

Locus Solum — Quickstart (Parts 1–9)

A contributor-onboarding guide to Ludics (Girard)

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Locus Solum — Part 1 (Contributor Notes)

Scope. Entry point to Girard's **ludics**: from rules of logic to the **logic of rules**. The focus is on **locality** (addresses), **interaction** (plays), and how meaning arises from **what normalizes against what**.

1) Shift of viewpoint

Traditional proof theory starts with **formulas** and **inference rules**. Ludics starts with **interactions** between **actions** at **addresses** (loci), and lets logical structure **emerge** from those interactions.

> Slogan: **from rules of logic → logic of rules**.

2) Loci (addresses)

A **locus** is an address (place) where a move can occur. Addresses branch (e.g., $\sigma \cdot 1$, $\sigma \cdot 2$), supporting independent sub-interactions and explicit locality.

ASCII — branching addresses

$$\begin{array}{l} \sigma \\ \vdash \sigma \cdot 1 \\ \vdash \sigma \cdot 2 \end{array}$$

3) Actions & polarity

An **action** is a move at a locus with a **polarity**:

- **Positive (+)** — offer/open structure (enable a finite set of sub-addresses).
- **Negative (−)** — focus/challenge a specific sub-address.

A special **daimon** \blacklozenge (\perp) can terminate play immediately (technical and conceptual “top”).

ASCII — alternation at a locus

E: − σ	(tester requests at σ)
D: + σ	(design answers / opens)
E: − $\sigma \cdot 1$	(tester focuses left branch)
D: + $\sigma \cdot 1.k$	(design continues under $\sigma \cdot 1$; k in the enabled set)

4) Designs, chronicles, views

A **design** is a proof-like *strategy* built from justified actions at addresses.

- **Chronicle / view**: an observable path (alternating \pm) through a design.
- Designs may be infinite but are **locally finite** and **coherent** (justifications line up, no clashes at an address).

ASCII — design as “what I do where”

Design D:

```
+ σ
+ σ.1
+ σ.2      # σ.2 may be a stub (undeveloped) or developed later
```

5) Interaction, normalization, orthogonality

Running two designs along shared addresses yields **interaction**. The run **normalizes** when it reaches a terminal configuration (often via \blacklozenge).

- **Orthogonality**: $D \perp E$ iff the interaction **converges** (normalizes).
- **Behaviour**: a set B of designs closed under **bi-orthogonality**: $B = B \perp \perp$.

ASCII — success vs failure

Success:

E: $-\sigma$; D: $+\sigma$; E: $-\sigma.1$; D: $+\sigma.1$; ... ; $\blacklozenge \Rightarrow D \perp E$

Failure (stuck):

D only develops $\sigma.2$; E tests $\sigma.1 \rightarrow$ no move at $\sigma.1 \Rightarrow$ no $\blacklozenge \Rightarrow D \not\perp E$

6) Why it matters (orientation)

- **Proofs as programs** at the level of **interaction** (not just λ -terms).
- **Cut = interaction**, **cut-elimination = normalization**.
- **Semantics by tests**: meaning is **what passes all counter-tests**.

> Keep three questions in mind: *at which address? with what polarity? what counter-move would normalize?*

Locus Solum — Part 2 (Contributor Notes)

Scope. The “micro-geometry” of interaction: formalizing **loci**, **polarized actions**, **ramifications/directories**, **chronicles/paths**, and **designs**.

1) Loci and ramifications

A positive action may **enable** a **finite set** of sub-addresses (a **ramification**). The collection of immediately enabled children at the root forms the **directory** of a (negative) behaviour.

ASCII — loci & ramifications

Root σ
(+ , σ , {1,2}) # positive action opens two children

$$\begin{array}{l} \sigma \\ \mid \\ \sigma \cdot 1 \\ \mid \\ \sigma \cdot 2 \end{array}$$

2) Polarized actions (\pm)

- **$(+ , \xi, I)$** — at address ξ , open sub-addresses indexed by finite set I .
- **$(- , \xi, i)$** — focus/respond at $\xi.i$ (for $i \in I$).

