

Notes on proof-nets II

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Most of these notes are copied from the following paper:

[BM] = Baillot, Mazza “Linear logic by levels and bounded time complexity”, 2009.

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Curry-Howard correspondence

logic	programming	categories
formula	type	objects
sequent	input/output spec	—
proof	program	morphisms
cut-elimination	execution	—
contraction	copying	coproducts
stratification	complexity	?

Curry-Howard correspondence

(modulo many details)

logic

programming

π

\vdots

bint \vdash **bint**

π admits a stratification

... and only promotes on ≤ 1 premise

Computable $f : \mathbb{N} \longrightarrow \mathbb{N}$

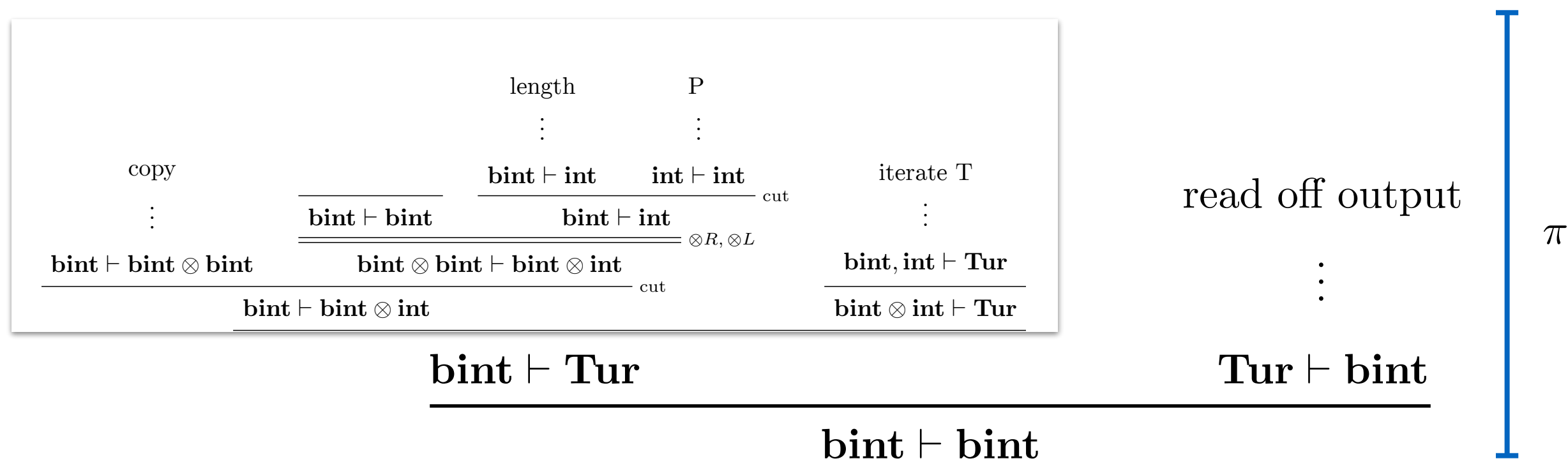
f is elementary time

f is polynomial time

Recall: Theorem (Girard)

A function $\{0, 1\}^* \longrightarrow \{0, 1\}^*$ is “polytime”
if and only if it can be typed as a proof
 π of $\mathbf{bint} \vdash \mathbf{bint}$ which admits a stratification.

$f : \{0, 1\}^* \longrightarrow \{0, 1\}^*$ computed by a Turing machine T with polyclock P



Upshot: π computes f

The formulas of second order unit-free multiplicative exponential linear logic (**meLL**) are generated by the following grammar, where X, X^\perp range over a denumerable set of propositional variables:

$$A, B ::= X \mid X^\perp \mid A \otimes B \mid A \wp B \mid !A \mid ?A \mid \exists X.A \mid \forall X.A \mid \S A.$$

Linear negation is defined through De Morgan laws:

$$\begin{array}{ll} (X)^\perp &= X^\perp & (X^\perp)^\perp &= X \\ (A \otimes B)^\perp &= B^\perp \wp A^\perp & (A \wp B)^\perp &= B^\perp \otimes A^\perp \\ (!A)^\perp &= ?A^\perp & (?A)^\perp &= !A^\perp \\ (\exists X.A)^\perp &= \forall X.A^\perp & (\forall X.A)^\perp &= \exists X.A^\perp \\ (\S A)^\perp &= \S A^\perp \end{array}$$

Two connectives exchanged by negation are said to be *dual*. Note that the self-dual paragraph modality is not present in the standard definition of **meLL** [Girard, 1987]; we include it here for convenience. Also observe that full linear logic has a further pair of dual binary connectives, called *additive* (denoted by $\&$ and \oplus), which we shall briefly discuss in Sect. 5. They are not strictly needed for our purposes, hence we restrict to **meLL** in the paper.

Linear implication is defined as $A \multimap B = A^\perp \wp B$. Multisets of formulas will be ranged over by Γ, Δ, \dots

For technical reasons, it is also useful to consider *discharged formulas*, which will be denoted by $\mathfrak{b}A$, where A is a formula.

