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# **Soft Subexponentials and Multiplexing**

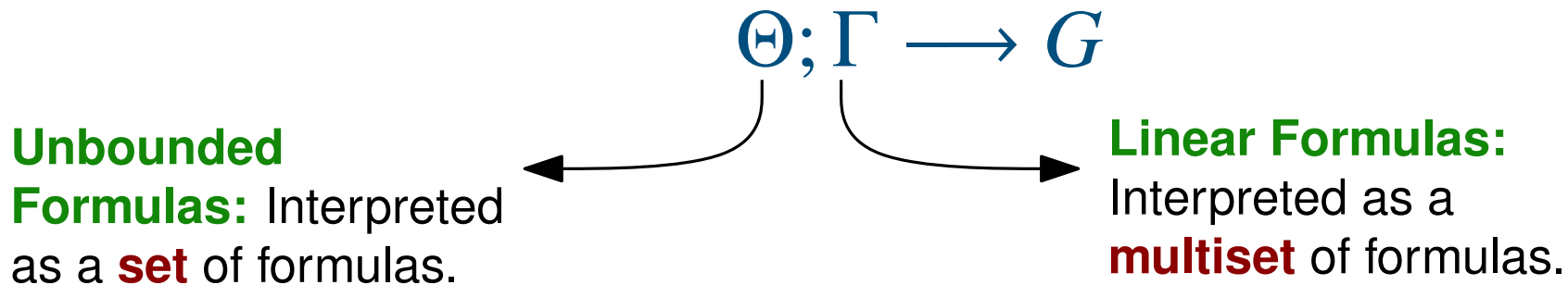
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# Logical Frameworks

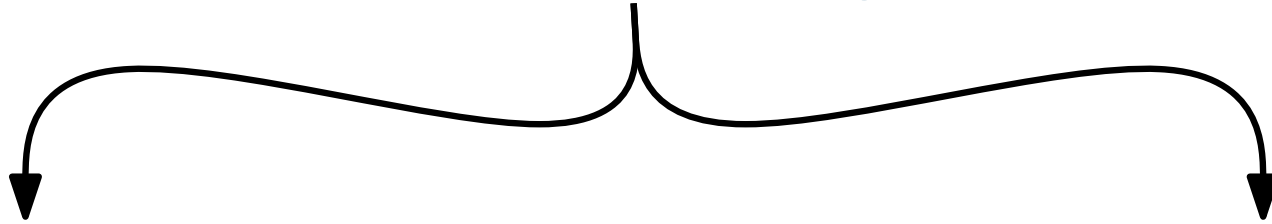
**Logical Specifications** allow for the specification of deductive systems, logics, and operational semantics.

- **Linear Logical Frameworks:** Specify state conscious systems;



# Logical Frameworks

Two extensions of **Linear Logical Frameworks**:



## Subexponentials

[Nigam, Olarte, Pimentel, Reis]

$$\Theta_1; \dots; \Theta_n; \Gamma_1; \dots; \Gamma_m \longrightarrow G$$

Allows for **many unbounded and linear contexts**.

- **Extended expressiveness:** specification of systems with several contexts: logics, concurrent programming, etc.

## Ordered Logics

[Pfenning, Simmons, Polakow]

