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A Non-Monotonic Logic for Distributed Access Control

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1 Motivation and Aims

Multiple logics have been proposed for distributed access control, most of which use a modality $k\text{ says}$ indexed by a principal $k$ [1, 2]. Previously proposed $says$-based access control logics are monotonic, i.e. adding new statements cannot lead to a previously accepted access request to get rejected. This, however, makes it impossible to straightforwardly model access denials in such logics. We propose Distributed Access Control Logic (D-ACL), a non-monotonic $says$-based access-control logic based on an extension of autoepistemic logic to the multi-agent case.

We define a query-driven decision procedure for D-ACL, which – under the assumption of a finite domain – allows to determine access rights while minimizing the information flow between principals increasing privacy.

2 D-ACL Syntax and Semantics

We assume familiarity with first-order logic.

**D-ACL Syntax:** D-ACL formulas are defined by the following EBNF rule, where $t$ denotes an arbitrary term and $x$ an arbitrary variable:

$$\varphi ::= P(t, \ldots, t) \mid t = t \mid \neg \varphi \mid \varphi \land \varphi \mid \forall x \varphi \mid t \text{ says } \varphi$$

The intuitive reading of $t \text{ says } \varphi$ is “$t$ supports $\varphi$”. 1

**Definition 1** A D-ACL theory is a set that consists of D-ACL formulas.

1If the term $t$ does not denote a principal, $t \text{ says } \varphi$ will be interpreted to be false.
Different principals can issue statements that become part of the access control policy. A D-ACL theory as defined above only represent statements issued by a single principal. To represent the full access control policy, we use the notion of a distributed theory.

**Definition 2** A distributed theory $T$ is an indexed family $(T_A)_{A \in A}$, where each $T_A$ is a D-ACL theory.

**D-ACL Semantics:** Van Hertum et al. [3] have defined various semantics for D-ACL using Approximation Fixpoint Theory [4], but have argued for the use of the well-founded semantics in the application of D-ACL to access control. We define a decision procedure for the well-founded variant of D-ACL. We refer the reader to [3] for the definition of the well-founded semantics of D-ACL.

## 3 Decision Procedure

We define a query-driven decision procedure for D-ACL. It allows to determine access rights while minimizing the information flow between principals.

A query in the form of a D-ACL formula $\phi$ is posed to a principal $A$. $A$ determines whether her theory contains enough information to verify $\phi$. It can happen that $A$ cannot verify $\phi$ just on the basis of her theory. For example, $A$'s theory may contain the formula $B$ says $p \rightarrow \phi$. In this case, $A$ can forward a remote subquery to $B$ concerning the status of $p$ in $B$'s theory. If $B$ verifies the subquery $p$ and informs $A$ about this, $A$ can complete her verification of the original query $\phi$.

The decision procedure is composed of two modules. The *Query Minimization Procedure (QMP)* and the *Communication Procedure (COMM)*. QMP determines minimal sets of remote calls to other theories that could verify a query. COMM handles communication between principals, and loops that may occur. COMM works by dynamically producing a graph representing the queries and attaching (three-valued) truth values to the vertices in it. Thus, detecting and handling loops.

**Query Minimization:** First we translate D-ACL theories to first-order theories. We replace D-ACL formulae of the type $A$ says $\varphi$ by new propositional variables $p^+_A$ says $\varphi$ or $p^-_A$ says $\varphi$ depending whether the formula appears in a positive or negative context.\(^2\)

**Definition 3** Let $T$ be a D-ACL theory. $\tau(T)$ is constructed by replacing every says-atom $A$ says $\varphi$ occurring in $T$: (i) by $p^+_A$ says $\varphi$ every positive occurrence says-atom; (ii) by $p^-_A$ says $\varphi$ every negative occurrence says-atom.

\(^2\)The propositional variable $p^+_A$ says $\varphi$ represents the upper bound for the truth value of $A$ says $\varphi$ and $p^-_A$ says $\varphi$ the lower bound.
We define \( \text{min\_incons}(T, S) \) to be the set of minimal partial structures \( S' \subseteq S \) such that \( S' \) is not a partial model of \( T \).

**Definition 4** We define \( S \) to be the set containing every partial structure \( S \) such that for every says-atom \( A \text{ says } \varphi \in T \), either \( S \models \neg p_{\sim A \text{ says } \varphi} \) or \( S \models p_{\sim A \text{ says } \varphi} \), but not both.

Given a theory \( T \) and a query \( \alpha \), the QMP returns a set of sets of modal atoms necessary to be resolved by querying other theories.

### h!t] Query Minimization Procedure

**Input:** theory \( T \), D-ACL query \( \alpha \)

**Output:** set \( L \) of sets of modal atoms

1. \( L := \emptyset \)
2. \( T := \tau(T \cup \{\neg \alpha\}) \)
3. for each \( S \in S_T \) do
   4. if \( S \) is not a partial model of \( T \cup \{\neg \alpha\} \) then
      5. pick a partial structure \( S_{\text{min}} \) from \( \text{min\_incons}(T \cup \{\neg \alpha\}, S) \)
      6. \( L := L \cup \{L_{S_{\text{min}}}\} \)
   7. return \( L \)

end

### 4 Conclusions and Future Work

**Distributed Access Control Logic** (D-ACL) is a non-monotonic \( \text{says} \)-based access control logic. The non-monotonicity of D-ACL makes it possible to model access denials more straightforwardly than in state-of-the-art access control logics. We have defined a query-based decision procedure for D-ACL, which minimizes information flow between principals. The decision procedure corresponds with the proposed semantics.

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Experimental Evaluation of Time-Memory Trade-Off Attack

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This paper addresses certain issues of a generic approach for inversion of an one-way function which is of interest in different domains of mathematics including mathematical logic and its applications, and particularly regarding security evaluation of cryptographic algorithms. There are the following two straightforward approach for recovering the argument given the corresponding image generated by one-way function where the inversion is a hard problem: (i) exhaustive search over all possible arguments; (ii) employing a code-book with all possible argument-image pairs. The main problem with the both approaches is the exponential complexity of implementation. Hellman [1] has proposed a technique which reduces the required time and memory complexities. Using pre-computation time of $N$, Hellman showed that the online time $T$ and memory $M$ satisfy the relation $TM^2 = N^2$, where $N = 2^n$. Consequently, the attack is called a time/memory trade-off (TMTO) algorithm. This attack on stream ciphers is a serious security threat (see [2], [3], [4], for example) and the resistance to this class of attacks is an important criterion in the design of a modern stream cipher. This paper provides certain experimental evaluation of the considered TMTO paradigm. Main goal is to provide illustrative experimental evidences on a particular quantitative feature of two TMTO design approaches. For one-way function, authors choose Trivium cipher. Trivium [5] is stream cipher designed to generate keystream from 80-bit secret key and an 80-bit initial vector (IV). Process of generating keystream bits consists of two phases. First phase aims to initialize key and IV into 288-bit initial state $s$. Next phase is generating keystream vector $z$. In this phase 15 specific bits are used for updating 3 bits of the state $s$ and to compute 1 bit of $z$. The state register is then rotated and the process repeats itself until complete keystream vector has been generated.
First phase for TMTO attack is preprocessing phase. Goal of preprocessing phase is matrix initialization.

According to computation power and technical opportunities, our matrix and the number of all possible solutions for key vector are not the same. We try to guess only 20 bits and the other 60 bits of key and 80 bits of IV are initialized by random values and stay fixed all time. In that way, number of all permutations is smaller, so time and memory space for computing matrix are smaller, too.

Preprocessing phase is described as:
Form a $m \times t$ matrix that tries to cover the whole search space which is composed of all the possible permutations with guessed 20 bits of key vector as follows:
1. Randomly generate $m$ startpoints of the chains, each point is represented like vector of 20 bits length.
2. Make it the next point in the chain which is the output from Trivium function and update the $s$ register with this point.
3. Iterate Step (2) $t$ times on each startpoint respectively.
4. Store the pairs of startpoints and endpoints $(SP_j, EP_j)$, $j = 1, ..., m$ in the matrix.

Our first experiment was to generate matrix for TMTO Attack and check if there are duplicate states. Dimensions of our matrix were $m \times t$ where $m = 2^{15}$ and $t = 2^5$. First, startpoints for each row was random initialized, keeping in the mind there are no duplicate startpoints. Next step was to fill all states in matrix. Every state in chains, except first one, is result from 20 iterations of Trivium algorithm with initialization of the register with previous state’s bits from the same row in matrix. After filling the matrix, content of matrix was analyzed.

Experiments were repeated 50 times. Experiments showed that some states in matrix occur more than one time. The conclusion is the matrix does not contain all the elements of search space. Average repetition rate in all experiments was in range from 57.14 to 64.43 percents of number of all matrix states.

Our next experiment consists of constructing several tables. To construct each table, the attacker chooses $t$ random vectors, one for each table. Described matrices have the same number of columns like first matrix, but number of rows is less than the number of rows in the single matrix. In that case, numbers of rows in all tables are equal and total number corresponds to the number of rows in the single matrix. Algorithm for matrix filling is the same, but every time when Trivium function gives us a new state vector as output, we translate it for random vector corresponding to table in which we put it. For translation we use XOR operation on its state. These tables can be generated in parallel, but statistical analysis follows the merging of
Authors did some experiments when single matrix was divided on 2, 4 and 8 smaller tables. Experiments showed that in case when we generate two tables with two random vectors, repetition rate was in range from 54.71 to 61.57 percents of size of search space. If we construct eight tables for search space and assign eight random translation vectors for each one, repetition rate will be in range from 35.19 to 41.62 percents of size of search space.

