

The L-Framework

Structural Proof Theory in Rewriting Logic

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Consider the following inference rule (tensor in Linear Logic):

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash F \quad \Delta \vdash G}{\Gamma, \Delta \vdash F \otimes G} \otimes_R$$

Horn Clauses (Prolog)

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prove Upsilon (F tensor G) :- split Upsilon Gamma Delta,  
                               prove Gamma F, prove Delta G .
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Rewriting Logic (Maude)

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rl [tensorR] : Gamma, Delta |- F x G => (Gamma |- F) , (Delta |-G) .
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Gap between what is represented and its representation

*Rewriting Logic can rightfully be said to have “***ϵ-representational distance***” as a semantic and logical framework. (José Meseguer)*

Where is the Magic ?

Rewriting logic: **Equational theory + rewriting rules**

- Propositional logic

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op empty : -> Context [ctor] .  
op _,_ : Context Context -> Context [assoc comm id: empty] .  
eq F:Formula, F:Formula = F:Formula . --- idempotency
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- Linear Logic (no weakening / contraction)

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op _,_ : Context Context -> Context [assoc comm id: empty] .
```

- Lambek's logics without exchange

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op _,_ : Context Context -> Context .
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The general point is that, by choosing the right equations, we can capture any desired structural axiom. (José Meseguer)

Determinism vs Non-Determinism

Back to the tensor rule:

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash F \quad \Delta \vdash G}{\Gamma, \Delta \vdash F \otimes G} \otimes_R \qquad \frac{\Gamma, F_1, F_2 \vdash G}{\Gamma, F_1 \otimes F_2 \vdash G} \otimes_L$$

Equations

Deterministic (invertible) rules that can be eagerly applied.

`eq [tensorL] : Gamma, F1 * F2 |- G = Gamma, F1 , F2 |- G .`

Rules

Non-deterministic (non-invertible) rules where backtracking is needed.

`rl [tensorR] : Gamma, Delta |- F x G => (Gamma |- F) , (Delta |-G) .`

Structural Properties of Sequent Systems

In good sequent systems the **cut-elimination** theorem holds, i.e., proofs using the **cut rule** can be transformed into **cut-free proofs**.

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \Delta, F \quad \Gamma, F \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash \Delta} \textit{cut}$$

- **Analytic proofs**: (subformula property)
- **Consistency**.
- A cut-free system is more amenable for **automatic reasoning**.

How to prove cut-elimination for a given system?

It is often quite elaborated and exponentially exhaustive:

- **Several proof obligations** showing how cut permutes down.
- For that, it is useful to prove that some rules are **invertible** and some **structural rules are admissible**.

Relying on **rewrite** and **narrowing-based** reasoning we introduce sufficient conditions and procedures for proving :

- **admissibility** of structural rules (weakening and contraction).
- **invertibility** of inference rules.
- **permutability** of inference rules (under certain conditions).
- **cut-elimination** of the system.

RL as a meta-logical framework in action.

The **L-Framework** (<https://carlosolarte.github.io/L-framework/>)

- A reflective implementation of our procedures in **Maude**.
- General enough for proving properties of different propositional systems: intuitionistic and classical logics, linear logic, and normal modal logics.

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A **rewrite theory** is the specification unit in rewriting logic

Definition (Rewrite Theory)

A tuple $\mathcal{R} = (\Sigma, E \cup B, R)$ consisting of:

- $(\Sigma, E \cup B)$ is an **equational theory**
- B is a set of **structural axioms** (assoc, comm, id).
- R is a set of labeled conditional **rewrite rules** $l \rightarrow r \text{ if } C$
- $(\Sigma, E \cup B)$ specifies **states and deterministic computations**
- R specifies **dynamic, concurrent behaviors**

RL proves sentences of the form $t \rightarrow t'$ ($\mathcal{R} \vdash t \rightarrow t'$) where $t, t' \in T_{\Sigma}(X)$.

$\rightarrow_{\mathcal{R}}^1$ is computable if the executability conditions hold (\mathcal{R} is finite, equations in E are terminating and ground confluent, etc.)

- A high-performance rewriting logic engine
- A system module defines a rewrite theory \mathcal{R} .
- Executes **admissible** system modules (confluence and termination of E , coherence of R w.r.t. E , ...)
- Several generic formal analysis tools (rewrite, search, LTL model checker, etc).
- **Reflective capabilities** (RL as a meta-logical framework).

<http://maude.cs.illinois.edu/>

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Sequent Systems

A **sequent** is an expression of the form $\Gamma \vdash \Delta$:

- Γ is the **antecedent** and Δ the **succedent**.
- According to **structural properties**, Γ, Δ can be sets, multisets or lists of formulas.
- Δ can be a multiset (**multi-conclusion**) or restricted to one formula (**single-conclusion**)
- When Γ is empty it is called **one-sided** (otherwise, **two-sided**).

Inference Rules

$$\frac{S_1 \cdots S_n}{S} R$$

- S is the **conclusion** and $S_1 \cdots S_n$ the **premises**.
- If the premises are empty, then R is an **axiom**.

An example: Intuitionistic Propositional Logic

Syntax

$$F, G ::= p \mid \top \mid \perp \mid F \vee G \mid F \wedge G \mid F \supset G$$

Some of the rules of the system *G3ip* (single-conclusion, two-sided):

$$\begin{array}{c} \overline{\Gamma, p \vdash p} \quad I \qquad \overline{\Gamma \vdash \top} \quad T_R \\ \\ \frac{\Gamma, F \vdash C \quad \Gamma, G \vdash C}{\Gamma, F \vee G \vdash C} \vee_L \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash F_i}{\Gamma \vdash F_1 \vee F_2} \vee_{R_i} \\ \\ \frac{\Gamma, F \supset G \vdash F \quad \Gamma, G \vdash C}{\Gamma, F \supset G \vdash C} \supset_L \qquad \frac{\Gamma, F \vdash G}{\Gamma \vdash F \supset G} \supset_R \end{array}$$

The OL in the L-Framework

We shall call **Object Logic** (OL) to the logical system we are analyzing.

Defining the syntax and inference rules of the OL is quite easy.

Generic constructs from the L-Framework

