

## Coherence spaces

A concrete interpretation of proofs

$$\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \pi \\ \vdots \\ A \vdash B \end{array}$$

$$A \xrightarrow{[\pi]} B$$

denotational:

$$\pi \xrightarrow{\beta} \pi'$$

$$[\pi] = [\pi']$$

Abstractly: construction of  
a cartesian closed category

- product  $A \times B$   $A$  &  $B$  projections, pairs
- internal  $\text{Hom}(A \rightarrow B)$  object  $B^A$

Concrete construction  $\rightarrow$  "coherence"

History

second order

J.-Y. Girard 1986 The system F of  
variable types fifteen years later  
(from ordinals,  $\Pi_2$  logic)

→ Jean-Yves Girard 1987 Linear Logic

Propositions / Types

$A$  atomic

$A \& B$

$A \rightarrow B$

CohomanceSpace

arbitrary  $A$

Product  $A \& B$

stable functions  
from  $A$  to  $B$   
viewed as a coherence space

Proof  
 $\pi$   
 $A \vdash B$

$\pi$   
 $\vdash B$

$A_1, \dots, A_n \stackrel{\pi}{\vdash} B$

Stable map

$[\pi]: A \rightarrow B$   
or object (clique)  
in  $[A \rightarrow B]$

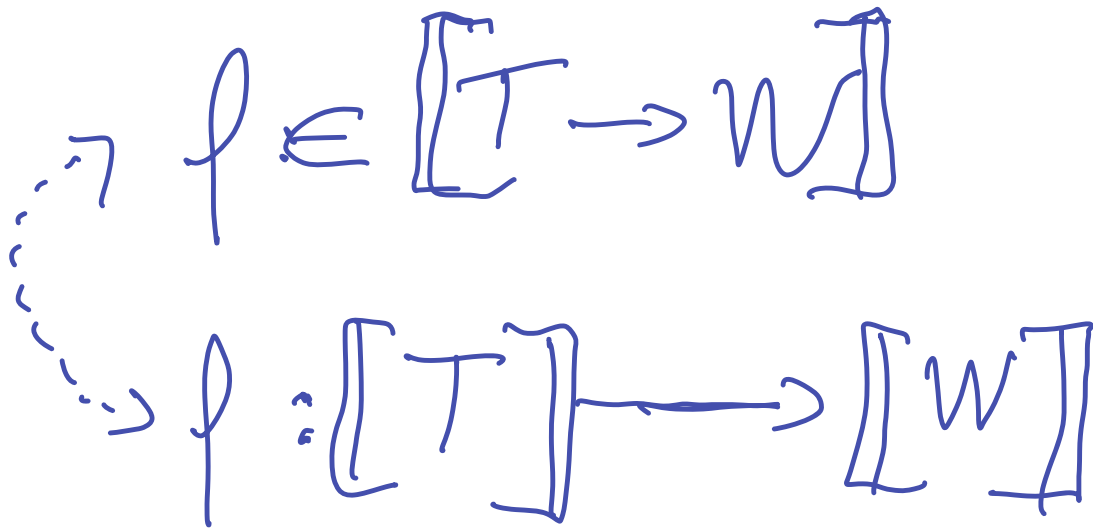
$[\pi]: 1 \rightarrow B$   
or object (clique)  
in  $[B]$

$[\pi]$  stable function  
 $(A_1 \& \dots \& A_n) \rightarrow B$   
or object of  $[(A_1 \& \dots \& A_n) \rightarrow B]$

What makes it work:

$$\frac{t:T \quad f:T \rightarrow W}{f(t):W}$$

( $\rightarrow$  closure to  $\&$ )



