

# Interactive Deep Reasoning

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# INTRODUCTION

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## Context

**Goal:** Make proof assistants *easier* to use

- Intuitive and **discoverable** for newcomers
- Productive and **customizable** for experts

For now, focus on common logical heart:

*Intuitionistic FOL*

*“A demo is worth a thousand words...”*

- Fully graphical: no textual proof language
- Different modes of reasoning with a single “syntax”:

Click  $\iff$  introduction/elimination

DnD  $\iff$  backward/forward

## REASONING THROUGH DRAG-AND-DROP

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- Socrates example:

Backward  $\iff$  apply H1

Forward  $\iff$  apply H1 in H2

- $A \wedge B \vdash B \wedge (\underline{A} \vee C) \wedge D$  is trickier...

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\overline{A, B \vdash A}}{A, B \vdash A \vee C} \vee R_1 \quad A, B \vdash D}{A, B \vdash (A \vee C) \wedge D} \wedge R}{A, B \vdash B \wedge (A \vee C) \wedge D} \wedge L}{A \wedge B \vdash B \wedge (A \vee C) \wedge D} \wedge L}{A \wedge B \vdash B \wedge (A \vee C) \wedge D} \wedge L$$

destruct H as [HA HB].  
 split.  
 \* admit.  
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 - left. assumption.  
 - admit.

Idea: instead of *destroying* connectives, **switch** them

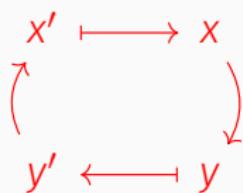
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 \end{array} \right. \\
 \text{identity} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l}
 \triangleright B \wedge ((B \boxed{\Rightarrow T}) \vee C) \wedge D
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 \text{unit elimination} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l}
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2. **Instantiate** unified variables
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$\triangleright^* \top$	✓

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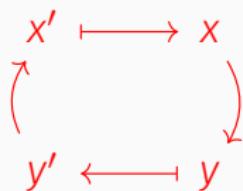
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Add 4 rules  $\Rightarrow$  **rewrite** for free!

$$\begin{array}{ll} \underline{t} = u \vdash \underline{A} \triangleright A\{t := u\} & t = \underline{u} \vdash \underline{A} \triangleright A\{u := t\} \\ \underline{t} = u * \underline{A} \triangleright A\{t := u\} & t = \underline{u} * \underline{A} \triangleright A\{u := t\} \end{array}$$

**Compositional** with semantics of **connectives**:

- **Quantifiers:** rewrite modulo *unification*
- **Implication:** *conditional* rewrite
- **Arbitrary** combinations are possible:

$$\begin{aligned} \forall x. x \neq 0 \Rightarrow \underline{f(x)} = g(x) \vdash \exists y. A(\underline{f(y)}) \vee B(y) \\ \triangleright^* \exists y. (y \neq 0 \wedge A(g(y))) \vee B(y) \end{aligned}$$

## REASONING WITH BUBBLES

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- Problem: **context-scoping** through *premisses/tabs*

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$$(A \vee B \Rightarrow C) \Rightarrow (A \Rightarrow C) \wedge (B \Rightarrow C)$$

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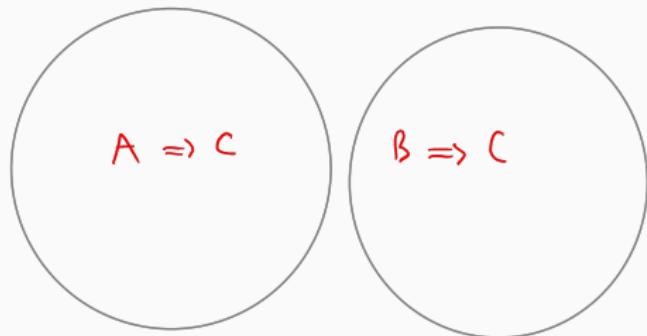
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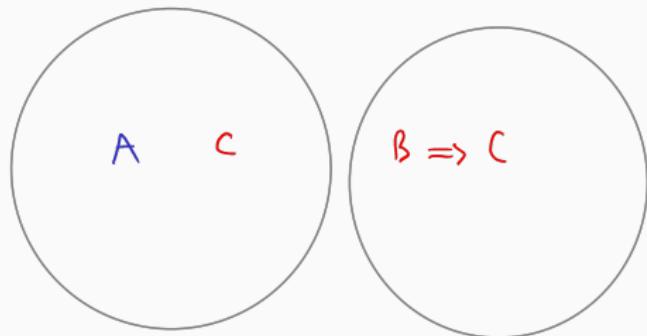


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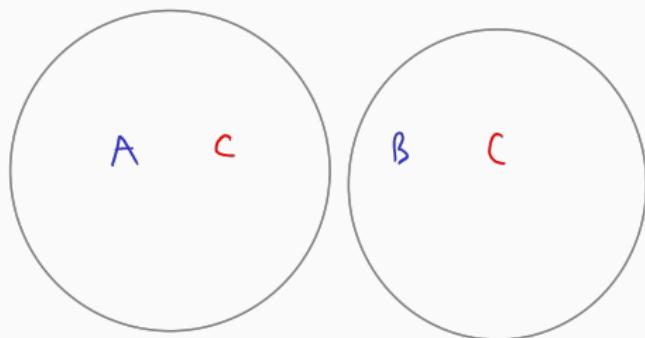


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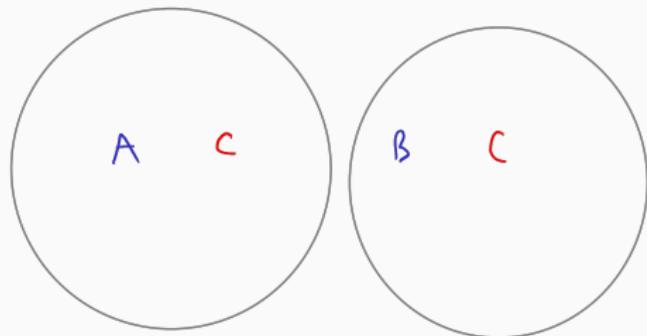
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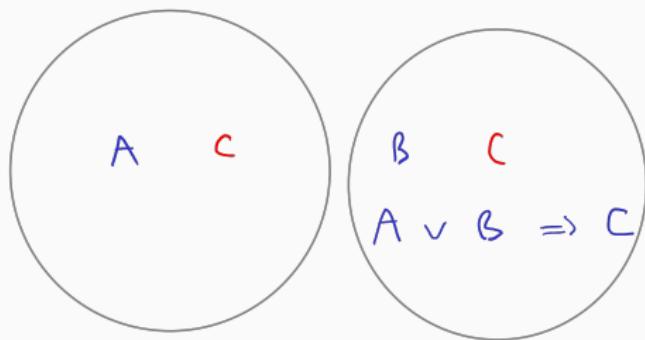


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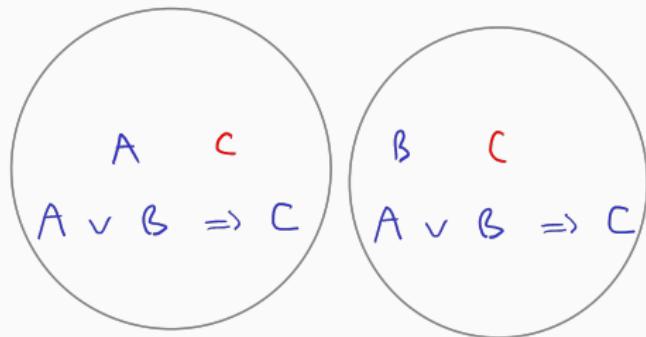
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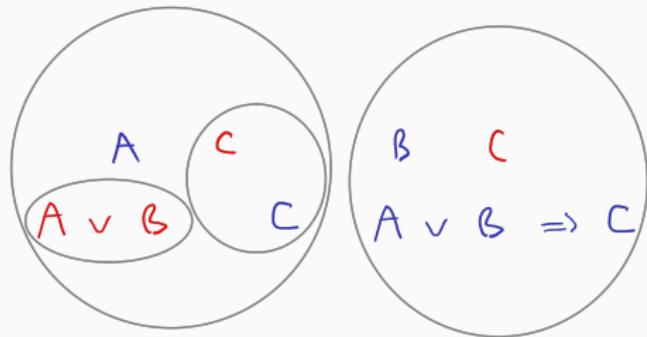
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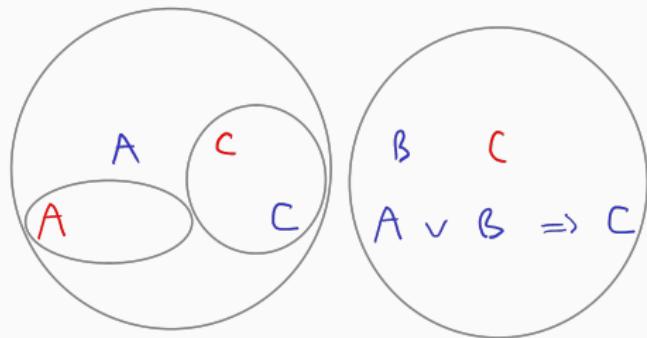
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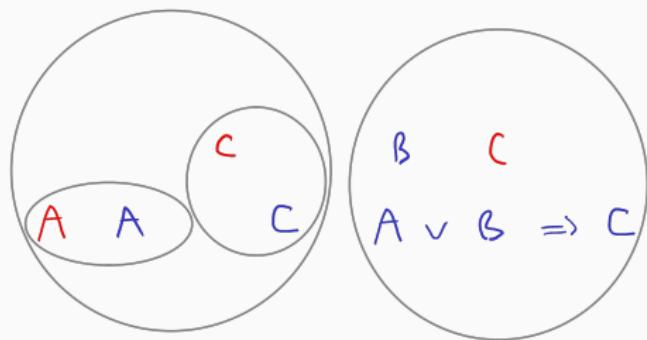
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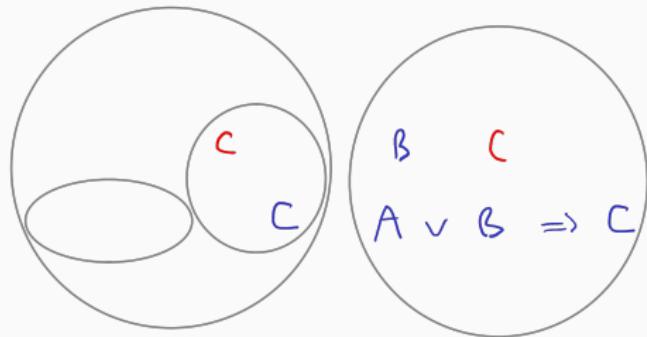
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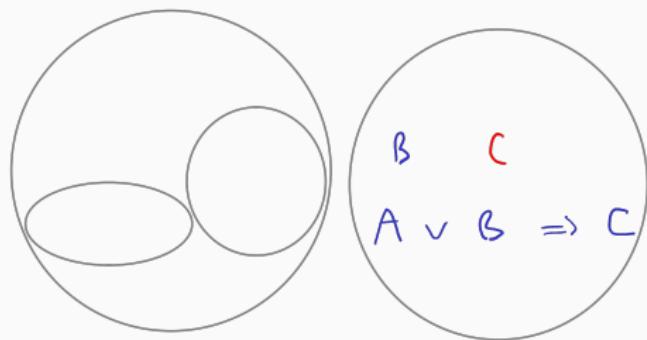
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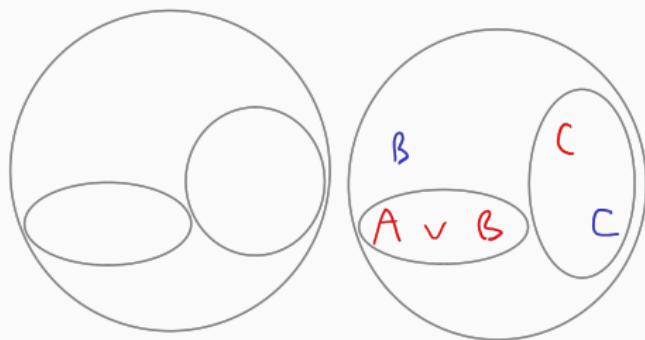
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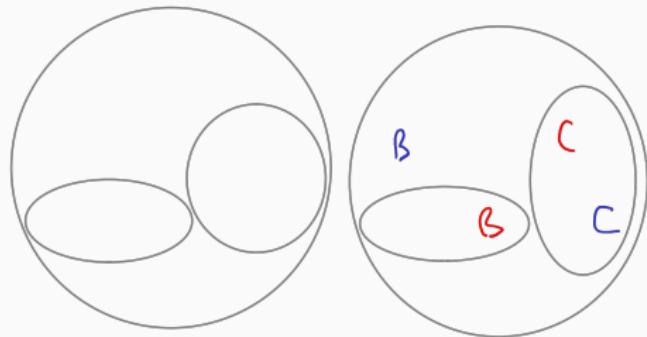
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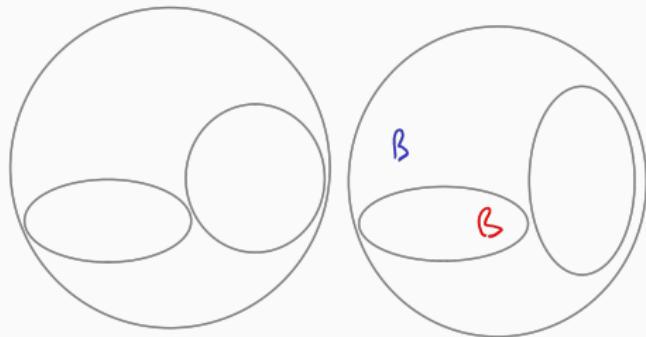
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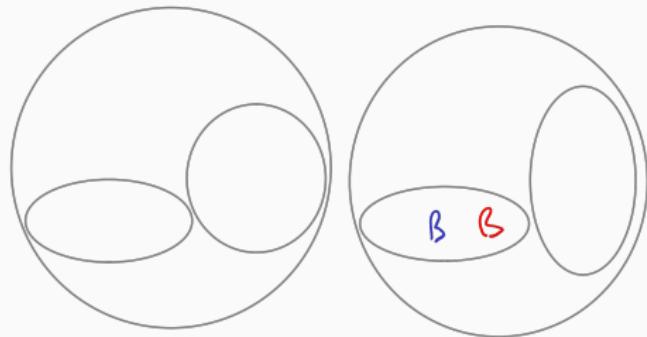
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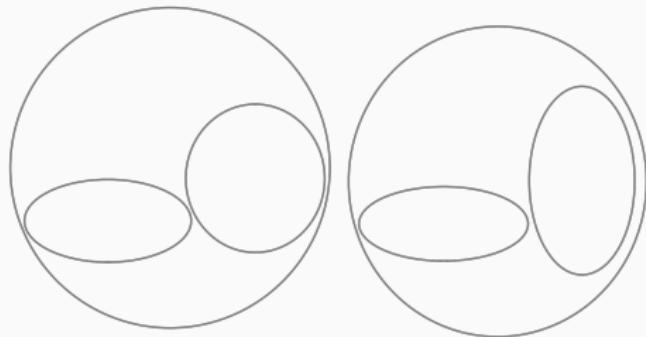
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# Reducing non-determinism

