

Derivability and Admissibility of Inference Rules in Abstract Hilbert Systems

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Overview

About the following sections of the report (2003) with the same title:

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 - What *is* an inference rule?
 - An ‘extensional’ abstract notion of inference rule. Some problems.
 - An ‘intensional’ abstract notion of rules. (Motivated by:
abstract reduction systems vs. abstract rewrite systems.)
 - Abstract Hilbert Systems (AHS’s), and
 - Abstract Hilbert Systems with rule/axiom names (n-AHS’s).
 - Three consequence relations on these systems.
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 - Definition of “rule admissibility” in (n-)AHS’s.
 - Definition of *three versions* of “rule derivability” in (n-)AHS’s.
 - Some *basic facts* about these notions.

- 4 ● Comparing abstract Hilbert systems w.r.t. consequence relations, rule derivability and admissibility: Introducing relations between abstract Hilbert systems.
 - “Interrelation Prisms” between these relations.

 - 5 ● Three notions of “mimicking derivation”.
 - Four notions of “rule elimination” in (n)-AHS’s and their relationships with rule derivability and admissibility.
 - Some notions of “strong rule elimination” in n-AHS’s, and their relationship with rule derivability and admissibility.
- E (*Appendix E*) Relationship of (n)-AHS’s with sequent-style “Hilbert systems for consequence” à la Avron.

Rule derivability and admissibility (informal def.'s)

Let \mathcal{S} a formal system, R a rule 'on' of \mathcal{S} .

'Definition'. R is *derivable* in \mathcal{S} if and only if every instance of R can be 'modelled', or 'mimicked', by an appropriate derivation in \mathcal{S} .

'Definition'. Frequently, two versions to define "rule admissibility":
 R is *admissible* in \mathcal{S} if and only if . . .

- (i) . . . by adding R to \mathcal{S} not more theorems become derivable;
[Kleene, 1952; Lorenzen, 1955; Schütte, 1960]
- (ii) . . . the theory of \mathcal{S} (the collection of theorems of \mathcal{S}) is closed under applications of R (R is *correct* for \mathcal{S}).

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Both definitions presuppose the concept of inference rule.

What is an inference rule?

Rules in logic are defined in a variety of ways; here are some examples:

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{A \rightarrow B \quad A}{B} \text{MP} \qquad \frac{[A]^u \quad D_1}{A \rightarrow B} \rightarrow I, u \qquad \frac{A[t/x], \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta}{\exists x A, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta} \text{L}\exists \\
 \\
 \frac{p_1 \xrightarrow{a} p_2}{p_1 + q \xrightarrow{a} p_2} \text{L}+ \qquad \frac{\tau_1 = \tau[\tau_1/\alpha] \quad \tau_2 = \tau[\tau_2/\alpha]}{\tau_1 = \tau_2} \text{UFP}
 \end{array}$$

Mostly, rules are defined **schematically** (s.a.), using substitution on a meta-language of the formula language.

Desirable for studying general properties of rule derivability and admissibility: an *abstract notion of inference rule* that neglects language-specific details.

pure Hilbert Systems (informally)

- *Formulas, axioms.*
- *Rules* with applications $\frac{A_1 \dots A_n}{B} R$ or $\overline{B} R$.
- In *derivations* assumptions are allowed to be made.
- Rules are *pure*: An application of a rule R in a derivations \mathcal{D}

$$\frac{\mathcal{D}_1 \quad \dots \quad \mathcal{D}_n \quad A_1 \quad \dots \quad A_n}{B} R$$

does not depend on the presence, or absence, of assumptions in the subderivations $\mathcal{D}_1, \dots, \mathcal{D}_n$. Example of a *impure* Hilbert-system

rule: $\frac{\phi}{\Box\phi} \text{UG}$

An ‘extensional’ abstract notion of rule

Definition (“Rule descriptions” in pure Hilbert-systems [Hindley, Seldin]). Let $n \in \omega$, Fo a nonempty set.

A *rule description* for an n -premise rule on Fo is a partial function

$$\Phi : \underbrace{Fo \times \dots \times Fo}_n \rightharpoonup Fo ;$$

it describes the rule R_Φ defined by:

$$\frac{A_1 \quad \dots \quad A_n}{B} \text{ is application of } R_\Phi \text{ iff } \Phi(A_1, \dots, A_n) = B .$$

There are, however, some problems connected with rule descriptions.

Problems with rule descriptions (I)

Rules that allow more than one conclusion to be drawn from a given sequence of premises, e.g.:

$$\frac{A}{A \vee B} \forall I_R$$

$$\frac{\forall x A}{A[t/x]} \forall E$$

Definition (“Rule descriptions”, generalized version).

A *rule description* for an n -premise rule on Fo is a function

$$\Phi : (Fo)^n \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(Fo) ;$$

it describes the rule R_Φ defined by:

$$\frac{A_1 \quad \dots \quad A_n}{B} \text{ is application of } R_\Phi \text{ iff } B \in \Phi(A_1, \dots, A_n) .$$

Problems with rule descriptions (II)

Rules with ‘**behaviourally equivalent**’ applications, i.e. applications with the same sequence of premises and the same conclusion:

$$\frac{A_1 \wedge A_2}{A_i} \wedge E \quad (i \in \{1, 2\})$$

has, for example, the two different applications

$$\frac{(x = 0) \wedge (x = 0)}{x = 0} \wedge E \qquad \frac{(x = 0) \wedge (x = 0)}{x = 0} \wedge E$$

Such ***syntactic accidents*** call for a different abstract framework.

(Problems with) Abstract Reduction Systems

Definition (Klop). An *abstract reduction system* is a structure $\langle A, \rightarrow \rangle$ consisting of a set A with a binary *reduction relation*.

Example. Consider the TRS \mathcal{T}

$$f(x) \rightarrow x .$$

There are two steps from $f(f(a))$,

$$\underline{f}(f(a)) \rightarrow f(a) \quad \text{and} \quad f(\underline{f}(a)) \rightarrow f(a),$$

both of which give rise to the same step

$$f(f(a)) \rightarrow_{\mathcal{T}} f(a)$$

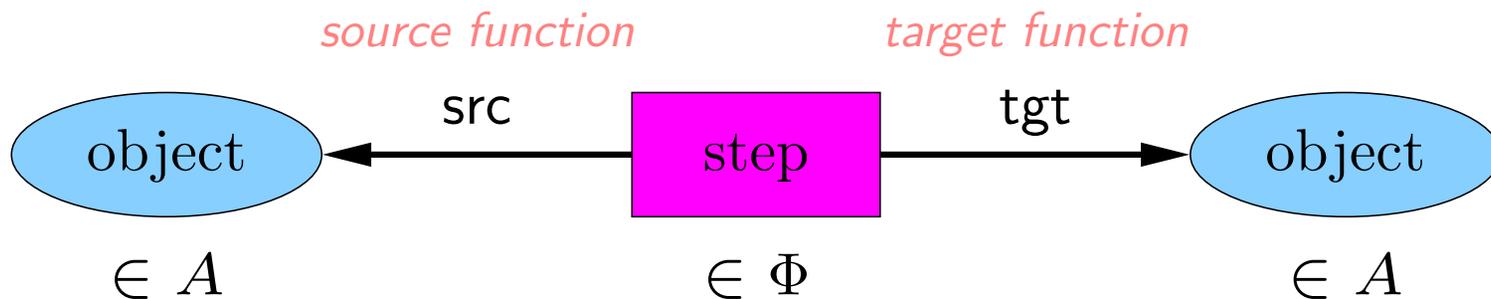
in the extensional description of \mathcal{T} as abstract reduction system $(Ter, \rightarrow_{\mathcal{T}})$; this is called a '*syntactic accident*' (J.J. Lèvy).

