# INTUITIONISM

Consider the problem "Are there two irrational numbers a and b such that  $a^b$  is rational?" We apply the following smart reasoning: suppose  $\sqrt{2}^{\sqrt{2}}$  is rational, then we have solved the problem. Should  $\sqrt{2}^{\sqrt{2}}$  be irrational then  $\left(\sqrt{2}^{\sqrt{2}}\right)^{\sqrt{2}}$  is rational. In both cases there is a solution, so the answer to the problem is: Yes. However, should somebody ask us to produce such a pair a, b, then we have to engage in some serious number theory in order to come up with the right choice between the numbers mentioned above.

- ( $\wedge$ ) a proves  $\varphi \wedge \psi := a$  is a pair  $\langle b, c \rangle$  such that b proves  $\varphi$  and c proves  $\psi$ .
- ( $\vee$ ) a proves  $\varphi \vee \psi := a$  is a pair  $\langle b, c \rangle$  such that b is a natural number and if b = 0 then c proves  $\varphi$ , if  $b \neq 0$  then c proves  $\psi$ .
- ( $\rightarrow$ ) a proves  $\varphi \rightarrow \psi := a$  is a construction that converts any proof p of  $\varphi$  into a proof a(p) of  $\psi$ .
- $(\perp)$  no a proves  $\perp$ .

In order to deal with the quantifiers we assume that some domain D of objects is given.

- ( $\forall$ )  $a \text{ proves } \forall x \varphi(x) := a \text{ is a construction such that for each } b \in D \ a(b) \text{ proves } \varphi(\overline{b}).$
- ( $\exists$ ) a proves  $\exists x \varphi(x) := a$  is a pair (b, c) such that  $b \in D$  and c proves  $\varphi(\overline{b})$ .

1.  $\varphi \wedge \psi \rightarrow \varphi$  is true, for let  $\langle a, b \rangle$  be a proof of  $\varphi \wedge \psi$ , then the construction c with c(a, b) = a converts a proof of  $\varphi \wedge \psi$  into a proof of  $\varphi$ . So c proves  $(\varphi \wedge \psi \rightarrow \varphi)$ .

let c the first projection of a pair, namely c(a,b)=a (c may be defined as λ(x,y).x)

2.  $(\varphi \land \psi \to \sigma) \to (\varphi \to (\psi \to \sigma))$ . Let a prove  $\varphi \land \psi \to \sigma$ , i.e. a converts each proof  $\langle b,c \rangle$  of  $\varphi \land \psi$  into a proof a(b,c) of  $\sigma$ . Now the required proof p of  $\varphi \to (\psi \to \sigma)$  is a construction that converts each proof b of  $\varphi$  into a p(b) of  $\psi \to \sigma$ . So p(b) is a construction that converts a proof c of c into a proof c

$$\bot {\to} \delta$$

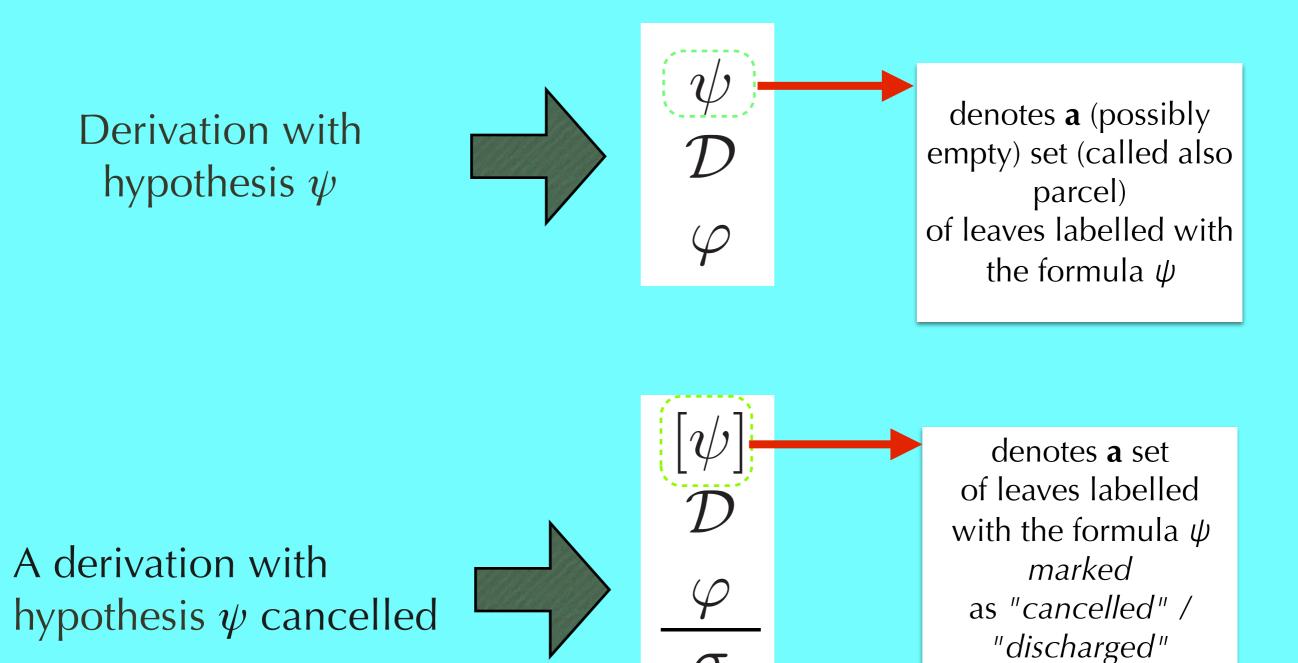
is intuitionistically acceptable

$$\begin{array}{c} \bot {\to} \delta \\ \text{is equivalent to the rule} \\ \frac{\bot}{\varphi} \end{array}$$

