

# THE PROOF THEORY OF SUBSTRUCTURAL LOGICS WITH FIXPOINTS

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# **FIXPOINT LOGIC(S)**

# WHY FIXPOINTS IN LOGIC?

## Different logic, different reasons

- Extensions of propositional modal logics: **LTL,  $\mu$ -calculus, ...**  
to express richer specifications: "something happens infinitely often", "something happens after some time" and so on
- Extensions of first-order logic: **FO[LFP], FO[IFP], ...**  
to define richer classes of finite models and their descriptive complexity
- Extensions of categorical grammar: **Kleene Algebra, Action algebra, ...**  
to algebraically define various classes of formal languages

This talk: the proof theory of fixpoint logic(s)

# EXPLICIT (CO)INDUCTION

We start by adding the  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  operators for lfp and gfp respectively such that  $\mu x.\varphi = \neg \nu x.\neg\varphi$ .

$$\frac{\varphi[\psi/x] \vdash \psi}{\mu x.\varphi \vdash \psi} (\mu_l) \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash \varphi[\mu x.\varphi/x], \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash \mu x.\varphi, \Delta} (\mu_r)$$
$$\frac{\Gamma, \varphi[\nu x.\varphi/x] \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma, \nu x.\varphi \vdash \Delta} (\nu_l) \qquad \frac{\psi \vdash \varphi[\psi/x]}{\psi \vdash \nu x.\varphi} (\nu_r)$$

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- $\mu_\ell$  expresses that  $\mu x.\varphi$  is smaller than any post fixpoint of  $\varphi$ . Dually  $\nu_r$  expresses that  $\nu x.\varphi$  is larger than any pre fixpoint of  $\varphi$ .
- $\mu_r$  expresses that  $\mu x.\varphi$  is indeed a post fixpoint of  $\varphi$  and dually  $\nu_\ell$  expresses that  $\nu x.\varphi$  is indeed a pre fixpoint of  $\varphi$ .

# EXPLICIT (CO)INDUCTION WITHOUT WEAKENING

- Cut inadmissible in system with explicit (co)induction without weakening. The proof below has no cut-free version.

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{}{a \vdash a} \text{(id)} \quad \frac{}{a \vdash a} \text{(id)}}{a, a \vdash a \otimes a} (\otimes_r) \quad \frac{\frac{}{a \otimes a \vdash a \otimes a} \text{(id)}}{a \otimes a \vdash \nu x.x} (\nu_r)}{a, a \vdash \nu x.x} \text{(cut)}}$$

- New rules:

$$\frac{\Gamma, \psi \vdash \Delta \quad \varphi[\psi/x] \vdash \psi}{\Gamma, \mu x. \varphi \vdash \Delta} (\mu_\ell^{ind}) \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash \Delta, \psi \quad \psi \vdash \varphi[\psi/x]}{\Gamma \vdash \Delta, \nu x. \varphi} (\nu_r^{ind})$$

- Choosing an appropriate  $\psi$  is akin choosing an appropriate (co)induction hypothesis.
- Cut admissibility does not guarantee subformulæproperty.

# IMPLICIT (CO)INDUCTION

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$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \varphi[\mu x. \varphi/x], \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash \mu x. \varphi, \Delta} (\mu_r)$$

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$$\frac{\Gamma, \varphi[\nu x. \varphi/x] \leq \Delta}{\Gamma, \nu x. \varphi \leq \Delta} (\nu_l)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \leq \varphi[\nu x. \varphi/x], \Delta}{\Gamma \leq \nu x. \varphi, \Delta} (\nu_r)$$

- $\mu_l$  and  $\mu_r$  expresses that  $\mu x. \varphi$  is a pre fixpoint and post fixpoint of  $\varphi$  respectively.
- Similarly for  $\nu_l$  and  $\nu_r$ .

## Hang on!

- $\mu x. \varphi$  and  $\nu x. \varphi$  are indeed fixpoints but not necessarily least and greatest.
- $\nu x. x$  cannot be proven.

