

No Uniform Interpolation for Linear Logic

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Linear Logic (1/2)

Formulas

$A, B ::=$	$ X^- X^+$	<i>atom</i>
	$ A \wp B A \otimes B \perp 1$	<i>multiplicative</i>
	$ A \oplus B A \& B 0 \top$	<i>additive</i>
	$?A !A$	<i>exponential</i>

Involutive Negation

$$\begin{aligned}
 (X^-)^\perp &= X^+ & (X^+)^\perp &= X^- \\
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Linear Arrow

$$A \multimap B = A^\perp \wp B$$

Linear Logic (2/2)

Rules

$$\begin{array}{c}
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Case in point: candidate $!Y^+ \otimes Y^+$ but $\vdash A^\perp, !Y^+ \otimes Y^+$ **not** provable!

The easy part: 1 and 2

Lemma 1

$$X \in \text{Voc}(A) \text{ and } X \notin \text{Voc}(B_n) \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N}$$

Proof.

Trivial.



Lemma 2

$\vdash A^\perp, B_n$ is provable (intuitionistically) for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Proof.

Provide the proof trees by an easy induction on n .

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Yep. Indeed.

How to **propagate** the data from the previous result to *ax*-rules on B_n ?

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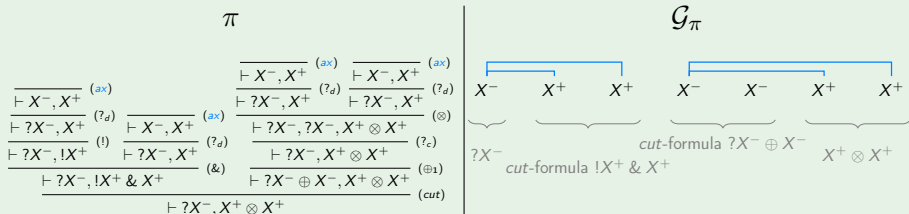
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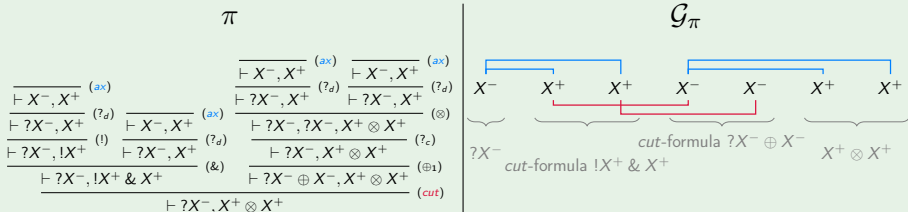
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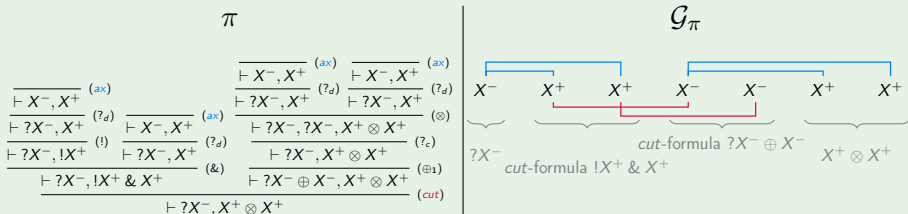
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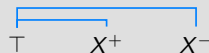
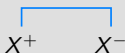
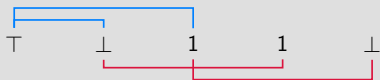
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⊥ Warning ⊥

Adding units and **T-edges** for ⊥-rules is a **bad** idea: the above lemma fails!