```
sort Formula .
sort MSFormula .          --- Multiset of Formulas
op * : -> MSFormula .    --- Empty multiset
--- Multiset union
op _;_ : MSFormula MSFormula -> MSFormula [assoc comm id: * ] .
```

Particular instance for the OL

```
mod G3i is
...
op _/\_ : Formula Formula -> Formula .
--- Inference rules
rl [AndL] : F /\ G ; C |-- H => F ; G ; C |-- H .
rl [AndR] : C |-- F /\ G => ( C |-- F ) | ( C |-- G ) .
...
endm
```

A correct proof search procedure for free:

```
Maude> search [1] in G3i : p(1) /\ p(2) |-- p(2) /\ p(1) ==>* proved .
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Solution 1 (state 7)

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Maude> show path 7 .
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state 0, Sequent: p(1) /\ p(2) |-- p(2) /\ p(1)
=== [ rl C ; F /\ G |-- H => F ; C ; G |-- H [label AndL] . ] ==>
state 1, Sequent: p(1) ; p(2) |-- p(2) /\ p(1)
=== [ rl C |-- F /\ G => (C |-- F) | (C |-- G) [label AndR] . ] ==>
state 3, Goal: (p(1) ; p(2) |-- p(2)) | (p(1) ; p(2) |-- p(1))
=== [ rl P ; C |-- P => proved [label I] . ] ==>
state 5, Sequent: p(1) ; p(2) |-- p(1)
=== [ rl P ; C |-- P => proved [label I] . ] ==>
state 7, Goal: proved
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Definition

A rule

$$\frac{S_1 \cdots S_n}{S} R$$

is called:

1. **admissible** if S is derivable whenever S_1, \dots, S_n are derivable.

2. **invertible** if the rules $\frac{S}{S_1}, \dots, \frac{S}{S_n}$ are admissible.

Proving Invertibility

The proof of invertibility proceeds by **induction on the height of the derivation** (and then, case analysis on the last rule applied).

Consider the proof of **invertibility of \vee_L** and the case \supset_R :

$$\frac{\Gamma, F \vee G, A \vdash B}{\Gamma, F \vee G \vdash A \supset B} \supset_R$$

We can assume by induction (on a shorter derivation):

- $\Gamma, F, A \vdash B$
- $\Gamma, G, A \vdash B$

and then we conclude:

$$\frac{\Gamma, F, A \vdash B}{\text{Goal1 : } \Gamma, F \vdash A \supset B} \supset_R \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\Gamma, G, A \vdash B}{\text{Goal2 : } \Gamma, G \vdash A \supset B} \supset_R$$

Admissibility of structural rules

We know that \supset_R is invertible in $G3ip$. However, the case \supset_L **fails**:

$$\frac{\Gamma, A \supset B \vdash A \quad \Gamma, B \vdash F \supset G}{\Gamma, A \supset B \vdash F \supset G} \supset_L$$

We know that:

- $\Gamma, A \supset B \vdash A$ (by hypothesis)
- $\Gamma, B, F \vdash G$ (by induction)

But this is not enough to complete the following figure:

$$\frac{\Gamma, A \supset B, \text{??} \vdash A \quad \Gamma, B, F \vdash G}{\text{Goal : } \Gamma, A \supset B, F \vdash G} \supset_L$$

The admissibility of **weakening** is missing!