Moto: Non-reversibility reduces freedom

$$A \vee B \triangleright A$$

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$$A \Rightarrow B \ C \triangleright \bigcirc(A) \bigcirc(B \ C)$$

- Hack: use only DnD
- New objective: **full formula decomposition** property
- (Guenot, 2013): only classical  $\{\wedge, \vee\}$  and intuitionistic  $\{\Rightarrow\}$

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$$\iota ::= A \mid \sigma$$

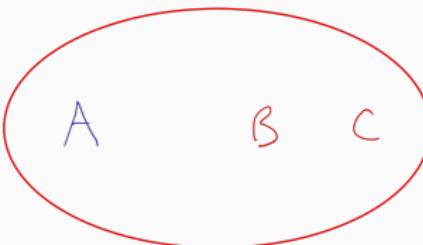
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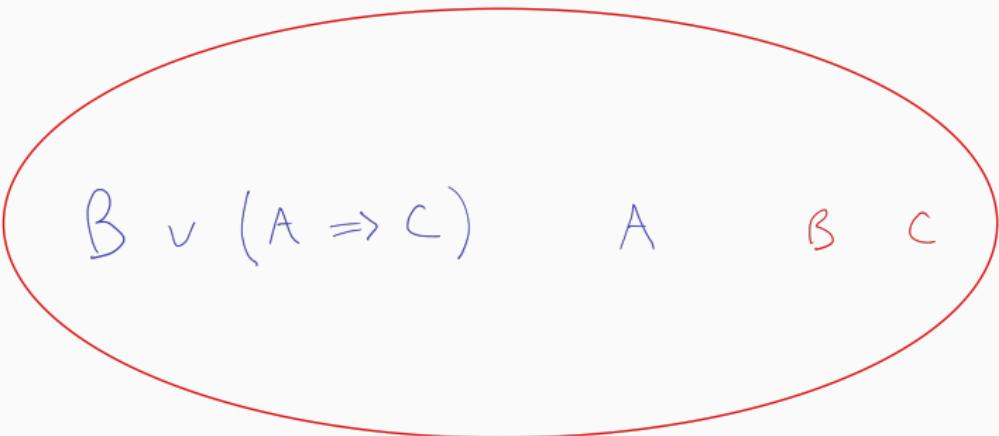
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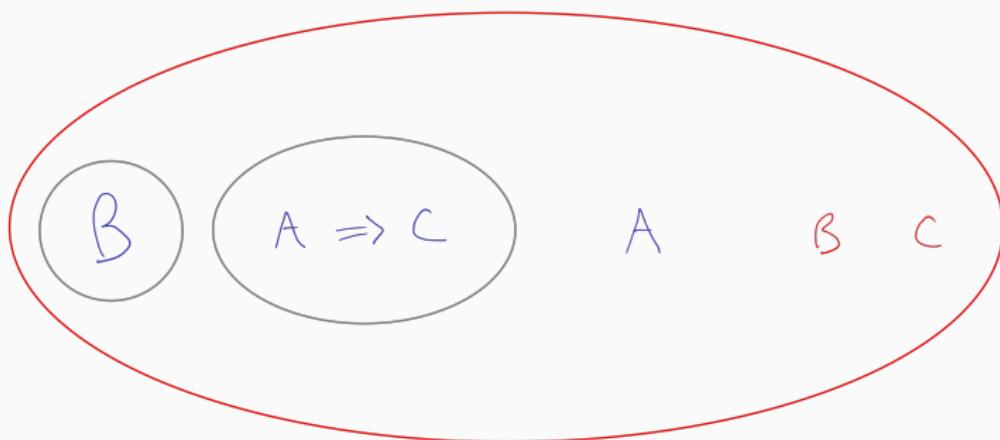


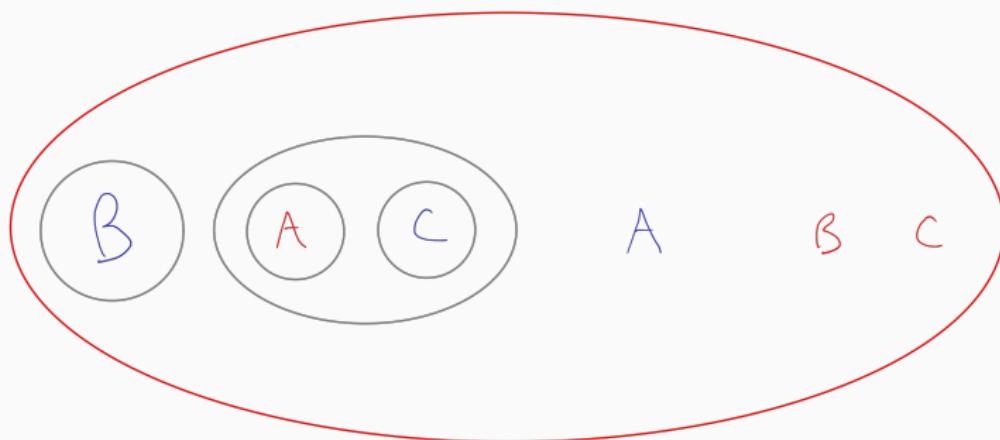
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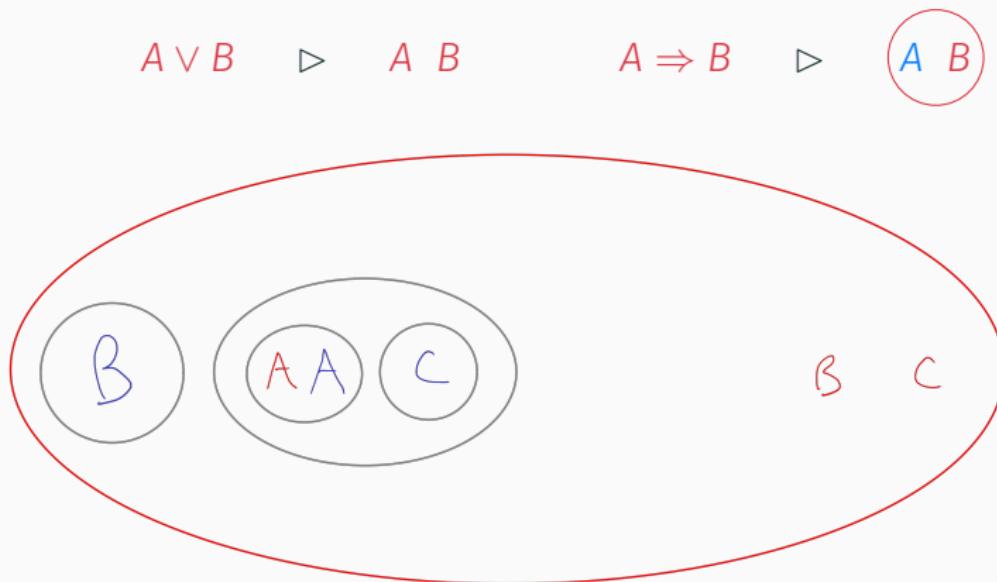
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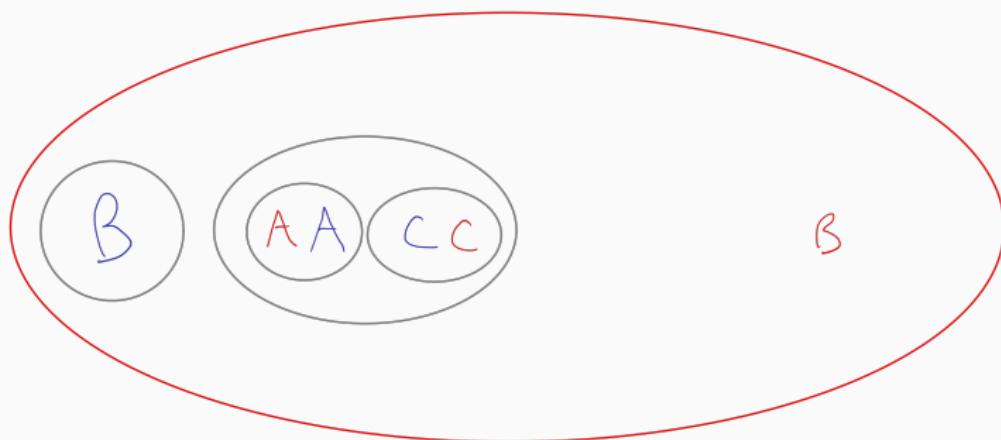
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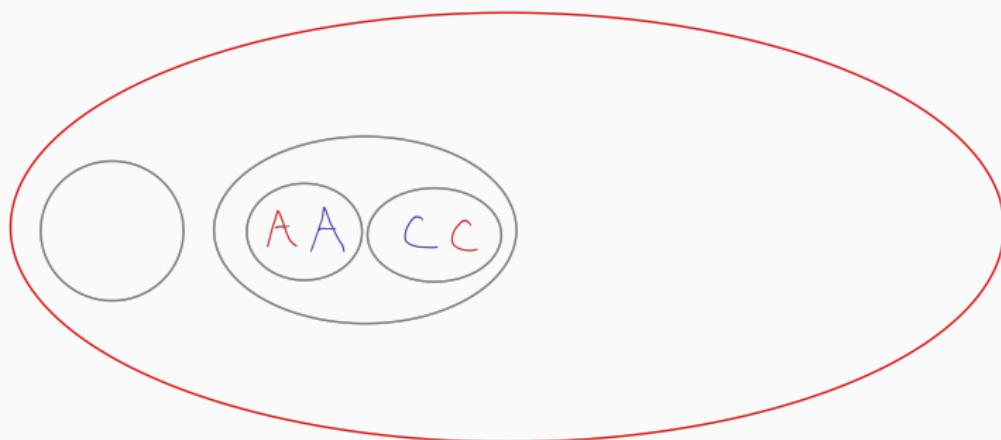
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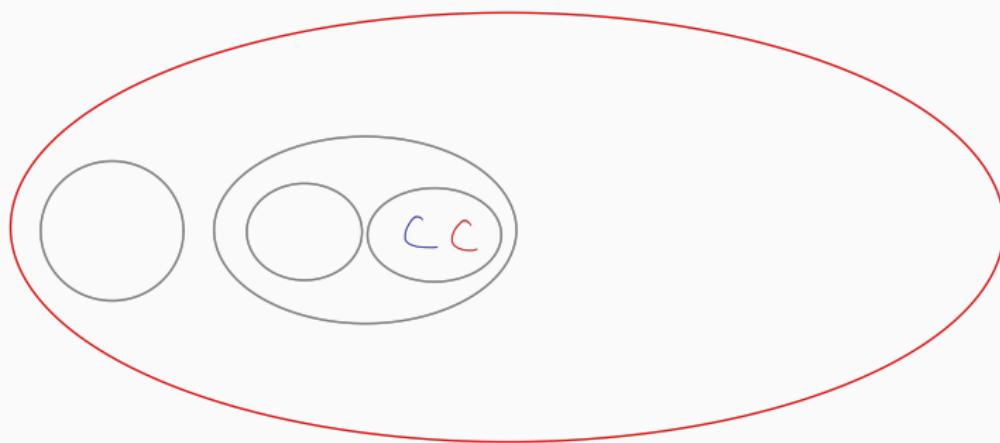
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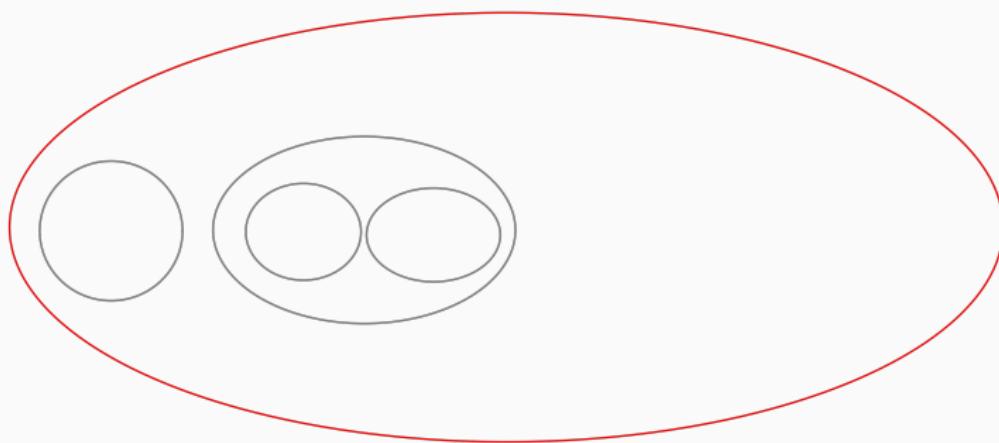
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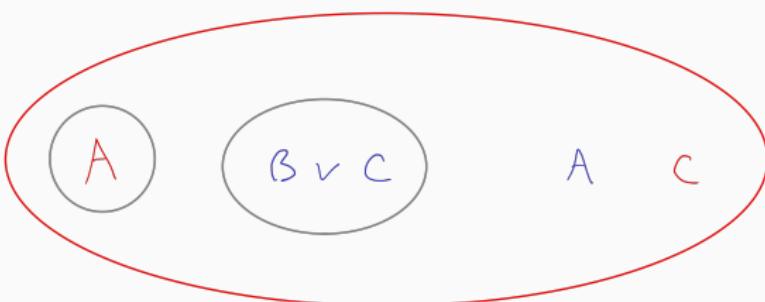
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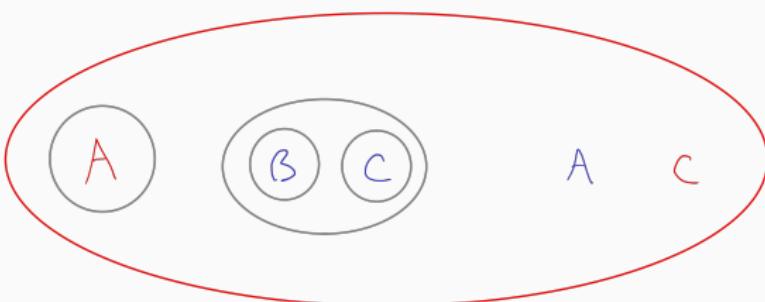
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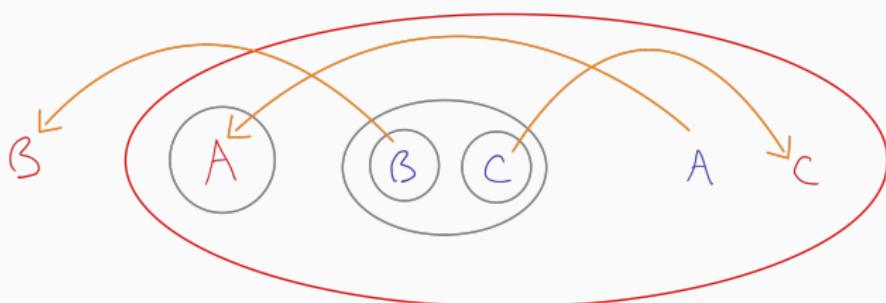
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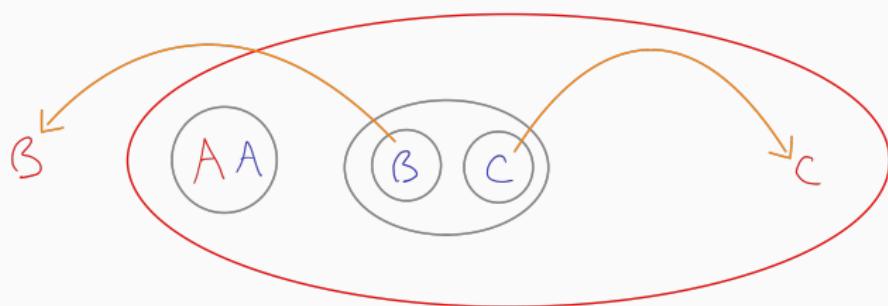
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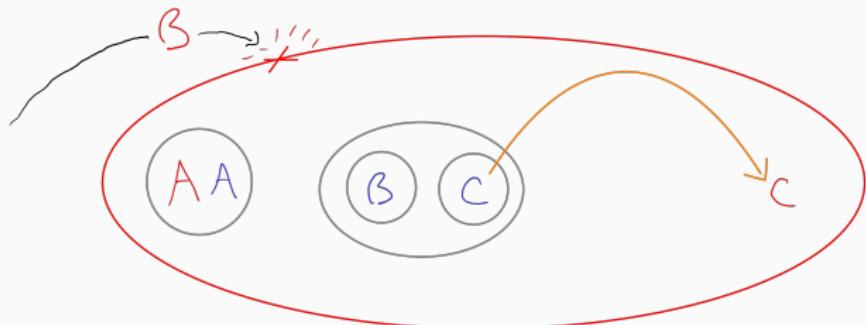
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# Meaning