Alternation and justification (who enables what, where) govern which chronicles are **coherent**.

3) Chronicles, paths, designs

- **Chronicle**: coherent, alternating \pm sequence at addresses with proper justifications.
- **Path**: a chronicle that is actually **playable**.
- **Design**: a set of chronicles closed under prefixes and coherence; may be infinite but is locally finite.

ASCII — coherence sketch

... + σ enables {1,2}
- $\sigma \cdot 1$ is legal
- $\sigma \cdot 3$ is illegal (not enabled) \rightarrow incoherent

4) Directories and additivity (preview)

At a shared base σ , **with** behaves as **intersection** of behaviours ($B \& C := B \cap C$); **plus** is its polar dual ($B \oplus C := (B \perp \& C \perp) \perp$). The *directory* controls which branches are testable at the top.

ASCII — with = intersection (local)

$\text{Dir}(B) = \{1,2\}$
 $\text{Dir}(C) = \{2,3\}$

Shared, testable branch at $\sigma \cdot 2 \rightarrow B \& C$ keeps exactly what passes $\sigma \cdot 2$ -tests.

5) Implementation nudge

- Represent addresses as dotted strings ($\sigma.1.2$) or lists ($[\sigma, 1, 2]$).
- Record actions as $\{ \text{locus, polarity: '+'|'-', enables?: number[] } \}$.
- A simple **interaction driver** alternates moves at the active address; stop on \diamond or incoherence.

Locus Solum — Part 3 (Contributor Notes)

****Scope.**** The dynamics proper: ****interaction/normalization****, ****orthogonality****, and ****behaviours**** as bi-orthogonally closed sets (types by tests).

1) Interaction as computation

Given a design 'D' and a counter-design 'E' , ****run**** them along shared addresses. The alternation discipline (\pm) and justifications determine the legal next moves.

****Pseudo-driver (ASCII)****

```
while moves remain:
  pick the next active address  $\xi$  on the interface
  if last at  $\xi$  was  $-$ : D must produce  $+$  at  $\xi$  (or  $\blacklozenge$ )
  if last at  $\xi$  was  $+$ : E must answer  $-$  at some  $\xi.i$ 
  if neither can move coherently: fail (non-orthogonal)
  if  $\blacklozenge$  appears: success (convergent)
```

2) Orthogonality

$\text{'D'} \perp \text{'E'}$ iff the run ****converges**** (reaches \blacklozenge or designated success). Orthogonality is ****compatibility**** of strategies.

****ASCII — pass/fail****

```
Pass:    E  $-\sigma$  ; D  $+\sigma$  ; E  $-\sigma.1$  ; D  $+\sigma.1$  ; ... ;  $\blacklozenge$ 
Fail:    E  $-\sigma$  ; D  $+\sigma$  ; E  $-\sigma.1$  ; D ???   (no move)  $\rightarrow$  stuck
```

3) Behaviours via bi-orthogonality

A ****behaviour**** 'B' is a set of designs ****closed under tests of tests****:

$$\begin{aligned} B_{\perp} &= \{ E \mid \forall D \in B, D \perp E \} \\ B_{\perp\perp} &= \{ D \mid \forall E \in B_{\perp}, D \perp E \} \\ B &= B_{\perp\perp} \end{aligned}$$

This gives ****meaning = interaction-stable set**** (types as behaviours).

4) Early consequences

- ****Separation by tests****: designs are determined (observationally) by the tests they pass.
- ****Internal completeness (linear core)****: for additive constructions at a fixed base, bi-closure does not add “mystery” elements—interaction saturates the behaviour.

5) Mini end-to-end example

D:

+ σ	(+ , σ , {1,2})
+ $\sigma \cdot 1$	(+ , $\sigma \cdot 1$, {a})

E:

- σ
- $\sigma \cdot 1$
- $\sigma \cdot 1.a$

Run: E $-\sigma$; D $+\sigma$; E $-\sigma \cdot 1$; D $+\sigma \cdot 1$; E $-\sigma \cdot 1.a$; D $+\sigma \cdot 1.a$; ... ; $\blacklozenge \Rightarrow D \perp E$

Locus Solum — Part 4 (Polished Notes)

Theme. Behaviours and connectives **at loci**: additivity as **set-theoretic** operations (local, directory-aware); multiplicatives via **delocalised composition**; internal completeness for the additive core.