Results shown that in case of using more small tables, the total number of distinct points which cover search space is bigger. This technique reduces the number of collisions in the table, and hence allows to cover most of the points by a single table. The larger the table is, the higher is the probability that a new chain has an intersection with previous chains [6]. Each state’s repetition reduces the number of distinct keys which are actually covered by a table. The efficiency of a single table rapidly decreases with its size. To obtain a high probability of success it is better to generate multiple tables using a different reduction function for each table. In our case, as reduction function XOR operator is used. Chains of different tables can have intersection. Using more reduction functions which are applied in different tables leads to smaller number of intersections.

This paper has provided certain, particular, quantitative insights regarding design of the tables which employs TMTO approach for inverting of an one-way function.

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Strategic reasoning in conversations under imperfect information

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Finite and infinite sequential games are important to theoretical computer science in studying program synthesis and verification and also to topology and set-theory. Epistemic game theory is used to study rational behaviour and equilibrium outcomes in strategic situations. This paper shows how the combination of the two can help shape linguistic intuitions, and why linguistic considerations call for important modifications in standard conceptions of sequential games. The general structure of a conversation is that the participants (players) alternate exchanging messages until the conversation is finished. The players’ conversational goals constitute the winning condition of the games. If the goals of the players are opposed, the players naturally resort to strategic reasoning to determine what to say and when. Sequential finite and infinite games are hence a natural framework for the analysis of strategic conversation [3, 2].

Example 1. Consider the following excerpt from a courtroom proceedings where a prosecutor is querying the defendant.

(a) Prosecutor: Do you have any bank accounts in Swiss banks, Mr. Bronston?
(b) Bronston: No, sir.
(c) Prosecutor: Have you ever?
(d) Bronston: The company had an account there for about six months, in Zurich.
(e) Prosecutor: Thank you Mr. Bronston.

One conversational goal of the Prosecutor in (1) is to get Bronston to commit to an answer eventually (and admit to an incriminating fact) or to continue to refuse to answer (in which case he will be charged with contempt of court). Under such a situation, the response (1d) of Bronston is clearly a
clever strategic move. His aim is to avoid being in either of the above situations. Such examples abound in real-life – in political debates, courtroom proceedings, interviews, or even bargaining negotiations.

It is thus natural to model such strategic conversations as games. Attempts have been made in the literature to use the framework of signaling games [5]. However, when the preferences of the players are strictly opposed, as is the case with strategic conversations, signaling games are not suitable as they predict no communication at all in equilibrium [4]. Another crucial characteristic of such conversations is that they do not have a set end. The players while engaging in a conversation do not know when it will end, and even if it does, whether a player will be able to achieve his/her objective. [3, 2] thus proposes to model strategic conversations as infinite games over a countable ‘vocabulary’. The elements of the vocabulary are taken to be SDRSs or discourse representations of SDRT [1], a well established theory for discourse interpretation.

To view conversations as infinite games, one must take into consideration characteristics which are unique to them: (i) The turn structure of the game is crucial in language games, because it is important who says what. This affects the (existence of) winning strategies for the players. (ii) A ‘move’ by a player in a linguistic game typically carries more semantic content than usually assumed in game theory - implicatures, ambiguity, coherence, consistency etc. (iii) Conversations may have a ‘Jury’ who evaluates the conversation after it has ended and determines if one or more of the players have reached their goals - determines the winner. For example, in a courtroom situation there is a physical Jury who gives the verdict whereas in a political debate, the Jury is the audience or the citizenry in general. This means that the winning conditions of the players depend on what they believe that the Jury expects them to achieve. (iv) Epistemic elements thus naturally creep into such games. In particular, the players and the Jury have ‘types’ and also ‘beliefs’ about the types of the other players and that of the Jury.

Taking into consideration the above characteristics of strategic conversations, [3] models them as infinite games of imperfect information, which they call message-exchange games (ME games), over a countable vocabulary \( V \) where \( V \) is the set of SDRSs [1]. The players 0 and 1 take turns in playing finite sequences of strings from \( V \). The game may potentially go on forever. The set of plays \( \text{Plays} \) is thus \( (V_0^+ \cup V_1^+)^\omega \) where for each \( i \in \{0, 1\} \), \( V_i = V \times \{i\} \). In addition, there is a 3rd player called the Jury who determines the winning conditions (goals) \( \text{Win}_i \) for each player \( i \) which is a subset of \( (V_0^+ \cup V_1^+)^\omega \). Player \( i \) wins a play \( \rho \) of \( G \) iff \( \rho \in \text{Win}_i \).

The modeling of strategic conversations as sequential infinite games [3, 2] is justified by the uncertainty that the players have about the Jury winning conditions \( \text{Win}_1 \) and \( \text{Win}_2 \). In this paper, we capture this uncertainty by using the well-established theory of type-structures [6]. We assume that each player \( i \in \{0, 1\} \cup \{\text{Jury}\} \) has a (possibly infinite) set of types \( T_i \). With each
type $t_i$ of Player $i$ is associated a (first-order) belief function $\beta_i(t_i)$ which assigns to $t_i$ a probability distribution over the types of the other players. The higher-order beliefs can be defined in a standard way by iterating the functions $\beta_i$. The players take turns in making their moves and after every move, all the players dynamically update their beliefs through Bayesian updates. The notions of ‘optimal strategies’, ‘best response’, ‘rationality’, ‘common belief in rationality’ etc. can then be defined in the standard way.

In Example 1, Bronston’s response (1d) was aimed to ‘misdirect’ the Jury. He believed that the Jury was of a type that would be convinced by his ambiguous response and neither incriminate him nor charge him with perjury. His move was indeed rational, given his belief about the Jury type.

Powerful as the above techniques are, one has to exercise caution and define the moves, states and the types of the players carefully. Having too rich a type space can lead to inexistence results as shown in [7], which says that if the space of types is not a separable set then there always exists a game with no equilibrium. In our above ME games, associating the types of a player with his/her possible strategies, we see that the space of types is a set with a large cardinality ($>\aleph_1$) and hence we lose separability.

Conversationalists are aware implicitly of the dangers of such cases and debates have exogenous means of ensuring that there are optimal strategies for the speakers to follow. For instance, in debates there is usually a ‘moderator’ who ensures that all the participants get a fair chance to speak. More generally, we can restore separability by limiting the set of types.

References


Soundness and completeness of a sequent calculus with high probabilities

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We introduce sequents of the form $\Gamma \vdash^n \Delta$, a generalization of Gentzen’s sequents $\Gamma \vdash \Delta$, with the intended meaning that "the probability of the sequent $\Gamma \vdash \Delta$ belongs to the interval $[1 - n\varepsilon, 1]$" for a given small real $\varepsilon > 0$ of the form $\varepsilon = \frac{1}{k}$ for some fixed $k \in \mathbb{N}$ and any $n \in \mathbb{N}$, inspired by Suppes’ idea (see [7]). In order to infer conclusion of the form $\Gamma \vdash^n \Delta$, from a finite set of hypotheses $\Gamma_1 \vdash^{n_1} \Delta_1, \Gamma_2 \vdash^{n_2} \Delta_2, \ldots, \Gamma_s \vdash^{n_s} \Delta_s$, we define a sequent calculus $\text{LKprob}(\varepsilon)$, which turns out to be very simple and elegant (see [1, 2]). The system $\text{LKprob}(\varepsilon)$ can be considered a probabilistic extension of the classical propositional calculus of sequents $\text{LK}$, analogous to the Hilbert-type classical logic probabilization (see [8, 9]).

The axioms of the system are of the form $A \vdash 0 A$ and $\Gamma \vdash^k \Delta$, for any words $\Gamma$ and $\Delta$, and any formula $A$. There are two kinds of inference rules — structural and logical. For instance, the rules treating conjunction are as follows:

$$\frac{\Gamma A \land B \vdash^n \Delta}{\Gamma \land \vdash^n \Delta} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash^m A \Delta, \Gamma \vdash^m B \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash^{m+n} A \land B \Delta}$$

A model for $\text{LKprob}(\varepsilon)$ is a mapping $p : \text{Seq} \to I \cap [0, 1]$ satisfying the following conditions:

(i) $p(A \vdash A) = 1$, for any formula $A$;

(ii) if $p(AB \vdash) = 1$, then $p(\vdash AB) = p(\vdash A) + p(\vdash B)$, for any formulae $A$ and $B$;

(iii) if sequents $\Gamma \vdash \Delta$ and $\Pi \vdash \Lambda$ are equivalent in $\text{LK}$, in sense that there are proofs for both sequents $\land \Gamma \to \lor \Delta \vdash \land \Pi \to \lor \Lambda$ and $\land \Pi \to \lor \Lambda \vdash \land \Gamma \to \lor \Delta$ in $\text{LK}$, then $p(\Gamma \vdash \Delta) = p(\Pi \vdash \Lambda)$. 

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The axioms above roughly correspond to the Carnap’s and Popper’s sentence probability axioms (see [3, 4, 5, 6]).

We say that the sequent $\Gamma \vdash^n \Delta$ is satisfied in a model $p$, i.e. $|=p \Gamma \vdash^n \Delta$, if and only if $p(\Gamma \vdash \Delta) \geq 1 - n\varepsilon$.

Our system is sound and complete with respect to models just described.

