

On the Role of Proof Theory in Automated Deduction

Frank Pfenning

Department of Computer Science
Carnegie Mellon University

25th International Conference on Automated Deduction
(CADE-25)

Special Session on the Past, Present and
Future of Automated Deduction

Berlin, Germany
August 3, 2015

Model-Theoretic Semantics

- Theorem proving by refutation of negation
- Can be understood as attempt to construct a model
 - Highly successful for classical logic (Herbrand models)
 - Applied also to nonclassical logics (Kripke models)
- Requires deep understanding of model theory
- Proof extraction may be difficult

Proof-Theoretic Semantics

- Theorem proving by direct proof construction
 - Immediately applicable to nonclassical logics
- Requires deep understanding of proof theory
- Proof is primary artifact

Applications of Nonclassical Logics in CS

- A personal and biased sampling
- Propositions as types, proofs as programs
 - Intuitionistic logic and type theory [Martin-Löf'80]
 - Staged computation, run-time code generation (JS4) [Davies & Pf'96]
 - Monadic encapsulation (lax logic) [Fairtlough & Mendler'97]
 - Partial evaluation (temporal logic) [Davies'96]
 - Message-passing concurrency (linear logic) [Caires & Pf'10] [Toninho'15]
- Reasoning about programs
 - Dynamic logic [Pratt'74]
 - Temporal logics [Pnueli'77] [Clarke & Emerson'80]
 - Separation logic [O'Hearn & Pym'99] [Reynolds'02]
- Security
 - Authorization logics [Garg et al.'06]
 - Protocol logics [Datta et al.'03]

Constructing a Theorem Prover

- 1 Present a logic as a deductive system amenable to search
- 2 Iterate
 - Devise an equivalent system with less nondeterminism
 - Don't-know nondeterminism: reduce backtracking
 - Don't-care nondeterminism: reduce redundancy
- 3 Exploit techniques for efficient implementation

- **Past:** How to define a logic
 - Sequent calculus [Gentzen'35]
 - Harmony [Dummett'76] [Martin-Löf'83]
- **Present:** How to reduce nondeterminism in search
 - Focusing and polarization [Andreoli'92] [Laurent'99]
- **Future:** How to combine logics
 - Adjunctions [Benton'94] [Reed'09]

Running Example: Linear Logic

- Logical hypotheses as resources [Girard'87]
- Exemplify techniques in a deceptively simple setting
- Model-theoretic techniques not easily available
- Many applications in computer science
 - Planning as (linear) theorem proving [Bibel'85]
 - Close cousin to separation logic [Reynolds'02]
 - Quantum computation [van Tonder'03]
 - Message-passing concurrency [Caires & Pf'10]
[Toninho'15]

Logic Definition: Proof-Theoretic Semantics

- Gerhard Gentzen [1935]

The introduction [rules of natural deduction] represent, as it were, the 'definitions' of the symbols concerned, and the eliminations are no more, in the final analysis, than the consequences of these definitions.

- In a slight departure, we use his sequent calculus
- Antecedents $\Delta ::= \bullet \mid \Delta, A$ (modulo exchange)
- **Linear hypothetical judgment**

$$\Delta \vdash A$$

Using antecedents in Δ exactly once,
we can prove that A is **true**

Global Harmony Requirement

- Use justifies truth (id)
- Truth justifies use (cut)

$$\frac{}{A \vdash A} \text{id}_A \qquad \frac{\Delta_1 \vdash A \quad \Delta_2, A \vdash C}{\Delta_1, \Delta_2 \vdash C} \text{cut}_A$$

- **Cut elimination**: Any deduction can be transformed into one not using the rule of cut
- **Identity elimination**: Any deduction can be transformed into one using identity id_a only for atomic propositions a

Local Harmony Requirement

- **Right rules** for connectives define how to prove them
- **Left rules** for connectives define how to use them
- Example: linear implication $A \multimap B$

$$\frac{\Delta, A \vdash B}{\Delta \vdash A \multimap B} \multimap R \qquad \frac{\Delta_1 \vdash A \quad \Delta_2, B \vdash C}{\Delta_1, \Delta_2, A \multimap B \vdash C} \multimap L$$

- They must be in local harmony
 - Truth justifies use (cut reduction)
 - Use justifies truth (identity expansion)

Cut Reduction

$$\frac{\frac{\Delta, A \vdash B}{\Delta \vdash A \multimap B} \multimap R \quad \frac{\Delta_1 \vdash A \quad \Delta_2, B \vdash C}{\Delta_1, \Delta_2, A \multimap B \vdash C} \multimap L}{\Delta, \Delta_1, \Delta_2 \vdash C} \text{cut}_{A \multimap B}$$

$$\Longrightarrow_R \quad \frac{\frac{\Delta_1 \vdash A \quad \Delta, A \vdash B}{\Delta, \Delta_1 \vdash B} \text{cut}_A \quad \Delta_2, B \vdash C}{\Delta, \Delta_1, \Delta_2 \vdash C} \text{cut}_B$$

Identity Expansion

$$\frac{}{A \multimap B \vdash A \multimap B} \text{id}_{A \multimap B}$$

\Rightarrow_E

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{}{A \vdash A} \text{id}_A \quad \frac{}{B \vdash B} \text{id}_B}{A \multimap B, A \vdash B} \multimap L}{A \multimap B \vdash A \multimap B} \multimap R}$$

External Choice

- Second sample linear connective: external choice $A \& B$

$$\frac{\Delta \vdash A \quad \Delta \vdash B}{\Delta \vdash A \& B} \&R$$

$$\frac{\Delta, A \vdash C}{\Delta, A \& B \vdash C} \&L_1$$

$$\frac{\Delta, B \vdash C}{\Delta, A \& B \vdash C} \&L_2$$

- Locally, satisfies cut reduction and identity expansion
- Globally, satisfies cut and identity elimination

Cut-Free System

- Compositional meaning explanation of $A \multimap B$, $A \& B$
- Subformula property; independence of connectives
- Basis for simple proof construction algorithm
- Complete by cut and identity elimination

$$\frac{}{a \vdash a} \text{id}_a$$

$$\frac{\Delta, A \vdash B}{\Delta \vdash A \multimap B} \multimap R$$

$$\frac{\Delta_1 \vdash A \quad \Delta_2, B \vdash C}{\Delta_1, \Delta_2, A \multimap B \vdash C} \multimap L$$

$$\frac{\Delta \vdash A \quad \Delta \vdash B}{\Delta \vdash A \& B} \& R$$

$$\frac{\Delta, A \vdash C}{\Delta, A \& B \vdash C} \& L_1$$

$$\frac{\Delta, B \vdash C}{\Delta, A \& B \vdash C} \& L_2$$

Backward Proof Construction

$$\frac{}{a \multimap (b \& c), b \multimap c \vdash a \multimap c} ?$$

Backward Proof Construction

$$\frac{\frac{}{a, a \multimap (b \& c), b \multimap c \vdash c} \text{?}}{a \multimap (b \& c), b \multimap c \vdash a \multimap c} \multimap R$$