4.1 Behaviours recap (local viewpoint)

- A **behaviour** `B is a set of designs closed under **bi-orthogonality**: $\text{`B} = \text{B} \perp \perp \text{`}$.
- All constructions in this part are **local to a base locus** (say $\text{`}\sigma\text{`}$), where **directories** (immediate enabled children) control what can be tested at the top.

ASCII — Directory at the root

```
(+ ,  $\sigma$ , {1,2,3})    # a positive move enabling children {1,2,3}
Dir(B) = {1,2}        # for a negative behaviour B: tests can target  $\sigma \cdot 1$  or  $\sigma \cdot 2$ 
```

4.2 Additives: **with = intersection**, **plus = dual**

- **Negative additive (with).** On the same base/directory:

$\text{`B} \& \text{C} := \text{B} \cap \text{C`}$

Reading*: a design is in $\text{`B} \& \text{C}$ iff it passes **all** tests admissible at that base for **both** `B and `C .

- **Positive additive (plus).** By polarity:

$\text{`B} \oplus \text{C} := (\text{B} \perp \& \text{C} \perp) \perp \text{`}$.

ASCII — “with = \cap ” at a locus

```
Dir(B) = {1,2}      Dir(C) = {2,3}
Shared testable branch at  $\sigma \cdot 2$  only
→ B & C keeps exactly the designs that pass  $\sigma \cdot 2$ -tests
```

Laws (local, same base).

- Idempotent, commutative, associative **on the nose** (no up-to-iso packaging).
- Monotone in each argument; $\text{`}\&\text{`}$ distributes over arbitrary intersections (closure under \cap).

4.3 Disjointness & delocation

- **Disjoint** (negative) behaviours: $\text{Dir}(B) \cap \text{Dir}(C) = \emptyset$. Then **incarnation** yields a true product:

$|B \& C| \cong |B| \times |C|$ (components develop independently).

- If directories clash, **delocate** (rename the base) to make them disjoint, then apply the additive operation.

ASCII — Delocation recipe

Clash: both open at $\varepsilon \rightarrow \{1\}$

Relabel: $\rho L(G)$ opens at $\varepsilon \cdot L \cdot 1$; $\rho R(H)$ opens at $\varepsilon \cdot R \cdot 1$

Now $\text{Dir}(\rho L(G)) \cap \text{Dir}(\rho R(H)) = \emptyset \rightarrow$ safe to form $\& / \oplus$

4.4 Multiplicatives by delocalised composition (sketch)

- $B \otimes C$ composes support over **independent** sub-bases; tests **factor** component-wise.
- Dual $B \wp C$ via orthogonality.
- Practically: keep addresses separated (σ vs τ); interaction then proceeds in parallel across loci.

4.5 Internal completeness (additive fragment)

For additive constructions at a fixed base, **bi-closure** adds nothing beyond the interaction-generated elements: once the directory and generators are fixed, the behaviour is saturated. This is the “internal completeness” phenomenon that makes additivity algebraic at loci.

4.6 Worked micro-example

Base σ

B requires: respond coherently at $\sigma \cdot 1$

C requires: respond coherently at $\sigma \cdot 2$

$B \& C = B \cap C$

Tester picks $\sigma \cdot 1 \rightarrow$ must normalize (B condition)

Tester picks $\sigma \cdot 2 \rightarrow$ must normalize (C condition)

\rightarrow designs that pass both remain

Locus Solum — Part 5 (Polished Notes)

Theme. Exponentials as **address-level** protocols:
contraction/weakening/dereliction realized by **fresh sub-loci** and **daimon**; “logic of rules” = rules as **behaviours over interaction**.

