

Comparing Rules for Identity in sequent systems & natural deduction

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To explore different rules for an identity predicate in natural deduction and the sequent calculus.

Sequent Calculus & Natural Deduction

Defining Rules

Defining Rules for Identity

Identity *Axioms*

SEQUENT CALCULUS
& NATURAL
DEDUCTION

A derivation of $X \multimap A$
builds a proof from X to A .

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The one proof can be built in different ways

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Classical derivations build . . . *what?*

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{p \succ p}{\succ \neg p, p} \neg R}{\succ \neg p \vee p} \vee R$$

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A *proof* for $P_1, P_2, P_3 \succ C_1; C_2, C_3$ is a proof of C_1
from the context P_1, P_2, P_3 (*positive*) and C_2^-, C_3^- (*negative*).

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SEQUENT CALCULUS

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 \frac{p \succ p;}{p \succ ; p} \text{Defocus} \\
 \frac{p \succ ; p}{p \succ q; p} \text{Focus} \\
 \frac{p \succ p; \quad p \succ q; p}{p \succ p; \quad p \rightarrow q; p} \rightarrow R \\
 \frac{p \succ p; \quad p \rightarrow q; p}{(p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow p \succ p; p} \rightarrow L \\
 \frac{(p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow p \succ p; p}{(p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow p \succ ; p, p} \text{Defocus} \\
 \frac{(p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow p \succ ; p, p}{(p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow p \succ p; } \text{Focus}
 \end{array}$$

NATURAL DEDUCTION

$$\begin{array}{c}
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 \frac{(p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow p \quad \frac{p \rightarrow q}{\quad} \rightarrow I^1}{p} \rightarrow E \\
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I'll pass freely between sequent derivations
and natural deduction proofs with alternatives.

DEFINING RULES

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THE RUNABOUT INFERENCE-TICKET

By A. N. PRIOR

IT is sometimes alleged that there are inferences whose validity arises solely from the meanings of certain expressions occurring in them. The precise technicalities employed are not important, but let us say that such inferences, if any such there be, are **analytically valid**.

One sort of inference which is sometimes said to be in this sense analytically valid is the passage from a conjunction to either of its conjuncts, e.g., the inference 'Grass is green and the sky is blue, therefore grass is green'. The validity of this inference is said to arise solely from the meaning of the word 'and'. For if we are asked what is the meaning of the word 'and', at least in the purely conjunctive sense (as opposed to, e.g., its colloquial use to mean 'and then'), the answer is said to be *completely* given by saying that (i) from any pair of statements P and Q we can infer the statement formed by joining P to Q by 'and' (which statement we hereafter describe as 'the statement P-and-Q'), that (ii)

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. . . but $\wedge I$ and $\wedge E$ don't look
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Invertible rules look *more* like definitions.

$$\frac{\frac{X, A, B \succ Z}{}}{X, A \wedge B \succ Z} \wedge Df$$

$$\frac{\frac{X, A \succ B; Y}{}}{X \succ A \rightarrow B; Y} \rightarrow Df$$

$$\frac{\frac{X, A \succ ; Y}{}}{X \succ \neg A; Y} \neg Df$$

They characterise *one* aspect of the behaviour of the introduced concept (positively or negatively). The structural rules settle the rest.

They are *conservative* and *uniquely defining*.

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\wedge_R is formed from the other half, using *Id* and *Cut*.

... and back

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{}{A \succ A;} \text{Id} \quad \frac{}{B \succ B;} \text{Id} \\
 \hline
 A, B \succ A \wedge B; \quad \text{X, } A \wedge B \succ Z \\
 \hline
 \text{X, } A, B \succ Z \quad \text{Cut}
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \frac{X, A \wedge B \succ Z}{X, A, B \succ Z} \wedge \text{Df}\uparrow$$

We can recover $\wedge \text{Df}\uparrow$ from $\wedge R$, given Id and Cut , and $\wedge \text{Df}\downarrow$ is $\wedge L$.