# NON-WELLFOUNDED PROOFS

- Let's allow proof trees of infinite height.
- Now  $\nu X.X$  can be proved:

$$\frac{\vdots}{\vdash \nu X.X} (\nu)$$
$$\frac{\vdash \nu X.X}{\vdash \nu X.X} (\nu)$$

- But inconsistent!

$$\frac{\frac{\vdots}{\mu X.X} (\mu)}{\mu X.X} (\mu) \quad \frac{\frac{\vdots}{\nu X.X, \Gamma} (\nu)}{\nu X.X, \Gamma} (\nu)}{\text{cut}}$$

**Progress condition:** Along every branch, the smallest formula occurring infinitely often is a  $\nu$ -formula.

**Circular proofs** := Non-wellfounded proofs that have finitely distinct subtrees.

In terms of mathematical content, like a proof by infinite descent.

## Brotherston-Simpson hypothesis

Induction is as powerful as infinite descent.

## Regularisation hypothesis

Circular proofs are as powerful as non-wellfounded proofs.

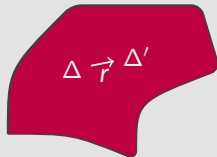
Note that circular proofs arise in not just logics with fixed points. Notably, arithmetic, provability logics like Gödel-Lob logic, etc.

## Theorem

*Non-wellfounded proofs and circular proofs prove exactly the same set of  $\mu$ LK theorems.*

## Game $\mathcal{G}_\Gamma$

- Arena is the set of all possible sequents in a proof of  $\Gamma$ .
- Prover chooses an inference rule  $r$  with conclusion the current state  $\Delta$ .
- Denier chooses one of the premisses  $\Delta'$ .
- A play is winning iff it starts from  $\Gamma$  and satisfies the progress condition.



## Lemma

$\mathcal{G}_\Gamma$  is a parity game.

## Proof idea

- Arena is finite (sequeunts are sets and made of subformulæ of  $\Gamma$ ).
- The progress condition is a parity condition.

## Proof of regularisation

There is a non-wellfounded proof of  $\Gamma \Rightarrow$  Prover has a winning strategy in  $\mathcal{G}_\Gamma \Rightarrow$  Prover has a memoryless winning strategy (Determinacy of parity games)  $\Rightarrow$  There is a circular proof of  $\Gamma$ .  $\square$

# REGULARISATION IN SUBSTRUCTURALS

Let  $\varphi = \nu x. x \wp x$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \vdots \\
 \frac{}{\vdash \varphi, \varphi, \varphi} (\wp) \\
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 \frac{}{\vdash \varphi \wp \varphi} (\nu) \\
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 \qquad
 \begin{array}{c}
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 \frac{}{\vdash \varphi, \varphi, \mu x. x} (\wp) \\
 \frac{}{\vdash \varphi \wp \varphi, \mu x. x} (\nu) \\
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 \end{array}
 \qquad
 \begin{array}{c}
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 \frac{}{\vdash \nu x. x, \varphi} (\text{cut}) \\
 \frac{}{\vdash \nu x. x} (\nu) \\
 \frac{}{\vdash \nu x. x} (\text{cut})
 \end{array}$$

- The first proof is non-wellfounded since weakening is not allowed.
- In fact, there is no circular proof if cuts are not allowed!
- However, there is a circular proof with cuts.

## Regularisation hypothesis

Circular proofs **with cuts** are as powerful as non-wellfounded proofs.

# LINEAR LOGIC WITH FIXPOINTS

$$\frac{\vdash \Delta, \varphi, \varphi', \Delta'}{\vdash \Delta, \varphi', \varphi, \Delta'}(\text{ex}) \quad \frac{\vdash \Delta, \varphi, \varphi}{\vdash \Delta, \varphi}(\text{c}) \quad \frac{\vdash \Delta}{\vdash \Delta, \varphi}(\text{w})$$

- **Exchange:** sequents as lists  $\rightarrow$  sequents as multisets
- **Contraction:** sequent as multisets  $\rightarrow$  sequent as sets

**Substructural logic(s)** := Logics where one or more of the structural rules are absent or only allowed under controlled circumstances.



# CURRY-HOWARD CORRESPONDENCE

- Establishes a direct connection between logic and type systems for models of computation.
- Can be seen at three levels:
  1. formulas  $\leftrightarrow$  types.
  2. proof objects  $\leftrightarrow$  programs.
  3. normalisation  $\leftrightarrow$  computation/reduction.