$$\Theta; \Gamma; L \longrightarrow G$$

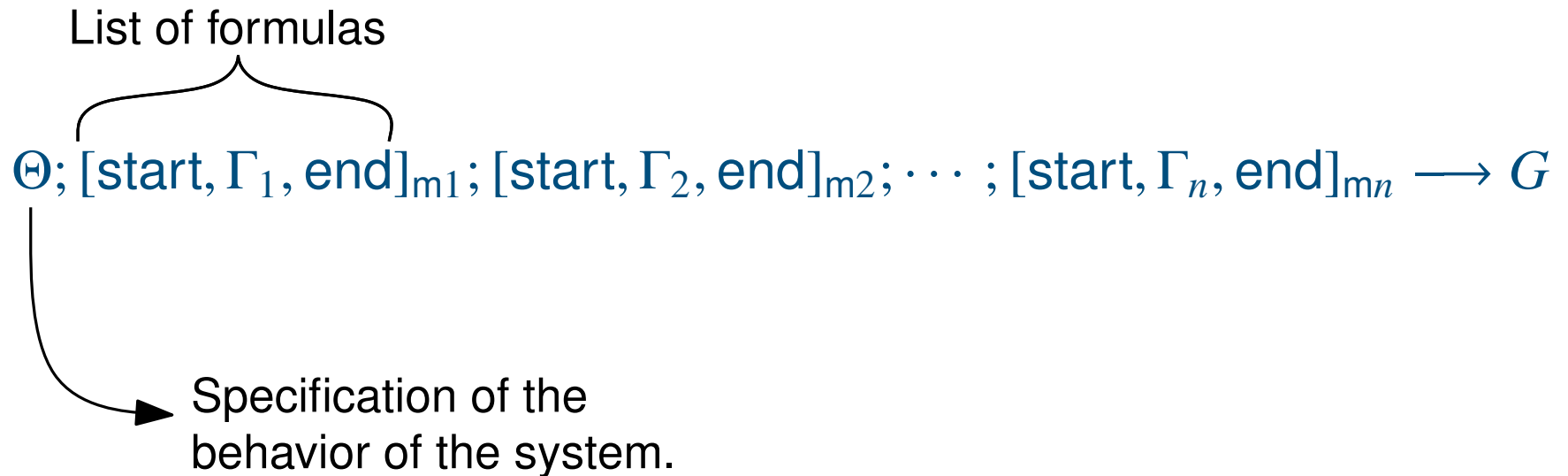
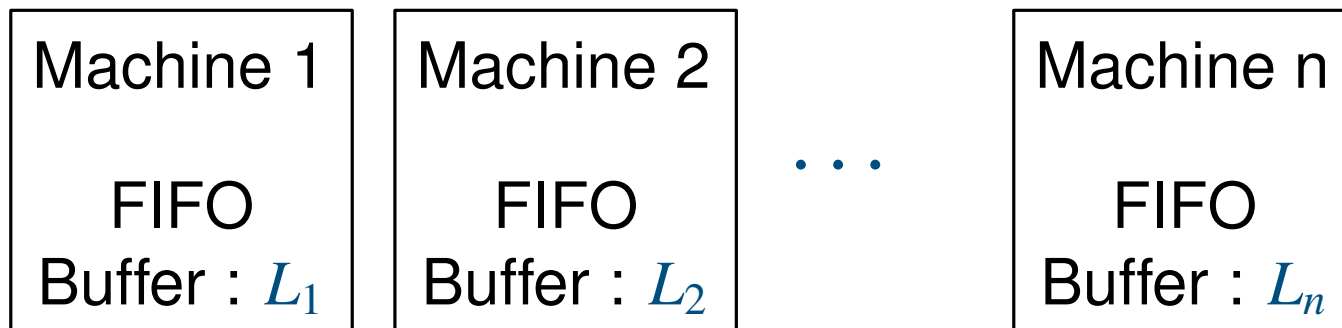
L - **Ordered Formulas**: Interpreted as a **list** of formulas.

- **Extended expressiveness:** specification of systems with some order (PL evaluation strategies, systems with lists, etc.)

