

# Modal proof theory through a focused telescope

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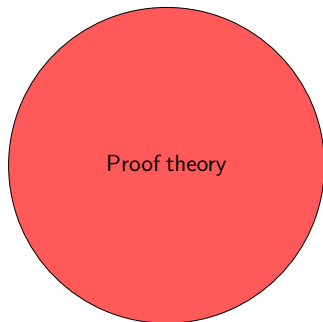
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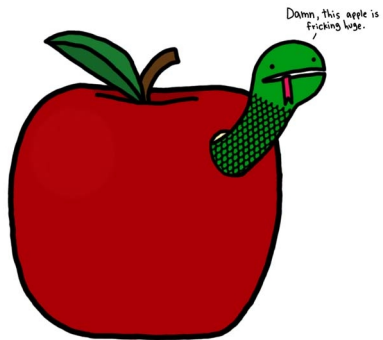
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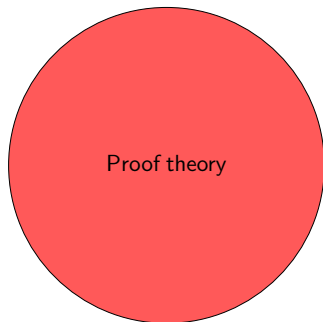
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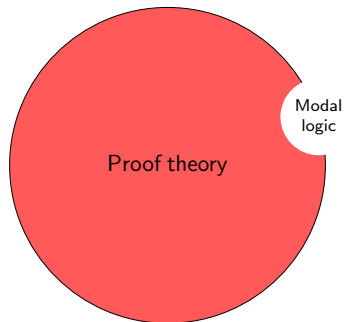


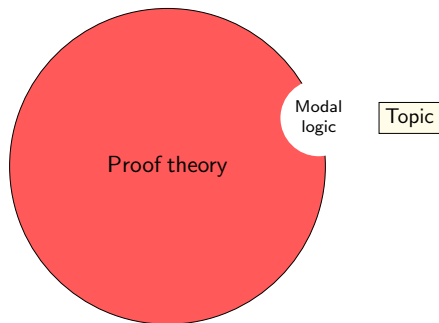


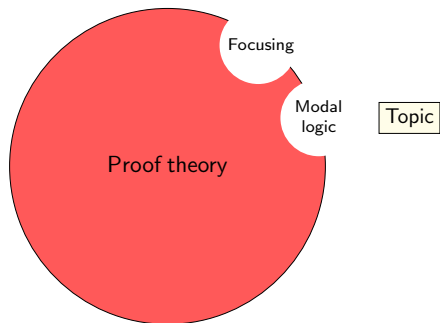


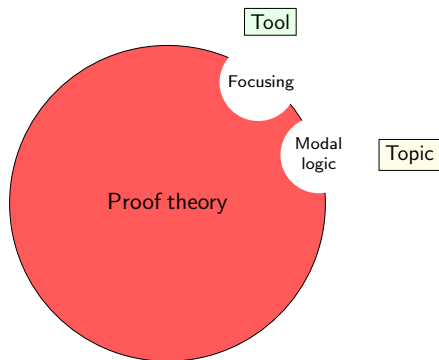
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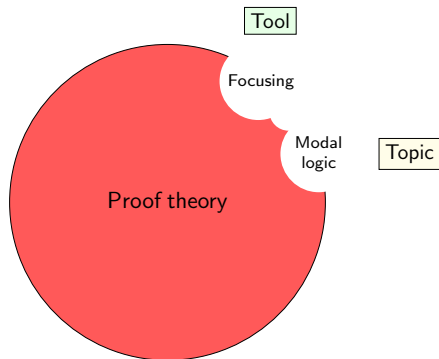














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- Logic

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## A Unique REarrangement of Llisted ENtities

- Proof search

- Focusing

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## Actual New Utterances (with Passion And Method)

- Folding

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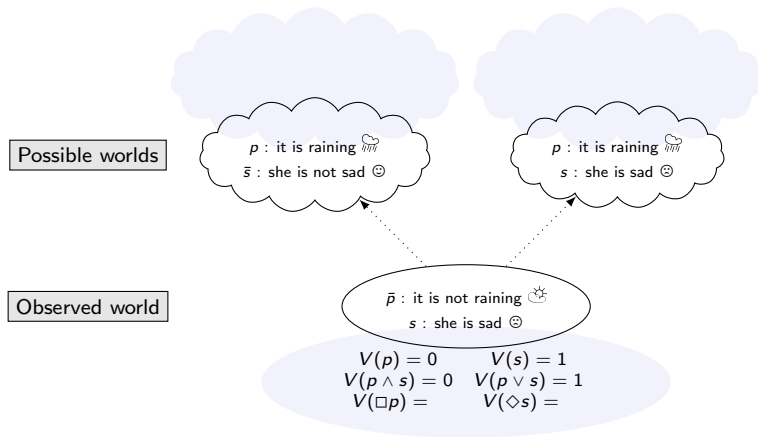
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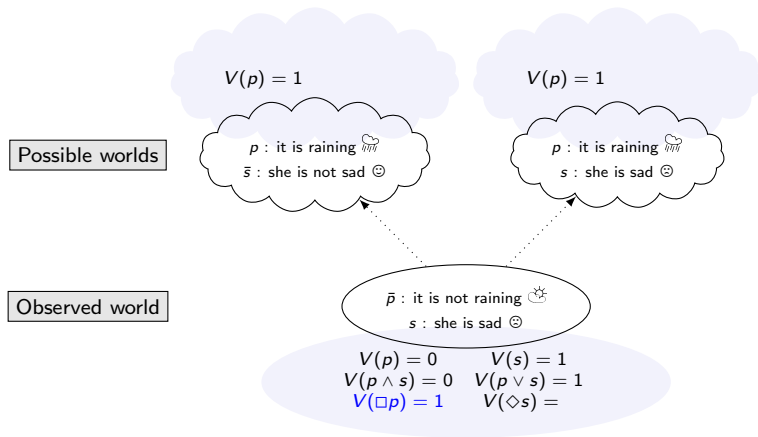