Backward Proof Construction

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{}{a \vdash a} \quad ?}{a, a \multimap (b \& c), b \multimap c \vdash c} \multimap L}{a \multimap (b \& c), b \multimap c \vdash a \multimap c} \multimap R}{b \& c, b \multimap c \vdash c} \quad ?$$

Backward Proof Construction

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{}{a \vdash a} \text{id}_a \quad \frac{}{b \& c, b \multimap c \vdash c} ?}}{a, a \multimap (b \& c), b \multimap c \vdash c} \multimap L}{a \multimap (b \& c), b \multimap c \vdash a \multimap c} \multimap R$$

Backward Proof Construction

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{}{a \vdash a} \text{id}_a \quad \frac{\frac{}{b, b \multimap c \vdash c} ?}}{b \& c, b \multimap c \vdash c} \&L_1}{a, a \multimap (b \& c), b \multimap c \vdash c} \multimap L}{a \multimap (b \& c), b \multimap c \vdash a \multimap c} \multimap R$$

Backward Proof Construction

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{}{a \vdash a} \text{id}_a}{a, a \multimap (b \& c), b \multimap c \vdash c} \multimap L}{a \multimap (b \& c), b \multimap c \vdash a \multimap c} \multimap R}{\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{}{b \vdash b} ?}{b, b \multimap c \vdash c} \multimap L}{b \& c, b \multimap c \vdash c} \& L_1}{a, a \multimap (b \& c), b \multimap c \vdash c} \multimap L}}{\frac{}{a \vdash a} \text{id}_a} \text{id}_a} \multimap R$$

Backward Proof Construction

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{}{a \vdash a} \text{id}_a}{}{a, a \multimap (b \& c), b \multimap c \vdash c} \multimap L}{}{a \multimap (b \& c), b \multimap c \vdash a \multimap c} \multimap R}{}{b \vdash b} \text{id}_b \quad \frac{\frac{}{c \vdash c} ?}{b, b \multimap c \vdash c} \multimap L}{b \& c, b \multimap c \vdash c} \&L_1}{a \vdash a} \text{id}_a}{a \multimap (b \& c), b \multimap c \vdash c} \multimap L}{a \multimap (b \& c), b \multimap c \vdash a \multimap c} \multimap R$$

Backward Proof Construction

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{}{a \vdash a} \text{id}_a}{b \vdash b} \text{id}_b \quad \frac{\frac{}{c \vdash c} \text{id}_c}{b, b \multimap c \vdash c} \multimap L}{b \& c, b \multimap c \vdash c} \&L_1}{a, a \multimap (b \& c), b \multimap c \vdash c} \multimap L}{a \multimap (b \& c), b \multimap c \vdash a \multimap c} \multimap R$$

Forward Proof Construction

- **Inverse method** [Gentzen'35] [Maslov'64] [Mints'81]
- Step 1: specialize rules to **subformulas** of end sequent

$$a \multimap (b \& c), b \multimap c \vdash a \multimap c$$

$$\frac{}{a \vdash a} \text{id}_a$$

$$\frac{}{b \vdash b} \text{id}_b$$

$$\frac{}{c \vdash c} \text{id}_c$$

$$\frac{\Delta, b \vdash \gamma}{\Delta, b \& c \vdash \gamma} \&L_1$$

$$\frac{\Delta, c \vdash \gamma}{\Delta, b \& c \vdash \gamma} \&L_2$$

$$\frac{\Delta_1 \vdash a \quad \Delta_2, b \& c \vdash \gamma}{\Delta_1, \Delta_2, a \multimap b \& c \vdash \gamma} \multimap L$$

$$\frac{\Delta_1 \vdash b \quad \Delta_2, c \vdash \gamma}{\Delta_1, \Delta_2, b \multimap c \vdash \gamma} \multimap L$$

$$\frac{\Delta, a \vdash c}{\Delta \vdash a \multimap c} \multimap R$$

Forward Deduction

- Step 2: Apply just these rule instances, arbitrarily
- Subformulas, left: $b \& c$, $a \multimap (b \& c)$, $b \multimap c$
- Subformulas, right: $a \multimap c$

$$a \vdash a \quad 1 = \text{id}_a$$

$$b \vdash b \quad 2 = \text{id}_b$$

$$c \vdash c \quad 3 = \text{id}_c$$

Forward Deduction

- Step 2: Apply just these rule instances, arbitrarily
- Subformulas, left: $b \& c$, $a \multimap (b \& c)$, $b \multimap c$
- Subformulas, right: $a \multimap c$

$$\frac{\begin{array}{ll} a \vdash a & 1 = \text{id}_a \\ b \vdash b & 2 = \text{id}_b \\ c \vdash c & 3 = \text{id}_c \end{array}}{b \& c \vdash b \quad 4 = \&L_1(2)}$$

Forward Deduction

- Step 2: Apply just these rule instances, arbitrarily
- Subformulas, left: $b \& c$, $a \multimap (b \& c)$, $b \multimap c$
- Subformulas, right: $a \multimap c$

a	\vdash	a	$1 = \text{id}_a$
b	\vdash	b	$2 = \text{id}_b$
c	\vdash	c	$3 = \text{id}_c$
<hr/>			
$b \& c$	\vdash	b	$4 = \&L_1(2)$
$b \& c$	\vdash	c	$5 = \&L_2(3)$

Forward Deduction

- Step 2: Apply just these rule instances, arbitrarily
- Subformulas, left: $b \& c$, $a \multimap (b \& c)$, $b \multimap c$
- Subformulas, right: $a \multimap c$

a	\vdash	a	$1 = \text{id}_a$
b	\vdash	b	$2 = \text{id}_b$
c	\vdash	c	$3 = \text{id}_c$
<hr/>			
$b \& c$	\vdash	b	$4 = \&L_1(2)$
$b \& c$	\vdash	c	$5 = \&L_2(3)$
$b, b \multimap c$	\vdash	c	$6 = \multimap L(2, 3)$
<hr/>			