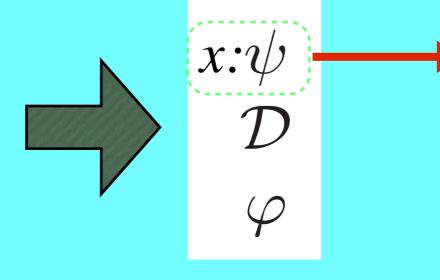
the principle  $\delta \lor \neg \delta$  is equivalent to the rule

$$\begin{array}{c} [\neg \varphi] \\ \mathcal{D} \\ \bot \\ \varphi
\end{array}$$

A natural deduction system for intuitionism is obtained by dropping RAA and maintaining  $\frac{\bot}{\varphi}$ 

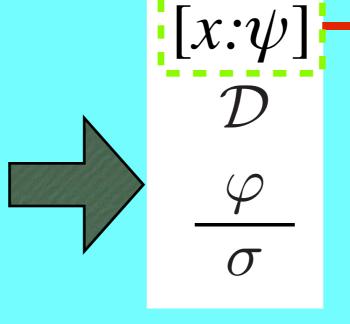






denotes a (possibly empty) set of leaves labelled with the formula  $\psi$ . Each formula in the set is labelled with x

A derivation with hypothesis  $\psi$  cancelled



denotes a set of leaves labelled with the formula  $\psi$  marked as "cancelled" / "discharged". Each discharged formula is labelled with  $\mathcal{X}$ 

$$(1) \vdash \neg \varphi \leftrightarrow \neg \neg \neg \varphi$$

$$(2) \vdash (\varphi \land \neg \psi) \rightarrow \neg (\varphi \rightarrow \psi)$$

$$(3) \vdash (\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow (\neg \neg \varphi \rightarrow \neg \neg \psi)$$

$$(4) \vdash \neg \neg (\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \leftrightarrow (\neg \neg \varphi \rightarrow \neg \neg \psi)$$

$$(5) \vdash \neg \neg (\varphi \land \psi) \leftrightarrow (\neg \neg \varphi \land \neg \neg \psi)$$

$$(6) \vdash \neg \neg \forall x \varphi(x) \rightarrow \forall x \neg \neg \varphi(x)$$

$$\frac{[\varphi \land \neg \psi]^2}{\varphi} \qquad \qquad [\varphi \to \psi]^1 \qquad [\varphi \land \neg \psi]^2 \\
\frac{\psi}{\varphi} \qquad \qquad \frac{\bot}{\neg \psi} \\
\frac{\bot}{\neg (\varphi \to \psi)} 1 \\
\frac{\neg (\varphi \to \psi)}{(\varphi \land \neg \psi) \to \neg (\varphi \to \psi)} 2$$

$$\frac{[\varphi]^{1} \quad [\varphi \to \psi]^{4}}{\psi} \qquad \frac{[\neg \psi]^{2}}{\frac{\bot}{\neg \varphi}} 1$$

$$\frac{\bot}{\neg \varphi} \qquad \frac{1}{\neg \varphi} \qquad \frac{\bot}{\neg \varphi} \qquad \frac{1}{\neg \varphi} \qquad \frac{\bot}{\neg \varphi} \qquad \frac{1}{\neg \varphi} \qquad \frac{1}{\neg \varphi} \qquad \frac{\bot}{\neg \varphi} \qquad \frac{\bot$$

Theorem

If  $\varphi$  does not contain  $\vee$  or  $\exists$  and all atoms but  $\bot$  in  $\varphi$  are negated, then

$$\vdash \varphi \leftrightarrow \neg \neg \varphi$$
.

**Definition 5.2.7** The mapping  $\circ$  :  $FORM \to FORM$  is defined by

(i)  $\bot \circ := \bot$  and  $\varphi \circ := \neg \neg \varphi$  for atomic  $\varphi$  dinstinct from  $\bot$  (ii)  $(\varphi \land \psi) \circ := \varphi \circ \land \psi \circ$ (iii)  $(\varphi \lor \psi) \circ := \neg (\neg \varphi \circ \land \neg \psi \circ)$ (iv)  $(\varphi \to \psi) \circ := \varphi \circ \to \psi \circ$ (v)  $(\forall x \varphi(x)) \circ := \forall x \varphi \circ (x)$ (vi)  $(\exists x \varphi(x)) \circ := \neg \forall x \neg \varphi \circ (x)$ 

Theorem 5.2.8  $\Gamma \vdash_c \varphi \Leftrightarrow \Gamma^{\circ} \vdash_i \varphi^{\circ}$ .

#### An Kripke model for propositional intuitionistic logic is a triple

$$\mathscr{H} = \langle K, \leq, V, \Vdash \rangle$$

s.t.

- K is a set of "worlds"
- ≤ is a partial order on K
- ◆ V: K→ $2^{PROP}$  s.t. p∈V(k) and k ≤ k' then p∈V(k')
- $\bullet \Vdash \subseteq K \times FORM$  is called forcing relation satisfying the following conditions:
  - $k \Vdash p \Leftrightarrow p \in V(k)$  for  $p \in PROP$
  - k | φ ∧ ψ ⇔ k | φ AND k | ψ
  - k⊩ φ∨ψ ⇔ k⊩ φ OR k⊩ ψ
  - k⊮⊥
  - $k \Vdash \varphi \rightarrow \psi \Leftrightarrow \text{ for each } k'. \ k \leq k' \Rightarrow \text{ if } k' \Vdash \varphi \text{ then } k' \Vdash \psi$
  - $k \Vdash \neg \varphi \Leftrightarrow \text{ for each } k'. \ k \leq k' \Rightarrow \text{ if } k' \not\Vdash \varphi$

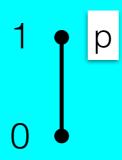
We say that  $\mathscr{H} \Vdash \varphi$  iff for each k in  $\mathscr{H}$  we have  $k \Vdash \varphi$ 

We say that  $\Vdash \varphi$  iff for each  $\mathscr{H}$  we have  $\mathscr{H} \Vdash \varphi$ 

We say that  $\Gamma \Vdash \varphi$  iff for each  $\mathscr{H}$  and for each k in  $\mathscr{H}$  we have  $k \Vdash \Gamma \Rightarrow k \Vdash \varphi$ 