Abstract Rewriting Systems

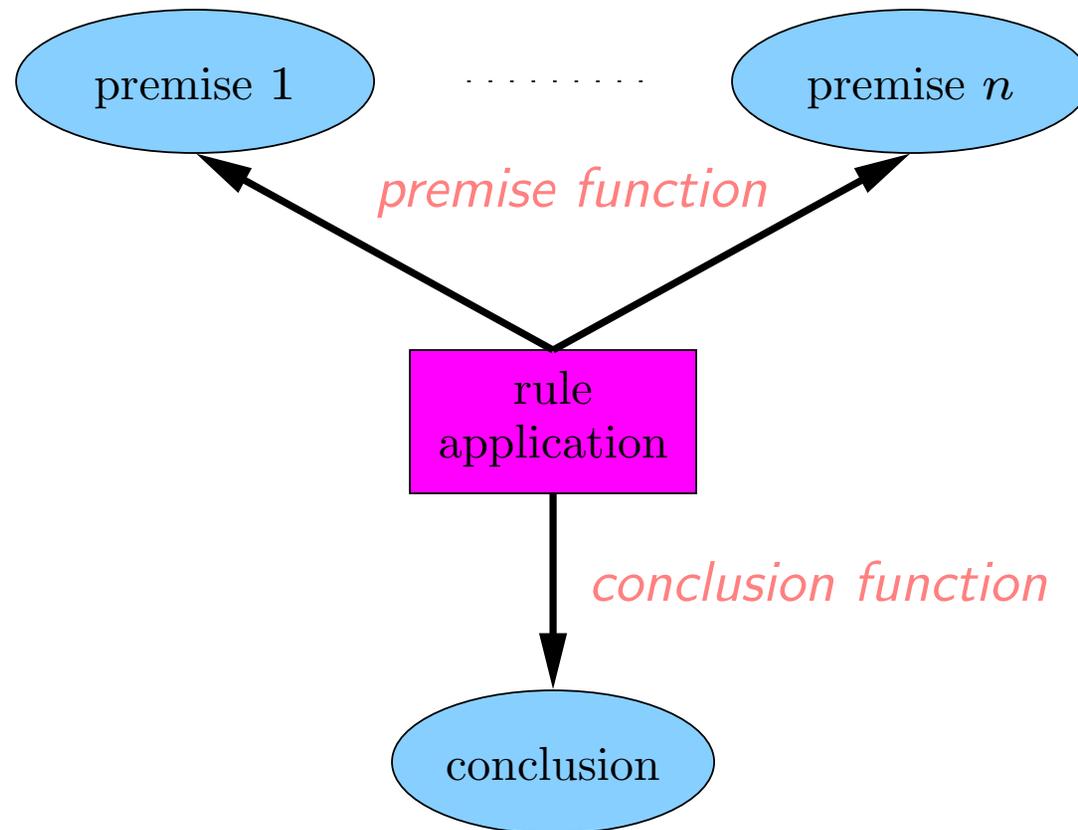
Definition (van Oostrom, de Vrijer). An *abstract rewriting system* is a quadrupel $\langle A, \Phi, \text{src}, \text{tgt} \rangle$ with

- A a set of *objects*,
- Φ a set of *steps*,
- and $\text{src}, \text{tgt} : \Phi \rightarrow A$ the *source* and *target* functions.

Visualization of a step as a ‘graph hyperedge’:



An 'intensional' abstract notion of rule



An intensional abstract notion of rule

Let, for X a set, $Seqs_f(X)$ be the set of *finite sequences* over X .

Definition. Let Fo be a set.

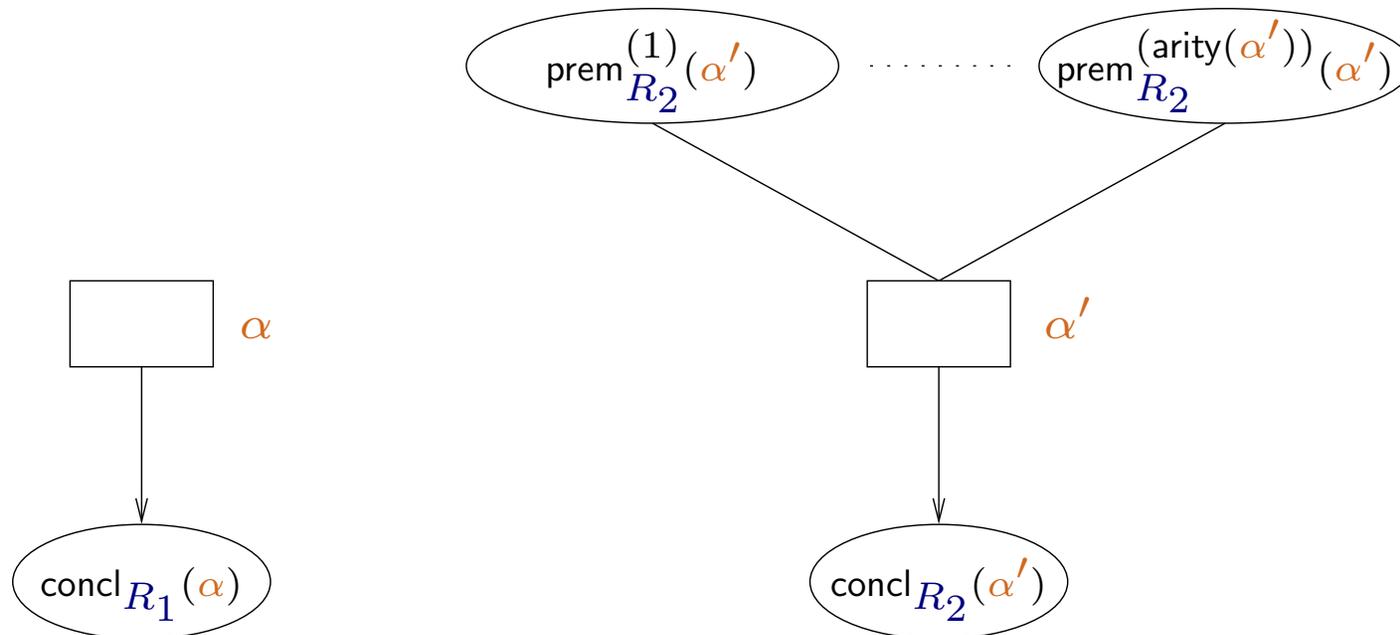
An *AHS-rule* R on Fo is a triple $\langle Apps, \text{prem}, \text{concl} \rangle$ where

- $Apps$ is the set of *applications* of R ,
- $\text{prem} : Apps \rightarrow Seqs_f(Fo)$ is the *premise function* of R ,
- $\text{concl} : Apps \rightarrow Fo$ is the *conclusion function* of R .

By $\mathfrak{R}(Fo)$ we denote the *class of all AHS-rules* on Fo .

(Later an AHS-rule of Fo will only be called a *rule on Fo* .)

Visualization of applications of AHS-rules



Visualization as ‘graph hyperedges’ of

- a zero premise application α of an AHS-rule R_1 , and
- of an application α' of an AHS-rule R_2 .

Abstract Hilbert Systems

Definition. An *abstract Hilbert system* (an **AHS**) \mathcal{H} is a triple $\langle Fo, Ax, \mathcal{R} \rangle$ where

- Fo , Ax and \mathcal{R} the sets of *formulas*, *axioms*, and *rules* of \mathcal{H} ,
- $Ax \subseteq Fo$,
- every $R \in \mathcal{R}$ is an AHS-rule on Fo .

We write \mathfrak{H} for the class of all AHS's.

Derivations in an AHS

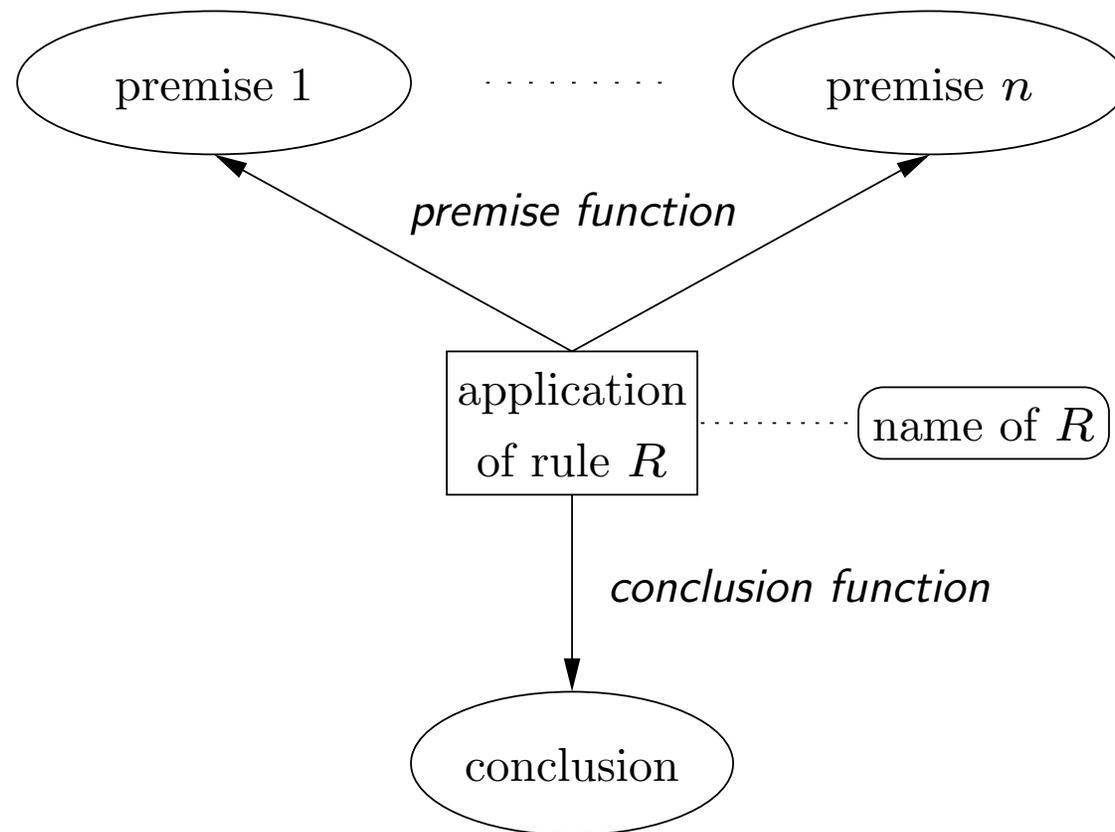
For a set X , we denote by $\mathcal{M}_f(X)$ the set of *finite multisets over X* .