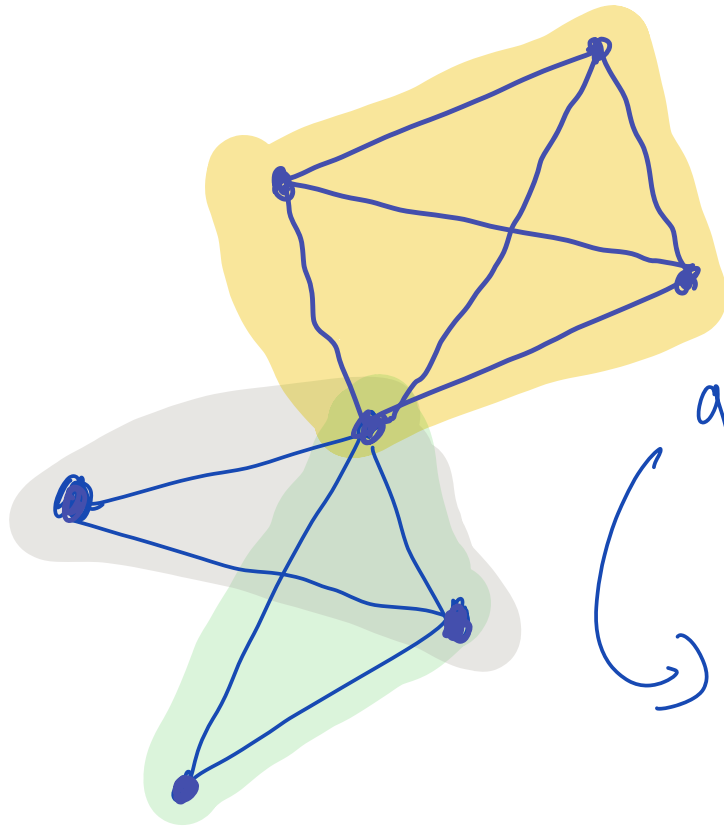
Remark      GIRARD invented (1986)  
coherence space for second order  
coherence space      other coherence  
space

Map  
(functor)       $X \longrightarrow T(X)$  <sup>space</sup>  
eg  $X \rightarrow (X \rightarrow X)$

can be represented as a  
coherence space!

it interprets  $\forall x [T(x)]$   
object  $\rightarrow$  2nd order proofs

WEB  $|A|$  of a phase space  $A$



1: • no edge

graph finite/countable

maximal CLIQUES

wad from graph theory  
that I suggested to JY6



TWO VIEWS of a coherence space  
particular family of sets  $\leftrightarrow$  cliques of a graph

if  $(a \in A, a' \in A \mid a \leq a')$  then  $\{a, a'\}$  vertices: singlets

if  $(a_i \in A \mid i \in I)$   
 $(a_i \vee a_j \in A \mid i, j \in I)$   
then  $(\bigcup_{i \in I} a_i) \in A$   $\rightarrow \alpha \rightarrow \alpha'$   
when  $\{\alpha, \alpha'\} \in A$

A&B product

$$\text{Web}(A \& B) = (A) \# (B)$$



graph!

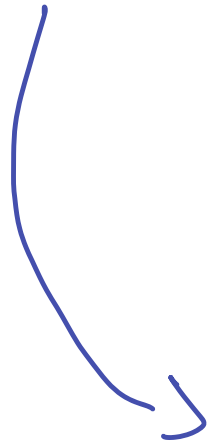
A graph

B graph

all edges in between

$A \rightarrow B$

stable functions



$[A \rightarrow B]$

later

# stable maps (Benji Girard)

- denumerable web
- computable from finite approximations

Stable functions from  $A$  to  $B$

set of cliques

● if  $a \subset a'$  then  $F(a) \subset F(a')$

● when  $a_i$  are all in a clique  
 $F(\bigcup a_i) = \bigcup F(a_i)$

●  $a \cup a' \in A$   $F(a \cap a') = F(a) \cap F(a')$

## Property of $F$ stable

- if  $\beta \in F(a)$   
then  $\exists a_0 \subset a, a_0$  finite,  $\beta \in F(a_0)$

●  $a_0$  minimal  $\rightarrow a_0$  unique

### PROOF

- $\beta \in F(a)$   $a = \bigcup a_i$   $a_i$  finite  
 $\beta \in F(a) = F(\bigcup a_i) = \bigcup_{i \in I} F(a_i)$   
 $\exists i$   $\beta \in F(a_i)$   $a_i$  finite

- if  $a_0$  minimal with  $a_0 \subset a$   $\beta \in F(a)$   
if  $a' \subset a$  s.t.  $\beta \in F(a')$

$$\beta \in F(a') \cap F(a_0) = F(a' \cap a_0) \quad \begin{matrix} a' \cap a_0 \subset a_0 \\ a' = a_0 \end{matrix}$$