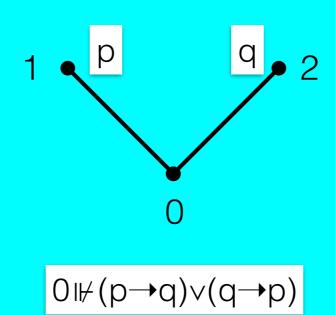
### THEOREM Γ⊢Φ iff Γ⊩Φ





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# NORMALIZATION

$$\frac{[\sigma \land \varphi]^{2}}{\varphi} \land E \qquad \qquad \frac{[\sigma \land \varphi]^{2}}{\varphi} \land E$$

$$\frac{\varphi}{\varphi} \qquad \qquad [\varphi \to \psi]^{1} \to E \qquad \frac{\sigma}{\psi \to \sigma} \to I$$

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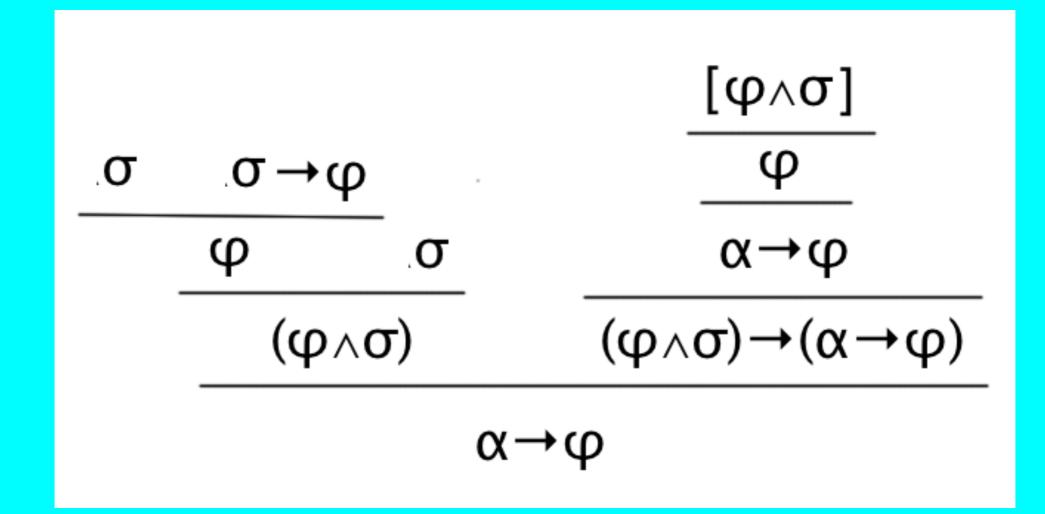
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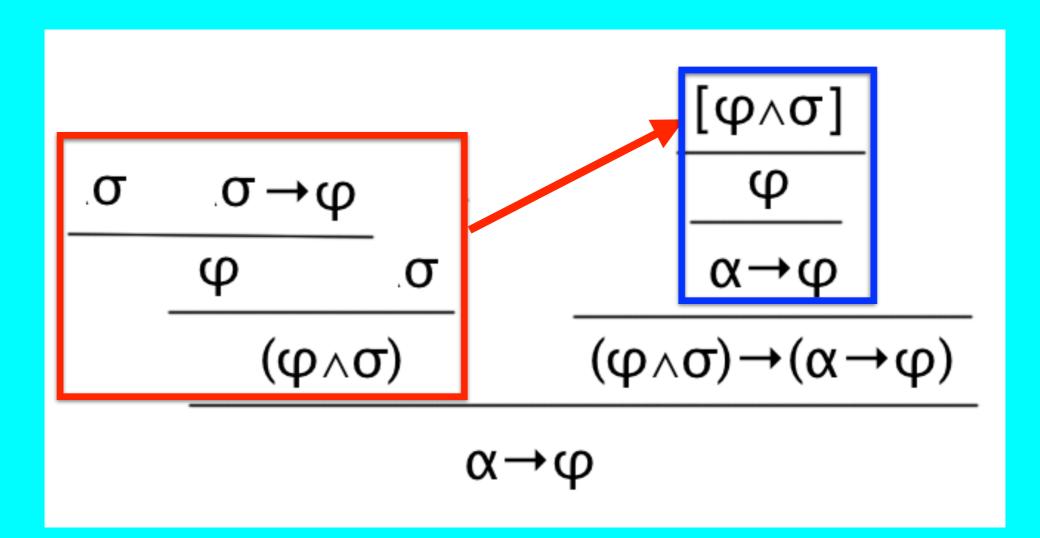
$$\frac{[\sigma \land \varphi]^2}{\varphi} \land E \qquad \qquad [\varphi \rightarrow \psi]^1 \rightarrow E \qquad \frac{\sigma}{\psi \rightarrow \sigma} \rightarrow I \\
\frac{\psi}{\varphi \rightarrow \sigma} \rightarrow I_1 \\
\frac{(\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow \sigma}{(\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow \sigma} \rightarrow I_2$$

$$\frac{[\sigma \land \varphi]^{1}}{\sigma} \land E$$

$$\frac{\sigma}{(\varphi \to \psi) \to \sigma} \to I$$

$$\frac{(\varphi \to \psi) \to \sigma}{(\sigma \land \varphi) \to ((\varphi \to \psi) \to \sigma)} \to I_{1}$$





