



Up and Down the Lambek Calculus

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*“ Read your contracts.
Up and down,
left and right.”* *□*

1. proof theory \leftrightarrow decidability & upper bounds for substructural logics
2. many extensions of FLec (essentially IMALLC) and FLew (IMALLW)
3. I will focus on the (structural) proof theoretic motifs

This talk is based on the following.

1. Extended Kripke lemma and decidability for hypersequent substructural logics. RR.
LICS 2020.
2. Decidability and Complexity in Weakening and Contraction Hypersequent Substructural Logics.
A. R. Balasubramanian, Timo Lang, RR.
Accepted at LICS 2021.

Joint work with A. R. Balasubramanian (TU Munich) and Timo Lang (TU Vienna)

\leftrightarrow starting point Kripke and Urquhart

Kripke's proof of decidability for FLec (1959)

Multiplicative fragment

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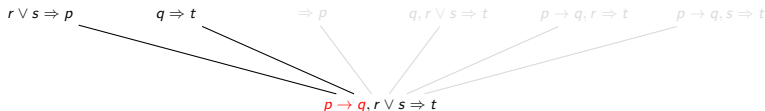
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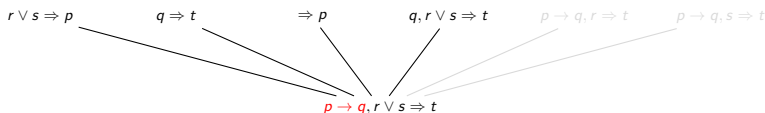
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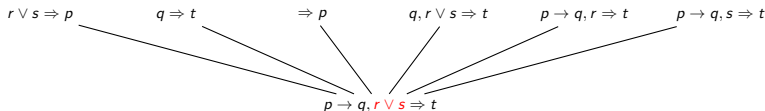
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Structural proof theory: if there's an annoying rule. . .

Structural proof theory: if there's an annoying rule... eliminate it!

\hookrightarrow absorbing contraction

Add rule variants to absorb essential contractions so can eliminate (c)

$$\frac{\frac{p \rightarrow q \Rightarrow p \quad p \rightarrow q, q \Rightarrow}{p \rightarrow q, p \rightarrow q, p \rightarrow q \Rightarrow} \rightarrow L}{\text{original rule}}$$

$$\frac{\frac{p \rightarrow q \Rightarrow p^3 \quad p \rightarrow q, q \Rightarrow}{p \rightarrow q, p \rightarrow q \Rightarrow} \rightarrow L^1}{\text{variant: one implicit contraction}}$$

$$\frac{\frac{p \rightarrow q \Rightarrow p^2 \quad p \rightarrow q, q \Rightarrow}{p \rightarrow q \Rightarrow} \rightarrow L^2}{\text{variant: two implicit contractions}}$$

What happens if we need to contract 4 copies to 1?

$$\frac{\frac{p \rightarrow q, p \rightarrow q \Rightarrow p \quad p \rightarrow q, q \Rightarrow}{p \rightarrow q, p \rightarrow q, p \rightarrow q, p \rightarrow q \Rightarrow} \text{c,c,c}}{p \rightarrow q \Rightarrow}$$

Above variants suffice - do additional contraction **above** implication rule:

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{p \rightarrow q, p \rightarrow q \Rightarrow p}{p \rightarrow q \Rightarrow p} \text{ IH} \quad p \rightarrow q, q \Rightarrow}{p \rightarrow q \Rightarrow} \rightarrow L^2$$

Lemma (hp contraction in new calculus - Curry's lemma)

If $X, X, Y \Rightarrow C$ provable then $X, Y \Rightarrow C$ provable with no greater height

\hookrightarrow representing sequents

Representing sequents as n -tuples

1. A proof of F contains only its subformulas (subformula property)
2. A sequent is

$|\text{subf}(F)|$ -tuple \Rightarrow “formula or blank”

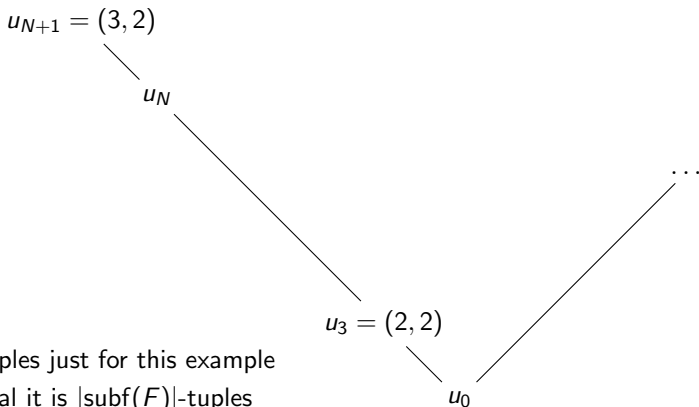
Suppose $\text{subf}(F) = \{p, q, r, r \rightarrow q\}$