$F$  stable  $T_2(F)$   
 $F(a) = b \xrightarrow{\text{d. property}} (a_0, \beta) \quad \beta \in b$

↓  
 finite  
 minimum  
 for  $\beta \in F(a)$

$$F(a) = \left\{ \beta \mid \exists a_0 \subset a \text{ finite } (a_0, \beta) \in T \right\}$$

$A \rightarrow B = \text{stable functions } A \rightarrow B$

in a one to one correspondence with  
the cliques of a coherence space

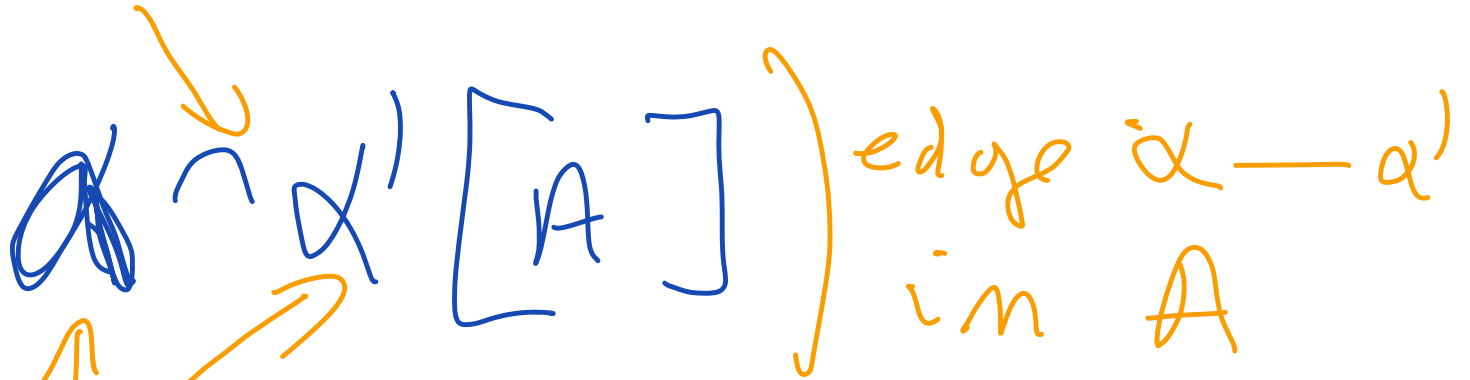
pairs  $(\alpha_{fin}, \beta)$   
 $(!A) \rightarrow B$

linear maps from  $!A$  to  $B$



# NOTATION

strict coherence



tokens  
from the view  $A$  of  $A$

VARIANT

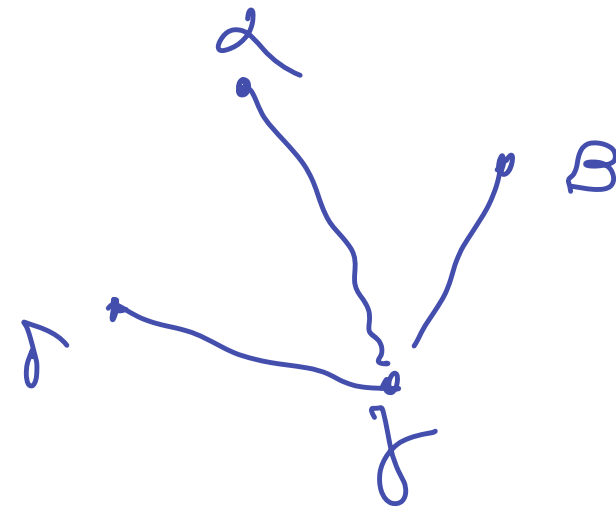
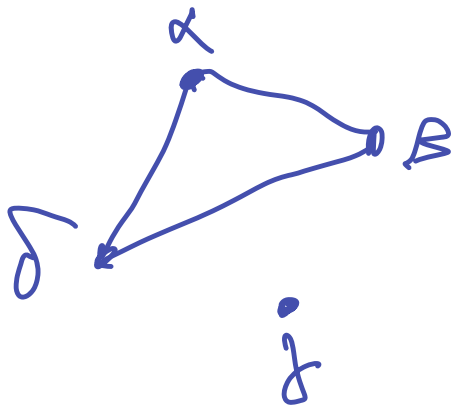
~~$\alpha$~~   $\alpha' [A]$