**Substructural type systems:=** Type systems analogous to substructural logics

Exchange	Contraction	Weakening	Every variable is used
×	×	×	Exactly once in the order introduced
✓	×	×	Exactly once
✓	×	✓	At most once
✓	✓	×	At least once

# LINEAR LOGIC (MALL)

	conjunction	disjunction	"true"	"false"
multiplicative	$\otimes$	$\wp$	<b>1</b>	$\perp$
additive	$\&$	$\oplus$	$\top$	<b>0</b>

$$\frac{}{\vdash \varphi, \varphi^\perp} \text{(id)} \quad \frac{\vdash \Gamma_1, \varphi \quad \vdash \Gamma_2, \varphi^\perp}{\vdash \Gamma_1, \Gamma_2} \text{(cut)}$$

$$\frac{\vdash \Gamma, \varphi_1, \varphi_2}{\vdash \Gamma, \varphi_1 \wp \varphi_2} (\wp) \quad \frac{\vdash \Gamma_1, \varphi_1 \quad \vdash \Gamma_2, \varphi_2}{\vdash \Gamma_1, \Gamma_2, \varphi_1 \otimes \varphi_2} (\otimes) \quad \frac{\vdash \Gamma, \varphi_i}{\vdash \Gamma, \varphi_1 \oplus \varphi_2} (\oplus_i) \quad \frac{\vdash \Gamma, \varphi_1 \quad \vdash \Gamma, \varphi_2}{\vdash \Gamma, \varphi_1 \& \varphi_2} (\&)$$

$$\frac{}{\vdash \mathbf{1}} (\mathbf{1})$$

$$\frac{\vdash \Gamma}{\vdash \Gamma, \perp} (\perp)$$

$$\frac{}{\vdash \Gamma, \top} (\top)$$

No rule for **0**

$\mu$ MALL = MALL + fixpoints

Wellfounded system :=  $\mu$ MALL<sup>ind</sup>      Circular system :=  $\mu$ MALL<sup>⊙</sup>  
Non-wellfounded system :=  $\mu$ MALL<sup>∞</sup>



# CONTRACTION'S BACK ON THE MENU, BOYS!

- In "full" linear logic there are *exponential* modalities that allow weakening and contractions.
- Exponentials can be encoded in  $\mu$ MALL (with a few caveats).
- Also, natural numbers encoded using fixpoints can be contracted:

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{}{\mathbb{N} \otimes \mathbb{N} \vdash \mathbb{N} \otimes \mathbb{N}}{\mathbb{N} \otimes \mathbb{N} \vdash \mathbb{N} \otimes \mathbb{N}} \text{(id)} \quad \frac{\frac{}{\mathbb{N} \otimes \mathbb{N} \vdash \mathbb{N} \otimes \mathbb{N}}{\mathbf{1} \oplus (\mathbb{N} \otimes \mathbb{N}) \vdash \mathbb{N} \otimes \mathbb{N}} \text{(id)} \quad \frac{}{\mathbf{1} \oplus (\mathbb{N} \otimes \mathbb{N}) \vdash \mathbb{N} \otimes \mathbb{N}} \text{(\oplus}_\ell^2)}{\mathbb{N} \vdash \mathbb{N} \otimes \mathbb{N}} \text{(\mu}_\ell)}{\mathbb{N} \vdash \mathbb{N} \otimes \mathbb{N}} \text{(\mu}_\ell)$$

Remember  $\mathbb{N} := \mu x. \mathbf{1} \oplus x$

# COMPUTATION CONTENT OF $\mu\text{MALL}^\infty$ (& $\mu\text{MALL}^\circ$ )

- $\mathbb{N} := \mu x. \mathbf{1} \oplus x$
- $\text{List}_A := \mu x. \perp \oplus (A \otimes x)$
- $\text{Stream}_A := \nu x. A \otimes x$

$$\begin{array}{c}
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 \text{1} \\
 \nabla \\
 \vdash \mathbb{N}
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \frac{\frac{\frac{\text{2} \quad \vdash \mathbb{N} \quad \vdash \text{Stream}_{\mathbb{N}}}{\vdash \mathbb{N} \otimes \text{Stream}_{\mathbb{N}}} (\otimes)}{\vdash \text{Stream}_{\mathbb{N}}} (\nu)}{\vdash \mathbb{N} \otimes \text{Stream}_{\mathbb{N}}} (\otimes)}{\vdash \text{Stream}_{\mathbb{N}}} (\nu)}
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 \end{array}$$

$1 :: 2 :: 3 \dots \equiv$ 
 $1^\omega \equiv$

- The first stream cannot be represented by a circular proof.

