

# Terms for Classical Sequents

## Proof Invariants & Strong Normalisation

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## My Aim

To introduce a new *invariant*  
for classical propositional proofs  
and to show how they can be used.

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## Today's Plan

Background

Preterms

Derivations

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Eliminating Cuts

Strong Normalisation

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# BACKGROUND

When is  $\pi_1$  the same proof as  $\pi_2$ ?

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \frac{p \succ p}{p \succ p \vee q} \vee R & \frac{p \wedge q}{p} \wedge E & \frac{p \succ p}{p \wedge q \succ p} \wedge L \\ \frac{p \succ p \vee q}{p \wedge q \succ p \vee q} \wedge L & \frac{p}{p \vee q} \vee I & \frac{p \wedge q \succ p}{p \wedge q \succ p \vee q} \vee R \\ \\ \frac{q \succ q}{q \succ p \vee q} \vee R & \frac{p \wedge q}{q} \wedge E & \frac{q \succ q}{p \wedge q \succ q} \wedge L \\ \frac{q \succ p \vee q}{p \wedge q \succ p \vee q} \wedge L & \frac{q}{p \vee q} \vee I & \frac{p \wedge q \succ q}{p \wedge q \succ p \vee q} \vee R \end{array}$$

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When is  $\pi_1$  the same proof as  $\pi_2$ ?

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \frac{p \vee q}{p \vee q} \vee I & \frac{[p]^1}{q \vee p} \vee I & \frac{[q]^1}{q \vee p} \vee I \\ \frac{q \vee p}{(q \vee p) \vee r} \vee I & \frac{[p]^1}{q \vee p} \vee I & \frac{[q]^1}{q \vee p} \vee I \\ \frac{p \vee q}{(q \vee p) \vee r} \vee I & \frac{q \vee p}{(q \vee p) \vee r} \vee I & \frac{q \vee p}{(q \vee p) \vee r} \vee I \end{array}$$

Are these *different proofs*, or *different ways of presenting the same proof*?

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## Girard, Lafont and Taylor: *Proofs and Types*, Chapter 2

Natural deduction is a slightly paradoxical system: it is limited to the intuitionistic case (in the classical case it has no particularly good properties) but it is only satisfactory for the  $(\wedge, \Rightarrow, \vee)$  fragment of the language: we shall defer consideration of  $\vee$  and  $\exists$  until chapter 10. Yet disjunction and existence are the two most *typically* intuitionistic connectors!

The basic idea of natural deduction is an asymmetry: a proof is a vaguely tree-like structure (this view is more a graphical illusion than a mathematical reality, but it is a pleasant illusion) with one or more hypotheses (possibly none) but a single conclusion. The deep symmetry of the calculus is shown by the *introduction* and *elimination* rules which match each other exactly. Observe, incidentally, that with a tree-like structure, one can always decide uniquely what was the *last* rule used, which is something we could not say if there were several conclusions.

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## Lambda Terms and Proofs

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{[x : p \supset (q \supset r)]}{xz : q \supset r} \supset E \quad \frac{[z : p]}{yz : q} \supset E}{(xz)(yz) : r} \supset I}{\lambda z (xz)(yz) : (p \supset q) \supset (p \supset r)} \supset I$$

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## Contraction and weakening are managed by variables

$$\frac{\frac{[x:p]}{\lambda y x: q \supset p} \supset I}{\lambda x \lambda y x: p \supset (q \supset p)} \supset I \quad \frac{\frac{x: p \supset (p \supset q) \quad [y:p]}{xy: p \supset q} \supset E \quad \frac{(xy)y: q}{\lambda y (xy)y: p \supset q} \supset I}{\lambda y (xy)y: p \supset q} \supset E$$

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## Classical Sequent Derivations

$$\frac{\frac{p \supset p}{\supset p, \neg p} \neg R}{\supset p \vee \neg p} \vee R \quad \frac{\frac{p \supset p}{p, \neg p \supset} \neg L}{p \wedge \neg p \supset} \wedge L$$

$$\frac{\frac{q \supset q \quad r \supset r}{p \supset p \quad q \vee r \supset q, r} \vee L}{\frac{p, q \vee r \supset p \wedge q, r}{p \wedge (q \vee r) \supset p \wedge q, r} \wedge R} \wedge L$$

$$\frac{p \wedge (q \vee r) \supset p \wedge q, r}{p \wedge (q \vee r) \supset (p \wedge q) \vee r} \vee R$$

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## Sequents and Terms

$$X \supset Y \quad X \supset A, Y \quad X, A \supset Y$$

Where do you put the *variables*,  
and where do you put the *terms*?