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An operad is a collection of abstract operations of different arities, equipped with a notion of how to compose them and an action of permuting their inputs. Formally, an operad is given by a functor $O : \text{Bij}^{op} \rightarrow \text{Set}$, where $\text{Bij}$ is the category of finite sets and bijections and $\text{Set}$ is the category of sets and functions, and operadic composition morphisms
\[
oindent o_x : O(X) \times O(Y) \rightarrow O(X \setminus \{x\} \cup Y),
\]
called insertions, defined for all finite sets $X$ and $Y$ and elements $x \in X$ such that $X \setminus \{x\} \cap Y = \emptyset$. An operation $f \in O(X)$ is to be thought of as a rooted tree whose inputs are labeled by the elements of $X$, and the composition $f \circ_x g$ as the tree obtained by grafting of the output of $g$ to the input $x$ of $f$. For non-symmetric and non-unital operads, the axioms of operadic composition come down to the two associativity axioms,
\[
(f \circ_x g) \circ_y h = f \circ_x (g \circ_y h) \quad \text{and} \quad (f \circ_x g) \circ_y h = (f \circ_y h) \circ_x g,
\]
which, informally, say that the two ways of building (by means of grafting) the rooted trees\(^1\)
\[\begin{array}{c}
  \circ_x \\
  f \\
  g \\
  x \\
  y \\
\end{array} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{array}{c}
  \circ_x \\
  f \\
  g \\
  x \\
  y \\
\end{array}
\]
respectively, are the same. Notice that there is no ambiguity regarding to which one of the associativity rules applies with respect to a chosen tree, despite of the fact that both of them have the same left-hand side.

A Cat-operad is an operad that, in addition, has arrows between operadic operations of the same arity. In other words, the operadic operations of the same arity in a Cat-operad do not make just a set, but they are objects of a small category. We have an identity arrow for every operadic operation, and the arrows are closed under composition and insertions $o_x$. The notion of weak Cat-operad is to the notion of Cat-operad what the notion of bicategory is to the notion
\[^1\]The representations of the two trees are “abbreviations” of the usual graphical notation for trees, in the sense that we did not display their input edges, as well as the output ones.
of 2-category. This means that the equations of operads are replaced by isomorphisms. In particular, the associativity of insertions is now expressed as the existence of isomorphisms

$$\beta_{f,g,h} : (f \circ_x g) \circ_y h \to f \circ_x (g \circ_y h) \quad \text{and} \quad \theta_{f,g,h} : (f \circ_x g) \circ_y h \to (f \circ_y h) \circ_x g.$$ 

By replacing the two associativity equations by isomorphisms in a category, i.e. by passing from Cat-operads to weak Cat-operads, the need to formulate conditions ensuring the coherence of these isomorphisms arises. This coherence is of the same spirit as the coherence of monoidal categories due to Mac Lane: all diagrams made of $\beta$- and $\theta$-arrows commute. These conditions are given by Petrić and Došen in [DP15].

The goal of this work is to establish the notion of weak cyclic Cat-operad, i.e. a cyclic operad enriched over a category $\text{Cat}$ of small categories.

Recall that a cyclic operad is a generalisation of an operad for which an operation, instead of having inputs and an output, now has “entries”, and it can be composed with another operation along any of them. More precisely, a cyclic operad is a functor $C : \text{Bij}^{op} \to \text{Set}$, together with composition morphisms

$$x \circ_y : \mathcal{C}(X) \times \mathcal{C}(Y) \to \mathcal{C}(X \setminus \{x\} \cup \{y\}),$$

satisfying certain axioms, where, intuitively, an operation $f \in \mathcal{C}(X)$ should be thought of as an unrooted tree whose leaves are labeled by the elements of $X$, and the composition $f_x \circ_y g$ as a tree obtained by grafting the two unrooted trees corresponding to operations $f$ and $g$ along their respective entries $x$ and $y$. In the non-symmetric and non-unital setting, the axioms of cyclic operads are (equivalently) given as one of the two associativity axioms

$$(A1) \quad (f \circ_x g) \circ_u z h = f \circ_x (g \circ_u z h) \quad \text{and} \quad (A2) \quad (f \circ_x g) \circ_u z h = (f \circ_u z h) \circ_x y g,$$

together with the commutativity axiom

$$(C0) \quad f \circ_x y g = g \circ_x y f.$$ 

We shall work with the axioms $(A1)$ and $(C0)$, which, after replacing the equations with isomorphisms

$$\beta_{f,g,h}^{x,y,u,z} : (f \circ_y g) \circ_u z h \to f \circ_x (g \circ_u z h) \quad \text{and} \quad \theta_{f,g}^{x,y} : f \circ_x y g \to g \circ_x y f$$

respectively, leads us to a setting whose coherence issues, at first glance, seem like the ones of a symmetric monoidal category. However, as opposed to a symmetric monoidal category, where all possible $\beta$- and $c$-arrows exist, in the setting of cyclic operads the arrows are induced by the shape of the underlying tree and an arrow $\beta_{f,g,h}^{x,y,u,z}$ does not exist if the underlying tree is
In particular, the commuting hexagon of Mac Lane is “not allowed” in this setting.

In this talk we conjecture that the coherence of weak cyclic Cat-operads is ensured by the commutations of the diagrams

\[
\begin{align*}
\beta & \quad ((fg)h)k \\
\beta & \quad (fgh)(hk) \\
\beta & \quad f((gh)k) \\
\beta & \quad f(g(hk)) \\
\beta & \quad h(gf) \\
\beta & \quad (hg)f
\end{align*}
\]

\[
\begin{align*}
\beta & \quad (fg)(hk) \\
\beta & \quad (gf)h \\
\beta & \quad c \cdot 1 \\
\beta & \quad c \cdot 1 \\
\beta & \quad f \cdot c \\
\beta & \quad g \cdot c
\end{align*}
\]

Notice that the hexagon in the middle is not the hexagon of Mac Lane.

Our proof consists in adapting the $\beta^{-1}$-normal form argument of the classical term-rewriting coherence proof for symmetric monoidal categories (see [DR13, Chapter 5]), in such a way that the problem is ultimately also solved by the completeness of the standard presentation of symmetric groups.

We compare the four coherence axioms of weak Cat-operads of Došen and Petrić with our axioms. For this we use the “abbreviation”

\[
\theta_{x,y; u,z}^{g,f,h} : (f \circ y \circ g) \circ z \circ h \rightarrow (f \circ y \circ z \circ h) \circ x \circ y \circ g
\]

defined as

\[
\theta_{x,y; u,z}^{g,f,h} = c_{g,f,x,y} \circ \beta_{g,f,h} \circ (c_{f,g} \cdot 1).
\]

We also discuss the difficulties that occur if one decided to chose the associativity axiom (A2) instead of (A1) for the starting definition of cyclic operads.

**References and Notes**


Interpreting Sequent Calculi as Client–Server Games

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Resource consciousness is routinely cited as a motivation for substructural logics (see, e.g., [6]). But usually the reference to resources is kept informal, like in Girard’s well-known example of being able to buy a pack of Camels and/or a pack of Marlboro [4] with a single dollar, illustrating linear implication as well as the ambiguity of conjunction between the “multiplicative” and “additive” reading. The invitation to distinguish, e.g., between a “causal”, action-oriented interpretation of implication and a more traditional understanding of implication as a timeless, abstract relation between propositions is certainly inspiring and motivating. However, the specific shape and properties of proof systems for usual substructural logics owe more to a deep analysis of Gentzen’s sequent system than to action-oriented models of handling scarce resources of a specific kind. Various semantics, in particular so-called game semantics for (fragments of) linear logics [1, 2] offer additional leverage points for a logical analysis of resource consciousness. But these semantics hardly support a straightforward reading of sequent derivations as actions plans devised by resource conscious agents. Moreover, the inherent level of abstraction often does not match the appeal of (e.g.) Girard’s very concrete and simple picture of action-oriented inference.

We introduce a two-person game based on the idea that a proof is an action-plan, i.e. a strategy for one of the players (the “client”) to establish particular structured information, given certain information provided the other player (the “server”). The interpretation of game states as (single conclusion) sequents leads to variations of the basic game, that match (various fragments of) intuitionistic linear logic, but also of substructural logics based on variants of Lambek’s calculus [5].

To emphasize the indicated shift of perspective relative to traditional interpretations of formulas as sentences or propositions or types we introduce the notion of an information package (ip). An ip is either atomic or else built up from given ips $F_1, F_2, \ldots, F_n$ ($n \geq 2$) using the constructors any_of($F_1, \ldots, F_n$),
some_of($F_1, \ldots, F_n$), and ($F_1$ given $F_2$). Among the atomic ips is the *elementary inconsistency* $\bot$.

In our $C/S(I)$-game, a *client* $C$ maintains that the information packaged as $H$ can be obtained from the information represented by the ips $G_1, \ldots, G_n$, provided by a *server* $S$, via stepwise reduction of complex ips into simpler ones. At any state of the game, the bunch of information provided by $S$ is a (possibly empty) multiset of ips. The ip $H$ which $C$ currently claims to be obtainable from that information is called $C$’s *current ip*. The corresponding state is denoted by $G_1, \ldots, G_n \models H$. The game proceeds in *rounds* that are always initiated by $C$ and, in general, solicit some action from $S$. There are two different types of requests that $C$ may submit to $S$: (1) *Unpack* a non-atomic ip provided by you (i.e. the server), and (2) *Check* my (i.e. the clients) current ip.

In a request of type *Unpack* $C$ points to an ip $G$ in the bunch of information provided by $S$ and the game proceeds as follows:

- **($U^*_\text{any}$)** If $G = \text{any}_\text{of}(F_1, \ldots, F_n)$ then $C$ chooses an $i \in \{1, \ldots, n\}$ and $S$ has to add $F_i$ to the bunch of provided information, accordingly.
- **($U^*_\text{some}$)** If $G = \text{some}_\text{of}(F_1, \ldots, F_n)$ then $C$ chooses an $i \in \{1, \ldots, n\}$ and adds $F_i$ to the bunch of provided information, accordingly.
- **($U^*_\text{given}$)** If $G = (F_1$ given $F_2)$ then $S$ chooses whether to add $F_1$ to the bunch of provided information or whether to force $C$ to replace her current ip by $F_2$.
- **($U^*_\bot$)** If $G = \bot$ then the game ends and $C$ wins.