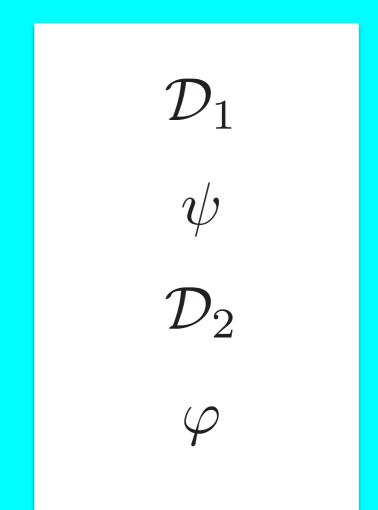
$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\sigma & \sigma \rightarrow \varphi \\
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\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
(\varphi \land \sigma) \\
\varphi \\
\alpha \rightarrow \varphi
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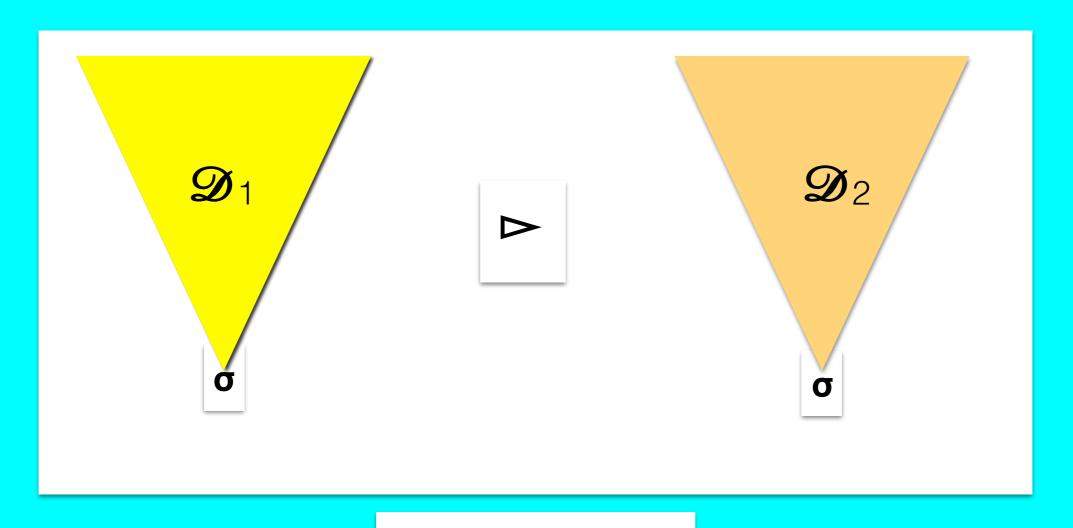
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## conversions

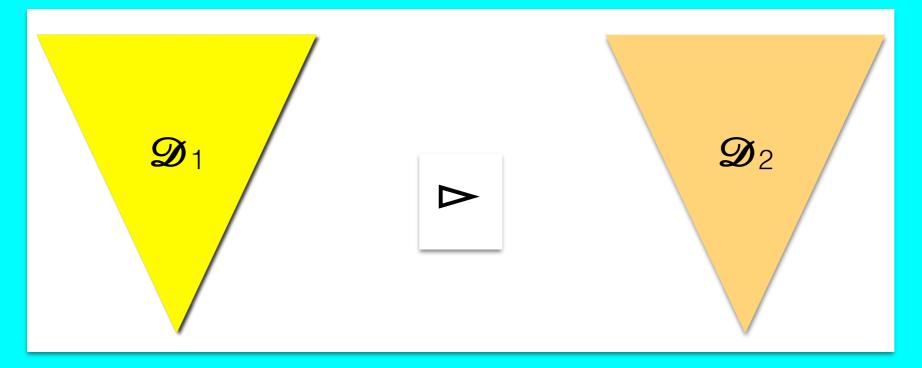
$$\begin{array}{ccc}
[\psi] \\
\mathcal{D}_2 \\
\mathcal{D}_1 & \varphi \\
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\psi & \overline{\psi \to \varphi} \to I \\
\hline
\varphi
\end{array}$$

