

Refining Labelled Systems for Modal and Constructive Logics with Applications

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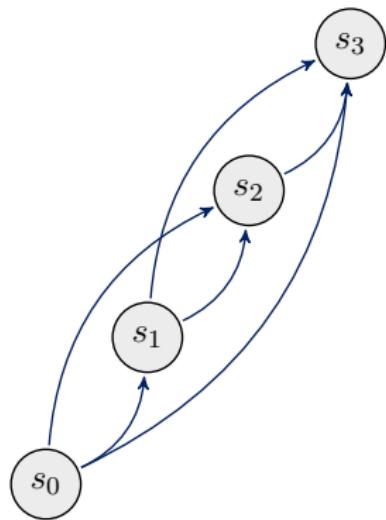
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Modal and Constructive Logics?

$\Diamond\phi$ $[a]\phi$ $K_a\phi$ $\mathcal{P}\phi$ $\mathbf{G}\phi$ $\blacklozenge\phi$ $\phi \mathbf{U} \psi$ $[\alpha \text{ stit} : \phi]$ $\phi \supset \psi$ $\phi \prec \psi$

- ▶ Program Verification (e.g. LTL, PDL)
- ▶ Knowledge and Information Change
(e.g. Dynamic Epistemic Logic)
- ▶ Constructive Reasoning (e.g.
Intuitionistic Logic)
- ▶ Normative Reasoning (e.g. Deontic
STIT Logic)
- ▶ Knowledge Representation (e.g. \mathcal{ALC})



Proof Theory?

- ▶ Offers **constructive** and **syntactic** approach to studying (meta-)logical properties of logics; e.g.
 - ▶ Consistency
 - ▶ Decidability
 - ▶ Interpolation
- ▶ **Fruitful** approach to **automated reasoning**; e.g.
 - ▶ Complexity optimal decision algorithms with witnesses
 - ▶ Knowledge base querying



Gerhard Gentzen (1945)

A Prominent Desideratum: Analyticity

“A proof is **analytic** if it does not go beyond its **subject matter**.”

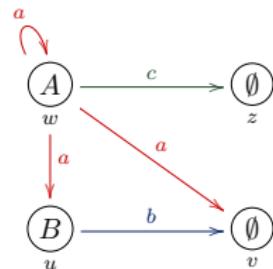


Bernard Bolzano

Our Interpretation: A proof is **analytic** if it only contains **subformulae** of the **conclusion**.

Labelled Calculi (Semantic-Based Systems)

$R_a w w, R_a w u, R_b u v, R_a w v, R_c w z \Rightarrow w : A, u : B$



Pros

Semantic Clauses + Frame Properties \rightsquigarrow Inference Rules

Easy to Construct (Process can be automated)

General Theorems of Fundamental Properties

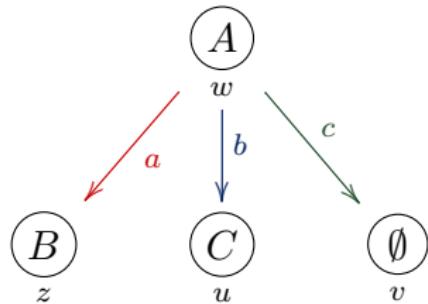
Cons

Redundant and Complex Syntax

Not analytic (in a strong sense)

Nested Sequent Systems

$A, (a)\{B\}, (b)\{C\}, (c)\{\emptyset\}$



Pros	Cons
Analytic	Lacking General Method of Construction
Minimized Bureaucracy/ Simpler Syntax	Lacking General Theorems Ensuring Properties

The Method of Structural Refinement

The Method:

- 1 Semantics to Labelled Systems
- 2 Labelled to Nested/Refined Labelled via
 - ▶ Structural Rule Elimination
 - ▶ Domain Atom Removal
- 3 Establish Inheritance

The Benefits:

- ▶ Best of both worlds
- ▶ Improved theory of nested sequents
- ▶ Compression in calculus and proof size
- ▶ Simplification of sequents
- ▶ Structural rules traded for logical (propagation) rules

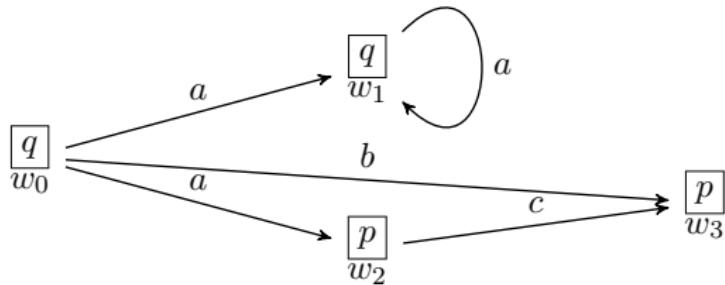
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Grammar Logics

