W \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma, A \vdash \Delta} W \vdash$$

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

LJ: Structural Group

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash B}{\sigma(\Gamma) \vdash B} X \vdash$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash B}{\Gamma, A \vdash B} W \vdash$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, A, A \vdash B}{\Gamma, A \vdash B} C \vdash$$

LK: Logical Group: Negation

$$\frac{\Gamma, A \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash \neg A, \Delta} \vdash \neg \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A, \Delta}{\Gamma, \neg A \vdash \Delta} \neg \vdash$$

LK: Logical Group: Negation

$$\frac{\Gamma, A \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash \neg A, \Delta} \vdash \neg \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A, \Delta}{\Gamma, \neg A \vdash \Delta} \neg \vdash$$

LJ: Logical Group: Negation

LK: Logical Group: Conjunction

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

$$\frac{\Gamma, A \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma, A \wedge B \vdash \Delta} l\wedge \vdash$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, B \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma, A \wedge B \vdash \Delta} r\wedge \vdash$$

LK: Logical Group: Conjunction

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

$$\frac{\Gamma, A \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma, A \wedge B \vdash \Delta} l\wedge \vdash$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, B \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma, A \wedge B \vdash \Delta} r\wedge \vdash$$

LJ: Logical Group: Conjunction

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A \quad \Gamma \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash A \wedge B} \vdash \wedge$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, A \vdash C}{\Gamma, A \wedge B \vdash C} l\wedge \vdash$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, B \vdash C}{\Gamma, A \wedge B \vdash C} r\wedge \vdash$$

LK: Logical Group: Disjunction

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{\Gamma \vdash A, \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash A \vee B, \Delta} \vdash IV \\
 \frac{\Gamma \vdash B, \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash A \vee B, \Delta} \vdash rV \\
 \frac{\Gamma, A \vdash \Delta \quad \Gamma, B \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma, A \vee B \vdash \Delta} \vee \vdash
 \end{array}$$

LK: Logical Group: Disjunction

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{\Gamma \vdash A, \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash A \vee B, \Delta} \vdash IV \\
 \frac{\Gamma \vdash B, \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash A \vee B, \Delta} \vdash rV \\
 \frac{\Gamma, A \vdash \Delta \quad \Gamma, B \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma, A \vee B \vdash \Delta} \vee \vdash
 \end{array}$$

LJ: Logical Group: Disjunction

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{\Gamma \vdash A}{\Gamma \vdash A \vee B} \vdash IV \\
 \frac{\Gamma \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash A \vee B} \vdash rV \\
 \frac{\Gamma, A \vdash C \quad \Gamma, B \vdash C}{\Gamma, A \vee B \vdash C} \vee \vdash
 \end{array}$$

LK: Logical Group: Implication

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A, \Delta \quad \Gamma', B \vdash \Delta'}{\Gamma, \Gamma', A \Rightarrow B \vdash \Delta, \Delta'} \Rightarrow \vdash \quad \frac{\Gamma, A \vdash B, \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash A \Rightarrow B, \Delta} \vdash \Rightarrow$$

LK: Logical Group: Implication

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A, \Delta \quad \Gamma', B \vdash \Delta'}{\Gamma, \Gamma', A \Rightarrow B \vdash \Delta, \Delta'} \Rightarrow \vdash \quad \frac{\Gamma, A \vdash B, \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash A \Rightarrow B, \Delta} \vdash \Rightarrow$$

LJ: Logical Group: Implication

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A \quad \Gamma', B \vdash B'}{\Gamma, \Gamma', A \Rightarrow B \vdash B'} \Rightarrow \vdash \quad \frac{\Gamma, A \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash A \Rightarrow B} \vdash \Rightarrow$$