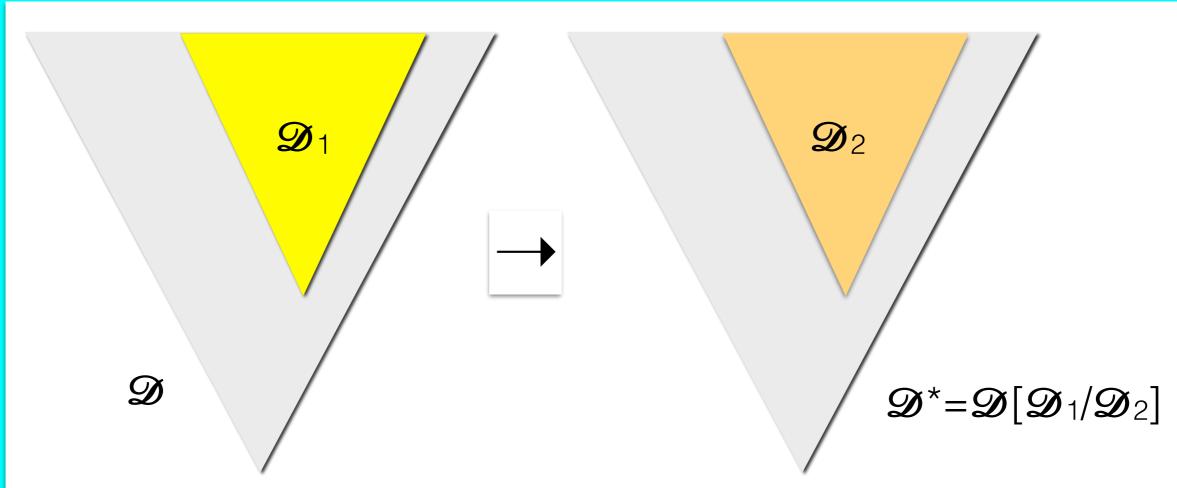


Redex/cut: sequence →I, →E



hp**∅**<sub>1</sub> ⊆hp**∅**<sub>2</sub>





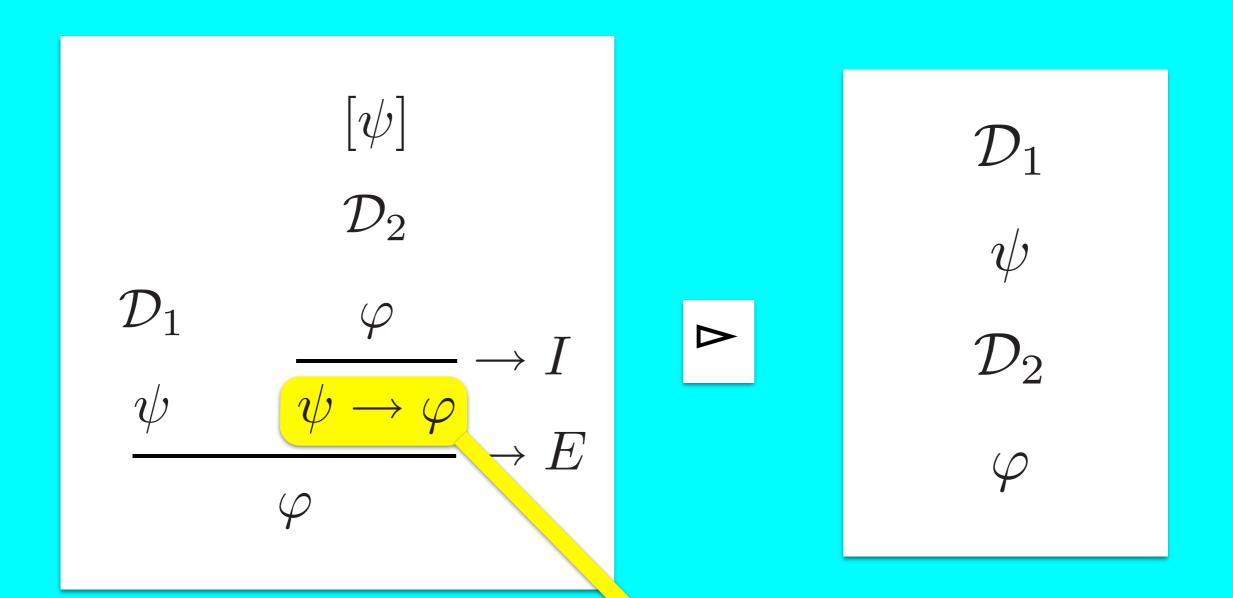
 $\mathscr{D} \rightarrow \mathscr{D}^*$  ( $\mathscr{D}$  1-step reduces to  $\mathscr{D}^*$ ):  $\mathscr{D}^*$  is obtained by applying a conversion to a subderivation of  $\mathscr{D}$ 

 $\mathscr{D} \twoheadrightarrow \mathscr{D}^*$  ( $\mathscr{D}$  reduces to  $\mathscr{D}^*$ ):  $\exists \mathscr{D}_1 ... \mathscr{D}_n$  s.t.  $\mathscr{D} = \mathscr{D}_1, \mathscr{D}^* = \mathscr{D}_n, \mathscr{D}_1 \rightarrow ... \rightarrow \mathscr{D}_n$   $\Rightarrow$  is the reflexive and transitive closure of  $\rightarrow$ 

 $\mathscr{D}$  is in normal form (irreducible) if  $\mathscr{D} \rightarrow \mathscr{D}^*$  implies that  $\mathscr{D} = \mathscr{D}^*$ 

 $\mathcal{D}$  is in normal form (irreducible) if there is no  $\mathcal{D}^*$  s.t.  $\mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^*$ 

Theorem (weak normalisation) for each  $\mathscr{D}$  there is  $\mathscr{D}^*$  s.t.  $\mathscr{D} \rightarrow \mathscr{D}^*$  and  $\mathscr{D}^*$  is in normal form



## cut formula

conversion with cut formula  $\psi \rightarrow \phi$ 

 $d(\phi)$ = size of  $\phi$ 

 $\phi$  is maximal in a derivation  $\mathscr{D}$  if:

- 1. φ is a cut formula
- 2.  $d(\phi)=\max\{d(\delta): \delta \text{ is a cut formula in } \mathcal{D}\}$

## Theorem (weak normalisation) for each $\mathscr{D}$ there is $\mathscr{D}^*$ s.t. $\mathscr{D} \rightarrow \mathscr{D}^*$ and $\mathscr{D}^*$ is in normal form

 $d=max\{d(\delta): \delta \text{ is a cut formula in } \mathcal{D}\}$ 

 $n=\#\{\delta:\delta \text{ is an occurrence of a maximal cut}\}$ 

Let call  $R(\mathcal{D})$  the pair (d,n) of  $\mathcal{D}$ .

Let us assume the lexicographic well order < for pairs of natural numbers:

(d,n) < (d',n') iff d < d' or d=d' and n < n'.

The proof is by induction on  $R(\mathcal{D})$ .

Base: if  $R(\mathcal{D})=(0,0)$  then  $\mathcal{D}$  is in normal form;

Induction step: let us suppose that  $R(\mathcal{D})=(d,n)$ .

Make a reduction with a maximal cut formula  $\delta: \mathcal{D} \to \mathcal{D}^*$ , with  $R(\mathcal{D}^*) = (d^*, n^*)$ 

Now observe that  $(d^*,n^*)<(d,n)$  (if n>1 then  $d^*=d$  and  $n^*=n-1$ , if n=1, then  $d^*<d$ )

By induction hypothesis 𝒯\*→𝒯°

Since  $\mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^*$  and  $\mathcal{D}^* \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^\circ$  we have the thesis.

## SUBFORMULA PROPERTY

**Theorem** Let  $\mathscr{D}$  be a normal deduction in the  $\rightarrow$  fragment. Then

- i) every formula in  $\mathscr{D}$  is a subformula of a conclusion or a hypothesis of  $\mathscr{D}$ ;
- ii) if  $\mathcal{D}$  ends in an elimination, it has a *principal branch*,
- i.e. a sequence of formulae  $A_0, A_1, ..., A_n$  such that:
- A<sub>0</sub> is an (undischarged) hypothesis;
- An is the conclusion;
- $A_i$  is the principal premise of an elimination of which the conclusion is  $A_{i+1}$  (for i=0,...,n-1). In particular  $A_n$  is a subformula of  $A_0$

**Proof** 1. If  $\mathscr{D}$  consists of a hypothesis, there is nothing to do.

2. If  $\mathscr{D}$  ends in an introduction,  $[\psi]$ 

 $\mathcal{D}_1$ 

 $\frac{\varphi}{\psi \to \varphi}$ 

then it suffices to apply the induction hypothesis to  $\mathcal{D}_1$ .