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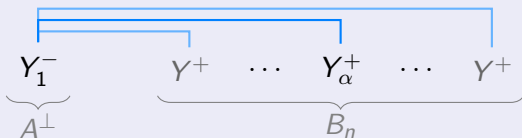
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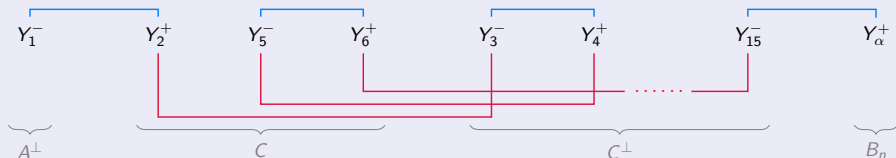
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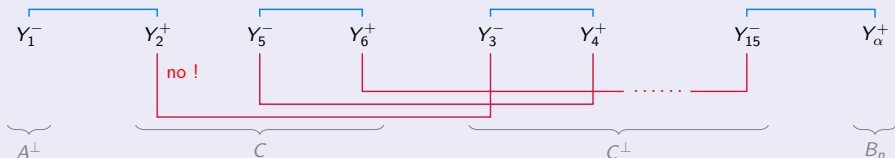
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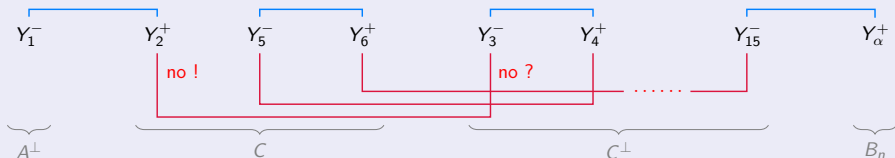
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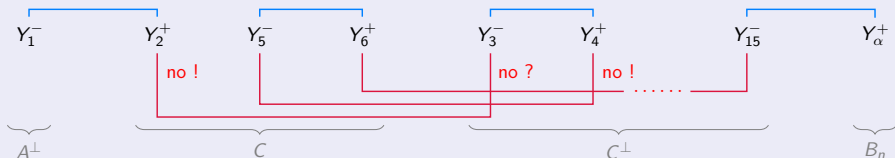
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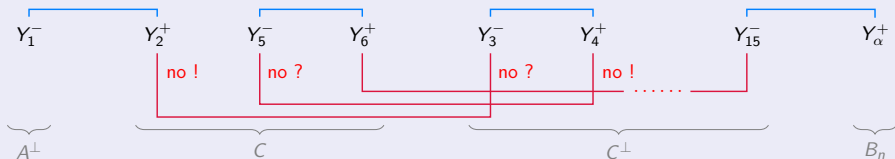
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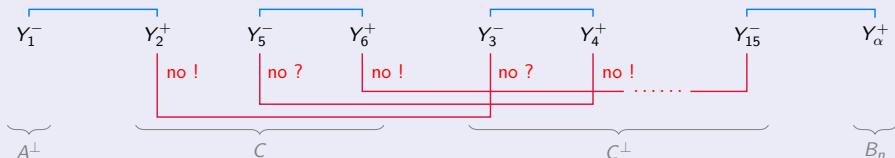
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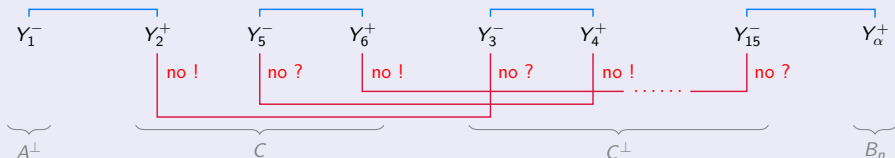
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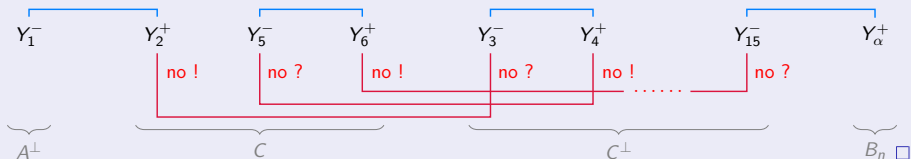
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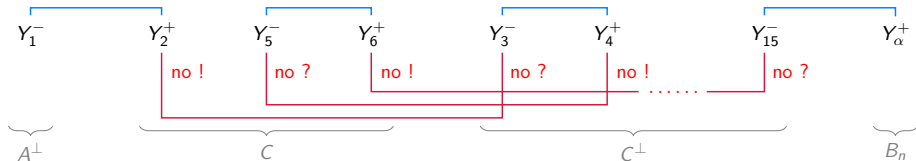
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Perspectives

- **Decision problem**: given some A , does it have a uniform interpolant?
- Proof simple enough to be **formalized** in Rocq?

Thank you for
your attention!



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Back-up: Proof of “ C has no useful ! on Y^+ ”

Lemma: “ C has no useful ! on Y^+ ”

Let C be such that $X \notin \text{Voc}(C)$ and $\vdash A^\perp, C$ is provable. There is a cut-free proof of $\vdash A^\perp, C$ where !-rules have no X in their conclusions.

Proof.

Let π be a cut-free derivation of $\vdash A^\perp, C$ with a minimal number of !-rules having $?(X^+ \otimes (X^- \wp X^-))$ in their conclusion sequents. We prove there are none. By the sub-formula property, any given !-rule is of the shape

$$\frac{\rho \quad \vdash (?(X^+ \otimes (X^- \wp Y^-)))^i, D, ?\Delta}{\vdash (?(X^+ \otimes (X^- \wp Y^-)))^i, !D, ?\Delta} (!)$$

where $!D, ?\Delta$ are sub-formulas of C . If $i \geq 1$, then we contradict the minimality of π with π where we replace this sub-tree with a normal form of

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\vdash \top, 0 \otimes Y^+}{\vdash \top \wp (0 \otimes Y^+)} (\top) \quad \frac{\vdash \top \wp (0 \otimes Y^+)}{\vdash !(\top \wp (0 \otimes Y^+))} (!)}{\vdash !(\top \wp (0 \otimes Y^+))} (\top) \quad \frac{\rho[0/X] \quad \vdash (?(0 \otimes (\top \wp Y^-)))^i, D, ?\Delta}{\vdash ?(0 \otimes (\top \wp Y^-)), D, ?\Delta} (\wp_c)}{\vdash D, ?\Delta} (cut) \quad \frac{\vdash !D, ?\Delta}{\vdash !D, ?\Delta} (!) \quad \frac{\vdash !D, ?\Delta}{\vdash (?(X^+ \otimes (X^- \wp Y^-)))^i, !D, ?\Delta} (?_w)$$

