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My Aim

To introduce *natural deduction with alternatives*,
a well-behaved single-conclusion natural deduction
framework for a range of logical systems,
including *classical*, *linear*, *relevant* logic and *affine* logic,
by varying the policy for managing discharging of
assumptions and retrieval of alternatives.

Natural Deduction with Alternatives

Weakening and Explosion

Varieties of Conjunction

Contraction, Composition, and Assumptions

NATURAL DEDUCTION WITH ALTERNATIVES

Gentzen–Prawitz Natural Deduction

$$\dfrac{\dfrac{\dfrac{[A \wedge \neg B]^1}{\neg B}\,{\scriptstyle \wedge E} \qquad \dfrac{A \to B \qquad \dfrac{[A \wedge \neg B]^1}{A}\,{\scriptstyle \wedge E}}{B}\,{\scriptstyle \to E}}{\sharp}\,{\scriptstyle \neg E}}{\neg(A \wedge \neg B)}\,{\scriptstyle \neg I^1}$$

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Natural Deduction Rules

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$$A \qquad\qquad \dfrac{\begin{matrix}[A]^i \\ \Pi \\ B\end{matrix}}{A \to B}\,{\to}I^i \qquad\qquad \dfrac{\begin{matrix}\Pi \\ A \to B\end{matrix} \qquad \begin{matrix}\Pi' \\ A\end{matrix}}{B}\,{\to}E$$

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$$\dfrac{\dfrac{\dfrac{[A \land \neg B]^1}{\neg B}{\scriptstyle \land E} \qquad \dfrac{A \to B \qquad \dfrac{[A \land \neg B]^1}{A}{\scriptstyle \land E}}{B}{\scriptstyle \to E}}{\sharp}{\scriptstyle \neg E}}{\neg(A \land \neg B)}{\scriptstyle \neg I^1}$$

$$A \to B \succ \neg(A \land \neg B)$$

Natural Deduction and Sequents

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$$A \to B, A \land \neg B \succ$$

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There's no proof from $\neg(A \wedge \neg B)$ back to $A \rightarrow B$.

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What does that mean for proofs?

Folding Multiple Conclusion Sequents

$P_1, P_2 \succ C_1, C_2$ *can become* $P_1, P_2, \cancel{C_1} \succ C_2$

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Proofs *with alternatives* have *formulas* or *slashed formulas* at the leaves, and either one formula, or $\sharp$ as a conclusion.

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We add the *store* and *retrieve* rules and keep the other rules *fixed*.

The store and retrieve rules are the only rules that manipulate alternatives.

$$\dfrac{\dfrac{\dfrac{\neg(A \wedge \neg B) \qquad \dfrac{[A]^3 \qquad \dfrac{\dfrac{[B]^1 \qquad [\cancel{B}]^2}{\sharp}\uparrow}{\neg B}\neg I^1}{A \wedge \neg B}\wedge I}{\sharp}\neg E}{B}\downarrow^2}{A \to B}\to I^3$$

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$B \succ \; ; B$

An Example Proof

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$\succ \neg B; B$

$$
\begin{prooftree}
\AxiomC{$\neg(A \land \neg B)$}
\AxiomC{$[A]^3$}
\AxiomC{$[B]^1$}
\AxiomC{$[\cancel{B}]^2$}
\RightLabel{$\uparrow$}
\BinaryInfC{$\sharp$}
\RightLabel{$\neg I^1$}
\UnaryInfC{$\neg B$}
\RightLabel{$\land I$}
\BinaryInfC{$A \land \neg B$}
\RightLabel{$\neg E$}
\BinaryInfC{$\sharp$}
\RightLabel{$\downarrow^2$}
\UnaryInfC{B}
\RightLabel{$\rightarrow I^3$}
\UnaryInfC{$A \rightarrow B$}
\end{prooftree}
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$\neg(A \land \neg B) \succ A \to B;$

WEAKENING AND EXPLOSION

Paradoxes of Relevance

$p \succ q \to p$

$p, \neg p \succ q$

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$p \succ q \rightarrow p$

$p, \neg p \succ q$

$$\frac{p}{q \rightarrow p}\, {\rightarrow}I$$

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$p, \neg p \succ q$

$$\frac{p}{q \to p}\,{\to}I$$

$$\dfrac{\dfrac{\neg p \qquad p}{\sharp}\,\neg E}{q}\,\sharp E$$

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Discharge Policies

	DUPLICATES	NO DUPLICATES
VACUOUS	*Standard*	*Affine*
NO VACUOUS	*Relevant*	*Linear*

VARIETIES OF CONJUNCTION

Conjunction and Weakening

$$\dfrac{\dfrac{\dfrac{p \qquad [q]^1}{p \wedge q}\wedge I}{p}\wedge E}{q \to p}\to I^1$$

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Don't use $\wedge I$ with $\wedge E$ if you want to avoid weakening!