**Contribution 1:** A logical framework with commutative and non-commutative subexponentials.

# Application

## Example: Distributed System Semantics



# Lambek Proof System

$$\frac{}{F \rightarrow F} I \quad \frac{\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2 \rightarrow C}{\Gamma_1, \mathbf{1}, \Gamma_2 \rightarrow C} \mathbf{1}_L \quad \frac{}{\rightarrow \mathbf{1}} \mathbf{1}_R$$

Initial and Unit

$$\frac{\Pi \rightarrow G \quad \Gamma_1, F, \Gamma_2 \rightarrow C}{\Gamma_1, F / G, \Pi, \Gamma_2 \rightarrow C} /_L \quad \frac{\Pi, F \rightarrow G}{\Pi \rightarrow G / F} /_R$$

Right Division

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Left Division

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Product

$$\frac{\Pi \rightarrow F\{e/x\}}{\Pi \rightarrow \forall x.F} \forall_R \quad \frac{\Gamma_1, F\{t/x\}, \Gamma_2 \rightarrow C}{\Gamma_1, \forall x.F, \Gamma_2 \rightarrow C} \forall_L$$

Quantifier

**The order of formulas is important.**

# Proof System with Subexponentials

## Subexponential Signature

$$\Sigma = \langle \mathcal{I}, \leq, \mathcal{W}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{E} \rangle$$

SNILL $_{\Sigma}$  proof system.

- $\mathcal{I}$  is a set of labels,  $\mathcal{W}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{E} \subseteq \mathcal{I}$
- $\leq$  is a pre-order relation over  $\mathcal{I}$  upwardly closed w.r.t.  $\mathcal{W}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{E}$ .

For each  $s \in \mathcal{I}$ :

$$\frac{\Gamma_1, F, \Gamma_2 \rightarrow G}{\Gamma_1, !^s F, \Gamma_2 \rightarrow G} \text{Der} \qquad \frac{!^{s_1} F_1, \dots, !^{s_n} F_n \longrightarrow F}{!^{s_1} F_1, \dots, !^{s_n} F_n \longrightarrow !^s F} !^s_R, \text{ provided, } s \leq s_i, 1 \leq i \leq n$$

For each  $w \in \mathcal{W}$  and  $c \in \mathcal{C}$ :

$$\frac{\Gamma, \Delta \longrightarrow G}{\Gamma, !^w F, \Delta \longrightarrow G} W \qquad \frac{\Gamma_1, !^c F, \Delta, !^c F, \Gamma_2 \rightarrow G}{\Gamma_1, !^c F, \Delta, \Gamma_2 \rightarrow G} C_1 \qquad \frac{\Gamma_1, !^c F, \Delta, !^c F, \Gamma_2 \rightarrow G}{\Gamma_1, \Delta, !^c F, \Gamma_2 \rightarrow G} C_2$$

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- **Theorem** For any well formed  $\Sigma$ ,  $\text{SNILL}_{\Sigma}$  admits cut-elimination.

**Proof** Extends our previous results [Dale-Fest, MSCS 18] with quantifiers.

# Kinds of Formulas

## Assumption:

- $\mathcal{W} \subseteq \mathcal{E}$
- $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{E}$

These assumptions are enough for our examples and facilitate proof search (focused proof system for **SNILL**).

A formula of the form  $!^s F$  is

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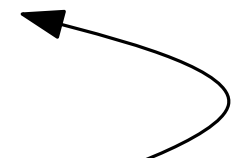
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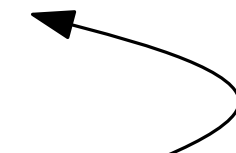
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Not always safe to contract relevant formulas as one may lose provability.

$$\frac{\frac{!^u F, !^r H, \Gamma \longrightarrow G_1 \quad !^u F, !^r H, \Delta \longrightarrow G_2}{!^u F, !^r H, \Gamma, !^u F, !^r H, \Delta \longrightarrow G_1 \cdot G_2} \otimes_R}{!^u F, !^r H, \Gamma, \Delta \longrightarrow G_1 \cdot G_2} 2 \times C$$



**Contribution 2:** Logical framework with relevant formulas.

# Application: Type-Logical Grammar

Assign logical formulas (or types) to sentences.

$$\begin{array}{c} N \setminus S / N \\ \text{"John loves Mary."} \\ N \qquad \qquad N \end{array} \qquad \frac{N \rightarrow N \quad \frac{N \rightarrow N \quad S \rightarrow S}{N, N \setminus S \rightarrow S}}{N, N \setminus S / N, N \rightarrow S}$$

The proof of formulas for sentences **may have contraction**: parasitic extraction.

