

Focusing Strategies for Synthetic Connectives

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conclusions

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focusing

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focusing = polarization

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focusing = polarization
+ synthetic rules
+ strategy

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**ordinary
focusing
(Andreoli'92)**



**maximal
multi-focusing
(CMS'08)**

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**ordinary
focusing
(Andreoli'92)**

- \longleftrightarrow +

**maximal
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yes we can

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**have canonicity
in the sequent calculus**

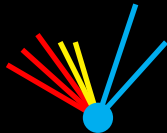
focusing

= polarization

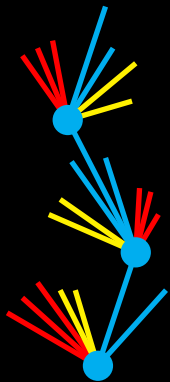
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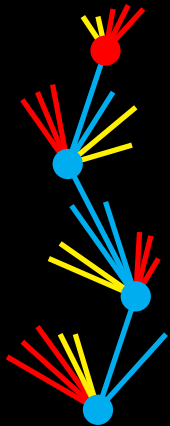
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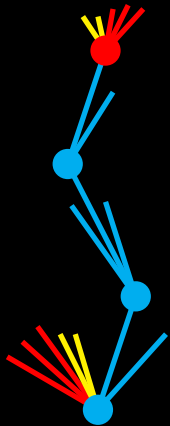
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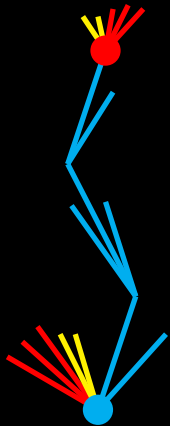


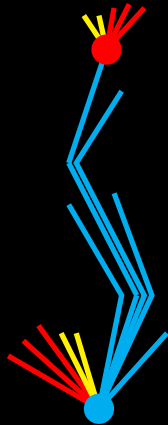






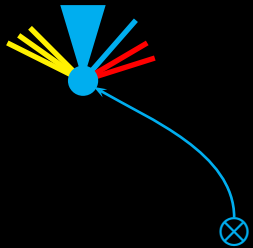


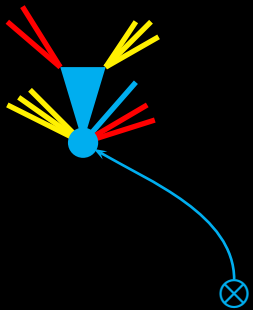


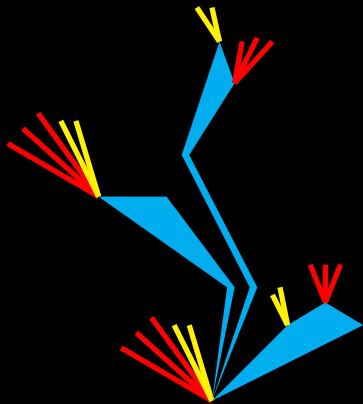


<multiplicative>









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focusing = polarization

+ synthetic rules

+ strategy

$$P ::= | \otimes | | \oplus | |$$

$$P, Q ::= | P \otimes Q | \quad | P \oplus Q | \quad |$$

$$P, Q ::= | P \otimes Q | \mathbf{1} | P \oplus Q | \mathbf{0} |$$

$$P, Q ::= \left| P \otimes Q \mid \mathbf{1} \right| \left| P \oplus Q \mid \mathbf{0} \right|$$

product

sum

$$P, Q ::= \left| P \otimes Q \mid \mathbf{1} \right| \left| P \oplus Q \mid \mathbf{0} \right|$$

$$N, M ::= \left| N \wp M \mid \perp \right| \left| N \& M \mid \top \right|$$

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sum

$P, Q ::= p \mid P \otimes Q \mid \mathbf{1} \mid P \oplus Q \mid \mathbf{0} \mid$

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interface

$P, Q ::= p \mid P \otimes Q \mid \mathbf{1} \mid P \oplus Q \mid \mathbf{0} \mid N$

$N, M ::= n \mid N \wp M \mid \perp \mid N \& M \mid \top \mid P$

product

sum

<neutral expression>

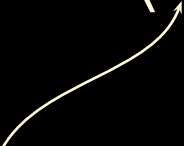
$$E, F ::= e \mid E \times F \mid 1 \mid E + F \mid 0 \mid \updownarrow E$$

<polarized proposition>

$$\langle E, \pm \rangle$$

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n-exp



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n-exp

polarity

$$\llbracket \langle E \times F, + \rangle \rrbracket = \llbracket \langle E, + \rangle \rrbracket \otimes \llbracket \langle F, + \rangle \rrbracket$$

$$\llbracket \langle E \times F, - \rangle \rrbracket = \llbracket \langle E, - \rangle \rrbracket \wp \llbracket \langle F, - \rangle \rrbracket$$

$$\mathbb{I}\langle \uparrow \mathbf{E}, + \rangle \mathbb{I} = \mathbb{I}\langle \mathbf{E}, - \rangle \mathbb{I}$$

