# the "dark side" of multiplicatives 

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## correctness criteria vs syntactical presentations of PSs

Both the Danos-Regnier's correctness criterion ("ACC graphs") and the Girard's criterion ("long trips") are "truly geometrical criteria" in the following sense:
they are "modular", i.e., there exists a way (a function) to encode the "abstract behavior " of a module (i.e. a piece of proof structure) over its border (or frontier) in such a way to allow the gluing (composition) of this module together with any other module with "orthogonal behavior".

This fact has an important consequence on the syntax chosen for presenting proof structures.

In particular these criteria are so powerful to allow a "fully abstract presentation " that goes beyond what we normally know: consider e.g. the representation of modules by means of sets of partitions (or permutations) over (the set of points of) the border.

For this kind of syntax (links as partitions or permutations), the standard sequentialization (possibly, via binary connectives decomposition) is inadequate.

## partitions and orthogonality

- Let $p$ and $p^{*}$ be two partitions of a finite set of points $X$.
- We define the induced graph of $p$ and $p^{*}$, denoted by $G\left(p, p^{*}\right)$, as the unoriented graph which has for vertices the classes of $p$ and $p^{*}$, two of them being linked iff they share a point.
- We say that $p$ and $p^{*}$ are orthogonal (we write $p \perp p^{*}$ ) iff the induced graph $G\left(p, p^{*}\right)$ is an acyclic and connected graph.
Example:

$$
\begin{equation*}
G\left(p=\{(a, b)\}, p^{*}=\{(a),(b)\}\right): \tag{a,b}
\end{equation*}
$$

- If $P$ and $Q$ are sets of partitions, we say that $P$ and $Q$ are orthogonal $(P \perp Q)$ if they are pointwise orthogonal (i.e., $\forall p \in P, \forall q \in Q, p \perp q$ ).
- We write $P^{\perp}$ for the set of partitions that are orthogonal to all the elements of $P$.


## generalized connectives

An $n$-ary multiplicative connective consists of two sets of partitions $P$ and $Q$ over $\{1, \ldots, n\}$ s.t. $P \perp Q$ and $P^{\perp} \perp Q^{\perp}$.

Examples:

1. $P=\{\{(a),(b)\}\}, \quad Q=\{\{(a, b)\}\} \Rightarrow P \perp Q, P^{\perp} \perp Q^{\perp}$.
2. $P=\{\{(a, c),(b)\}\}, \quad Q=\{\{(a, b),(c)\}\} \Rightarrow P \perp Q, P^{\perp} \not \perp Q^{\perp}$ : $P^{\perp}=\{\{(a, b),(c)\},\{(c, b),(a)\}\}$, $Q^{\perp}=\{\{(a, c),(b)\},\{(b, c),(a)\}\}$.
3. $P=\{\{(a, c),(b)\},\{(b, c),(a)\}\}, \quad Q=\{\{(a, b),(c)\}\} \Rightarrow P \perp Q, P^{\perp} \perp Q^{\perp}$.

## decomposable connectives and the "package" sequentialization

- If $T_{F}$ is the syntactical tree of a formula $F$ built by the binary multiplicative connectives 8 and $\otimes$, then the (pre-)type of (the module) $T_{F}$ the set of partitions induced by all the possible Danos-Regnier switchings on its border.
- A connective is decomposable iff its first set $P$ is the type of a formula-tree built with binary connectives and its second set $Q$ is the type of the dual tree.

Example: a decomposable connective

$$
P=\{\{(a, c),(b)\},\{(b, c),(a)\}\} \quad Q=\left\{\left\{\left(a^{\perp}, b^{\perp}\right),\left(c^{\perp}\right)\right\}\right\}
$$



Neither $P$ nor $Q$ is sequentializable as a "package" (you must decompose it!)
Question: are there non-decomposable connectives? if "yes", how to find them?

## weak-distributivity and type generators [Maieli-Puite]

- a type generator (resp., an anti-generator or terminal element) is a bipolar formula with border $\{1, \ldots, n\}$ like below:

generator

terminal element
- weak-distributive law (WD):


$$
A \otimes(B \not \subset C) \vdash(A \otimes B) \ngtr C \quad \wedge \quad A \otimes(B \ngtr C) \vdash(A \otimes C) \ngtr B
$$

- a generator $F$ enjoys the following properties: if $\operatorname{type}(F)=P$, then

1. $P^{\perp \perp}=\bigcup \operatorname{type}\left(F^{\prime}\right)$ s.t., $F \rightsquigarrow{ }_{W D}^{*} F^{\prime} \wedge F^{\prime}$ is terminal;
2. $P^{\perp}$ is a singleton (a set with a single partition).

- if $T=T^{\perp \perp}$ then the type $T$ is said dense.