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## Our Choice

$$\pi(x_1, \dots, x_n)[y_1, \dots, y_m]$$

$$x_1 : A_1, \dots, x_n : A_n \supset y_1 : B_1, \dots, y_m : B_m$$

Each premise and conclusion is decorated with variables.

The *sequent* gets the term, showing how inputs & outputs  
are connected, with as much parallelism as possible.

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## Example 1

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{x \curvearrowright x}{x: p \supset x: p} \quad \frac{\frac{y \curvearrowright y}{y: q \supset y: q} \quad \frac{z \curvearrowright z}{z: r \supset z: r}}{w: q \vee r \supset y: q, z: r} \vee L}{\frac{Lw \curvearrowright y \quad Rw \curvearrowright z}{w: q \vee r \supset y: q, z: r} \wedge R} \wedge R$$

$$\frac{\frac{x \curvearrowright Fv \quad Lw \curvearrowright Sv \quad Rw \curvearrowright z}{x: p, w: q \vee r \supset v: p \wedge q, z: r} \wedge L}{\frac{Fu \curvearrowright Fv \quad LSu \curvearrowright Sv \quad RSu \curvearrowright z}{u: p \wedge (q \vee r) \supset v: p \wedge q, z: r} \wedge L} \wedge L$$

$$\frac{Fu \curvearrowright FLt \quad LSu \curvearrowright SLt \quad RSu \curvearrowright Rt}{u: p \wedge (q \vee r) \supset t: (p \wedge q) \vee r} \vee R$$

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## Example 2

$$\frac{\frac{x \curvearrowright x}{x: p \supset x: p} \quad \frac{x \curvearrowright x}{x: p \supset x: p}}{x: p \supset y: p \wedge p} \wedge R$$

$$\frac{\frac{z \curvearrowright z}{z: p \supset z: p}}{w: p \wedge p \supset z: p} \wedge L$$

$$\frac{x: p \supset y: p \wedge p \quad w: p \wedge p \supset z: p}{x \curvearrowright F \bullet \quad x \curvearrowright S \bullet \quad F \bullet \curvearrowright z} \text{Cut}$$

$$x: p \supset z: p$$

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# PRETERMS

- ▶ For each formula  $A$ ,  $x_1^A, x_2^A, \dots$  are VARIABLES of type  $A$ .
- ▶ For each formula  $A$ ,  $\bullet_1^A, \bullet_2^A, \dots$  are CUT POINTS of type  $A$ .
- We use  $x, y, z, u, v, w, \dots; \bullet, \star, *, \sharp, b$  as schematic letters for variables and cut points, omitting type superscripts where possible.

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## Nodes and Subnodes

- ▶ A variable  $x$  of type  $A$  and a cut point  $\bullet$  of type  $A$  are both  $A$  NODES.
- ▶ If  $n$  is an  $A \wedge B$  node, then  $Ln$  is an  $A$  node and  $Rn$  is a  $B$  node.
- ▶ If  $n$  is an  $A \vee B$  node, then  $Fn$  is an  $A$  node and  $Sn$  is a  $B$  node.
- ▶ If  $n$  is an  $A \supset B$  node, then  $An$  is an  $A$  node and  $Cn$  is a  $B$  node.
- ▶ If  $n$  is a  $\neg A$  node, then  $Nn$  is an  $A$  node.
- ▶ For each complex node  $Ln, Rn, Fn, Sn, An, Cn$  and  $Nn$ ,  $n$  is its IMMEDIATE subnode, and the subnodes of  $n$  are also subnodes of the original node.

