



10. Lecture

Other Proof Compression Mechanisms



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Proof compression mechanisms that we have seen so far:

- cut
- cocontraction

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Extension in Frege systems

- *Tseitin extension*:
add n fresh variables a_1, \dots, a_n and additional axioms

$$a_i \leftrightarrow A_i$$

such that for all $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$:
the variable a_i does not occur in A_1, \dots, A_i

- *extended Frege system (xFrege)*:
A Frege system with extension axioms

Extension elimination causes an exponential blow-up in the size of the proof.



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- **Exercise 10.1:** Show that extended Frege systems p-simulate Frege systems.
- It is not known whether Frege systems p-simulate extended Frege systems.
- **Exercise 10.2:** Show how extension can be eliminated and why this is exponential. (Hint: the extension variables a_i are replaced by the formulas A_i .)

Extension in deep inference (first version)

- add n fresh variables a_1, \dots, a_n and additional axioms $a_i \leftrightarrow A_i$ such that for all $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ the variable a_i does not occur in A_1, \dots, A_i
- Define *system* xSKS by changing notion of proof

$$\pi \parallel_{B}^{\text{xSKS}} = \frac{(\bar{a}_1 \vee A_1) \wedge (\bar{A}_1 \vee a_1) \wedge \dots \wedge (\bar{a}_n \vee A_n) \wedge (\bar{A}_n \vee a_n)}{\pi \parallel_{B}^{\text{SKS}}}$$

- **Theorem:**
xSKS is p-equivalent to every extended Frege system.

Observation:
The presence of
cut is crucial



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Extension in deep inference (second version)

- add n fresh variables a_1, \dots, a_n and additional axioms $a_i \leftrightarrow A_i$ such that for all $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ the variable a_i does not occur in A_1, \dots, A_i
- Define *system* eSKS adding for each extension axiom the rules

$$\text{ext}\downarrow \frac{a_i}{A_i} \quad \text{and} \quad \text{ext}\downarrow \frac{\bar{a}_i}{\bar{A}_i}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{eSKS} &= \text{SKS} + \text{ext}\downarrow \\ \text{eKS} &= \text{KS} + \text{ext}\downarrow \end{aligned}$$

Observation:
This is independ-
ent from **cut**



- **Theorem:**
eSKS and xSKS are p-equivalent.

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Extension in deep inference

- add n fresh variables a_1, \dots, a_n and additional axioms $a_i \leftrightarrow A_i$ such that for all $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ the variable a_i does not occur in A_1, \dots, A_i
- eSKS p-simulates xSKS:

$$\begin{array}{c} \parallel_{\text{ai}\downarrow} \\ (\bar{a}_1 \vee a_1) \wedge (\bar{a}_1 \vee a_1) \wedge \dots \wedge (\bar{a}_n \vee a_n) \wedge (\bar{a}_n \vee a_n) \\ \parallel_{\text{ext}\downarrow} \\ (\bar{a}_1 \vee A_1) \wedge (\bar{A}_1 \vee a_1) \wedge \dots \wedge (\bar{a}_n \vee A_n) \wedge (\bar{A}_n \vee a_n) \\ \parallel_{\text{SKS}} \\ B \end{array}$$

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- **Exercise 10.3:** Prove that theorem. (Hint: The proof is very similar to the p-equivalence of SKS and Frege systems.)
- You can also read the proof here:
 - Paola Bruscoli and Alessio Guglielmi: **"On the Proof Complexity of Deep Inference"**. *ACM ToCL* 10 (2:14) 2009

- **Exercise 10.4:** Prove the theorem. (Hint: Look at the following two slides.)
- Or at
 - Lutz Straßburger: **"Extension without Cut"**. *APAL* 163(12), 2012
 where eSKS and eKS have been introduced.