$$\left[ \Gamma \quad S_1 \quad \Delta_1 \quad \dots \quad S_n \quad \Delta_n \quad \Delta \right] = \bigwedge_i [\Gamma \Gamma_i \quad S_i \quad \Delta_i \Delta]$$

Need for a (non-trivializing) base case:

$$\sigma ::= \underbrace{\Gamma \vdash \Delta}_{\text{subgoal}} \mid \underbrace{\Gamma \quad S \quad \Delta}_{\text{branching}}$$

- Allow nesting in hypotheses  $\Rightarrow$  dual-intuitionistic logic

$$\Gamma ::= \iota_1 \dots \iota_n$$

- Rules for subtraction – dual to  $\Rightarrow$ :

$$A - B \triangleright \textcircled{A} \textcircled{B}$$
      
$$A - B \triangleright \textcircled{A} \textcircled{B}$$

- Blue bubbles **hermetic** to blue items

# A new view on classical VS intuitionistic

$$A \circledcirc \sigma \triangleright A \sigma$$

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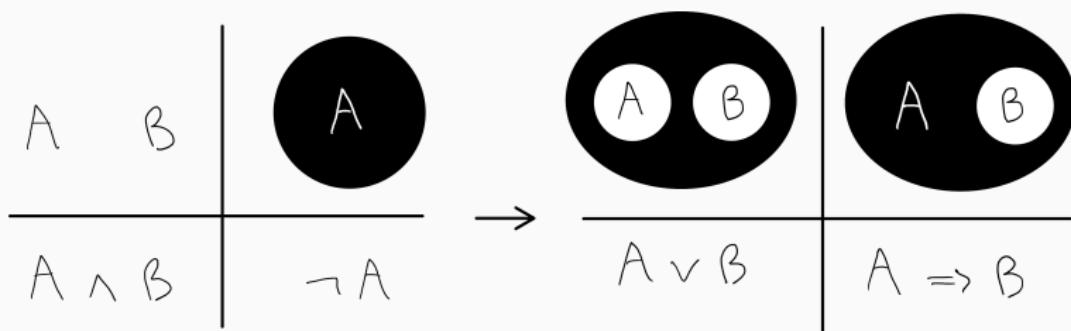
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*Intuitionism = same polarities **repel** each other*

## REASONING WITHOUT FORMULAS

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- $\vee$  solved, but  $\Rightarrow$  still irreversible!
- Key idea: space is polarized, not items
- In classical logic:



Only 3 **edition** principles!

- (De-)Iteration (*copy/cut-paste*):

$$G \ H \{ \} \equiv G \ H \{ G \}$$

- Insertion:

$$\triangleright \quad G$$

- Deletion:

$$G \quad \triangleright$$

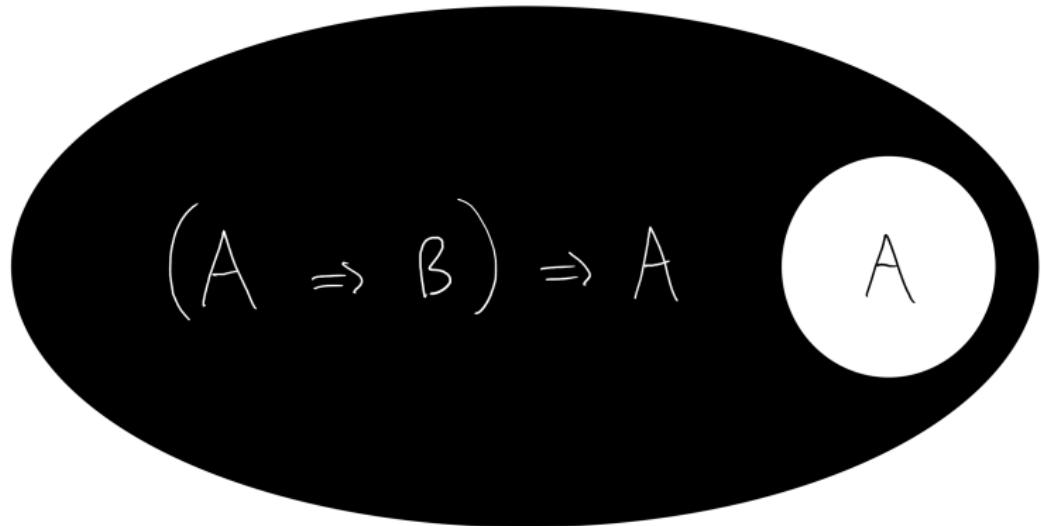
And a **space** principle, the **double-cut** law:

$$\textcircled{G} \equiv G$$

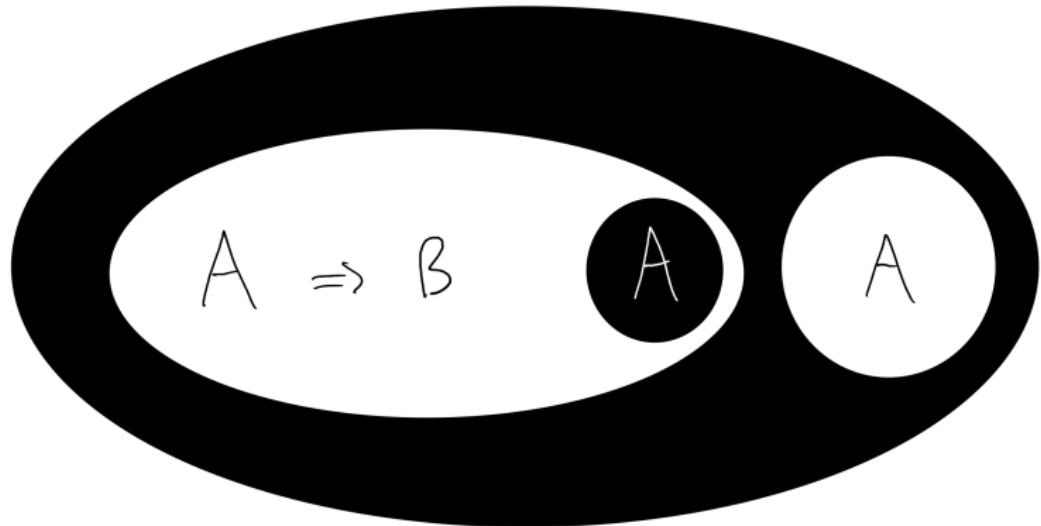
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$$((A \Rightarrow B) \Rightarrow A) \Rightarrow A$$