"John signed the paper without reading it"

"The paper that John signed without reading."

**"It" has been omitted twice.**

# Application: Type-Logical Grammar

“The paper that John signed without reading.”

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{N, N \setminus S / N, N, (N \setminus S) \setminus (N \setminus S) / GC, GC / N, N \rightarrow S}{\frac{N, N \setminus S / N, !^s N, (N \setminus S) \setminus (N \setminus S) / GC, GC / N, !^s N \rightarrow S}{N, N \setminus S / N, (N \setminus S) \setminus (N \setminus S) / GC, GC / N, !^s N \rightarrow S}} \\
 \frac{N, N \setminus S / N, (N \setminus S) \setminus (N \setminus S) / GC, GC / N \rightarrow S / !^s N}{N / CN, CN, (CN \setminus CN) / (S / !^s N), N, N \setminus S / N, (N \setminus S) \setminus (N \setminus S) / GC, GC / N \rightarrow N} \quad \frac{N / CN, CN, CN \setminus CN \rightarrow N}{N / CN, CN, (CN \setminus CN) / (S / !^s N), N, N \setminus S / N, (N \setminus S) \setminus (N \setminus S) / GC, GC / N \rightarrow N}
 \end{array}$$

*Der*  
*C<sub>L</sub>*

Contraction  
 to fill the  
 gap.

# Type-Logical Grammars

Our previous work [**IJCAR18**] proposed a Subexponential Non-Commutative Linear Logical Framework for Type-Logical Grammars (and distributed systems):

“The paper that John signed without reading.”

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{N, N \setminus S / N, N, (N \setminus S) \setminus (N \setminus S) / GC, GC / N, N \rightarrow S}{N, N \setminus S / N, !^S N, (N \setminus S) \setminus (N \setminus S) / GC, GC / N, !^S N \rightarrow S} \quad \text{Der}}{N, N \setminus S / N, (N \setminus S) \setminus (N \setminus S) / GC, GC / N, !^S N \rightarrow S} \quad C_L}{\frac{N, N \setminus S / N, (N \setminus S) \setminus (N \setminus S) / GC, GC / N \rightarrow S / !^S N \quad N / CN, CN, CN \setminus CN \rightarrow N}{N / CN, CN, (CN \setminus CN) / (S / !^S N), N, N \setminus S / N, (N \setminus S) \setminus (N \setminus S) / GC, GC / N \rightarrow N}}$$

# Type-Logical Grammars

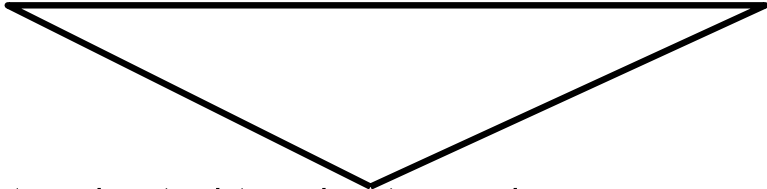
However, as shown recently [JLC 2020], our proposed logical framework does not satisfy **Lambek's Non Emptiness Property**.

**“All sequent antecedents shall not be empty.”**

This means that our previous logical framework may type sentences that are not grammatically correct.

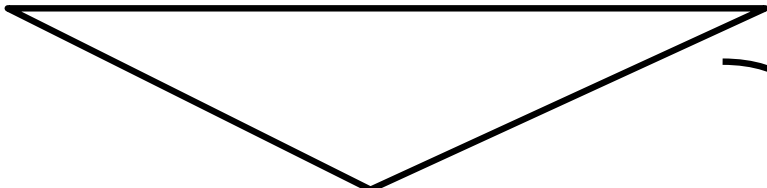
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# Key Inspiration

## Subexponentials

Two types of subexponentials  $!$  and  $\nabla$

$!$  is non-commutative

### from Soft Linear Logic

- Multiplexing rule instead of contraction:

$$\frac{\Gamma, F, \dots, F, \Delta \rightarrow G}{\Gamma, !F, \Delta \rightarrow G} !_L$$

### from Light Linear Logic

$$\frac{F \rightarrow G}{!F \rightarrow !G} !_R \quad \frac{F \rightarrow G}{\nabla F \rightarrow \nabla G} \nabla_R$$

Exactly one formula in the antecedent.