► The class of logics includes:

- Epistemic Logics (reasoning about knowledge)
- Temporal Logics (reasoning about time)
- Description Logics (knowledge representation)

► Language:

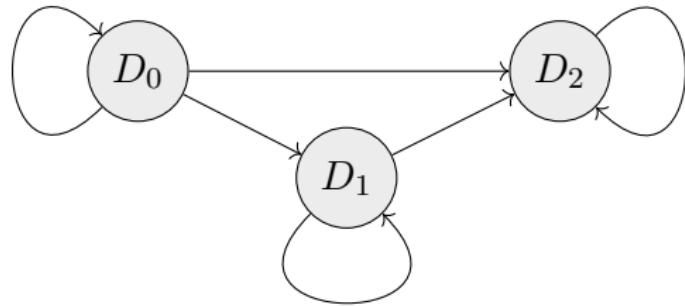
$$A ::= p \mid \neg p \mid A \vee A \mid A \wedge A \mid [\alpha]A \mid \langle \alpha \rangle A \text{ with } \alpha \in \{a, \bar{a}, b, \bar{b}, c, \bar{c}, \dots\}$$


First-Order Intuitionistic Logics

► Logics Considered:

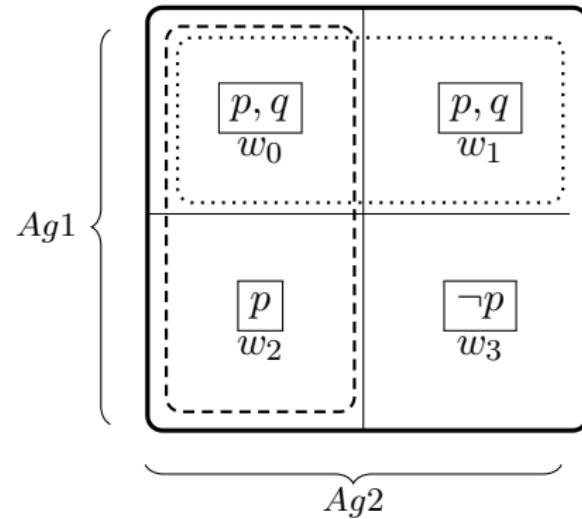
- First-Order Intuitionistic Logic with Non-Constant Domains
- First-Order Intuitionistic Logic with Constant Domains

► Language:

$$A ::= p(x_1, \dots, x_n) \mid \perp \mid A \vee A \mid A \wedge A \mid A \supset A \mid \exists x A \mid \forall x A$$


Deontic STIT Logics

- ▶ Used to model (deontic) agential choice making
- ▶ Language:

$$A ::= p \mid \neg p \mid A \vee A \mid A \wedge A \mid [i]A \mid \langle i \rangle A \mid \Box A \mid \Diamond A \mid \otimes_i A \mid \ominus_i A$$


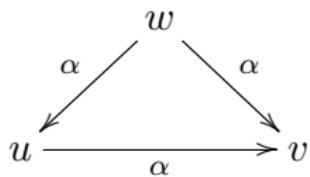
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An Example: Km5

Classical Propositional Logic +

Axioms:	Inference Rules:
$[\alpha](A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow ([\alpha]A \rightarrow [\alpha]B)$ $A \rightarrow [\alpha]\langle\bar{\alpha}\rangle A$ $\langle\bar{\alpha}\rangle\langle\alpha\rangle A \rightarrow \langle\alpha\rangle A$	$\frac{A}{[\alpha]A} \text{ nec}$

Euclideanity:

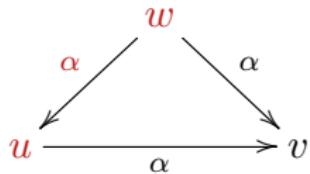


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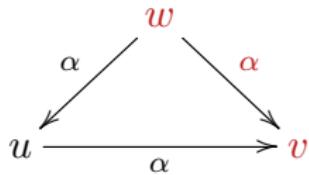


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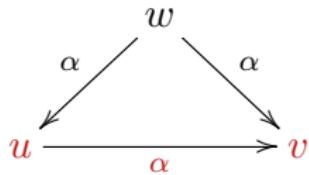