Notation. Let \mathcal{H} be an AHS with formula set Fo .

By $Der(\mathcal{H})$ we denote the set of *derivations* in \mathcal{H} . And for a derivation \mathcal{D} in \mathcal{H} , we denote by

- $assm(\mathcal{D}) \in \mathcal{M}_f(Fo)$ the *multiset of assumptions* of \mathcal{D} , and by
- $concl(\mathcal{D}) \in Fo$ the *conclusion* of \mathcal{D} .

An abstract notion of rule with (rule) names



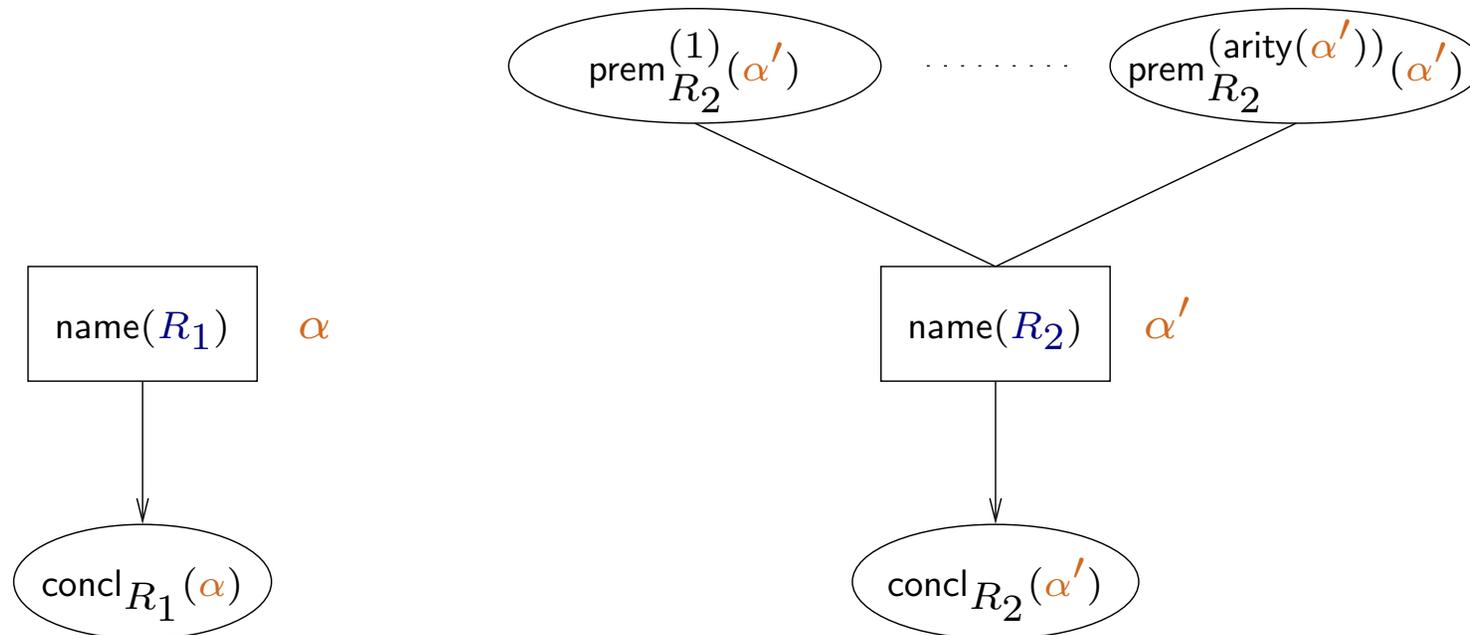
Abstract Hilbert systems with names

Definition. An *abstract Hilbert system with names* (for axioms and rules) (an *n-AHS*) \mathcal{H} is a quadruple $\langle Fo, Na, nAx, n\mathcal{R} \rangle$ where

- Fo, Na, nAx and $n\mathcal{R}$ are the *formulas*, *names*, *named axioms* and *named rules* of \mathcal{H} ,
- $nAx \subseteq Fo \times Na$,
- $n\mathcal{R} \subseteq \mathfrak{R}(Fo) \times Na$, (we allow to write $R = \langle R, \text{name}(R) \rangle$, for arbitrary $R \in n\mathcal{R}$),
- – “axiom names” in nAx are different from “rule names” in $n\mathcal{R}$,
– different rules are differently named in $n\mathcal{R}$.

We write \mathfrak{H}_n for the class of all n-AHS's.

Visualization of applications of n-AHS-rules



Visualization as ‘graph hyperedges’ of

- a zero premise application α of a named rule R_1 , and
- of an application α' of a named rule R_2 in an n-AHS \mathcal{H} .

Derivations in an n-AHS

Definition. (Derivations in abstr. Hilbert systems with names).

Let $\mathcal{H} = \langle Fo, Na, nAx, n\mathcal{R} \rangle$ be an n-AHS.

A *derivation* \mathcal{D} in \mathcal{H} is the result (a *proof tree*) of carrying out a finite number of construction steps of the following three kinds:

- (i) For every named axiom $\langle A, name \rangle \in nAx$, the proof tree \mathcal{D} of the form

$$\frac{(name)}{A}$$

is a derivation in \mathcal{H} with conclusion $\text{concl}(\mathcal{D}) = A$ and without assumptions, i.e. such that $\text{set}(\text{assm}(\mathcal{D})) = \emptyset$ holds.

- (ii) For all formulas $A \in Fo$, the proof tree \mathcal{D} consisting only of the formula

$$A$$

is a derivation in \mathcal{H} with assumptions $\text{assm}(\mathcal{D}) = \{A\}$ and with conclusion $\text{concl}(\mathcal{D}) = A$.

- (iii) Let $R = \langle R, \text{name}(R) \rangle \in n\mathcal{R}$ a named rule of \mathcal{H} , and $\alpha \in \text{Apps}_R$ an appl. of R . We distinguish two cases concerning the arity of α :

Case 1. $\text{arity}_R(\alpha) = 0$: Given that $\text{concl}_R(\alpha) = A$, the proof tree

$$\frac{}{A} \text{name}(R)$$

is a derivation \mathcal{D} in \mathcal{H} that has conclusion $\text{concl}(\mathcal{D}) = A$ and no assumptions, i.e. $\text{assm}(\mathcal{D}) = \emptyset$ holds.

Case 2. $\text{arity}_R(\alpha) = n \in \omega \setminus \{0\}$:

Given that $\text{prem}_R(\alpha) = \langle A_1, \dots, A_n \rangle$ and that $\text{concl}_R(\alpha) = A$, and given further that $\mathcal{D}_1, \dots, \mathcal{D}_n$ are derivations in \mathcal{H} with respective conclusions A_1, \dots, A_n , the proof tree of the form

$$\frac{\mathcal{D}_1 \quad \dots \quad \mathcal{D}_n}{A} \text{name}(R)$$

is a derivation \mathcal{D} in \mathcal{H} with conclusion $\text{concl}(\mathcal{D}) = A$ and with assumptions and depth defined by

$$\text{assm}(\mathcal{D}) = \bigcup_{i=1}^n \text{assm}(\mathcal{D}_i) .$$

We denote by $\text{Der}(\mathcal{H})$ the set of all derivations in \mathcal{H} .

Three Consequence Relations on an AHS or n-AHS

Definition. For an AHS or n-AHS \mathcal{H} we define:

$\Sigma \vdash_{\mathcal{H}} A \iff A$ is the conclusion of a derivation in \mathcal{H} whose assumptions are contained in the set Σ ;

$\Sigma \vdash_{\mathcal{H}}^{(s)} A \iff A$ is the conclusion of a derivation in \mathcal{H} whose assumptions are contained in the set Σ and that uses every formula in Σ at least once;

$\Gamma \vdash_{\mathcal{H}}^{(m)} A \iff A$ is the conclusion of a derivation in \mathcal{H} whose assumptions are contained in the multiset Γ and that uses every formula in Γ precisely once.

Three Consequence Relations on an AHS or n-AHS

Definition. Let \mathcal{H} be an AHS or n-AHS with formula set Fo .