Our proposed non-commutative logical framework **SLLM** contains subexponentials with behavior from soft and light linear logics..

# Key Contributions

Our new logical framework **SLLM** contains subexponentials with behavior from soft and light linear logics..

- **Cut Rule Admissibility**, implying that **SLLM** is consistent and admits the sub-formula property.
- **Lambek's Non-Emptiness Condition**: no sequent antecedents are empty in a proof.
- **Focused Proof System**: Prove soundness and completeness of a focused proof, **SLLMF**, for **SLLM**.
- **Complexity**: Provability problem is undecidable in general, and we identify a fragment that is decidable.



# Lambek Proof System

$$\frac{}{F \rightarrow F} I$$

Initial

$$\frac{\Pi \rightarrow G \quad \Gamma_1, F, \Gamma_2 \rightarrow C}{\Gamma_1, F / G, \Pi, \Gamma_2 \rightarrow C} /_L \quad \frac{\Pi, F \rightarrow G}{\Pi \rightarrow G / F} /_R, \text{ where } \Pi \neq \emptyset$$

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Quantifier

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# Subexponentials

Two subexponentials:  $!$  and  $\nabla$ .

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{ } \xrightarrow{k > 0} \text{ } \\
 \text{ } \xrightarrow{k \text{ times}} \text{ } \\
 \frac{\Gamma_1, \overbrace{A, A, \dots, A}, \Gamma_2 \rightarrow C}{\Gamma_1, !A, \Gamma_2 \rightarrow C} \quad !_L \quad (k \geq 1) \qquad \frac{A \rightarrow C}{!A \rightarrow !C} \quad !_R
 \end{array}$$

No weakening, no contraction and no exchange

$$\frac{\Gamma_1, A, \Gamma_2 \rightarrow C}{\Gamma_1, \nabla A, \Gamma_2 \rightarrow C} \quad \nabla_L \qquad \frac{A \rightarrow C}{\nabla A \rightarrow \nabla C} \quad \nabla_R$$

$$\frac{\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2, \nabla A, \Gamma_3 \rightarrow C}{\Gamma_1, \nabla A, \Gamma_2, \Gamma_3 \rightarrow C} \qquad \frac{\Gamma_1, \nabla A, \Gamma_2, \Gamma_3 \rightarrow C}{\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2, \nabla A, \Gamma_3 \rightarrow C} \quad \nabla_E$$

No weakening and no contraction.

# Basic Properties

## Theorem

- The calculus **SLLM** enjoys admissibility of the Cut Rule.
- Given an atomic  $A$  and sequent  $\Gamma(A) \longrightarrow C(A)$  derivable in **SLLM**, then for any formula  $B$ ,  $\Gamma(B) \longrightarrow C(B)$  is also derivable in **SLLM**.