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Labelled Sequents

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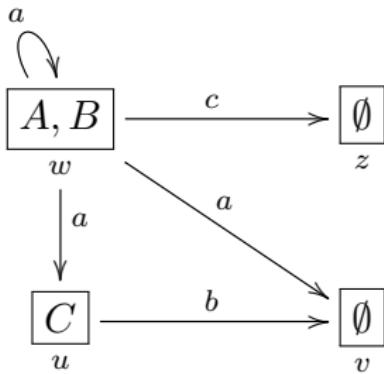
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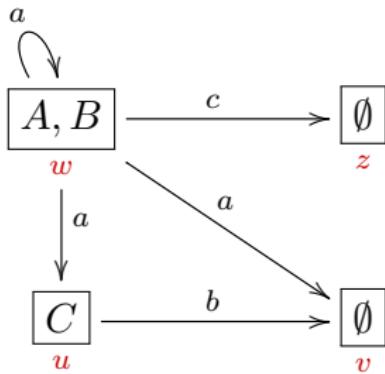
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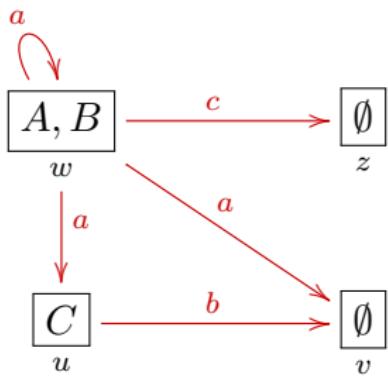
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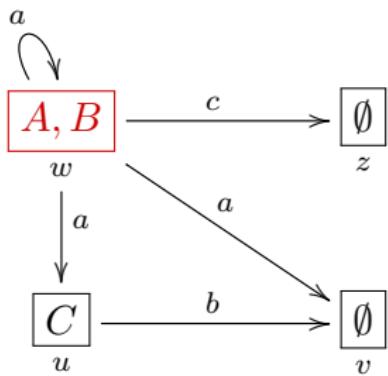
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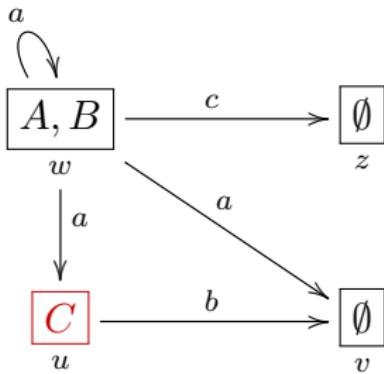
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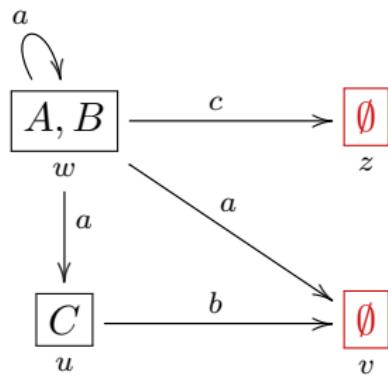
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The Labelled Calculus G3Km5

$$\frac{}{\mathcal{R} \Rightarrow w : p, w : \neg p, \Gamma} (id)$$

$$\frac{\mathcal{R} \Rightarrow w : A, w : B, \Gamma}{\mathcal{R} \Rightarrow w : A \vee B, \Gamma} (\vee) \quad \frac{\mathcal{R} \Rightarrow w : A, \Gamma \quad \mathcal{R} \Rightarrow w : B, \Gamma}{\mathcal{R} \Rightarrow w : A \wedge B, \Gamma} (\wedge)$$

$$\frac{\mathcal{R}, R_\alpha w u \Rightarrow w : \langle \alpha \rangle A, u : A, \Gamma}{\mathcal{R}, R_\alpha w u \Rightarrow w : \langle \alpha \rangle A, \Gamma} (\langle \alpha \rangle) \quad \frac{\mathcal{R}, R_a w u \Rightarrow u : A, \Gamma}{\mathcal{R} \Rightarrow w : [\alpha] A, \Gamma} ([\alpha])^\dagger$$

$$\frac{\mathcal{R}, R_{\bar{\alpha}} uw, R_\alpha wv, R_\alpha wv \Rightarrow \Gamma}{\mathcal{R}, R_{\bar{\alpha}} uw, R_\alpha wv \Rightarrow \Gamma} (euc) \quad \frac{\mathcal{R}, R_\alpha uw, R_{\bar{\alpha}} wu \Rightarrow \Gamma}{\mathcal{R}, R_\alpha uw \Rightarrow \Gamma} (cv)$$