We define the consequence relations $\vdash_{\mathcal{H}}$, $\vdash_{\mathcal{H}}^{(s)}$ and $\vdash_{\mathcal{H}}^{(m)}$ by setting for all $A \in Fo$, finite sets Σ on Fo and multisets Γ on Fo :

$$\Sigma \vdash_{\mathcal{H}} A \iff (\exists \mathcal{D} \in Der(\mathcal{H})) \left[\text{set}(\text{assm}(\mathcal{D})) \subseteq \Sigma \ \& \right. \\ \left. \ \& \ \text{concl}(\mathcal{D}) = A \right],$$

$$\Sigma \vdash_{\mathcal{H}}^{(s)} A \iff (\exists \mathcal{D} \in Der(\mathcal{H})) \left[\text{set}(\text{assm}(\mathcal{D})) = \Sigma \ \& \right. \\ \left. \ \& \ \text{concl}(\mathcal{D}) = A \right],$$

$$\Gamma \vdash_{\mathcal{H}}^{(m)} A \iff (\exists \mathcal{D} \in Der(\mathcal{H})) \left[\text{assm}(\mathcal{D}) = \Gamma \ \& \right. \\ \left. \ \& \ \text{concl}(\mathcal{D}) = A \right],$$

whereby $\vdash_{\mathcal{H}}$, $\vdash_{\mathcal{H}}^{(s)} \subseteq \mathcal{P}_f(Fo) \times Fo$ and $\vdash_{\mathcal{H}}^{(m)} \subseteq \mathcal{M}_f(Fo) \times Fo$.

The neglected consequence relation

Definition. Let \mathcal{H} be an AHS or n-AHS with formula set Fo .

We define the consequence relation $\vdash_{\mathcal{H}}^{(mw)}$ by letting for all $A \in Fo$ and *multisets* Γ on Fo

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma \vdash_{\mathcal{H}}^{(mw)} A &\iff \\ &\iff (\exists \mathcal{D} \in Der(\mathcal{H})) [\text{assm}(\mathcal{D}) \subseteq \Gamma \ \& \ \text{concl}(\mathcal{D}) = A] , \end{aligned}$$

whereby $\vdash_{\mathcal{H}}^{(mw)} \subseteq \mathcal{M}_f(Fo) \times Fo$.

Rule Admissibility

Definition. Let \mathcal{H} be an AHS or n-AHS with formula set Fo , and let $R = \langle Apps_R, \text{prem}, \text{concl} \rangle$ be a rule on Fo .

The rule R is *admissible* in \mathcal{H} if and only if it holds that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (\forall \alpha \in Apps_R) \\
 & \quad [(\forall A \in \text{set}(\text{prem}(\alpha))) [\vdash_{\mathcal{H}} A] \implies \\
 & \qquad \qquad \qquad \implies \vdash_{\mathcal{H}} \text{concl}(\alpha)] ,
 \end{aligned}$$

i.e. iff the *theory* of \mathcal{H} (the set of theorems of \mathcal{H}) is closed under applications of R .

Three Versions of Rule Derivability

Definition. Let \mathcal{H} be an AHS or an n-AHS. We consider a rule $R = \langle Apps_R, \text{prem}, \text{concl} \rangle$ on $For_{\mathcal{H}}$.

The rule R is *derivable* in \mathcal{H} if and only if

$$(\forall \alpha \in Apps_R) \left[\text{set}(\text{prem}(\alpha)) \vdash_{\mathcal{H}} \text{concl}(\alpha) \right]$$

holds, that is, for all applications α of R , there exists a “mimicking derivation” \mathcal{D} in \mathcal{H} , i.e. a derivation \mathcal{D} with conclusion $\text{concl}(\alpha)$ and with its assumptions contained in $\text{set}(\text{assm}(\alpha))$.

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holds.

And we say that R is *s-derivable* in \mathcal{H} or that R is *m-derivable* in \mathcal{H} if and only if, respectively, the assertions (1) and (2) hold:

$$(\forall \alpha \in Apps_R) \left[\text{set}(\text{prem}(\alpha)) \vdash_{\mathcal{H}}^{(s)} \text{concl}(\alpha) \right], \quad (1)$$

$$(\forall \alpha \in Apps_R) \left[\text{mset}(\text{prem}(\alpha)) \vdash_{\mathcal{H}}^{(m)} \text{concl}(\alpha) \right]. \quad (2)$$

Formula Derivability and Admissibility

Definition. Let \mathcal{H} be an AHS on an n-AHS with formula set Fo .

We call a formula $A \in Fo$ *admissible*, *derivable*, *s-derivable* and *m-derivable* if and only if

$$\vdash_{\mathcal{H}} A$$

holds, i.e. iff A is a theorem of \mathcal{H} .

Admissible and (s-,m-)derivable rules: Examples (I)

Example. Let \mathcal{H} be the AHS *without axioms* and with the three rules R_1 , R_2 and $R_{AA.B}$ each of which has only one application:

$$\frac{C_1}{A} R_1 \quad \frac{C_2}{A} R_2 \quad \frac{A}{B} \frac{A}{A} R_{AA.B} .$$

- $\frac{C_1}{B} \frac{C_2}{A}$ is derivable
s-derivable
m-derivable in \mathcal{H} : $\frac{\frac{C_1}{A} R_1}{B} \frac{C_2}{A} R_{AA.B} .$

- $\frac{C_1}{B}$ is derivable
s-derivable
(not m-derivable) in \mathcal{H} : $\frac{\frac{C_1}{A} R_1}{B} \frac{C_1}{A} R_{AA.B} .$

Admissible and (s-,m-)derivable rules: Examples (I)

Example. (Continued) Let \mathcal{H} be the AHS *without axioms* and with the *three rules* R_1 , R_2 and $R_{AA.B}$ each of which has only one application:

$$\frac{C_1}{A} R_1 \quad \frac{C_2}{A} R_2 \quad \frac{A}{B} \frac{A}{A} R_{AA.B} .$$

- $\frac{C_1}{A} \frac{C_2}{A}$ is **derivable** (not s-derivable) (not m-derivable) in \mathcal{H} : $\frac{C_1}{A} R_1$.

- $\frac{B}{C}$ is **admissible** (not derivable) (not s-derivable) (not m-derivable) in \mathcal{H} : Due to $B \notin Th(\mathcal{H})(= \emptyset)$.

Admissible and (s-,m-)derivable rules: Examples (II)

Example. Let \mathcal{H} be the AHS with the **single axiom**

$$A$$

and with the **two rules** $R_{A.B}$ and $R_{A.C}$ each of which has only one application:

$$\frac{A}{B} R_{A.B} \qquad \frac{A}{C} R_{A.C}$$

- $\frac{D}{C}$ is **admissible** in \mathcal{H} . $\frac{D}{F}$ is **admissible** in \mathcal{H} .
- $\frac{A}{F} \frac{D}{F}$ is **admissible** in \mathcal{H} : Since $D \notin Th(\mathcal{H})$.

Admissible and (s-,m-)derivable rules: Examples (II)

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and with the **two rules** $R_{A.B}$ and $R_{A.C}$ each of which has only one application:

$$\frac{A}{B} R_{A.B} \qquad \frac{A}{C} R_{A.C}$$

- $\frac{A}{D} \frac{C}{D}$ is **not admissible** in \mathcal{H} : Since $A, C \in Th(\mathcal{H})$ and $D \notin Th(\mathcal{H})$.
- $\frac{A}{B} \frac{C}{B}$ is **derivable** (not s-derivable) (not m-derivable) in \mathcal{H} : $\frac{A}{B} R_{A.B}$.

Rule Derivability and Admissibility: Basic Facts

Lemma. (Hindley, Seldin [except (iv)]).

Let \mathcal{H} be an AHS and let R be a rule on the set of formulas of \mathcal{H} .

- (i) R is *admissible* in \mathcal{H} \iff the AHS $\mathcal{H}+R$ does not possess more theorems than \mathcal{H} .
- (ii) R is *derivable* in \mathcal{H} \implies R is also *admissible* in \mathcal{H} .
(The inverse implication does not hold in general.)
- (iii) R is *derivable* in \mathcal{H} \implies R is *derivable* in every extension of \mathcal{H} that is obtained by adding new formulas, axioms and/or rules.
- (iv) R is *m-derivable* in \mathcal{H} \implies R is *s-derivable* in \mathcal{H} \implies R is *derivable* in \mathcal{H} . (The inverse implications aren't true in general).

Rule Derivability and Admissibility: Basic Facts

Theorem. *Let \mathcal{H} be an AHS with set Fo of formulas, and R a rule on Fo .*

Then the following three statements are equivalent:

- (i) R is derivable in \mathcal{H} .*
- (ii) R is admissible in the AHS $\mathcal{H}+\Sigma$, for every set Σ on Fo .*
- (iii) R is admissible in every extension of \mathcal{H} that is obtained by adding new formulas, axioms and/or rules (in every extension by enlargement of \mathcal{H}).*

(Mutual) Inclusion Relations between Abstract Hilbert Systems

We will define *inclusion relations* $\preceq_{P,Q}$ between AHS's by stipulating, for all $\mathcal{H}_1, \mathcal{H}_2 \in \mathfrak{H}$,

$$\mathcal{H}_1 \preceq_{P,Q} \mathcal{H}_2 \iff \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Every formula in } \mathcal{H}_1 \text{ is also a formula of } \mathcal{H}_2, \\ \text{and every object in } \mathcal{H}_1 \text{ having property } P \\ \text{appears in } \mathcal{H}_2 \text{ as an object with property } Q. \end{array} \right\}$$

for properties P and Q of 'objects' in AHS's (objects like theorems, rules, . . . , and properties like "is theorem" or "is derivable rule").