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</polarized proposition>

delay

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$$\begin{aligned} & \llbracket \langle (E \times (F + G)), o \rangle \rrbracket \\ &= \llbracket \langle (E \times \uparrow \downarrow (F + G)), o \rangle \rrbracket \\ &= \llbracket \langle (\uparrow \downarrow E \times (F + \uparrow \downarrow G)), o \rangle \rrbracket \end{aligned}$$

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&= \dots
\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbb{I}\langle \uparrow \downarrow E, o \rangle \mathbb{I} = \mathbb{I}\langle E, o \rangle \mathbb{I}$$

delays are *undetectable*

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as *connectives*

connective = static

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polarization = dynamic

focusing = polarization

+ synthetic rules

+ strategy

dogma

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rule = proof constructor

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(bet. prover & checker)

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n-exps have normal forms

$$E \times (F + G) \approx (E \times F) + (E \times G)$$

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“as good as”



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$$U ::= e \mid \updownarrow E$$

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$$\sigma ::= \sum_{i \in I} \pi_i$$

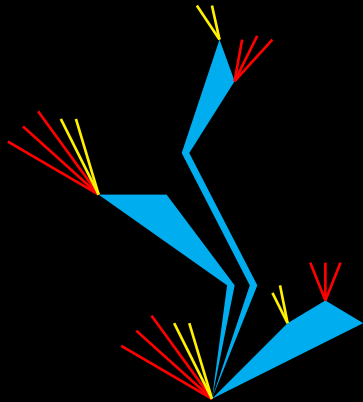
$$E \approx \sum_{i \in I} \prod_{j \in J_i} U_{ij}$$

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<synthetic rule>

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<positive>



$$E \approx (U_1 + (U_2 \times U_3) + (U_4 \times U_5 \times U_6))$$

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$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\vdash \Gamma, \langle U_1, + \rangle \quad \vdash \Delta, \langle U_2, + \rangle}{\vdash \Gamma, \Delta, \langle U_2 \times U_3, + \rangle} \times}{\vdash \Gamma, \Delta, \langle E, + \rangle} +$$

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$$\mathbf{E} \approx \sum_{i \in I} \prod_{j \in 1..n_i} U_{ij}$$

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} u \in I \\ \vdash \Gamma_i, \langle U_{u1}, + \rangle \quad \cdots \quad \vdash \Gamma_{n_u}, \langle U_{un_u}, + \rangle \end{array}}{\vdash \Gamma_1, \dots, \Gamma_{n_u}, \langle \mathbf{E}, + \rangle} \mathbf{P}$$

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</positive>

<reaction>

$$\vdash \Gamma_1, \langle U_1, + \rangle \quad \dots \quad \vdash \Gamma_n, \langle U_n, + \rangle$$

$$(\Gamma_1, \dots, \Gamma_n) \otimes (\prod_{i \in 1..n} U_i) =$$
$$\vdash \Gamma_1, \langle U_1, + \rangle \quad \dots \quad \vdash \Gamma_n, \langle U_n, + \rangle$$

$$E \approx \sum_{i \in I} \pi_i$$

$$(\Gamma_1, \dots, \Gamma_n) \otimes \prod_{i \in 1..n} U_i \triangleq \vdash \Gamma_1, \langle U_1, + \rangle \cdots \vdash \Gamma_n, \langle U_n, + \rangle$$

$$\frac{u \in I \quad \Gamma \otimes \pi_u}{\vdash \Gamma, \langle E, + \rangle} \mathbf{P}$$

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$$\frac{\exists u \in I. \Gamma \otimes \pi_u}{\vdash \Gamma, \langle E, o \rangle} \mathbf{R}(o)$$

$$\frac{\exists u \in I. \Gamma \circ \pi_u}{\vdash \Gamma, \langle E, o \rangle} \mathbf{R}(o, \circ)$$

$$\frac{Qu \in I. \Gamma \circ \pi_u}{\vdash \Gamma, \langle E, o \rangle} \mathbf{R}(o, \circ, Q)$$

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$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{R}(+, \otimes, \exists)$$

R(-, \mathcal{D} , \forall)?

$$(\Gamma_1, \dots, \Gamma_n) \cong \prod_{i \in 1..n} U_i = \\ \vdash \Gamma_1, \dots, \Gamma_n, \langle U_1, - \rangle, \dots, \langle U_n, - \rangle$$

$$\frac{\forall u \in I. \Gamma \mathfrak{D} \pi_u}{\vdash \Gamma, \langle E, - \rangle} \mathbf{N} = \mathbf{R}(-, \mathfrak{D}, \forall)$$

$$\frac{\forall u \in I. \Gamma \wp \pi_u}{\vdash \Gamma, \langle E, - \rangle} \mathbf{N} = \mathbf{R}(-, \wp, \forall)$$

$$\frac{\exists u \in I. \Gamma \otimes \pi_u}{\vdash \Gamma, \langle E, + \rangle} \mathbf{P} = \mathbf{R}(+, \otimes, \exists)$$

N and P are exactly dual

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</synthetic rule>

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<interface rule>

$$\overline{\vdash \langle e, + \rangle, \langle e, - \rangle} \mathbf{I}$$

$$\frac{\vdash \Gamma, \langle E, \mp \rangle}{\vdash \Gamma, \langle \updownarrow E, \pm \rangle} \mathbf{U}$$