LJ

$$\begin{array}{c} \frac{}{A \vdash A} \text{Id} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A \quad \Gamma', A \vdash B}{\Gamma, \Gamma' \vdash B} \text{Cut} \\ \\ \frac{\Gamma \vdash B}{\sigma(\Gamma) \vdash B} \text{X} \vdash \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash B}{\Gamma, A \vdash B} \text{W} \vdash \quad \frac{\Gamma, A, A \vdash B}{\Gamma, A \vdash B} \text{C} \vdash \\ \\ \frac{\Gamma \vdash A \quad \Gamma \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash A \wedge B} \vdash \wedge \quad \frac{\Gamma, A \vdash C}{\Gamma, A \wedge B \vdash C} \text{I} \wedge \vdash \quad \frac{\Gamma, B \vdash C}{\Gamma, A \wedge B \vdash C} \text{r} \wedge \vdash \\ \\ \frac{\Gamma \vdash A}{\Gamma \vdash A \vee B} \vdash \text{I} \vee \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash A \vee B} \vdash \text{r} \vee \quad \frac{\Gamma, A \vdash C \quad \Gamma, B \vdash C}{\Gamma, A \vee B \vdash C} \vdash \vee \\ \\ \frac{\Gamma \vdash A \quad \Gamma', B \vdash B'}{\Gamma, \Gamma', A \Rightarrow B \vdash B'} \Rightarrow \vdash \quad \frac{\Gamma, A \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash A \Rightarrow B} \vdash \Rightarrow \end{array}$$

Prove $A \vdash \neg \neg A$

Prove $A \vdash \neg\neg A$

$$\frac{\frac{\overline{A \vdash A} \quad \overline{\perp \vdash \perp}}{A, A \Rightarrow \perp \vdash \perp} \Rightarrow \vdash}{A \vdash (A \Rightarrow \perp) \Rightarrow \perp} \vdash \Rightarrow$$

Prove $A \vdash \neg\neg A$

$$\frac{\frac{\overline{A_- \vdash A_+} \quad \overline{\perp_- \vdash \perp_+}}{A_-, A_+ \Rightarrow \perp_- \vdash \perp_+} \Rightarrow \vdash}{A_- \vdash (A_+ \Rightarrow \perp_-) \Rightarrow \perp_+} \vdash \Rightarrow$$

Prove $\neg\neg\neg A \vdash \neg A$

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\overline{A \vdash A} \quad \overline{\perp \vdash \perp}}{A, A \Rightarrow \perp \vdash \perp} \Rightarrow \vdash}{A \vdash (A \Rightarrow \perp) \Rightarrow \perp} \vdash \Rightarrow \quad \frac{\overline{\perp' \vdash \perp'}}{\perp' \vdash \perp'} \Rightarrow \vdash}{\frac{A, ((A \Rightarrow \perp) \Rightarrow \perp) \Rightarrow \perp' \vdash \perp'}{((A \Rightarrow \perp) \Rightarrow \perp) \Rightarrow \perp' \vdash A \Rightarrow \perp'} \vdash \Rightarrow} \Rightarrow \vdash$$

Prove $\neg\neg\neg A \vdash \neg A$

Prove $\neg\neg\neg A \vdash \neg A$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{}{A_- \vdash A_+} \quad \frac{}{\perp_- \vdash \perp_+} \Rightarrow \vdash \\
 \frac{A_-, A_+ \Rightarrow \perp_- \vdash \perp_+}{A_- \vdash (A_+ \Rightarrow \perp_-) \Rightarrow \perp_+} \vdash \Rightarrow \quad \frac{}{\perp'_- \vdash \perp'_+} \Rightarrow \vdash \\
 \frac{A_-, ((A_+ \Rightarrow \perp_-) \Rightarrow \perp_+) \Rightarrow \perp'_- \vdash \perp'_+}{A_-, ((A_+ \Rightarrow \perp_-) \Rightarrow \perp_+) \Rightarrow \perp'_- \vdash A_- \Rightarrow \perp'_+} \vdash \Rightarrow \\
 \frac{}{((A_+ \Rightarrow \perp_-) \Rightarrow \perp_+) \Rightarrow \perp'_- \vdash A_- \Rightarrow \perp'_+} \vdash \Rightarrow
 \end{array}$$

Therefore, in intuitionistic logic $\neg\neg\neg A \equiv \neg A$, but $\neg\neg A \not\equiv A$.