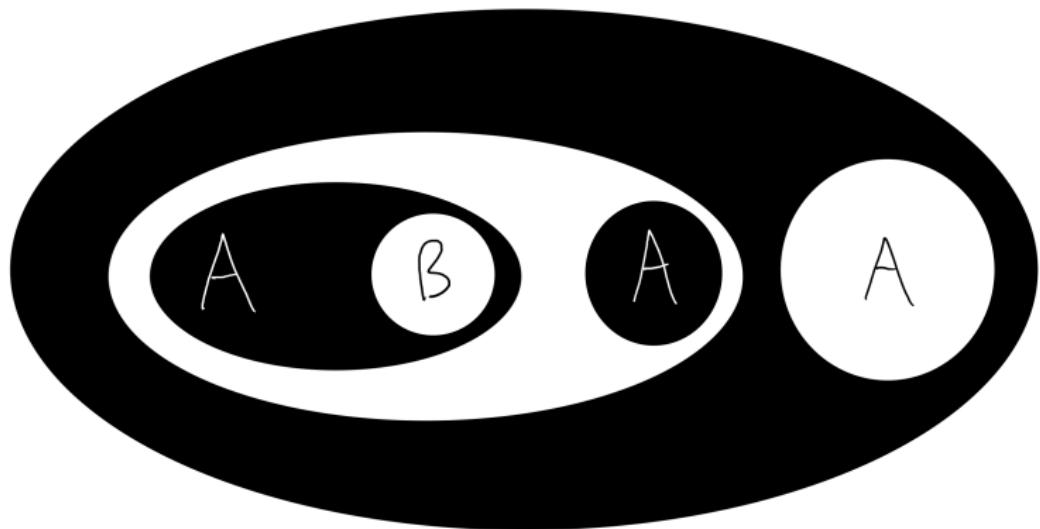
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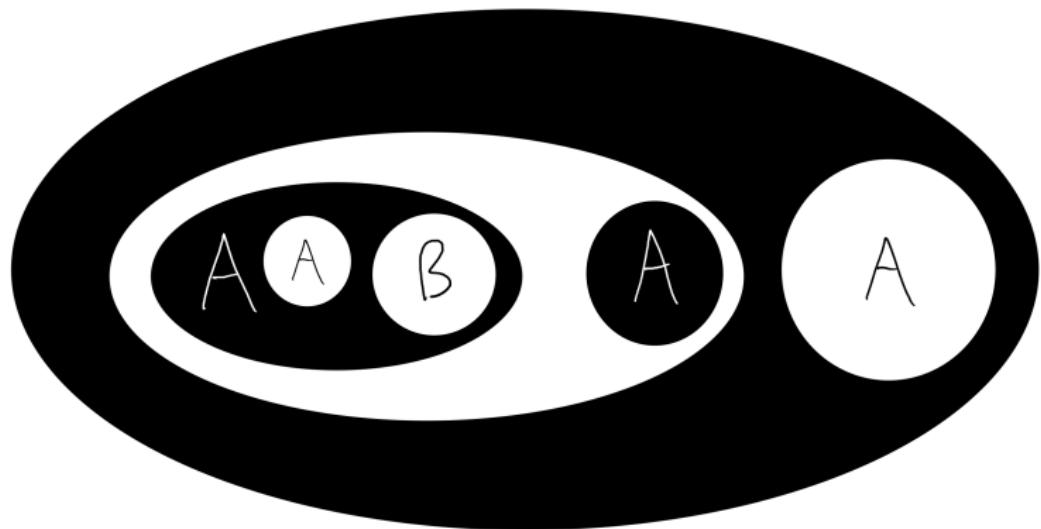
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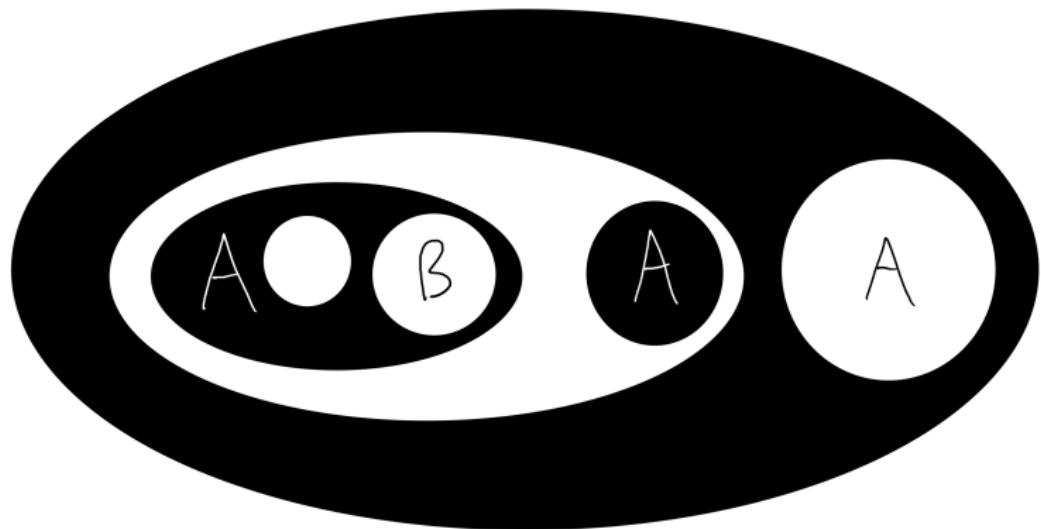
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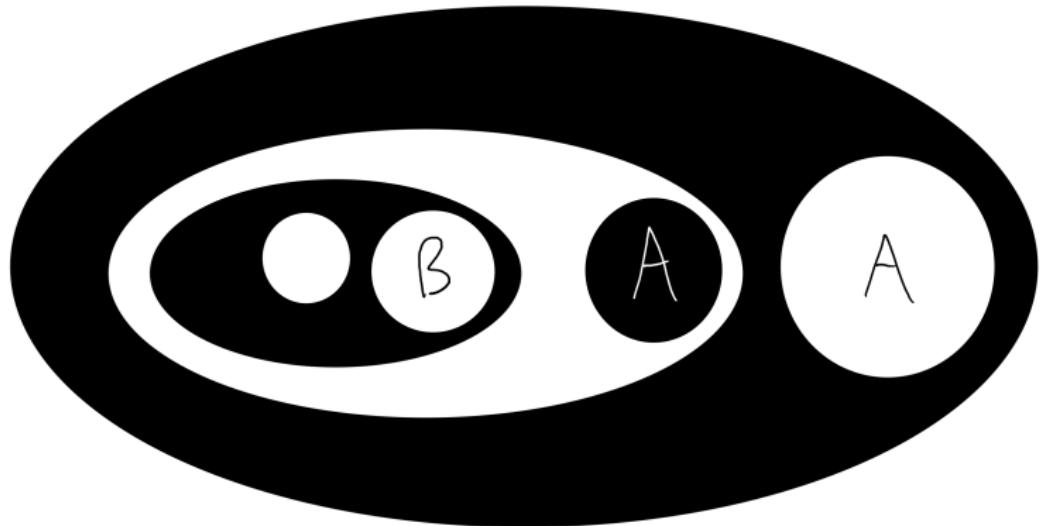
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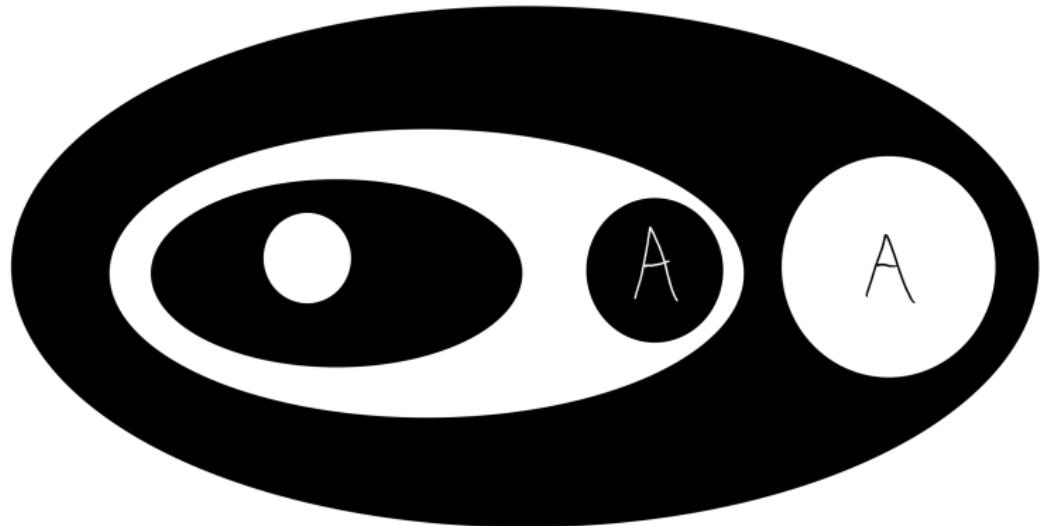
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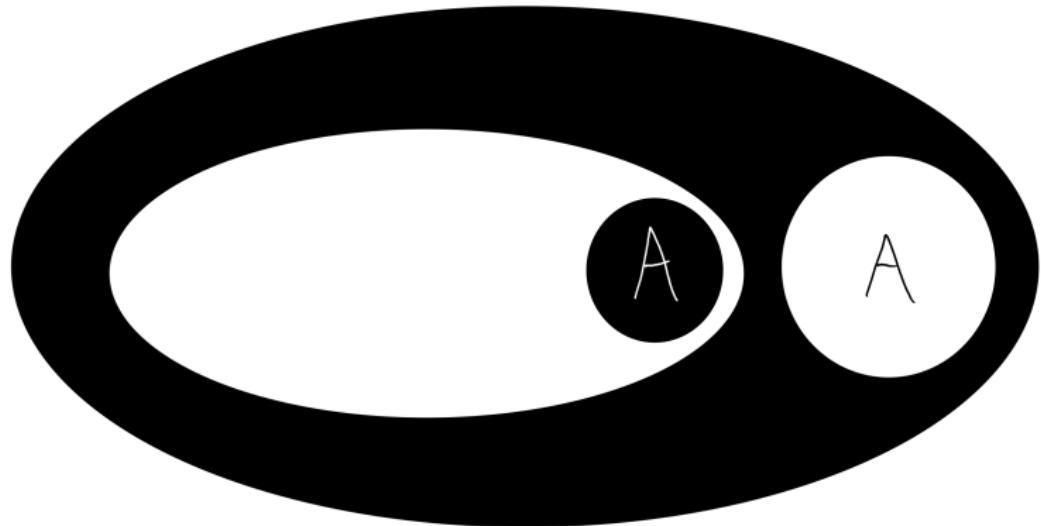
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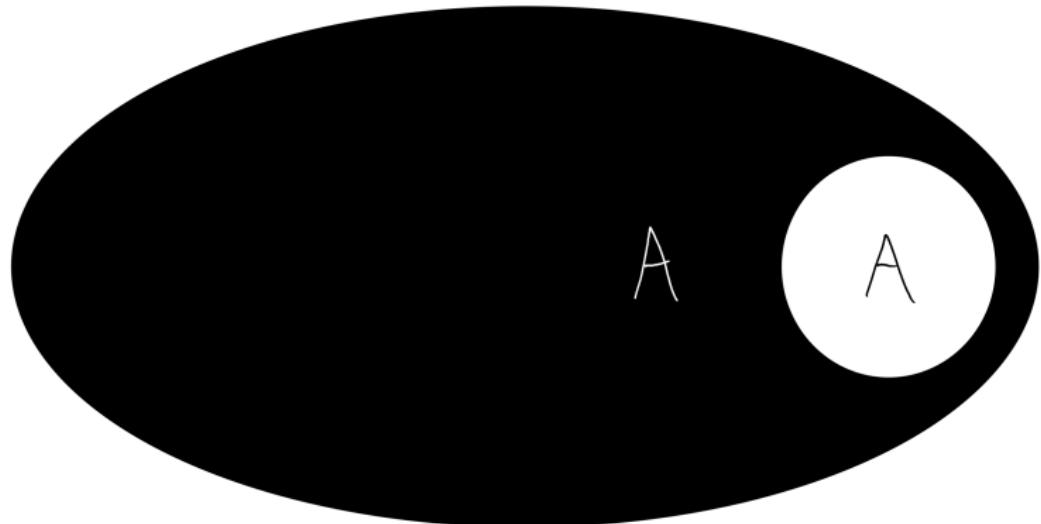
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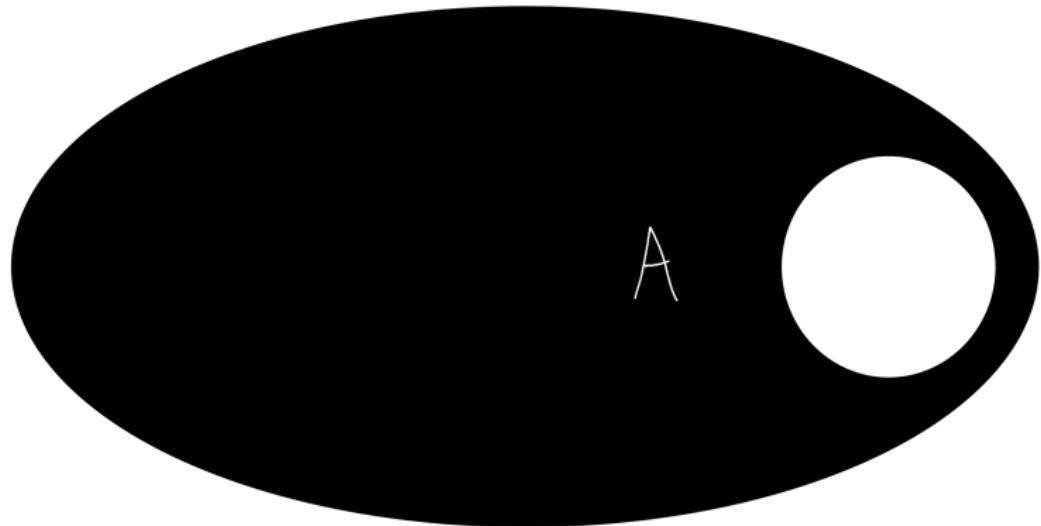
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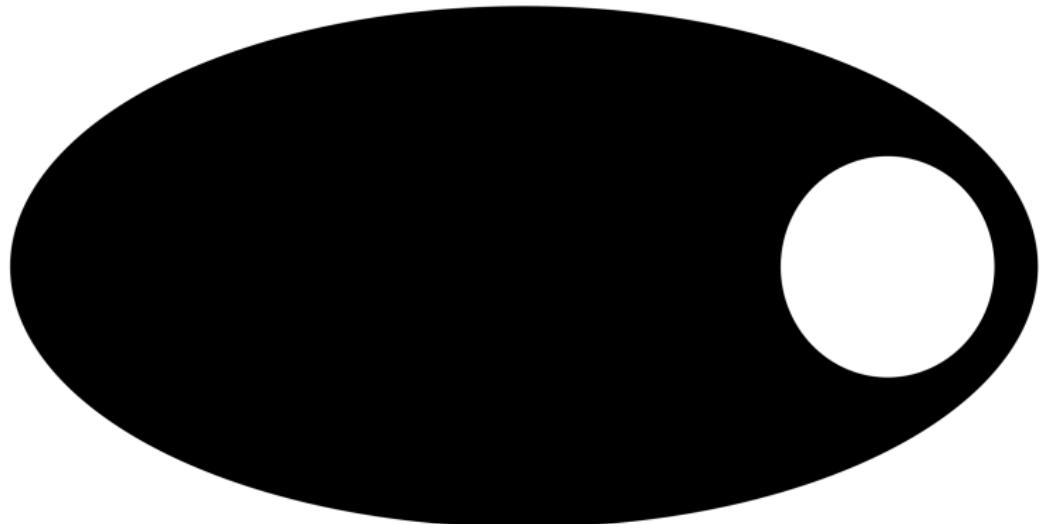
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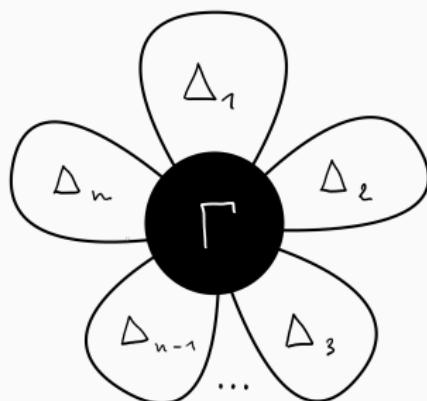
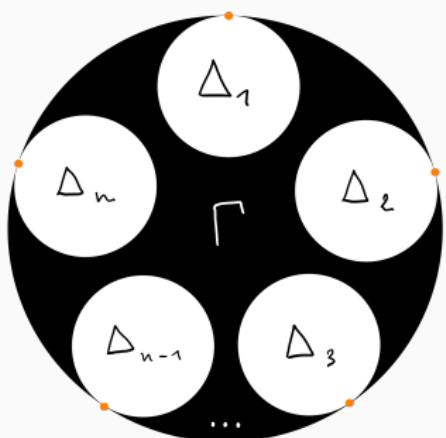
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$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \text{A} \\ \text{B} \end{array}}{A \vee B} \quad \neq \quad \frac{\begin{array}{c} A \\ B \end{array}}{\neg(A \wedge \neg B)}$$
$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \text{A} \\ \text{B} \end{array}}{A \Rightarrow B} \quad \neq \quad \frac{\begin{array}{c} A \\ B \end{array}}{\neg(\neg A \wedge \neg B)}$$

