

Lecture 18: Gentzen

a valuation is a counterexample to the conclusion iff it is a counterexample to at least one assumption

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this goal

$$\frac{??}{A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C) \vdash B \rightarrow (A \rightarrow C)}$$

$\Gamma, A \rightarrow B \vdash \Delta$


matches the conclusion of $(\rightarrow L)$
 where

- Γ is empty
- Δ is $B \rightarrow (A \rightarrow C)$
- A is A
- B is $B \rightarrow C$



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this goal : $\overline{A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C) \vdash B \rightarrow (A \rightarrow C)}$


matches $\Gamma \vdash A \rightarrow B, \Delta$

which is the conclusion of $(\rightarrow R)$

where

- Γ is $A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C)$
- Δ is empty
- A is B
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$$\frac{\Gamma, A \vdash B, \Delta}{\Gamma, A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C), B \vdash A \rightarrow C} \quad (\rightarrow R)$$

$\overbrace{\Gamma, A \vdash B, \Delta}^{\text{green brackets}}$

this goal matches the conclusion of $(\rightarrow R)$ where

- Γ is $A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C)$
- Δ is empty
- A is B
- B is $A \rightarrow C$



$$\overline{\Gamma, A \vdash \Delta, A} \quad (I)$$

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$$\frac{\frac{\overline{A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C), B, A \vdash C}}{A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C), B \vdash A \rightarrow C} \quad (\rightarrow R)}{A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C) \vdash B \rightarrow (A \rightarrow C)} \quad (\rightarrow R)$$



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$$\frac{\overline{B, A \vdash A, C} \quad (I) \quad \overline{B \rightarrow C, B, A \vdash C} \quad ??}{\overline{A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C), B, A \vdash C} \quad (\rightarrow L)} \quad (\rightarrow R)$$

$$\frac{\overline{A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C), B \vdash A \rightarrow C} \quad (\rightarrow R)}{\overline{A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C) \vdash B \rightarrow (A \rightarrow C)} \quad (\rightarrow R)}$$



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$$\frac{\Gamma, A \vdash B, \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash A \rightarrow B, \Delta} \quad (\rightarrow R)$$

$$\frac{\overline{B, A \vdash A, C} \quad (I) \quad \frac{\overline{B, A \vdash B, C} \quad (I) \quad \overline{C, B, A \vdash C} \quad (I)}{B \rightarrow C, B, A \vdash C} \quad (\rightarrow L)}{A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C), B, A \vdash C} \quad (\rightarrow L)}{A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C), B \vdash A \rightarrow C} \quad (\rightarrow R)}{A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C) \vdash B \rightarrow (A \rightarrow C)} \quad (\rightarrow R)$$



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$$\frac{??}{A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C) \vdash B \rightarrow (C \rightarrow A)}$$

$$\frac{\frac{??}{A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C), B \vdash C \rightarrow A}}{A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C) \vdash B \rightarrow (C \rightarrow A)} (\rightarrow R)$$


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$$\frac{\frac{\frac{??}{A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C), B, C \vdash A}}{A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C), B \vdash C \rightarrow A} (\rightarrow R)}{A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C) \vdash B \rightarrow (C \rightarrow A)} (\rightarrow R)$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
\frac{B, C \vdash A \quad \frac{\quad}{B \rightarrow C, B, C \vdash A} \text{??}}{A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C), B, C \vdash A} (\rightarrow L) \\
\frac{A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C), B, C \vdash A}{A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C), B \vdash C \rightarrow A} (\rightarrow R) \\
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\end{array}$$


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\frac{B, C \vdash A \quad \frac{\frac{\quad}{B, C \vdash B, A} (I) \quad B, C \vdash A}{B \rightarrow C, B, C \vdash A} (\rightarrow L)}{A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C), B, C \vdash A} (\rightarrow L) \\
\frac{A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C), B, C \vdash A}{A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C), B \vdash C \rightarrow A} (\rightarrow R) \\
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\end{array}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A, \Delta \quad \Gamma, B \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma, A \rightarrow B \vdash \Delta} \quad (\rightarrow L)$$

a counterexample to the sequent $\Gamma \vdash A, \Delta$
 is a counterexample to $\Gamma, A \rightarrow B \vdash \Delta$
 (since if A is false then $A \rightarrow B$ is true)

a counterexample to the sequent $\Gamma, B \vdash \Delta$
 is a counterexample to $\Gamma, A \rightarrow B \vdash \Delta$
 (since if B is true then $A \rightarrow B$ is true)

$$\frac{\Gamma, A \vdash B, \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash A \rightarrow B, \Delta} \quad (\rightarrow R)$$

a **counterexample** to $\Gamma, A \vdash B, \Delta$
 is a **counterexample** to $\Gamma \vdash A \rightarrow B, \Delta$
 (if A is true and B false then $A \rightarrow B$ is false)

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A, \Delta \quad \Gamma, B \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma, A \rightarrow B \vdash \Delta} (\rightarrow L) \qquad \frac{\Gamma, A \vdash B, \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash A \rightarrow B, \Delta} (\rightarrow R)$$

for these rules,
a counterexample to any assumption
is a counterexample to the conclusion

counterexample

$$B, C \not\vdash A \quad B = \top, C = \top, A = \perp$$

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{B, C \vdash A}{A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C), B, C \vdash A} (\rightarrow L)}{\frac{A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C), B \vdash C \rightarrow A}{A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C) \vdash B \rightarrow (C \rightarrow A)} (\rightarrow R)} (\rightarrow R) \quad \frac{\frac{\frac{\overline{B, C \vdash B, A} (I)}{B, C \vdash A} (\rightarrow L)}{B \rightarrow C, B, C \vdash A} (\rightarrow L)}{A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C), B, C \vdash A} (\rightarrow L)}{A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C), B \vdash C \rightarrow A} (\rightarrow R)}{A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C) \vdash B \rightarrow (C \rightarrow A)} (\rightarrow R)$$

$$A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C) = \top \quad B \vdash C \rightarrow A = \perp$$

$$A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C) \not\vdash B \rightarrow (C \rightarrow A)$$

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for all these (sound) rules,
a **counterexample** to any assumption
is a **counterexample** to the conclusion



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Each of Gentzen's rules is sound:

∴ if a sequent can be proved using these rules it is valid

¿ if a sequent is valid can it be proved ?



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Each of Gentzen's rules has the property that:

a counterexample to any of its assumptions
is also

a counterexample to its conclusion

if the search for a proof fails,
we can use this property to provide a counterexample to the conclusion

Gentzen's rules are sound and complete

*we apply the rules, until we can do no more;
at each step there are fewer connectives
in each assumption than in the conclusion*

*eventually we run out of connectives,
at which point, only atoms remain*

either $\Gamma \cap \Delta = \emptyset$

*in which case we can construct a counterexample
or some atom occurs in both Γ and Δ*

so, we can apply rule I to discharge the assumption

*if all assumptions are discharged we have a proof;
otherwise,*

*any counterexample can be pushed down the tree to
show that the conclusion is not valid*



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*This shows that Gentzen's set of rules is **complete**, that is to say:*

if a sequent is valid then it has a proof

(without assumptions)