Sequent calculus

$$\frac{}{\vdash A^\perp, A} \text{Axiom}$$

$$\frac{\vdash \Gamma, A \quad \vdash \Delta, A^\perp}{\vdash \Gamma, \Delta} \text{Cut}$$

$$\frac{\vdash \Gamma, A \quad \vdash \Delta, B}{\vdash \Gamma, \Delta, A \otimes B} \text{Tensor}$$

$$\frac{\vdash \Gamma, A, B}{\vdash \Gamma, A \wp B} \text{Par}$$

$$\frac{\vdash \Gamma, A}{\vdash \Gamma, \forall X. A} \text{For all (X not free in } \Gamma \text{)}$$

$$\frac{\vdash \Gamma, A[B/X]}{\vdash \Gamma, \exists X. A} \text{Exists}$$

$$\frac{\vdash ?\Gamma, A}{\vdash ?\Gamma, !A} \text{Promotion}$$

$$\frac{\vdash \Gamma, A}{\vdash \Gamma, ?A} \text{Dereliction}$$

$$\frac{\vdash \Gamma}{\vdash \Gamma, ?A} \text{Weakening}$$

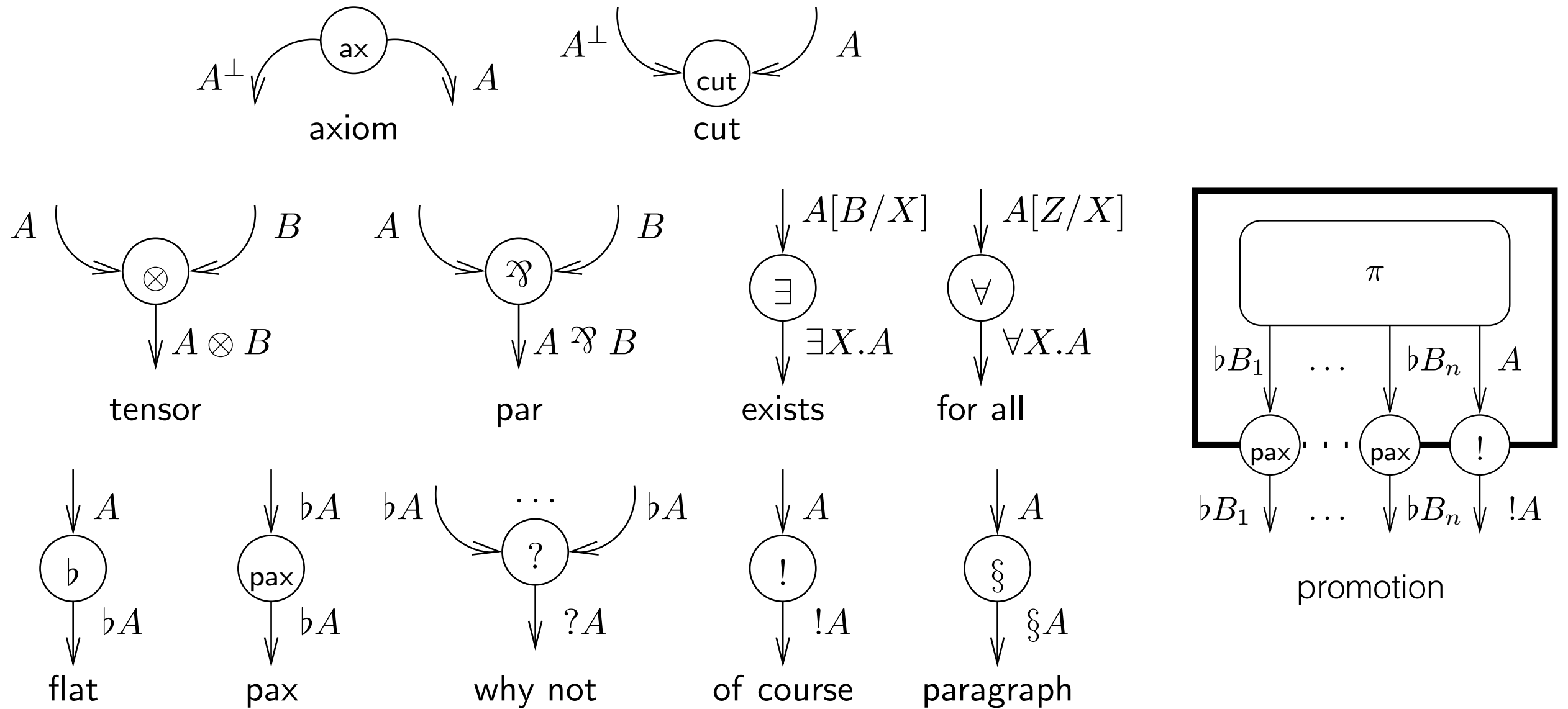
$$\frac{\vdash \Gamma, ?A, ?A}{\vdash \Gamma, ?A} \text{Contraction}$$

$$\frac{}{} \text{Daimon}$$

$$\frac{\vdash \Gamma \quad \vdash \Delta}{\vdash \Gamma, \Delta} \text{Mix}$$

$$\frac{\vdash \Gamma, A}{\vdash \Gamma, \S A} \text{Paragraph}$$

Proof-net links



Note: paragraph is used for polytime, not needed to encode elementary time functions.