Extension in deep inference

- add n fresh variables a_1, \dots, a_n and additional axioms $a_i \leftrightarrow A_i$ such that for all $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ the variable a_i does not occur in A_1, \dots, A_i
- xSKS p-simulates eSKS:

$$\frac{\text{eSKS}}{B} \rightsquigarrow \frac{\frac{(\bar{a}_1 \vee A_1) \wedge (\bar{A}_1 \vee a_1) \wedge \dots \wedge (\bar{a}_n \vee A_n) \wedge (\bar{A}_n \vee a_n)}{\text{eSKS}}}{w \uparrow \frac{(\bar{a}_1 \vee A_1) \wedge (\bar{A}_1 \vee a_1) \wedge \dots \wedge (\bar{a}_n \vee A_n) \wedge (\bar{A}_n \vee a_n) \wedge B}{B}}$$

The instances of ext_{\downarrow} are removed as follows:

$$\text{ext}_{\downarrow} \frac{\dots \wedge (\bar{a}_i \vee A_i) \wedge \dots \wedge F\{a_i\}}{\dots \wedge (\bar{a}_i \vee A_i) \wedge \dots \wedge F\{A_i\}} \rightsquigarrow \frac{\begin{array}{c} c \uparrow \frac{\dots \wedge (\bar{a}_i \vee A_i) \wedge \dots \wedge F\{a_i\}}{\dots \wedge (\bar{a}_i \vee A_i) \wedge (\bar{a}_i \vee A_i) \wedge \dots \wedge F\{a_i\}} \\ \parallel_{\{s\}} \\ s \frac{\dots \wedge (\bar{a}_i \vee A_i) \wedge \dots \wedge F\{a_i \wedge (\bar{a}_i \vee A_i)\}}{\dots \wedge (\bar{a}_i \vee A_i) \wedge \dots \wedge F\{(a_i \wedge \bar{a}_i) \vee A_i\}} \\ ai \uparrow \frac{\dots \wedge (\bar{a}_i \vee A_i) \wedge \dots \wedge F\{A_i\}}{\dots \wedge (\bar{a}_i \vee A_i) \wedge \dots \wedge F\{A_i\}} \end{array}}{\dots \wedge (\bar{a}_i \vee A_i) \wedge \dots \wedge F\{A_i\}}$$

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Substitution in Frege systems

- $\sigma: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$ such that $\sigma(a) = a$ for almost all $a \in \mathcal{A}$
- σA is the formula obtained from A by replacing every atom occurrence a in A by $\sigma(a)$ and \bar{a} by $\sigma(\bar{a})$.
- we can add substitution to Frege systems, by adding the *substitution rule*

$$\text{sub} \frac{A}{\sigma A}$$

Then we get *Frege systems with substitution* (sFrege).

Substitution elimination causes an exponential blow-up in the size of the proof.



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- **Exercise 10.5:** Show that Frege systems with substitution p-simulate Frege systems.
- It is not known whether Frege systems p-simulate Frege systems with substitution.
- **Exercise 10.6:** Show how substitution can be eliminated and why this is exponential.

Substitution in deep inference

- $\sigma: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$ such that $\sigma(a) = a$ for almost all $a \in \mathcal{A}$
- σA is the formula obtained from A by replacing every atom occurrence a in A by $\sigma(a)$ and \bar{a} by $\sigma(\bar{a})$.
- we can add substitution to a deep inference system, by adding the *substitution rule*

$$\text{sub}_{\downarrow} \frac{A}{\sigma A}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{sSKS} &= \text{SKS} + \text{sub}_{\downarrow} \\ \text{sKS} &= \text{KS} + \text{sub}_{\downarrow} \end{aligned}$$

- **Theorem:** sSKS and sFrege are p-equivalent.

Observation 1:
This is independent from cut



Observation 2:
Substitution is not local.



- “Not local” means that the rule cannot be applied locally, i.e., it has to be applied to the whole formula.
- **Exercise 10.7:** Prove that theorem. (Hint: The proof is very similar to the p-equivalence of SKS and Frege systems.)
- You can also read the proof here:
 - Paola Bruscoli and Alessio Guglielmi: “On the Proof Complexity of Deep Inference”. *ACM ToCL* 10 (2:14) 2009

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From Extension to Substitution

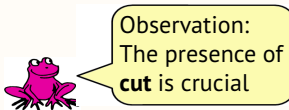
Theorem: sSKS p-simulates xSKS.