# Flowers

Turn *inloops* into **petals**

$$\Gamma \vdash \Delta_1; \dots; \Delta_n$$



# Identity

(De-)iteration is now called **pollination**.

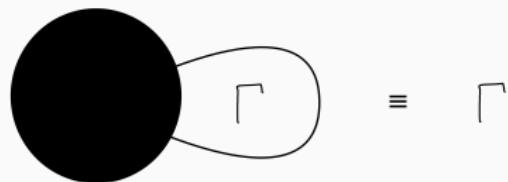
**Decomposition** law:



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$G$

becomes



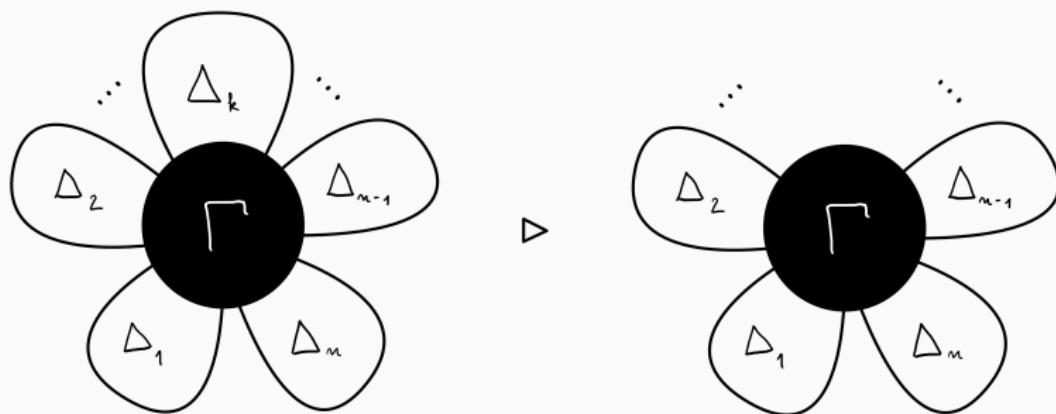
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# Disjunction and falsity

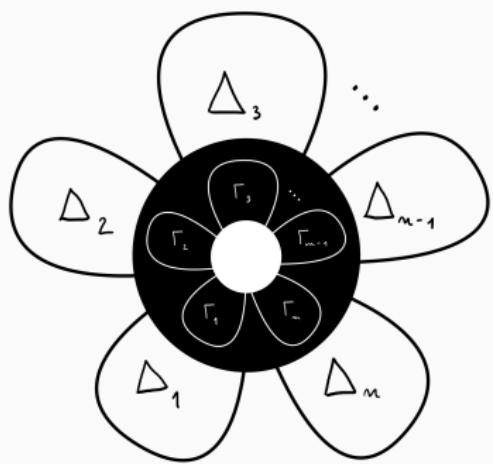
**Deletion** splits in two:

$$F \quad \triangleright$$

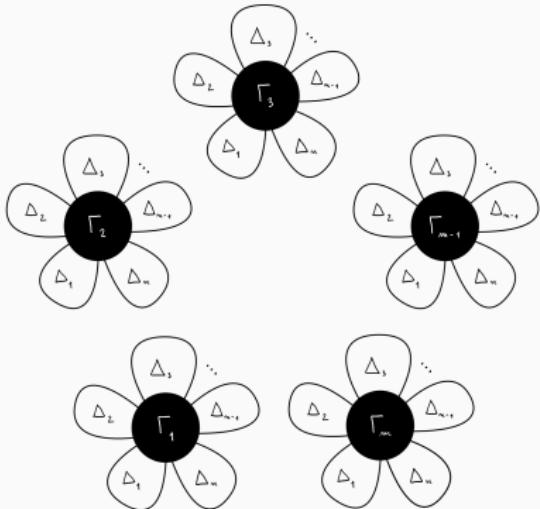


# Disjunction and falsity

**Reproduction** rule for *case reasoning*:



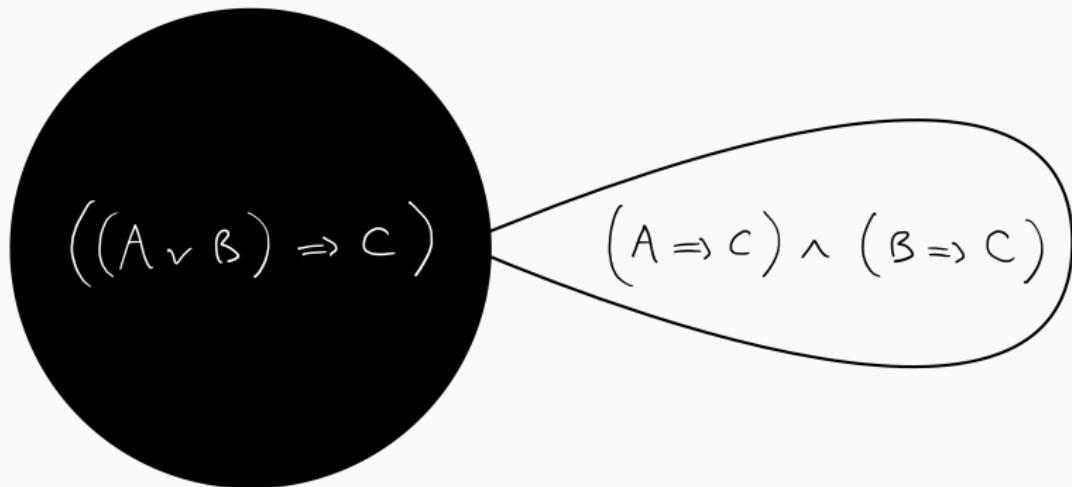
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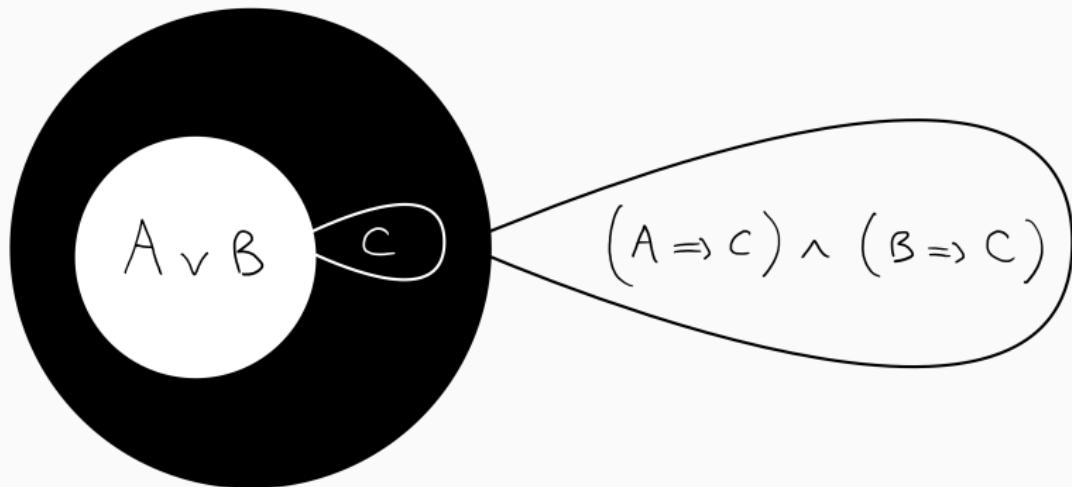
## Example: disjunction elimination

$$((A \vee B) \Rightarrow C) \Rightarrow (A \Rightarrow C) \wedge (B \Rightarrow C)$$