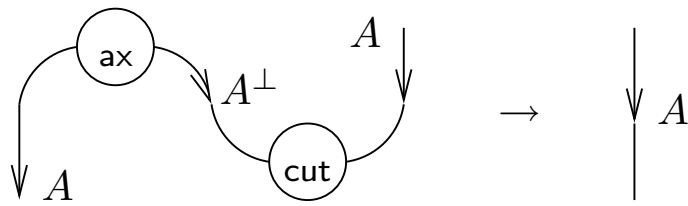


Figure 4: Axiom step.

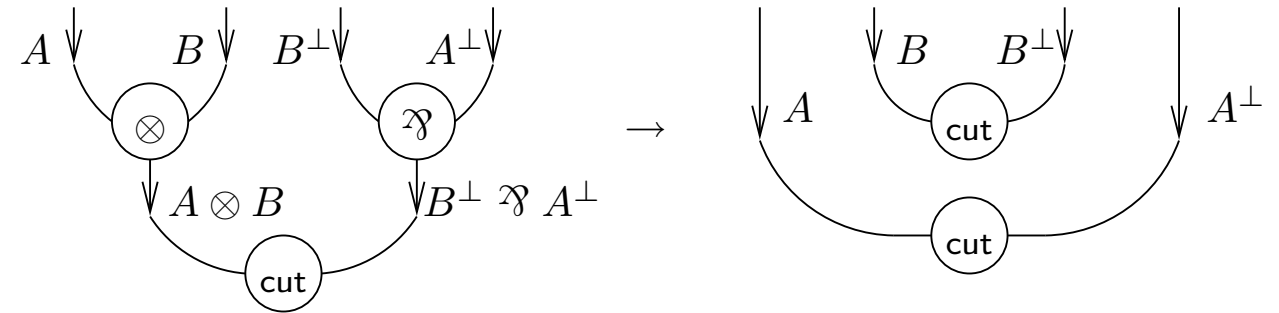


Figure 5: Multiplicative step.

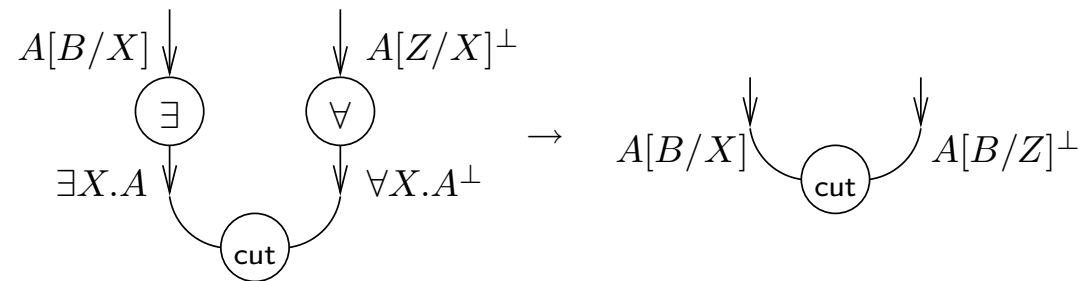


Figure 6: Quantifier step; the substitution is performed on the whole net.