## Linkings, Inputs and Outputs

- ▶ A LINKING is a pair  $n \curvearrowright m$  of nodes of the same type.
- ▶ In  $n \curvearrowright m$ ,  $n$  is in INPUT POSITION, and  $m$  is in OUTPUT POSITION.
- ▶ Positions generalise to subnodes as follows:
  - ▶ If  $Ln, Rn, Fn, Sn$  or  $Cn$  are in *input position*,  $n$  is also in *input position*.
  - ▶ If  $Ln, Rn, Fn, Sn$  or  $Cn$  are in *output position*,  $n$  is also in *output position*.
    - $L, R, F, S$  and  $C$  each *preserve position*.
  - ▶ If  $An$  or  $Nn$  is in *input position*,  $n$  is in *output position*.
  - ▶ If  $An$  or  $Nn$  is in *output position*,  $n$  is in *input position*.
    - $A$  and  $N$  *reverse position*.
- ▶ The INPUTS (OUTPUTS) of a linking are the *variables* in INPUT (OUTPUT) position of that linking.

## Example Linkings

$x$  of type  $((p \supset q) \supset p) \supset p$

$AAx \curvearrowright Cx$

$CAx \curvearrowright Cx$

## Preterms

- ▶ DEFINITION: A PRETERM is a finite set of linkings.
- The INPUTS of a preterm are the inputs of its linkings.
- Its OUTPUTS are the outputs of its linkings.

# DERIVATIONS

## Annotating Derivations: Identity

$\Sigma, x : A \succ y : A, \Delta$

## Annotating Derivations: Conjunction

$$\frac{\frac{\pi(x, y)}{\Sigma, x : A, y : B \succ \Delta}}{\Sigma, z : A \wedge B \succ \Delta} \wedge L \quad \frac{\frac{\pi[x]}{\Sigma \succ x : A, \Delta} \quad \frac{\pi'[y]}{\Sigma' \succ y : B, \Delta'}}{\Sigma, \Sigma' \succ z : A \wedge B, \Delta, \Delta'} \wedge R$$

## Excursus on Weakening and Variables

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{[x : p]}{\lambda y x : q \supset p} \supset I}{\lambda x \lambda y x : p \supset (q \supset p)} \supset I}{\frac{\frac{\pi(x, y)}{\Sigma, x : A, y : B \succ \Delta}}{\Sigma, z : A \wedge B \succ \Delta} \wedge L} \text{ can be } \frac{\frac{\pi(x)}{\Sigma, x : A \succ \Delta}}{\Sigma, z : A \wedge B \succ \Delta} \wedge L$$

In a premise  $\pi(x, y)$  the indicated  $x$  and  $y$  display all of the  $x$  and  $y$  inputs to the proof term.

There might be *none*.

## Annotating Derivations: Negation

$$\frac{\pi[x]}{\Sigma \succ x : A, \Delta} \neg L \quad \frac{\pi(x)}{\Sigma, x : A \succ \Delta} \neg R$$

$$\frac{\pi[Nz]}{\Sigma, z : \neg A \succ \Delta} \quad \frac{\pi(Nz)}{\Sigma \succ z : \neg A, \Delta}$$

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## Annotating Derivations: Disjunction

$$\frac{\pi(x) \quad \pi'(y)}{\Sigma, x : A \succ \Delta \quad \Sigma', y : B \succ \Delta'} \vee L \quad \frac{\pi[x, y]}{\Sigma \succ x : A, y : B, \Delta} \vee R$$

$$\frac{\pi(Lz) \quad \pi'(Rz)}{\Sigma, \Sigma', z : A \vee B \succ \Delta, \Delta'} \quad \frac{\pi[Lz, Rz]}{\Sigma \succ z : A \vee B, \Delta}$$

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## Annotating Derivations: Conditional

$$\frac{\pi[x] \quad \pi'(y)}{\Sigma \succ x : A, \Delta \quad \Sigma', y : B \succ \Delta'} \supset L \quad \frac{\pi(x)[y]}{\Sigma, x : A \succ y : B, \Delta} \supset R$$

$$\frac{\pi[Az] \quad \pi'(Lz)}{\Sigma, \Sigma', z : A \supset B \succ \Delta, \Delta'} \quad \frac{\pi(Az)[Cz]}{\Sigma \succ z : A \supset B, \Delta}$$