L/R rules given in this way admit elimination of principal *Cuts*

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\Delta}{X \succ A; Y} \quad \frac{\Delta'}{X' \succ B; Y'}}{X, X' \succ A \wedge B; Y, Y'} \wedge_R \quad \frac{\frac{\Delta''}{X'', A, B \succ Z''}}{X'', A \wedge B \succ Z''} \wedge_L}{X, X', X'' \succ Z'', Y, Y'} \textit{Cut}$$

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 \hline
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 \\
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$\wedge D$ in Natural Deduction

SEQUENT CALCULUS

$$\frac{X, A, B \succ Z}{X, A \wedge B \succ Z} \wedge D \downarrow$$

NATURAL DEDUCTION

$$\frac{A \wedge B \quad \begin{array}{c} [A, B] \\ \Pi \\ C \end{array}}{C} \wedge E$$

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NATURAL DEDUCTION

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Spec is admissible (*height preserving* admissible, in fact) as are *Id* (for complex formulas) and *Cut* in the system with *L/R* rules.

DEFINING RULES FOR IDENTITY

Identity and Harmony

Identity and harmony

STEPHEN READ

1. *Harmony*

The inferentialist account of logic says that the meaning of a logical operator is given by the rules for its application. Prior (1960–61) showed that a simple and straightforward interpretation of this account of logicity reduces to absurdity. For if ‘tonk’ has the meaning given by the rules Prior proposed for it, contradiction follows. Accordingly, a more subtle interpretation of inferentialism is needed. Such a proposal was put forward initially by Gentzen (1934) and elaborated by, e.g., Prawitz (1977). The meaning of a logical expression is given by the rules for the assertion of statements containing that expression (as designated component); these are its introduction-rules. The meaning so given justifies further rules for drawing inferences from such assertions; these are its elimination-rules:

The introductions represent, as it were, the ‘definitions’ of the symbols concerned, and the eliminations are no more, in the final analysis, than the consequence of these definitions. (Gentzen 1934: 80)

For example, if the only ground for assertion of ‘ p tonk q ’ is given by Prior’s rule:

$$\frac{p}{p \text{ tonk } q} \text{ tonk-I}$$

then Prior mis-stated the elimination-rule. It should read

$$\frac{\frac{p \text{ tonk } q}{r} \quad r}{p} \text{ tonk-E}$$



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Identity is a kind of *indistinguishability*.

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NATURAL DEDUCTION

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$$\frac{\frac{X \succ a = b; Y}{X, Fa \succ Fb; Y} =Df\uparrow_1}{X, Pa \succ Pb; Y} Spec_P^F$$

$$\frac{\frac{X \succ a = b; Y}{X, Fb \succ Fa; Y} =Df\uparrow_2}{X, Pb \succ Pa; Y} Spec_P^F$$

$$\frac{\frac{\Pi}{a = b} \quad Pa}{Pb} =E_1$$

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NATURAL DEDUCTION

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$$\frac{X \succ A[x/a]; Y}{X \succ (\lambda x.A)a; Y} \lambda Df$$

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$$\frac{\succ a = a;}{\succ (\lambda x.x = a)a;} \lambda Df\downarrow \quad \frac{a = b, (\lambda x.x = a)a \succ (\lambda x.x = a)b;}{a = b \succ (\lambda x.x = a)b;} Spec_{(\lambda x.x=a)}^F$$

$$\frac{\succ (\lambda x.x = a)a; \quad a = b \succ (\lambda x.x = a)b;}{a = b \succ b = a;} \lambda Df\uparrow \quad Cut$$

$=Df\downarrow$ is $=R$

$$\frac{X, Fa \succ Fb; Y \quad X, Fb \succ Fa; Y}{X \succ a = b; Y} =Df\downarrow$$

Deriving the $=L$ rules

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{a = b \succ a = b;}{a = b, Fa \succ Fb;} =Df_{\uparrow} \\
 \frac{a = b, Fa \succ Fb;}{a = b, Pa \succ Pb;} Spec_P^F \\
 \frac{X \succ Pa; Y \quad a = b, Pa \succ Pb;}{a = b, X \succ Pb; Y} Cut \\
 \frac{a = b, X \succ Pb; Y \quad X', Pb \succ Z'}{a = b, X, X' \succ Z', Y} Cut
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 \frac{a = b, X \succ Pb; Y \quad X', Pb \succ Z'}{a = b, X, X' \succ Z', Y} =Cut
 \end{array}$$

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With these Left/Right Rules . . .