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$$\frac{X \succ A; Y \qquad X' \succ B; Y'}{X, X' \succ A \otimes B; Y, Y'}\otimes R$$

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$$\dfrac{A \sqcap B}{A}\,{\sqcap}E \qquad \dfrac{A \sqcap B}{B}\,{\sqcap}E \qquad \dfrac{\begin{array}{c} X, \cancel{Y} \\ \Pi_1 \\ A \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{c} X, \cancel{Y} \\ \Pi_2 \\ B \end{array}}{A \sqcap B}\,{\sqcap}I$$

$$\dfrac{X, A \succ C; Y}{X, A \sqcap B \succ C; Y}\,{\sqcap}L \qquad \dfrac{X, B \succ C; Y}{X, A \sqcap B \succ C; Y}\,{\sqcap}L \qquad \dfrac{X \succ A; Y \qquad X \succ B; Y}{X \succ A \sqcap B; Y}\,{\sqcap}R$$

Combining Assumptions

$$\dfrac{\begin{array}{c} X, \cancel{Y} \\ \Pi_1 \\ A \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{c} X, \cancel{Y} \\ \Pi_2 \\ B \end{array}}{A \sqcap B}\sqcap I$$

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CONTRACTION, COMPOSITION, AND ASSUMPTIONS

Let's take a closer look at contraction

$$
\dfrac{\dfrac{[p]^1 \qquad [p]^1}{p \otimes p}\,{\otimes}I}{p \to (p \otimes p)}\,{\to}I
$$

$$
\dfrac{\dfrac{\dfrac{p \succ p \qquad p \succ p}{p, p \succ p \otimes p}\,{\otimes}R}{p \succ p \otimes p}\,W}{\succ p \to (p \otimes p)}\,{\to}I
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We can *identify* assumptions before discharging them.

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Here, proofs come with *equivalence classes*
on formula occurrences in the leaves, indicated by labelling.

Distinguishing two senses of *assumption*

- The *act* of assuming p.
- The *content* p assumed.
  - If the acts are the same, the contents are too.
  - But different acts can share the same content.

Back to $\sqcap I$

$$\dfrac{\begin{matrix} X^{\alpha}, \cancel{Y}^{\beta} \\ \Pi_1 \\ A \end{matrix} \qquad \begin{matrix} X^{\alpha}, \cancel{Y}^{\beta} \\ \Pi_2 \\ B \end{matrix}}{A \sqcap B}\,\sqcap I$$

Here, α and β *identify* the labellings in X and $\cancel{Y}$ respectively.
The equivalence relation links one class in Π_1 with one class in Π_2.

Compare with $\otimes I$

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} X^{\alpha}, \cancel{Y}^{\beta} \\ \Pi_1 \\ A \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{c} X'^{\alpha'}, \cancel{Y'}^{\beta'} \\ \Pi_2 \\ B \end{array}}{A \otimes B}\ \otimes I$$

Here, the labellings α, β and α', β' are *disjoint* if we do not allow *contraction* as a structural rule.

The equivalence classes in the two proofs are kept disjoint.

Compare

$$\cfrac{\cfrac{\cfrac{p \sqcap (q \sqcap r)^1}{p}\,\sqcap E \qquad \cfrac{\cfrac{p \sqcap (q \sqcap r)^1}{q \sqcap r}\,\sqcap E}{q}\,\sqcap E}{p \sqcap q}\,\sqcap I \qquad \cfrac{\cfrac{p \sqcap (q \sqcap r)^1}{q \sqcap r}\,\sqcap E}{r}\,\sqcap E}{(p \sqcap q) \sqcap r}\,\sqcap I$$

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Thank you!

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