

# PROOF AS PROCESS

Generalized

Henkin Quantifiers

and

linear logic

# HINTIKKA GAMES

Recall the game theoretic semantics  
for classical logic

We                  Us                   $\exists$                    $\vee$                   (Eloise)  
play against

They              Them               $\forall$                $\wedge$               (Abelard)

(assume negation only applied to atomics)

A formula  $\phi \equiv \forall x \exists y \forall w \exists z \dots$

is valid if and only if we win the  
obvious corresponding game.

A strategy for Us is a suitable  
collection of Skolem functions.

[Maybe this does not say much]

# THE NOVIKOV CALCULUS

(an analysis of classical validity)

- $\top, \perp$  are formulae.
- If  $\phi_i$  formulae then  $\prod_i \phi_i + \sum_i \phi_i$  are formulae.

Assume like quantifiers merge.

Definition of validity

- $\top$  is valid
- $\prod_i \phi_i$  is valid if and only if  $\phi_i$  is valid for all  $i$
- $\sum_i \phi_i$  is valid if and only if either some  $\phi_{i_0}$  is  $\top$   
or some  $\phi_{i_0}$  is  $\prod_j \phi_{i_0j}$  and for all  $j$   $\phi_{i_0j} \vee \sum_i \phi_i$  is valid

Classical validity is the smallest set satisfying these closure conditions.

# CONSTRUCTIVE CONTENT AS A STRATEGY

An intuition of Coquand:-

Let  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  be any function and consider the classically valid

$$\forall n \exists m \geq n \forall k \geq m f(m) \leq f(k).$$

A proof procedure for this in the Novikov calculus suggests the following strategy.

They give us an  $n$ . We return  $m_0 = n$ . They give us a  $k_0 \geq m_0$ . If  $f(m_0) \leq f(k_0)$ , we win; else  $f(k_0) < f(m_0)$  and we return  $m_1 = k_0$ . They give us a  $k_1 \geq m_1$ , etc.

AIM


- What is this a strategy for? (Looks like linear logic.)
- In what sense is it the constructive content of a classical proof?



# BLASS : DEGREES OF GAMES

(Fund. Math. 1972)

Games as usual in descriptive set theory etc. Blass defined a  $\otimes$ ,  $\wp$  and so a degree ordering

$A \vdash B$  iff We win  $A \rightarrow B = A^\perp \wp B$   


Essentially linear logic but from point of view of provability only.

# BLASS'S LINEAR STRUCTURE

$( )^+$  is easy (swap the players)  
and  $\otimes$  defined by duality

$$A \otimes B = (A^+ \otimes B^+)^+$$

no enough to define  $A \otimes B$

INTUITION Generally we play  
the games in parallel; but we  
set things up so that they can  
swap between games while we  
cannot.