# CUT ELIMINATION

- Cut elimination  $\leftrightarrow$  computation/evaluation in CH
- Stronger than *cut admissibility* which requires only the *existence* of a cut-free proof.
- Need to prove *productivity* instead of *termination*.

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} n \\ \nabla \\ \vdash \mathbb{N} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} f \\ \nabla \\ \mathbb{N} \vdash \text{Stream}_{\mathbb{N}} \end{array}}{\vdash \text{Stream}_{\mathbb{N}}} \text{ (cut)} \rightsquigarrow^{\infty} \begin{array}{c} n^{\omega} \\ \nabla \\ \vdash \text{Stream}_{\mathbb{N}} \end{array}$$

$$\text{where } f := \frac{\begin{array}{c} \text{dup} \\ \nabla \\ \mathbb{N} \vdash \mathbb{N} \otimes \mathbb{N} \end{array} \quad \frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\mathbb{N} \vdash \mathbb{N} \text{ (id)}}{\mathbb{N} \vdash \text{Stream}_{\mathbb{N}}} (\otimes_r)}{\mathbb{N}, \mathbb{N} \vdash \mathbb{N} \otimes \text{Stream}_{\mathbb{N}}} (\nu_r)}{\mathbb{N}, \mathbb{N} \vdash \text{Stream}_{\mathbb{N}}} (\otimes_l)}{\mathbb{N} \otimes \mathbb{N} \vdash \text{Stream}_{\mathbb{N}}} (\text{cut})}{\mathbb{N} \vdash \text{Stream}_{\mathbb{N}}}$$

where  $f :=$

# THE LANDSCAPE OF $\mu$ MALL

## Abstract syntax

Ludics (BDS'15)  
Game semantics (Clairambault'09)

## Understanding cut elimination

Proof-nets (DS'19, DPS'21)  
Bouncing threads (BDKS)

## Denotational semantics

Coherence space semantics (EJ'21)  
Categorical semantics (FS'13)

## Provability

Complexity (DDS)  
Truth Semantics (DJS)  
Annotated sequents (NST'18)

## Curry-Howard correspondence

Session types (DP)  
Relation with System T (KPP'21)



# COMPLEXITY

## Theorem

$$\mu\text{MALL}^{\circ} \subsetneq \mu\text{MALL}^{\infty}$$

## Proof idea

- Show that  $\mu\text{MALL}^{\infty}$  is  $\Pi_1^0$ -hard (consequently undecidable).
- $\mu\text{MALL}^{\circ}$  is in  $\Sigma_1^0$ .  
(circular proofs are finitely representable, hence enumerable)
- If  $\mu\text{MALL}^{\infty} = \mu\text{MALL}^{\circ}$ , then  $\Pi_1^0 \subseteq \Sigma_1^0$ . Contradiction!

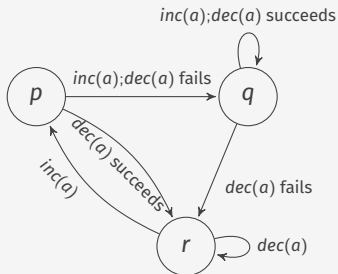
## Non-constructive!

We do not exhibit an actual sequent

Fragment of linear logic	Complexity of Provability
MLL	NP-complete [Kanovich'91]
MALL	PSPACE-complete [LMSS'90]
MELL	?
LL	Undecidable [LMSS'90]

- In comparison, LK is NP-complete and LJ is PSPACE-complete.
- Exponentials can be encoded in  $\mu$ MALL. So, we expect it to be at least as hard as LL.