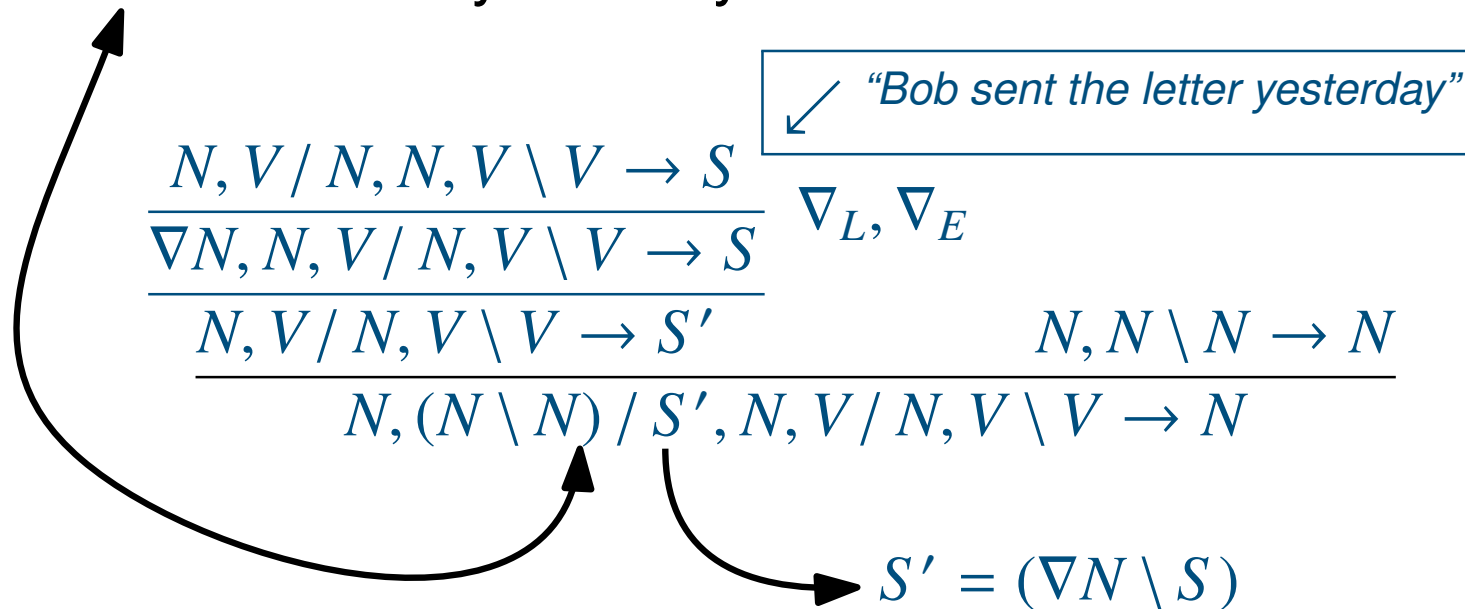
What if we take a more general rule:  $\frac{\Gamma \rightarrow C}{!\Gamma \rightarrow !C} !_R$

$$\frac{\frac{B, B \setminus C \rightarrow C}{!B, !(B \setminus C) \rightarrow !C} \quad !C \rightarrow C \cdot C}{!B, !(B \setminus C) \rightarrow C \cdot C} \text{Cut}$$

No cut-free proof.