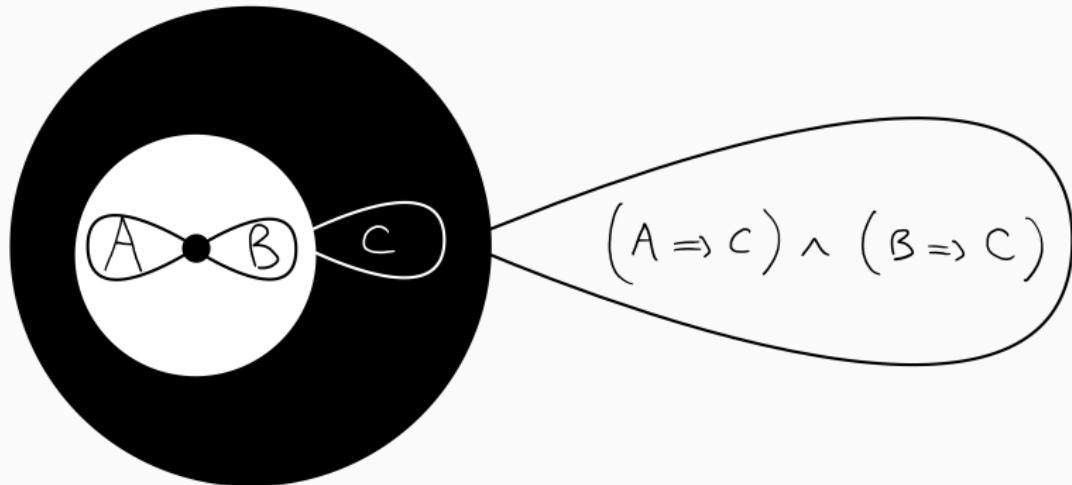
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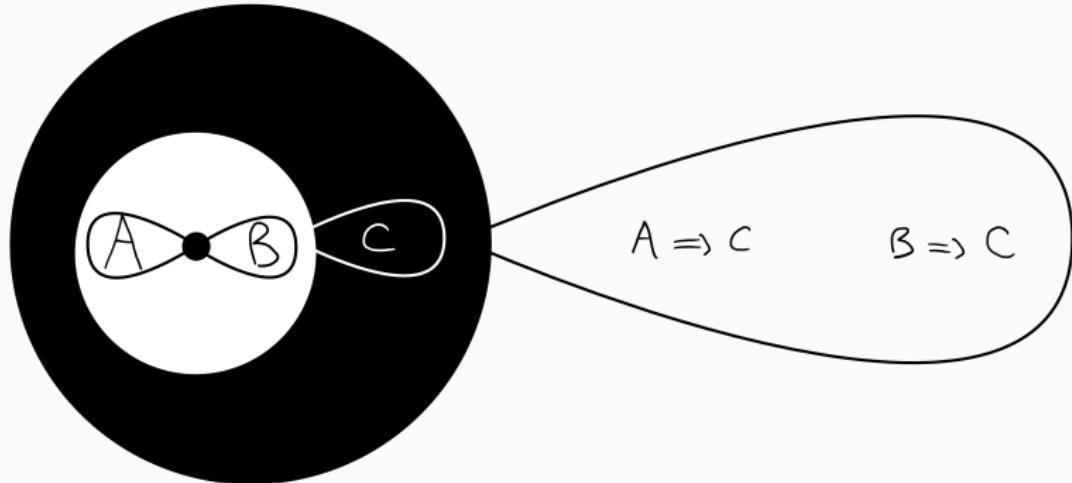
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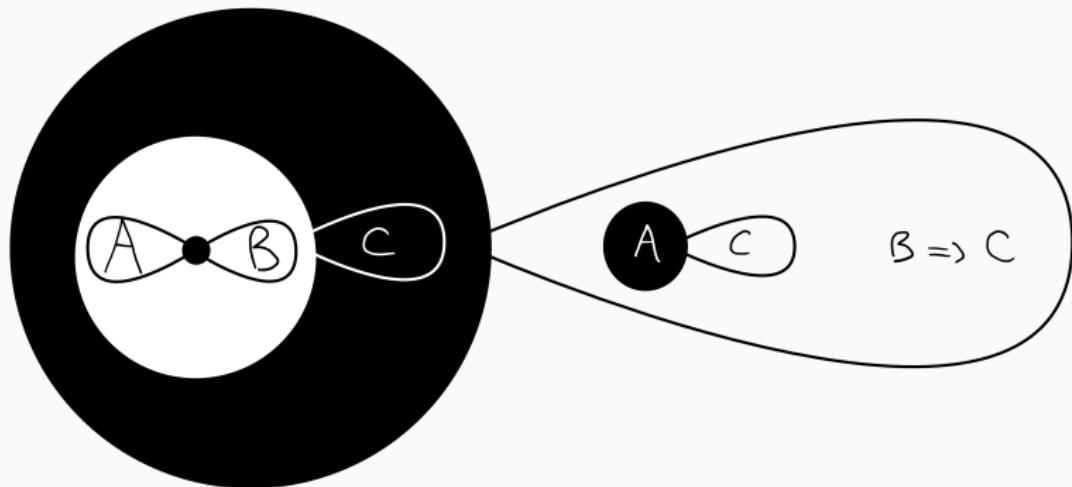
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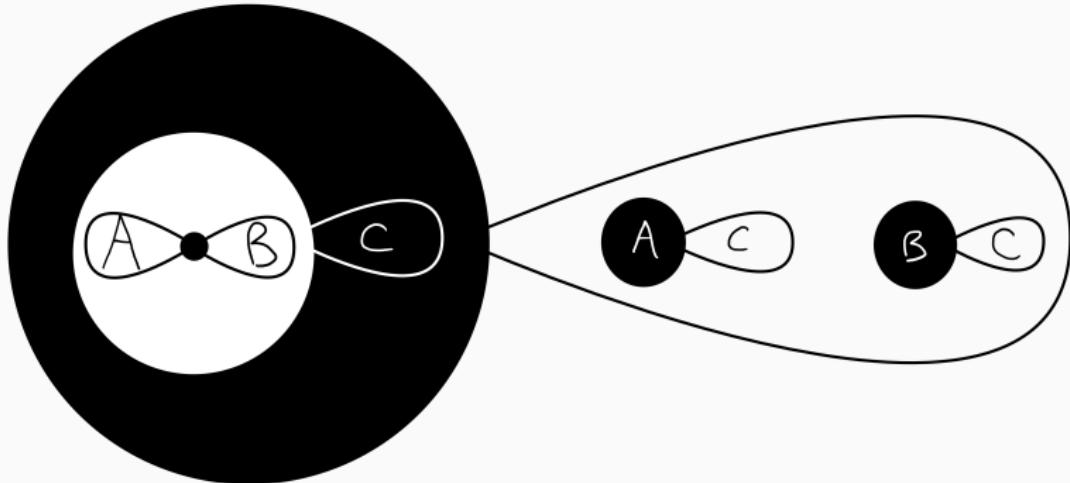
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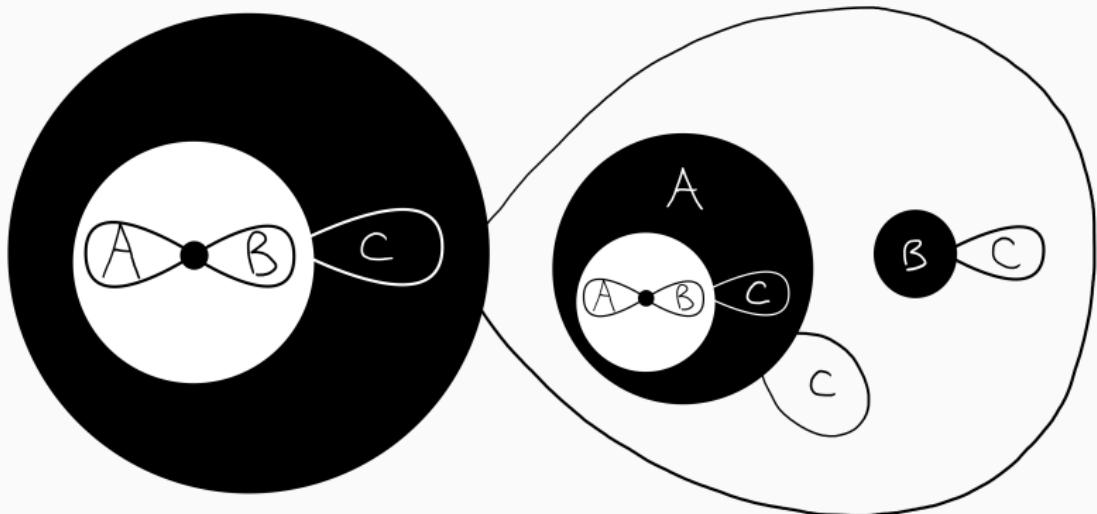
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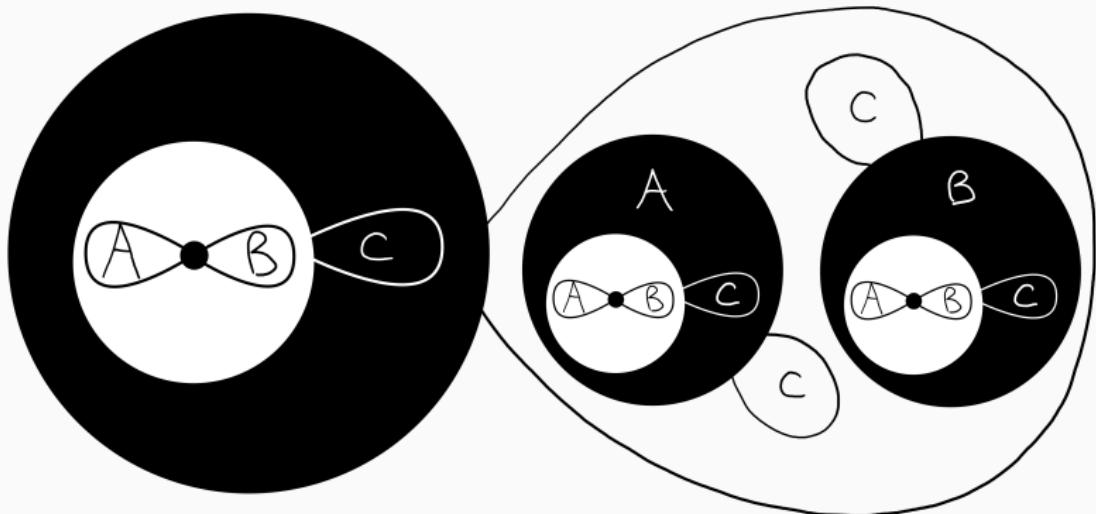
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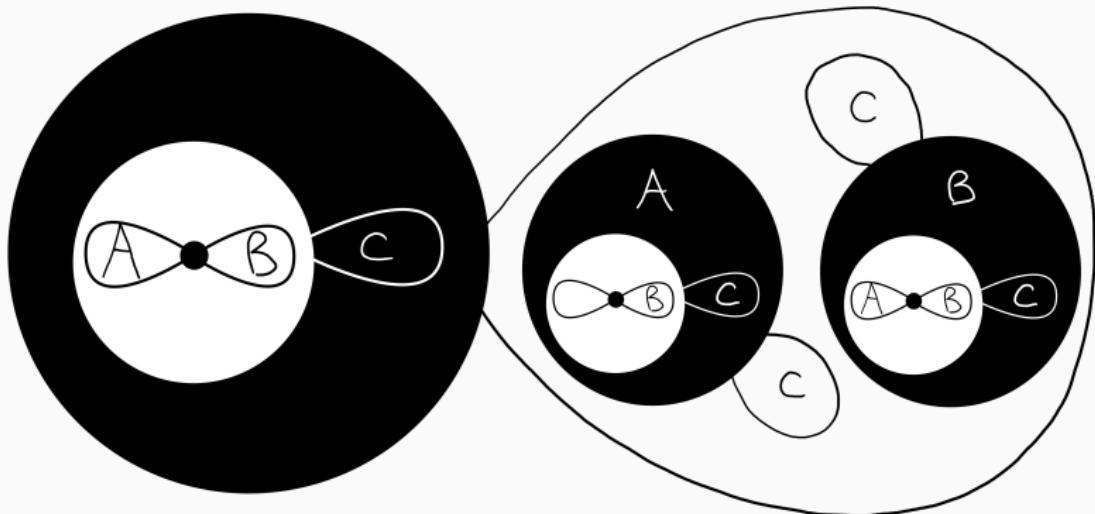
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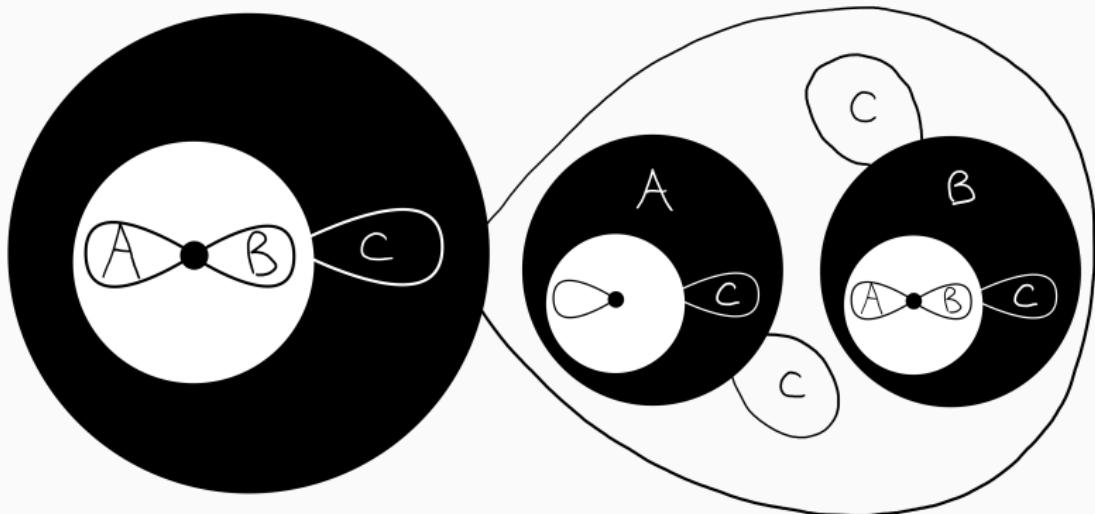
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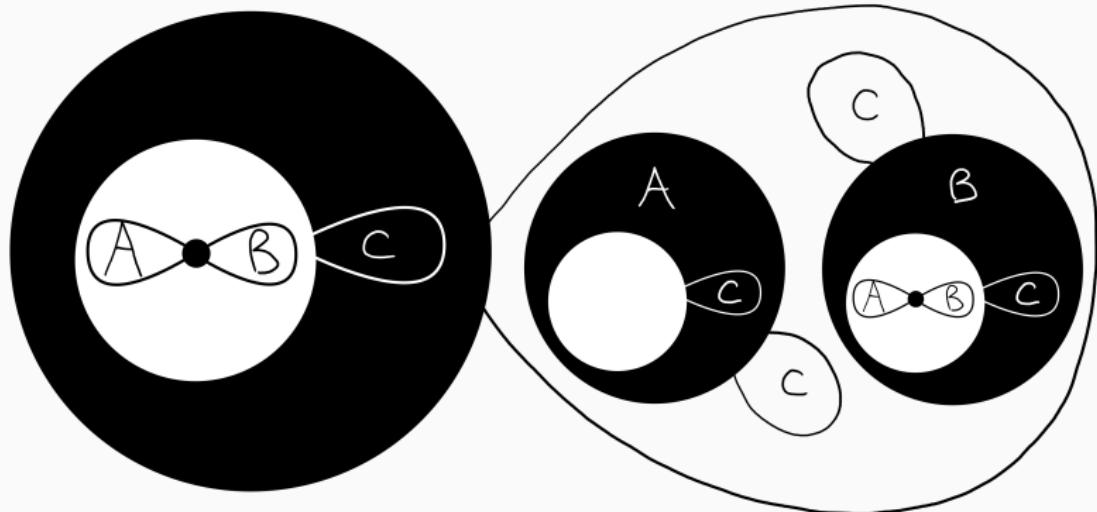
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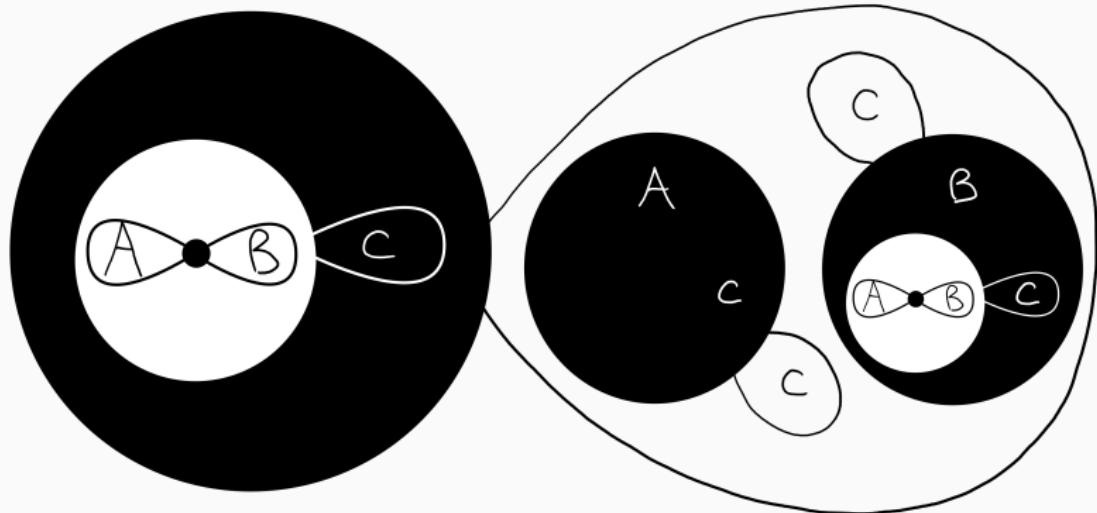
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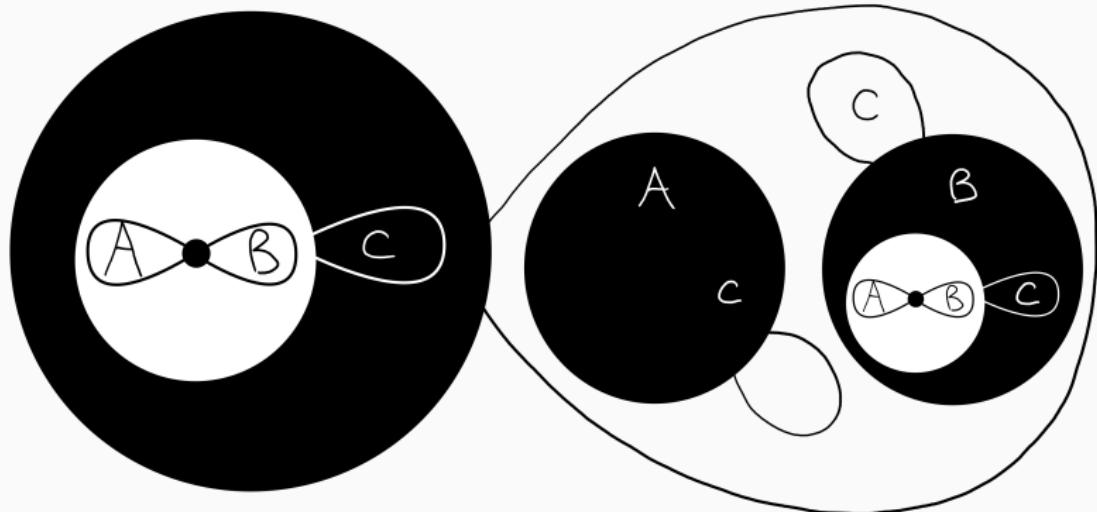
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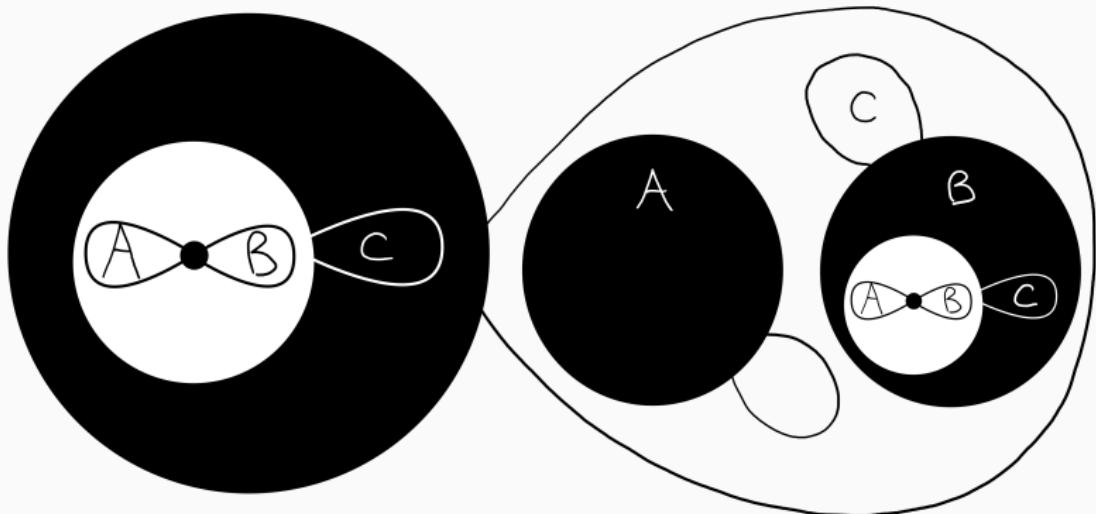