5.1 Why exponentials look different in ludics

- Structural rules are **implemented at addresses** rather than as global typing rules.
- **Copy** (contraction) = re-enter the same interface under **fresh children**;
discard (weakening) = terminate by **daimon** at that branch; **dereliction** = forget the exponential context for a single use.
- This yields an **operational** exponential: a discipline on **how** you may reuse an address, not a primitive connective in syntax.

ASCII — Copy and discard at addresses

```
Client:    -  $\sigma$ 
Server:    +  $\sigma \mapsto \{\sigma \cdot 0, \sigma \cdot 1\}$     # duplicate the service
Tester:    probes  $\sigma \cdot 0$  and  $\sigma \cdot 1$  independently
Discard:    reply  $\blacklozenge$  at an unused branch (weakening)
```

5.2 Freshness and uniformity

- Duplicated sub-loci must be **fresh** (no aliasing of $\sigma \cdot i$ with $\sigma \cdot j$).
- Behaviour must be **uniform** across copies: tests that target different $\sigma \cdot i$ branches cannot detect illicit asymmetries.

5.3 Rules as behaviours on protocols

View each structural rule as a **behaviour over a protocol** of interaction. Orthogonality enforces the discipline: any admissible tester that focuses a duplicated child must be answered coherently; otherwise the design fails.

5.4 Implementation checklist (engineering)

- Generate **fresh addresses** for each copy; record a bijection back to the parent locus.
- Provide a **driver** that can schedule independent sub-runs on $\sigma \cdot i$.

- Include ****saturation tests**** that pick off each child; acceptance requires convergence on every probed child (or explicit \blacklozenge).

5.5 Mini-scenario

User asks twice at σ

Design opens $\sigma \cdot 0$, $\sigma \cdot 1$

Run 1 on $\sigma \cdot 0$ normalizes to \blacklozenge

Run 2 on $\sigma \cdot 1$ normalizes to \blacklozenge

→ structural use is validated (orthogonal to all such testers)

Locus Solum — Part 6 (Girard)

****Advanced contributor notes**** — interaction-first logic (ludics) through the “C-entries” of the lexicon and essays: ****Completeness (external/internal), Composition (cut), Connectives (layers), Consensus, Consistency/Convergence, Correctness (proof-nets), Curry-Howard, Creative Subject****. [filecite turn3file6](#)

1) Completeness (external vs internal) [filecite turn3file6](#)

- ****External completeness (Π^1 /classical reading).** If a closed Π^1 sentence `B` is **true**, then `B` is **provable** (on the intended proof system).
- ****Internal completeness (ludics).** Work directly with ****designs**** and ****behaviours****: if a design is accepted by the semantics of proofs (i.e., it ****normalizes**** against all tests in $\text{`B}\bot\text{`}$), then it is representable inside the system; equivalently, ****`B = B $\bot\bot`$ **** (up to ****incarnation****).

****ASCII (bi-orthogonality lens).**

Tests: $B\bot = \{ E \mid \forall D \in B, D \bot E \}$
 Validated: $B\bot\bot = \{ D \mid \forall E \in B\bot, D \bot E \} \rightarrow \text{internal completeness: } B = B\bot\bot$

2) Composition of strategies (Cut = play composition)

[filecite turn3file6](#)

- The ****cut rule**** is read as ****running two designs**** against each other along a shared locus/interface, then ****normalizing**** the run.
- In sequent form, composition is the usual cut; in ludics, the object-language is **the interaction itself**.

****ASCII (cut at address ξ).**

$$\begin{array}{c} D_1 \dots \vdash A, \Gamma \qquad D_2 \dots \vdash \Delta, A\bot \\ \hline \dots \vdash \Gamma, \Delta \end{array} \quad \text{cut on } A$$

Ludics driver at locus ξ for $A/A\bot$:

$E: -\xi|A \quad \dots \quad D: +\xi|A\bot \rightarrow \text{alternate moves at } \xi \rightarrow \blacklozenge \text{ (success)} \Rightarrow \text{orthogonality}$

3) Connectives as “socialization” layers [filecite turn3file6](#)

Girard outlines a 3-layer story for building connectives from interaction constraints:

1. **Associative layer** — strict tensor-like composition (fully associative).
2. **Partial (domain-restricted) layer** — operations are total only on compatible loci, but enjoy completeness on that domain.
3. **Spiritual/delocated layer** — add explicit **shifts**/**delocations** to recover completeness without requiring rigid associativity everywhere.