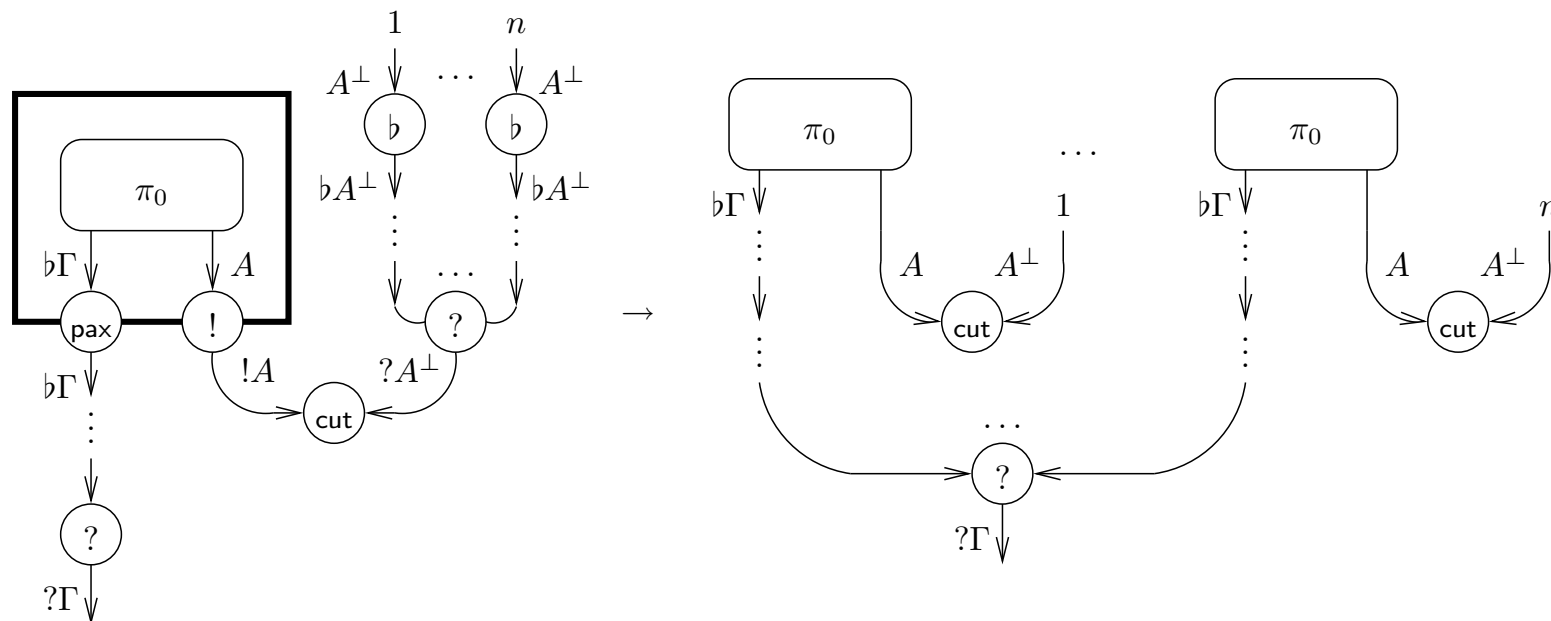


Figure 7: Exponential step; $b\Gamma$ is a multiset of discharged formulas, so one **pax** link, **why not** link, or wire in the picture may in some case stand for several (including zero) **pax** links, **why not** links, or wires.

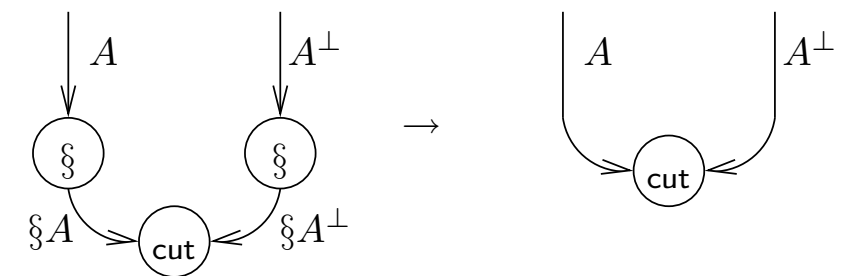


Figure 8: Paragraph step.

Indexing of proof-nets

Definition 12 (Indexing) Let π be a **meLL** net. An indexing for π is a function I from the edges of π to \mathbb{Z} satisfying the constraints given in Fig. 11 and such that, for all conclusions e, e' of π , $I(e) = I(e')$.

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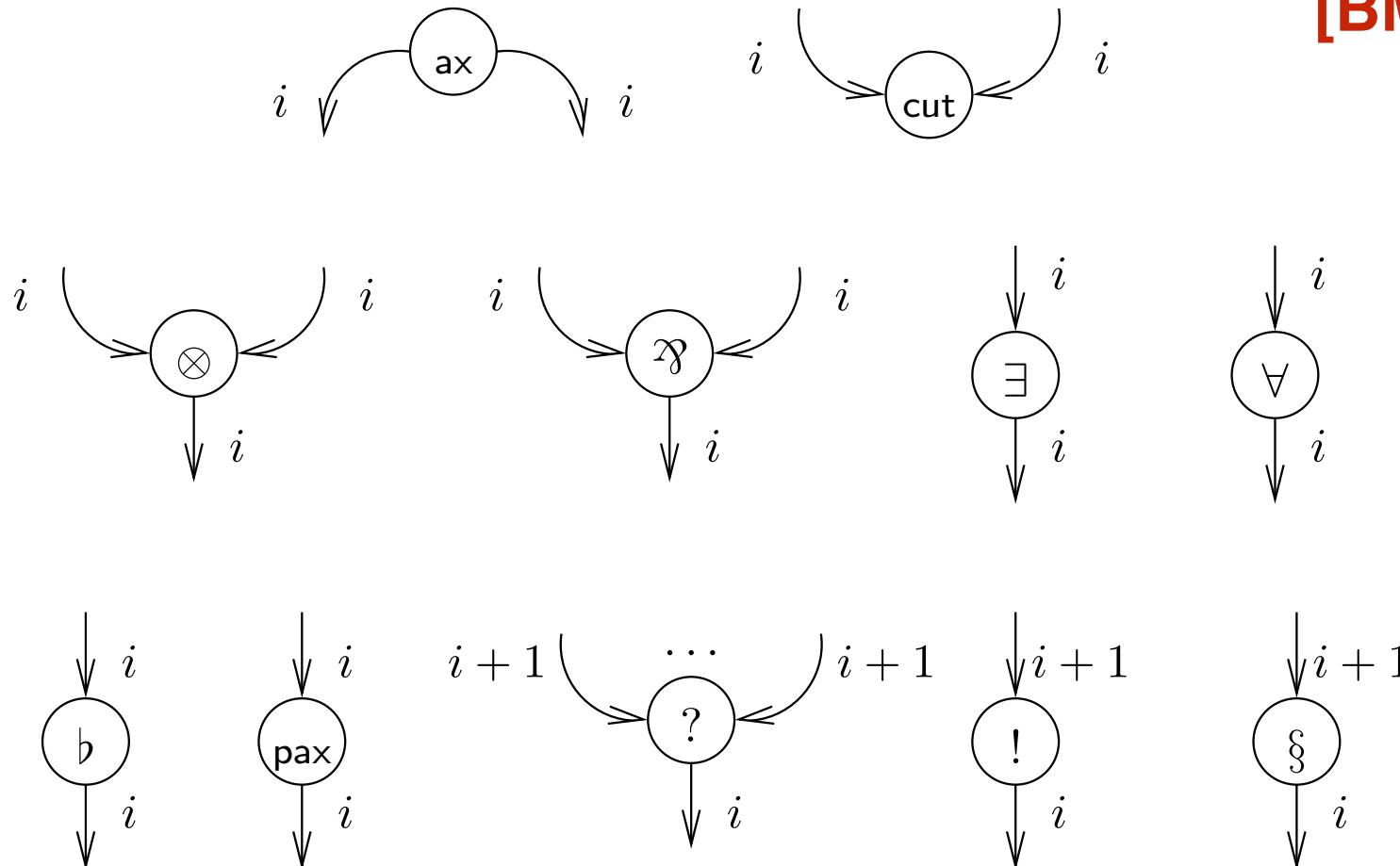