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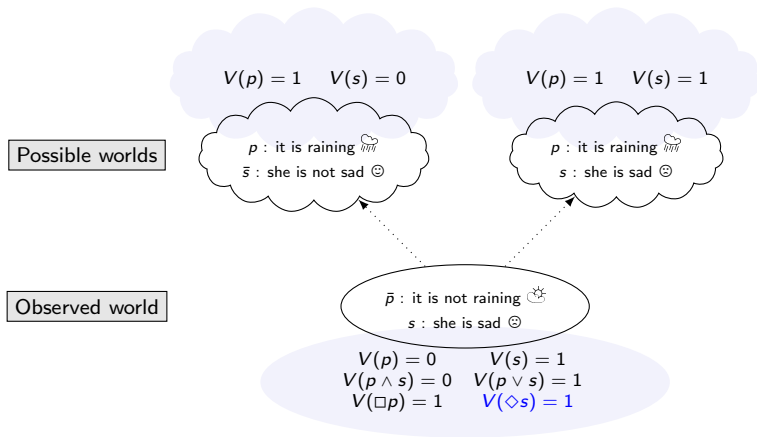
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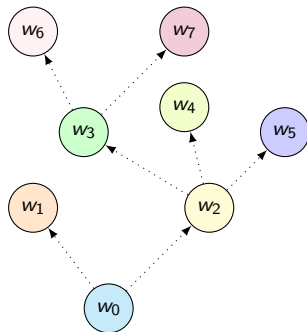
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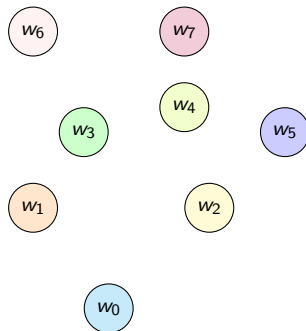
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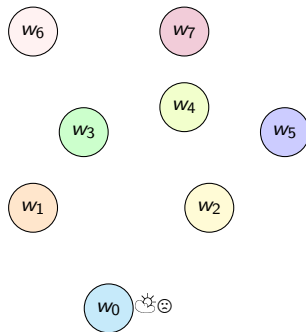
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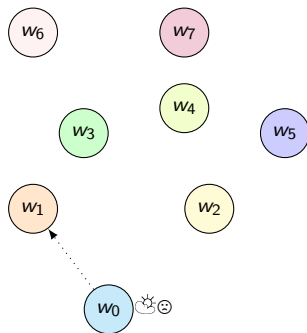
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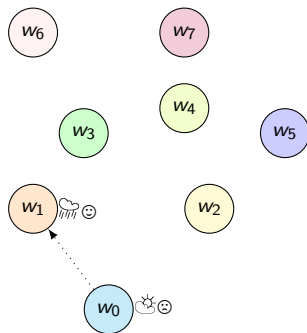
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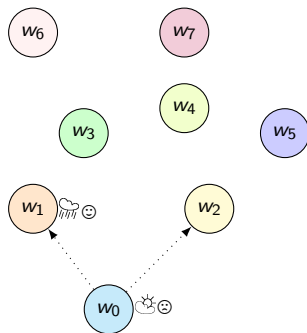
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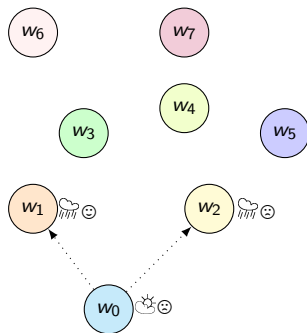
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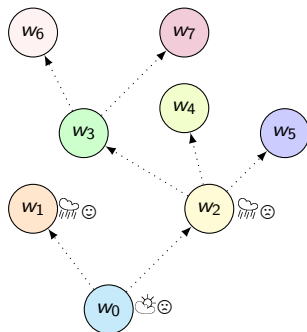
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 \frac{}{\frac{}{\frac{}{\frac{}{\frac{}{\frac{}{[b \vee c]}}{\Diamond a, \Diamond(b \vee c), [\bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}}{\Diamond a, \Diamond(b \vee c), \Box(\bar{a} \wedge \bar{b})}}}}}}}}
 \end{array}$$