Work to do as

- They may start  $\Pi$
- We may start  $\Sigma$

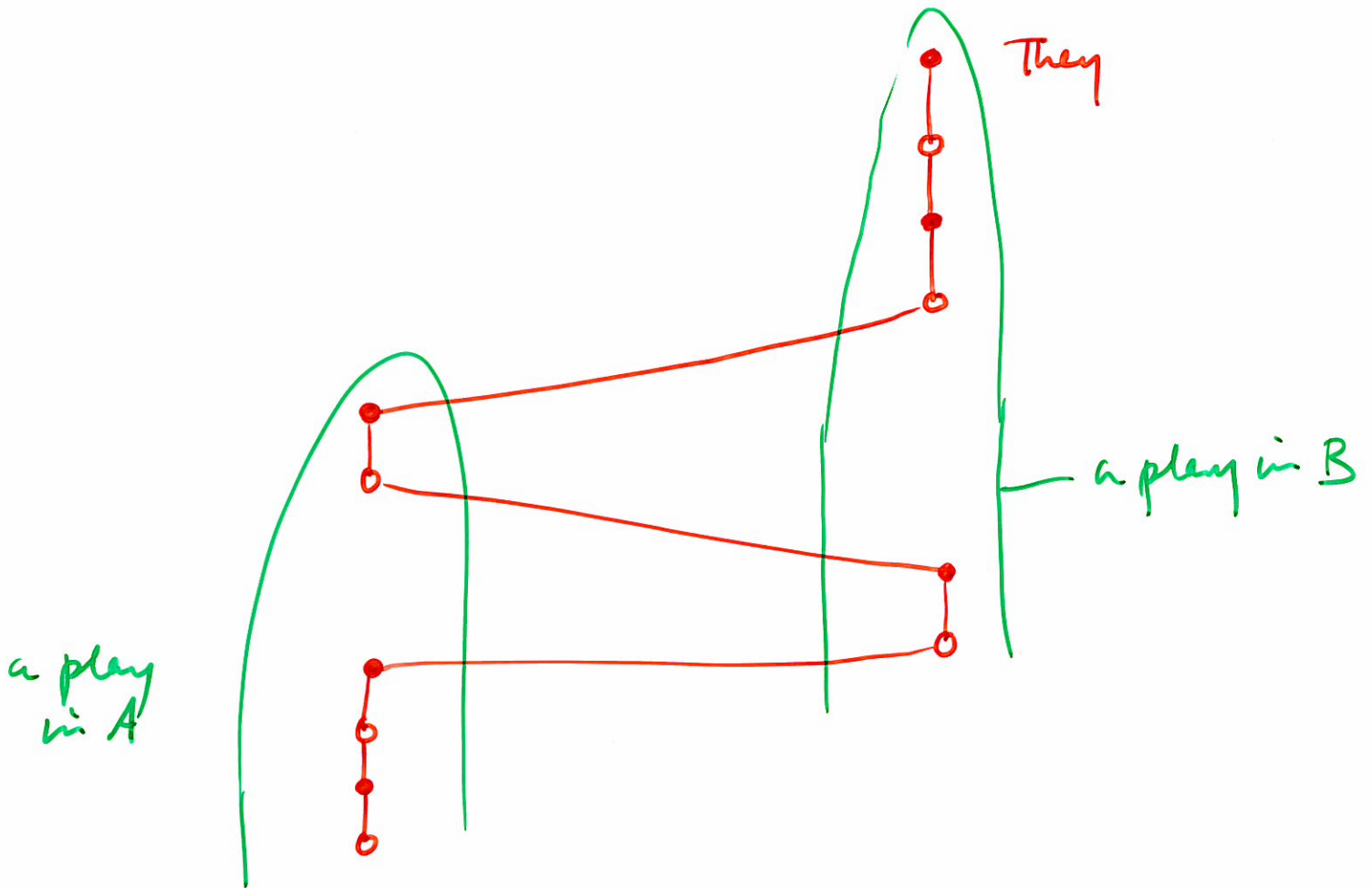
$A \otimes B$

$(\pi, \pi)$  case

A play :

A

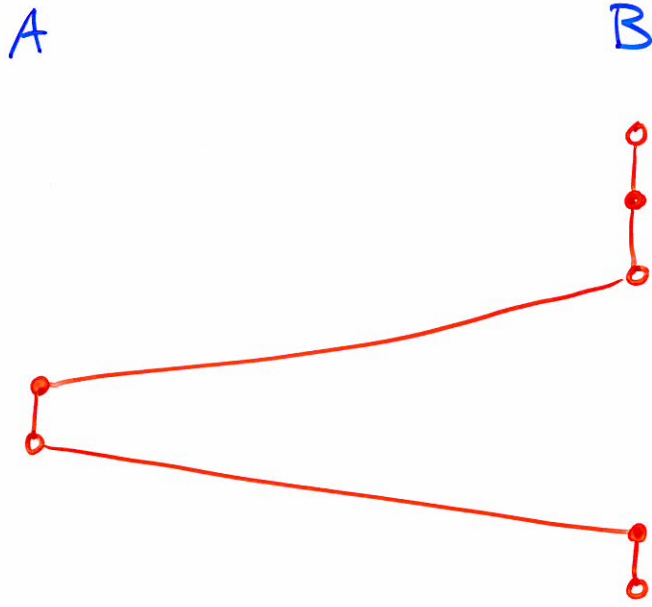
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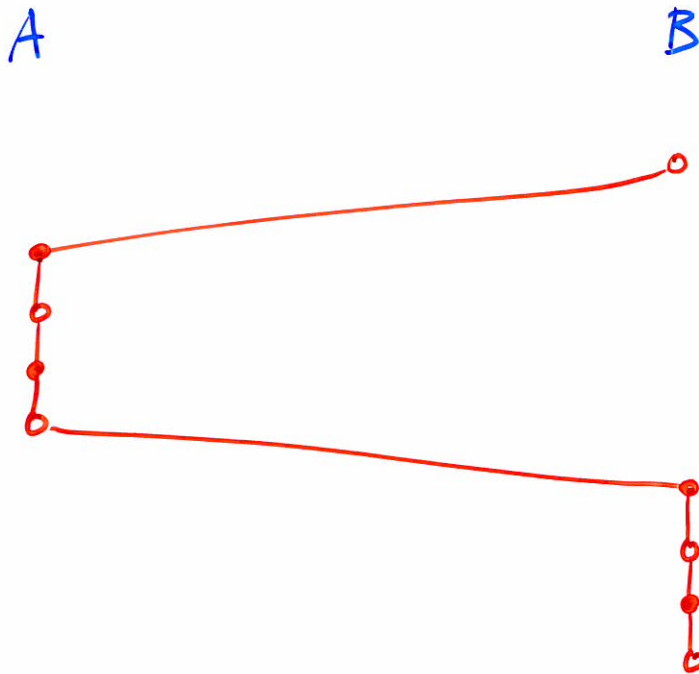
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$(\Pi, \Sigma)$  case

A play:



Another play:

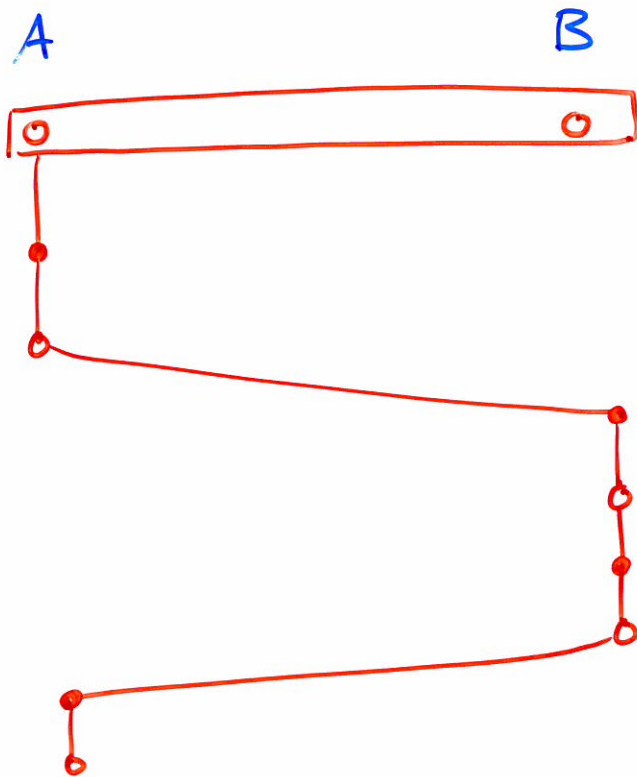




# A ⊗ B

(Σ, Σ) case

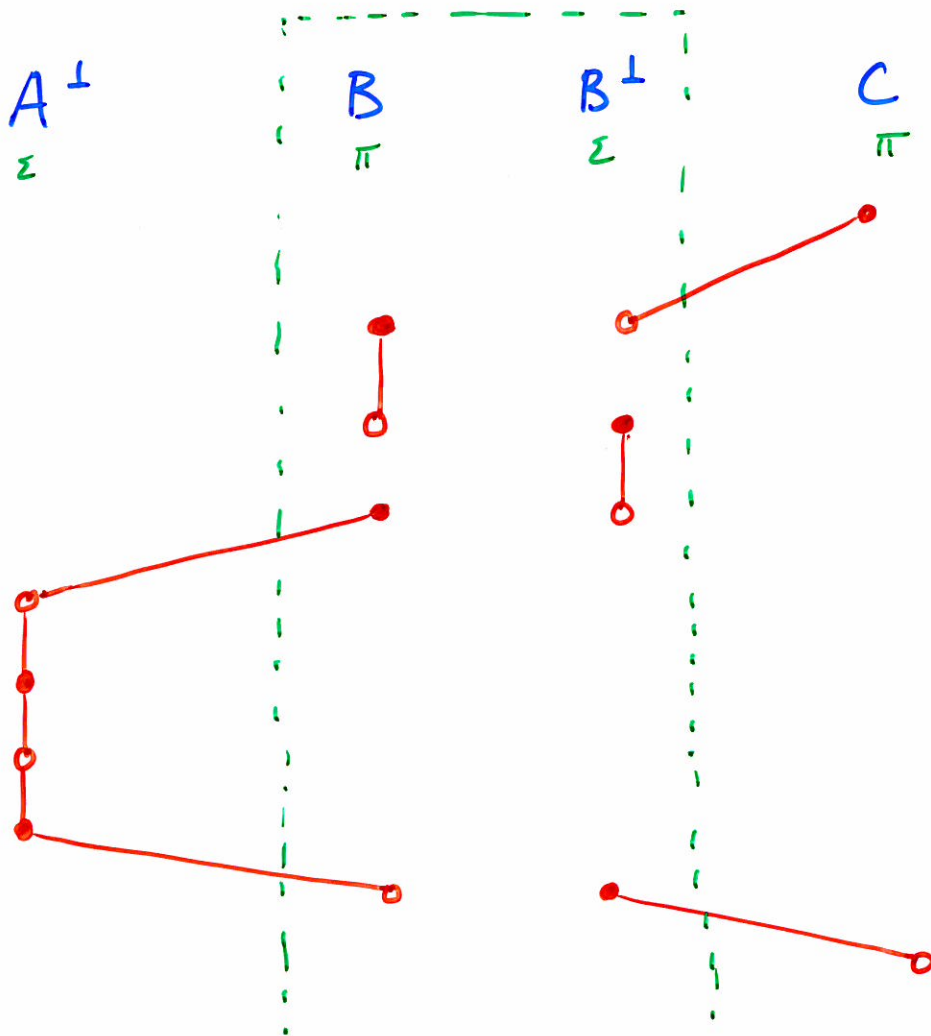
Aplay:-



two moves  
played  
simultaneously

# COMPOSITION

Case  $\Pi \rightarrow \Pi \rightarrow \Pi$



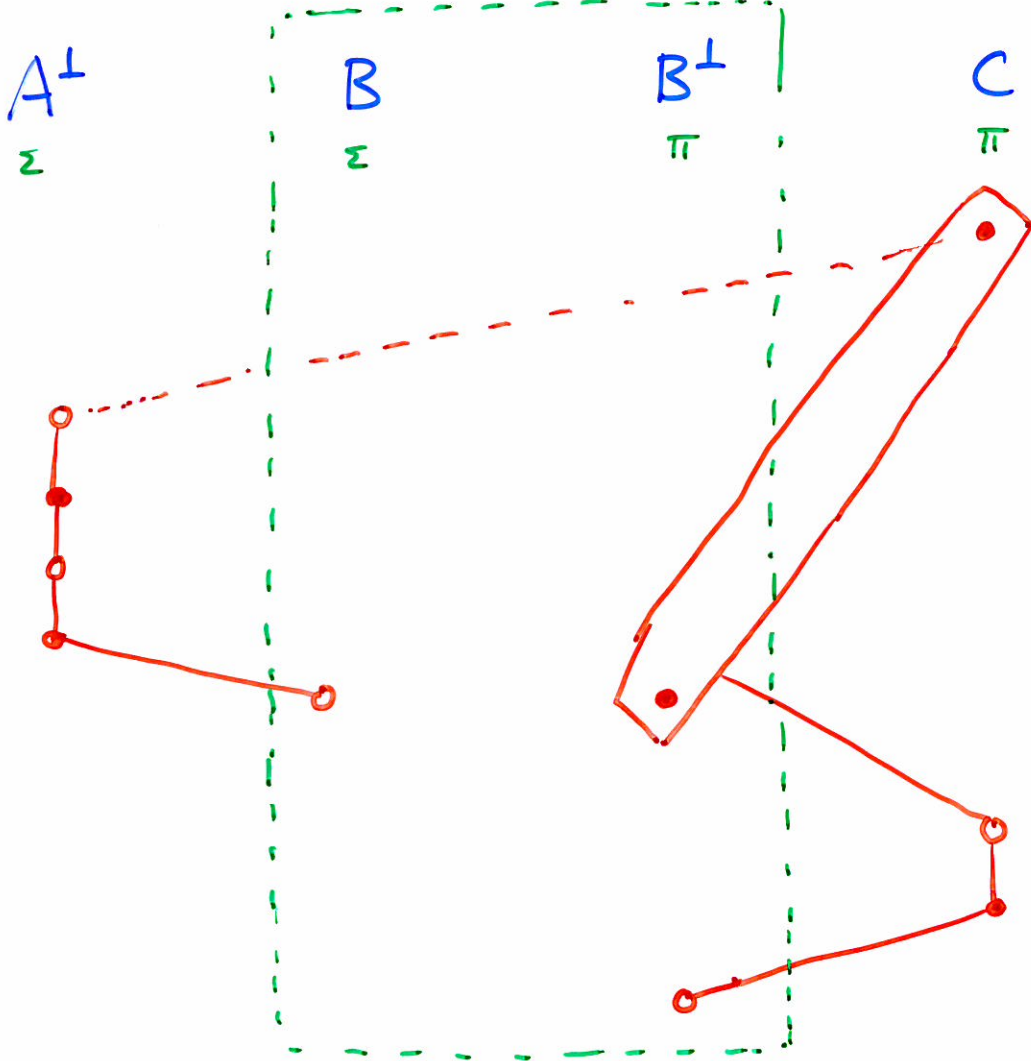
Case  $\Pi \rightarrow \Pi \rightarrow \Sigma$