Forward Deduction

- Step 2: Apply just these rule instances, arbitrarily
- Subformulas, left: $b \& c$, $a \multimap (b \& c)$, $b \multimap c$
- Subformulas, right: $a \multimap c$

a	\vdash	a	$1 = \text{id}_a$
b	\vdash	b	$2 = \text{id}_b$
c	\vdash	c	$3 = \text{id}_c$
<hr/>			
$b \& c$	\vdash	b	$4 = \&L_1(2)$
$b \& c$	\vdash	c	$5 = \&L_2(3)$
$b, b \multimap c$	\vdash	c	$6 = \multimap L(2, 3)$
<hr/>			
$a, a \multimap (b \& c)$	\vdash	b	$7 = \multimap L(1, 4)$

Forward Deduction

- Step 2: Apply just these rule instances, arbitrarily
- Subformulas, left: $b \& c$, $a \multimap (b \& c)$, $b \multimap c$
- Subformulas, right: $a \multimap c$

a	\vdash	a	$1 = \text{id}_a$
b	\vdash	b	$2 = \text{id}_b$
c	\vdash	c	$3 = \text{id}_c$
<hr/>			
$b \& c$	\vdash	b	$4 = \&L_1(2)$
$b \& c$	\vdash	c	$5 = \&L_2(3)$
$b, b \multimap c$	\vdash	c	$6 = \multimap L(2, 3)$
<hr/>			
$a, a \multimap (b \& c)$	\vdash	b	$7 = \multimap L(1, 4)$
$a, a \multimap (b \& c)$	\vdash	c	$8 = \multimap L(1, 5)$
<hr/>			

Forward Deduction

- Step 2: Apply just these rule instances, arbitrarily
- Subformulas, left: $b \& c$, $a \multimap (b \& c)$, $b \multimap c$
- Subformulas, right: $a \multimap c$

a	\vdash	a	$1 = \text{id}_a$
b	\vdash	b	$2 = \text{id}_b$
c	\vdash	c	$3 = \text{id}_c$
<hr/>			
$b \& c$	\vdash	b	$4 = \&L_1(2)$
$b \& c$	\vdash	c	$5 = \&L_2(3)$
$b, b \multimap c$	\vdash	c	$6 = \multimap L(2, 3)$
<hr/>			
$a, a \multimap (b \& c)$	\vdash	b	$7 = \multimap L(1, 4)$
$a, a \multimap (b \& c)$	\vdash	c	$8 = \multimap L(1, 5)$
<hr/>			
$a \multimap (b \& c)$	\vdash	$a \multimap c$	$9 = \multimap R(7)$

Forward Deduction

- Step 2: Apply just these rule instances, arbitrarily
- Subformulas, left: $b \& c$, $a \multimap (b \& c)$, $b \multimap c$
- Subformulas, right: $a \multimap c$

a	\vdash	a	$1 = \text{id}_a$
b	\vdash	b	$2 = \text{id}_b$
c	\vdash	c	$3 = \text{id}_c$
<hr/>			
$b \& c$	\vdash	b	$4 = \&L_1(2)$
$b \& c$	\vdash	c	$5 = \&L_2(3)$
$b, b \multimap c$	\vdash	c	$6 = \multimap L(2, 3)$
<hr/>			
$a, a \multimap (b \& c)$	\vdash	b	$7 = \multimap L(1, 4)$
$a, a \multimap (b \& c)$	\vdash	c	$8 = \multimap L(1, 5)$
<hr/>			
$a \multimap (b \& c)$	\vdash	$a \multimap c$	$9 = \multimap R(7)$
$a, a \multimap (b \& c), b \multimap c$	\vdash	c	$10 = \multimap L(7, 3)$
<hr/>			

Forward Deduction

- Step 2: Apply just these rule instances, arbitrarily
- Subformulas, left: $b \& c$, $a \multimap (b \& c)$, $b \multimap c$
- Subformulas, right: $a \multimap c$

$a \vdash a$	$1 = \text{id}_a$
$b \vdash b$	$2 = \text{id}_b$
$c \vdash c$	$3 = \text{id}_c$
<hr/>	
$b \& c \vdash b$	$4 = \&L_1(2)$
$b \& c \vdash c$	$5 = \&L_2(3)$
$b, b \multimap c \vdash c$	$6 = \multimap L(2, 3)$
<hr/>	
$a, a \multimap (b \& c) \vdash b$	$7 = \multimap L(1, 4)$
$a, a \multimap (b \& c) \vdash c$	$8 = \multimap L(1, 5)$
<hr/>	
$a \multimap (b \& c) \vdash a \multimap c$	$9 = \multimap R(7)$
$a, a \multimap (b \& c), b \multimap c \vdash c$	$10 = \multimap L(7, 3)$
<hr/>	
$a \multimap (b \& c), b \multimap c \vdash a \multimap c$	$11 = \multimap R(10)$

Summary: Past

- Sequent calculus [Gentzen'35]
- Define connectives by right rules (how to prove) and left rules (how to use)
- Should satisfy harmony [Dummett'76]
 - Global harmony: cut and identity elimination
 - Local harmony: cut reduction and identity expansion
- Per Martin-Löf [1983]

The meaning of a proposition is determined by what it is to verify it, or what counts as a verification of it.

- Cut-free sequent calculus as basis for proof search
 - Backwards, with backtracking proof search
 - Forwards, based on specialized inference rules

- **Past:** How to define a logic
 - Sequent calculus [Gentzen'35]
 - Harmony [Dummett'76] [Martin-Löf'83]
- **Present:** How to reduce nondeterminism in search
 - Focusing and polarization [Andreoli'92] [Laurent'99]
- **Future:** How to combine logics
 - Adjunctions [Benton'94] [Reed'09]

Nondeterminism

- Much nondeterminism remains
- Backward search (don't-know)
 - At each step: which rule do we try?
 - Backtrack upon failure
- Forward search (don't-care)
 - At each step: which (specialized) rule do we apply?
 - Generate useless and redundant sequents

Observations: Inversion and Focusing

- We can always decompose some connectives without losing provability (inversion)

$$\frac{\Delta, A \vdash B}{\Delta \vdash A \multimap B} \multimap R \quad \left[\begin{array}{c} \frac{\frac{\frac{\dots\dots\dots \text{id}_A}{A \vdash A} \quad \frac{\dots\dots\dots \text{id}_B}{B \vdash B}}{A, A \multimap B \vdash B} \multimap L}{\Delta \vdash A \multimap B} \quad \dots\dots\dots \text{cut}_A}{\Delta, A \vdash B} \end{array} \right]$$