**Nested sequent system:**

|                                   |                                  |   |   |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|---|
| $\text{ax}^n \frac{}{a, \bar{a}}$ | $\forall_1^n \frac{A}{A \vee B}$ | $\forall_2^n \frac{B}{A \vee B}$                              | $\wedge^n \frac{A \quad B}{A \wedge B}$ |
|                                   | $\Box^n \frac{[{}^x A]}{\Box A}$ | $\Diamond^n \frac{[{}^y A, \dots]}{\Diamond A, [{}^y \dots]}$ |   |

**An example:**

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{}{\quad} \quad \frac{}{\quad} \\
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 \frac{}{\quad} \\
 \hline \\
 \frac{\frac{\frac{}{\quad} \quad \frac{}{\quad}}{\Diamond a, [b \vee c, \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}}{\Diamond a, \Diamond(b \vee c), [\bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}}{\Box^n \frac{}{\Diamond a, \Diamond(b \vee c), \Box(\bar{a} \wedge \bar{b})}}
 \end{array}$$

**Nested sequent system:**

|                                   |                                |   |   |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|---|
| $\text{ax}^n \frac{}{a, \bar{a}}$ | $\vee_1^n \frac{A}{A \vee B}$  | $\vee_2^n \frac{B}{A \vee B}$                             | $\wedge^n \frac{A \quad B}{A \wedge B}$ |
|                                   | $\Box^n \frac{[^x A]}{\Box A}$ | $\Diamond^n \frac{[^y A, \dots]}{\Diamond A, [^y \dots]}$ |   |

**An example:**

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{}{\Box^n \frac{\Diamond^n \frac{\overline{\Diamond a, [b \vee c, \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}}{\Diamond a, \Diamond(b \vee c), [\bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}{\Diamond a, \Diamond(b \vee c), \Box(\bar{a} \wedge \bar{b})}}
 \end{array}$$

Nested sequent system:

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
 \text{ax}^n \frac{}{a, \bar{a}} & \vee_1^n \frac{A}{A \vee B} & \vee_2^n \frac{B}{A \vee B} & \wedge^n \frac{A \quad B}{A \wedge B} \\
 & \square^n \frac{[{}^x A]}{\square A} & \diamond^n \frac{[{}^y A, \dots]}{\diamond A, [{}^y \dots]} & 
 \end{array}$$

An example:

$$\diamond^n \frac{[A, \dots]}{\diamond A, [\dots]}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{}{\quad} \quad \frac{}{\quad} \\
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 \frac{}{\quad} \\
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 \frac{}{\quad} \\
 \hline
 \diamond^n \frac{\diamond a, [b \vee c, \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}{\diamond a, \diamond(b \vee c), [\bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]} \\
 \hline
 \square^n \frac{\diamond a, \diamond(b \vee c), \square(\bar{a} \wedge \bar{b})}{\diamond a, \diamond(b \vee c), \square(\bar{a} \wedge \bar{b})}
 \end{array}$$

**Nested sequent system:**

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
 \text{ax}^n \frac{}{a, \bar{a}} & \vee_1^n \frac{A}{A \vee B} & \vee_2^n \frac{B}{A \vee B} & \wedge^n \frac{A \quad B}{A \wedge B} \\
 & \square^n \frac{[{}^x A]}{\square A} & \diamond^n \frac{[{}^y A, \dots]}{\diamond A, [{}^y \dots]} & 
 \end{array}$$

**An example:**

$$\diamond^n \frac{[A, \dots]}{\diamond A, [\dots]}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{}{\frac{}{\frac{}{\diamond^n \frac{[a]}{\diamond a, [b \vee c, \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}}{\diamond a, \diamond(b \vee c), [\bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}}{\square^n \frac{\diamond a, \diamond(b \vee c), \square(\bar{a} \wedge \bar{b})}}{\square^n \frac{\diamond a, \diamond(b \vee c), \square(\bar{a} \wedge \bar{b})}}}}
 \end{array}$$

Nested sequent system:

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
 \text{ax}^n \frac{}{a, \bar{a}} & \vee_1^n \frac{A}{A \vee B} & \vee_2^n \frac{B}{A \vee B} & \wedge^n \frac{A \quad B}{A \wedge B} \\
 & \Box^n \frac{[{}^x A]}{\Box A} & \Diamond^n \frac{[{}^y A, \dots]}{\Diamond A, [{}^y \dots]} & 
 \end{array}$$

An example:

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{}{\quad} \quad \frac{}{\quad} \\
 \hline
 \hline
 \Diamond^n \frac{\overline{[a, b \vee c, \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}}{\Diamond a, [b \vee c, \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]} \\
 \Diamond^n \frac{\Diamond a, [b \vee c, \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}{\Diamond a, \Diamond(b \vee c), [\bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]} \\
 \Box^n \frac{\Diamond a, \Diamond(b \vee c), [\bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}{\Diamond a, \Diamond(b \vee c), \Box(\bar{a} \wedge \bar{b})}
 \end{array}$$