Not substantially different

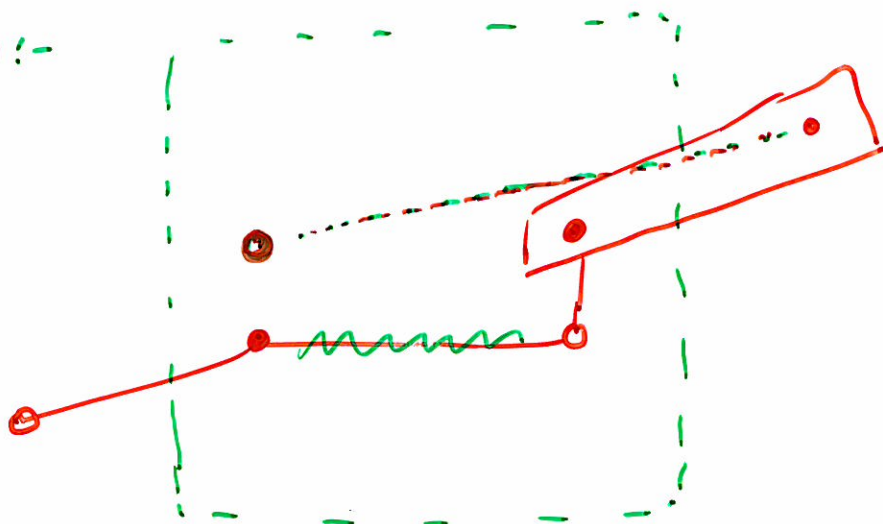
# COMPOSITION

Case  $\Pi \rightarrow \Sigma \rightarrow \Pi$

A play:-

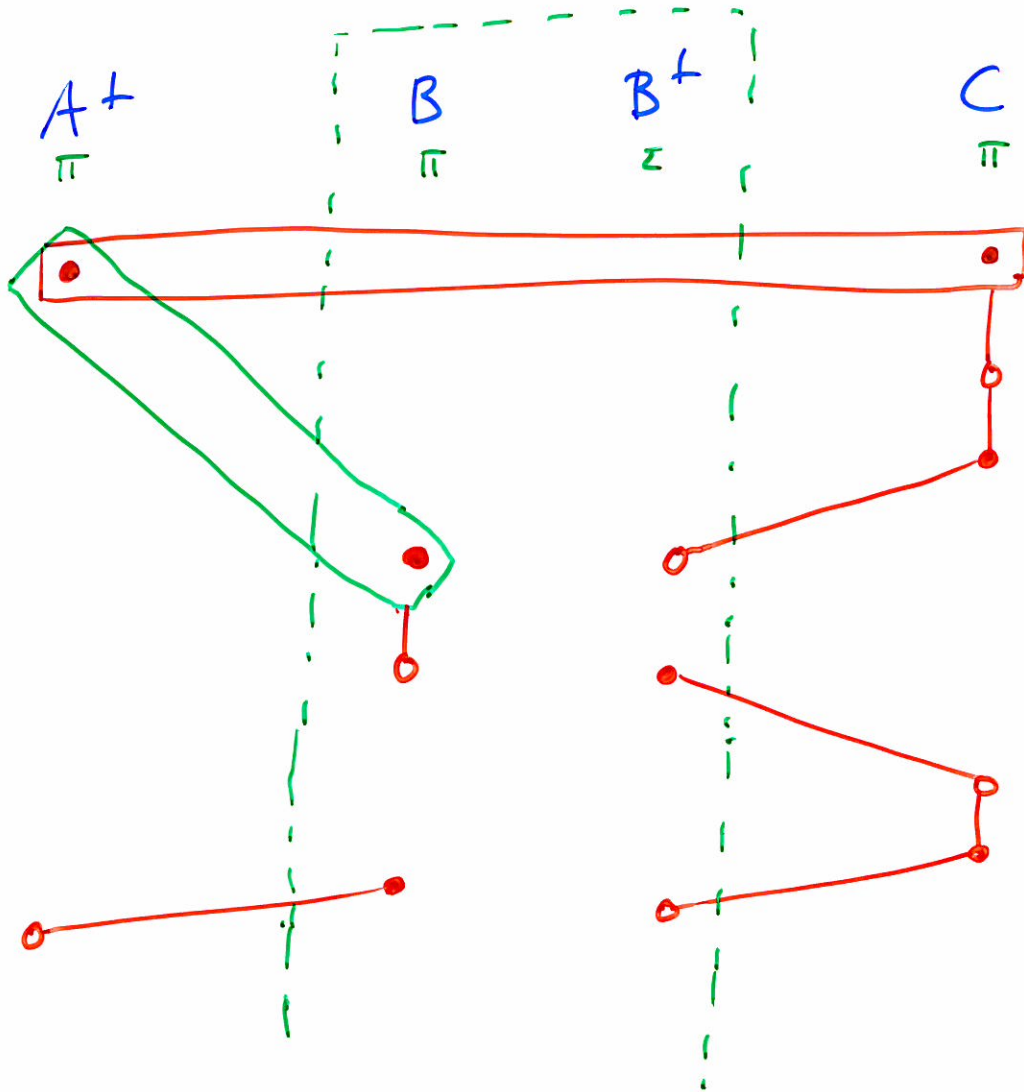


Another play:-



# COMPOSITION

Case  $\Sigma \rightarrow \Pi \rightarrow \Pi$



# A COMPOSITIONAL NOTION OF PROOF?

AIM A proof  $\sigma$  of  $B$  from  $A$   
is a strategy (in standard sense)  
for us in

$$A \multimap B = A^+ \wp B$$

We need to compose such

$$\frac{A \xrightarrow{\sigma} B \quad B \xrightarrow{\tau} C}{A \xrightarrow{\sigma \circ \tau} C}$$

## Cases

$$\Pi \rightarrow \Pi \rightarrow \Pi \quad (\Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma)$$

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# THE CATEGORY OF $\Pi$ -GAMES

Restricting above to  $\Pi$ -games we get a category.

- It is
- symmetric monoidal closed
  - has a good 'exponential comonad'
  - has products

and so gives a model of ILL (Intuitionistic Linear Logic).

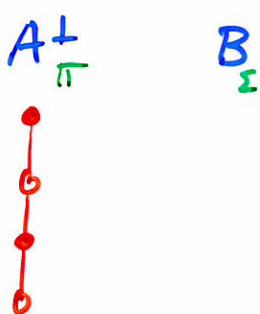
Via duality this gives rise to model of classical linear logic without good additives.

(Analogous models much studied.)

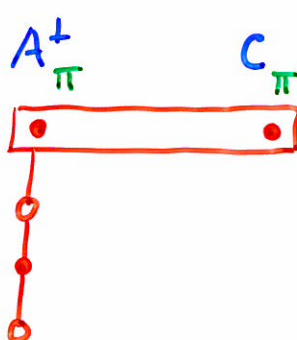
# FAILURE OF ASSOCIATIVITY

Consider  $A \xrightarrow{\sigma} B$   $B \xrightarrow{\tau} C$   $C \xrightarrow{\rho} D$   
 $\Sigma$   $\Sigma$   $\Sigma$   $\Pi$   $\Pi$   $\Pi$   $\Pi$

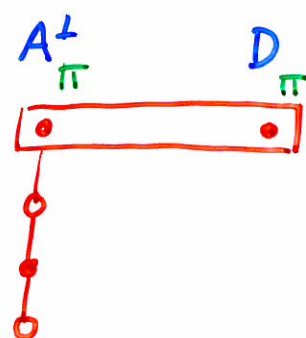