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## Example Annotation

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{x \frown x}{x : p \succ x : p} \quad \frac{\frac{\frac{y \frown y}{y : q \succ y : q} \quad \frac{z \frown z}{z : r \succ z : r}}{Lw \frown y \quad Rw \frown z} \vee L}{\frac{Lw \frown y \quad Rw \frown z}{w : q \vee r \succ y : q, z : r} \wedge R} \wedge L$$

$$\frac{\frac{x \frown Fv \quad Lw \frown Sv \quad Rw \frown z}{x : p, w : q \vee r \succ v : p \wedge q, z : r} \wedge L}{\frac{Fu \frown Fv \quad Lsu \frown Sv \quad Rsu \frown z}{u : p \wedge (q \vee r) \succ v : p \wedge q, z : r} \vee R} \vee R$$

$$\frac{Fu \frown Flt \quad Lsu \frown Slt \quad Rsu \frown Rt}{u : p \wedge (q \vee r) \succ t : (p \wedge q) \vee r}$$

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## Annotating Derivations: Cut

$$\frac{\pi[x] \quad \pi'(y)}{\Sigma \succ x : A, \Delta \quad \Sigma', y : A \succ \Delta'} \text{Cut}$$

$$\frac{\pi[\bullet] \quad \pi'(\bullet)}{\Sigma, \Sigma' \succ \Delta, \Delta'}$$

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## Identify Terms up to $\alpha$ equivalence

If  $\pi$  can be transformed into  $\pi'$  by relabelling cut points we treat them as identical (they are  $\alpha$  equivalent).

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## Example Annotation, with Cut

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{x \frown x}{x : p \succ x : p} \quad \frac{x \frown x}{x : p \succ x : p}}{Ly \frown x \quad Ry \frown x} \vee L \quad \frac{\frac{\frac{x \frown x}{x : p \succ x : p} \quad \frac{x \frown x}{x : p \succ x : p}}{x \frown Fz \quad x \frown Sz} \wedge R$$

$$\frac{\frac{Ly \frown x \quad Ry \frown x}{y : p \vee p \succ x : p} \quad \frac{x \frown Fz \quad x \frown Sz}{x : p \succ z : p \wedge p}}{Ly \bullet \quad Ry \bullet \quad \bullet \frown Fz \quad \bullet \frown Sz} \text{Cut}$$

$$y : p \vee p \succ z : p \wedge p$$

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## When is $\pi_1$ the same proof as $\pi_2$ (revisited)?

$$\frac{\frac{z \frown z}{z : p \succ z : p} \vee R \quad \frac{z \frown Ly}{z : p \succ y : p \vee q} \wedge L}{\frac{Fx \frown Ly}{x : p \wedge q \succ y : p \vee q} \wedge L} \wedge L$$

$$\frac{p \wedge q}{p \vee q} \wedge E \quad \frac{p}{p \vee q} \vee I$$

$$\frac{\frac{z \frown z}{z : p \succ z : p} \vee R \quad \frac{Fx \frown z}{x : p \wedge q \succ z : p} \wedge L}{\frac{Fx \frown Ly}{x : p \wedge q \succ y : p \vee q} \wedge L} \wedge L$$

$$\frac{\frac{w \frown w}{w : q \succ w : q} \vee R \quad \frac{w \frown Ry}{w : q \succ y : p \vee q} \wedge L}{\frac{Sx \frown Ry}{x : p \wedge q \succ y : p \vee q} \wedge L} \wedge L$$

$$\frac{p \wedge q}{p \vee q} \wedge E \quad \frac{q}{p \vee q} \vee I$$

$$\frac{\frac{w \frown w}{w : q \succ w : q} \vee R \quad \frac{Sx \frown w}{x : p \wedge q \succ w : q} \wedge L}{\frac{Sx \frown Ry}{x : p \wedge q \succ y : p \vee q} \wedge L} \wedge L$$

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When is  $\pi_1$  the same proof as  $\pi_2$  (revisited)?