$\alpha \sim \alpha' [A]$

$\alpha = \alpha'$

Construction of coherence spaces  
negation  $A^\perp$

complement graph



$$(A^\perp)^\perp = A$$

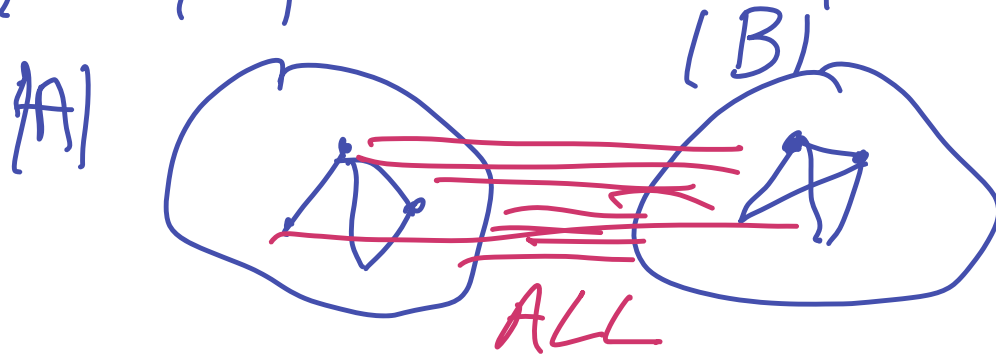
$A \& B$  : ( déjà vu )

WER :  $|A| \uplus |B|$  additive

$\alpha, \alpha' \in |A|$      $\alpha \supset \alpha' [A \& B]$  iff  $\alpha \supset \alpha' [A]$

$\beta, \beta' \in |B|$      $\beta \supset \beta' [A \& B]$  iff  $\beta \supset \beta' [B]$

$\alpha \in |A|$      $\beta \in |B|$      $\alpha \supset \beta [A \& B]$



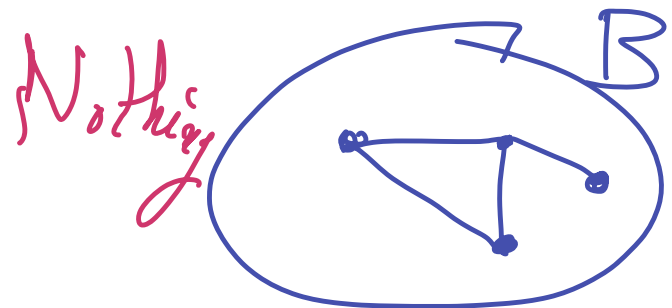
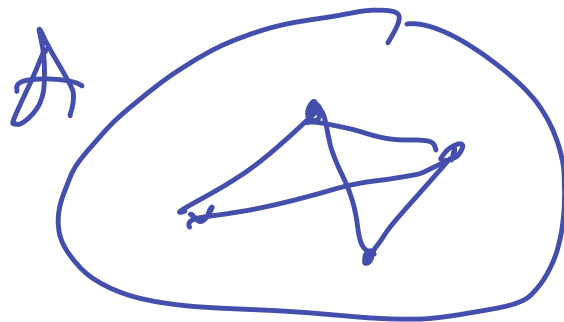
$$\text{OR} \\ |A \oplus B| = |A| \oplus |B|$$

$$A \times B \simeq (A^\perp \oplus B^\perp)^\perp$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \alpha, \alpha' \in |A| \\ \beta, \beta' \in |B| \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \alpha \cap \alpha' [A \oplus B] \text{ iff } \alpha \cap \alpha' [A] \\ \beta \cap \beta' [A \oplus B] \text{ iff } \beta \cap \beta' [B] \end{array}$$