**Nested sequent system:**

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
 \text{ax}^n \frac{}{a, \bar{a}} & \vee_1^n \frac{A}{A \vee B} & \vee_2^n \frac{B}{A \vee B} & \wedge^n \frac{A \quad B}{A \wedge B} \\
 & \square^n \frac{[{}^x A]}{\square A} & \diamond^n \frac{[{}^y A, \dots]}{\diamond A, [{}^y \dots]} & 
 \end{array}$$

**An example:**

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{}{\square^n \frac{[a, b \vee c, \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}{\diamond a, [b \vee c, \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}} \\
 \frac{}{\diamond^n \frac{\diamond a, \diamond(b \vee c), [\bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}{\diamond a, \diamond(b \vee c), \square(\bar{a} \wedge \bar{b})}}
 \end{array}$$



Nested sequent system:

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
 \text{ax}^n \frac{}{a, \bar{a}} & \vee_1^n \frac{A}{A \vee B} & \vee_2^n \frac{B}{A \vee B} & \wedge^n \frac{A \quad B}{A \wedge B} \\
 & \Box^n \frac{[{}^x A]}{\Box A} & \Diamond^n \frac{[{}^y A, \dots]}{\Diamond A, [{}^y \dots]} & 
 \end{array}$$

An example:

$$\vee_1^n \frac{A}{A \vee B}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{}{} \\
 \frac{}{} \\
 \frac{}{} \\
 \vee_1^n \frac{A}{[a, b \vee c, \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]} \\
 \Diamond^n \frac{\vee_1^n \frac{A}{[a, b \vee c, \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}}{\Diamond a, [b \vee c, \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]} \\
 \Diamond^n \frac{\Diamond^n \frac{\vee_1^n \frac{A}{[a, b \vee c, \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}}{\Diamond a, [b \vee c, \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}}{\Diamond a, \Diamond(b \vee c), [\bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]} \\
 \Box^n \frac{\Diamond^n \frac{\Diamond^n \frac{\vee_1^n \frac{A}{[a, b \vee c, \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}}{\Diamond a, [b \vee c, \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}}{\Diamond a, \Diamond(b \vee c), [\bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}}{\Diamond a, \Diamond(b \vee c), \Box(\bar{a} \wedge \bar{b})}
 \end{array}$$

**Nested sequent system:**

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
 ax^n \frac{}{a, \bar{a}} & \vee_1^n \frac{A}{A \vee B} & \vee_2^n \frac{B}{A \vee B} & \wedge^n \frac{A \quad B}{A \wedge B} \\
 & \Box^n \frac{[^x A]}{\Box A} & \Diamond^n \frac{[^y A, \dots]}{\Diamond A, [^y \dots]} & 
 \end{array}$$

**An example:**

$$\Box^n \frac{A}{A \vee B}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{}{\frac{}{\frac{}{b}}{[a, b \vee c, \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}} \\
 \Diamond^n \frac{[a, b \vee c, \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}{\Diamond a, [b \vee c, \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]} \\
 \Box^n \frac{\Diamond a, [b \vee c, \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}{\Diamond a, \Diamond(b \vee c), [\bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]} \\
 \Box^n \frac{\Diamond a, \Diamond(b \vee c), [\bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}{\Diamond a, \Diamond(b \vee c), \Box(\bar{a} \wedge \bar{b})}
 \end{array}$$

Nested sequent system:

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
 \text{ax}^n \frac{}{a, \bar{a}} & \vee_1^n \frac{A}{A \vee B} & \vee_2^n \frac{B}{A \vee B} & \wedge^n \frac{A \quad B}{A \wedge B} \\
 & \Box^n \frac{[^x A]}{\Box A} & \Diamond^n \frac{[^y A, \dots]}{\Diamond A, [^y \dots]} & 
 \end{array}$$

An example:

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{}{\Box^n \frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{}{a, b, \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}}{\vee_1^n [a, b \vee c, \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}{\Diamond^n \Diamond a, [b \vee c, \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}{\Diamond^n \Diamond a, \Diamond(b \vee c), [\bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}{\Box^n \Diamond a, \Diamond(b \vee c), \Box(\bar{a} \wedge \bar{b})}}}}}}}}
 \end{array}$$

Nested sequent system:

$$\begin{array}{cc}
 \text{ax}^n \frac{}{a, \bar{a}} & \vee_1^n \frac{A}{A \vee B} \\
 & \square^n \frac{[{}^x A]}{\square A} \\
 & \vee_2^n \frac{B}{A \vee B} & \wedge^n \frac{A \quad B}{A \wedge B} \\
 & \diamond^n \frac{[{}^y A, \dots]}{\diamond A, [{}^y \dots]}
 \end{array}$$

An example:

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \frac{a, b, \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}}{\vee_1^n \frac{[a, b, \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}{[a, b \vee c, \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}} \\
 \frac{\diamond^n \frac{[a, b \vee c, \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}{\diamond a, [b \vee c, \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}}{\diamond^n \frac{\diamond a, [b \vee c, \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}{\diamond a, \diamond(b \vee c), [\bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}} \\
 \square^n \frac{\diamond a, \diamond(b \vee c), [\bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}{\diamond a, \diamond(b \vee c), \square(\bar{a} \wedge \bar{b})}
 \end{array}$$