- Other connectives require a choice, but we can combine successive choices on the same formula (focusing)

$$\frac{\Delta, A \vdash D}{\Delta, A \& (B \& C) \vdash D} \& L_1$$

$$\frac{\Delta, B \vdash D}{\Delta, A \& (B \& C) \vdash D} \& L_{21} \quad \frac{\Delta, C \vdash D}{\Delta, A \& (B \& C) \vdash D} \& L_{22}$$

Negative and Positive Connectives

- **Negative connectives** have invertible right rule
 - Involve some choice on the left
- **Positive connectives** have invertible left rule
 - Involve some choice on the right
- Segregate in syntax to exploit inversion and focusing

Negative $A^- ::= A_1^+ \multimap A_2^- \mid A_1^- \& A_2^- \mid \top \mid a^- \mid \uparrow A^+$

Positive $A^+ ::= A_1^+ \otimes A_2^+ \mid \mathbf{1} \mid A_1^+ \oplus A_2^+ \mid \mathbf{0} \mid a^+ \mid \downarrow A^-$

- Glimpse at other linear connectives ($\top, \otimes, \mathbf{1}, \oplus, \mathbf{0}$)
- Shifts $\uparrow A^+$ and $\downarrow A^-$ ensure every formula can be polarized
 - Minimal polarization exists
 - Assign atoms arbitrary consistent polarity

Re-engineering Deduction, Inversion Phase

- $\Delta \Vdash A$ for polarized focused deduction
- **Inversion phase**: break down negatives on right and positives on left (confluent)

$$\frac{\Delta, A^+ \Vdash B^-}{\Delta \Vdash A^+ \multimap B^-} \multimap R$$

$$\frac{\Delta \Vdash A^- \quad \Delta \Vdash B^-}{\Delta \Vdash A^- \& B^-} \& R$$

$$\frac{\Delta \Vdash A^+}{\Delta \Vdash \uparrow A^+} \uparrow R$$

$$\frac{\Delta, A^- \Vdash C}{\Delta, \downarrow A^- \Vdash C} \downarrow L$$

- Suspend atoms during inversion

$$\frac{\Delta \Vdash \langle a^- \rangle}{\Delta \Vdash a^-} \langle \rangle^-$$

$$\frac{\Delta, \langle a^+ \rangle \Vdash C}{\Delta, a^+ \Vdash C} \langle \rangle^+$$

- Stable antecedents $\Delta^- ::= \bullet \mid \Delta^-, A^- \mid \Delta^-, \langle a^+ \rangle$
- Stable succedents $\gamma^+ ::= A^+ \mid \langle a^- \rangle$

Re-engineering Deduction, Inversion Phase

- $\Delta \Vdash A$ for polarized focused deduction
- **Inversion phase**: break down negatives on right and positives on left (confluent)

$$\frac{\Delta, A^+ \Vdash B^-}{\Delta \Vdash A^+ \multimap B^-} \multimap R$$

$$\frac{\Delta \Vdash A^- \quad \Delta \Vdash B^-}{\Delta \Vdash A^- \& B^-} \& R$$

$$\frac{\Delta \Vdash A^+}{\Delta \Vdash \uparrow A^+} \uparrow R$$

$$\frac{\Delta, A^- \Vdash \gamma}{\Delta, \downarrow A^- \Vdash \gamma} \downarrow L$$

- Suspend atoms during inversion

$$\frac{\Delta \Vdash \langle a^- \rangle}{\Delta \Vdash a^-} \langle \rangle^-$$

$$\frac{\Delta, \langle a^+ \rangle \Vdash \gamma}{\Delta, a^+ \Vdash \gamma} \langle \rangle^+$$

- Stable antecedents $\Delta^- ::= \bullet \mid \Delta^-, A^- \mid \Delta^-, \langle a^+ \rangle$
- Stable succedents $\gamma^+ ::= A^+ \mid \langle a^- \rangle$

Re-engineering Deduction, Transition

- Focus on positive on right or negative on left
- Only one formula may be in focus in a sequent

$$\frac{\Delta^- \Vdash [A^+]}{\Delta^- \Vdash A^+} \quad \boxed{\quad}^+ \qquad \frac{\Delta^-, [A^-] \Vdash \gamma^+}{\Delta^-, A^- \Vdash \gamma^+} \quad \boxed{\quad}^-$$

Re-engineering Deduction, Focusing Phase

- Combine successive choices in focus

$$\frac{\Delta_1^- \Vdash [A^+] \quad \Delta_2^-, [B^-] \Vdash \gamma^+}{\Delta_1^-, \Delta_2^-, [A^+ \multimap B^-] \Vdash \gamma^+} \multimap L$$

$$\frac{\Delta^-, [A^-] \Vdash \gamma^+}{\Delta^-, [A^- \& B^-] \Vdash \gamma^+} \& L_1$$

$$\frac{\Delta^-, [B^-] \Vdash \gamma^+}{\Delta^-, [A^- \& B^-] \Vdash \gamma^+} \& L_2$$

$$\frac{\Delta^-, A^+ \Vdash \gamma^+}{\Delta^-, [\uparrow A^+] \Vdash \gamma^+} \uparrow L$$

$$\frac{\Delta^- \Vdash A^-}{\Delta^- \Vdash [\downarrow A^-]} \downarrow R$$

$$\frac{}{[a^-] \Vdash \langle a^- \rangle} \text{id}_a^-$$

$$\frac{}{\langle a^+ \rangle \Vdash [a^+]} \text{id}_a^+$$

Soundness and Completeness

- Judgments now A true, $[A]$ in focus, $\langle A \rangle$ suspended
- Collectively, the system is called **focusing**
- Focusing is **sound**
 - Restricts inferences
 - Depolarize and induct over derivation
- Focusing is **complete**. Key properties [Simmons'13]
 - Cuts on A are admissible by nested induction, first on A
 - Identities on A are admissible by induction on A
- Use as basis to improve both backward and forward search [Andreoli'01] [Chaudhuri et al.'06] [McLaughlin & Pf'09]

Example Revisited

- Choose all atoms to be negative (a^- , b^- , c^-)

$$\downarrow a \multimap (b \& c), \downarrow b \multimap c \Vdash \downarrow a \multimap c$$

- Step 1: Invert to stable sequents

$$a, \downarrow a \multimap (b \& c), \downarrow b \multimap c \Vdash \langle c \rangle$$