If the request is of type *Check* then the game proceeds according to the form of $C$’s current ip $H$.

- **($C^*_\text{any}$)** If $H = \text{any}_\text{of}(F_1, \ldots, F_n)$ then $S$ chooses an $i \in \{1, \ldots, n\}$ and $C$ has to replace the current ip by $F_i$, accordingly.
- **($C^*_\text{some}$)** If $H = \text{some}_\text{of}(F_1, \ldots, F_n)$ then $C$ chooses an $i \in \{1, \ldots, n\}$ and replaces the current ip by $F_i$, accordingly.
- **($C^*_\text{given}$)** If $G = (F_1$ given $F_2)$ then $F_2$ is added to the bunch of provided information and $C$’s current ip is replaced by $F_1$.
- **($C^*_\text{atom}$)** If $H$ is atomic then the game ends and $C$ wins if an occurrence of $H$ is among the bunch of information provided by $S$.

The adequateness of the $C/S(I)$-game for intuitionistic logic $I$ is shown via calculus $LI_k$, a variant of Gentzen’s sequent calculus $LI$. Instead of referring to $LI_k$ one may introduce ‘bookkeeping rules’ into the game. In particular, weakening corresponds to the rule *Dismiss* that allows $C$ to eliminate an ip from the bunch of information provided by $S$, while contraction corresponds to the rule *Copy*, enabling $C$ to duplicate a given ip. With these bookkeeping rules in place, one may modify the rules $U^*_\text{any}$, $U^*_\text{some}$, and $U^*_\text{given}$ by dismissing the selected ip $G$ after unpacking, instead of adding the unpacked components to the bunch of provided information. Similarly rules $U^*_\bot$ and $C^*_\text{atom}$ are modified to match the axioms of $LI$, instead of those of $LI_k$.

The most important step in converting the $C/S(I)$-game into a ‘resource conscious’ game, is based on the following observation regarding rules that entail a
choice by and thus require $C$ to be prepared to act in more than just one possible successor state to the current state. The above rules allow $C$ to use all the information provided by $S$ in each of the possible successor states. If, instead, we require $C$ to declare which ips she intends to use for which of those options—taking care that she is using each occurrence of an ip exactly once—then we arrive at rules that match multiplicative instead of additive connectives. We illustrate this principle by the $\text{CHECK}$-rule for the new constructor $\text{each\_of}$, corresponding to multiplicative conjunction in intuitionistic linear logic $\text{ILL}$. 

$(C_{\text{each}})$ If $H = \text{each\_of}(F_1, F_2)$ then $C$ has to split the bunch (multiset) $\Pi$ of information provided by $S$ into $\Pi_1 \uplus \Pi_2 = \Pi$ and then let $S$ choose whether to continue the game in state $\Pi_1 \triangleright F_1$ or in state $\Pi_2 \triangleright F_2$. 

Analogously, one may define a multiplicative version $U^m_{\text{given}}$ of $U_{\text{given}}$, matching linear implication. To obtain a game for full $\text{ILL}$ we drop $\text{Copy}$ and $\text{Dismiss}$ and introduce the constructor $\text{arbitrary\_many}$ and rules for dismissing, adding another copy, or replacing $\text{arbitrary\_many}(F)$ by $F$, respectively.

To obtain a variant of the $\text{C/S(I)}$-game that interprets Full Lambek Calculus $\text{FL}$ [5] one identifies the bunch of information provided by $S$ with a list (instead of a multiset) of ips and replaces the rule $C_{\text{given}}$ by two variants that specify whether $F_2$ of $(F_1 \text{ given } F_2)$ is added at the beginning or at the end of the list. In this manner we actually obtain a family of games characterizing substructural logics corresponding to different types of residuated lattices (see [3]). This in turn provides the basis for interpreting lattice elements as contents of information packages.

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Computational Efficiency of the GF and the RMF Transforms for Quaternary Logic Functions on CPUs and GPUs

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A large set of problems in science and engineering have a relatively simple solution in the spectral domain, while resolving them in the original domain requires significant effort [1, 6]. Spectral transforms redistribute the information content of a signal, allowing easier observation of some properties or simplified implementation of certain operations [6].

The application of spectral transforms in the area of digital logic is a task important enough to give rise to a particular subdiscipline called spectral logic [6]. In this area, spectral transforms over finite fields GF(p) or ring of integers modulo p, as, for example, the Galois field (GF) transforms and the Reed-Muller-Fourier (RMF) transforms, are of considerable interest. This is due to the fact that some of their properties resemble characteristics of the classical Fourier transform. Fast algorithms for the computation of these transforms are of significant importance in their practical applications [3, 9].

We present a comparison of computing times required by the GF and the RMF spectral transforms of quaternary logic functions (p = 4) [9]. Further, we discuss the impact of arithmetic operations performed during the computation of these transforms using Cooley-Tukey fast Fourier transform (FFT)-like algorithms on central processing units (CPUs) and graphics processing units (GPUs) [4, 5, 6]. For the implementation on the CPU and the GPU, we use the C++ and the Nvidia CUDA C programming languages, respectively [2, 7].
is observed that the nature of arithmetic operations required by the two transforms has a considerable impact on the resulting performance of algorithms for their computation. The efficiency of the algorithm implementation is also found to be dependent on the characteristics of the used computing platform [1].

Traditionally, CPUs with their sequential low-latency, low-throughput von Neumann architecture were the sole target for performing general-purpose algorithms [1]. GPUs, on the other hand, have a single instruction, multiple data (SIMD) high-latency, high-throughput architecture, which rapidly evolved during the last decade [2]. From a fixed-function system designed purposely for rendering computer graphics, GPUs turned into a fully programmable and highly parallel computational platform [2]. This revolution gave rise to a new field of research in computer science which considers the implementation of general-purpose algorithms on GPUs, abbreviated as GPGPU [2], of which the presented research is an example.

The operations used in the computation of the GF transform can be implemented in different ways, depending on the order of the considered finite (Galois) field [9]. For prime values of $p$, the field operations are the addition and multiplication modulo $p$. In this case, we can use modulo $p$ arithmetic operators or we can implement the operations using look-up tables (LUTs). When $p$ is non-prime, the Galois field operations differ from the modulo $p$ arithmetic operators, and, thus, must be realized using LUTs [9]. The RMF transform was introduced in [8], by changing the underlying algebraic structure into the Gibbs algebra. In the case of the RMF, the group operation is modulo $p$ addition for all positive integer values of $p$, while the multiplication is a convolution-wise (Gibbs) multiplication [9]. For the mathematically rigorous definition and more details on the GF and the RMF transforms, we refer to [8, 9].

Quaternary logic functions ($p = 4$) are of special interest due to the fact that they can be easily encoded by binary values and realized with two-stable state circuits in currently dominant binary devices [9]. Since $p$ is, in this case, a non-prime number, computation of the GF transform requires performing operations implemented as look-up tables (LUTs), while the RMF transform is calculated using modulo 4 operations.

In order to experimentally measure the effect that the required arithmetic operations have on the performance of the two considered spectral transforms, we developed implementations of the corresponding Cooley-Tukey algorithms for their computation on the CPU, using C++, and on the GPU, using CUDA. We randomly generated quaternary logic functions with $n = 8, 9, \ldots, 14$, variables and then processed them using the developed implementations on two different computer systems. The first platform is a desktop PC with an Intel i7 CPU and a Nvidia GeForce GPU, both belonging to the mid-performance level. The second system is a workstation with a high-end Intel Xeon CPU and an entry-level Nvidia Quadro work-station GPU.

We found that computing the RMF transform is, on the CPUs in our experimental systems, from 1.33 to 1.71 times faster than computing the GF transform of the same function. Computational efficiency of the RMF transform is even more evident on GPUs than on CPUs, since most of the transistors in the GPU
hardware are devoted to arithmetic logic units (ALUs) [7]. When performing the considered transforms using CUDA on GPUs, the RMF transform is computed from 1.68 to 5.22 times faster than the GF transform.

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Probabilistic reasoning in type systems

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We introduce a formal model $\mathcal{P}^\cap_{\Lambda}$ for reasoning about probabilities of lambda terms with intersection types which is a combination of lambda calculus and probabilistic logic. We propose its syntax, Kripke-style semantics and an infinitary axiomatization. We first endow the language of typed lambda calculus with a probabilistic operator $P_{\geq s}$ and, besides the formulas of the form $M : \sigma$ and its Boolean combinations, we obtain formulas of the form

$$P_{\geq s}M : \sigma$$

to express that the probability that the lambda term $M$ is of type $\sigma$ is equal to or greater than $s$. More generally, formulas are of the form $P_{\geq s}\alpha$, where $\alpha$ is a typed lambda statement $M : \sigma$ or its Boolean combination, so the following is a formula of our formal model as well:

$$[P_{= 1_i}(M : \sigma \rightarrow \tau) \land P_{= 2}(N : \sigma)] \Rightarrow P_{= 0}(MN : \tau).$$

Furthermore, using the similar idea as in the classical propositional calculus, we construct the canonical model in order to prove the main result, which is the soundness and strong completeness of $\mathcal{P}^\cap_{\Lambda}$ with respect to the proposed model. The idea is to show that every consistent set can be extended to the maximal consistent set and then use the fact that the lambda calculus with intersection types is complete with respect to the filter lambda model ([1]).