Figure 11: Constraints for indexing **meLL** proof nets. Next to each edge we represent the integer assigned by the indexing; formulas are omitted, because irrelevant to the indexing.

Definition 13 (Multiplicative linear logic by levels) *Multiplicative linear logic by levels (\mathbf{mL}^3) is the logical system defined by taking all **meLL** proof nets admitting an indexing.*

Theorem to be proven

Definition 2 (Depth, size) *Let σ be a pre-net.*

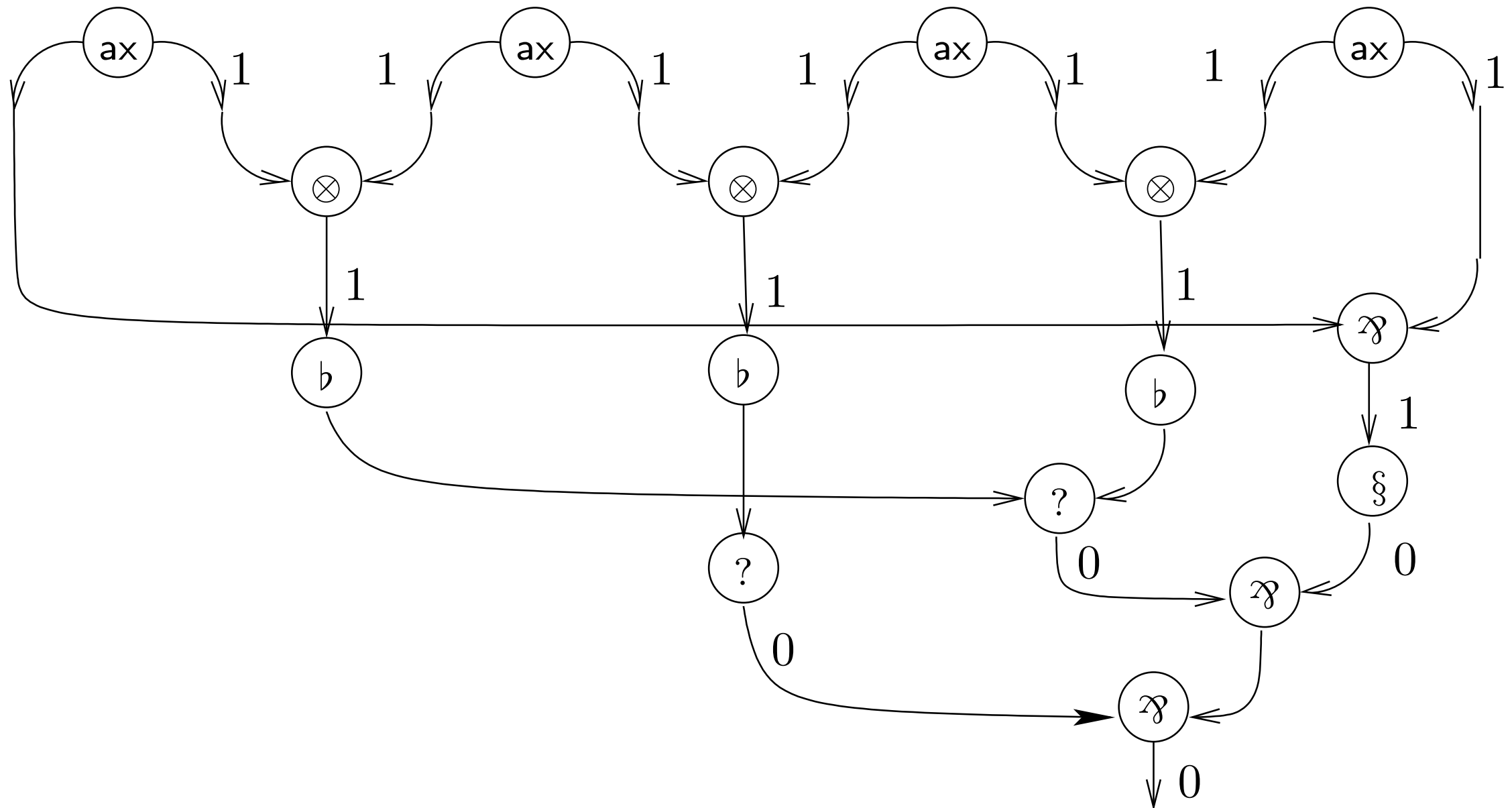
- *A link (or edge) of σ is said to have depth d if it is contained in d (necessarily nested) boxes. The depth of a box of σ is the depth of the links forming its border. The depth of a link l , edge e , or box \mathcal{B} are denoted resp. by $d(l)$, $d(e)$ and $d(\mathcal{B})$. The depth of σ , denoted by $d(\sigma)$, is the maximum depth of its links.*
- *The size of σ , denoted by $|\sigma|$, is the number of links contained in σ , excluding auxiliary ports.*