- Step 2: Construct derived rules between stable sequents

$$\Delta^- \Vdash \gamma^+$$

Constructing Derived Rules

- Correspondence between formulas and rules of inference [Andreoli'01]
- Example: Antecedent $\downarrow a \multimap (b \& c)$

$$\frac{}{\Delta^-, \downarrow a \multimap (b \& c) \Vdash \gamma^+} \quad []^-$$

Constructing Derived Rules

- Correspondence between formulas and rules of inference [Andreoli'01]
- Example: Antecedent $\downarrow a \multimap (b \& c)$

$$\frac{\Delta^-, [\downarrow a \multimap (b \& c)] \Vdash \gamma^+}{\Delta^-, \downarrow a \multimap (b \& c) \Vdash \gamma^+} \quad []^-$$

Constructing Derived Rules

- Correspondence between formulas and rules of inference [Andreoli'01]
- Example: Antecedent $\downarrow a \multimap (b \& c)$

$$\frac{\Delta^- = (\Delta_1^-, \Delta_2^-) \quad \overline{\Delta_1^- \Vdash [\downarrow a]} \quad \overline{\Delta_2^-, [b \& c] \Vdash \gamma^+}}{\frac{\Delta^-, [\downarrow a \multimap (b \& c)] \Vdash \gamma^+}{\Delta^-, \downarrow a \multimap (b \& c) \Vdash \gamma^+} \quad []^-} \multimap L$$

Constructing Derived Rules

- Correspondence between formulas and rules of inference [Andreoli'01]
- Example: Antecedent $\downarrow a \multimap (b \& c)$

$$\frac{\Delta^- = (\Delta_1^-, \Delta_2^-) \quad \frac{\frac{\Delta_1^- \Vdash \langle a \rangle}{\Delta_1^- \Vdash a} \langle \rangle^- \quad \downarrow R \quad \frac{}{\Delta_2^-, [b \& c] \Vdash \gamma^+}}{\Delta_1^- \Vdash [\downarrow a]} \quad \multimap L}{\frac{\Delta^-, [\downarrow a \multimap (b \& c)] \Vdash \gamma^+}{\Delta^-, \downarrow a \multimap (b \& c) \Vdash \gamma^+} []^-}$$

Constructing Derived Rules

- Correspondence between formulas and rules of inference [Andreoli'01]
- Example: Antecedent $\downarrow a \multimap (b \& c)$

$$\frac{\Delta^- = (\Delta_1^-, \Delta_2^-) \quad \frac{\frac{\Delta_1^- \Vdash \langle a \rangle}{\Delta_1^- \Vdash a} \langle \rangle^- \quad \frac{\Delta_2^-, [b] \Vdash \gamma^+}{\Delta_2^-, [b \& c] \Vdash \gamma^+} \&L_1}{\Delta_1^- \Vdash [\downarrow a]} \downarrow R}{\Delta^-, [\downarrow a \multimap (b \& c)] \Vdash \gamma^+} \multimap L$$

$$\frac{\Delta^-, [\downarrow a \multimap (b \& c)] \Vdash \gamma^+}{\Delta^-, \downarrow a \multimap (b \& c) \Vdash \gamma^+} []^-$$

Constructing Derived Rules

- Correspondence between formulas and rules of inference [Andreoli'01]
- Example: Antecedent $\downarrow a \multimap (b \& c)$

$$\frac{\Delta^- = (\Delta_1^-, \Delta_2^-) \quad \frac{\frac{\Delta_1^- \Vdash \langle a \rangle}{\Delta_1^- \Vdash a} \langle \rangle^- \quad \frac{\Delta_2^- = \bullet \quad \gamma^+ = \langle b \rangle}{\Delta_2^-, [b] \Vdash \gamma^+} \text{id}_b^-}{\Delta_1^-, [a] \Vdash \gamma^+} \downarrow R \quad \frac{\Delta_2^-, [b] \Vdash \gamma^+}{\Delta_2^-, [b \& c] \Vdash \gamma^+} \& L_1}{\Delta^-, [\downarrow a \multimap (b \& c)] \Vdash \gamma^+} \multimap L$$

$$\frac{\Delta^-, [\downarrow a \multimap (b \& c)] \Vdash \gamma^+}{\Delta^-, \downarrow a \multimap (b \& c) \Vdash \gamma^+} []^-$$

Constructing Derived Rules

- Correspondence between formulas and rules of inference [Andreoli'01]
- Example: Antecedent $\downarrow a \multimap (b \& c)$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{\Delta_1^- \Vdash \langle a \rangle}{\Delta_1^- \Vdash a} \langle \rangle^- \quad \frac{\Delta_2^- = \bullet \quad \gamma^+ = \langle b \rangle}{\Delta_2^-, [b] \Vdash \gamma^+} \text{id}_b^- \\
 \frac{\Delta_1^- \Vdash a}{\Delta_1^- \Vdash [\downarrow a]} \downarrow R \quad \frac{\Delta_2^-, [b] \Vdash \gamma^+}{\Delta_2^-, [b \& c] \Vdash \gamma^+} \&L_1 \\
 \frac{\Delta^- = (\Delta_1^-, \Delta_2^-) \quad \Delta_1^- \Vdash [\downarrow a] \quad \Delta_2^-, [b \& c] \Vdash \gamma^+}{\Delta^-, [\downarrow a \multimap (b \& c)] \Vdash \gamma^+} \multimap L \\
 \frac{\Delta^-, [\downarrow a \multimap (b \& c)] \Vdash \gamma^+}{\Delta^-, \downarrow a \multimap (b \& c) \Vdash \gamma^+} []^-
 \end{array}$$

- Yields derived rule

$$\frac{\Delta^- \Vdash \langle a \rangle}{\Delta^-, \downarrow a \multimap (b \& c) \Vdash \langle b \rangle} [3]$$

Backward Search

- Derived rules

$$\frac{}{a \Vdash \langle a \rangle} \quad [1] \qquad \frac{\Delta^- \Vdash \langle b \rangle}{\Delta^-, \downarrow b \multimap c \Vdash \langle c \rangle} \quad [2]$$

$$\frac{\Delta^- \Vdash \langle a \rangle}{\Delta^-, \downarrow a \multimap (b \& c) \Vdash \langle b \rangle} \quad [3] \qquad \frac{\Delta^- \Vdash \langle a \rangle}{\Delta^-, \downarrow a \multimap (b \& c) \Vdash \langle c \rangle} \quad [4]$$