$$\alpha \in |A|, \beta \in |B|$$

$$\alpha \cap \beta [A \oplus B] \text{ NEVER}$$



Nothing

tensor / times

web  $|A \otimes B| = |A| \times |B|$   
multiplicative

$$\binom{A \quad B}{\alpha, \beta} \supset \binom{A \quad B}{\alpha', \beta'}$$

whenever  $\alpha \supset \alpha'$  and  $\beta \supset \beta'$

$$\begin{array}{cccc} A & B & \cup & = & \cap \\ \cup & \cup & \cup & \cup & \\ = & \cup & = & \cap & \\ \cap & \cup & \cap & \cap & \end{array}$$

$$\text{par } A \delta B = (A^2 \oplus B^2)^2$$

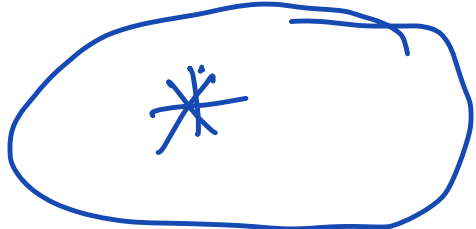
$$(\alpha, \beta) \subseteq (\alpha', \beta') \text{ whenever } \alpha \subseteq \alpha' [A]$$

$$\beta \subseteq \beta' [B]$$

<del>B</del> /A	U	=	∩
U	U	U	∩
∩	U	∩	∩
∩	∩	∩	∩

that's the only two  
commutative  
connective

1 multiplicative unit

1  no edge

$\ast \subset \ast$  that's all

one clique  $\{\ast\}$

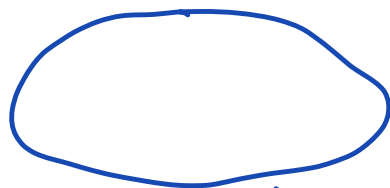
$$A \otimes 1 \equiv A \equiv A \otimes 1$$

$$1^{\perp} \approx 1 \quad (\text{Mix rule})$$

0 additive unit

web  $\emptyset$

no dique but  $\emptyset$



(hard to draw)

$$A \oplus 0 \sim A \times 0 \sim A$$



! A WEB finite cliques of  $A$   
 $a \subset a'$  when  $a \cup a' \in A$   
included in a bigger clique

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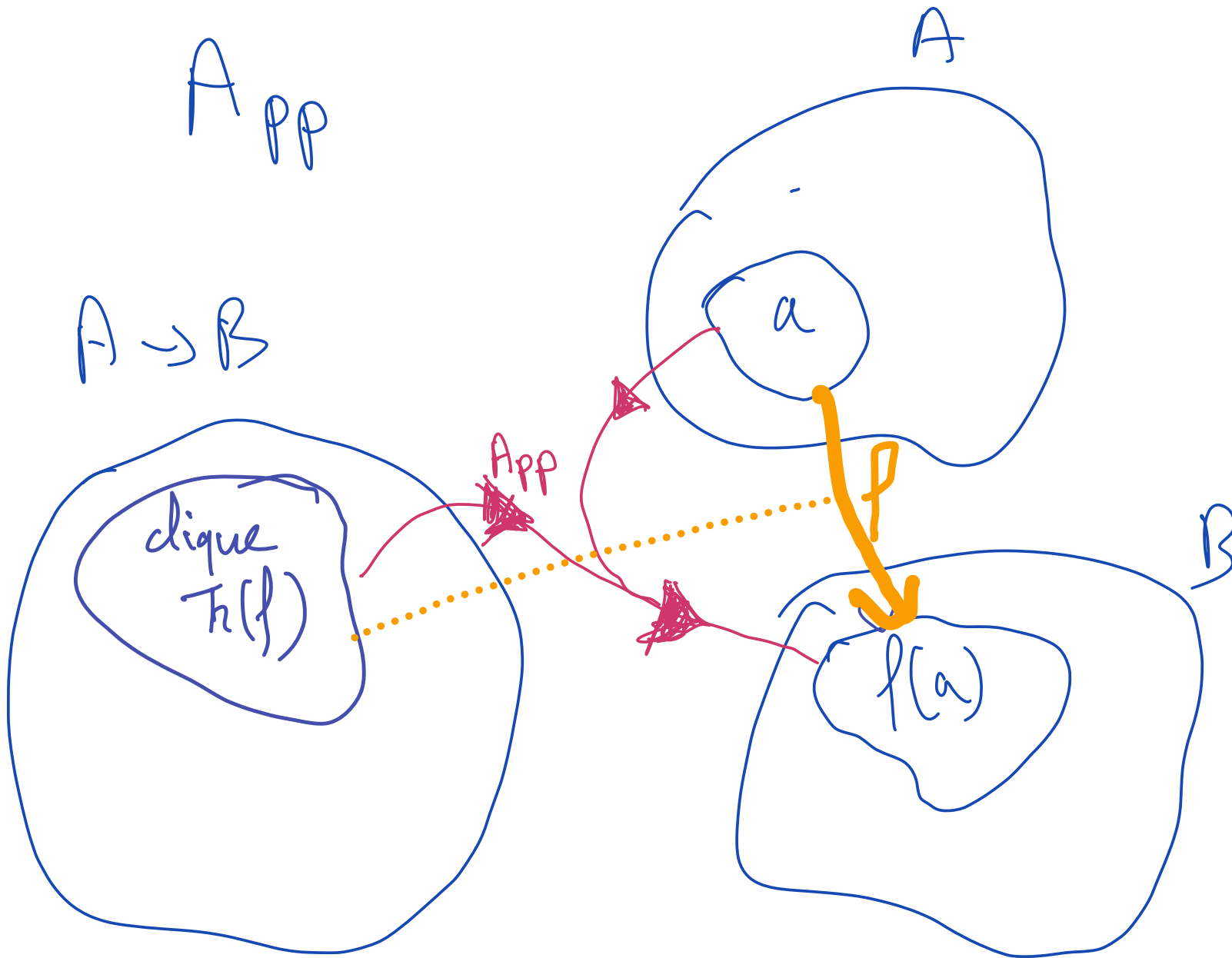
$$? A = (A^+)^+$$