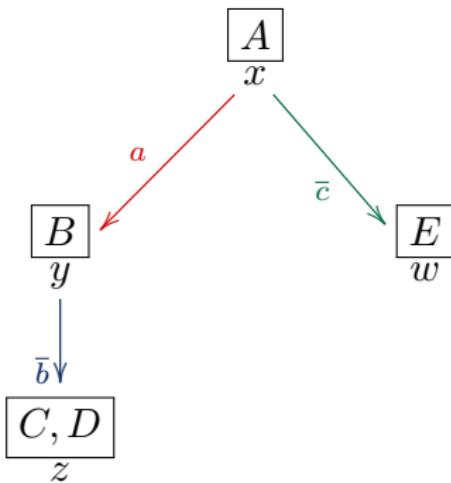
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Nested Sequents

- **Nested Sequents** [Tiu et al. 2012]:

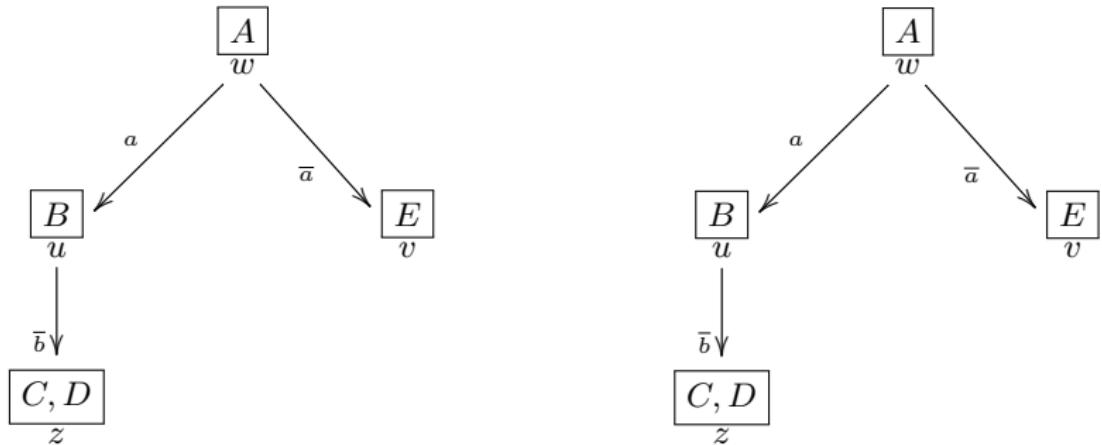
$$\Sigma ::= A \mid \Sigma, \Sigma \mid (\alpha)\{\Sigma\}$$

- **Example:** $A, (\textcolor{red}{a})\{B, (\bar{b})\{C, D\}\}, (\bar{c})\{E\}$



Translating Labelled and Nested

$$R_a w u, R_{\bar{b}} u v, R_{\bar{a}} w v \Rightarrow w : A, u : B, z : C, z : D, v : E \quad A, (a)\{B, (\bar{b})\{C, D\}\}, (\bar{a})\{E\}$$



- Treelike Labelled Sequent = Nested Sequent

The Nested Calculus DKm5 [Tiu et al. 2012]

$$\frac{}{\Sigma[p, \neg p]} (id) \quad \frac{\Sigma[A, B]}{\Sigma[A \vee B]} (\vee) \quad \frac{\Sigma[A] \quad \Sigma[B]}{\Sigma[A \wedge B]} (\wedge)$$

$$\frac{\Sigma[(\alpha)\{A\}]}{\Sigma[[\alpha]A]} ([\alpha]) \quad \frac{\Sigma[\langle\alpha\rangle A][A]}{\Sigma[\langle\alpha\rangle A][\emptyset]} (p)^\dagger$$

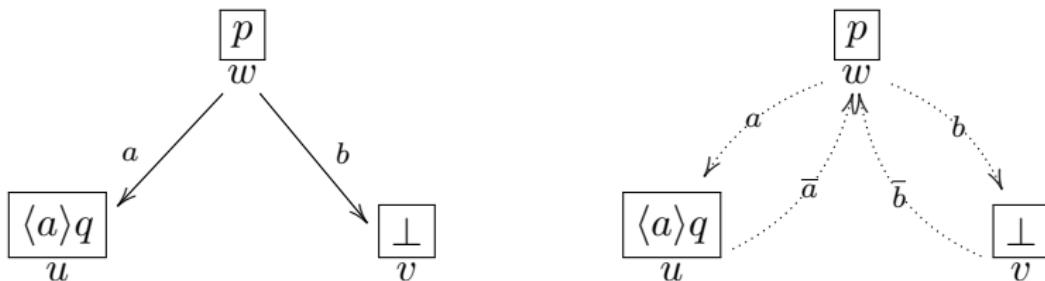
Propagation Rules and Graphs [Tiu et al. 2012]