And, for every inclusion relation $\preceq_{P,Q}$, we will define the *induced mutual inclusion relation* $\sim_{P,Q}$ by stipulating for all $\mathcal{H}_1, \mathcal{H}_2 \in \mathfrak{H}$:

$$\mathcal{H}_1 \sim_{P,Q} \mathcal{H}_2 \iff \mathcal{H}_1 \preceq_{P,Q} \mathcal{H}_2 \ \& \ \mathcal{H}_2 \preceq_{P,Q} \mathcal{H}_1 .$$

Relations between Abstract Hilbert Systems (I)

Definition. We define the **inclusion relation** \preceq_{th} on the class \mathfrak{H} by stipulating for all $\mathcal{H}_1, \mathcal{H}_2 \in \mathfrak{H}$:

$$\mathcal{H}_1 \preceq_{th} \mathcal{H}_2 \iff Fo_{\mathcal{H}_1} \subseteq Fo_{\mathcal{H}_2} \ \& \ Th(\mathcal{H}_1) \subseteq Th(\mathcal{H}_2) .$$

We define the **inclusion relations** \preceq_{rth} , $\preceq_{rth}^{(s)}$ and $\preceq_{rth}^{(m)}$ on \mathfrak{H} by stipulating for all $\mathcal{H}_1, \mathcal{H}_2 \in \mathfrak{H}$:

$$\mathcal{H}_1 \preceq_{rth} \mathcal{H}_2 \iff Fo_{\mathcal{H}_1} \subseteq Fo_{\mathcal{H}_2} \ \& \ \vdash_{\mathcal{H}_1} \subseteq \vdash_{\mathcal{H}_2} ,$$

$$\mathcal{H}_1 \preceq_{rth}^{(s)} \mathcal{H}_2 \iff Fo_{\mathcal{H}_1} \subseteq Fo_{\mathcal{H}_2} \ \& \ \vdash_{\mathcal{H}_1}^{(s)} \subseteq \vdash_{\mathcal{H}_2}^{(s)} ,$$

$$\mathcal{H}_1 \preceq_{rth}^{(m)} \mathcal{H}_2 \iff Fo_{\mathcal{H}_1} \subseteq Fo_{\mathcal{H}_2} \ \& \ \vdash_{\mathcal{H}_1}^{(m)} \subseteq \vdash_{\mathcal{H}_2}^{(m)} .$$

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$$\mathcal{H}_1 \preceq_{th} \mathcal{H}_2 \iff Fo_{\mathcal{H}_1} \subseteq Fo_{\mathcal{H}_2} \ \& \ (\forall A \in Fo_{\mathcal{H}_1}) [(\vdash_{\mathcal{H}_1} A) \Rightarrow (\vdash_{\mathcal{H}_2} A)] .$$

We define the **inclusion relations** \preceq_{rth} and $\preceq_{rth}^{(m)}$ on \mathfrak{H} by stipulating for all $\mathcal{H}_1, \mathcal{H}_2 \in \mathfrak{H}$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}_1 \preceq_{rth} \mathcal{H}_2 &\iff Fo_{\mathcal{H}_1} \subseteq Fo_{\mathcal{H}_2} \ \& \\ &\ \& \ (\forall \Sigma \in \mathcal{P}(Fo_{\mathcal{H}_1})) (\forall A \in Fo_{\mathcal{H}_1}) [(\Sigma \vdash_{\mathcal{H}_1} A) \Rightarrow (\Sigma \vdash_{\mathcal{H}_2} A)] , \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}_1 \preceq_{rth}^{(m)} \mathcal{H}_2 &\iff Fo_{\mathcal{H}_1} \subseteq Fo_{\mathcal{H}_2} \ \& \\ &\ \& \ (\forall \Gamma \in \mathcal{M}_f(Fo_{\mathcal{H}_1})) (\forall A \in Fo_{\mathcal{H}_1}) [(\Gamma \vdash_{\mathcal{H}_1}^{(m)} A) \Rightarrow (\Gamma \vdash_{\mathcal{H}_2}^{(m)} A)] . \end{aligned}$$

These four inclusion relations *induce* respective **mutual inclusion relations**: For all $\mathcal{H}_1, \mathcal{H}_2 \in \mathfrak{H}$, we let

$$\mathcal{H}_1 \sim_{th} \mathcal{H}_2 \iff \mathcal{H}_1 \preceq_{th} \mathcal{H}_2 \ \& \ \mathcal{H}_2 \preceq_{th} \mathcal{H}_1$$

(if $\mathcal{H}_1 \sim_{th} \mathcal{H}_2$ holds, we say that \mathcal{H}_1 and \mathcal{H}_2 are (theorem) *equivalent*; and we use analogous stipulations for the **mutual inclusion relations**)

$$\sim_{rth}, \quad \sim_{rth}^{(s)} \quad \text{and} \quad \sim_{rth}^{(m)}$$

(if $\mathcal{H}_1 \sim_{rth} \mathcal{H}_2$ holds, we say that \mathcal{H}_1 and \mathcal{H}_2 are *equivalent with respect to relative theoremhood*).

Relations between Abstract Hilbert Systems (II)

Definition. We define the **inclusion relation** \preceq_{adm} on the class \mathfrak{H} by stipulating for all $\mathcal{H}_1, \mathcal{H}_2 \in \mathfrak{H}$:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}_1 \preceq_{adm} \mathcal{H}_2 &\iff Fo_{\mathcal{H}_1} \subseteq Fo_{\mathcal{H}_2} \ \& \\ &\& (\forall A \in Fo_{\mathcal{H}_1}) [A \text{ is adm. in } \mathcal{H}_1 \Rightarrow A \text{ is adm. in } \mathcal{H}_2] \ \& \\ &\& (\forall R \text{ rule on } Fo_{\mathcal{H}_1}) \\ &\quad [R \text{ is admissible in } \mathcal{H}_1 \Rightarrow R \text{ is admissible in } \mathcal{H}_2] . \end{aligned}$$

The inclusion relations \preceq_{der} , $\preceq_{der}^{(s)}$ and $\preceq_{der}^{(m)}$ are defined analogously by using ‘derivable’, ‘s-derivable’ and ‘m-derivable’ instead of ‘admissible’.

The **induced mutual incl. relations**: \sim_{adm} , \sim_{der} , $\sim_{der}^{(s)}$ and $\sim_{der}^{(m)}$.

Relations between Abstract Hilbert Systems (III)