Admissibility of Structural Rules

The following structural rules are admissible in G3ip

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash C}{\Gamma, F \vdash C} W \quad \frac{\Gamma, F, F \vdash C}{\Gamma, F \vdash C} C$$

1. Admissibility of W is proved by induction on the height of the derivation.
2. The admissibility of C requires invertibility results. Consider, e.g., the case

$$\frac{\Gamma, F \vee G, F \vdash C \quad \Gamma, F \vee G, G \vdash C}{\Gamma, F \vee G, F \vee G \vdash C} \vee_L$$

By invertibility of \vee_L , we have $\Gamma, F, F \vdash C$ and, by induction, $\Gamma, F \vdash C$ as needed (the same for G).

Cut-Elimination

The following rule is admissible in G3ip

$$\frac{[\Pi] \quad \Gamma \vdash A \quad [\Sigma] \quad \Gamma, A \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash B} \text{Cut}$$

Nested induction: on the complexity of A and subinduction on the sum of the heights of $[\Pi]$ and $[\Sigma]$.

Principal cases

$$\frac{\frac{\Gamma \vdash_n A \quad \Gamma \vdash_n B}{\Gamma \vdash_{s(n)} A \wedge B} \wedge_R \quad \frac{\Gamma, A, B \vdash_m C}{\Gamma, A \wedge B \vdash_{s(m)} C} \wedge_L}{\Gamma \vdash C} \text{Cut} \quad \sim \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A \quad \frac{\frac{\Gamma \vdash B}{\Gamma, A \vdash B} W \quad \frac{}{\Gamma, A, B \vdash C} \text{Cut}}{\Gamma, A \vdash C} \text{Cut}}{\Gamma \vdash C} \text{Cut}$$

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Non-principal cases

$$\frac{\frac{\Gamma, F, G \vdash_n A}{\Gamma, F \wedge G \vdash_{s(n)} A} \wedge_L \quad \Gamma, F \wedge G, A \vdash_{s(m)} B}{\Gamma, F \wedge G \vdash B} \text{Cut} \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad \frac{\Gamma, F, G \vdash_n A \quad \Gamma, F, G, A \vdash_{s(m)} B}{\Gamma, F, G \vdash B} \text{Cut} \quad \wedge_L \quad \frac{\Gamma, F, G \vdash B}{\Gamma, F \wedge G \vdash B} \wedge_L$$

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Meta-theorems of sequent systems in RL: Invertibility

Consider invertibility of \wedge_R . We need to prove the following:

- **Assuming** that $\Gamma \vdash F \wedge G$ is derivable,
- **Show** that both $\Gamma \vdash F$ and $\Gamma \vdash G$ are derivable.

The proof needs to consider all the possible derivations for $\Gamma \vdash F \wedge G$:

Step 1

Unify the head of \wedge_R with all the rules of the system.

$$\frac{\frac{? \Gamma_1 \vdash ? F_1 \quad ? \Gamma_1 \vdash ? G_1}{? \Gamma_1 \vdash ? F_1 \wedge ? G_1} \wedge_R + \frac{? \Gamma_1, ? F_2 \vdash ? C \quad ? \Gamma_1, ? G_2 \vdash ? C}{? \Gamma_2, ? F_2 \vee ? G_2 \vdash ? C} \vee_L}{? \Gamma_3, ? F_2 \vee ? G_2 \vdash ? F_1 \wedge ? G_1} \rightsquigarrow$$

and consider the following **ground sequent** (freezing the variables):

$$\Gamma_3, F_2 \vee G_2 \vdash F_1 \wedge G_1$$

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Step 2

Apply the rule \vee_L on the ground sequent:

$$\frac{\Gamma_3, F_2 \vdash F_1 \wedge G_1 \quad \Gamma_3, G_2 \vdash F_1 \wedge G_1}{\Gamma_3, F_2 \vee G_2 \vdash F_1 \wedge G_1} \vee_L$$

Step 3

Collect all possible hypotheses by applying the theorem (**just a rewriting rule!**) to the sequents in the premises above.