► Propagation rules

1. Nested sequent \rightsquigarrow Propagation graph
2. Axioms \rightsquigarrow Formal grammars
3. Accepted string \rightsquigarrow Rule application

► Propagation graphs

$$p, (a)\{\langle a \rangle q\}, (b)\{\perp\}$$



Propagation Rule Example

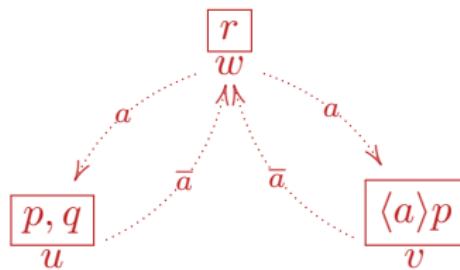
$$\langle \bar{a} \rangle \langle a \rangle A \rightarrow \langle a \rangle A \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad a \longrightarrow \bar{a} \cdot a$$

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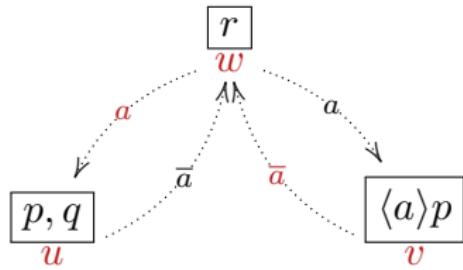


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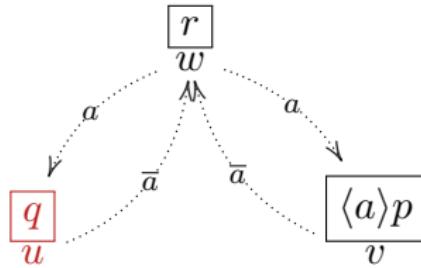


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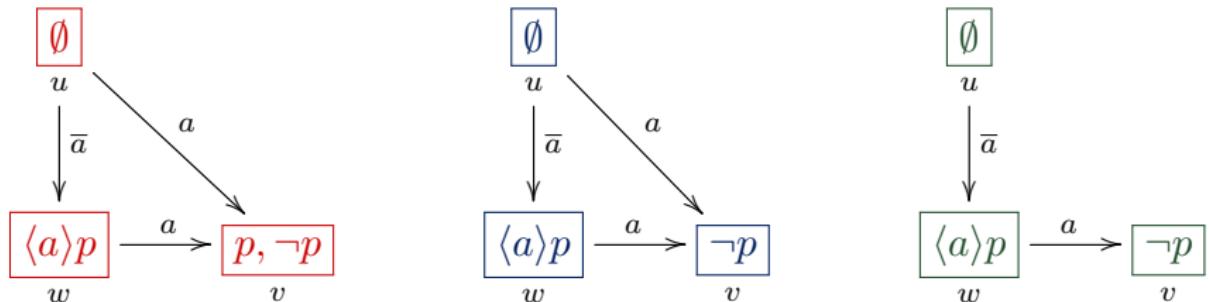