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Some Notes on Finite and Hyperfinite model theory

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We shall briefly review and summarize results of Gaifman’s seminal paper [2], and focus on two important directions of research inspired by [2]. The first one is closely related to logics appropriate for probability structures. The second direction is related to finite model theory originated in computer science.

1. Scott and Krauss [4] extended Gaifman’s work in many important ways. They considered language systems closer in expressive power to the $\sigma$-algebras of mathematical probability and developed a corresponding model theory and proof theory. The very important advancement in this direction was made by H. Jerome Keisler in his famous paper [3] which views matters mainly from the standpoint of hyperfinite models.

2. That first-order logic has the zero-one law was proved (firstly by Glebskii at all, in 1969, and independently) by Fagin [1] who used Gaifman’s extension axioms introduced in [2]. It is well-known that the zero-one law is more than an individual result – it has a similar universal applicability in finite model theory as Compactness Theorem has in infinite model theory.

It is particularly interesting that the work of Fagin [1] is similar in spirit to some results from Keisler’s paper [3]. We shall outline some possible further development of probability logics with the aid of techniques of hyperfinite model theory which promises to produce new results.

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Computable points and local computability

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A compact subset of Euclidean space (or a computable metric space) is computable if it can be effectively approximated by a finite set of rational points with arbitrary precision. A compact set $S$ is semi-computable if we can effectively enumerate all finite unions of rational balls which cover $S$. Each computable set is semi-computable, but a semi-computable set need not be computable. In fact, while computable points in each computable set are dense, there exists a nonempty semi-computable subset of the real line which does not contain any computable point.

We investigate conditions under which computable points in a semi-computable set are dense. Related to this, we examine the computability of a set at a point. We also extend the notion of semi-computability to non-compact sets and observe semi-computable manifolds and sets which have topological type of a polyhedron.

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Timed Multiset Rewriting and the Verification of Time-Sensitive Distributed Systems

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Time-Sensitive Distributed Systems (TSDS), such as applications using autonomous drones, achieve goals under possible environment interference (e.g., winds). Moreover, goals are often specified using explicit time constraints which must be satisfied by the system \textit{perpetually}. For example, drones carrying out the surveillance of some area must always have \textit{recent pictures}, \textit{i.e.}, at most $M$ time units old, of some strategic locations.

We propose a Multiset Rewriting language with explicit time for specifying and analysing TSDSes. We introduce two properties, \textit{realizability} (some trace is good) and \textit{survivability} (where, in addition, all admissible traces are good). A good trace is an infinite trace in which goals are perpetually satisfied. The transition to properties over infinite traces leads to many challenges as one can easily fall into undecidability fragments of verification problems. The main challenge is to identify the syntactical conditions on specifications so that the survivability and feasibility problems fall into a decidable fragment, and at the same time, that interesting examples can be specified. Also, the notion that a system satisfies a property perpetually implies that the desired property should be valid at all time instances independent of environment interference. Another issue is that systems should not be allowed to perform an unbounded number of actions in a single time instance, a problem similar to the Zeno paradox.
We propose a class of systems called *progressive timed systems* (PTS), where intuitively only a finite number of actions can be carried out in a bounded time period. We define a language for specifying realizability and survivability properties which allows the specification of many interesting problems in TSDS.

We prove that for this class of systems both the realizability and the survivability problems are PSPACE-complete. Furthermore, if we impose a bound on time (as in bounded model-checking), we show that for PTS, realizability becomes NP-complete, while survivability is in the $\Delta^p_2$ class of the polynomial hierarchy.

Finally, we demonstrate that the rewriting logic system Maude can be used to automate time bounded verification of PTS.

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Can we mitigate the attacks on Distance-Bounding Protocols by using challenge-response rounds repeatedly?

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Distance Bounding Protocols are used to infer an upper-bound on the distance between two participants by measuring the round trip time of a challenge response round launched by the Verifier, who owns the desired resource, to a Prover, who wants access to the resource.

A Verifier, who owns the desired resource, sends a challenge to the Prover, who wants the resource, remembering when the challenge was sent. The Prover then responds to the challenge (as quick as possible). From the round-trip time, Verifier can infer an upper-bound on the distance to Prover. Only if Prover is within some pre-established distance, Verifier grants him access to the resource, e.g., open a door.

In our previous work [2], we discovered a new attack on Distance Bounding Protocols, called Attack In-Between-Ticks, showing that an Intruder can gain access to a resource although he is not within the pre-established distance to Verifier. The attack exploits the differences between discrete measurements used by Verifier and the actual distance. We then speculated that the Attack in Between Ticks could be mitigated by using a large number of challenge response rounds.

This paper works out the details building the formal machinery to support this idea. We obtain some surprising (non-intuitive) results.
We show that in the case where Verifier decides to grant the access by the simple majority, the effect of the repeated challenge-response rounds can mitigate the attack but only for the specific values of the probability of the erroneous decision in one round.

Whereas in the case where Verifier decides to grant the access by the large majority (that is, with gaining a large specified level of support, for example, Prover responding in time in two thirds of the challenges) the idea of repeated challenge-response rounds works perfectly well for our protocol. In particular, having observed the “acceptance challenge-response events” in the two-thirds majority of rounds, Verifier can establish the desired upper bounds for the ‘actual’ challenge-response time interval but only with the high probability.

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Justification with Propositional Nominals

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The broad field of epistemic logic aims to reason about knowledge and belief. While modal logic deals with the fact of knowing or believing a certain statement, the framework of justification logic introduced by Artemov [1] provides tools to formalize explicit reasons for such belief, which makes it possible to analyze many epistemic problems and puzzles from a new perspective [2, 3, 5, 7, 9, 10].

Ordinary justification logic provides a static picture of all justified beliefs that emerge from a given set of premises. It’s a natural extension to consider a dynamically changing set of reasons for beliefs, for example as a result of communication; this is studied in the field of dynamic justification logic, started by Renne [13] and continued in [6, 8].

Kuznets and Studer introduced [12] a dynamic justification logic JUPCS, providing a simple axiomatization for belief expansion and minimal change. It adds a new kind of atomic evidence term, $up(A)$, representing the evidence for a formula $A$ after updating the belief set with $A$. JUPCS is shown to be sound and complete with respect to a class of basic modular models [4, 11], with the basic evaluation generated inductively from an evidence basis that uses only atomic terms.

Being able to restrict the model definition to atomic terms produces simple models to work with, but comes at a price: term application has to carry a record of the formula that was used in the application, e.g. $t : A s$, and the application axiom was modified to reflect this:

$$t : (A \rightarrow B) \land s : A \leftrightarrow t : A s : B$$

This is an uncommon addition to justification logic, first introduced by Renne [14], and it naturally raised the question whether it’s possible to remove the subscript and use the more traditional application axiom for justification logic.
This talk presents a stepping stone in the study of this question. To examine its most basic form, we look at the situation after a finite set of updates with atomic propositional statements, omitting the dynamics of updates. Namely, for propositional variables in this fixed update set, we introduce *nominals*: terms that justify exactly one formula, which is enforced on axiom level.

An axiom system $JN^V_{CS}$ is formulated to capture that property, and shown to be sound and complete with respect to a class of basic modular models. This semantics are shown to have the finite model property.

However, this class of models is still less natural than the original semantics for $JUP_{CS}$. We show that, for appropriate constant specifications, it's possible to obtain a completeness result for a more natural class of atomic models through a model reduction procedure we call *atomization*.

Those results represent the first step in adapting $JUP_{CS}$ to subscript-free application. The primary direction for further work is re-introducing dynamic updates and studying the epistemic properties of the resulting system. Another possible direction is extending nominals to non-atomic propositions.

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Algorithmic Knowledge Discovery with Lattices of Closed Descriptions

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Galois connection between sets of objects from a subject domain and their partially ordered descriptions define a closure operator and respective closed sets of objects and closed descriptions, which make two antitone lattices. When descriptions are sets of attributes, these two lattices make a concept (Galois) lattice [1]. On the one hand, the lattice of closed descriptions gives a taxonomy of a subject domain, where each class of objects is given by its specific closed description. On the other hand, the closure operator gives a natural definition of implicative dependencies related to functional dependencies and Horn formulas. The lattice diagram gives a natural concise representation of all association rules (partial implications) that hold in the domain. We consider relationships between models of knowledge discovery naturally described in terms of lattices of closed descriptions [2, 3], present respective results on algorithmic complexity and discuss some applications.

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The Lambek Calculus with Unary Connectives

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1 The Lambek Calculus

The Lambek calculus $L$ was introduced by J. Lambek [7]. Formulae (types) of $L$ are built from a countable set of variables (primitive types) $\text{Var} = \{p, q, r, \ldots\}$ using three binary connectives: \ (left division), / (right division), and $\cdot$ (multiplication). The set of all types is denoted by $T_p$. The Lambek calculus derives sequents of the form $\Pi \rightarrow A$, where $A$ is a type and $\Pi$ is a sequence of types. In $L$, $\Pi$ is required to be non-empty. There exists a variant of the Lambek calculus, $L^*$, without this restriction.