**Nested sequent system:**

|                                   |                                |   |   |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|---|
| $\text{ax}^n \frac{}{a, \bar{a}}$ | $\vee_1^n \frac{A}{A \vee B}$  | $\vee_2^n \frac{B}{A \vee B}$                             | $\wedge^n \frac{A \quad B}{A \wedge B}$ |
|                                   | $\Box^n \frac{[^x A]}{\Box A}$ | $\Diamond^n \frac{[^y A, \dots]}{\Diamond A, [^y \dots]}$ |   |

**An example:**

$$\wedge^n \frac{A \quad B}{A \wedge B}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{}{\wedge^n \frac{[a, b, \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}{[a, b \vee c, \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}} \\
 \frac{}{\vee_1^n \frac{[a, b, \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}{[a, b \vee c, \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}} \\
 \frac{}{\Diamond^n \frac{[a, b \vee c, \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}{\Diamond a, [b \vee c, \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}} \\
 \frac{}{\Diamond^n \frac{\Diamond a, [b \vee c, \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}{\Diamond a, \Diamond(b \vee c), [\bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}} \\
 \frac{}{\Box^n \frac{\Diamond a, \Diamond(b \vee c), [\bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}{\Diamond a, \Diamond(b \vee c), \Box(\bar{a} \wedge \bar{b})}}
 \end{array}$$

**Nested sequent system:**

|                                   |                                |   |   |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|---|
| $\text{ax}^n \frac{}{a, \bar{a}}$ | $\vee_1^n \frac{A}{A \vee B}$  | $\vee_2^n \frac{B}{A \vee B}$                             | $\wedge^n \frac{A \quad B}{A \wedge B}$ |
|                                   | $\Box^n \frac{[^x A]}{\Box A}$ | $\Diamond^n \frac{[^y A, \dots]}{\Diamond A, [^y \dots]}$ |   |

**An example:**

$$\wedge^n \frac{A \quad B}{A \wedge B}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{\frac{}{\bar{a}} \quad \frac{}{\bar{b}}}{\wedge^n \frac{}{[a, b, \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}} \\
 \frac{\wedge^n \frac{}{[a, b, \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}}{\vee_1^n \frac{}{[a, b \vee c, \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}} \\
 \frac{\vee_1^n \frac{}{[a, b \vee c, \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}}{\Diamond^n \frac{}{\Diamond a, [b \vee c, \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}} \\
 \frac{\Diamond^n \frac{}{\Diamond a, [b \vee c, \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}}{\Diamond^n \frac{}{\Diamond a, \Diamond(b \vee c), [\bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}} \\
 \frac{\Diamond^n \frac{}{\Diamond a, \Diamond(b \vee c), [\bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}}{\Box^n \frac{}{\Diamond a, \Diamond(b \vee c), \Box(\bar{a} \wedge \bar{b})}}
 \end{array}$$

Nested sequent system:

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
 \text{ax}^n \frac{}{a, \bar{a}} & \vee_1^n \frac{A}{A \vee B} & \vee_2^n \frac{B}{A \vee B} & \wedge^n \frac{A \quad B}{A \wedge B} \\
 & \Box^n \frac{[{}^x A]}{\Box A} & \Diamond^n \frac{[{}^y A, \dots]}{\Diamond A, [{}^y \dots]} & 
 \end{array}$$

An example:

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \wedge^n \frac{\overline{[a, b, \bar{a}]}}{\overline{[a, b, \bar{b}]}} \\
 \vee_1^n \frac{\overline{[a, b, \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}}{\overline{[a, b \vee c, \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}} \\
 \Diamond^n \frac{\overline{\Diamond a, [b \vee c, \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}}{\overline{\Diamond a, \Diamond(b \vee c), [\bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}} \\
 \Box^n \frac{\overline{\Diamond a, \Diamond(b \vee c), [\bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}}{\overline{\Diamond a, \Diamond(b \vee c), \Box(\bar{a} \wedge \bar{b})}}
 \end{array}$$

Nested sequent system:

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
 \text{ax}^n \frac{}{a, \bar{a}} & \vee_1^n \frac{A}{A \vee B} & \vee_2^n \frac{B}{A \vee B} & \wedge^n \frac{A \quad B}{A \wedge B} \\
 & \Box^n \frac{[{}^x A]}{\Box A} & \Diamond^n \frac{[{}^y A, \dots]}{\Diamond A, [{}^y \dots]} & 
 \end{array}$$

An example:

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \wedge^n \frac{\overline{[a, b, \bar{a}]}}{\overline{[a, b, \bar{b}]}} \\
 \vee_1^n \frac{\overline{[a, b, \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}}{\overline{[a, b \vee c, \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}} \\
 \Diamond^n \frac{\overline{\Diamond a, [b \vee c, \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}}{\overline{\Diamond a, \Diamond(b \vee c), [\bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}} \\
 \Box^n \frac{\overline{\Diamond a, \Diamond(b \vee c), [\bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}}{\overline{\Diamond a, \Diamond(b \vee c), \Box(\bar{a} \wedge \bar{b})}}
 \end{array}$$