- Step 3a: Backward search **using only derived rules**

Backward Search

- Derived rules

$$\frac{}{a \Vdash \langle a \rangle} [1] \quad \frac{\Delta^- \Vdash \langle b \rangle}{\Delta^-, \downarrow b \multimap c \Vdash \langle c \rangle} [2]$$

$$\frac{\Delta^- \Vdash \langle a \rangle}{\Delta^-, \downarrow a \multimap (b \& c) \Vdash \langle b \rangle} [3] \quad \frac{\Delta^- \Vdash \langle a \rangle}{\Delta^-, \downarrow a \multimap (b \& c) \Vdash \langle c \rangle} [4]$$

- Step 3a: Backward search **using only derived rules**

$$\frac{}{a, \downarrow a \multimap (b \& c), \downarrow b \multimap c \Vdash \langle c \rangle} ?$$

Backward Search

- Derived rules

$$\frac{}{a \Vdash \langle a \rangle} [1] \quad \frac{\Delta^- \Vdash \langle b \rangle}{\Delta^-, \downarrow b \multimap c \Vdash \langle c \rangle} [2]$$

$$\frac{\Delta^- \Vdash \langle a \rangle}{\Delta^-, \downarrow a \multimap (b \& c) \Vdash \langle b \rangle} [3] \quad \frac{\Delta^- \Vdash \langle a \rangle}{\Delta^-, \downarrow a \multimap (b \& c) \Vdash \langle c \rangle} [4]$$

- Step 3a: Backward search **using only derived rules**

$$\frac{a, \downarrow b \multimap c \Vdash \langle a \rangle}{a, \downarrow a \multimap (b \& c), \downarrow b \multimap c \Vdash \langle c \rangle} [4] \quad \frac{}{a, \downarrow a \multimap (b \& c), \downarrow b \multimap c \Vdash \langle c \rangle} [2]$$

Backward Search

- Derived rules

$$\frac{}{a \Vdash \langle a \rangle} \quad [1] \qquad \frac{\Delta^- \Vdash \langle b \rangle}{\Delta^-, \downarrow b \multimap c \Vdash \langle c \rangle} \quad [2]$$

$$\frac{\Delta^- \Vdash \langle a \rangle}{\Delta^-, \downarrow a \multimap (b \& c) \Vdash \langle b \rangle} \quad [3] \qquad \frac{\Delta^- \Vdash \langle a \rangle}{\Delta^-, \downarrow a \multimap (b \& c) \Vdash \langle c \rangle} \quad [4]$$

- Step 3a: Backward search **using only derived rules**

failure: no rule applies

$$\frac{a, \downarrow b \multimap c \Vdash \langle a \rangle}{a, \downarrow a \multimap (b \& c), \downarrow b \multimap c \Vdash \langle c \rangle} \quad [4] \qquad \frac{}{a, \downarrow a \multimap (b \& c), \downarrow b \multimap c \Vdash \langle c \rangle} \quad [2]$$

Backward Search

- Derived rules

$$\frac{}{a \Vdash \langle a \rangle} [1] \quad \frac{\Delta^- \Vdash \langle b \rangle}{\Delta^-, \downarrow b \multimap c \Vdash \langle c \rangle} [2]$$

$$\frac{\Delta^- \Vdash \langle a \rangle}{\Delta^-, \downarrow a \multimap (b \& c) \Vdash \langle b \rangle} [3] \quad \frac{\Delta^- \Vdash \langle a \rangle}{\Delta^-, \downarrow a \multimap (b \& c) \Vdash \langle c \rangle} [4]$$

- Step 3a: Backward search **using only derived rules**

failure: no rule applies

$$\frac{a, \downarrow b \multimap c \Vdash \langle a \rangle}{a, \downarrow a \multimap (b \& c), \downarrow b \multimap c \Vdash \langle c \rangle} [4] \quad \frac{\frac{}{a, \downarrow a \multimap (b \& c) \Vdash \langle b \rangle} ?}{a, \downarrow a \multimap (b \& c), \downarrow b \multimap c \Vdash \langle c \rangle} [2]$$

Backward Search

- Derived rules

$$\frac{}{a \Vdash \langle a \rangle} [1] \quad \frac{\Delta^- \Vdash \langle b \rangle}{\Delta^-, \downarrow b \multimap c \Vdash \langle c \rangle} [2]$$

$$\frac{\Delta^- \Vdash \langle a \rangle}{\Delta^-, \downarrow a \multimap (b \& c) \Vdash \langle b \rangle} [3] \quad \frac{\Delta^- \Vdash \langle a \rangle}{\Delta^-, \downarrow a \multimap (b \& c) \Vdash \langle c \rangle} [4]$$

- Step 3a: Backward search **using only derived rules**

failure: no rule applies

$$\frac{a, \downarrow b \multimap c \Vdash \langle a \rangle}{a, \downarrow a \multimap (b \& c), \downarrow b \multimap c \Vdash \langle c \rangle} [4] \quad \frac{\frac{\frac{}{a \Vdash \langle a \rangle} ?}{a, \downarrow a \multimap (b \& c) \Vdash \langle b \rangle} [3]}{a, \downarrow a \multimap (b \& c), \downarrow b \multimap c \Vdash \langle c \rangle} [2]$$

Backward Search

- Derived rules

$$\frac{}{a \Vdash \langle a \rangle} [1] \quad \frac{\Delta^- \Vdash \langle b \rangle}{\Delta^-, \downarrow b \multimap c \Vdash \langle c \rangle} [2]$$

$$\frac{\Delta^- \Vdash \langle a \rangle}{\Delta^-, \downarrow a \multimap (b \& c) \Vdash \langle b \rangle} [3] \quad \frac{\Delta^- \Vdash \langle a \rangle}{\Delta^-, \downarrow a \multimap (b \& c) \Vdash \langle c \rangle} [4]$$

- Step 3a: Backward search **using only derived rules**
 - Only two possible attempts!**

failure: no rule applies

$$\frac{a, \downarrow b \multimap c \Vdash \langle a \rangle}{a, \downarrow a \multimap (b \& c), \downarrow b \multimap c \Vdash \langle c \rangle} [4] \quad \frac{\frac{a \Vdash \langle a \rangle}{} [1]}{a, \downarrow a \multimap (b \& c) \Vdash \langle b \rangle} [3]}{a, \downarrow a \multimap (b \& c), \downarrow b \multimap c \Vdash \langle c \rangle} [2]$$

Forward Search

- Recall derived rules: **use only these!**

$$\frac{}{a \Vdash \langle a \rangle} [1] \quad \frac{\Delta^- \Vdash \langle b \rangle}{\Delta^-, \downarrow b \multimap c \Vdash \langle c \rangle} [2]$$

$$\frac{\Delta^- \Vdash \langle a \rangle}{\Delta^-, \downarrow a \multimap (b \& c) \Vdash \langle b \rangle} [3] \quad \frac{\Delta^- \Vdash \langle a \rangle}{\Delta^-, \downarrow a \multimap (b \& c) \Vdash \langle c \rangle} [4]$$