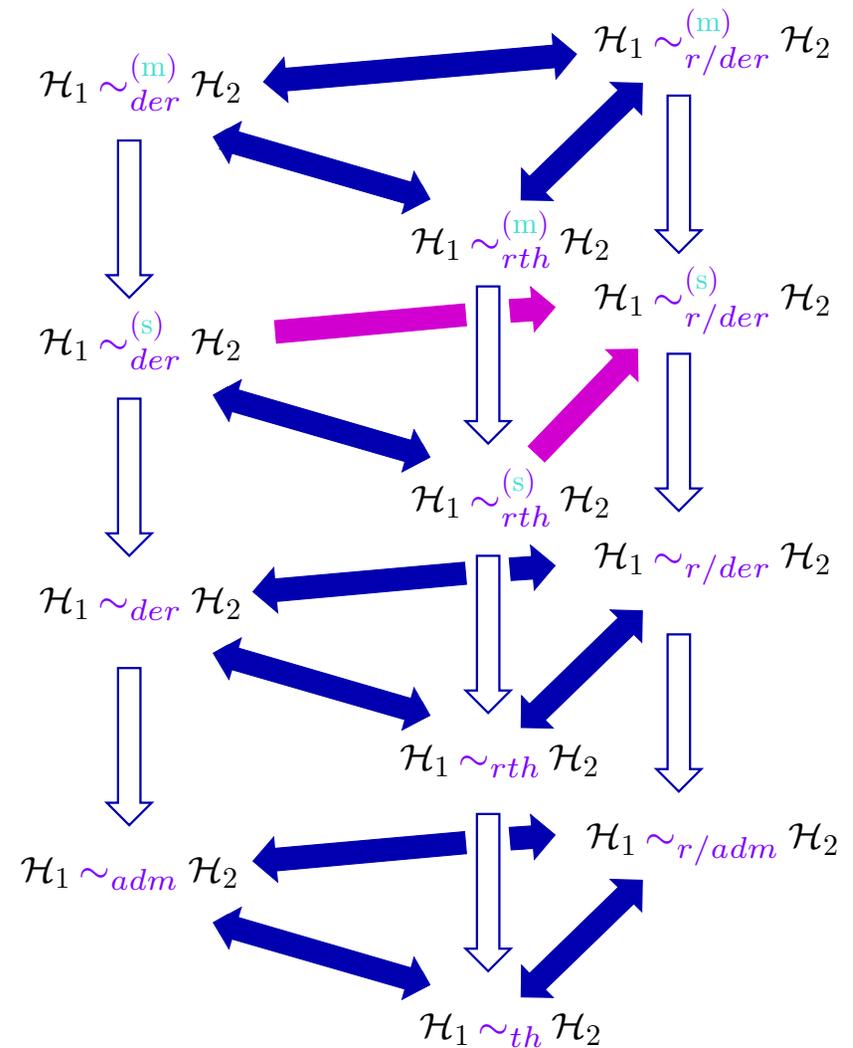
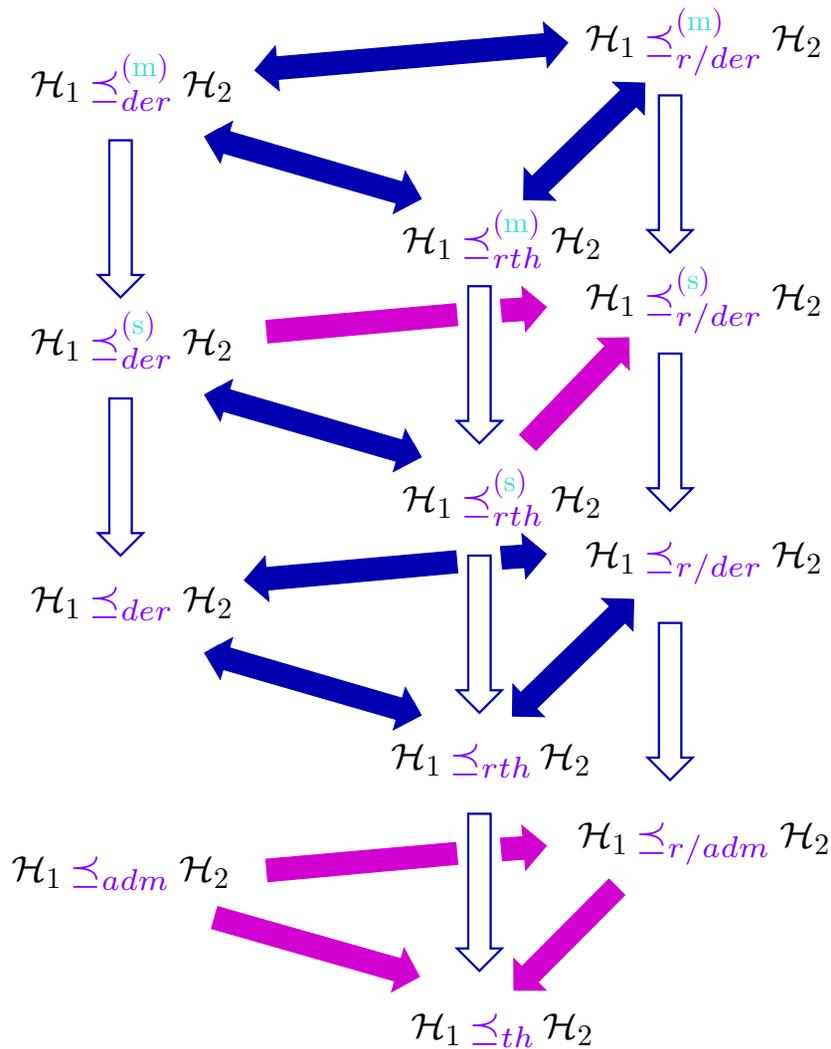
Definition. We define the **inclusion relation** $\preceq_{r/adm}$ on the class \mathfrak{H} by stipulating for all $\mathcal{H}_1, \mathcal{H}_2 \in \mathfrak{H}$:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}_1 \preceq_{r/adm} \mathcal{H}_2 \iff & Fo_{\mathcal{H}_1} \subseteq Fo_{\mathcal{H}_2} \ \& \\ & \& (\forall A \in Ax_{\mathcal{H}_1}) [A \text{ is admissible in } \mathcal{H}_2] \ \& \\ & \& (\forall R \in \mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{H}_1}) [R \text{ is admissible in } \mathcal{H}_2] . \end{aligned}$$

The **inclusion relations** $\preceq_{r/der}$, $\preceq_{r/der}^{(s)}$ and $\preceq_{r/der}^{(m)}$ are defined analogously by using ‘derivable’, ‘s-derivable’ and ‘m-derivable’ instead of ‘admissible’.

These four relations on \mathfrak{H} **induce** the four **mutual inclusion relations** $\sim_{r/adm}$, $\sim_{r/der}$, $\sim_{r/der}^{(s)}$ and $\sim_{r/der}^{(m)}$ on \mathfrak{H} , respectively.

Relationships between (mutual) inclusion relations



Relationships between (mutual) inclusion relations

Theorem. (Interrelation Prisms)

- (i) The implications and equivalences shown in the *interrelations prisms* hold, for all AHS's \mathcal{H}_1 and \mathcal{H}_2 , between statements $\mathcal{H}_1 \preceq \mathcal{H}_2$ (where \preceq is an introduced *inclusion relation*), and respectively, between statements of the form $\mathcal{H}_1 \sim \mathcal{H}_2$ (where \sim is an introduced *inclusion relation*).
- (ii) Not inverted arrows indicate that the implication in the opposite direction does *not hold in general*.
- (iii) In the case of the int.rel. prism for the *incl. relations*, *in general no implication holds* in either direction between $\mathcal{H}_1 \preceq_{r/adm} \mathcal{H}_2$ and any of $\mathcal{H}_1 \preceq_{r/der} \mathcal{H}_2$, $\mathcal{H}_1 \preceq_{r/der}^{(s)} \mathcal{H}_2$ or $\mathcal{H}_1 \preceq_{r/der}^{(m)} \mathcal{H}_2$.

A Consequence of the Interrelation Prisms (I)

Corollary. (Characterizations of rule admissibility, derivability and m-derivability)

Let \mathcal{H} be an AHS and let R be a rule on the set of formulas of \mathcal{H} . Then the following hold:

$$R \text{ is } \textit{admissible} \text{ in } \mathcal{H} \iff \mathcal{H} + R \sim_{th} \mathcal{H} ,$$

$$R \text{ is } \textit{derivable} \text{ in } \mathcal{H} \iff \mathcal{H} + R \sim_{rth} \mathcal{H} ,$$

$$R \text{ is } \textit{s-derivable} \text{ in } \mathcal{H} \iff \mathcal{H} + R \sim_{rth}^{(s)} \mathcal{H} ,$$

$$R \text{ is } \textit{m-derivable} \text{ in } \mathcal{H} \iff \mathcal{H} + R \sim_{rth}^{(m)} \mathcal{H} .$$

A Consequence of the Interrelation Prisms (II)

Theorem. (Reformulation of a theorem by Schütte).

For all abstract Hilbert systems \mathcal{H}_1 , \mathcal{H}_2 and \mathcal{H}_3 it holds:

$$\mathcal{H}_1 \preceq_{r/der} \mathcal{H}_2 \quad \& \quad \mathcal{H}_2 \preceq_{r/adm} \mathcal{H}_3 \quad \implies \quad \mathcal{H}_1 \preceq_{r/adm} \mathcal{H}_3 .$$

Wrong Proof. For all AHS's \mathcal{H}_1 , \mathcal{H}_2 and \mathcal{H}_3 it holds:

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{H}_1 \preceq_{r/der} \mathcal{H}_2 \quad \& \quad \mathcal{H}_2 \preceq_{r/adm} \mathcal{H}_3 \quad \implies \\ & \implies \mathcal{H}_1 \preceq_{r/adm} \mathcal{H}_2 \quad \& \quad \mathcal{H}_2 \preceq_{r/adm} \mathcal{H}_3 \quad (\text{int.rels. prisma}) \\ & \implies \mathcal{H}_1 \preceq_{r/adm} \mathcal{H}_2 \quad (\text{if } \preceq_{r/adm} \text{ were transitive}) . \end{aligned}$$

However, the relation $\preceq_{r/adm}$ **is not transitive.**

A Consequence of the Interrelation Prisms (II)

Proof. For all AHS's \mathcal{H}_1 , \mathcal{H}_2 and \mathcal{H}_3 it holds:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \mathcal{H}_1 \preceq_{r/der} \mathcal{H}_2 \quad \& \quad \mathcal{H}_2 \preceq_{r/adm} \mathcal{H}_3 \quad \implies \\
 & \implies \mathcal{H}_1 + \mathcal{H}_2 + \mathcal{H}_3 \sim_{r/der} \mathcal{H}_2 + \mathcal{H}_3 \quad \& \quad \mathcal{H}_2 + \mathcal{H}_3 \sim_{r/adm} \mathcal{H}_3 \\
 & \hspace{15em} \text{(due to defs.)} \\
 & \implies \mathcal{H}_1 + \mathcal{H}_2 + \mathcal{H}_3 \sim_{r/adm} \mathcal{H}_2 + \mathcal{H}_3 \quad \& \quad \mathcal{H}_2 + \mathcal{H}_3 \sim_{r/adm} \mathcal{H}_3 \\
 & \hspace{15em} \text{(due int.rels. prisma)} \\
 & \implies \mathcal{H}_1 + \mathcal{H}_2 + \mathcal{H}_3 \sim_{r/adm} \mathcal{H}_3 \quad \left(\sim_{r/adm} \text{ is transitive} \right) \\
 & \implies \mathcal{H}_1 \preceq_{r/adm} \mathcal{H}_2 \quad \left(\text{def. of } \preceq_{r/adm} \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

□

Three notions of “mimicking derivation”

Let \mathcal{H}_1 and \mathcal{H}_2 be AHS's or n-AHS's, and let $\mathcal{D}_1 \in \text{Der}(\mathcal{H}_1)$ and $\mathcal{D}_2 \in \text{Der}(\mathcal{H}_2)$ be derivations.