ASCII.

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assoc      : (X ⊗ Y) ⊗ Z  ≡  X ⊗ (Y ⊗ Z)
partial    : X ⊙ Y        (only defined when loci compatible)
spiritual   : X ⊙σ Y      (delocation/shift σ • completeness preserved)

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4) Consensus (rule-following via tests) [filecite](#)[turn3file6](#)

- Ludics is a **game by consensus**: if a run **diverges**, you effectively get a **draw**; to *enforce the rule*, craft **consensus-forcing testers** that make deviations unattractive (they lead to stuck runs elsewhere).

ASCII (tester that “herds” play to $\sigma \cdot 1$).

T: $-\sigma \rightarrow$ expects $-\sigma \cdot 1 \rightarrow$ punishes $-\sigma \cdot 2$ (drives opponent back to the rule)

5) Consistency · Convergence · Correctness (proof-nets)

[filecite](#)[turn3file6](#)

- **Consistency** recedes in favour of **normalization discipline** (cut-elimination style).
- **Convergence**: definitionally central — $D \sqsubseteq E$ iff their interaction **normalizes** (possibly via **daimon** ♦).
- **Correctness (proof-nets)**: **switchings** give a practical sequentialization test; the “Give up” step becomes **daimon** in ludics.

ASCII (switchings idea).

Net --(choose switchings)--> acyclic & connected ? yes \Rightarrow sequentializable

6) Curry–Howard and the “Creative Subject” [filecite](#)[turn3file6](#)

- We keep **proofs-as-programs**, but “programs” are now **designs** run *by interaction*; this is Curry–Howard in the **behavioural** key.
- “Creative Subject” is historical context (Brouwer): a reminder that proofs are **activities**, resonating with ludics’ operational stance.

Implementation hints (repo)

- Treat **functions/specs** as **contracts on interaction** (what tests must be driven to success).
- Build test harnesses as **counter-designs** (including **consensus-forcing** ones).
- When adding connectives, pick your **layer** (assoc/partial/spiritual) and model it with explicit **locus** management (shifts/delocations).

Minimal glossary refresh

- **Orthogonality** $\langle D \sqcap E \rangle$ — the run $\langle D|E \rangle$ **normalizes** (\blacklozenge).
- **Behaviour** — $B = B \perp \perp$ (internal completeness).
- **Delocation / shift** — injective renaming of loci to control compatibility.
- **Switchings** — proof-net test for sequentialization.

Locus Solum — Part 7 (Study Notes)

****Focus:**** separation & incarnation; additives as **local** operations; multiplicatives & exponentials at the level of loci (addresses).

****Source:**** Girard, **Locus Solum: From the rules of logic to the logic of rules** (book manuscript).

> These notes are written for contributors familiar with linear logic and game/interaction semantics. They compress the narrative around **tests**, **orthogonality**, **behaviours**, and **incarnation** as developed in ludics.

1) Separation via tests (orthogonality preorder collapses to an order)

- For designs $\langle D, E \rangle$ on the same base, write $\langle D \preceq E \rangle$ iff ****every**** counter-design that normalizes with $\langle D \rangle$ also normalizes with $\langle E \rangle$:

$$\langle D \preceq E \rangle \text{ iff } D^\perp \subseteq E^\perp$$

- In ludics this observational preorder is ****separating****: equality of orthogonals forces equality of designs up to observational content. Intuition: tests explore **addresses** the same way programs explore memory; a richer design can be told apart by some tester.

****ASCII — intuition for separation****

Tester T probes address $\sigma \cdot 1$
 E answers at $\sigma \cdot 1$; D does not
 $\Rightarrow T \in E^\perp$ but $T \notin D^\perp \Rightarrow D \not\preceq E$

Consequence: designs are determined by the tests they pass; this prepares ****incarnation****.