$$A \rightarrow B = !A \rightarrow B$$
$$= (!A)^+ \otimes B$$

→ coherence space  
of stable maps  
from  $A$  to  $B$

$A \text{ pp}$

$A \rightarrow B$



Interpreting proofs of  
NJ  $\rightarrow$  implication  
AND

on Simply typed  
 $\lambda$  calculus

$x:A$

$$\frac{t_1:A \quad t_2:B}{\langle t_1, t_2 \rangle A \times B}$$

~~$x:A$~~        ~~$x:A$~~

$\vdots$

$t[x]:B$

$$\frac{}{\lambda x. t:A \rightarrow B} \rightarrow_i$$

$$\frac{\Gamma:A \times B}{\pi_1(\Gamma)A} \quad \frac{\Gamma:A \times B}{\pi_2(\Gamma)B}$$

$$\frac{f:A \rightarrow B \quad u:A}{f(u):B} \rightarrow_e$$

$$\Pi : A_1 \& \dots \& A_n \longrightarrow C$$

stable function

from  $A_1 \& \dots \& A_n$  to  $C$   
product

$A_1$        $A_n$       free hypotheses  
variables,

(always possible to add some)

$$x : A$$

$$\lambda y^B x^A : B \rightarrow A$$

$$A \& A_1 \& \dots \& A_n$$

projection (stable)

in particular if no free variable

$$\lambda x^A . x^A : \text{Identity } (\{a\}, a)$$

$$n \quad F(a) = a \quad \text{STABLE}$$

rules for & easy

function with several arguments  $t_1:A_1, t_2:A_2$

function with ONE argument,

$\langle t_1:A_1, \dots, t_n:A_n \rangle : A_1 \& \dots \& A_n$

pairing and projections  
are stable



$$\frac{f: A \rightarrow B \quad g: A}{f(g): B}$$

App

trace  $\rightarrow$  stable function  
apply the stable function

$$\frac{x:A, \dots, f:B}{(\lambda x \in A. f): B}$$

$$(\underbrace{A}_{} \& A_1 \& \dots \& A_n \xrightarrow{\text{stable}} B)$$

$$\underbrace{A_1 \& \dots \& A_n}_{\text{stable}} \xrightarrow{\text{stable}} \boxed{A \rightarrow B}$$

trace w.r.t. f. A

$$\forall A; f: A \xrightarrow{\text{stable}} B \rightsquigarrow \exists (f) \in \boxed{A \rightarrow B}$$