Definition 15 (Level) *Let π be an \mathbf{mL}^3 proof net, and let I_0 be its canonical indexing. The level of π , denoted by $\ell(\pi)$, is the maximum integer assigned by I_0 to the edges of π . If l is a link of π of conclusion e (or of conclusions e_1, e_2 in the case of an axiom link), and if \mathcal{B} is a box of π whose principal port has conclusion e' , we say that the level of l , denoted by $\ell(l)$, is $I_0(e)$ (or $I_0(e_1) = I_0(e_2)$ in the case of an axiom), and that the level of \mathcal{B} , denoted by $\ell(\mathcal{B})$, is $I_0(e')$.*

Theorem 16 (Elementary bound for \mathbf{mL}^3) *Let π be an \mathbf{mL}^3 proof net of size s and level l . Then, the round-by-round procedure reaches a normal form in at most $(l + 1)2_{2l}^s$ steps.*

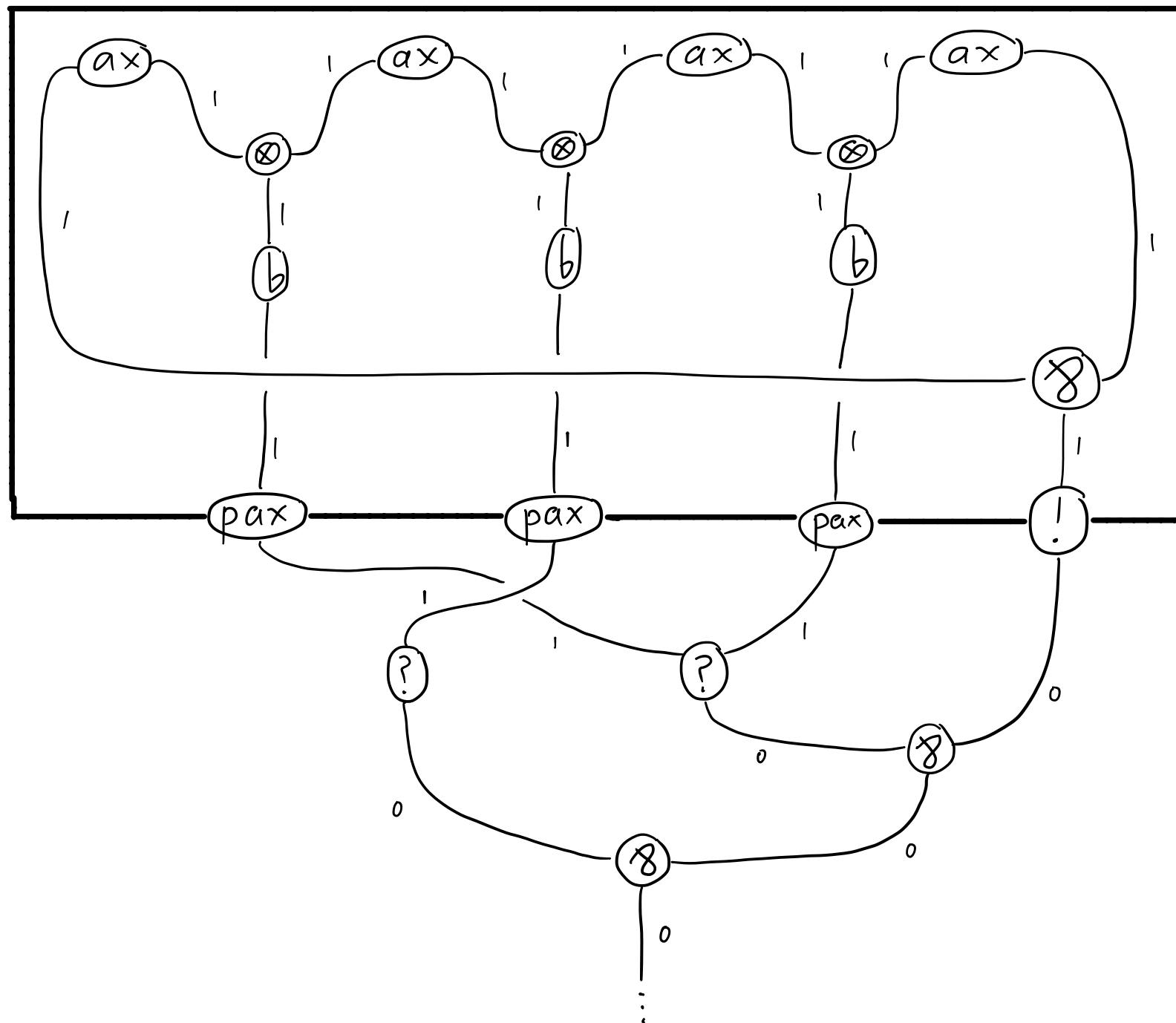
Below, we use the notation 2_k^n with the following meaning: for all n , $2_0^n = n$, and $2_{k+1}^n = 2^{2_k^n}$.