$q, r \rightarrow q, q, p \Rightarrow r$ written as $\overset{p}{1}, \overset{q}{2}, \overset{r}{0}, \overset{r \rightarrow q}{1} \Rightarrow r$

3. mostly ignore the RHS since it doesn't cause any real complications

\hookrightarrow define a branch termination condition

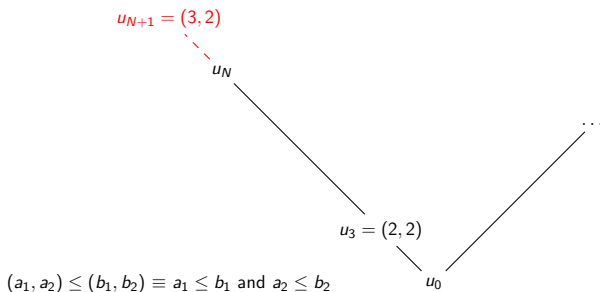
Terminating proof search tree via redundancy



using 2-tuples just for this example
in general it is $|\text{subf}(F)|$ -tuples

\hookrightarrow how to prune tree?

Terminating proof search tree via redundancy



1. **omit** u_{N+1} **since** $u_3 \leq u_{N+1}$. Because this proof is not **everywhere minimal** (every subproof has minimal height - terminology in Larchey-Wendling 2018) by hp-contraction
2. (completeness) every provable formula has everywhere minimal proof
3. (u_0, u_1, \dots, u_N) is a **bad sequence** since $i < j$ implies $u_i \not\leq u_j$
4. (\mathbb{N}^k, \leq) is a well-quasi-ordering i.e. there is no infinite bad sequence
5. finitely branching tree & no infinite branch = proof search tree finite

\hookrightarrow complexity

Urquhart's tight complexity bounds (1999)

1. upper bound: what is the height of the proof-search tree? This is the dominant term.
2. No bound in general for bad sequences. After all:
3. $(1, 0)$, $(0, 100)$ or even $(1, 0)$, $(0, 1000)$... i.e. arbitrarily large jumps
4. **However** no rule in FLec can jump so much from conclusion to premise

↪ controlled bad sequences

Controlled bad sequences

1. \exists control function g bounding premise size in terms of conclusion
2. bad sequence a_0, a_1, \dots is (g, n) -controlled over a normed wqo $(A, \|\cdot\|, \leq_A)$ if

$$\|a_0\| \leq n \quad \|a_1\| \leq g(n) \quad \|a_2\| \leq g(g(n)) \quad \|a_k\| \leq g^k(n)$$

and $\{a \in A \text{ s.t. } \|a\| \leq n\}$ finite for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$

3. dominant term in complexity: max length of bad sequence
4. The length function theorem expresses this length. Using this:
5. FLec decision problem is in \mathbf{F}_ω i.e. primitive recursive functions composed with a single application of an Ackermannian function
6. Controlled bad sequences: (Figueira, Figueira, Schmitz, Schnoebelen, 2011) and (Schmitz, Schnoebelen, 2011).
7. Urquhart showed that this is tight by giving matching lower bounds. Also: multiplicative fragment $2EXPTIME$ -complete (Schmitz, 2016).

Extending Kripke's argument to more logics

1. Kripke's argument doesn't really depend on the calculus (mainly contraction absorption)
2. So can we extend to other logics? some isolated results since 1959
3. sequent calculus meta-language too restrictive for cut-freeness

extend meta-language to get cut-freeness i.e. different proof formalism

4. hypersequent calculus - a calculus on **multisets of sequents**

$$\frac{\dots | \dots | \dots | X_1, X_2 \Rightarrow B \quad \dots | \dots | \dots | Y_1, Y_2 \Rightarrow C}{\dots | \dots | \dots | X_1, Y_1 \Rightarrow B | Y_2, Y_2 \Rightarrow C} \text{com}$$

Let HFLe denote hypersequent calculus for FL_e

5. lots of extensions of FL_e have cut-free hypersequent calculi (Ciabattoni Galatos Terui 2008)
6. from above: lots of extensions of FL_{ec} and FL_{ew} have cut-free hypersequent calculi. Our results will apply to all these calculi

↪ representing hypersequents

Representing hypersequents in $(\mathcal{P}_f(\mathbb{N}^n))^{n+1}$

1. Let F_0 be empty formula
2. A hypersequent built from formulas F_1, \dots, F_n is written

sequent also called component

$$\begin{array}{c} \overbrace{X_1 \Rightarrow F_0} \quad | X_2 \Rightarrow F_0 | \dots | X_{k_0} \Rightarrow F_0 \\ Y_1 \Rightarrow F_1 | Y_2 \Rightarrow F_1 | \dots | Y_{k_1} \Rightarrow F_1 \\ \dots \\ Z_1 \Rightarrow F_n | Z_2 \Rightarrow F_n | \dots | Z_{k_n} \Rightarrow F_n \end{array}$$

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3. So a hypersequent is an element of

$$\underbrace{\mathcal{P}_f(\mathbb{N}^n) \times \mathcal{P}_f(\mathbb{N}^n) \times \dots \times \mathcal{P}_f(\mathbb{N}^n)}_{n+1}$$

\hookrightarrow what else to get FLec extensions

HFLeC extensions: what do we need to extend?