Proof: From an xSKS proof of B :

$$\frac{(\bar{a}_1 \vee A_1) \wedge (\bar{A}_1 \vee a_1) \wedge \dots \wedge (\bar{a}_n \vee A_n) \wedge (\bar{A}_n \vee a_n)}{\pi \parallel_{\text{SKS}} B}$$

to an sSKS proof of B :

$$\frac{\text{i}\downarrow \frac{\text{sub}\downarrow \frac{(a_1 \wedge \bar{A}_1) \vee (\bar{a}_1 \wedge A_1)}{\text{i}\uparrow \frac{A_1 \wedge \bar{A}_1}{\perp} \vee \text{i}\uparrow \frac{\bar{A}_1 \wedge A_1}{\perp}}{\vdots} \vee \dots \vee \text{sub}\downarrow \frac{(a_n \wedge \bar{A}_n) \vee (\bar{a}_n \wedge A_n)}{\text{i}\uparrow \frac{A_n \wedge \bar{A}_n}{\perp} \vee \text{i}\uparrow \frac{\bar{A}_n \wedge A_n}{\perp}}{\vdots} \vee \frac{(\bar{a}_1 \vee A_1) \wedge (\bar{A}_1 \vee a_1) \wedge \dots \wedge (\bar{a}_n \vee A_n) \wedge (\bar{A}_n \vee a_n)}{\pi \parallel_{\text{SKS}} B}}{\equiv B}$$



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- This proof is a simplification of the one presented in
 - Paola Bruscoli and Alessio Guglielmi: **“On the Proof Complexity of Deep Inference”**. *ACM ToCL* 10 (2:14) 2009
- **Exercise 10.8:** Show that it follows that sFrege p-simulates xFrege.
- This has been first show in
 - Stephen A. Cook and Robert A. Reckhow: **“The Relative Efficiency of Propositional Proof Systems”**. *The Journal of Symbolic Logic* 44(1), 1979
 long before deep inference.
- **Exercise 10.9:** Look at that proof. Which one do you find simpler? the original proof by Cook and Reckhow, or the one via deep inference? Or do you think they are both the same proof?

From Substitution to Extension

Theorem: eSKS p-simulates sSKS.

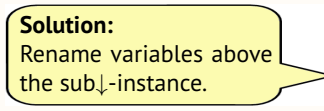
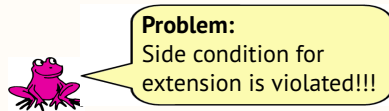
Proof:

Idea: replace one substitution by many extensions

$$\frac{\dots \text{sub}\downarrow \frac{a \vee (b \wedge c) \vee \bar{a}}{(a \wedge c) \vee (b \wedge (a \vee c)) \vee \bar{a} \vee \bar{c}} \dots}{\pi \parallel} \rightsquigarrow \dots \text{ext}\downarrow \frac{a}{a \wedge c} \vee (b \wedge \text{ext}\downarrow \frac{c}{a \vee c}) \vee \text{ext}\downarrow \frac{\bar{a}}{\bar{a} \vee \bar{c}} \dots$$

$$\sigma = \{a \mapsto a \wedge c, c \mapsto a \vee c\}$$

$$a \leftrightarrow a \wedge c, c \leftrightarrow a \vee c$$



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- This proof has first been shown in
 - Lutz Straßburger: **“Extension without Cut”**. *APAL* 163(12), 2012
- **Exercise 10.10:** Show that it follows that xFrege p-simulates sFrege.
- This has been first show in
 - Jan Krajíček and Pavel Pudlák: **“Propositional Proof Systems, the Consistency of First Order Theories and the Complexity of Computations”**. *JSL* 54(2), 1989
 (it was an open problem for 10 years)
- **Exercise 10.11:** Look at that proof. Which one do you find simpler? the original proof by Krajíček and Pudlák, or the one via deep inference? Or do you think they are both the same proof?

From Substitution to Extension (and back)

Theorem: eKS p-simulates sKS.

Proof:

The previous proof does not use cuts.

Theorem: sKS p-simulates eKS.

Proof:

We need some clever book-keeping and variable renaming to ensure that the condition on the extension variables is satisfied.

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That sKS p-simulates eKS has been shown in

- Novak Novakovic and Lutz Straßburger: **“On the Power of Substitution in the Calculus of Structures”**. *ACM Trans. Comput. Log.* 16(3), 2015