3. If  ${\mathscr D}$  ends in an elimination,  $\frac{\psi \qquad \psi \to \varphi}{\varphi}$ 

it is not possible that the proof above the principal premise ends in an introduction, so it ends in an elimination and has a principal branch, which can be extended to a principal branch of  $\mathcal{D}$ 

#### lemma

if p is a propositional symbol then ⊬p

#### **Proof**

Each deduction  $\mathscr{D}$  with conclusion p should terminate with an elimination rule.

Therefore there is an undischarged hypothesis  $\beta$  s.t. p is a sub formula of p, and it is not true that  $\mathscr{D}$  is a derivation without undischarged hypotheses of p.

#### **Corollary**

the natural deduction system based on → is consistent

## COMPUTATIONS

finite computation

$$\mathcal{D}_0 \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_1 \rightarrow ... \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_k$$
 with  $\mathcal{D}_k$  in normal form

infinite computation 
$$\mathfrak{D}_0 \rightarrow \mathfrak{D}_1 \rightarrow \ldots \rightarrow \mathfrak{D}_k \rightarrow \ldots$$

A "computation"/"reduction sequence" of ℒ of length κ≤ω is a sequence of deductions  $(\mathcal{D}_i)_{i < \kappa}$  such that  $\mathcal{D}_0 = \mathcal{D}$  and  $\mathcal{D}_{i-1} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_i$  for all i<к.

### Theorem (strong normalisation)

for each  $\mathcal{D}$ , alle the computations of  $\mathcal{D}$  are finite

### Theorem (confluence)

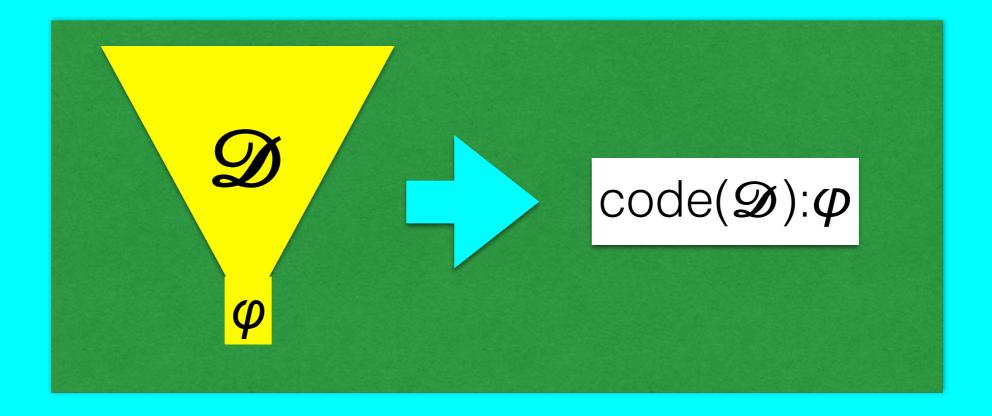
If  $\mathscr{D} \rightarrow \mathscr{D}'$  and  $\mathscr{D} \rightarrow \mathscr{D}''$  then there exist  $\mathscr{D}^*$  s.t.

### Theorem (existence and unicity of normal form)

If  $\mathscr{D} \rightarrow \mathscr{D}'$  and  $\mathscr{D} \rightarrow \mathscr{D}''$  and  $\mathscr{D}'$  and  $\mathscr{D}''$  are in normal form

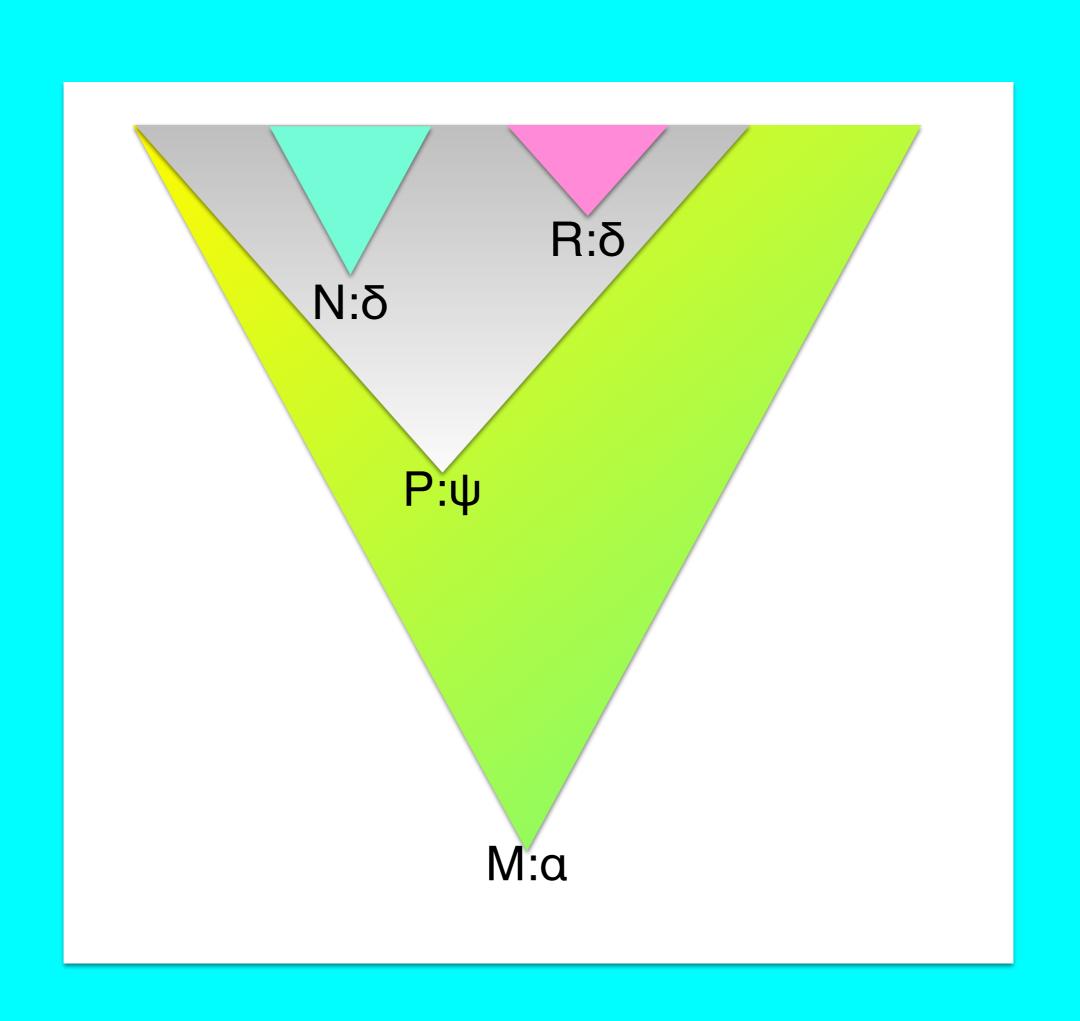
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## coding the derivation