Suppose  $\sigma$  starts



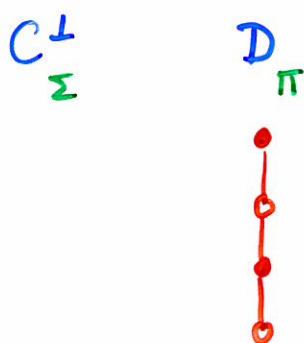
then  $\sigma; \tau$  starts



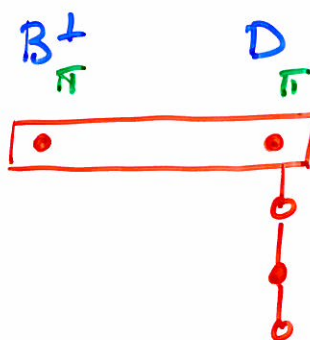
and so  $(\sigma; \tau); \rho$  starts



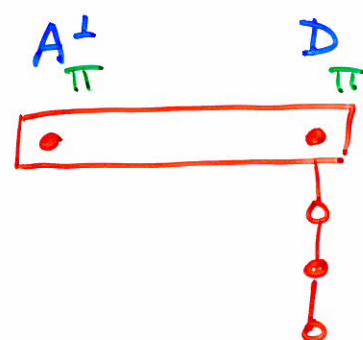
Suppose  $\rho$  starts



then  $\tau; \rho$  starts



and so  $\sigma; (\tau; \rho)$  starts



Hence whatever  $\tau$  may be

$$(\sigma; \tau); \rho \neq \sigma; (\tau; \rho)$$

# FREE BICOMPLETIONS OF (LOCALLY) SMALL CATEGORIES

(Joyal 1995) Suppose  $\mathcal{C}$  is a  
(locally) small category. Then there  
exists a locally small bicomplete  
(= complete and cocomplete) category  
 $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{C})$  and an embedding  $\mathcal{C} \xrightarrow{E} \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{C})$   
such that for any map  $\mathcal{C} \xrightarrow{F} \mathcal{D}$   
of categories with  $\mathcal{D}$  bicomplete  
there is a unique (up to natural  
isomorphism)  $\bar{F} : \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{C}) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$   
such that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{C} & \xrightarrow{E} & \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{C}) \\ & \searrow F & \swarrow \bar{F} \\ & \mathcal{D} & \end{array}$$

commutes (up to natural isomorphism).  
(cf. old theory of free lattices).