The axioms and rules of $L$ are as follows:

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\begin{align*}
\Pi, A &\rightarrow B \quad (\rightarrow) & A, \Pi &\rightarrow B \quad (\rightarrow) \\
\Pi &\rightarrow B / A \quad (\rightarrow /) & A, \Pi &\rightarrow B / A \\
\Pi &\rightarrow A \quad \Gamma, B, \Delta \rightarrow C
\end{align*}
\]

\[
\begin{align*}
\Pi &\rightarrow A \\
\Pi, (B / A), \Pi, \Delta &\rightarrow C \quad (\rightarrow /) & \Pi, (A \cdot B), \Delta &\rightarrow C \quad (\rightarrow \cdot)
\end{align*}
\]

\[
\begin{align*}
\Gamma &\rightarrow A \\
\Gamma, (B / A), \Pi, \Delta &\rightarrow C \\
\Gamma, (A \cdot B), \Delta &\rightarrow C
\end{align*}
\]

Lambek syntactic types can be naturally interpreted as formal languages over an alphabet $\Sigma$. For the interpretation $w$, the following should hold:

\[
\begin{align*}
w(A \cdot B) &= w(A) \cdot w(B) = \{uv \mid u \in w(A), v \in w(B)\} \\
w(B / A) &= w(B) / w(A) = \{v \mid (\forall u \in w(A)) vu \in w(B)\} \\
w(A \setminus B) &= w(A) \setminus w(B) = \{v \mid (\forall u \in w(A)) u \in w(B)\}
\end{align*}
\]

Note that this definition works differently for $L$ and $L^*$ (for $L$, the empty word is not included in the languages). A sequent $A_1, \ldots, A_n \rightarrow B$ is true under interpretation $w$, if $w(A_1) \cdot \ldots \cdot w(A_n) \subseteq w(B)$. Both variants of the Lambek calculus are sound and complete w.r.t. this interpretation:

**Theorem 1** (M. Pentus). A sequent is derivable in $L$ (resp., in $L^*$) iff it is true under any interpretation $w: T_p \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\Sigma^*)$ (resp., $w: T_p \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\Sigma^*)$). [10]
Lambek categorial grammars are finite correspondences between Lambek types and letters of an alphabet. The word \(a_1 \ldots a_n\) belongs to the language generated by such grammar if there exist types \(A_1, \ldots, A_n\) in the correspondence with letters \(a_1, \ldots, a_n\) resp., such that \(A_1, \ldots, A_n \rightarrow H\) is derivable in \(L\) or one of its variants. Here \(H\) is a fixed type, usually primitive.

**Theorem 2** (M. Pentus). Grammars based on \(L\) (resp., on \(L^*\)) generate precisely the class of context-free languages without the empty word (resp., the class of all context-free languages). [9]

2 The Reversal Operation

The unary reversal operation is defined as follows: \(M^R = \{a_n \ldots a_1 \mid a_1 \ldots a_n \in M\}\) for any formal language \(M\). The extension of \(L\) with the unary \(\cdot \) connective, \(L^R\), is obtained from \(L\) by adding the following rules (\(\Gamma^R = A^R_1, \ldots, A^R_i\) for \(\Gamma = A_1, \ldots, A_n\)):

\[
\frac{\Gamma \rightarrow C}{\Gamma^R \rightarrow C^R} \quad (R \rightarrow R) \quad \frac{\Gamma, A, \Delta \rightarrow C}{\Gamma, A^R, \Delta \rightarrow C^R} \quad (R \rightarrow R)_E \quad \frac{\Gamma \rightarrow C^{RR}}{\Gamma \rightarrow C} \quad (\rightarrow RR)_E
\]

The good properties of the Lambek calculus keep valid for its extension with the reversal operation ([4] for \(L\), [5] for \(L^*\)):

**Theorem 3.** The calculi \(L^R\) and \(L^{*R}\) are sound and complete w.r.t. interpretations of types as formal languages.

**Theorem 4.** \(L^R\)-grammars (resp., \(L^{*R}\)-grammars) generate precisely the class of context-free languages without the empty word (resp., the class of all context-free languages).

3 The (Sub)exponential

The exponential modality, \(!\) (called “bang”), is inherited from linear logic. It is governed by the following rules. Here we consider only the \(L^*\) case, since the \(L\) one is much more subtle (see [1]).

\[
\frac{\Gamma, A, \Delta \rightarrow B}{\Gamma, !A, \Delta \rightarrow B} \quad (! \rightarrow) \quad \frac{!A_1, \ldots, !A_n \rightarrow B}{!A_1, \ldots, !A_n \rightarrow !B} \quad (\rightarrow !) \quad \frac{\Gamma, \Delta \rightarrow B}{\Gamma, !A, \Delta \rightarrow B} \quad \text{(weak)}
\]

\[
\frac{\Gamma, !A, !A, \Delta \rightarrow B}{\Gamma, !A, \Delta \rightarrow B} \quad \text{(contr)} \quad \frac{\Gamma, !A, \Delta, \Phi \rightarrow B}{\Gamma, !A, \Delta, \Phi \rightarrow B} \quad \text{(perm)} \quad \frac{\Gamma, \Delta, !A, \Phi \rightarrow B}{\Gamma, !A, \Delta, \Phi \rightarrow B} \quad \text{(perm)}
\]

We also consider a less powerful modality, for which we impose contraction and permutation, but not weakening. We also denote it by \(!\) and call a subexponential. This modality is motivated from the linguistic side [8].

**Theorem 5.** Grammars based on the extension of \(L^*\) with \(!\) (both with and without (weak)) generate all recursively enumerable languages. [2]
This is obtained by encoding finite theories over $L^*$ inside sequents using the (sub)exponential modalities.

**Corollary 6.** The derivability problem for $L^*$ extended with $!$ is undecidable.

However, in linguistical practice $!$ is usually applied only to variables. For this case, the derivability problem is decidable and belongs to NP [2].

### 4 The Kleene Star

Yet another important operation on formal languages is the *Kleene star*: $A^* = \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} A^n$. For the Kleene star, we propose the following rules extending $L^*$:

\[
\frac{\Gamma_1 \rightarrow A \ldots \Gamma_n \rightarrow A}{\Gamma_1, \ldots, \Gamma_n \rightarrow A^*} \quad (\rightarrow^*)
\]

\[
\frac{\Gamma, \Delta \rightarrow C \quad \Gamma, A, A^*, \Delta \rightarrow C}{\Gamma, A^*, \Delta \rightarrow C} \quad (* \rightarrow)_L
\]

\[
\frac{\Gamma, \Delta \rightarrow C \quad \Gamma, A^*, A, \Delta \rightarrow C}{\Gamma, A^*, \Delta \rightarrow C} \quad (* \rightarrow)_R
\]

In this system we allow infinite branches of proofs.

For the fragment without $\cdot$ and where $^*$ is allowed only in subformulae of the form $A^* \setminus B$ or $B / A^*$, this calculus enjoys completeness w.r.t. interpretations of types as formal languages [6].

There is an open question whether we could take only regular (cyclic) proofs, like in [11]. However, if we take both $^*$ and $!$, the answer is negative: using results from [3] for theories over Kleene algebras and then encoding the theory into the sequent using the construction from [2], one obtains $\Pi^0_2$-hardness of the system. Therefore, it is not equivalent to any system with finite proofs.

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On Subexponentials, Focusing and Modalities in Concurrent Systems

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In order to specify the behavior of distributed agents or the policies governing a distributed system, it is often necessary to reason by using different types of modalities, such as time, space, or even the epistemic state of agents. For instance, the access-control policies of a building might allow Bob to have access only in some pre-defined time, such as its opening hours. Another policy might also allow Bob to ask Alice who has higher credentials to grant him access to the building, or even specify that Bob has only access to some specific rooms of the building. Following this need, many formalisms have been proposed to specify, program and reason about such policies, e.g., Ambient Calculus [1], Concurrent Constraint Programming [2], Authorization Logics [3], just to name a few.

Logic and proof theory have often inspired the design of many of these formalisms. For example, Saraswat et al. proposed Concurrent Constraint Programming (CCP), a model for concurrency that combines the traditional operational view of process calculi with a declarative view based on logic [2]. Agents in CCP interact with each other by telling and asking information represented as constraints to a global store. Later, Fages et al. in [4] proposed Linear Concurrent Constraint (lcc), inspired by linear logic [5], to allow the use of linear constraints, that is, tokens of information that once used by an agent are removed from the global store.

In order to capture the behavior of distributed systems which take into account spatial, temporal and/or epistemic properties, new formalisms have been proposed. For instance, Saraswat et al. proposed tcc [6], which extends CCP with time modalities. Later, Knight et al. [7] proposed a CCP-based language with spatial and epistemic modalities. Some of these developments have also been followed by a similar development in proof theory. For instance, Nigam proposed a framework for linear authorization logics [8], which allow the specification of access control policies that may mention the affirmations, possessions and knowledge of
principals and demonstrated that a wide range of linear authorization policies can be specified in linear logic with subexponentials (SELL) [9, 10].

In this talk, we show that time, spatial, and epistemic modalities can be uniformly specified in a single logical framework called SELLF, which extends intuitionistic SELL with universal (\(\forall\)) and existential (\(\exists\)) quantifiers over subexponentials. SELL has good proof-theoretic properties: it admits cut-elimination and it has a complete focusing discipline [11], giving rise to the focused system SELLF.

Then we will show that subexponentials can be interpreted as spatial, epistemic and temporal modalities, thus providing a framework for specifying concurrent systems with these modalities. This is accomplished by encoding in SELLF different CCP languages, for which the proposed quantifiers play an important role. For instance, they enable the use of an arbitrary number of subexponentials, required to model the unbounded nesting of modalities, which is a common feature in epistemic and spatial systems. This does not seem possible in existing logical frameworks such as [12] which do not contain subexponentials nor its quantifiers. Finally, the focusing discipline enforces that the obtained encodings are faithful w.r.t. CCP’s operational semantics in a strong sense: one operational step matches exactly one logical phase. This is the strongest level of adequacy called adequacy on the level of derivations [13]. Such level of adequacy is not possible for similar encodings of linear CCP systems, such as [4].

Another important feature of subexponentials is that they can be organized into a pre-order, which specifies the provability relation among them. By coupling subexponential quantifiers with a suitable pre-order, it is possible to specify declaratively the rules in which agents can manipulate information. For example, an agent cannot see the information contained in a space that she does not have access to. The boundaries are naturally implied by the pre-order of subexponentials.