Examples of generators with border $\{1,2,3,4\}$ and dense types
$P_{1}=\{\{(1,3),(2),(4)\},\{(1,4),(2),(3)\},\{(2,3),(1),(4)\},\{(2,4),(1),(3)\}\}$
$Q_{1}=\{\{(1,2),(3,4)\}\}$
$P_{1}$ :

$Q_{1}$ :

$P_{2}=\{\{(1,2),(4),(3)\},\{(1,3),(4),(2)\},\{(4,2),(1),(3)\},\{(4,3),(1),(2)\}\}$
$Q_{2}=\{\{(1,4),(2,3)\}\}$
$P_{2}$ :
$Q_{2}$ :
$P_{3}=\{\{(1,2),(4),(3)\},\{(1,4),(2),(3)\},\{(3,2),(4),(1)\},\{(3,4),(2),(1)\}\}$ $Q_{3}=\{\{(1,3),(2,4)\}\}$

$Q_{3}$ :

non-decomposable connectives with border $\{1,2,3,4\}$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& P_{1}=\{\{(1,3),(2),(4)\},\{(1,4),(2),(3)\},\{(2,3),(1),(4)\},\{(2,4),(1),(3)\}\} \\
& Q_{1}=\{\{(1,2),(3,4)\}\} \\
& P_{2}=\{\{(1,2),(4),(3)\},\{(1,3),(4),(2)\},\{(4,2),(1),(3)\},\{(4,3),(1),(2)\}\} \\
& Q_{2}=\{\{(1,4),(2,3)\}\} \\
& P_{3}=\{\{(1,2),(4),(3)\},\{(1,4),(2),(3)\},\{(3,2),(4),(1)\},\{(3,4),(2),(1)\}\} \\
& Q_{3}=\{\{(1,3),(2,4)\}\}
\end{aligned}
$$

Fact $\sharp 0: P_{1} \cap P_{2} \cap P_{3}=\emptyset$.
Fact $\sharp 1: ~ \forall i \in\{1,2,3\}, P_{i}=P_{i}^{\perp \perp}$.
Fact $\sharp 2$ : the following, $C_{1}, C_{2}$ and $C_{3}$ are multiplicative connectives, since

$$
\forall i \in\{1,2,3\},\left(C_{i} \perp C_{i}^{*}\right) \wedge\left(C_{i}^{\perp} \perp C_{i}^{* \perp}\right)
$$

actually

$$
\forall i \in\{1,2,3\},\left(C_{i}=C_{i}^{\perp \perp}\right)
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \begin{array}{l}
C_{1}=P_{1} \cap P_{2}=\{\quad\{(1,3),(2),(4)\}, \quad\{(2,4),(1),(3)\} \\
C_{1}^{*}=Q_{1} \cup Q_{2}=\left\{\begin{array}{ll}
\{(1,2),(3,4)\}, & \{(1,4),(2,3)\}
\end{array}\right\}
\end{array} \\
& \left.\begin{array}{l}
C_{2}=P_{1} \cap P_{3}=\{\quad\{(1,4),(2),(3)\}, \quad\{(2,3),(1),(4)\} \\
C_{2}^{*}=Q_{1} \cup Q_{3}=\left\{\begin{array}{c}
\{(1,2),(3,4)\},
\end{array}\right\}\{(1,3),(2,4)\}
\end{array}\right\} \\
& \begin{array}{l}
C_{3}=P_{2} \cap P_{3}=\left\{\begin{array}{ccc}
\{(1,2),(4),(3)\}, & \{(4,3),(1),(2)\} \\
C_{3}^{*}= & \left.Q_{2} \cup Q_{3}=\left\{\begin{array}{ll} 
& =\{(1,4),(2,3)\},
\end{array}\right\}(1,3),(2,4)\right\}
\end{array}\right\}
\end{array}
\end{aligned}
$$

$C_{1}, C_{2}, C_{3}$ " are not decomposable (proof via "WD-rewriting $\rightsquigarrow$ ")


## $C_{1}, C_{2}, C_{3}$ are not decomposable connectives (proof continues)

there exists no decomposable formula tree $T_{F}$ whose terminal tree elements (i.e. the pre-type of $F$, computed by exhausting application of the week-distributive rewriting steps) are the colored ones (resp, red, blue and green ones).


Conjecture [Maieli]: a non-decomposable connective $C(1, \ldots, n)$ (resp., $C^{*}(1, \ldots, n)$ ) can be obtained by considering the intersection (resp. the union) of a family of binary generators (resp., terminal elements or axioms) with border any permutation $\sigma$ over $\{1, \ldots, n\}$ :

one more non-decomposable connective with border $\{1,2,3,4,5\}$

$Q_{1}$ :

$Q_{2}$ :

$Q_{1}$ : (12) (34)
$Q_{2}$ : (13) (24)


$$
C=P_{1} \cap P_{2}: \quad(145)
$$

$$
\left(C \perp C^{*}\right) \wedge\left(C^{\perp} \perp C^{* \perp}\right)
$$

## conclusions

"Maybe we witness here the limits of sequential presentations of logic." V. Danos \& L. Regnier, The Structure of Multiplicatives, 1989, p. 202.

