

Effective Finite-valued Semantics for Labelled Calculi

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The Big Picture

- **Goals:**
 - Characterization of important proof-theoretic properties of calculi: *cut-admissibility, the subformula property, invertibility of rules,...*
 - Understanding the dependencies between them
- **Tool:** Non-deterministic semantics
 - Goes back to [Schütte 1960], [Tait 1966]
 - Formalized and studied in [Avron, Lev 2001]
- **Framework:** Canonical **labelled sequent calculi**
 - Labelled = many-sided

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Formalization

- The set of truth-values $\mathcal{T}_{\mathbf{G}} \subseteq P(\mathcal{C})$ is determined according to the primitive rules of \mathbf{G} .
- A valuation $v : \text{Frm}_{\mathcal{L}} \rightarrow \mathcal{T}_{\mathbf{G}}$ is a model of $\square : A$ if $\square \in v(A)$.
- A valuation is a model of a sequent s if it is a model of some labelled formula in s .

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Theorem

Given a canonical calculus \mathbf{G} without logical rules, $\Omega \vdash_{\mathbf{G}} s$ iff every valuation $v : \text{Frm}_{\mathcal{L}} \rightarrow \mathcal{T}_{\mathbf{G}}$ which is a model of every sequent in Ω is also a model of s .

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A legal valuation should respect the table:
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- Non truth-functional connectives,
e.g. primal implication [Gurevich, Neeman 2009]:

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Solution: Non-deterministic Truth-Tables [Avron, Lev 2001]

A table of an n -ary connective \diamond is a function $\tilde{\diamond} : \mathcal{T}^n \rightarrow P^+(\mathcal{T})$.

A legal valuation satisfies: $v(\diamond(A_1, \dots, A_n)) \in \tilde{\diamond}(v(A_1), \dots, v(A_n))$

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Solution: Partial Truth-Tables

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The Semantic Framework

Partial Non-deterministic Matrices

A PNmatrix \mathbf{M} for \mathcal{L} and \mathcal{C} consists of:

- A set \mathcal{T} of **truth-values**.
- A function $\mathcal{D} : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow P(\mathcal{T})$ assigning a set of **designated truth-values** for every label.
- A **truth-table** $\tilde{\diamond} : \mathcal{T}^n \rightarrow P(\mathcal{T})$ for every n -ary connective of \mathcal{L} .

A valuation $v : Frm_{\mathcal{L}} \rightarrow \mathcal{T}$ is:

- a **model** (in \mathbf{M}) of a sequent s if $v(A) \in \mathcal{D}(\Box)$ for some $\Box : A$ in s .
- **M-legal** if $v(\diamond(A_1, \dots, A_n)) \in \tilde{\diamond}(v(A_1), \dots, v(A_n))$ for every $\diamond(A_1, \dots, A_n) \in Frm_{\mathcal{L}}$.

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In many cases, the obtained semantics coincides with a known one:

- Propositional fragment of **LK**
- **LK** without cut [Girard 1987]
- **LK** without identity axiom [Hösli, Jäger 1994]
- Two-sided canonical systems [Avron, Lev 2001]
- Labelled calculi studied in [Baaz et al. 1998] and [Avron, Zamansky 2009]

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But, it does not hold for PNmatrices (recall $\delta(\{\blacksquare\}, \{\blacksquare\}) = \emptyset$!).
- **Lemma:** It is decidable whether an \mathbf{M} -legal partial valuations can be extended to a full one.
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Summary

- We provided **effective** and **modular** semantic characterization for labelled canonical sequent calculi using **partial non-deterministic matrices**.
- Application: **semantic characterization** of proof-theoretic properties.
- Similar ideas can be applied for: single-conclusion canonical calculi, sequent calculi for modal logics, canonical Gödel hypersequent calculi...
- Future research directions:
 - First-order
 - Less restrictive primitive and introduction rules

Thank you!