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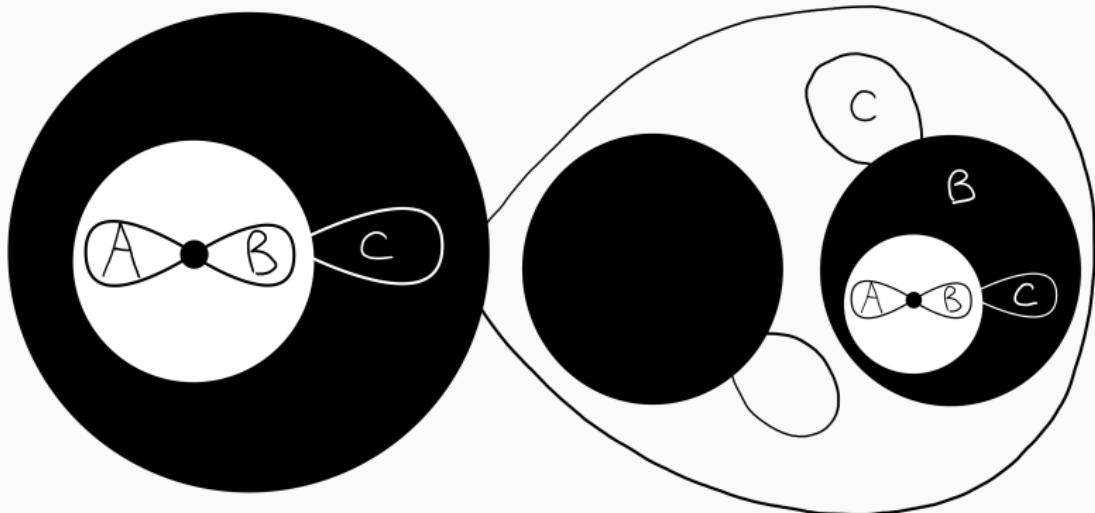
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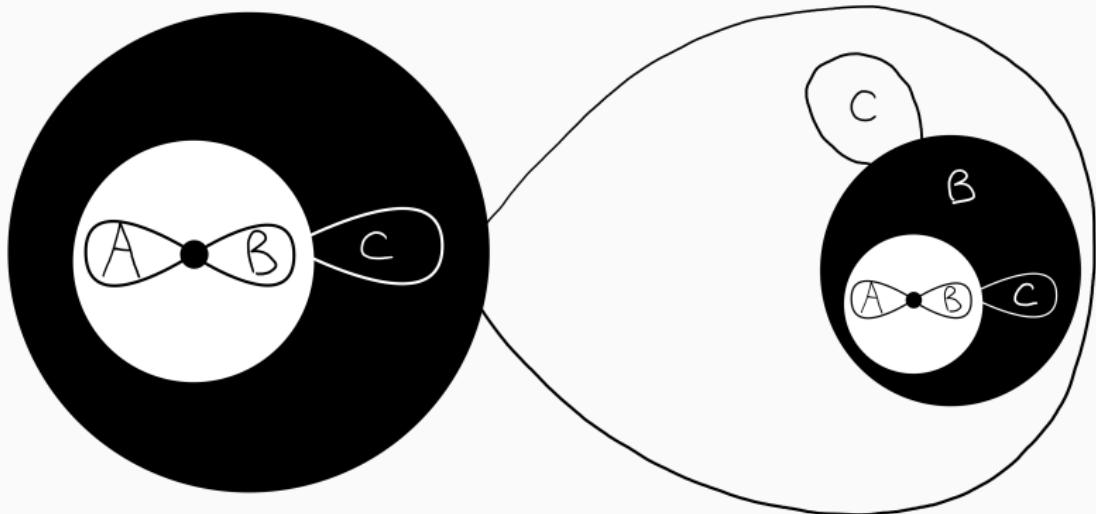
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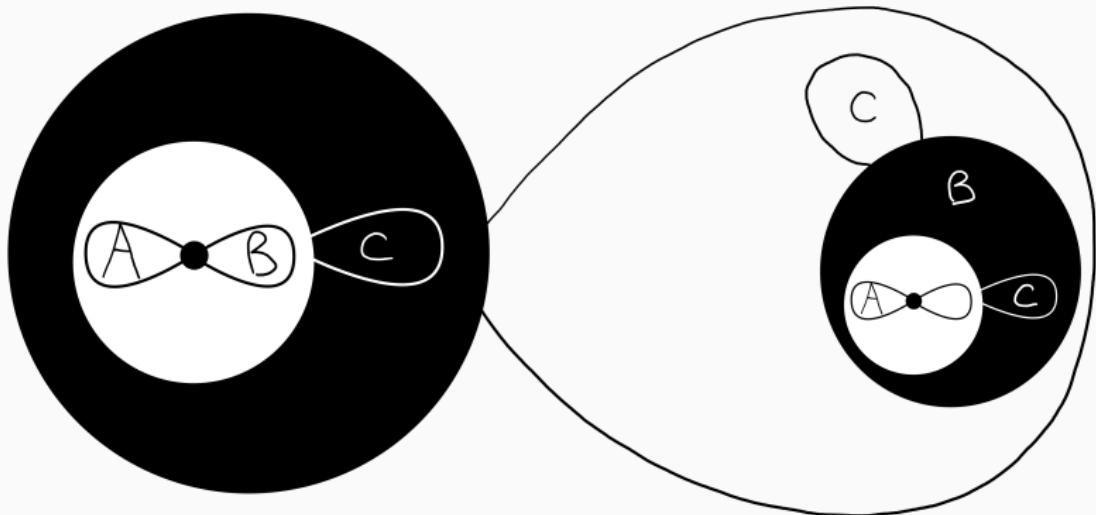
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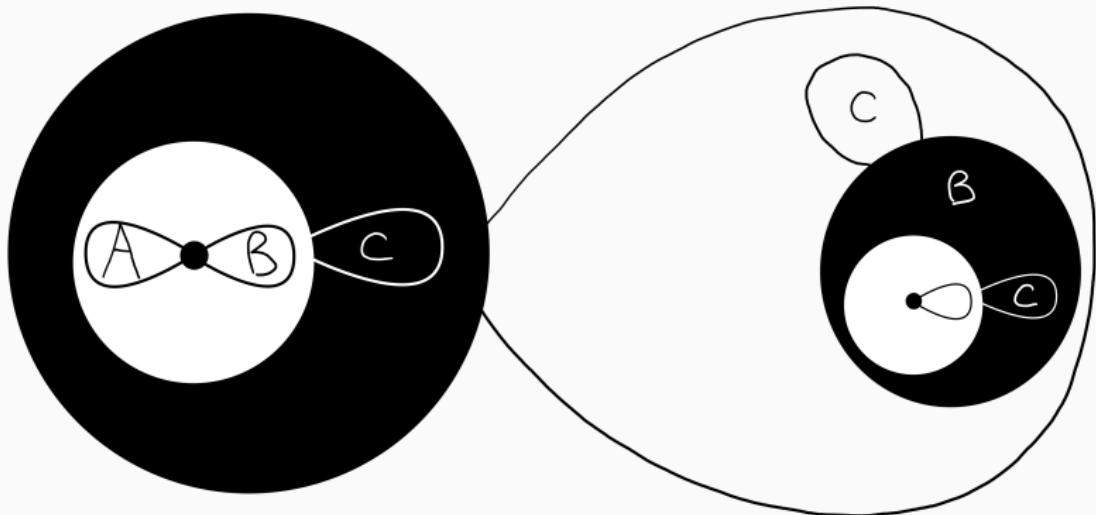
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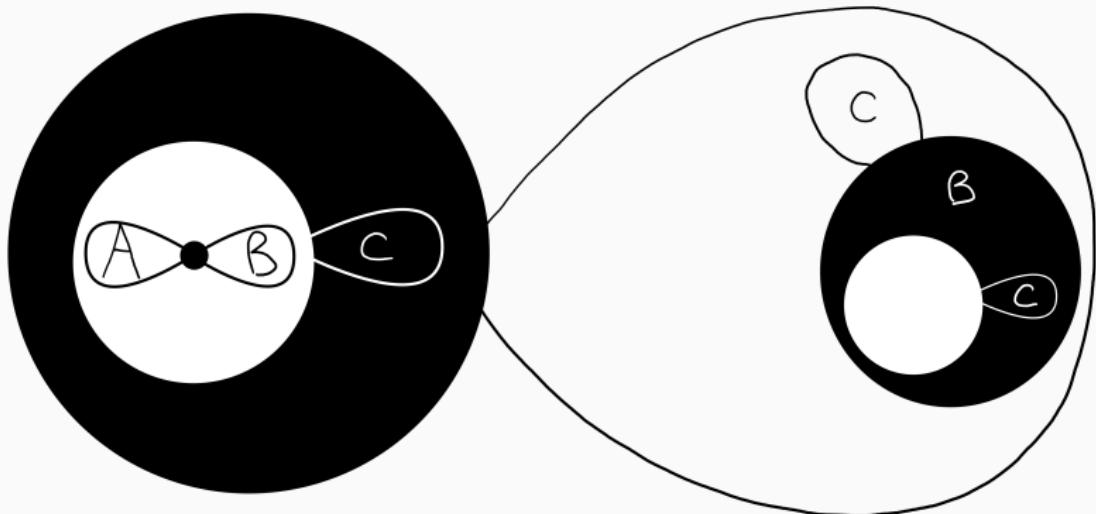
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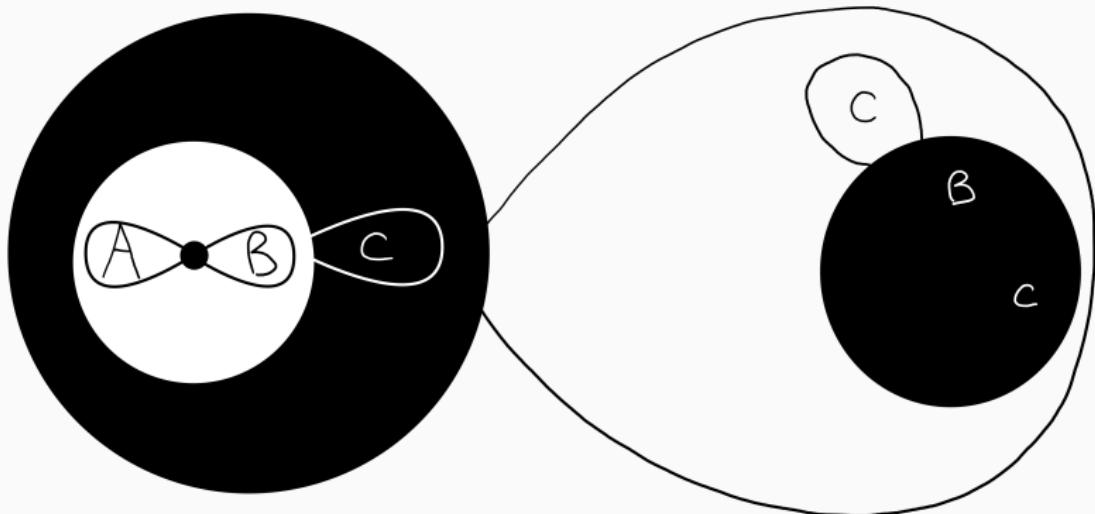
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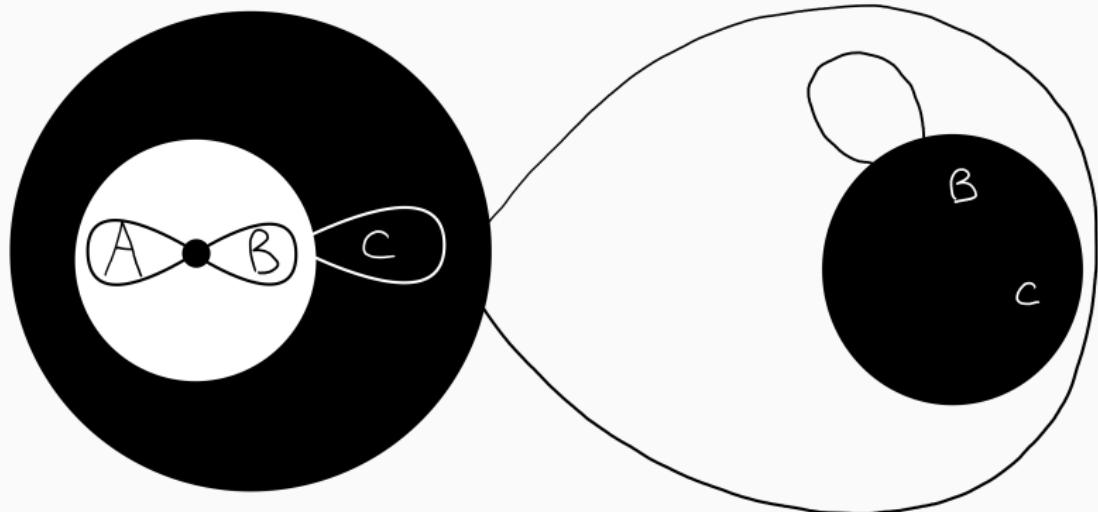
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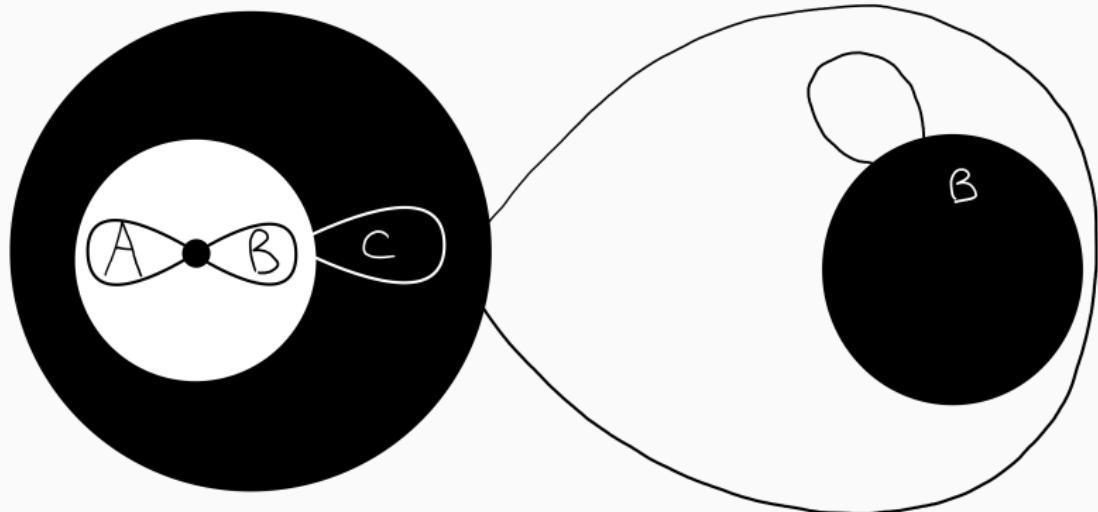
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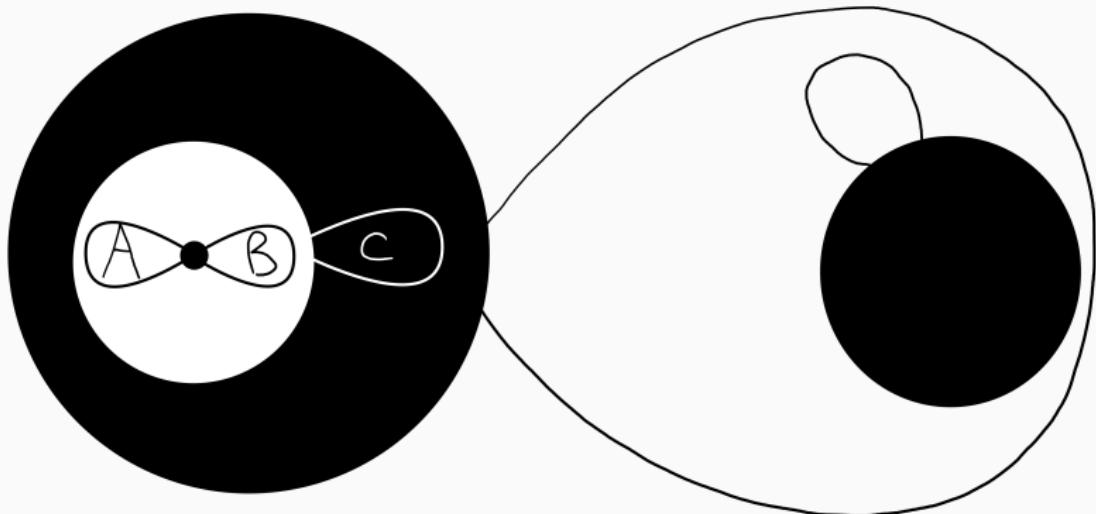
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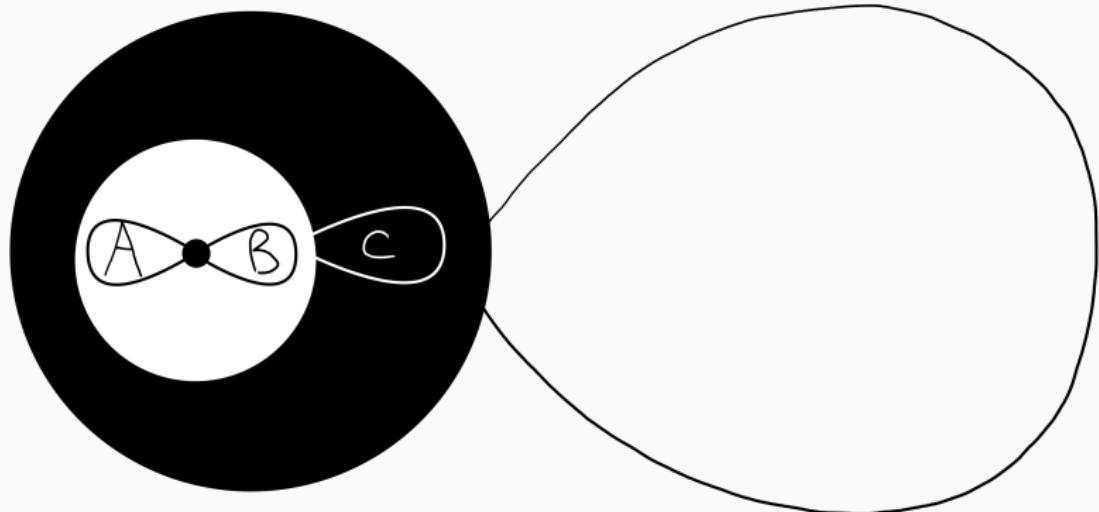
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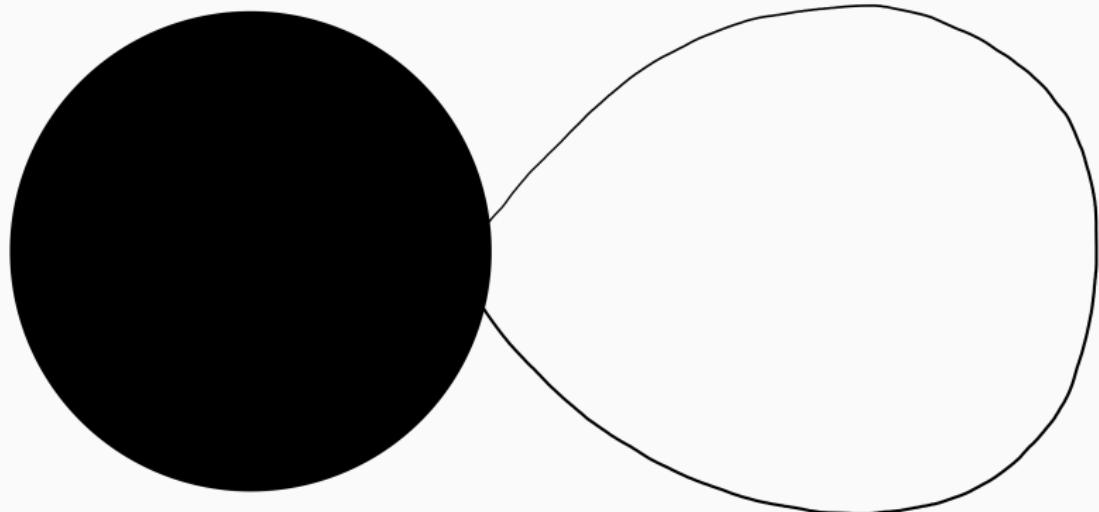
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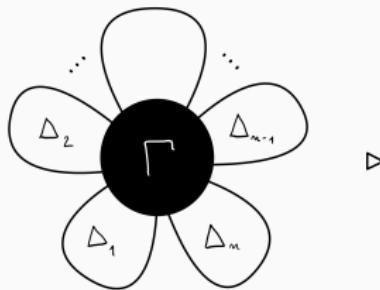
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# Full reversibility

A *fully-reversible* variant conjectured **complete**:

- Pollination + Decomposition + Reproduction
- Petal removal all at once:



Basis for a connection method-like **proof-search procedure**.

## FUTURE WORKS

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# Graphical interfaces

- Interface Actema with **Coq** (for real case studies)
- Custom (interactive?) **notations**
- **ZUI** for nested judgments (demo)

# Proof theory

- **Extensions** and variants (classical, linear, higher-order)
- Computational content/**Curry-Howard** ((Guenot, 2013), (Elliott, 2007))
- Notion of **cut**, internal cut-elimination
- Completeness and **automated proof-search** in reversible fragment

SFL, bubbles and flowers

Bubbles and flowers

Flowers

Thank you!

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