

Proof Theory in The Light of Categories

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Part 1 - Proof Theory

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- **Propositions** are built from a set of atomic propositional variables $\text{AtProp} = \{p, q, r, \dots\}$ and two constants \perp and \top :

$$A := \left\{ \begin{array}{l} p \mid \perp \mid \top \mid A \wedge A \mid A \vee A \mid A \rightarrow A \mid A \multimap A \mid \neg A \mid \sim A \mid \\ \diamond_a A \mid \square_a A \mid \blacklozenge_a A \mid \blacksquare_a A \mid [\alpha]A \mid \langle \alpha \rangle A \mid \widehat{\alpha} A \mid \overline{\alpha} A. \end{array} \right.$$

- **Structures** are built from formulas and one structural constant I :

$$X := \left\{ \begin{array}{l} I \mid A \mid X; X \mid X > X \mid *X \mid \\ \bullet_a X \mid \circ_a X \mid \{\alpha\}X \mid \widehat{\alpha} X. \end{array} \right.$$

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Structural Rules

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$$Id \frac{}{p \vdash p} \quad \frac{X \vdash A \quad A \vdash Y}{X \vdash Y} \text{Cut}$$

$$I_L \frac{X \vdash Y}{X; I \vdash Y} \quad \frac{Y \vdash X}{Y \vdash I; X} I_R$$

$$W_L \frac{X \vdash Z}{X; Y \vdash Z} \quad \frac{Z \vdash Y}{Z \vdash Y; X} W_R$$

$$C_L \frac{X; X \vdash Y}{X \vdash Y} \quad \frac{Y \vdash X; X}{Y \vdash X} C_R$$

$$\overset{\odot}{I} \frac{X \vdash I}{\odot X \vdash I} \quad \frac{I \vdash X}{I \vdash \odot X} \overset{\odot}{I}$$

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$$\circledast \frac{\circledast X; \circledast Y \vdash Z}{\circledast (X; Y) \vdash Z} \quad \frac{Z \vdash \circledast Y; \circledast X}{Z \vdash \circledast (Y; X)} \circledast ;$$

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- manipulation rules -

$$E_L \frac{Y; X \vdash Z}{X; Y \vdash Z} \quad \frac{Z \vdash X; Y}{Z \vdash Y; X} E_R$$

$$A_L \frac{X; (Y; Z) \vdash W}{(X; Y); Z \vdash W} \quad \frac{W \vdash (Z; Y); X}{W \vdash Z; (Y; X)} A_R$$

$$Grn_L \frac{X > (Y; Z) \vdash W}{(X > Y); Z \vdash W} \quad \frac{W \vdash X > (Y; Z)}{W \vdash (X > Y); Z} Grn_R$$

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 \frac{I \vdash A > (\perp; A)}{I \vdash (A > \perp); A} \text{ Grn} \\
 \frac{I \vdash A; (A > \perp)}{A > I \vdash A > \perp} \\
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Operational Rules

- translation rules -

$$\perp_L \frac{}{\perp \vdash I} \quad \frac{X \vdash I}{X \vdash \perp} \perp_R$$

$$\top_L \frac{I \vdash X}{\top \vdash X} \quad \frac{}{I \vdash \top} \top_R$$

$$\wedge_L \frac{A; B \vdash Z}{A \wedge B \vdash Z} \quad \frac{X \vdash A \quad Y \vdash B}{X; Y \vdash A \wedge B} \wedge_R$$

$$\vee_L \frac{B \vdash Y \quad A \vdash X}{B \vee A \vdash Y; X} \quad \frac{Z \vdash B; A}{Z \vdash B \vee A} \vee_R$$

$$\rightarrow_L \frac{X \vdash A \quad B \vdash Y}{A \rightarrow B \vdash X > Y} \quad \frac{Z \vdash A > B}{Z \vdash A \rightarrow B} \rightarrow_R$$

$$\multimap_L \frac{A > B \vdash Z}{A \multimap B \vdash Z} \quad \frac{Y \vdash B \quad A \vdash X}{X > Y \vdash A \multimap B} \multimap_R$$

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Contextual Operational Rules

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Contextual Structural Rules

- entry/exit rules -

$$\frac{X \vdash Y}{\{\alpha\}X \vdash \{\alpha\}Y} \text{ balance}$$

$$\text{atom}_L \frac{}{\{\alpha\}p \vdash p} \quad \frac{}{p \vdash \{\alpha\}p} \text{atom}_R$$

$$\text{reduce}_L \frac{\text{Pre}(\alpha); \{\alpha\}A \vdash X}{\{\alpha\}A \vdash X} \quad \frac{X \vdash \text{Pre}(\alpha) > \{\alpha\}A}{X \vdash \{\alpha\}A} \text{reduce}_R$$

- manipulation rules -

$$\text{swap-in}_L \frac{\text{Pre}(\alpha); \{\alpha\}_{\circ_a} X \vdash Y}{\text{Pre}(\alpha); \circ_a \{\beta\}_{\alpha\alpha\beta} X \vdash Y} \quad \frac{Y \vdash \text{Pre}(\alpha) > \{\alpha\}_{\circ_a} X}{Y \vdash \text{Pre}(\alpha) > \circ_a \{\beta\}_{\alpha\alpha\beta} X} \text{swap-in}_R$$

$$\text{s-out}_L \frac{\left(\text{Pre}(\alpha); \circ_a \{\beta\} X \vdash Y \mid \alpha\alpha\beta \right)}{\text{Pre}(\alpha); \{\alpha\}_{\circ_a} X \vdash ; \left(Y \mid \alpha\alpha\beta \right)} \quad \frac{\left(Y \vdash \text{Pre}(\alpha) > \circ_a \{\beta\} X \mid \alpha\alpha\beta \right)}{; \left(Y \mid \alpha\alpha\beta \right) \vdash \text{Pre}(\alpha) > \{\alpha\}_{\circ_a} X} \text{s-out}_R$$

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Part 2 - Category Theory

3 **Basic notions**

4 **Link to Display calculi**

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7 **Conclusions**

Beware: we will be sloppy and intuitive on the technical details.

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$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 F(C) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & F(B) \\
 \downarrow \eta_C & & \downarrow \eta_B \\
 G(C) & \xrightarrow{G(f)} & G(B)
 \end{array}$$

If all the arrows in the family η are isomorphisms, we call η a *natural isomorphism*.

Adjoints

Definition

Given two functors $F : \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{D}$ and $G : \mathbf{D} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$ we say that F is *left adjoint of G* , in symbols $F \dashv G$, if $\forall C$ in \mathbf{C} and D in \mathbf{D} there is a bijective correspondence between arrows $F(C) \rightarrow D$ in \mathbf{D} and arrows $C \rightarrow G(D)$ in \mathbf{C} .

This is usually written

$$\frac{F(C) \rightarrow D}{C \rightarrow G(D)}$$

Moreover, this bijection is natural both in C and D .

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Future work

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