Spec is height-preserving admissible.

We can eliminate *Cut*, as usual.

But eliminating *Cut* hardly seems worth it!

$$\frac{X, Fa \succ Fb; Y \quad X, Fb \succ Fa; Y}{X \succ a = b; Y} =_R$$

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For *analytic* rules, we must look elsewhere.

IDENTITY AXIOMS

From Rules to *Axioms*: From $=R$ to *Ref*

$$\frac{}{\succ \mathbf{a} = \mathbf{a};} \textit{Refl}$$

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$$\frac{}{\succ a = a;} \text{Ref}$$

$$\frac{Fa \succ Fa; \quad Fa \succ Fa;}{\succ a = a;} =R$$

From *Refl* to $=R$

Replace this:

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \Delta_1 \\ X, Fa \succ Fb; Y \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \Delta_2 \\ X, Fb \succ Fa; Y \end{array}}{X \succ a = b; Y} =R$$

From *RefI* to $=R$

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$$\frac{\Delta_1 \quad \Delta_2}{X, Fa \succ Fb; Y \quad X, Fb \succ Fa; Y} =R \\ X \succ a = b; Y$$

With this:

$$\frac{\frac{\text{---}}{\succ a = a; \text{---}} \text{RefI} \quad \Delta_1 [F/\lambda x. (a = x)]}{\frac{\frac{\text{---}}{\succ \lambda x. (a = x) a; \text{---}} \lambda R \quad X, \lambda x. (a = x) a \succ \lambda x. (a = x) b; Y}{X \succ \lambda x. (a = x) b; Y} \text{Cut}} \lambda R \\ X \succ a = b; Y$$

From $=_L$ to $=_{L.ax}$ and back.

$$\frac{}{a = b, Pa \succ Pb;} =_{L.ax_1} \qquad \frac{}{a = b, Pb \succ Pa;} =_{L.ax_2}$$

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$$\frac{X \succ Pb; Y \quad \frac{}{a = b, Pb \succ Pa;} =L.ax_2}{a = b, X \succ Pa; Y} Cut \quad \frac{a = b, X \succ Pa; Y \quad X', Pa \succ Z'}{a = b, X, X' \succ Z', Y} Cut$$

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 \frac{}{a = b, Pa \wedge Qa \succ Pb;} \wedge L \quad \frac{}{a = b, Pa \wedge Qa \succ Qb;} \wedge L \\
 \frac{}{a = b, Pa \wedge Qa \succ Pa \wedge Qb;} \wedge R \\
 \frac{}{a = b, \lambda x.(Px \wedge Qx)a \succ \lambda x.(Px \wedge Qx)b;} \lambda
 \end{array}$$

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$$\frac{\frac{\frac{}{a = b, Pb \succ Pa;}}{a = b, Pb, \neg Pa \succ ;} \neg L}{a = b, \neg Pa \succ \neg Pb;} \neg R}{a = b, \lambda x. (\neg Px)a \succ \lambda x. (\neg Px)b;} \lambda$$

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$$\frac{\frac{\frac{}{a = b, Pac \succ Pbc} =L.ax_2}{a = b, \forall y Pay \succ Pbc} \neg L}{a = b, \forall y Pay \succ \forall y Pby} \neg R \quad \frac{}{a = b, \lambda x. (\forall y Pxy) a \succ \lambda x. (\forall y Pxy) b} \lambda$$

Identity *axioms* in Natural Deduction

SEQUENT CALCULUS

$$\frac{}{\succ a = a;}^{RefI}$$

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$$a = a$$

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