we inductively associate a code to each derivation, by means of a suitable decoration of formulas:

i.e. we assign to each occurrence of a formula  $\delta$  in a deduction tree the code of the derivation with the occurrence  $\delta$  as conclusion (root)



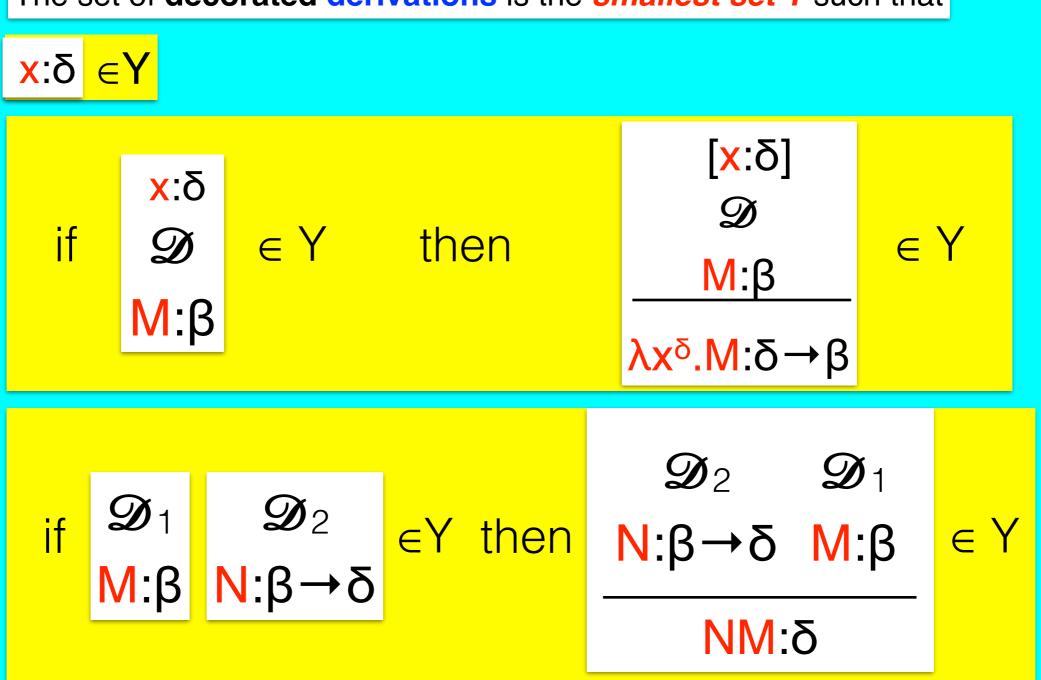
We assume to have a denumerable set  $x_0, x_1, ...$  of "variables"

We decorate each assumption  $\psi$  with exactly one variable x.

Different occurrences of the same assumption  $\psi$  may be decorated with the same variable x.

Occurrences of different formulas must be decoded with different variables.

The set of **decorated derivations** is the **smallest set Y** such that

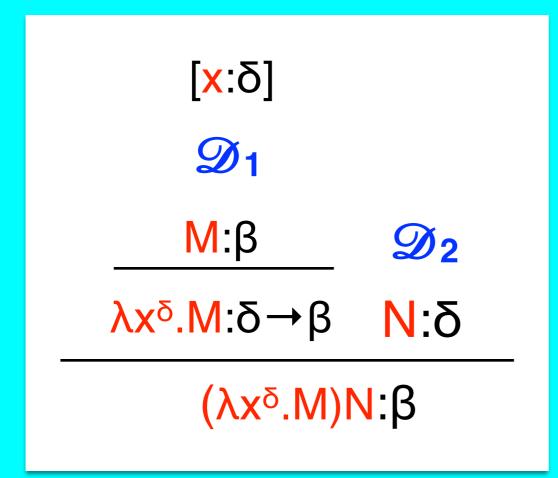


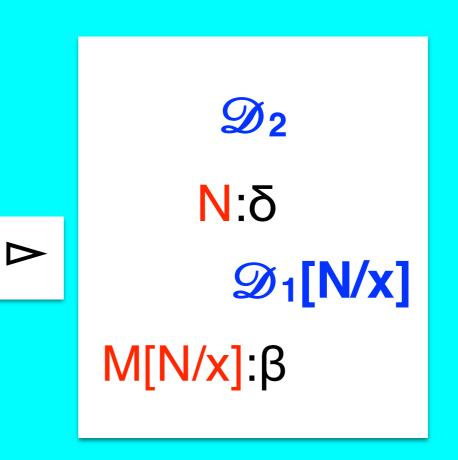
[x:δ] ⋮ M:β λxδ.Μ:δ→β

N:β→δ M:β NM:δ

# THE STRINGS USED TO CODE DERIVATIONS ARE CALLED λ-TERMS

## REDUCTIONS





 $(\lambda x^{\delta}.M)N:\beta \rightarrow M[N/x]:\beta$ 

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$$\begin{array}{c} M:\beta \longrightarrow M_1:\beta \\ \hline MN:\beta \longrightarrow M_1N:\beta \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{c} M:\beta \longrightarrow M_1:\beta \\ \hline NM:\beta \longrightarrow NM_1:\beta \end{array}$$

