# Cut Elimination for Monomial MALL Proof Nets 

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The following is a GPS:


## Girard MALL Proof Structures: example 2

The following is not a GPS:

it violates the technical condition of GPS definition: there exists a (axiom) node whose weight is $\bar{p}$ but $\bar{p} \not \leq q$, where $q$ is the weight of the (unique) node $\&_{p}$.

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... Girard's cut elimination is only the lazy (ready) one!

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(i.e., we remove the slice $\bar{p}$ rooted at $w$ ).


## (\&/C)-Cut Elimination: example 3


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- the depth $\delta(L)$ of a node $L$ is $\max \left(\left|w_{1}\right|,\left|w_{2}\right|\right)$, if
- $w_{1}$ and $w_{2}$ are equivalent (modulo $E$ ) weights of $L$ and
- $\left|w_{j}\right|$, for $j=1,2$, is the length (the number of possibly variables or negations of variables) of $w_{j}$.


## Confluence

Theorem (local confluence)
Let $\langle\pi, E\rangle$ be a proof net with two cut nodes, $L_{1}$ and $L_{2}$, and let

- $\alpha$ be the cut reduction $\langle\pi, E\rangle \rightsquigarrow L_{1}\left\langle\pi_{1}, E_{1}\right\rangle$ and
- $\beta$ be the cut reduction $\langle\pi, E\rangle \rightsquigarrow L_{2}\left\langle\pi_{2}, E_{2}\right\rangle$,
then there exists a proof net $\left\langle\pi^{*}, E^{*}\right\rangle$ which $\left\langle\pi_{i}, E_{i}\right\rangle$, for $1 \leq i \leq 2$, reduces to in at most one step.
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