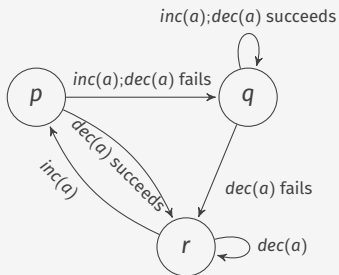
- Counter  $a \in \mathbb{N}_0$  and  $dec(a)$  fails if  $a = 0$



- Halting of one counter automata decidable (Folklore)
- Halting of two counter automata  $\Sigma_1^0$ -complete (Minsky)

# REDUCTION TO MINSKY MACHINE

$$\varphi := \nu x. \perp \& \left( \bigoplus_{l \in \mathcal{M}} \llbracket l \rrbracket \wp x \right)$$



$$\llbracket \text{inc}(a) \rrbracket := p^\perp \otimes (a \wp q)$$

$$\frac{\frac{\vdash a, a, a, q}{\vdash a, a, a \wp q} (\wp)}{\vdash a, a, p, p^\perp \otimes (a \wp q)} (\otimes)$$

Encode dec and zero-check.

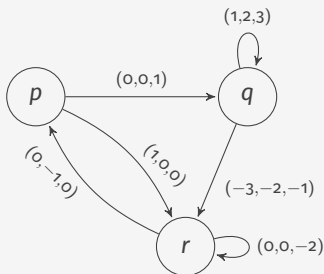
## Theorem

$\vdash p, \varphi$  provable iff  $\mathcal{M}$  is non-halting.

## Proof idea

- ( $\Leftarrow$ ) This relies on being able to use  $\llbracket l \rrbracket$  for every  $l \in \mathcal{M}$ .
- ( $\Rightarrow$ ) This relies on cut admissibility and focussing (the ability to apply certain rules context-freely).

# VECTOR ADDITION SYSTEMS (& EXTENSIONS)

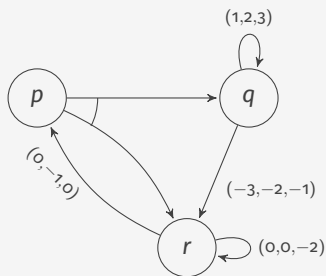


Starting from  $\langle p, (0, 0, 0) \rangle$  is  $\langle q, (10, 10, 10) \rangle$  reachable?

## Theorem

*Reachability of vector addition system with states is decidable and reduces from the provability of the Horn-fragment of MELL.*

# VECTOR ADDITION SYSTEMS (& EXTENSIONS)



## Branching VASS

### ■ Multiplicative splitting

$$\frac{\langle q, (3, 2, 0) \rangle \quad \langle r, (1, 0, 0) \rangle}{\langle p, (4, 2, 0) \rangle}$$

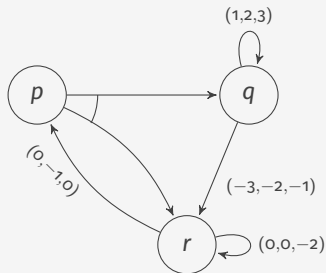
### ■ Set of accepting configurations called axioms

Starting from  $\langle q, (10, 10, 10) \rangle$  is there a run tree ending in axioms?

## Theorem

*BVASS reachability is open and equivalent to the provability of MELL.*

# VECTOR ADDITION SYSTEMS (& EXTENSIONS)



## Alternating VASS

### ■ Additive splitting

$$\frac{\langle q, (4, 2, 0) \rangle \quad \langle r, (4, 2, 0) \rangle}{\langle p, (4, 2, 0) \rangle}$$

### ■ Set of accepting configurations called axioms

Starting from  $\langle q, (10, 10, 10) \rangle$  is there a run tree ending in axioms?

## Theorem

*AVASS reachability is undecidable and reduces to  $\mu$ MALL provability with only  $\mu$ .*



# WHAT ABOUT BROTHERSTON-SIMPSON?

Towards  $\mu\text{MALL}^{\text{ind}} = \mu\text{MALL}^{\circ}$

NTS'18<sup>1</sup> gives an annotated circular system that can be finitised.

Towards  $\mu\text{MALL}^{\text{ind}} \neq \mu\text{MALL}^{\circ}$

- Both  $\mu\text{MALL}^{\text{ind}}$  and  $\mu\text{MALL}^{\circ}$  have the same complexity!  
Cannot use the complexity argument of non-regularisation.
- Suppose an oracle gives us a sequent that has a  $\mu\text{MALL}^{\circ}$  proof but not a  $\mu\text{MALL}^{\text{ind}}$  proof. How do we verify this?
- Since provability is undecidable, there is no general algorithm!