Finally, if time permits, we will talk about SELLS which extends SELL by allowing subexponentials to be specified as algebraic structures called \(\times\)-poset. This extension allows for the specification of preferences, formally specified as soft-constraints. We then show that besides being able to capture existing CCP-languages, we propose a novel CCP language called Subexponential CPP, which includes features such as 1) computational spaces where agents can tell and ask preferences (soft-constraints); 2) systems where spatial and temporal modalities can be combined; 3) shared spaces for communication that can be dynamically established; and 4) systems that can dynamically create nested spaces.

This talk is based on the publications [14] and [15].

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Logical Games for Minimal Logic

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By logical games here we understand two types of games: Dialogue logic of Paul Lorenzen and Kuno Lorenz and Game-Theoretical Semantics (GTS) proposed by Jaakko Hintikka and developed by Gabriel Sandu. Dialogue logic and Game-Theoretical Semantics (GTS) are believed to define different types of truth: the former establishing validity and the later handling truth in a model [9][8]. However, there has been shown a correspondence between those two types of games stating the existence of an algorithm permitting us to transform a winning strategy for Eloise in Game-Theoretical semantics into the corresponding one for the Proponent in a dialogue with hypotheses [9] and visa versa. However, aimed at achieving this result some changes were proposed for the intuitionistic and classical dialogues as defined in [6][7] adjusting them to a model.

Apart from those results, a major work has been done to prove correspondence between dialogue games and sequent calculi. Several authors proposed their proves for the intuitionistic dialogues and the corresponding intuitionistic validity, such as Fermüller [3], Felscher [2], Sørensen and Urzyczyn [10]. Recently there has been proposed an elegant version of proof for both intuitionistic and classical logic by Alama, Knoks and Uckelman [1]. They used a variant of the sequent calculus system $GKcp$ [12] for classical propositional logic.

In this paper we define a class of dialogue games for minimal logic and a corresponding sequent calculus. Minimal propositional logic can be obtained by rejecting not only the classical law of excluded middle (as intuitionistic logic does), but also the principle of explosion (ex falso quodlibet) $A, \neg A \vdash B$, where $B$ is arbitrary. Thus, we define a sequent calculus for minimal logic as an intuitionist calculus (like $LJ$ of Genzen) but without the right weakening ($WR$) of the form:

$$\frac{\Gamma \rightarrow \varnothing}{\Gamma \rightarrow \varnothing} \quad (WR\varnothing)$$
where $D$ is an arbitrary formula. It is easy to see that this rule corresponds to the Genzen $NJ$ rule of the form: $\frac{\bot}{D}$, as $\Gamma \rightarrow \emptyset$ correspond to the $\bot$.

We can provide a simple example of the theorem $A \supset (\neg A \supset B)$:

$$
\begin{align*}
A \rightarrow A & \quad (\neg L) \\
\neg A, A \rightarrow & \quad B \quad (WR\emptyset) \\
A \rightarrow \neg A \supset B & \quad (\rightarrow R) \\
\rightarrow A \supset (\neg A \supset B) & \quad (\rightarrow R)
\end{align*}
$$

Then we define a minimal dialogue game as an intuitionistic game (by the intuitionistic dialogue game we understand the one where there is a rule restricting defenses of the players as follows: "**D11 If it is X's turn and there are more than one attack by Y that X has not yet defended, only the most recent one may be defended**") where the Proponent cannot leave any attack of the Opponent without a defense. There is only one exception represented by the attack on the negation because there is no way to perform a defense against this attack. We provide an example of the same formula as in the sequent calculus $A \supset (\neg A \supset B)$:

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Then we come up with a proof of the correspondence between the winning strategies for the Proponent in that class of games and the validity in minimal propositional logic. In our proof we use a modified version of Kleene intuitionistic system $G_3$ [5] without structural rules. The axiom now has the following form: $A, \Gamma \rightarrow \Theta, A$. Furthermore, the inference rules are modified in such a way that we keep the main formulae, for instance:

$$
\begin{align*}
A, A \land B \rightarrow \neg (A \land B), A & \quad (\neg L) \\
\neg A, A \land B \rightarrow \neg (A \land B) & \quad (\land L_1) \\
\neg A, A \land B \rightarrow \neg (A \land B) & \quad (\neg R) \\
\rightarrow \neg A \supset \neg (A \land B) & \quad (\rightarrow R)
\end{align*}
$$

Finally, as there has been established a correspondence between game-theoretical semantics and dialogue games with hypothesis, then various sequent calculi (with non-empty antecedent as a set of initial hypothesis specifying a domain used in the game-theoretical semantics) may encode winning strategies for Eloise in different types of games within the Game theoretical semantics.
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Just like the logic of science is driven by the fact that “we can never be sure when we are right, only when we are wrong” (as Richard Feynman put it), the logic of security is driven by the fact that we can never be sure when we are secure, only when we are under attack. Science and security therefore evolve through similar logical processes, which I shall discuss in the first part of the talk.

The main difference between science and security is that science is a game that people play against nature, whereas security is a game of people against people. While nature does not change its behaviors whenever a scientific theory makes them predictable, the adversaries keep changing their behaviors in order to *outsmart* each other: they try not only to predict each other’s behaviors, but also to deceive and mislead each other’s predictions. They learn to adapt their strategies, and to disturb the opponents’ strategies.

Although there is a vast literature about strategic learning, such outsmarting games have largely remained beyond reach, as the game theoretic analyses had to limit their scope to adaptive learning of opponent’s non-adaptive strategies. The reason for that limitation is that outsmarting, as adaptive learning of adaptive strategies, involves algorithms that are capable to learn the behaviors of other algorithms. The standard low-level models of computation are not suitable for such applications: a Turing machine that learns the behaviors of other Turing machines, or a lambda-term that captures other lambda-terms, are important theoretical constructs, but they are clumsy as programming tools. In the second part of the talk, I will describe the "monoidal computer", a high-level graphic model of computation, that supports at least some forms of reasoning about outsmarting. If the time permits, I will present a computational explanation of an apparent algorithmic paradox at the heart of arguably the best adaptive strategy evolved so far.
A simple method of proving logical constancy by consequence extraction

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A generalization of a method for showing that symbols such as boolean connectives, (generalized) quantifiers or modal operators are logical constants is attempted in this work. The idea of consequence extraction as presented by Bonay and Westerståhl in [2] is used for this purpose.

There are several approaches to the following foundational question: which symbols of a formal language are logical? One notion of logical constant is that, given a language and a consequence relation, a symbol is a constant if replacing it with another symbol of the same type destroys at least one valid inference of that consequence relation (see [2]).

One technical problem with this approach is that there is often only one symbol of a given type, so we have nothing to replace it with in order to test its constancy. This can be solved by introducing a new symbol which does not essentially change the language. In an example given in [2], the negation, which is the only unary connective in many familiar languages, is replaced with another unary connective defined as “equal to false” that is added to the language to prove that $\neg$ is a constant.

Introducing new symbols depends, however, on the nature of a particular language. This is probably easy to do from case to case, but it is attempted here to give a general method that would work in any language in essentially the same way. First consider few motivating examples.

- Consider the basic propositional modal language with the usual (local) logical consequence relation $\vdash_{ML}$, as defined in [1]. We expect modal operator $\Diamond$ to be a logical constant, but in the definition of the basic modal language it is the only symbol of its kind. However, a symbol $\Box$ is used as an abbreviation for dual $\Box \varphi \equiv \neg \Diamond \neg \varphi$, so we can include it in the language as another modal operator. Now, from the duality itself we have, for instance, that $\Box p \vdash_{ML} \neg \Diamond \neg p$ is a valid inference, but if
we replace □ with ◊ we get ◊p ⊩_{ML} ¬◊¬p, which is easily verified not to be valid.

• The disjunction ∨ is proved in [2] to be a logical constant of the propositional logic using a classic example that p ⊨_{PL} p ∨ q but p ⊭_{PL} p ∧ q. Note that here the constancy of ∨ is also proved by using its dual. The conjunction ∧ is dual to ∨ in the same way ◊ is to □: we have ϕ ∧ ψ ≡ ¬(¬ϕ ∨ ¬ψ).

• The universal quantifier for the first-order logic is dual to the existential quantifier. Similarly as in the first example, we have a valid inference ∀xA ⊨_{FO} ¬∃x¬A, but ∃xA ⊭_{FO} ¬∃x¬A. Therefore, ∀ is a logical constant.

These examples lead to the following very simple, but fairly general idea: for any symbol S such as logical connective, quantifier or operator, we define the dual S′ in a similar way. Given a consequence relation ⇒, duality means that we have valid inferences of the form S′(ϕ_1, ϕ_2, ...) ⇒ ¬S(¬ϕ_1, ¬ϕ_2, ...) and ¬S(¬ϕ_1, ¬ϕ_2, ...) ⇒ S′(ϕ_1, ϕ_2, ...). If S is not self-dual, then at least one of these inferences fails if we replace S with S′. Therefore, S is a logical constant.

It is rather obvious that any missing dual can always be included in a language by defining it as an abbreviation and then adding it to the list of symbols, and that this way the language stays essentially the same. So, for any symbol that is used inductively in building formulas in a way that the truth of these formulas depends on the truth of one or more (depending on arity) formulas in the scope of that symbol, we have the dual symbol. By the reasoning presented above, it is immediately verified that any such symbol, if it is not self-dual, is a logical constant for a given language and consequence relation. This includes seemingly vast majority of symbols we have in mind when trying to generalize the notion of logical constants, like logical connectives ∨, ∧, →, ↔ etc., quantifiers ∀, ∃ (also as second-order quantifiers, even polyadic) and many more, modal operators ◊, □ and so on.