**Nested sequent system:**

|                            |  |   |   |
|----------------------------|--|---|---|
| $ax^n \frac{}{a, \bar{a}}$ | $\vee_1^n \frac{A}{A \vee B}$          | $\vee_2^n \frac{B}{A \vee B}$                                 | $\wedge^n \frac{A \quad B}{A \wedge B}$ |
|                            | $\square^n \frac{[{}^x A]}{\square A}$ | $\diamond^n \frac{[{}^y A, \dots]}{\diamond A, [{}^y \dots]}$ |   |

**An example:**

$ax^n \frac{}{a, \bar{a}}$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 ax^n \frac{}{[a, b, \bar{a}] \quad [a, b, \bar{b}]} \\
 \wedge^n \frac{}{[a, b, \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]} \\
 \vee_1^n \frac{}{[a, b \vee c, \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]} \\
 \diamond^n \frac{}{\diamond a, [b \vee c, \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]} \\
 \diamond^n \frac{}{\diamond a, \diamond(b \vee c), [\bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]} \\
 \square^n \frac{}{\diamond a, \diamond(b \vee c), \square(\bar{a} \wedge \bar{b})}
 \end{array}$$

Nested sequent system:

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
 \text{ax}^n \frac{}{a, \bar{a}} & \vee_1^n \frac{A}{A \vee B} & \vee_2^n \frac{B}{A \vee B} & \wedge^n \frac{A \quad B}{A \wedge B} \\
 & \square^n \frac{[{}^x A]}{\square A} & \diamond^n \frac{[{}^y A, \dots]}{\diamond A, [{}^y \dots]} & 
 \end{array}$$

An example:

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{ax}^n \frac{}{[a, b, \bar{a}]} \quad \frac{}{[a, b, \bar{b}]} \\
 \wedge^n \frac{[a, b, \bar{a}]}{[a, b, \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]} \quad \frac{[a, b, \bar{b}]}{[a, b, \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]} \\
 \vee_1^n \frac{[a, b, \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}{[a, b \vee c, \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]} \\
 \diamond^n \frac{[a, b \vee c, \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}{\diamond a, [b \vee c, \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]} \\
 \diamond^n \frac{\diamond a, [b \vee c, \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}{\diamond a, \diamond(b \vee c), [\bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]} \\
 \square^n \frac{\diamond a, \diamond(b \vee c), [\bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}{\diamond a, \diamond(b \vee c), \square(\bar{a} \wedge \bar{b})}
 \end{array}$$

**Nested sequent system:**

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
 \text{ax}^n \frac{}{a, \bar{a}} & \vee_1^n \frac{A}{A \vee B} & \vee_2^n \frac{B}{A \vee B} & \wedge^n \frac{A \quad B}{A \wedge B} \\
 & \square^n \frac{[{}^x A]}{\square A} & \diamond^n \frac{[{}^y A, \dots]}{\diamond A, [{}^y \dots]} & 
 \end{array}$$

**An example:**

$$\square^n \frac{}{a, \bar{a}}$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \text{ax}^n \frac{}{[a, b, \bar{a}]} \quad \text{ax}^n \frac{}{[a, b, \bar{b}]} \\
 \wedge^n \frac{}{[a, b, \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]} \\
 \vee_1^n \frac{}{[a, b \vee c, \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]} \\
 \diamond^n \frac{}{\diamond a, [b \vee c, \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]} \\
 \diamond^n \frac{}{\diamond a, \diamond(b \vee c), [\bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]} \\
 \square^n \frac{}{\diamond a, \diamond(b \vee c), \square(\bar{a} \wedge \bar{b})}
 \end{array}$$

Nested sequent system:

$$\Gamma\{\} ::= \{\} \mid A, \Gamma\{\} \mid \Gamma, [\Gamma\{\}]$$

|   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|
| $\text{ax}^n \frac{}{\Gamma\{a, \bar{a}\}}$ | $\vee_1^n \frac{\Gamma\{A\}}{\Gamma\{A \vee B\}}$ | $\vee_2^n \frac{\Gamma\{B\}}{\Gamma\{A \vee B\}}$                                 | $\wedge^n \frac{\Gamma\{A\} \quad \Gamma\{B\}}{\Gamma\{A \wedge B\}}$ |
|   | $\Box^n \frac{\Gamma\{[A]\}}{\Gamma\{\Box A\}}$   | $\Diamond^n \frac{\Gamma_1\{[A, \Gamma_2]\}}{\Gamma_1\{\Diamond A, [\Gamma_2]\}}$ |   |

An example:

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{ax}^n \frac{}{[a, b, \bar{a}]} \quad \text{ax}^n \frac{}{[a, b, \bar{b}]} \\
 \wedge^n \frac{}{[a, b, \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]} \\
 \vee_1^n \frac{}{[a, b \vee c, \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]} \\
 \Diamond^n \frac{\color{red}\Diamond a, [b \vee c, \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}{} \\
 \Diamond^n \frac{\color{blue}\Diamond a, \color{blue}\Diamond(b \vee c), [\bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}{} \\
 \Box^n \frac{\color{blue}\Diamond a, \color{blue}\Diamond(b \vee c), \color{orange}\Box(\bar{a} \wedge \bar{b})}{}
 \end{array}$$