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<sup>1</sup>Rémi Nollet, Alexis Saurin, and Christine Tasson. “Local Validity for Circular Proofs in Linear Logic with Fixed Points”. In: *27th EACSL Annual Conference on Computer Science Logic, CSL 2018, Birmingham, UK*. ed. by Dan R. Ghica and Achim Jung. Vol. 119. LIPIcs.

# PHASE SEMANTICS

- Establishes a semantic meaning of truth.
- Gives a mapping  $\llbracket \bullet \rrbracket : \text{Formulas} \rightarrow \text{Mathematical Object}$  such that a formula is provable iff its interpretation satisfies some property.
- Via CH, corresponds to *type inhabitation*.

## Example

- Truth semantics of LK : Boolean algebras
- Truth semantics of LJ : Heyting algebras
- Truth semantics of  $S_4$  : Boolean algebras with an interior operator

# TRUTH SEMANTICS OF LL

Truth semantics is basically the *Lindenbaum algebra* i.e. the quotient of logical formulas under provability equivalence.

## Context matters!

$T \vdash \varphi \multimap \psi$  and  $T \vdash \psi \multimap \chi$  does not imply  $T \vdash \varphi \multimap \chi$  rather  $T, T \vdash \varphi \multimap \chi$ .

Define  $Pr(\varphi) := \{\Gamma \mid \vdash \Gamma, \varphi \text{ is provable}\}$

- $Pr(\perp) =$  Set of all provable sequents.
- $Pr(\varphi \otimes \psi) = \{\Gamma_1 \uplus \Gamma_2 \mid \Gamma_1 \in Pr(\varphi), \Gamma_2 \in Pr(\psi)\} = Pr(\varphi).Pr(\psi)$
- $Pr(\varphi \& \psi) = Pr(\varphi) \cap Pr(\psi) \dots$

The algebraic object we are after must be a monoid and a lattice (a.k.a *residuated semilattice*).

# PHASE SEMANTICS OF MALL

## Phase space

A phase space is a commutative monoid  $M$  along with a  $\perp \subseteq M$ .  
Let  $X, Y \subseteq M$ . Define

$$XY := \{xy \mid x \in X, y \in Y\} \quad X^\perp := \{z \mid \forall x \in X. xz \in \perp\}$$

$X$  is called a fact if  $X^{\perp\perp} = X$ .

We interpret formulas (and sequents) on facts.

$$\begin{aligned} \llbracket \varphi \otimes \psi \rrbracket &= (\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket \cdot \llbracket \psi \rrbracket)^{\perp\perp} & \llbracket \varphi \wp \psi \rrbracket &= (\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket^\perp \llbracket \psi \rrbracket^\perp)^\perp \\ \llbracket \varphi \&\psi \rrbracket &= \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket \cap \llbracket \psi \rrbracket & \llbracket \varphi \oplus \psi \rrbracket &= (\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket \cup \llbracket \psi \rrbracket)^{\perp\perp} \end{aligned}$$

## Theorem (Girard'87)

$\Gamma$  is provable in MALL iff  $1 \in \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket$

- Let  $M =$  Set of all sequents.
- Let  $\Gamma, \Delta \in M$ . Then,  $\Gamma \cdot \Delta = \Gamma, \Delta$ .
- Therefore,  $(M, \cdot, \emptyset)$  is a monoid.
- Let  $\perp = Pr(\perp)$  and we have a phase space.

## Lemma (Adequation lemma)

$$\llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket \subseteq Pr(\Gamma)$$

## Completeness proof

$$\emptyset \in \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket \Rightarrow \emptyset \in Pr(\Gamma) \Rightarrow \vdash \Gamma, \emptyset \text{ is provable. } \square$$

# PHASE SEMANTICS OF $\mu$ MALL

## Fact

The set of facts is a complete lattice.

$\therefore$  We can interpret fixpoint formulas as:

$$\llbracket \mu x. \varphi \rrbracket = \text{lfp}(\lambda X. \varphi(X)) \quad \llbracket \nu x. \varphi \rrbracket = \text{gfp}(\lambda X. \varphi(X))$$

The interpretations are facts by Knaster-Tarski theorem.