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{p \vee q \quad \frac{[p]^1}{q \vee p} \vee I \quad \frac{[q]^1}{q \vee p} \vee I}{q \vee p} \vee E^1 \\
 \frac{q \vee p}{(q \vee p) \vee r} \vee I \\
 \frac{\frac{x \curvearrowright x}{x : p \succ x : p} \vee R \quad \frac{y \curvearrowright y}{y : q \succ y : q} \vee R}{\frac{x \curvearrowright Rz}{x : p \succ z : q \vee p} \quad \frac{y \curvearrowright Lz}{y : q \succ z : q \vee p}} \vee L \\
 \frac{Lw \curvearrowright Rz \quad Rw \curvearrowright Lz}{w : p \vee q \succ z : q \vee p} \vee R \\
 \frac{Lw \curvearrowright RLu \quad Rw \curvearrowright LLu}{w : p \vee q \succ u : (q \vee p) \vee r} \vee R
 \end{array}$$

When is  $\pi_1$  the same proof as  $\pi_2$  (revisited)?

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{p \vee q \quad \frac{[p]^1}{q \vee p} \vee I \quad \frac{[q]^1}{q \vee p} \vee I}{(q \vee p) \vee r} \vee I \quad \frac{(q \vee p) \vee r}{(q \vee p) \vee r} \vee E^1 \\
 \frac{\frac{x \curvearrowright x}{x : p \succ x : p} \vee R \quad \frac{y \curvearrowright y}{y : q \succ y : q} \vee R}{\frac{x \curvearrowright Rz}{x : p \succ z : q \vee p} \quad \frac{y \curvearrowright LLu}{y : q \succ z : q \vee p}} \vee L \\
 \frac{x \curvearrowright RLu}{x : p \succ u : (q \vee p) \vee r} \quad \frac{y \curvearrowright LLu}{y : q \succ u : (q \vee p) \vee r} \vee L \\
 \frac{Lw \curvearrowright RLu \quad Rw \curvearrowright LLu}{w : p \vee q \succ u : (q \vee p) \vee r} \vee R
 \end{array}$$

## Sequentialisable Preterms

DEFINITION: A preterm is SEQUENTIALISABLE iff it is the conclusion of some derivation.

# TERMS

## Nonsequentialisable Preterms

$$\frac{Lx \curvearrowright Fy \quad Rx \curvearrowright Sy}{x : p \vee q \succ y : p \wedge q}$$

This is connected, but it is not connected *enough*.

## Switching Example

$$\frac{Lx \curvearrowright Fy \quad Rx \curvearrowright Sy}{x : p \vee q \succ y : p \wedge q}$$

$$\frac{Lx \curvearrowright Fy \quad \cancel{Rx \curvearrowright Sy}}{x : p \vee \neg y : p \wedge \neg}$$

$$\frac{\cancel{Lx \curvearrowright Fy} \quad \cancel{Rx \curvearrowright Sy}}{x : p \vee \neg y : \neg \wedge q}$$

$$\frac{\cancel{Lx \curvearrowright Fy} \quad Rx \curvearrowright Sy}{x : \neg \vee q \succ y : p \wedge \neg}$$

$$\frac{\cancel{Lx \curvearrowright Fy} \quad \cancel{Rx \curvearrowright Sy}}{x : \neg \vee q \succ y : \neg \wedge q}$$

## Switchings

- The SWITCHINGS of a preterm  $\pi$  are found by selecting for each pair of subterms  $L_n$  and  $R_n$  in *input* position;  $F_n$  and  $S_n$  in *output* position,  $A_n$  in *output* position and  $C_n$  in *input* position; or the cut point  $\bullet$  (in both *input* and *output* position), one item of the pair to keep, and the other to DELETE.
- A LINKING in a switching of a preterm  $\pi$  SURVIVES if and only if neither side of the link involves a deletion.
- A preterm is SPANNED if every switching has at least one surviving linking.