□

Back-up: 0-slice = slice at depth 0

Definition: 0-slice

A 0-slice of a proof π is the result of deleting one of the two sub-trees of each $\&$ -rule of π that is not above a !-rule. Some $\&$ -rules become unary:

$$\frac{\vdash A, \Gamma}{\vdash A \& B, \Gamma} (\&_1) \qquad \frac{\vdash B, \Gamma}{\vdash A \& B, \Gamma} (\&_2)$$

Example

The diagram illustrates the construction of a 0-slice from a proof tree. A jagged line indicates the deletion of sub-trees not above !-rules.

Original Proof Tree (Left):

- Top: $\frac{\overline{\vdash \top, !(1\&1)}}{\vdash \top \& \perp, !(1\&1)} (\top)$
- Left child: $\frac{\overline{\vdash 1}^{(1)} \quad \overline{\vdash 1}^{(1)}}{\vdash 1\&1} (\&)$
- Right child: $\frac{\overline{\vdash 1}^{(1)} \quad \overline{\vdash 1}^{(1)}}{\vdash 1\&1} (\&)$
- From $\vdash 1\&1$, a $!$ -rule is applied: $\frac{\vdash 1\&1}{\vdash !(1\&1)} (!)$
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- From $\vdash \perp, !(1\&1)$, an $\&$ -rule is applied: $\frac{\vdash \perp, !(1\&1)}{\vdash \top \& \perp, !(1\&1)} (\&)$

0-Slice (Right):

- Top: $\frac{\overline{\vdash \top, !(1\&1)}}{\vdash \top \& \perp, !(1\&1)} (\&_1)$ (Note: The $\top$ -rule is replaced by $\&_1$ as the left sub-tree was deleted)
- Right child: $\frac{\overline{\vdash 1}^{(1)} \quad \overline{\vdash 1}^{(1)}}{\vdash 1\&1} (\&)$
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Back-up: 0-slice and cut-elimination

Cut-elimination extends to 0-slices in the natural way:

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\vdash \Gamma, A}{\vdash \Gamma, A \& B} \text{ } (\&_1) \quad \frac{\frac{\vdash A^\perp, \Delta}{\vdash A^\perp \oplus B^\perp, \Delta} \text{ } (\oplus_1)}{\vdash \Gamma, \Delta} \text{ } (cut) \quad \longrightarrow \quad \frac{\vdash \Gamma, A \quad \vdash A^\perp, \Delta}{\vdash \Gamma, \Delta} \text{ } (cut)$$
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Lemma

If $\pi \longrightarrow \rho$, then for each 0-slice ρ' of ρ , there exists a 0-slice π' of π such that $\pi' \longrightarrow \rho'$ or $\pi' = \rho'$.

Proof.

Simple inspection on the kind of the cut-elimination step. □

& Warning !

The above result holds for 0-slices but not for slices: failure for a $?_c - !$ key cut-elimination case. See for instance $\overline{?(A \oplus B)} \simeq ?A \wp ?B$.

Back-up: Affine Logic

Same as Linear Logic except:

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{\frac{\frac{\vdash \Gamma}{\vdash ?A, \Gamma} (?w)}{\vdash \Gamma, ?\Delta} \quad \frac{\frac{\vdash A^\perp, ?\Delta}{\vdash !A^\perp, ?\Delta} (!)}{\vdash \Gamma, ?\Delta} (cut) \rightarrow \frac{\frac{\vdash \Gamma}{\vdash \Gamma, ?\Delta} (?w)}{\vdash \Gamma, \Delta} (w) \sim \frac{\frac{\vdash \Gamma}{\vdash A, \Gamma} (w)}{\vdash \Gamma, \Delta} (w) \vdash A^\perp, \Delta (cut) \rightarrow \frac{\frac{\vdash \Gamma}{\vdash \Gamma, \Delta} (w)}{\vdash \Gamma, \Delta} (w)
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 \end{array}$$

Lemma

Cut-elimination in Affine Logic is weakly normalizing.

Proof.

Simple adaptation of such a proof for Linear Logic. □

Back-up: No Uniform Interpolation in Affine Logic

Lemma

In Affine Logic there is no proof of

$X^a, (X \multimap (X \otimes Y))^b, (! (X \multimap (X \otimes Y)))^c, (X \otimes Y)^d, Y^e, (X \multimap Y)^f \vdash$

Proof.

By contradiction, consider a smallest cut-free proof. Its last rule is either a $\otimes$ - $\wp$ - $?d$ - $?c$ - or w -rule, with as premise a sequent of the same kind. $\square$

Proposition

(Intuitionistic) Affine Logic does not have uniform interpolation.

Proof.

Same proof as for Linear Logic, except we use the above lemma so as to have an ax -rule on each Y^+ of B_n , hence an alternating path in our GOI projection graph. $\square$