## Too liberal!

Not every fact is an image of  $\llbracket \bullet \rrbracket$ . So,  $\llbracket \varphi(X) \rrbracket$  doesn't necessarily correspond to the interpretation of any formula.

Sound but not complete!

Restrict to a subset of fact closed under  $\mu$ MALL operations.

# SOUNDNESS AND COMPLETENESS

## Theorem

$\Gamma$  is provable in  $\mu\text{MALL}^{\text{ind}}$  iff  $1 \in \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket$

## Proof idea

- ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Soundness is easy induction on the proof.
- ( $\Leftarrow$ ) For completeness, we start from the syntactic monoid but **induction on formulas does not work** (due to absence of subformula property)! We use Girard's *candidates of reducibility*.

Define  $\langle \varphi \rangle := \{F \in \text{Facts} \mid F \subseteq \text{Pr}(\varphi)\}$

## Lemma (Adequation Lemma)

For all facts  $F \in \langle \psi \rangle$ ,  $\llbracket \varphi(F) \rrbracket \subseteq \text{Pr}(\varphi(\psi))$ .



# CLOSURE ORDINALS

Let  $f$  be a monotonic function on a complete lattice  $(\mathcal{L}, \leq, \top, \perp, \wedge, \vee)$ . By Knaster-Tarski's theorem, it has a fixed point. But can we compute it?

$$\begin{aligned}\Theta_0 &= f(\perp); \\ \Theta_{\alpha+1} &= f(\Theta_\alpha); \\ \Theta_\lambda &= \bigwedge_{\alpha \in \lambda} \Theta_\alpha.\end{aligned}$$

The sequence  $\Theta_0, \Theta_1, \dots$  is ultimately stationary and the lfp of  $f$ . The smallest ordinal  $\alpha$  such that  $\Theta_\alpha = \Theta_{\alpha+1}$  is the **closure ordinal** of  $f$ .

But, computing closure ordinals in phase spaces is hard!

# AN INFINITARY CALCULUS

What if we say we approximate lfp and gfp by their  $\omega$ -th approximation?

$$\llbracket \mu x. \varphi \rrbracket = \left( \bigcup_{n \geq 0} \llbracket \varphi^n(\mathbf{o}) \rrbracket \right)^{\perp\perp} \quad \llbracket \nu x. \varphi \rrbracket = \bigcap_{n \geq 0} \llbracket \varphi^n(\mathbf{T}) \rrbracket$$

This gives us an idea for new inference rules for fixpoints:

$$\frac{\vdash \Gamma, \overbrace{\varphi(\varphi(\dots(\varphi(\mathbf{o}))\dots))}^n}{\vdash \Gamma, \mu x. \varphi} (\mu_\omega) \quad \frac{\vdash \Gamma, \mathbf{T} \quad \vdash \Gamma, \varphi(\mathbf{T}) \quad \vdash \Gamma, \varphi(\varphi(\mathbf{T})) \quad \dots}{\vdash \Gamma, \nu x. \varphi} (\nu_\omega)$$

We call this system  $\mu\text{MALL}_\omega$ .

## Theorem

*The new interpretation is sound and complete wrt  $\mu\text{MALL}_\omega$ .*

## Theorem

*$\mu\text{MALL}_\omega$  admits cuts.*

**Advantage** Completeness is easy since there is a (sort-of) subformula property. Cut admissibility can be proved using standard techniques from arithmetic.

**Disadvantage** Does not prove the same theorems as  $\mu\text{MALL}^{\text{ind}}$ .

- Is  $\mu\text{MALL}^\infty$   $\Pi_1^0$ -complete?

Either give a  $\Pi_1^0$  algorithm or improve the lower bound.

- How does one extend the truth semantics to  $\mu\text{MALL}^\infty$ ?

Soundness proofs for non-wellfounded calculi usually goes through finding a chain of countermodels that imply non-progression of an infinite branch. We do find the chain, but the non-progression is not clear.

- Compute closure ordinals of (classes of)  $\mu\text{MALL}$  formulas

Computing closure ordinal of formulas as simple  $a \otimes x$  is difficult.

- Is  $\mu\text{MALL}_\omega \subsetneq \mu\text{MALL}^{\text{ind}}$  ?

Thank you!