First encoding of 101 in mL3



$$\mathbf{bint}^{\S} = \forall \alpha \, !(\alpha \multimap \alpha) \multimap \left(!(\alpha \multimap \alpha) \multimap \S(\alpha \multimap \alpha) \right)$$

Second encoding of 101 in mL3



$$\mathbf{bint}^! = \forall \alpha \, !(\alpha \multimap \alpha) \multimap (!(\alpha \multimap \alpha) \multimap !(\alpha \multimap \alpha))$$

Level \neq depth

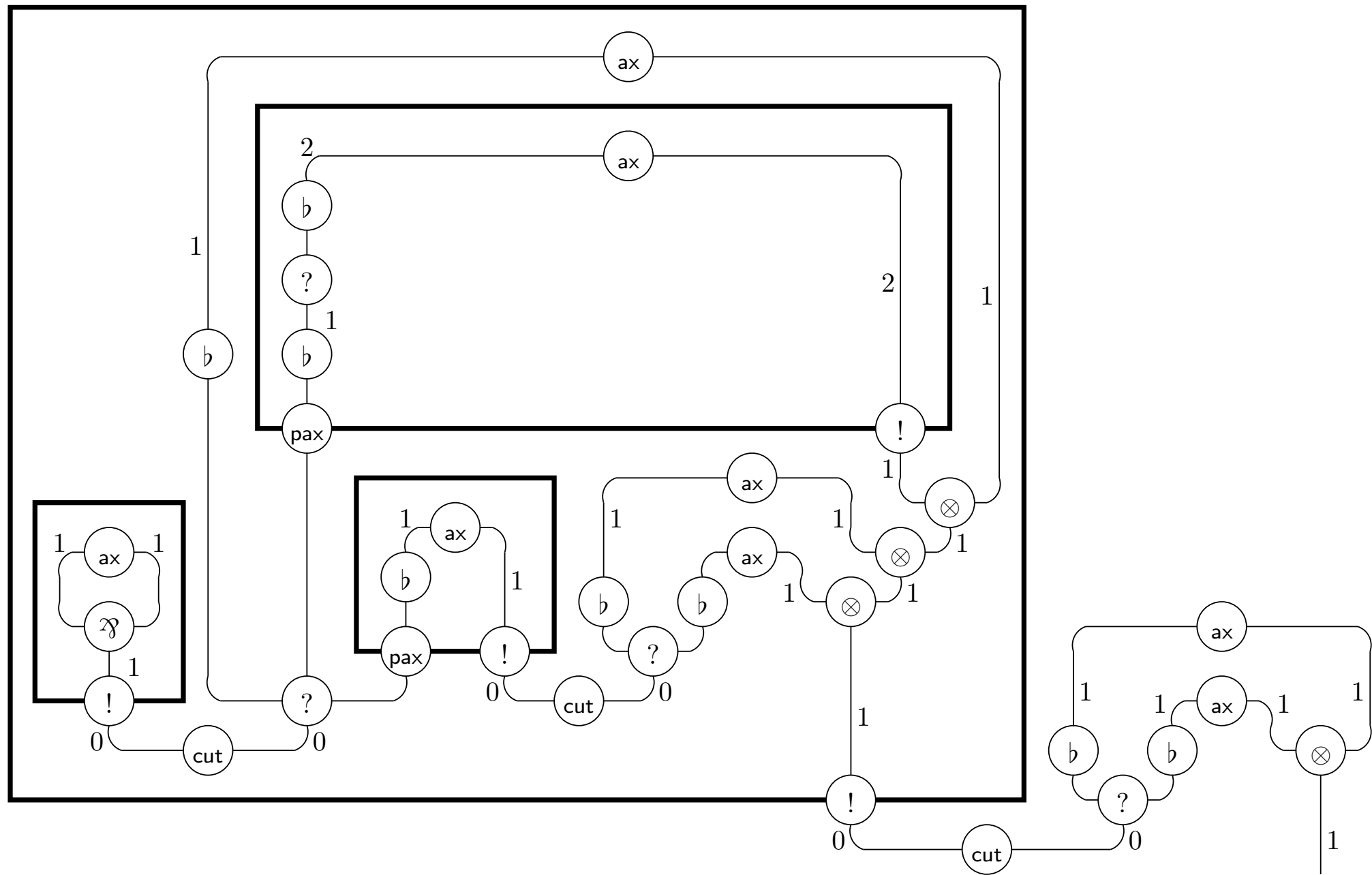


Figure 15: An example of nested boxes of identical level (much smaller examples exist; we gave this one because we shall re-use it later on for different purposes).