# FREE BICOMPLETIONS

## AND $*$ -AUTONOMOUS CATEGORIES

(Joyal 1995) If  $\mathcal{C}$  is a  $*$ -autonomous category, then so is the free bicompletion  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{C})$ , and the embedding  $\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{C})$  preserves  $*$ -autonomous structure.

AIM As  $\mathcal{2} = \{0 \rightarrow 1\}$ , the two element Boolean Algebra is  $*$ -autonomous,  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{2})$  is  $*$ -autonomous. Wish to describe a suitable subcategory as a basis for a 'coherent' compositional account of constructive content of classical logic.

# CONSTRUCTION OF FREE BICOMPLETION

(first steps of construction over the ordinals)

- Start with  $\mathcal{C}_0 = \mathcal{C}$
- First add colimits say.

let  $\mathcal{C}_1$  consist of formal colimits

$$\sum_i X_i \quad (X_i \in \mathcal{C}_0)$$

non-standard symbol  
for arbitrary colimit

$$\text{let } \mathcal{C}_1(\sum_i X_i, \sum_j Y_j) = \prod_i \sum_j \mathcal{C}_0(X_i, Y_j)$$

So  $\mathcal{C}_1$  is the free ~~to~~ bicompletion  
of  $\mathcal{C}$ .



# CONSTRUCTION (Defn of $\mathcal{C}_2$ )

- Next add limits (taking care)

let  $\mathcal{C}_2$  consist of formal limits of objects of  $\mathcal{C}_1$ , so

$$\prod_i \sum_j X_{ij} \quad X_{ij} \in \mathcal{C}$$

Now  $\mathcal{C}_2(\prod_i \sum_j X_{ij}, \prod_k \sum_e Y_{ke})$

$$= \prod_k \mathcal{C}_2(\prod_i \sum_j X_{ij}, \sum_e Y_{ke})$$

Idea: only maps which must exist  $\prod_i A_i \rightarrow \sum_e B_e$   
 are  $\prod_i A_i \rightarrow A_{i_0} \rightarrow \sum_e B_e$   
 or  $\prod_i A_i \rightarrow B_{e_0} \rightarrow \sum_e B_e$  } + some maps have both forms.

So for  $\prod_i \sum_j$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \sum_{i,e} \mathcal{C}_2(\sum_j X_{ij}, Y_{ke}) & \longrightarrow & \sum_e \mathcal{C}_2(\prod_i \sum_j X_{ij}, Y_{ke}) \\ \sum_{i,e} \prod_j \mathcal{C}_0(X_{ij}, Y_{ke}) & & \sum_{i,e} \prod_j \mathcal{C}_0(X_{ij}, Y_{ke}) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \sum_i \mathcal{C}_2(\sum_j X_{ij}, \sum_e Y_{ke}) & \xrightarrow{\text{p.o.}} & \prod_k \sum_e \mathcal{C}_2(\prod_i \sum_j X_{ij}, Y_{ke}) \\ \sum_i \prod_j \sum_e \mathcal{C}_0(X_{ij}, Y_{ke}) & & \end{array}$$

$$\boxed{\text{So } \mathcal{C}_2(\prod_i \sum_j X_{ij}, \prod_k \sum_e Y_{ke}) = \prod_k \sum_i \prod_j \sum_e \mathcal{C}_0(X_{ij}, Y_{ke})}$$

Compare Gödel's Dialectica Interpretation.

# CONSTRUCTION (Defn of $\mathcal{C}_3$ )

- Next add colimits (& we really need to take care)

Let  $\mathcal{C}_3$  consist of formal colimits of objects of  $\mathcal{C}_2$ , so

$$\sum_i \pi_j \sum_k X_{ijk} \quad X_{ijk} \in \mathcal{C}$$

$$\text{Now } \mathcal{C}_3 \left( \sum_i \pi_j \sum_k X_{ijk}, \sum_e \pi_m \sum_n Y_{emn} \right)$$

$$= \pi_i \mathcal{C}_3 \left( \pi_j \sum_k X_{ijk}, \sum_e \pi_m \sum_n Y_{emn} \right)$$

Again apply idea about maps  $\pi_j: \mathcal{B}_j \rightarrow \sum_e \mathcal{C}_e$   
 So for         :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \sum_{j \in I} \mathcal{C}_3 \left( \sum_k X_{ijk}, \pi_m \sum_n Y_{emn} \right) & \longrightarrow & \sum_j \mathcal{C}_3 \left( \sum_k X_{ijk}, \sum_e \pi_m \sum_n Y_{emn} \right) \\ \parallel & & \parallel \\ \sum_{j \in I} \pi_{km} \sum_n \mathcal{C}(X, Y) & & \sum_j \pi_k \sum_e \pi_m \sum_n \mathcal{C}(X, Y) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \sum_e \mathcal{C}_3 \left( \pi_j \sum_k X_{ijk}, \pi_m \sum_n Y_{emn} \right) & \xrightarrow{\text{p.o.}} & \text{        } \\ \parallel & & \\ \sum_e \pi_m \sum_j \pi_k \sum_n \mathcal{C}(X, Y) & & \end{array}$$

So  $\mathcal{C}_3 \left( \sum_i \pi_j \sum_k X_{ijk}, \sum_e \pi_m \sum_n Y_{emn} \right)$

$$= \left( \pi_i \left\langle \begin{array}{c} \sum_j - \pi_k \\ \sum_e - \pi_m \end{array} \right\rangle \sum_n \right) \mathcal{C}(X_{ijk}, Y_{emn})$$

# \* AUTONOMOUS STRUCTURE

Assume  $\mathcal{C}$  is  $*$ -autonomous.