1. absorb contraction by adding variant rules

$$\frac{h_1 \quad h_N}{h_0} r \quad \text{original}$$

$$\frac{h_1 \quad h_N}{g} r^{(k,l)} \text{ with } h_0 \rightsquigarrow_c^k h' \rightsquigarrow_{EC}^l g \quad \text{variants } k \leq K, l \leq L$$

2. For $(X_1, \dots, X_d), (Y_1, \dots, Y_d) \in (P_f(\mathbb{N}^n))^{n+1}$ define
 $(X_1, \dots, X_{n+1}) \leq_{\min} (Y_1, \dots, Y_{n+1})$ iff $\forall y \in Y_i \exists x \in X_i (x \leq y)$ for every i
3. $\mathbf{X} \leq_{\min} \mathbf{Y}$ means we can go from \mathbf{Y} to \mathbf{X} by c, EC, EW
4. Using length function theorem for controlled bad sequences
(Balasubramanian, 2020): decision problem for each of the FLec extensions under consideration is in $\mathbf{F}_{\omega^\omega}$
5. multiply-recursive functions composed with a single application of a hyper-Ackermannian function

\hookrightarrow case of weakening

Extensions of HFL_{ew} : contraction replaced by weakening

$$\frac{X \Rightarrow A}{X, Y \Rightarrow A} \text{weakening}$$

1. Prominent logic: monoidal t-norm based fuzzy logic

$$\text{MTL} = \text{FLew} + \text{lin}$$

Describes the common behaviours of *all* fuzzy logics based on left-continuous t-norms

2. Previous argument insufficient when c replaced by w
If we encounter $(4, 4)$ we can prohibit smaller elements like $(4, 3) \dots$

$$\frac{(4, 3) \Rightarrow F}{(4, 4) \Rightarrow F} \text{height-preserving weakening}$$

But how to prohibit infinitely many larger elements? (infinite branch)

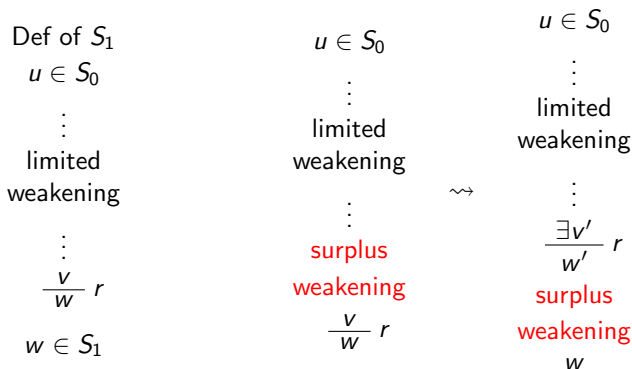
$$(4, 4), (4, 5), (4, 6), \dots, (4, 100), \dots$$

3. Time to go **down** the Lambek calculus forward proof search

\hookrightarrow forward proof search

Forward proof search

Let S_0 be set of initial sequents built from subformulas in F



1. Obtain (S_0, S_1, \dots) s.t. S_{i+1} finite and computable from S_i
2. what ‘limited’ means depends on the rules in the calculus

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4. **majoring ordering** is a wqo so there exists N such that $S_{N+1} = S_N$
5. Using length function theorem (Balasubramanian 2020) to get max value for N : each FLeW extensions under consideration is in $\mathbf{F}_{\omega^\omega}$

\hookrightarrow no weakening and no contraction

Uninorm Fuzzy Logic: HFLe + com

Is HFLe + com decidable ?

1. We have seen that HFLe + com and $\text{HFL}_{\text{ew}} + \text{com}$ are in $\mathbf{F}_{\omega\omega}$
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5. trap we truncated the proof search tree **because** we had contraction
- without contraction this truncation is no longer justified
6. Decidability of uninorm logic UL is open

\hookrightarrow further qs

Further questions and conversation starters

1. Can we find a logic in $\mathbf{F}_{\omega^\omega} - \mathbf{F}_\omega$

cut-freeness seems to need hypersequents seem to yield $\mathbf{F}_{\omega^\omega}$

2. lower bound and tighter bounds for MTL

This was first syntactic proof and first complexity bound for MTL
(many would suspect that more modest bounds should hold)

3. Simpler problem: lower bounds for $\mathbf{FLec} / \mathbf{FLew} +$

$$\frac{X, X, Z \Rightarrow F \quad Y, Y, Z \Rightarrow F}{X, Y, Z \Rightarrow F} \text{ scom}$$

'double antecedent, share between premises'

For example

$$\frac{p, q^4 \Rightarrow \quad p^3, q^2 \Rightarrow}{p^2, q^3 \Rightarrow}$$

What type of (counter?) machine does this resemble?

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