Now we know, e.g. that the following sequents are derivable:

- $\Gamma_3, F_2 \vdash F_1 \wedge G_1$ (hypothesis above)
- $\Gamma_3, F_2 \vdash F_1$ (by induction)
- $\Gamma_3, F_2 \vdash G_1$ (by induction)

Step 4

Using all the hypotheses, find a proof of the goals.

The goal here is to prove the following ground sequents:

- $\Gamma_3, F_2 \vee G_2 \vdash F_1$ **and**
- $\Gamma_3, F_2 \vee G_2 \vdash G_1$

A search procedure with the **System + Hypotheses** is enough.

Definition (Local Invertibility)

Let \mathcal{S} be a sequent system and \mathcal{H} be a (possibly empty) set of rules. Consider the following annotated inference rules:

$$\frac{k : S_1 \cdots k : S_m}{s(k) : S} r_s \quad \frac{m : T_1 \cdots m : T_n}{s(m) : T} r_t$$

Under the assumption \mathcal{H} , the premise $l \in 1..m$ of the rule r_s is *height-preserving invertible relative* to the rule r_t iff for each $\theta \in CSU(s(k) : S, s(m) : T)$:

$$\mathcal{H} \cup \mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{S}} \cup \{(\overline{m : T_j})\theta \mid j \in 1..n\} \cup \bigcup_{j \in 1..n} \{(\overline{m : S_l})\gamma \mid \gamma \in CSU(k : S, (\overline{m : T_j})\theta)\} \Vdash (\overline{k : S_l})\theta$$

Global view:

extended theory \Vdash premise of s is provable

i.e., $S_l \rightarrow$ proved in the extended theory.

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$$\mathcal{H} \cup \mathcal{R}_S \cup \left\{ \overline{(m : T_j)\theta} \mid j \in 1..n \right\} \cup \bigcup_{j \in 1..n} \left\{ \overline{(m : S_l)\gamma} \mid \gamma \in \text{CSU}(k : S, \overline{(m : T_j)\theta}) \right\} \Vdash \overline{(k : S_l)\theta}$$

We consider all possible sequents where both r_s and r_t can be applied.

Definition (Local Invertibility)

$$\frac{k : S_1 \cdots \boxed{k : S_l} \cdots k : S_m}{s(k) : S} r_s \quad \frac{m : T_1 \cdots m : T_n}{s(m) : T} r_t$$

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The goal is to prove all the premises of $\boxed{r_s}$.

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External theorems (rewrite rules) are assumed as well as the rules of the system .

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The premises of r_t are assumed as provable (rules of the form $seq \rightarrow proved$)

Definition (Local Invertibility)

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Under the assumption \mathcal{H} , the premise $l \in 1..m$ of the rule r_s is *height-preserving invertible relative* to the rule r_t iff for each $\theta \in CSU(s(k) : S, s(m) : T)$:

$$\dots \bigcup_{j \in 1..n} \{ \overline{(m : S_l)\gamma} \mid \gamma \in CSU(k : S, \overline{(m : T_j)\theta}) \} \Vdash \dots$$

Inductive reasoning: If r_s can be applied on the premises of r_t , the resulting sequents S_l are provable (with the same height).

Now we have to repeat the same procedure for all the possible rules in the system \mathcal{S} .

Theorem

*Let \mathcal{S} be a sequent system and r_s an inference rule in \mathcal{S} . If r_s is invertible **relative to each r_t in \mathcal{S}** , then r_s is height-preserving invertible in \mathcal{S} .*

Admissibility of Structural Rules

Definition (Local admissibility)

Let \mathcal{S} be a sequent system, \mathcal{I} be a (possibly empty) set of rules, and $r_t \in \mathcal{S}$ and r_s be rules given by

$$\frac{k : T_1 \cdots k : T_n}{s(k) : T} r_t \quad \frac{S_1}{S} r_s$$

The rule r_s is *height-preserving admissible relative to r_t* in \mathcal{S} under the assumptions \mathcal{I} iff assuming that $i : S_1$ is provable then, for each $\theta \in CSU(i : S_1, s(k) : T)$,

$$\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{S}} \cup \{\overline{(k : T_j)\theta} \mid j \in 1..n\} \cup \mathcal{I} \cup \{(\forall \vec{x})(\overline{k\theta} : S_1 \rightarrow \overline{k\theta} : S)\} \Vdash \overline{(i : S)\theta}$$

Theorem

Let \mathcal{S} be a sequent system and

$$\frac{S_1}{S} r_s$$

be an inference rule. If r_s is admissible relative to each r_t in \mathcal{S} , then r_s is admissible in \mathcal{S} .