2) Incarnation: extracting the “material” content of a behaviour

- A ****behaviour**** is a bi-orthogonally closed set $\langle B = B^{\perp\perp} \rangle$ of designs on a base.
- Its ****incarnation**** $\langle |B| \rangle$ keeps only those designs that are **observationally minimal** in $\langle B \rangle$ — i.e., each trace/action is justified by some test.
- Computation view: incarnation cuts off bureaucracy; what remains are the plays that actually **matter** against all tests in $\langle B^{\perp\perp} \rangle$.

****ASCII — behaviour vs incarnation****

B (closed under $\perp\perp$)

├ D_1 (material) \leftarrow kept in $|B|$
├ D_2 (material) \leftarrow kept in $|B|$
└ D_3 (with dead branches) \leftarrow pruned by incarnation

3) Additives are **local** (directories) : with = \cap and plus = dual

Ludics attaches to each (negative) behaviour a ****directory****: the finite set of immediate sub-addresses a first positive action may open at the base locus.

- With:

$\backslash(B \mathbin{\&} C := B \cap C)$ whenever the base/directory is the same.

Semantics: a counter-design must satisfy both sets of tests; intersection is the correct local product.

- Plus:

$\backslash(B \oplus C := (B^{\perp} \mathbin{\&} C^{\perp})^{\perp})$.

Polarity flip: the opponent chooses which branch is probed.

****ASCII — “with = \cap ” at a locus****

Base σ with directory $\{1,2\}$

B requires success at $\sigma \cdot 1$

C requires success at $\sigma \cdot 2$

B & C requires both 1 and 2 (intersection of tests)

****Disjoint case \Rightarrow product on incarnations.****

If $\backslash(B, C)$ are negative with ****disjoint**** directories, then material strategies combine independently:

$\backslash(|B \mathbin{\&} C| \mathbin{\&} |B| \times |C|)$.

4) Multiplicatives & (de)localised composition

Tensor/par arise when plays proceed on ****independent**** sub-bases (addresses that do not interfere). Interaction factors component-wise; separation ensures the components are recoverable from their tests.

- Tensor $\backslash(B \otimes C)$: concurrent support on disjoint subloci.
- Par $\backslash(B \parallel C)$: dual by orthogonality.

5) Exponentials by fresh loci (copy/erase structurally)

Structural rules are **addressed**:

- **Copy** duplicates by opening fresh child loci ($\sigma \cdot 0, \sigma \cdot 1, \dots$) uniformly.
- **Discard** corresponds to immediate success by **daimon** $\backslash(\blacklozenge\backslash)$ on unused branches.

