

# Remarks on the Exponential Rules in Linear Logic

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This talk is about:

- An observation on exponentials
- A related conjecture
- A proof of a special case of the conjecture

# The Logical Framework

ALL = Intuitionistic Linear Logic with Weakening

$$A \multimap B \quad \frac{\Gamma, A \Rightarrow B}{\Gamma \Rightarrow A \multimap B} (\multimap R) \qquad \frac{\Gamma_1 \Rightarrow A \quad \Gamma_2, B \Rightarrow C}{\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2, A \multimap B \Rightarrow C} (\multimap L)$$

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# The exponential

$$!A \quad \frac{\Gamma, !A, !A \Rightarrow B}{\Gamma, !A \Rightarrow B} (!c) \quad \frac{\Gamma, A \Rightarrow B}{\Gamma, !A \Rightarrow B} (!dr) \quad \frac{! \Gamma \Rightarrow A}{! \Gamma \Rightarrow !A} (!pr)$$

# Formulas as resources

$A \wedge B$  **One** resource: **Either**  $A$  **or**  $B$   
by **my** choice: LHS  
by **your** choice: RHS

$A \otimes B$  **Two** resources: **Both**  $A$  **and**  $B$

$A \multimap B$  A **one-time usable** function  
turning resources  $A$  into resources  $B$

**!** $A$  **arbitrarily often/unbounded**  $A$

$$\Gamma \Rightarrow A$$

From resources  $\Gamma$ , one can obtain (at least) the resource  $A$

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$$P_n \vdash C^{\otimes 20}, D, !(D \multimap C \otimes D) \Rightarrow C^{\otimes n}$$

does not necessarily have repeatable parts unless  $n > 20$ .

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## (?)Corollary

If **AIL**  $\vdash \Gamma \Rightarrow A^{\otimes n}$  for  $|\Gamma| \cdot 2^d + 1$ , then **AIL**  $\vdash \Gamma \Rightarrow A^{\otimes k}$  for all  $k$ .

## (?)Corollary

If there is a sequence  $(P_n)$  such that if  $P_n \vdash \Gamma \Rightarrow A^{\otimes n}$  for all  $n$ , then there is a **recursive** such sequence.

## Proposition

Let  $\Gamma$  be a multiset of formulas **not containing**  $\multimap$  and  $A$  a formula. Let  $d = \text{maxdepth}(\Gamma)$  and  $n = |\Gamma| \cdot 2^d + 1$ .

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# A normal form

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$\Gamma \Rightarrow A^{\otimes n}$

- $\Gamma_1^i, \dots, \Gamma_n^i$  splitting sequence
- only rule below splitting sequences:  $(\wedge L), (\vee L), (\otimes L), (!c), (!dR)$   
(no weakening)

## $\Gamma$ -grammar

Every splitting sequence in  $P$  is generated by the following grammar:

$$N = \mathbf{S} \cup \{\mathbf{A} \mid A \in \text{Subf}(\Gamma)\}$$

$$T = \text{Subf}(\Gamma)$$

Production rules:

$$\mathbf{S} \mapsto \mathbf{A}_1 \dots \mathbf{A}_n$$

$$\text{where } \Gamma = A_1, \dots, A_n$$

$$\mathbf{A} \vee \mathbf{B} \mapsto \mathbf{A} \mid \mathbf{B}$$

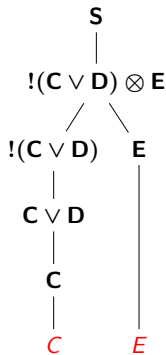
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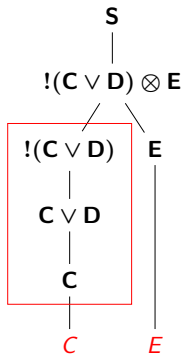


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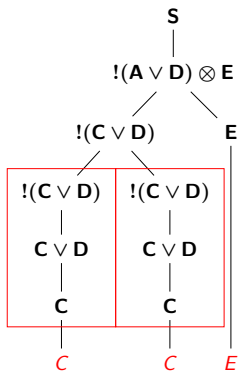


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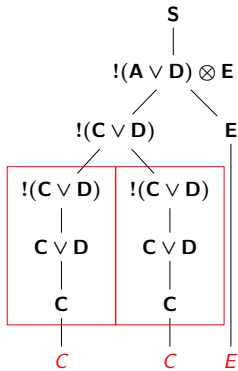


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If yes, the **infinitary rule**

$$\frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow A \quad \Gamma \Rightarrow A \otimes A \quad \Gamma \Rightarrow A \otimes A \otimes A \quad \dots}{\Gamma \Rightarrow \omega \cdot A}$$

is simulated by the **finitary rule**

$$\frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow A^{\otimes n}}{\Gamma \Rightarrow \omega \cdot A}$$

for large enough  $n$ .