We say that \mathcal{D}_1 *mimics* \mathcal{D}_2 (denoted by $\mathcal{D}_1 \lesssim \mathcal{D}_2$) if and only if

$$\text{set}(\text{assm}(\mathcal{D}_1)) \subseteq \text{set}(\text{assm}(\mathcal{D}_2)) \quad \& \quad \text{concl}(\mathcal{D}_1) = \text{concl}(\mathcal{D}_2) ,$$

i.e. \mathcal{D}_1 and \mathcal{D}_2 have the same conclusion and all assumptions of \mathcal{D}_1 are contained in the set of assumptions of \mathcal{D}_2 .

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Furthermore, we stipulate that \mathcal{D}_1 *s-mimics* \mathcal{D}_2 (symb. $\mathcal{D}_1 \simeq^{(s)} \mathcal{D}_2$), and that \mathcal{D}_1 *m-mimics* \mathcal{D}_2 (symb. $\mathcal{D}_1 \simeq^{(m)} \mathcal{D}_2$) if and only if respectively (3) and (4) hold:

$$\text{set}(\text{assm}(\mathcal{D}_1)) = \text{set}(\text{assm}(\mathcal{D}_2)) \quad \& \quad \text{concl}(\mathcal{D}_1) = \text{concl}(\mathcal{D}_2) , \quad (3)$$

$$\text{assm}(\mathcal{D}_1) = \text{assm}(\mathcal{D}_2) \quad \& \quad \text{concl}(\mathcal{D}_1) = \text{concl}(\mathcal{D}_2) . \quad (4)$$

Examples. (The notions \simeq , $\simeq^{(s)}$ and $\simeq^{(m)}$ of mimicking deriv.).

(a)
$$\frac{C_1}{A} R_1 \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \cancel{\simeq} \\ \cancel{\simeq}^{(s)} \\ \cancel{\simeq}^{(m)} \end{array} \right\} \quad \frac{C_1}{A} R_1 \quad \frac{C_2}{A} R_2}{B} R_{AA.B}$$

(b)
$$\frac{C_1}{A} R_1 \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \cancel{\simeq} \\ \cancel{\simeq}^{(s)} \\ \cancel{\simeq}^{(m)} \end{array} \right\} \quad \frac{C_1}{A} R_1 \quad \frac{C_1}{A} R_1}{B} R_{AA.B}$$

(c)
$$\frac{C_1}{A} R_1 \quad \frac{C_2}{A} R_2}{B} R_{AA.B} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \cancel{\simeq} \\ \cancel{\simeq}^{(s)} \\ \cancel{\simeq}^{(m)} \end{array} \right\} \quad \frac{C_2}{A} R_2 \quad \frac{C_1}{A} R_1}{B} R_{AA.B}$$

Proposition. (The notions \simeq , $\simeq^{(s)}$ and $\simeq^{(m)}$ of mimicking deriv.).

(i) \simeq is reflexive and transitive.

(ii) $\simeq^{(s)}$ and $\simeq^{(m)}$ are equivalence relations.

(iii) For all derivations \mathcal{D}_1 and \mathcal{D}_2

$$\mathcal{D}_1 \simeq^{(s)} \mathcal{D}_2 \iff \mathcal{D}_1 \simeq \mathcal{D}_2 \ \& \ \mathcal{D}_2 \simeq \mathcal{D}_1 .$$

holds, i.e. $\simeq^{(s)} = \simeq \cap \simeq^{-1}$, where $\simeq^{-1} = (\simeq)^{-1}$.

(iv) $\simeq^{(m)} \subsetneq \simeq^{(s)} \subsetneq \simeq$.

Four notions of “rule elimination”

Definition. Let \mathcal{H} be an AHS or n-AHS, and let R be a (named) rule of \mathcal{H} .

(i) We say that *R -elimination holds in \mathcal{H}* if and only

$$\begin{aligned} (\forall \mathcal{D} \in \text{Der}(\mathcal{H})) \left[\text{set}(\text{assm}(\mathcal{D})) = \emptyset \implies \right. \\ \left. \implies (\exists \mathcal{D}' \in \text{Der}(\mathcal{H}-R)) [\mathcal{D}' \approx \mathcal{D}] \right], \end{aligned}$$

i.e. iff every derivation \mathcal{D} in \mathcal{H} *without assumptions* can be mimicked by a derivation \mathcal{D}' in $\mathcal{H}-R$.

(ii) We say that *R-elimination holds in $Der(\mathcal{H})$ with respect to \lesssim* if and only if

$$(\forall \mathcal{D} \in Der(\mathcal{H})) (\exists \mathcal{D}' \in Der(\mathcal{H}-R)) [\mathcal{D}' \lesssim \mathcal{D}] ,$$

i.e. iff every derivation \mathcal{D} of \mathcal{H} can be mimicked by a derivation \mathcal{D}' of $\mathcal{H}-R$.

We say that *R-elimination holds in $Der(\mathcal{H})$ with respect to $\simeq^{(s)}$* , and that *R-elimination holds in $Der(\mathcal{H})$ with respect to $\simeq^{(m)}$* if and only if respectively (5) and (6) are the case:

$$(\forall \mathcal{D} \in Der(\mathcal{H})) (\exists \mathcal{D}' \in Der(\mathcal{H}-R)) [\mathcal{D}' \simeq^{(s)} \mathcal{D}] , \quad (5)$$

$$(\forall \mathcal{D} \in Der(\mathcal{H})) (\exists \mathcal{D}' \in Der(\mathcal{H}-R)) [\mathcal{D}' \simeq^{(m)} \mathcal{D}] \quad (6)$$

How do these notions of rule elimination relate to rule derivability and admissibility?

Theorem. *Let \mathcal{H} be an AHS or an n -AHS, and let R be a (named) rule of \mathcal{H} . Then the following statements hold:*

R -elimination holds in \mathcal{H} $\iff R$ is admissible in $\mathcal{H}-R$,

R -elimination holds in $Der(\mathcal{H})$ w.r.t. \simeq $\iff R$ is derivable in $\mathcal{H}-R$,

R -elimination holds in $Der(\mathcal{H})$ w.r.t. $\simeq^{(s)}$ $\implies R$ is s -derivable in $\mathcal{H}-R$,

R -elimination holds in $Der(\mathcal{H})$ w.r.t. $\simeq^{(m)}$ $\iff R$ is m -derivable in $\mathcal{H}-R$.

Effective rule elim. by “mimicking steps” in n-AHS’s

Let \mathcal{H} be an n-AHS, and let R be a named rule of \mathcal{H} .

A *mimicking step* for R -elimination in \mathcal{H} is a transition of the form

$$\phi : \frac{\mathcal{D}_1 \quad \dots \quad \mathcal{D}_n}{\frac{A_1 \quad \dots \quad A_n}{(A)} \text{ name}(R)} \xrightarrow{(R) \text{ mim}} \frac{\mathcal{D}_{i_1} \quad \dots \quad \mathcal{D}_{i_k}}{\frac{(A_{i_1}) \quad \dots \quad (A_{i_k})}{(A)} \text{ } \mathcal{D}_\alpha} \mathcal{D}_0$$

where the derivation $\mathcal{D}_\alpha \in \text{Der}(\mathcal{H}-R)$ *mimics* the application α of R displayed in the left derivation.

Observation: If R is derivable in $\mathcal{H}-R$, then each R -application in an \mathcal{H} -derivation can be eliminated by a mimicking step.

ARS's of rule elimination by mimicking steps

Let again \mathcal{H} be an n-AHS and R a named rule of \mathcal{H} .

The described kind of steps give rise to the *ARS* $\rightarrow_{\text{mim}}^{(R)}(\mathcal{H})$ of *R -elimination on $Der(\mathcal{H})$ by mimicking steps*

$$\rightarrow_{\text{mim}}^{(R)}(\mathcal{H}) = \langle Der(\mathcal{H}), \Phi_{\text{mim}}^{(R)}(\mathcal{H}), \text{src}, \text{tgt} \rangle ,$$

where $\Phi_{\text{mim}}^{(R)}(\mathcal{H})$ the set of mimicking steps for R -elimination on $Der(\mathcal{H})$, and src and tgt the source and target functions on $\Phi_{\text{mim}}^{(R)}(\mathcal{H})$.

Effective rule elim. by s- and m-mimicking steps

Let \mathcal{H} be an **n-AHS** and R a named rule of \mathcal{H} . We define similarly:

- *s-mimicking steps* for R -elimination in \mathcal{H} replace R -applications in \mathcal{H} -derivations by **s-mimicking** derivations.
- *m-mimicking steps* for R -elimination in \mathcal{H} replace R -applications in \mathcal{H} -derivations by **m-mimicking** derivations.