- Step 3b: Focused inverse method [McLaughlin & Pf'09]

Forward Search

- Recall derived rules: **use only these!**

$$\frac{}{a \Vdash \langle a \rangle} \quad [1] \qquad \frac{\Delta^- \Vdash \langle b \rangle}{\Delta^-, \downarrow b \multimap c \Vdash \langle c \rangle} \quad [2]$$

$$\frac{\Delta^- \Vdash \langle a \rangle}{\Delta^-, \downarrow a \multimap (b \& c) \Vdash \langle b \rangle} \quad [3] \qquad \frac{\Delta^- \Vdash \langle a \rangle}{\Delta^-, \downarrow a \multimap (b \& c) \Vdash \langle c \rangle} \quad [4]$$

- Step 3b: Focused inverse method [McLaughlin & Pf'09]

$$\frac{}{a \Vdash \langle a \rangle} \quad 1 = [1]$$

Forward Search

- Recall derived rules: **use only these!**

$$\frac{}{a \Vdash \langle a \rangle} \quad [1] \qquad \frac{\Delta^- \Vdash \langle b \rangle}{\Delta^-, \downarrow b \multimap c \Vdash \langle c \rangle} \quad [2]$$

$$\frac{\Delta^- \Vdash \langle a \rangle}{\Delta^-, \downarrow a \multimap (b \& c) \Vdash \langle b \rangle} \quad [3] \qquad \frac{\Delta^- \Vdash \langle a \rangle}{\Delta^-, \downarrow a \multimap (b \& c) \Vdash \langle c \rangle} \quad [4]$$

- Step 3b: Focused inverse method [McLaughlin & Pf'09]

$$\frac{a \Vdash \langle a \rangle \quad 1 = [1]}{a, \downarrow a \multimap (b \& c) \Vdash \langle b \rangle \quad 2 = [3](1)}$$

Forward Search

- Recall derived rules: **use only these!**

$$\frac{}{a \Vdash \langle a \rangle} [1] \quad \frac{\Delta^- \Vdash \langle b \rangle}{\Delta^-, \downarrow b \multimap c \Vdash \langle c \rangle} [2]$$

$$\frac{\Delta^- \Vdash \langle a \rangle}{\Delta^-, \downarrow a \multimap (b \& c) \Vdash \langle b \rangle} [3] \quad \frac{\Delta^- \Vdash \langle a \rangle}{\Delta^-, \downarrow a \multimap (b \& c) \Vdash \langle c \rangle} [4]$$

- Step 3b: Focused inverse method [McLaughlin & Pf'09]

$$\frac{\begin{array}{l} a \Vdash \langle a \rangle \quad 1 = [1] \\ a, \downarrow a \multimap (b \& c) \Vdash \langle b \rangle \quad 2 = [3](1) \\ a, \downarrow a \multimap (b \& c) \Vdash \langle c \rangle \quad 3 = [4](1) \end{array}}{}{}$$

Forward Search

- Recall derived rules: **use only these!**

$$\frac{}{a \Vdash \langle a \rangle} [1] \qquad \frac{\Delta^- \Vdash \langle b \rangle}{\Delta^-, \downarrow b \multimap c \Vdash \langle c \rangle} [2]$$

$$\frac{\Delta^- \Vdash \langle a \rangle}{\Delta^-, \downarrow a \multimap (b \& c) \Vdash \langle b \rangle} [3] \qquad \frac{\Delta^- \Vdash \langle a \rangle}{\Delta^-, \downarrow a \multimap (b \& c) \Vdash \langle c \rangle} [4]$$

- Step 3b: Focused inverse method [McLaughlin & Pf'09]
 - Only one unused sequent!**

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{a \Vdash \langle a \rangle \quad 1 = [1]}{a, \downarrow a \multimap (b \& c) \Vdash \langle b \rangle \quad 2 = [3](1)}{a, \downarrow a \multimap (b \& c) \Vdash \langle c \rangle \quad 3 = [4](1)}}{a, \downarrow a \multimap (b \& c), \downarrow b \multimap c \Vdash \langle c \rangle \quad 4 = 2}}$$

Summary: Present

- Polarize the logic into negative and positive propositions
 - Negatives are invertible on the right
 - Positives are invertible on the left
- Focused deduction
 - Decompose all invertible connectives
 - Focus on one noninvertible one
 - Continue to focus until invertibles are uncovered
- Sound and complete, key is cut elimination for polarized focused logic [Simmons'13]
- Use for big-step inferences (backwards and forwards)
- Drastically reduces search space
- So far, focusing applies for many interesting logics (linear, intuitionistic, classical) [Liang & Miller'09]

- **Past:** How to define a logic
 - Sequent calculus [Gentzen'35]
 - Harmony [Dummett'76] [Martin-Löf'83]
- **Present:** How to reduce nondeterminism in search
 - Focusing and polarization [Andreoli'92] [Laurent'99]
- **Future: How to combine logics**
 - Adjunctions [Benton'94] [Reed'09]

Example: Recovering Intuitionistic Logic

- $A \rightarrow B \simeq !A \multimap B$ [Girard'87]
 - $!A$ internalizes categorical judgment $\bullet \vdash A$
 - $!A$ satisfies weakening and contraction
- Alternative: combine intuitionistic and linear logic via an **adjunction** [Benton'94]
 - Two functors F and G , F left adjoint to G
 - Syntax as modal operators $G A$ and $F X$
 - Decompose $!A \simeq F(G A)$
- Generalized to multi-modal logics [Reed'09]

- Two-level system [Benton'94]

Unrestricted $A_U ::= A_U \rightarrow A_U \mid A_U \wedge B_U \mid a_U \mid G A_L$
Linear $A_L ::= A_L \multimap A_L \mid A_L \& B_L \mid a_L \mid F A_U$

- Represent $!A_L \simeq F G A_L$

- Two-level system [Benton'94]

Unrestricted $A_U ::= A_U \rightarrow A_U \mid A_U \wedge B_U \mid a_U \mid G A_L$
Linear $A_L ::= A_L \multimap A_L \mid A_L \& B_L \mid a_L \mid F A_U$

- Represent $!A_L \simeq F G A_L$
- Observation: $\uparrow A^+$ and $\downarrow A^-$ of polarized linear logic also combine two separate language levels!