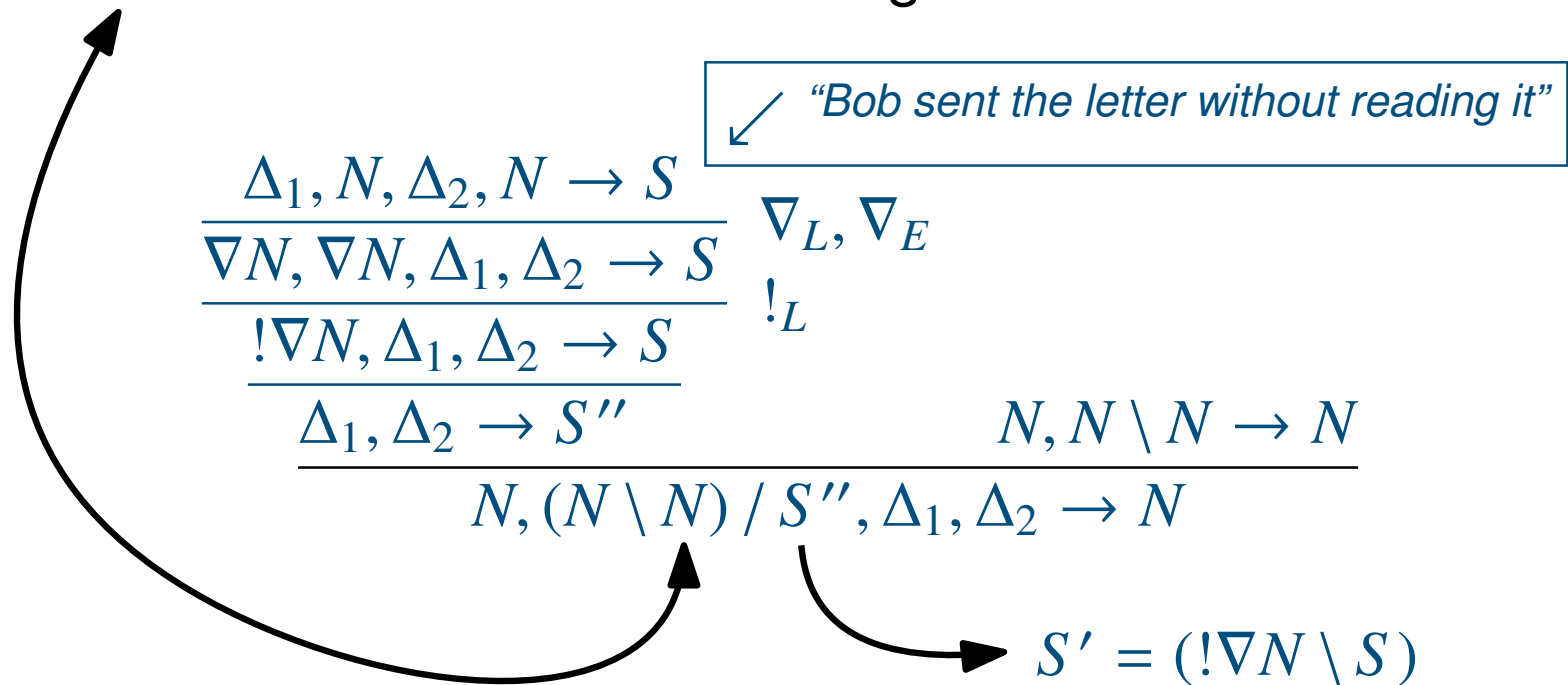
# Examples

The letter that Bob sent yesterday.



# Examples

The letter that Bob sent without reading.



# Lambek's non-emptiness restriction

## Theorem

- The calculus **SLLM** provides Lambek's non-emptiness restriction: If a sequent  $\Gamma \longrightarrow C$  is provable, then list  $\Gamma$  is not empty.
- No weakening.
- The introduction of **!** or  **$\nabla$**  never produces the empty list.

# Focused Proof System

In the paper, we also propose a **focused proof system** for SLLM, thus enabling proof search.

Our previous work **[IJCAR 2018]** left open how to design focused proof system for subexponentials that do not allow both weakening and exchange.