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3. Apply Rule

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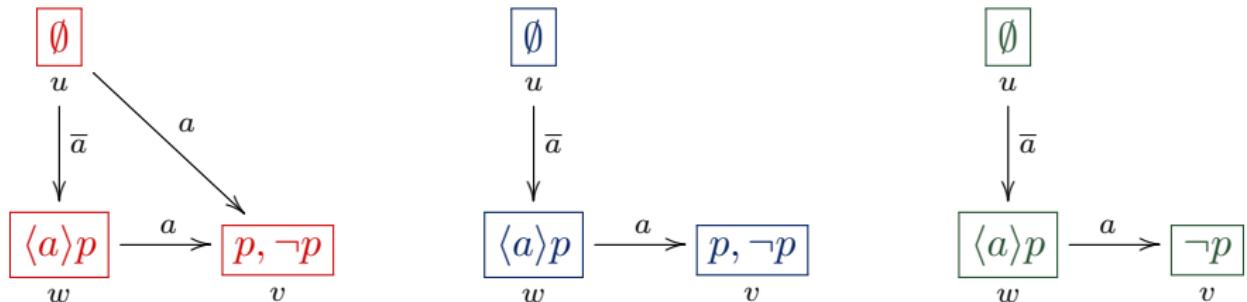
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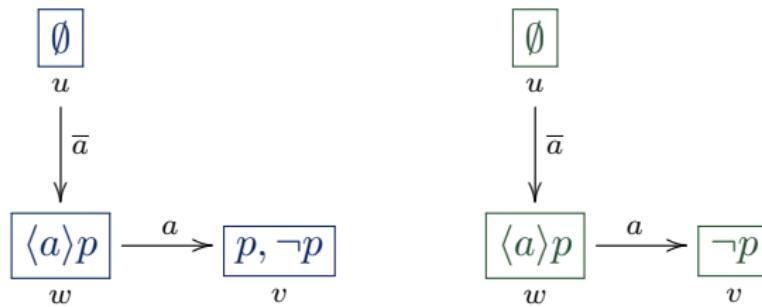
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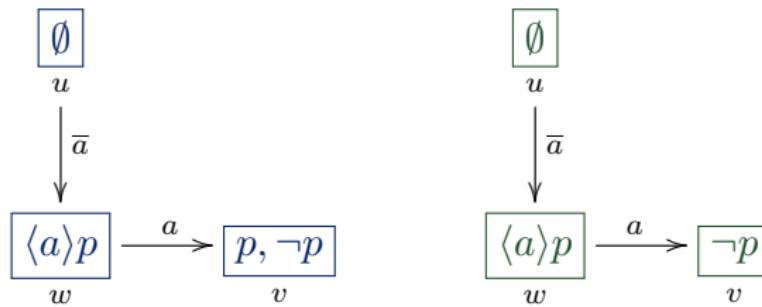
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Elimination Example

$$\frac{(\bar{a})\{\langle a \rangle p, (a)\{p, \neg p\}\} \quad (id)}{(\bar{a})\{\langle a \rangle p, (a)\{\neg p\}\}} \quad (p)$$



Rules and Consequences

- ▶ **Propagation rules** \rightsquigarrow Structural Rule Elimination
- ▶ **Structural Rule Elimination** \rightsquigarrow Treelike Sequents
- ▶ **Propagation rules:** Propagate formulae along paths
- ▶ **Reachability rules:** Also check if data exists along paths
- ▶ **Benefits** of parameterizing with grammars:
 - ▶ Modularity: Change Grammar \rightsquigarrow Change Logic
 - ▶ Generality: Can define calculi for sizable classes of logics

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Summary of Decidability and Interpolation Results

- ▶ Decidability of Deontic STIT Logics via Proof-Search
 - ▶ Returns proof of validity
 - ▶ Returns counter-model of invalidity
- ▶ Interpolation: If $A \rightarrow B \in \mathbf{L}$, then
 - ▶ $\exists I$ such that $A \rightarrow I, I \rightarrow B \in \mathbf{L}$;
 - ▶ I is in ‘common language’ of A and B .
- ▶ Interpolation for Context-Free Grammar Logics with Converse
 - ▶ Constructive: Builds Interpolant
 - ▶ Verifiable/Explainable: Returns proofs witnessing interpolation
 - ▶ General: Applicable to other classes of logics

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Results Obtained via Refinement Work

- ▶ New Method: Semantics \rightsquigarrow Labelled systems \rightsquigarrow Nested systems
- ▶ Existing nested calculi can be derived via method:
 - ▶ Nested calculi for grammar logics [Tiu et al. 2012]
 - ▶ Nested calculi for FO Intuitionistic logics [Fitting 2014]
- ▶ New systems for FO Intuitionistic Logics
 - ▶ Utilizes reachability rules
 - ▶ Modularity: (Sub-)(Bi-)Intuitionistic Logics
- ▶ New systems for deontic STIT logics
- ▶ Suitable for “applications”: Decidability and Interpolation

List of Publications Used in Thesis

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Future Work

- ▶ Find General Conditions for Extracting Nested from Labelled
- ▶ Refining calculi for other logics:
 - ▶ Free logics
 - ▶ Modal logics with nominals
 - ▶ Constructive Modal Logics
- ▶ Provide Nested/Analytic Calculi for Logics w/o One
- ▶ Decidability, Interpolation, etc.
- ▶ Extend Method: Indexed-Nested, Linear Nested, and Hypersequents