## A Unique REarrangement of LListed ENtities

## Proving is choosing

**Choice of focus:**

$$\diamond^n \frac{\diamond a, [b \vee c, \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}{\diamond a, \diamond(b \vee c), [\bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]} \quad \diamond^n \frac{\diamond(b \vee c), [a, \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}{\diamond a, \diamond(b \vee c), [\bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]} \quad \wedge^n \frac{\diamond a, \diamond(b \vee c), [\bar{a}] \quad \diamond a, \diamond(b \vee c), [\bar{b}]}{\diamond a, \diamond(b \vee c), [\bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}$$

**Choice of focus:**

$$\diamond^n \frac{\diamond a, [b \vee c, \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}{\diamond a, \diamond(b \vee c), [\bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]} \quad \diamond^n \frac{\diamond(b \vee c), [a, \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}{\diamond a, \diamond(b \vee c), [\bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]} \quad \wedge^n \frac{\diamond a, \diamond(b \vee c), [\bar{a}] \quad \diamond a, \diamond(b \vee c), [\bar{b}]}{\diamond a, \diamond(b \vee c), [\bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}$$

**Choice of rule:**

$$\vee_1^n \frac{A}{A \vee B} \quad \vee_2^n \frac{B}{A \vee B}$$



**Choice of focus:**

$$\diamond^n \frac{\diamond a, [b \vee c, \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}{\diamond a, \diamond(b \vee c), [\bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]} \quad \diamond^n \frac{\diamond(b \vee c), [a, \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}{\diamond a, \diamond(b \vee c), [\bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]} \quad \wedge^n \frac{\diamond a, \diamond(b \vee c), [\bar{a}] \quad \diamond a, \diamond(b \vee c), [\bar{b}]}{\diamond a, \diamond(b \vee c), [\bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}]}$$

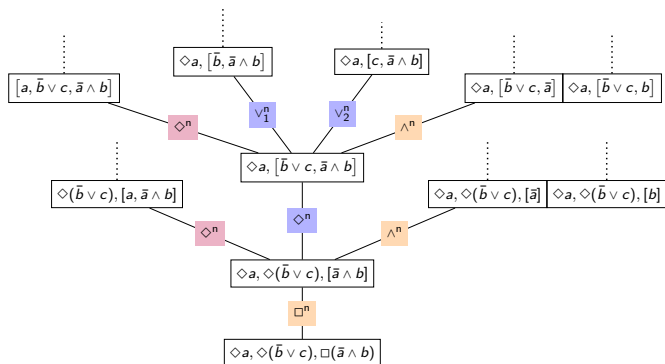
**Choice of rule:**

$$\vee_1^n \frac{A}{A \vee B} \quad \vee_2^n \frac{B}{A \vee B}$$

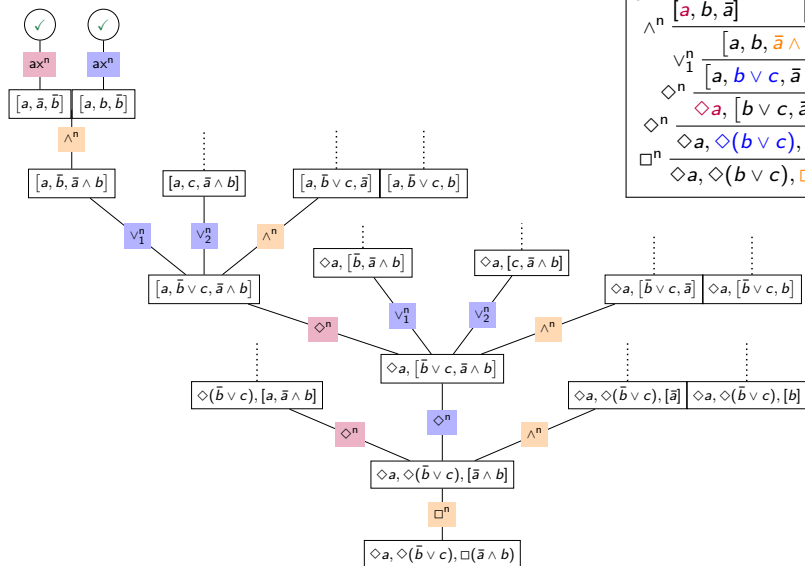
**Choice of context:**

$$\diamond_1^n \frac{[{}^1A, \dots], [{}^2\dots]}{\diamond A, [{}^1\dots], [{}^2\dots]} \quad \diamond_2^n \frac{[{}^1\dots], [{}^2A, \dots]}{\diamond A, [{}^1\dots], [{}^2\dots]}$$