Denotational?

$$\llbracket (\lambda_{x^A} t^B) u^A \rrbracket$$

$$= \text{App} \llbracket \lambda_{x^A} t^B \rrbracket \llbracket u^A \rrbracket$$

$$= \llbracket t [u^A / x^A] \rrbracket$$

We may observe  
properties of proofs:

if there is no stable  
function such that ---.

then there is no such proof

# What have we seen so far?

- fundamentals of proof theory  
+ some light model theory  
arithmetic, completeness
- proof theoretical semantics  
interpreting formulas
- semantics of proofs
- new syntax for proofs

meaning, understanding

Semantics is about translation

lots of them this week!

- into a language you better understand

- into different structure that bring a new viewpoint

Jacques LACAN 2'étouffit 1973

Le sens ne se produit jamais que de la traduction d'un discours dans un autre.

For the rest of the week:

Proof theoretic semantics

understanding proofs by PTS

- ↳ result on logic(s)
- ↳ new syntax
- ↳ new logics (?)

(see eg Thursday)

An interesting question  
full abstraction (completeness)

are all semantic objects

the interpretation

of some proof?

new  
viewpoint  
on the  
SAME  
objects

Maximality of cliques  $\neq$  totality  
unbounded  
logical  
complexity  $\neq$



A remark on full abstraction  
NO QUOTIENT please

(otherwise proof/cut elim)

Multiplicative Linear Logic  
with  $n$  coherence spaces  
(Ralph Loader 1994 (?))

Meaning of  $\mathcal{P}$  as justifications of  $\mathcal{P}$   
argumentative dialogues  
(computable  $\neq$  model theoretic view)

• Inferentialism

ludics and dialogue  
(Myrian Quatrini Friday)

but also the syntactic  
( $\lambda$  calculus) part  
of Montague semantics

Before model theoretic interpretation  
Montague semantic translation  
is an unfolding of the  
logical structure  
of a sentence

using

- syntactic structure
- word effect  
on logical structure

# Limits

Proof theoretical semantic  
is simple only for  
intuitionistic logic(s)

(Lafent?  
Gisard?)

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \pi_1 \\ \vdash A \end{array}}{\vdash A, K} w$$

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \pi_2 \\ \vdash A \end{array}}{\vdash A, K^\perp} w$$

$$\frac{\quad}{\vdash A, A} cut$$

$$\frac{\vdash A, A}{\vdash A} cut_2$$

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \pi_1 \\ \vdash A \end{array}}{\vdash A, A} w$$
$$\frac{\vdash A, A}{\vdash A} cut$$

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \pi_2 \\ \vdash A \end{array}}{\vdash A, A} w$$
$$\frac{\vdash A, A}{\vdash A} cut$$

$(A \rightarrow 0) \xrightarrow{\text{one}} 0 \sim A$   
Joyal no(simple) semantics of proofs

(functions, products,  
internalised function space)  
for classical logic ( $\neg\neg A = A$   
 $\neg(A \rightarrow B) \sim \neg B \rightarrow \neg A$ )  
(an argument for Linear Logic!)

Indeed

a-most one proof/function  $A \rightarrow B$   
up to normalisation

(my first talk at CIRM 1992?  
Ginard Torenti 60)

## A deeper objection

$\forall n > 2 \quad \forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{N}$

if  $a, b, c \neq 0$  then  $a^n + b^n \neq c^n$

do we understand better  
the meaning of this formula  
from Wiles' proof ???



Perhaps a proof is interactive  
(eg discussion with Niles)  
We actually understand better  
or not.

At least for  
logically simple  
formulas of ordinary language  
argumentation, dialogue  
improve our understanding

Another embarrassing question:

how to interpret a formula  $A$   
as the set of its proofs  
when there is no proof of  $A$ ???

$$\llbracket (A \rightarrow A) \rightarrow A \rrbracket = \emptyset \quad ???$$

models, valuation etc interpret it

To circumvent this problem

pseudo proofs (endless, cyclic, etc.)

- look like proofs
- interact with other proofs