## Example

$$Fu \curvearrowright FLt \quad LSu \curvearrowright SLt \quad RSu \curvearrowright Rt$$

This has two pairs for switching:

$LSu/RSu$  in *input* position.  $FLt/SLt$  in *output* position.

$$Fu \curvearrowright \cancel{FLt} \quad \cancel{LSu} \curvearrowright SLt \quad RSu \curvearrowright Rt$$

$$Fu \curvearrowright FLt \quad \cancel{LSu} \curvearrowright \cancel{SLt} \quad RSu \curvearrowright Rt$$

$$Fu \curvearrowright \cancel{FLt} \quad LSu \curvearrowright SLt \quad \cancel{RSu} \curvearrowright Rt$$

$$Fu \curvearrowright FLt \quad LSu \curvearrowright \cancel{SLt} \quad \cancel{RSu} \curvearrowright Rt$$

## Terms

DEFINITION: A preterm  $\pi$  is a TERM when it is SPANNED.

## Theorem: Sequentialisable Preterms are Terms

By induction on the derivation sequentialising  $\pi$ .

## Sequentialisable Preterms are Terms: Identity

$$\Sigma, \mathbf{x} : A \succ \mathbf{y} : A, \Delta$$

## Sequentialisable Preterms are Terms: Conjunction

$$\frac{\Sigma, \mathbf{x} : A, \mathbf{y} : B \succ \Delta}{\Sigma, \mathbf{z} : A \wedge B \succ \Delta} \wedge_L \quad \frac{\Sigma \succ \mathbf{x} : A, \Delta \quad \Sigma' \succ \mathbf{y} : B, \Delta'}{\Sigma, \Sigma' \succ \mathbf{z} : A \wedge B, \Delta, \Delta'} \wedge_R$$

## Sequentialisable Preterms are Terms: Negation

$$\frac{\Sigma \succ \mathbf{x} : A, \Delta}{\Sigma, \mathbf{z} : \neg A \succ \Delta} \neg_L \quad \frac{\Sigma, \mathbf{x} : A \succ \Delta}{\Sigma \succ \mathbf{z} : \neg A, \Delta} \neg_R$$

## Sequentialisable Preterms are Terms: Disjunction

$$\frac{\Sigma, \mathbf{x} : A \succ \Delta \quad \Sigma', \mathbf{y} : B \succ \Delta'}{\Sigma, \Sigma', \mathbf{z} : A \vee B \succ \Delta, \Delta'} \vee_L \quad \frac{\Sigma \succ \mathbf{x} : A, \mathbf{y} : B, \Delta}{\Sigma \succ \mathbf{z} : A \vee B, \Delta} \vee_R$$

## Sequentialisable Preterms are Terms: Conditional

$$\frac{\Sigma \succ \mathbf{x} : A, \Delta \quad \Sigma', \mathbf{y} : B \succ \Delta'}{\Sigma, \Sigma', \mathbf{z} : A \supset B \succ \Delta, \Delta'} \supset_L \quad \frac{\Sigma, \mathbf{x} : A \succ \mathbf{y} : B, \Delta}{\Sigma \succ \mathbf{z} : A \supset B, \Delta} \supset_R$$

## Sequentialisable Preterms are Terms: Cut

$$\frac{\Sigma \succ \mathbf{x} : A, \Delta \quad \Sigma', \mathbf{y} : A \succ \Delta'}{\Sigma, \Sigma' \succ \Delta, \Delta'} \text{Cut}$$

## Theorem: Terms are Sequentialisable

By induction on the number of pairs for switching in  $\pi$ .

*Except ...*

$$x \curvearrowright y \quad u \curvearrowright v$$

# ELIMINATING CUTS

## Conjunction Cut Reduction

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\pi[x]}{\Sigma \succ x : A, \Delta} \quad \frac{\pi'[y]}{\Sigma' \succ y : B, \Delta}}{\Sigma, \Sigma' \succ z : A \wedge B, \Delta, \Delta} \wedge_R \quad \frac{\frac{\pi''(u, v)}{\Sigma'', u : A, v : B \succ \Delta''} \wedge_L}{\Sigma'', w : A \wedge B \succ \Delta''} \wedge_L}{\Sigma, \Sigma', \Sigma'' \succ \Delta, \Delta', \Delta''} \text{Cut}$$

reduces to

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\pi[x]}{\Sigma \succ x : A, \Delta} \quad \frac{\pi'[*]}{\Sigma' \succ y : B, \Delta}}{\Sigma', \Sigma'', u : A \succ \Delta', \Delta''} \wedge_L \quad \frac{\pi''(u, v)}{\Sigma'', w : A \wedge B \succ \Delta''} \wedge_L}{\Sigma, \Sigma', \Sigma'' \succ \Delta, \Delta', \Delta''} \text{Cut}$$