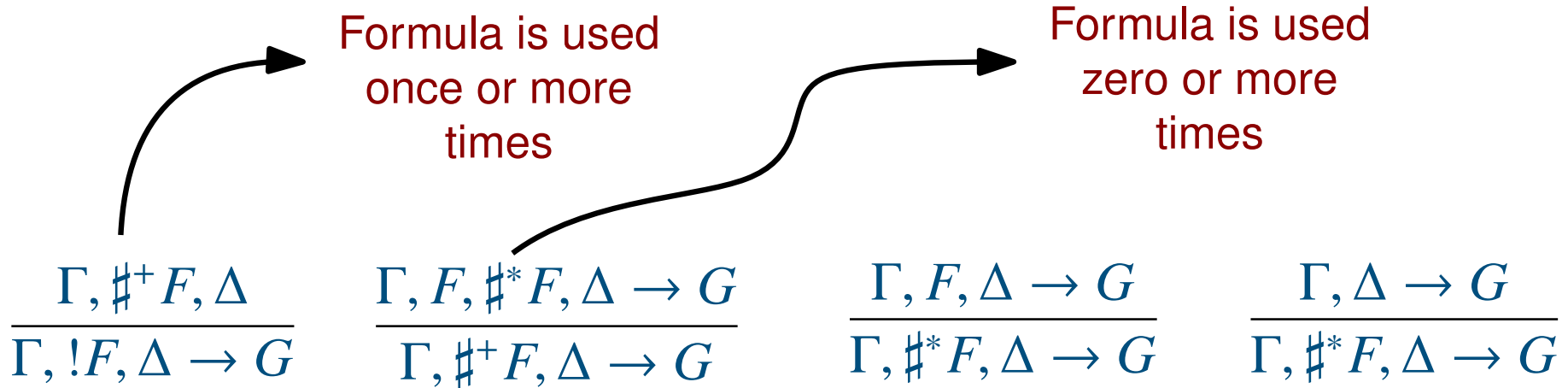
## Key Challenge

$$\frac{\Gamma, F, \dots, F, \Delta \rightarrow G}{\Gamma, !F, \Delta \rightarrow G}$$

This rule has a great deal of non-determinism as one has to decide how many copies of  $F$  appears in the premise.

# Solution Idea

Introduce two new modalities:



Structural rules are incorporated into the introduction rules:

$$\frac{\#^* C, \Gamma_2 \rightarrow F \quad \Gamma_1, \#^+ C, G, \Gamma_3 \rightarrow H}{\Gamma_1, \#^+ C, \Gamma_2, F \setminus G, \Gamma_3 \rightarrow H} \quad \frac{F \rightarrow G}{\Gamma_1^*, !F, \Gamma_2^* \rightarrow !G} \quad \frac{F \rightarrow G}{\Gamma_1^*, \nabla F, \Gamma_2^* \rightarrow \nabla G}$$

## Theorem

- Let  $\Gamma, G$  be formulas not containing  $\#^+, \#^*$ . A sequent  $\Gamma \longrightarrow G$  is provable in **SLLM#** if and only if it is provable in **SLLM**.



# Complexity


Provability in **SLLM** is undecidable in general.

## Encoding of Turing Machines (TMs):

- A Turing Machine configuration is encoded in the sequent context:

$[B_1, q_1, \xi, B_2]$   $\longrightarrow$  TM state  $q_1$ , tape with  $B_1, \xi, B_2$ , and head looking at  $\xi$ .

- An instruction  $I : q\xi \rightarrow q'\eta R$ , for example, is encoded as the formula  $!\nabla[(q \cdot \xi) \setminus (\eta \cdot q')]$ :

 The prefix enables the instruction to be used multiple times at any place of the tape.

- Strong correspondence (level of proofs): A deterministic TM  $M$  leads to a final configuration using instructions  $I_1, \dots, I_m$  only iff the following sequent is derivable in **SLLM**:

$$!\nabla A_{I_1}, !\nabla A_{I_2}, \dots, !\nabla A_{I_m}, B_1 \cdot q_1 \cdot \xi \cdot B_2 \longrightarrow q_0$$


- Focused proof system helps to prove this result.

# Complexity

## Some decidable fragments:

### Theorems

- If we bound  $k$  in the multiplexing rule in the calculus **SLLM** with a fixed constant  $k_0$ , such a fragment becomes decidable.
- In the case where we bound  $k$  in the multiplexing rule in the calculus **SLLM** with a fixed constant  $k_0$ , and, in addition, we bound the depth of nesting of  $!A$ , we get NP-completeness.



This result provides NP-procedures for parsing complex and compound sentences in many practically important cases.

# Conclusions and Future Work

We proposed **SLLM**, a proof system for type-logical grammars that:

- admits cut-elimination;
- admits substitution;
- satisfies Lambek's non-emptiness restriction.

We proposed a sound and complete focused proof system for **SLLM**

We investigated the complexity for **SLLM** provability.

For future work:

- Classical logic versions of our logical framework;
- Extending systems with additives;
- Implementation of lazy forms of proof search.

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