# Proof search space

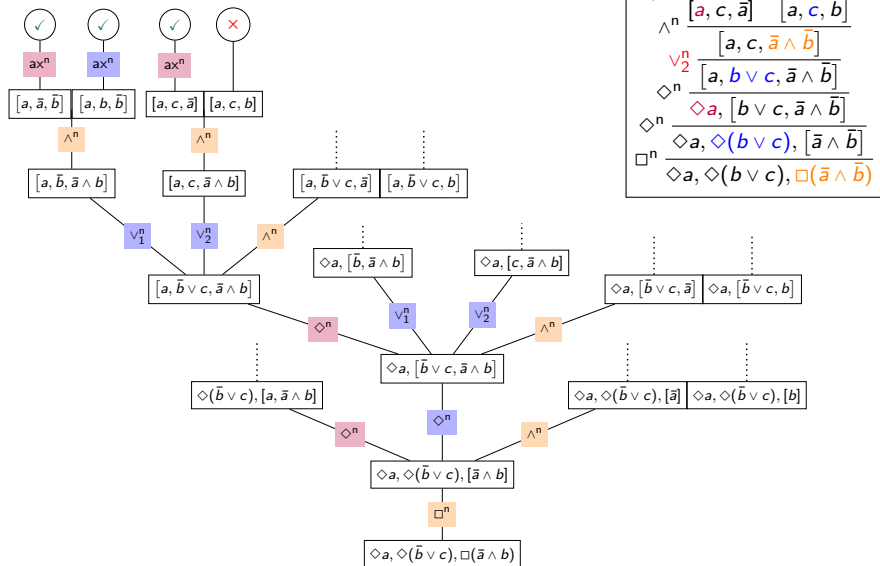


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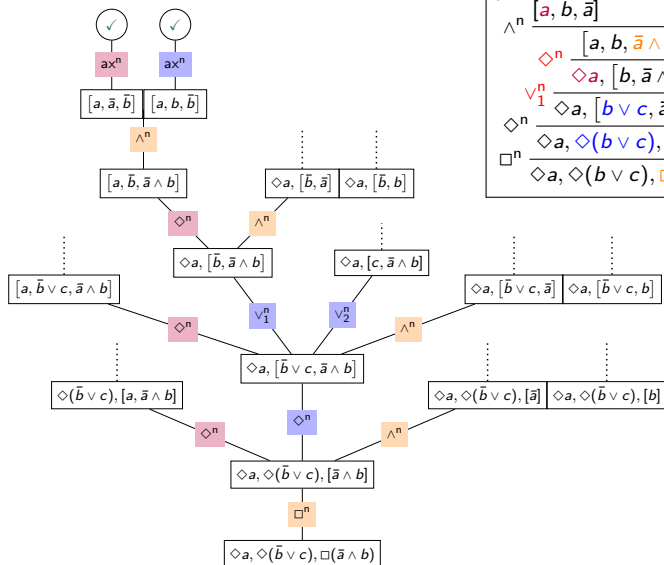


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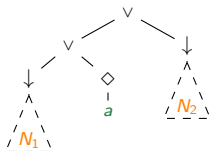
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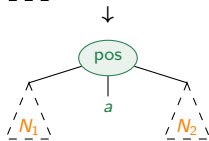
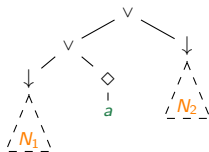
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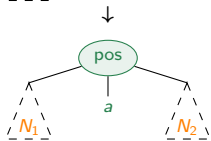
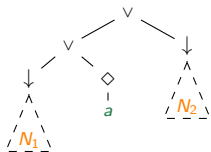
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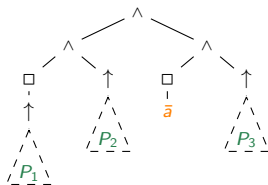
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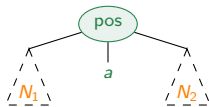
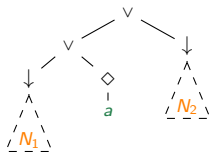
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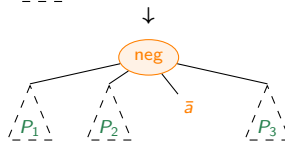
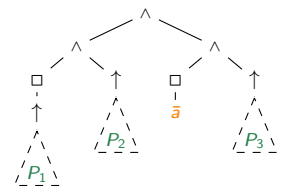
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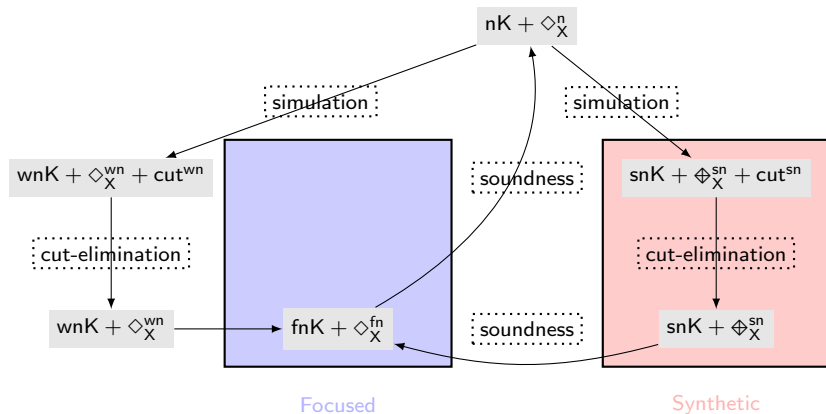
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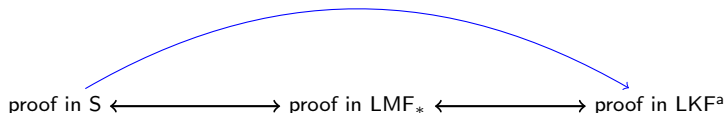
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