## Identity Cut Reduction

$$\frac{\frac{\pi[x]}{\Sigma \succ x : A, \Delta} \quad \frac{\pi'[y]}{\Sigma', y : A \succ z : A, \Delta'}}{\Sigma, \Sigma' \succ z : A, \Delta, \Delta'} \text{Cut}$$

reduces to

$$\Sigma, \Sigma' \succ z : A, \Delta, \Delta'$$

## Difficult Cases: Contraction

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{x \curvearrowright x}{x : p \succ x : p} \quad \frac{x \curvearrowright x}{x : p \succ x : p}}{y : p \vee p \succ x : p} \vee_L \quad \frac{\frac{x \curvearrowright x}{x : p \succ x : p} \quad \frac{x \curvearrowright x}{x : p \succ x : p}}{x : p \succ z : p \wedge p} \wedge_R}{y : p \vee p \succ z : p \wedge p} \text{Cut}$$

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{x \curvearrowright x}{x : p \succ x : p} \quad \frac{x \curvearrowright x}{x : p \succ x : p}}{y : p \vee p \succ x : p} \vee_L \quad \frac{\frac{x \curvearrowright x}{x : p \succ x : p} \quad \frac{x \curvearrowright x}{x : p \succ x : p}}{y : p \vee p \succ x : p} \vee_L}{y : p \vee p \succ z : p \wedge p} \wedge_R$$

## Difficult Cases: Contraction

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{x \curvearrowright x}{x : p \succ x : p} \quad \frac{x \curvearrowright x}{x : p \succ x : p}}{y : p \vee p \succ x : p} \vee_L \quad \frac{\frac{x \curvearrowright x}{x : p \succ x : p} \quad \frac{x \curvearrowright x}{x : p \succ x : p}}{x : p \succ z : p \wedge p} \wedge_R}{y : p \vee p \succ z : p \wedge p} \text{Cut}$$

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{x \curvearrowright x}{x : p \succ x : p} \quad \frac{x \curvearrowright x}{x : p \succ x : p}}{x : p \succ z : p \wedge p} \wedge_R \quad \frac{\frac{x \curvearrowright x}{x : p \succ x : p} \quad \frac{x \curvearrowright x}{x : p \succ x : p}}{x : p \succ z : p \wedge p} \wedge_R}{y : p \vee p \succ z : p \wedge p} \vee_L$$

## Difficult Cases: Weakening

$$\frac{\frac{\pi}{\Sigma \succ \Delta} \quad \frac{\pi'}{\Sigma' \succ \Delta'}}{\Sigma \succ x : A, \Delta \quad \Sigma', y : A \succ \Delta'} \text{Cut}$$

$$\Sigma, \Sigma' \succ \Delta, \Delta'$$

$$\frac{\pi}{\Sigma \succ \Delta} \text{Weak} \quad \frac{\pi}{\Sigma \succ \Delta} \quad \frac{\pi'}{\Sigma' \succ \Delta'} \text{Mix} \quad \frac{\pi'}{\Sigma' \succ \Delta'} \text{Weak}$$

## Back to Sequentialisation

$$\frac{x \curvearrowright y \quad u \curvearrowright v}{x : A \succ y : A \quad u : B \succ v : B} \text{Mix}$$

$$x : A, u : B \succ y : B, v : A$$

## Sequentialisation: Terms with *No* Switchings

The term contains no  $Ln$ ,  $Rn$ ,  $Cn$  and  $\bullet$  in input position or  $Fn$ ,  $Sn$ ,  $An$  and  $\bullet$  in output position.