- Two-level system [Benton'94]

Unrestricted $A_U ::= A_U \rightarrow A_U \mid A_U \wedge B_U \mid a_U \mid G A_L$
Linear $A_L ::= A_L \multimap A_L \mid A_L \& B_L \mid a_L \mid F A_U$

- Represent $!A_L \simeq F G A_L$
- Observation: $\uparrow A^+$ and $\downarrow A^-$ of polarized linear logic also combine two separate language levels!
- Observation: They follow the same rule structure!

Polarized Adjoint Logic

- Unify the two concepts [Pf & Griffith'15]
- Every proposition has a polarity (+, -) and mode (U, L)

Modes $m, k ::= U \mid L$ where $U \geq L$

Neg. $A_m^- ::= A_m^+ \multimap B_m^- \mid A_m^- \& B_m^- \mid a_m^- \mid \uparrow_k^m A_k^+$ ($m \geq k$)

Pos. $A_k^+ ::= A_k^+ \otimes B_k^+ \mid A_k^+ \oplus B_k^+ \mid a_k^+ \mid \downarrow_k^m A_m^-$ ($m \geq k$)

- Define $F A_U = \downarrow_L^U A_U$, $G A_L = \uparrow_L^U A_L$
 - So $!A \simeq F(G A) \simeq \downarrow_L^U \uparrow_L^U A_L$
- Define $A^+ \rightarrow B^+ \simeq A_U^+ \multimap B_U^-$
- Define $A^+ \wedge B^+ \simeq A_U^+ \otimes B_U^+$
- Define $A^- \wedge B^- \simeq A_U^- \& B_U^-$
- Earlier modalities $\uparrow A = \uparrow_L^L A_L$, $\downarrow A = \downarrow_L^L A_L$

Polarized Adjoint Sequent Calculus

- Mixed antecedents $\Psi ::= \bullet \mid \Psi, A_m$
- Mixed-level judgment $\Psi \vdash A_k$
- Independence and inclusion
 - $\Psi \geq k$ means $m \geq k$ for every A_m in Ψ
 - $\Psi \vdash A_k$ presupposes $\Psi \geq k$

Polarized Adjoint Logic, Inversion Phase

$$\frac{\Psi, A_m^+ \Vdash B_m^-}{\Psi \Vdash A_m^+ \multimap B_m^-} \multimap R$$

$$\frac{\Psi \Vdash A_m^- \quad \Psi \Vdash B_m^-}{\Psi \Vdash A_m^- \& B_m^-} \& R$$

$$\frac{\Psi \Vdash A_k^+}{\Psi \Vdash \uparrow_k^m A_k^+} \uparrow R$$

$$\frac{\Psi, A_m^- \Vdash \gamma_r}{\Psi, \downarrow_k^m A_m^- \Vdash \gamma_r} \downarrow L$$

$$\frac{\Psi \Vdash \langle a_m^- \rangle}{\Psi \Vdash a_m^-} \langle \rangle^-$$

$$\frac{\Psi, \langle a_m^+ \rangle \Vdash \gamma_r}{\Psi, a_m^+ \Vdash \gamma_r} \langle \rangle^+$$

Polarized Adjoint Logic, Transition

$$\frac{\Psi^- \Vdash [A_m^+]}{\Psi^- \Vdash A_m^+} []^+$$

$$\frac{\Psi^-, [A_L^-] \Vdash \gamma^+}{\Psi^-, A_L^- \Vdash \gamma^+} []_L^- \quad \frac{\Psi^-, A_U^-, [A_U^-] \Vdash \gamma^+}{\Psi^-, A_U^- \Vdash \gamma^+} []_U^-$$

Polarized Adjoint Logic, Focusing Phase

- Ψ, Ψ' admits contraction for A_U in Ψ and Ψ'

$$\frac{\Psi_1^- \geq m \quad \Psi_1^- \Vdash [A_m^+] \quad \Psi_2^-, [B_m^-] \Vdash \gamma^+}{\Psi_1^-, \Psi_2^-, [A_m^+ \multimap B_m^-] \Vdash \gamma^+} \multimap L$$

$$\frac{\Psi^-, [A_m^-] \Vdash \gamma^+}{\Psi^-, [A_m^- \& B_m^-] \Vdash \gamma^+} \& L_1$$

$$\frac{\Psi^-, [B_m^-] \Vdash \gamma^+}{\Psi^-, [A_m^- \& B_m^-] \Vdash \gamma^+} \& L_2$$

$$\frac{k \geq r \quad \Psi^-, A_k^+ \Vdash \gamma_r^+}{\Psi^-, [\uparrow_k^m A_k^+] \Vdash \gamma_r^+} \uparrow L$$

$$\frac{\Psi^- \geq m \quad \Psi^- \Vdash A_m^-}{\Psi^- \Vdash [\downarrow_k^m A_m^-]} \downarrow R$$

$$\frac{\Psi \geq U}{\Psi, [a_m^-] \Vdash \langle a_m^- \rangle} \text{id}_a^-$$

$$\frac{\Psi \geq U}{\Psi, \langle a_m^+ \rangle \Vdash [a_m^+]} \text{id}_a^+$$

Polarized Adjoint Logic

- Different from Andreoli's system
- Polarized (unfocused) adjoint logic satisfies structural cut and identity elimination [Pf & Griffith'15]
- Conjectures:
 - Polarized focused adjoint logic satisfies structural cut and identity elimination
 - Polarized focused adjoint logic is sound and complete
 - Polarized focused adjoint logic is conservative over focused intuitionistic and focused intuitionistic linear logic **for proof construction**

Further Conjectures

- Adjunction and polarization are generally compatible
- Adjunctions provide a flexible way to combine logics
 - Conservative over both levels
 - Preserves both search spaces under focusing
 - Affine logics are compatible [Pf & Griffith'15]
 - Extends to preorders of logics, under some conditions [Nigam & Miller'09] [Reed'09]
- Combining logics conservatively is important
 - Embeddings lose structure
 - Nonconservative combinations are difficult

Summary: Future

- Study adjunctions as a flexible way to combine logics conservatively
- Examples: intuitionistic, affine, linear, modal logics
- Compatibility with focusing
- Preserving search spaces

Conclusion

- Proof theory is a critical tool in automated deduction
 - Especially in nonclassical logics
 - Which have many applications in computer science
- Complements model-theoretic techniques
- Past: How to define a logic
 - Sequent calculus and harmony
- Present: How to reduce nondeterminism in search
 - Focusing and polarization
- Future: How to combine logics
 - Adjunctions (?)