ASCII — copying at addresses

```
(+ ,  $\sigma$ , {0,1,2})    -- spawn three copies
 $\sigma \cdot 0, \sigma \cdot 1, \sigma \cdot 2$     -- each interacts independently under the same discipline
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6) Takeaways for contributors

- Think *observationally*: reason with tests (counter-designs) rather than syntax.
- Use directories to reason about additives; keep an eye on disjointness for products of **incarnations**.
- When modelling resources, place duplication/erasure at **loci**, not as global rules.

Cross-check & scope

These notes match the mid-book exposition where Girard develops separation, incarnation, and the local reading of additives/multiplicatives in ludics. Exact page numbers vary by edition; wording here is normalized for repo docs.

Locus Solum — Part 8 (Study Notes)

Focus: quantifiers and uniformity; internal completeness for linear connectives; the methodological punchline *from rules of logic to logic of rules*.

1) Quantifiers and **uniformity**

Quantified behaviours must be tested in a way that does **not depend** on the particular names/parameters the program sees.

- Idea: a tester for $\forall X. B(X)$ must behave *uniformly* in the choice of X ; in practice one models this by requiring invariance (e.g., PER-style relations or name-freshness regimes) so that no test can “peek” at a private code of X .
- In ludics this is enforced at the **address** level: instantiation introduces fresh subloci, and admissible tests cannot distinguish them beyond the discipline fixed by the behaviour.

ASCII — probing a quantified behaviour

Tester picks a fresh name a , probes at $\sigma \cdot a$
Uniformity \Rightarrow same outcome as any other fresh name b

2) Internal completeness for linear connectives

For the linear fragment, **generators + interaction already saturate the behaviour**: bi-closure adds nothing new.

- Example (sum): any design in $(B \oplus C)$ is observationally just “choose left” or “choose right” at the root; closure under \square is immediate from the testers.
- Moral: locality at addresses plus separation makes the construction of behaviours algebraic rather than completion-heavy.

3) Why “with = \cap ” matters (methodological)

Treating **with** as literal set-intersection at a *locus* removes isomorphism bureaucracy (no need to identify rebracketings etc.). Girard’s slogan *“Nature abhors an isomorphism”* reads here as: the **addressing** already fixes the shape; semantics should follow the geometry of loci, not abstract object equalities.

****ASCII — intersection vs product****

At one locus σ : $B \& C = B \cap C$ (local)
Across disjoint loci: $|B \& C| \cong |B| \times |C|$ (material/product phenomenon)

4) Practical guidance for contributors

- When encoding data or protocols, keep quantifier ****freshness**** and ****uniformity**** explicit in the address space.
- Prefer local algebra ($\cap, \oplus, \otimes, \wp$) computed from directories to high-level identifications “up to iso.”
- Use ****incarnation**** to prune unused branches before proving properties by tests.

Cross-check & scope

The notes summarize the later-book material where Girard treats quantification and the methodological wrap-up, harmonized with standard presentations of Ludics. Exact page numbers vary by edition; wording is adapted for clarity in the repo.

Locus Solum — Part 9 (Synthesis & Outlook)

What this closes: We consolidate the machinery of **ludics**—addresses, actions (\pm), designs, **orthogonality/behaviours**, directories & additivity, multiplicatives, exponentials, and quantification—into a single operational picture and note the main open directions. This is written as an onboarding “last mile” for contributors.

> Core references within our notes: Parts **1–3** for loci/actions/designs/orthogonality; **4** for local additivity and directories; **5** for exponentials at addresses; **6** for completeness/cut/consensus; **7** for separation & incarnation; **8** for quantifiers/uniformity. [filecite\turn6file0](#) [filecite\turn6file1](#) [filecite\turn6file2](#) [filecite\turn6file3](#) [filecite\turn6file4](#) [filecite\turn6file5](#) [filecite\turn6file7](#) [filecite\turn6file8](#)

9.1 Executive summary (one screen)

- **Meaning by tests.** **Designs** (strategies) live at **addresses**; **orthogonality** (= convergent interaction) induces **behaviours** as $B = B \perp \perp$. This is the “logic of rules”: logic emerges from **how** rules play. [filecite\turn6file0](#) [filecite\turn6file2](#)
- **Local algebra at a locus.** **With** is literally **intersection** and **plus** its polar dual, governed by **directories** (top-level ramifications). Disjoint negatives give a **product on incarnations**; clashes are handled by **delocation**. [filecite\turn6file3](#)
- **Resources as addresses.** Exponentials = disciplined **reuse** at addresses (copy to fresh sub-loci; discard via \blacklozenge), with **freshness** + **uniformity** constraints. [filecite\turn6file4](#)
- **Cut = composition.** Composition is literally **run-and-normalize** along shared loci; internal **completeness** is expressed as $B = B \perp \perp$ (up to incarnation). [filecite\turn6file5](#)
- **Separation & incarnation.** Designs are **determined by their tests**; **incarnation** extracts the material core that products “on the nose” under disjointness. [filecite\turn6file7](#)
- **Quantifiers.** Add **uniformity** (fresh-name invariance) so testers can’t peek at parameters. [filecite\turn6file8](#)

9.2 The whole picture on one page (mapping)

- **Address** (ξ) → where play happens (locality & independence). [filecite\turn6file1](#)
- **Action** (\pm) → who moves / offer vs. focus; **daimon** \blacklozenge may terminate. [filecite\turn6file0](#)

- **Design** → set of coherent **chronicles** (alternating \pm with justifications).
`filecite turn6file1`
- **Interaction** → normalize $\langle D \mid E \rangle$; **orthogonality** defines success.
`filecite turn6file2`
- **Behaviour** → $B = B \perp \perp$ (types by tests). `filecite turn6file2`
- **Directory** → set of immediate sub-addresses testable at the root (additivity driver).
`filecite turn6file3`
- **Additives** → $\& = \neg$ (negative), $\oplus = (\cdot \perp \& \cdot \perp) \perp$ (positive). `filecite turn6file3`
- **Multiplicatives** → compose over **independent** bases (tests factor).
`filecite turn6file3`
- **Exponentials** → copy/erase at addresses (freshness + uniformity).
`filecite turn6file4`
- **Separation & Incarnation** → tests determine designs; material core $|B|$ supports **products** under disjointness. `filecite turn6file7`
- **Quantifiers (\forall/\exists)** → families as (co)limits with **uniform** testing (fresh names).
`filecite turn6file8`

9.3 End-to-end worked micro-example (design algebra)

Goal. Specify a tiny service that: *(i)* chooses a branch (\oplus), *(ii)* must also satisfy a side contract ($\&$) at the same locus, and *(iii)* may serve two clients (exponential copy).

Spec (behavioural):

$\text{Svc} := (\text{Color} \oplus \text{Shape}) \& \text{Audit}$ at base σ , with disjoint directories for Color/Shape and Audit . `filecite turn6file3`

ASCII — one interaction (single client).