Definition (Cut-elimination relative to two rules)

Let \mathcal{S} be a sequent system and \mathcal{H} and \mathcal{I} a set of rules. Let

$$\frac{n : S_1 \cdots n : S_m}{s(n) : S} r_s \quad \frac{k : T_1 \cdots k : T_n}{s(k) : T} r_t$$

be inference rules in \mathcal{S} . Under the assumptions \mathcal{H} and \mathcal{I} , the cut rule is admissible relative to r_s and r_t iff for each $\theta \in CSU(\mathcal{S}, \text{lcut})$ and $\gamma \in CSU(\mathcal{T}, \text{rcut})$:

$$\mathcal{H} \cup \mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{S}} \cup \text{ind-F} \cup \text{ind-H} \cup \{ \overline{(n : S_j)\gamma}, \overline{S_j\gamma} \mid j \in 1..m \}_{\mathcal{I}} \cup \{ \overline{(n : T_j)\gamma}, \overline{T_j\gamma} \mid j \in 1..n \}_{\mathcal{I}} \Vdash \overline{\text{hcut}\gamma}$$

where the variables in S and T are assumed disjoint and

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ind-F} &= \{ (\text{hcut} \rightarrow \text{lcut} \mid \text{rcut})[t/A] \mid t < \overline{A\gamma} \} \\ \text{ind-H} &= \{ \text{hcut} \rightarrow (\overline{n\gamma} : \text{lcut} \mid \overline{s(n)\gamma} : \text{rcut})[\overline{A\gamma}/A] \} \cup \\ &\quad \{ \text{hcut} \rightarrow (\overline{s(n)\gamma} : \text{lcut} \mid \overline{n\gamma} : \text{rcut})[\overline{A\gamma}/A] \} \end{aligned}$$

Cut elimination conditions

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$$\dots\{\overline{(n : S_j)\gamma}, \overline{S_j\gamma} \mid j \in 1..m\}_{\mathcal{I}} \cup \{\overline{(n : T_j)\gamma}, \overline{T_j\gamma} \mid j \in 1..n\}_{\mathcal{I}} \Vdash \overline{\text{hcut}\gamma}$$

$$\frac{\text{lcut} \quad \text{rcut}}{\text{hcut}} \text{Cut}$$

r_s is applied on the left premise and r_t is applied on the right premise.

Definition (Cut-elimination relative to two rules)

$$\frac{n : S_1 \cdots n : S_m}{s(n) : S} r_s \quad \frac{k : T_1 \cdots k : T_n}{s(k) : T} r_t$$

$$\dots \cup \text{ind-F} \cup \text{ind-H} \cup \dots \Vdash \overline{\text{hcut}\gamma}$$

$$\text{ind-F} = \left\{ (\text{hcut} \rightarrow \text{lcut} \mid \text{rcut})[t/A] \mid t < \overline{A\gamma} \right\}$$

$$\text{ind-H} = \left\{ \text{hcut} \rightarrow (\overline{n\gamma} : \text{lcut} \mid \overline{s(n)\gamma} : \text{rcut})[\overline{A\gamma}/A] \right\} \cup$$

$$\left\{ \text{hcut} \rightarrow (\overline{s(n)\gamma} : \text{lcut} \mid \overline{n\gamma} : \text{rcut})[\overline{A\gamma}/A] \right\}$$

ind-F is instantiated with proper subterms.

ind-H is instantiated with shorter derivations.

Finally, we test all the possible combinations of rules.

Theorem

Let S be a sequent system and \mathcal{H} and \mathcal{I} be set of rules. If for each r_s and $r_t \in S$ the cut-rule is admissible relative to r_s and r_t under the assumptions \mathcal{H} and \mathcal{I} , then the cut-rule is admissible in S .

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Reflection (META-LEVEL in Maude) allows to:

- manipulate the theory \mathcal{R}_S ;
- check whether $\mathcal{R} \vdash s \rightarrow \text{proved}$
- Solve the unification problems, replace variables with fresh constants, etc.

The L-Framework provides the machinery needed to attempt proofs of:

- Admissibility of structural rules: W and C.
- Invertibility analyses.
- Permutability analyses (some restrictions are in order).
- Identity expansion.
- Cut-Elimination. Different cut-rules are already specified: multiplicative, additive, one-sided, dyadic, systems, etc.