$$M:\beta \longrightarrow M_1:\beta$$

$$\lambda x^{\delta}.M:\beta \longrightarrow \lambda x^{\delta}.M_1:\beta$$

→ is the reflexive and transitive closure of →

### exercise: prove that

$$\Gamma, \beta \vdash \psi \Rightarrow \Gamma \vdash \beta \rightarrow \psi$$

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$$\Gamma, x: \beta \vdash x: \beta$$

$$\Gamma, \mathbf{x}: \beta \vdash \mathbf{M}: \psi$$

$$\Gamma \vdash \lambda \mathbf{x}^{\beta}. \mathbf{M}: \beta \rightarrow \psi$$

$$\Gamma \vdash M:\beta \rightarrow \psi \qquad \Gamma \vdash N:\beta$$

## **CURRY-HOWARD ISOMORPHISM**

FORMULAS	$\Leftrightarrow$	TYPES
PROOFS	$\Leftrightarrow$	PROGRAMS (λ-TERMS)
REDUCTIONS	$\Leftrightarrow$	COMPUTATIONS

#### The full propositional system

we can restrict our attention to applications of the  $\perp$  -rule for atomic instances

$$\frac{\perp}{p}$$
 p atomic

The proof is done by a trivial induction (exercise) Hint: transform e.g.

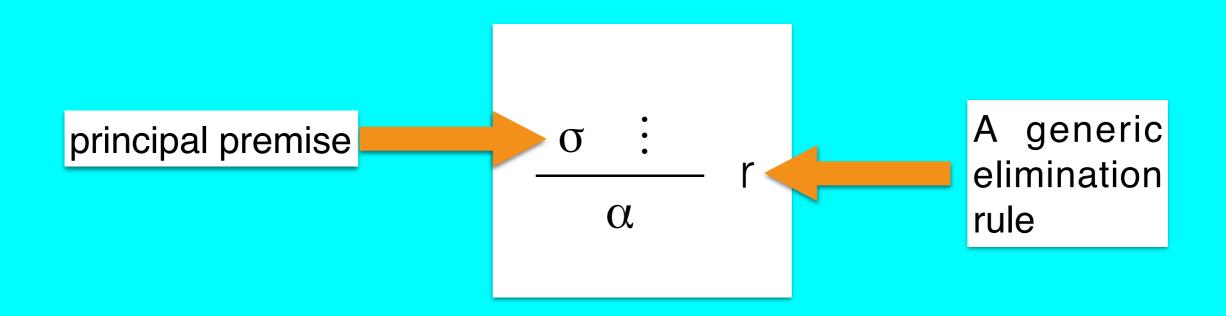
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\alpha \rightarrow \sigma & & & & & & & \\
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\end{array}$$
with
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\alpha \rightarrow \sigma & & & \\
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#### The conversion for ∧ and ∨

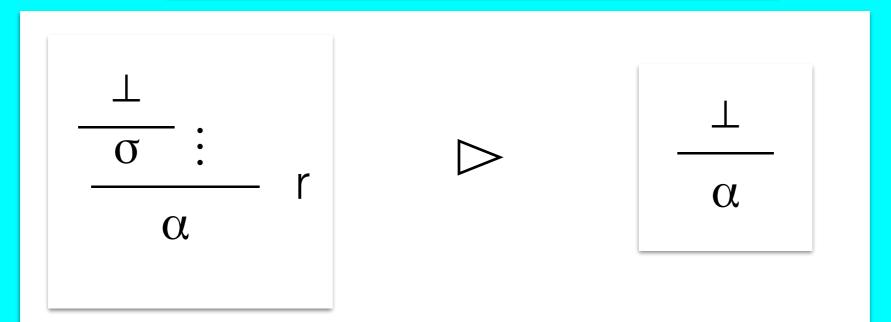
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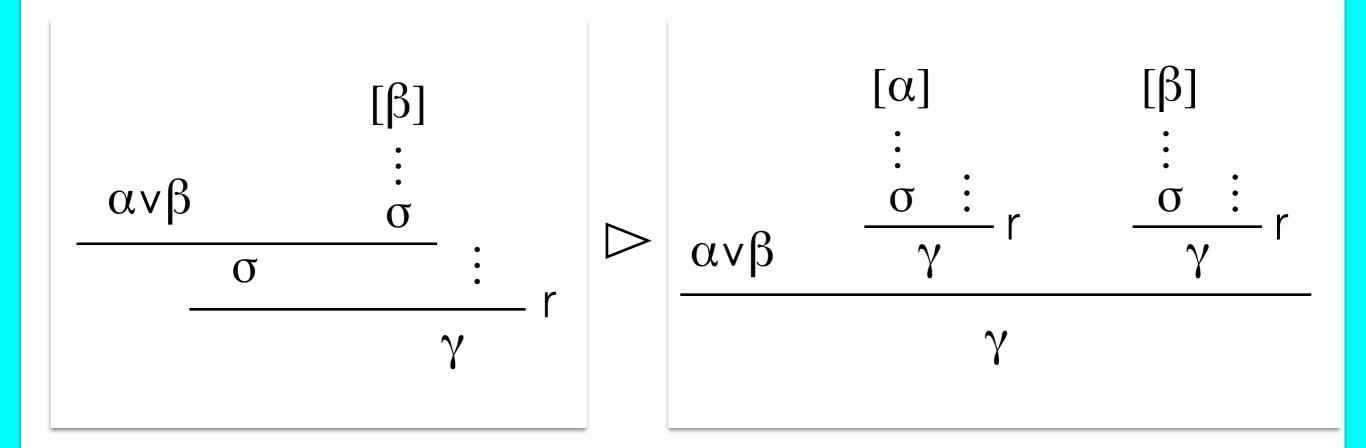
#### we need more conversions

failure of subformula property



## commuting conversions





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