- The duality on  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{C})$  is clear  
limits  $\leftrightarrow$  colimits
- Recursive definition of  $\otimes$  :-
  - If  $A, B \in \mathcal{C}$  then  $A \otimes B = A \otimes B$
  - $X \otimes \sum_j Y_j = \sum_j (X \otimes Y_j)$
  - If  $A \in \mathcal{C}$  then  $A \otimes \prod_i X_i = \prod_i (A \otimes X_i)$
  - $\prod_i X_i \otimes \prod_j Y_j = ?$

where

$$\begin{array}{ccc} ? & \longrightarrow & \prod_i (X_i \otimes \prod_j Y_j) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \prod_j (\prod_i X_i \otimes Y_j) & \longrightarrow & \prod_i \prod_j (X_i \otimes Y_j) \end{array}$$

[ One has to check this works. ]



# A SIMPLE $\otimes$ IN $B(\mathcal{L})$

Consider

$$\Pi_i \Sigma_j A_{ij} \otimes \Pi_k \Sigma_l B_{kl}$$

where  $A_{ij}, B_{kl} \in \mathcal{L} = \left\{ \begin{matrix} T \\ F \end{matrix} \right\}$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} ? & \longrightarrow & \Pi_i \Sigma_j \Pi_k \Sigma_l (A_{ij} \wedge B_{kl}) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \Pi_k \Sigma_l \Pi_i \Sigma_j (A_{ij} \wedge B_{kl}) & \longrightarrow & \Pi_{ik} \Sigma_{jl} (A_{ij} \wedge B_{kl}) \end{array}$$

This identifies

$$\Pi_i \Sigma_j A_{ij} \otimes \Pi_k \Sigma_l B_{kl}$$

with the standard Henkin quantifier applied to the matrix i.e.

$$\begin{pmatrix} \Pi_i \Sigma_j \\ \Pi_k \Sigma_l \end{pmatrix} (A_{ij} \wedge B_{kl})$$

# HENKIN QUANTIFIERS

The traditional form

$$\left( \begin{array}{cc} \forall u & \exists x \\ \forall v & \exists y \end{array} \right) A(u, x; v, y)$$

interpreted as

$$\exists f: X^u, g: Y^v \forall u, v. A(u, f(u); v, g(v)).$$

The 'dual' is

$$\left( \begin{array}{cc} \exists u & \forall x \\ \exists v & \forall y \end{array} \right) \neg A$$

whose interpretation should be roughly

$$\exists u \forall x \exists v \forall y \neg A \vee \exists v \forall y \exists u \forall x \neg A.$$

Clearly duality is not 'classical not'.

An imaginable quantifier form which we do not have but which makes sense in another context:

$$\left( \begin{array}{c} \exists u \\ \forall x \end{array} \right) A$$



# (VERY) SIMPLE GENERALIZED HENKIN QUANTIFIERS

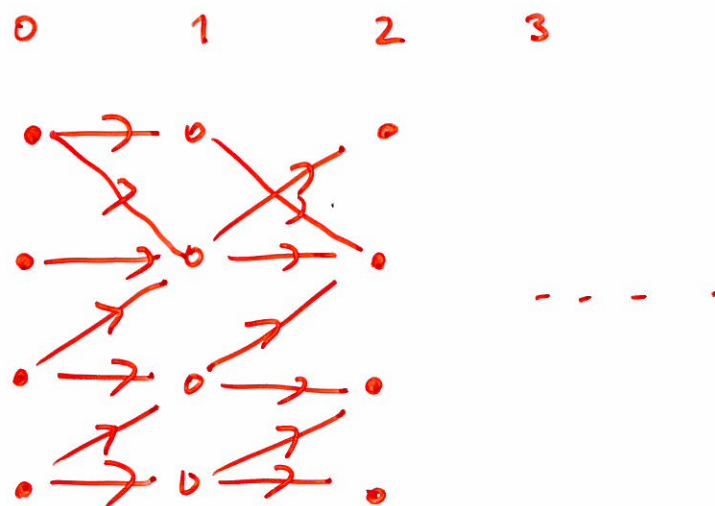
Natural context: Many sorted logic i.e. collection of basic sets  $X, Y, Z$  which we close under finite products

A generalized quantifier  $\alpha(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  binds sorted variables  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ ; and we apply it to matrices  $A(x_1, \dots, x_n): \prod X_i \rightarrow 2$ .

So we have simple propositional forms  $\alpha(x), A(x)$ . (QH-game)

Q'ifiers are either of  $\Pi$  or of  $\Sigma$  type.

A  $\Pi$  Q-ifier is given by a finite graded-bipartite directed graph with nodes to be explained



such that all nodes are accessible from nodes of degree 0.

# NODES OF A $\Pi$ Q-FIER

Nodes of even degree are  $\Pi$  nodes.  
Nodes of odd degree are  $\Sigma$  nodes.