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</interface rule>
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$$\frac{\vdash \Gamma, \langle E, + \rangle \quad \vdash \Delta, \langle E, - \rangle}{\vdash \Gamma, \Delta} \mathbf{C}$$

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admissible

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admissible

eliminable

$$\overline{\vdash \langle E, + \rangle, \langle E, - \rangle} \mathbf{I}^*$$

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derivable

focusing = polarization
+ synthetic rules
+ strategy

phase alternation

phase alternation unnecessary

strategy = arrangement of P and N

Ordinary Focusing

(Andreoli'92)

**if goal has $\langle E, - \rangle$
then apply N
else apply P, I, or U**

focusing = polarization
+ synthetic rules
+ strategy

ordinary

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+ N strategy

ordinary
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ordinary focusing = eager N

lazy N?

eager P?

Maximally Positive

if goal has $\langle E, + \rangle$
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Maximally Positive

if goal has $\langle E, + \rangle$
then apply P **if possible**
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ordinary ⁻ \longleftrightarrow ⁺ **maximally**
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proof theory politics

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The *concurrent approach* [...] is close to Geometry of
Interaction and Proof nets.”

— Samson Abramsky
(concurrent game semantics)

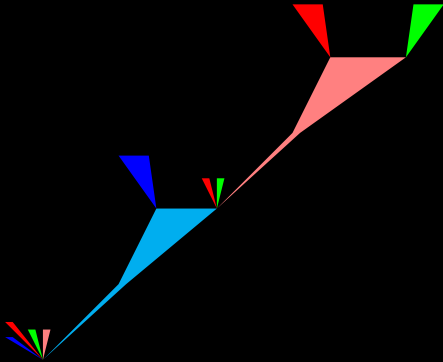
**“Down with bureaucracy of
syntax!”**

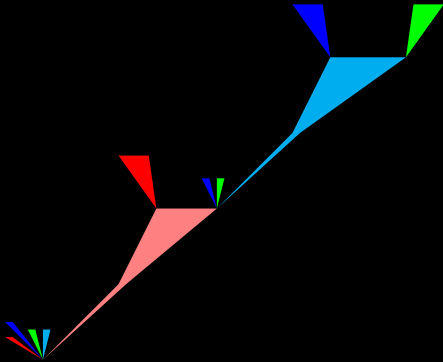
**— Philip Wadler
(patterns)**

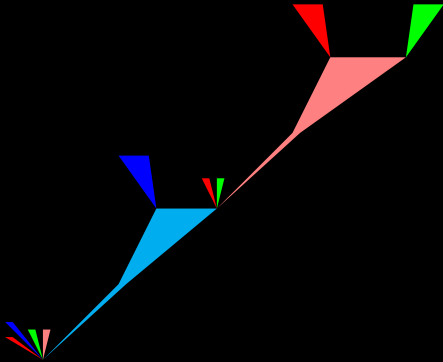
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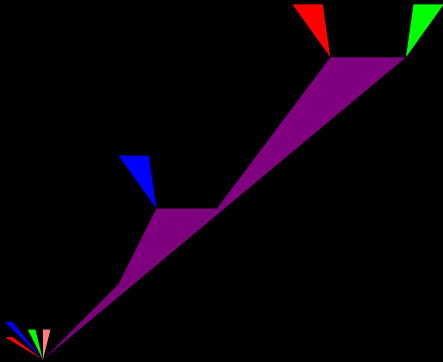
$$\frac{\mathcal{D} \quad \frac{\mathcal{E} \quad \mathcal{F}}{\vdash b^\perp, \Delta} \quad \vdash \Omega}{\vdash \Delta, \Omega, b^\perp \otimes \perp} \mathbf{P}}{\vdash \Gamma, \Delta, \Omega, b^\perp \otimes \perp, a^\perp \otimes \perp} \mathbf{P}$$

$$\longrightarrow \frac{\mathcal{E} \quad \frac{\mathcal{D} \quad \mathcal{F}}{\vdash a^\perp, \Gamma} \quad \vdash \Omega}{\vdash \Gamma, \Omega, a^\perp \otimes \perp} \mathbf{P}}{\vdash \Gamma, \Delta, \Omega, b^\perp \otimes \perp, a^\perp \otimes \perp} \mathbf{P}$$









$$\frac{\frac{\overline{\vdash a^\perp, a} \mathbf{I}}{\vdash a, b, \mathbf{1}, b^\perp \otimes \perp, a^\perp \otimes \perp} \quad \frac{\overline{\vdash b^\perp, b} \mathbf{I}}{\vdash a, b, \mathbf{1}, b^\perp \otimes \perp, a^\perp \otimes \perp} \quad \frac{\overline{\vdash \mathbf{1}} \mathbf{P}}{\vdash a, b, \mathbf{1}, b^\perp \otimes \perp, a^\perp \otimes \perp} \mathbf{P} = \mathbf{P}, \mathbf{P}}$$

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= **canonical**

in bijection with proof-nets

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where known

yes

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