Round by round procedure for reduction

(Here proof net = untyped proof net)

Definition 17 (Isolevel tree) *Let π be a **meLL** proof net, and let e be an edge of π which is the conclusion of a link l different from flat or pax. The isolevel tree of e is defined by induction as follows:*

- *if l is an axiom, why not, of course, or paragraph link, then the isolevel tree of e consists of the link l alone;*
- *otherwise, let e_1, \dots, e_k (with $k \in \{1, 2\}$) be the premises of l ; then, the isolevel tree of e is the tree whose root is l and whose immediate subtrees are the isolevel trees of e_1, \dots, e_k .*

Definition 18 (Complexity of reducible cuts) *Let π be a **meLL** proof net, and let c be a reducible cut link of π , whose premises are e_1, e_2 . The complexity of c , denoted by $\#c$, is the sum of the number of nodes contained in the isolevel trees of e_1 and e_2 . (Note that the isolevel trees of e_1, e_2 are always defined because the premises of a cut can never be conclusions of flat or pax links).*

Definition 19 (Weight of an **mL³ proof net)** *Let π be an **mL³** proof net of level l . If $k \in \mathbb{Z}$, we denote by $\text{cuts}_k(\pi)$ the set of reducible cut links of π at level k . The weight of π , denoted by α_π , is the function from \mathbb{N} to \mathbb{N} defined as follows:*

$$\alpha_\pi(i) = \sum_{c \in \text{cuts}_{l-i}(\pi)} \#c.$$

[BM] Contractive order

Round by round procedure for reduction

Definition 21 (Cut order) *Let π be an \mathbf{mL}^3 proof net, and let $\text{cuts}(\pi)$ be the set of reducible cut links of π . We turn $\text{cuts}(\pi)$ into a partially ordered set by posing, for $c, c' \in \text{cuts}(\pi)$, $c \leq c'$ iff one of the following holds:*

- $\ell(c) < \ell(c')$;

Or $\ell(c) = \ell(c')$ and

- c is non-contractive and c' is contractive;
- c and c' are both contractive, involving resp. the boxes \mathcal{B} and \mathcal{B}' , and $\mathcal{B} \preceq \mathcal{B}'$.

From now on, we shall only consider the cut-elimination procedure given by the proof of Lemma 12, i.e., the one reducing only minimal cuts in the cut order. More concretely, given an \mathbf{mL}^3 proof net π , this procedure chooses a cut to be reduced in the following way:

1. find the lowest level at which reducible cuts are present in π , say i ;
2. if non-contractive cuts are present at level i , choose any of them and reduce it;
3. if only contractive cuts are left, chose one involving a minimal box in the contractive order.

Proofs

Lemma 12 *Let π be an \mathbf{mL}^3 proof net which is not normal. Then, there exists π' such that $\pi \rightarrow \pi'$ and $\alpha_{\pi'} < \alpha_{\pi}$.*

Proposition 13 (Untyped weak normalization) *Untyped \mathbf{mL}^3 proof nets are weakly normalizable.*

Definition 22 *Let π be an \mathbf{mL}^3 proof net.*

- 1. The size of level i of π , denoted by $|\pi|_i$, is the number of links at level i of π different from auxiliary ports.*
- 2. π is i -normal iff it contains no reducible cut link at all levels $j \leq i$.*
- 3. π is i -contractive iff it is $(i - 1)$ -normal and contains only contractive cut links at level i .*

Lemma 14 *Let π be an $(i - 1)$ -normal proof net. Then, the round-by-round procedure reaches an i -normal proof net in at most $|\pi|_i$ steps.*

Lemma 15 *Let π be an i -contractive proof net, such that $\pi \rightarrow^* \pi'$ under the round-by-round procedure, with π' i -normal. Then, $|\pi'| \leq 2_2^{|\pi|}$.*

Theorem 16 (Elementary bound for \mathbf{mL}^3) *Let π be an \mathbf{mL}^3 proof net of size s and level l . Then, the round-by-round procedure reaches a normal form in at most $(l + 1)2_{2l}^s$ steps.*

Admits stratification = elementary time

$$\mathbf{bint}^! = \forall \alpha \ !(\alpha \multimap \alpha) \multimap (!(\alpha \multimap \alpha) \multimap !(\alpha \multimap \alpha))$$

Theorem (Girard, Baillot-Mazza, Danos-Joinet, Mairson-Terui)

A function $f : \{0, 1\}^* \longrightarrow \{0, 1\}^*$ is elementary time
if and only if it can be typed as a proof in \mathbf{mL}^3
of level d with conclusion $(\mathbf{bint}^!)^\perp, !^d \mathbf{bint}^!$.

Admits stratification + restricted promotion = polytime

$$\mathbf{bint}^{\S} = \forall \alpha \, !(\alpha \multimap \alpha) \multimap (!(\alpha \multimap \alpha) \multimap \S(\alpha \multimap \alpha))$$

Definition 16 (Multiplicative light linear logic by levels) *Multiplicative light linear logic by levels (\mathbf{mL}^4) is the logical system composed of all \mathbf{mL}^3 proof nets π satisfying the following conditions:*

(Weak) Depth-stratification: *Each exponential branch (Definition 8) of π crosses at most one auxiliary port.*

Lightness: *Each box of π has at most one auxiliary port.*

Theorem 23 (Polynomial bound for \mathbf{mL}^4) *Let π be an \mathbf{mL}^4 proof net of size s , level l , and relative depth r . Then, the round-by-round procedure reaches a normal form in at most $(l+1)s^{(r+2)^l}$ steps.*

Theorem (Girard, Baillot-Mazza, Danos-Joinet, Mairson-Terui)

A function $f : \{0, 1\}^* \longrightarrow \{0, 1\}^*$ is polytime if and only if it can be typed as a proof in \mathbf{mL}^4 of level d with conclusion $(\mathbf{bint}^{\S})^{\perp}, \S^d \mathbf{bint}^{\S}$.