Case studies

G3ip – Intuitionistic, two-sided, single-conclusion, propositional logic.

Invertibilities											Structural		G3ip _W	G3ip _{+inv}
I	\vee_L	\vee_R	\wedge_L	\wedge_R	\top_R	\top_L	\perp_L	\supset_L	\supset_R	\supset_L^{PR}	W	C	\supset_R	C
✓ _T	✓ _T	✓ _F	✓ _T	✓ _T	✓ _T	✓ _T	✓ _T	✓ _F	X	✓ _T	✓ _T	X	✓ _T	✓ _T

Multi-conclusion Propositional Intuitionistic Logic (mLJ)

Invertibilities										Structural		mLJ _{+inv}
I	\vee_L	\vee_R	\wedge_L	\wedge_R	\top_R	\top_L	\perp_L	\supset_L	\supset_R	W	C	C
✓ _T	✓ _T	✓ _T	✓ _T	✓ _T	✓ _T	✓ _T	✓ _T	✓ _T	✓ _F	✓ _T	X	✓ _T

Propositional classical logic

Invertibilities										Structural		G3cp _{+inv}
I	\vee_L	\vee_R	\wedge_L	\wedge_R	\top_R	\top_L	\perp_L	\supset_L	\supset_R	W	C	C
✓ _T	✓ _T	✓ _T	✓ _T	✓ _T	✓ _T	✓ _T	✓ _T	✓ _T	✓ _T	✓ _T	X	✓ _T

Case studies

Linear logic: monadic and dyadic systems:

LL and D-LL								LL			D-LL		D-LL _{+W_C}
1	\perp	T	\otimes	$\&$	\wp	\oplus_i	!	?	? _C	? _W	? copy	?	
✓ _T	✓ _T	✓ _T	✓ _F	✓ _T	✓ _T	✓ _F	✓ _F	✓ _F	✓ _T	✓ _F	X	✓ _F	✓ _T

Plus the following theorem: If $\vdash \Gamma, !F$ then $\vdash \Gamma, F$

Normal Modal Logics: K and S4

Invertibilities										Structural		Modal Rules			K _{+inv}	S4 _{+inv}
I	\vee_L	\vee_R	\wedge_L	\wedge_R	\top_R	\top_L	\perp_L	\supset_L	\supset_R	W	C	k	4	T	C	C
✓ _T	✓ _T	✓ _T	✓ _T	✓ _T	✓ _T	✓ _T	✓ _T	✓ _T	✓ _T	✓ _T	X	✓ _F	✓ _F	✓ _T	✓ _T	✓ _T

Cut-elimination theorems for:

- LJ (additive and multiplicative cut)
- mLJ (multiple conclusion system)
- LK (multiple conclusion)
- Modal systems K , T and S_4 .
- MALL (one sided, multiplicative)
- LL with explicit $?W$ and $?C$. Two cut-rules that need to be simultaneously eliminated:

$$\frac{\vdash \Gamma, F \quad \vdash \Delta, F^\perp}{\vdash \Gamma, \Delta} \text{ Cut} \qquad \frac{\vdash \Gamma, !F \quad \vdash \Delta, (?F^\perp)^n}{\vdash \Gamma, \Delta} \text{ mCut}$$

- LL dyadic system.

$$\frac{\vdash \Gamma : \Delta_1, F \quad \vdash \Gamma : \Delta_2, F^\perp}{\vdash \Gamma : \Delta_1, \Delta_2} \text{ Cut} \qquad \frac{\vdash \Gamma : !F \quad \vdash \Gamma, F^\perp : \Delta}{\vdash \Gamma : \Delta} \text{ Cut!}$$

<https://carlosolarte.github.io/L-framework/>

- 1 Rewriting Logic
- 2 Sequent Systems
- 3 Meta-theorems of sequent systems in RL
- 4 Reflective Implementation and case studies
- 5 **Concluding remarks**

Concluding Remarks

- We gave sufficient conditions for proving structural properties of sequent systems and used RL as a meta-logical framework.
- Our approach is **generic** (mild restrictions are imposed on sequents) and **modular** (properties can be proved incrementally).
- Thanks to the reflective capabilities in Maude, the implementation was reasonable simple.
- RL provided a straightforward encoding for the inference system and properties of interest.
- Several (successful) test cases.

Future directions

- conditions for variants of sequent systems (e.g., nested and hyper-sequents).
- exporting Maude's proof objects to a proof assistant.
- proof-assistant like environment.

Thanks!