It has a derivation using the linear rules  $\wedge L$ ,  $\neg L$ ,  $\neg R$ ,  $\vee R$  and  $\supset R$  and *mixes*.

$$\frac{Fy \frown Lz \quad NRz \frown Lz \quad Sy \frown Rz}{y : p \wedge \neg p \supset z : p \vee \neg p}$$

## Terms with No Switchings: Example

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{x \frown x}{x : p \supset x : p} \vee R \quad \frac{\frac{u \frown u}{u : p \supset u : p} \neg R \quad \frac{v \frown v}{v : \neg p \supset v : \neg p} \vee R}{\supset u : p, v : \neg p} \vee R \quad \frac{\frac{v \frown Rz}{v : \neg p \supset z : p \vee \neg p} \wedge L}{\supset z : p \vee \neg p} \vee R \quad \frac{Sy \frown Rz}{y : p \wedge \neg p \supset z : p \vee \neg p} \text{Mix}}{\frac{Fy \frown Lz \quad NRz \frown Lz \quad Sy \frown Rz}{y : p \wedge \neg p \supset z : p \vee \neg p} \text{Mix}}$$

## Terms *with* Switchings

By induction on the number of switched pairs.

Take a switched pair at the *adjacent to variables* or *cut points* (peel away unswitched steps if there aren't any).

$$\frac{\frac{\pi[x](\neg)}{\Sigma \supset x : A, \Delta} \quad \frac{\pi[-](y)}{\Sigma', y : B \supset \Delta'}}{\Sigma, \Sigma', z : A \supset B \supset \Delta, \Delta'} \supset L$$

## Back to Eliminating Cuts: Cuts can be Complicated

$$\frac{\frac{\pi[x, u]}{\supset x : A \wedge B, u : A} \quad \frac{\pi'[x, v]}{\supset x : A \wedge B, v : B} \wedge R \quad \frac{\pi''(y, z, x)}{y : A, z : B, x : A \wedge B \supset} \wedge L}{\frac{\pi[x, Fx] \quad \pi'[x, Sx]}{\supset x : A \wedge B} \quad \frac{\pi''(Fx, Sx, x)}{x : A \wedge B \supset} \text{Cut}}{\frac{\pi[\bullet, F\bullet] \quad \pi'[\bullet, S\bullet] \quad \pi''(F\bullet, S\bullet, \bullet)}{\Sigma \supset \Delta} \text{Cut}}$$

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$$Sz \frown F\bullet \quad Fz \frown S\bullet \quad F\bullet \frown Sx \quad S\bullet \frown Fx \quad Ny \frown \bullet \quad \bullet \frown v$$

$$Sz \frown \star \quad Fz \frown \star \quad \star \frown Sx \quad \star \frown Fx \quad FNy \frown Sx \quad SNy \frown Fx \quad Ny \frown v \quad Sz \frown Fv \quad Fz \frown Sv$$

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- *conditional*: for each  $A\bullet/C\bullet$ , add new cut points  $\star$  and  $*$ . For any  $\bullet \frown n$  add  $l(n)$  for each link  $l(\bullet)$  with  $n$  as input. For any  $n \frown \bullet$  add  $l[n]$  for each link  $l[\bullet]$  with  $n$  as output.

Any reduction for  $\pi$  terminates in a unique\* term  $\pi^*$

- There is *some* terminating reduction process.
- Proof reduction is confluent.
- If  $\pi \rightsquigarrow_{\bullet} \pi'$  and  $\pi \rightsquigarrow_{\star} \pi''$  then there is a  $\pi'''$  where  $\pi' \rightsquigarrow_{\star} \pi'''$  and  $\pi'' \rightsquigarrow_{\bullet} \pi'''$ . (This is where  $\alpha$  equivalence is required.)

# STRONG NORMALISATION



# FURTHER WORK

To Do List

- ▶ Are these genuine *invariants*? (Can we show that if two derivations have the same term, some set of permutations permute one to the other?)
- ▶ Apply these terms to other kinds of proofs (Fitch, Lemmon, tableaux, Hilbert, resolution...)
- ▶ *Categories* (The class of *single input*, *single output* terms with composition by defined by *Cut* + *reduction* is a category. What are its properties?)
- ▶ Apply terms to theories of warrants.
- ▶ Extend beyond propositional logic.

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