Variables of the q-fier  $\alpha$  are partitioned into sets  $V_0, V_1, \dots$  and the nodes of degree  $i$  are indexed by (pairwise incompatible) collections of  $i$  variables from  $V_i$ .

So an edge of the graph looks like

$$\Pi \vec{x} \longrightarrow \Sigma \vec{y}$$

and is read 'values for the variables  $\vec{x}$  enable a choice of values for the variables  $\vec{y}$ '.

# PLAYS IN $\alpha(x) A(x)$

$\pi$  v's first say

Players now  $\pi$  and  $\Sigma$ .

Standing fairness assumption: (FA).

$\pi, \Sigma$  always play so that the other has some move until game ends with all variables  $x$  given values.

- $\pi$  plays some ( $\geq 1$ ) nodes of degree 0 by giving values to all the variables (a node is played when all its variables have values)
  - By (FA) some  $\Sigma$  nodes (of degree 1) are now enabled and  $\Sigma$  plays some of these.
  - By (FA) some  $\pi$  nodes (of degree 0, 2) are now enabled and  $\pi$  plays some of these.
- ETC

Eventually  $\pi, \Sigma$  have set  $x = a$  and  $\Sigma$  wins if  $A(a)$  is 1 = True.

N.B. Not all plays can occur in accord with the strategies we consider



# "SKOLEM" STRATEGIES

Sketch  $\Sigma$ -Strategies are presented as collections of Skolem functions i.e. for each  $\Sigma$  variable  $y:Y$  we have a function  $\prod X_i \xrightarrow{\eta} Y$  from a product of sorts for  $\Pi$  variables (not necessarily of smaller degree) which **work** in the following sense.

- let  $\Pi$  play according to the rules and whenever they have managed to play  $\underline{x} = \underline{a} \in \prod X_i$  we are prepared to play  $\eta(\underline{a}) \in Y$  and we do so as soon thereafter as we can.
- However  $\Pi$  plays our Skolem functions always provide us with a next move according to the rules.

Finally we want strategies which win  
WS - strategies

(A couple of trivial nuances suppressed.)



# \* AUTONOMOUS STRUCTURE

- Definition of  $( )^\perp$

$$(\alpha(\vec{x}) \cdot A(\vec{x}))^\perp = \bar{\alpha}(\vec{x}) \cdot \neg A(\vec{x})$$

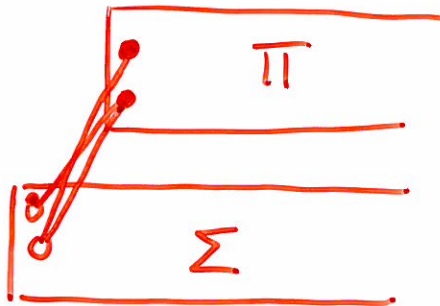
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dual quantifier

- Definition of  $\otimes$

By cases (assume all variables distinct)

$\Pi \otimes \Pi$  graphs laid out side by side

$\Pi \otimes \Sigma$



$\Sigma \otimes \Sigma$

nodes of degree 0 are pairs of nodes and these enable whatever either member does then side by side.

(Very like Blass.)

# LITTLE THEOREM

Take GtH-games  $\alpha.A$ ,  $\beta.B$  etc,  
and, as maps  $\alpha.A \rightarrow \beta.B$ ,  
WS-strategies in  $(\alpha.A)^\perp \& \beta.B$ .  
Then we have a \*-autonomous  
category.

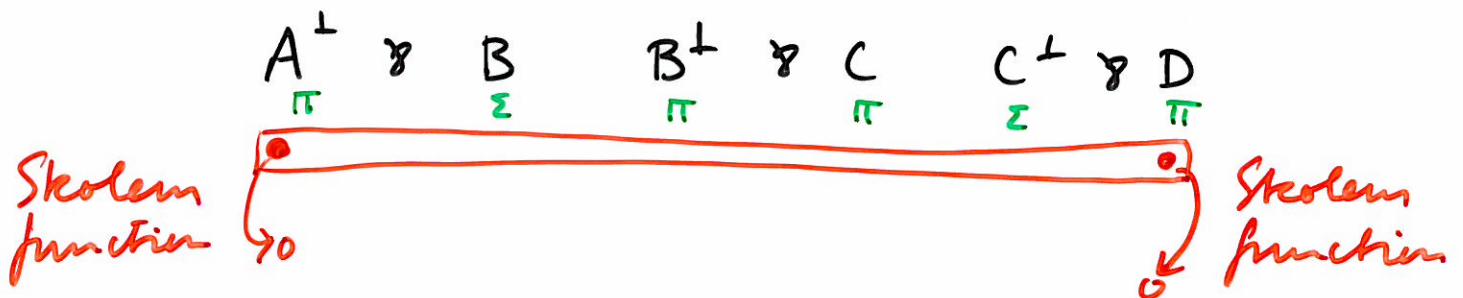
A simplified version of a category  
in which we might analyze  
Coquand's Intuition.

# ASSOCIATIVITY REVISITED

Why do we avoid the problem for Blass games?

The example  $A, B \Sigma$   $C, D \Pi$

$A \xrightarrow{\sigma} B$   $B \xrightarrow{\tau} C$   $C \xrightarrow{\rho} D$



Now in the composites

$$(\sigma; \tau); \rho = \sigma; (\tau; \rho),$$

Both Skolem functions act (at once) independently.

# PROOF AS PROCESS

Think of a WS strategy as a process in some kind of chemical abstract machine. That is the Skolem functions float around waiting to be triggered by appropriate inputs & (then waiting to) give up their output.

There is some degree of parallelism.