However, there are some examples of self-dual symbols which are also considered to be logical constants, notably the negation itself (¬p ⇔ ¬¬¬p). In such cases we have to use some other symbol of the same type to prove the constancy, as Bonay and Westerståhl did in the case of ¬. An example of a self-dual generalized quantifier is "more than a half of", if interpreted on a finite set of odd cardinality. As a general method, in such case we can use any symbol of the same type that is not self-dual, thus destroying at least one of the inferences which express self-duality. So for example, replacing a self-dual quantifier with ∃ proves that it is a constant. If a self-dual symbol is unique of its type, we add some symbol that is not self-dual as an abbreviation.
Finally, consider 0-ary symbols. For example, predicates or relational symbols in first-order logic, propositional variables in propositional logic or modal logic and so on, are not generally considered to be logical constants. But truth values like $\top$ and $\bot$, if included in a language, are considered logical constants. And rightly so, because we have $\top \Rightarrow \neg \bot$, but $\bot \not\Rightarrow \neg \bot$. We can consider $\top$ and $\bot$ dual to each other (there just isn’t anything in their scope to negate, so dual is simply the negation).

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\[^1\] However, some of them, like equality, may be considered constants if we fix a (normal) interpretation of the symbol.
The sure thing principle and Simpson paradox

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We present Blyth argument (Blyth 1972) that Simpson reversals (Yule 1903; Simpson 1951) prove that the sure thing principle is not valid.

We show, contra (Pearl 2015), that Simpson reversals do not necessarily involve causality and that there is a purely probabilistic and true version of the sure thing principle with no causalities involved.

We offer a general argument, contra (Bandyopadhyay 2011), that Simpson reversals are not surprising (paradoxical) and apply it to the resolution of the concrete example from a Mathematical Olympiad.

We argue that people generalize from disjunctive syllogism (which is valid) to the sure thing principle (which is not valid), because they generalize from conditional $\rightarrow$ to support $\uparrow$.

Namely, the basic properties of supports $A \uparrow B$, defined as $\text{pr}(B|A) > \text{pr}(B)$, are exactly the opposite to those of conditionals $A \rightarrow B$, as proved in (Šikić 2016).

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Remarks on Reversible Circuit Synthesis from Decision Diagrams

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Decision diagrams are a data structure enabling compact representations of large Boolean functions. This feature is used to design reversible circuits for functions of a large number of variables, the term scalability is often used in this context.

A decision diagram consists of non-terminal nodes and constant nodes connected by edges. To each non-terminal node a variable in the function is assigned and called the decision variables. A function is assigned to a diagram by decomposition rules, which are defined in terms of variables and subfunctions, i.e., co-factors, determined with respect to the variables.

In classical circuit synthesis from decision diagrams, the circuit is produced by replacing each non-terminal node with a module realizing the decomposition rule assigned to the node, and providing interconnections corresponding to the edges connecting the nodes. In this way, multi-level circuits are produced with each level in the circuit corresponding to a level in the diagram and preserving the hierarchical structure of the diagram. The main difference in reversible circuit synthesis compared to the classical synthesis, is that the hierarchical tree-like structure of a decision diagram is mapped into the linear structure of a cascade. This mapping is performed by the so-called post-order traversal of the diagram, meaning that the left node is visited first, then the right node, and after that their root node. Each non-terminal node starting from the bottom left corresponds to a level in the cascade. Mapping the tree structure into the linear structure requires that all the information in a level of the cascade has to be preserved for other levels. This requires to introduce additional (ancilla) lines, which can be considered as a drawback of this synthesis method.

To overcome it, research was done towards reducing the ancilla lines, but the problem is that the resulting reversible circuits usually have a large quantum cost. Ancilla-free synthesis based on BDDs is scalable, however, the price is high quantum cost [1], [7], [8], [11], [17].

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Majority of decision diagram based design methods concern with reducing the number of nodes, i.e., the size of a decision diagrams, as a way to simplify the circuits. This can be achieved by using conventional methods for reduction of the size of diagrams, including variable ordering, exploiting negated edges, considering diagrams defined in terms of various decomposition rules, the usage of Free BDDs, linearization of BDDs, and other related optimization methods [2], [4], [5], [18].

In this respect, Kronecker binary decision diagrams (KBDDs) are proposed as a most efficient data structure among various decision diagrams for reversible circuit synthesis, since usually have the minimum number of non-terminal nodes, however, improvements are possible regarding the cost of the produced reversible circuits by taking into account the cost of modules realizing non-terminal nodes [3], [6], [16].

KBDDs use either the Shannon, positive, and negative Davio rules, under the restriction that the same rule is assigned to all the nodes at a level in the diagram. By using a suitable combination of nodes for a given function \( f \), the number of non-terminal nodes in KBDD is reduced comparing with other decision diagrams for \( f \). Since the cost of the Shannon nodes is larger than that of Davio nodes, it might happen that the total cost of the resulting circuit is larger than that of circuits produced from Functional decision diagrams (FDDs).

Further improvement can be achieved when the number of nodes in FDDs is reduced by selecting between the positive and the negative Davio nodes, i.e., by using FPFDDs [9], [15].

Recall that finding an exact minimum FPFDD requires \( 2^n \) checks, compared to \( 3^n \) checks in KFDDs. In general, FDD are suitable for reversible circuit synthesis by Toffoli gates for two reasons

1. The analytical description of Davio nodes corresponds to the expression defining the Toffoli gates.

2. Reduction rules adapted to the Davio nodes often reduce the amount of information that has to be transferred between levels in a linear circuit, which means reduction of lines.

These considerations for FDDs and Toffoli gates, motivated to discuss synthesis of reversible circuits with Hadamard gates based on Walsh decision diagrams. We show by experiments that, as in the case of FDDs, by pairing the functional description of reversible circuits with decomposition rules in used decision diagrams leads to reversible circuits with good performances.

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A Logic for Temporal Beliefs and Intentions–Completeness and Belief revision

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We introduce a logic for temporal beliefs and intentions based on Shoham’s database perspective [1]. For the logic, we develop strongly complete axiomatization. We formalize Shoham’s coherence conditions on beliefs and intentions. In order to do this we separate strong beliefs from weak beliefs. Strong beliefs are independent from intentions, while weak beliefs are obtained by adding intentions to strong beliefs and everything that follows from that. We provide AGM-style postulates for the revision of strong beliefs and intentions: strong belief revision may trigger intention revision, but intention revision may only trigger revision of weak beliefs. After revision, the strong beliefs are coherent with the intentions. We show in a representation theorem that a revision operator satisfying our postulates can be represented by a pre-order on interpretations of the beliefs, together with a selection function for the intentions.

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Generalized Veltman models

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The language of the interpretability logic $\mathcal{IL}$ contains propositional letters $p_0, p_1, \ldots$, the logical connectives $\land, \lor, \rightarrow, \leftrightarrow$ and $\neg$, the unary modal operator $\Box$ and the binary modal operator $\triangleright$. The paper [3] provides the necessary definitions and detailed explanation on $\mathcal{IL}$.

There are several kinds of semantics for the system $\mathcal{IL}$. The basic semantics is Veltman models. Generalized Veltman models were defined by D. de Jongh. We use generalized Veltman models in [5] to prove independences between principles of interpretability. E. Goris and J. Joosten [1] also define and use a kind of generalized Veltman models. We define a notion of bisimulation between two generalized Veltman models in [6], and prove Hennessy–Milner theorem for generalized Veltman semantics. We study various kinds of bisimulations of generalized Veltman models in [4]. We prove in [7] that there is a bisimulation between Veltman model and generalized Veltman model. The existence of a bisimulation in general setting is an open problem. T. Perkov and M. Vuković in [2] use generalized Veltman models in proofs of finite model properties for different interpretability logics. One can naturally pose the question on connection between different kinds of models for interpretability logics. We compare different kinds of generalized Veltman models.

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Asterix calculus - classical computation in detail

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We present Asterix calculus (also denoted *X calculus), built from names instead of variables. Asterix is designed to stand in computational correspondence with classical logic represented in the sequent calculus. More precisely, in the sequent system G1 [1], featuring explicit structural rules weakening and contraction.

It is possible to define many variants of Gentzen sequent systems. The basic Gentzen systems for classical and intuitionistic logic denoted as G1, G2 and G3 are formalized in [2] and later revisited in [1]. In brief, the essential difference between G1 and G3 is the presence or absence of explicit structural rules. The distinguishing point of G2 is the use of the so-called mix instead of a cut rule.

In the context of the Curry-Howard paradigm, we have the following correspondence between classical logic’s system G1 and *X-terms:

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{Proofs} & \iff \text{Terms} \\
\text{Propositions} & \iff \text{Types} \\
\text{Cut elimination} & \iff \text{Reduction}
\end{align*}
\]

Having explicit terms for weakening and contraction at hand is an advantage strategically speaking. On the one hand we reveal the computational role of these constructors (erasure and duplication, respectively).

On the other hand, having these terms explicit, and thus a very fine grained calculus, we can identify which syntactically different terms (proofs) should be considered the same; by providing equations identifying terms up-to trivial rules-permutation.

Of course the calculus retains the desirable properties of its predecessors: type preservation, linearity preservation, strong normalisation of typed terms.
Besides Asterix (\(\check{X}\)) [3, 4] there is also Obelix (\(\check{\lambda}\) calculus) [5, 6]. Informally speaking, these calculi are classical analogues of intuitionistic \(\lambda\beta\eta\), featuring explicit substitution, weakening and contraction [7], and \(\lambda\), featuring explicit substitution [8], respectively.

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