```

E: -σ                # tester arrives
D: +σ                # design opens directory {color,shape} and {audit}
E: -σ.color          # chooses Color
D: +σ.color.red       # supplies a color
E: -σ.audit          # asks for audit proof
D: +σ.audit.ok        # satisfies audit
... ; ♦              # normalization success  $\Rightarrow D \perp E$ 

```

Copy to two clients ($\sigma \cdot 0$, $\sigma \cdot 1$).

```

D: +σ  $\mapsto$  {σ·0, σ·1}    # duplicate service (fresh sub-loci)
E0 probes σ·0.color ; E1 probes σ·1.audit
D answers both coherently; if either gets stuck  $\rightarrow$  non-orthogonal

```

This illustrates **\oplus** , **$\&$** , and **!** at the **address** level. `filecite turn6file3`
`filecite turn6file4`

9.4 Common failure modes (what to test for)

- **Undeveloped branch at a tested address** → stuck run (no \diamond) = not orthogonal. Write a test that explicitly probes every directory entry. [filecite\[turn6file2\]](#)
- **Alias in copies** (reuse σ_0 as σ_1) → violates freshness; include testers that distinguish copies. [filecite\[turn6file4\]](#)
- **Non-uniform quantifier use** → behaviour depends on the actual name; vary the fresh name in the tester. [filecite\[turn6file8\]](#)
- **Forgot to delocate** when directories clash → additive composition not well-founded; add a renaming step. [filecite\[turn6file3\]](#)

9.5 Directions beyond this quickstart (very brief)

- **Repetitions/measure-theoretic variants** for modelling non-determinism or probability while preserving separation by tests.
- **Program logics & session types** from behaviours (using directories as protocol menus).
- **Bridging to proof-nets** with richer correctness criteria tied to locality and daimon. [filecite\[turn6file5\]](#)

9.6 Takeaway for Mesh contributors

- Treat a component as a **design**, its API as a **behaviour**, and testing as **counter-designs** exercising directories and copies.
- Use the **local algebra** ($\mathcal{N}/\oplus/\otimes/\wp$) at addresses and add **delocation** automatically when composing.
- Keep **freshness** and **uniformity** explicit in the code paths that correspond to duplication and quantification. [filecite\[turn6file3\]](#) [filecite\[turn6file4\]](#) [filecite\[turn6file8\]](#)