Analogously as before, these notions give rise to

$$\rightarrow_{\text{s-mim}}^{(R)}(\mathcal{H}) \quad \text{and} \quad \rightarrow_{\text{m-mim}}^{(R)}(\mathcal{H}),$$

the *ARS of R -elimination on $\text{Der}(\mathcal{H})$ by s-mimicking steps*, and the *ARS of R -elimination on $\text{Der}(\mathcal{H})$ by m-mimicking steps*.

Weak normalization of rule elimination by mimicking steps

For an ARS \rightarrow we denote by $\mathcal{NF}(\rightarrow)$ the set of its *normal forms*.

Lemma. Let \mathcal{H} be an *n-AHS*. Let R be a named rule of \mathcal{H} that is *derivable* in $\mathcal{H}-R$.

$$(i) \quad \mathcal{NF}\left(\rightarrow_{mim}^{(R)}(\mathcal{H})\right) = \text{Der}(\mathcal{H}-R),$$

i.e. a derivation of \mathcal{H} is a normal form of $\rightarrow_{mim}^{(R)}(\mathcal{H})$ if and only if it does not contain applications of R .

$$(ii) \quad \rightarrow_{mim}^{(R)}(\mathcal{H}) \text{ is weakly normalizing.}$$

Analogous statements hold for $\rightarrow_{s-mim}^{(R)}(\mathcal{H})$ and $\rightarrow_{m-mim}^{(R)}(\mathcal{H})$.

Correctness of rule elim. by (s-,m-)mimicking steps

Theorem. *Let \mathcal{H} be an n -AHS and R be a named rule of \mathcal{H} . Then it holds:*

(i) *R -elim. by mimicking steps in $Der(\mathcal{H})$ is correct w.r.t. \approx :*

$(\forall \mathcal{D}, \mathcal{D}' \in Der(\mathcal{H}))$

$$(\exists \phi) \left[\phi : \mathcal{D} \xrightarrow{*}_{mim}^{(R)} \mathcal{D}' \ \& \ \mathcal{D}' \in Der(\mathcal{H}-R) \right] \implies \mathcal{D}' \approx \mathcal{D} .$$

(ii) *R -elimination in $Der(\mathcal{H})$ by s-mim. steps is correct w.r.t. \approx ;
but it is not in general also correct w.r.t. $\approx^{(s)}$.*

(iii) *R -elimination in $Der(\mathcal{H})$ by m-mim. steps is correct w.r.t. $\approx^{(m)}$.*

Termination of rule elimination by mimicking steps

Lemma. *Let \mathcal{H} be an n -AHS, and let R be a named rule of \mathcal{H} .*

- (i) *If R is derivable in $\mathcal{H}-R$, then the ARS $\rightarrow_{mim}^{(R)}(\mathcal{H})$ is strongly normalizing.*
- (ii) *If R is s -derivable in $\mathcal{H}-R$, then the ARS $\rightarrow_{s-mim}^{(R)}(\mathcal{H})$ is strongly normalizing.*
- (iii) *If R is m -derivable in $\mathcal{H}-R$, then the ARS $\rightarrow_{m-mim}^{(R)}(\mathcal{H})$ is strongly normalizing.*

Proof: Reducing the termination problem of these ARS's to a **multiset-ordering**. (\sim : Colonies of amoebae have a finite life-span).

Strong rule elimination by (s-, m-) mimicking steps

Definition. Let \mathcal{H} be an n-AHS and let R be a named rule of \mathcal{H} .

Strong R -elimination by mimicking steps holds in $Der(\mathcal{H})$ iff

$$\text{SN}(\rightarrow_{\text{mim}}^{(R)}(\mathcal{H})), \text{ i.e. } \rightarrow_{\text{mim}}^{(R)}(\mathcal{H}) \text{ is strongly normalizing,}$$

$$\text{and } \mathcal{NF}(\rightarrow_{\text{mim}}^{(R)}(\mathcal{H})) = Der(\mathcal{H}-R) .$$

And similarly, we say that *strong R -elimination by s-mimicking steps holds in $Der(\mathcal{H})$* , and that *strong R -elimination by m-mimicking steps holds in $Der(\mathcal{H})$* iff respectively (7) and (8) holds:

$$\text{SN}(\rightarrow_{\text{s-mim}}^{(R)}(\mathcal{H})), \text{ and } \mathcal{NF}(\rightarrow_{\text{s-mim}}^{(R)}(\mathcal{H})) = Der(\mathcal{H}-R), \quad (7)$$

$$\text{SN}(\rightarrow_{\text{m-mim}}^{(R)}(\mathcal{H})), \text{ and } \mathcal{NF}(\rightarrow_{\text{m-mim}}^{(R)}(\mathcal{H})) = Der(\mathcal{H}-R). \quad (8)$$

How do these notions of strong rule elimination relate to rule derivability and admissibility?

Theorem. *Let \mathcal{H} be an n -AHS and let R be a named rule of \mathcal{H} .*

Then the following three logical equivalences hold:

Strong R -elimination by mimicking steps holds in $\text{Der}(\mathcal{H})$

\iff *R is derivable in $\mathcal{H}-R$,*

strong R -elimination by s -mimicking steps holds in $\text{Der}(\mathcal{H})$

\iff *R is s -derivable in $\mathcal{H}-R$,*

strong R -elimination by m -mimicking steps holds in $\text{Der}(\mathcal{H})$

\iff *R is m -derivable in $\mathcal{H}-R$.*

How do the notions of strong rule elimination relate to the notions of rule elimination?

Corollary. *Let \mathcal{H} be an n -AHS and let R be a named rule of \mathcal{H} .*

Then the following three statements hold:

Strong R -elimination by mimicking steps holds in $\text{Der}(\mathcal{H})$

\iff *R -elimination holds in $\text{Der}(\mathcal{H})$ w.r.t. \simeq ,*

strong R -elimination by s -mimicking steps holds in $\text{Der}(\mathcal{H})$

\iff *R -elimination holds in $\text{Der}(\mathcal{H})$ w.r.t. $\simeq^{(s)}$,*

strong R -elimination by m -mimicking steps holds in $\text{Der}(\mathcal{H})$

\iff *R -elimination holds in $\text{Der}(\mathcal{H})$ w.r.t. $\simeq^{(m)}$.*

Sequent-style Hilbert systems à la Avron

Definition. A *Hilbert system for consequence* (a HSC) \mathcal{HC} in the language L is an axiomatic system such that:

1. The *formulas* of \mathcal{HC} are sequents in L , i.e. expressions $\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta$ with Γ, Δ *multisets* of wff in L .
2. – The *axioms* of \mathcal{HC} include $A \Rightarrow A$ for all A .
– All other axioms of \mathcal{HC} are of the form $\Rightarrow A$.
3. Every *rule* R of \mathcal{HC} is an n -*premise rule* for some $n \in \omega$.
4. With the possible exception of the *structural rules* weakening and contraction and of the *cut rule*, all rules of \mathcal{HC} fulfill the *left-hand side property*.

Left-hand side property of HSC-rules

The *set* of formulas that appear on the left-hand side of the conclusion of a rule is the union of the *sets* of formulas that appear on the left-hand side of the premises.

- An *n*-premise rule (where $n \in \omega \setminus \{0\}$) in a HSC has the *left-hand side property* if and only if for all its applications of the form

$$\frac{\Gamma_1 \Rightarrow \Delta_1 \quad \dots \quad \Gamma_n \Rightarrow \Delta_n}{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta} \quad \text{holds:} \quad \text{set}(\Gamma) = \bigcup_{i=1}^n \text{set}(\Gamma_i) .$$

- A zero-premise rule of \mathcal{HC} fulfills the *left-hand side property* if and only if all of its applications are of the form

$$\overline{\Rightarrow \Delta} .$$

Pure Rules in HSC's

Definition. Let \mathcal{HC} be a HSC with language L , and R a rule of \mathcal{HC} .

The rule R is called *pure* if and only if the following holds: Whenever, for some $n \in \omega \setminus \{0\}$,

$$\frac{\Gamma_1 \Rightarrow \Delta_1 \quad \dots \quad \Gamma_n \Rightarrow \Delta_n}{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta}$$

is an application of R , then

$$\Gamma = \Gamma_1 \dots \Gamma_n$$

holds, and for all multisets $\Gamma'_1, \dots, \Gamma'_n$ of formulas in L , also

$$\frac{\Gamma'_1 \Rightarrow \Delta_1 \quad \dots \quad \Gamma'_n \Rightarrow \Delta_n}{\Gamma'_1 \dots \Gamma'_n \Rightarrow \Delta}$$

is an application of R (hence zero-premise rules are pure trivially).

Structural Rules and Cut for HSC's

Weakening and contraction rules:

$$\frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta}{A, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta} \text{Weak}_l \quad \left(\frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta}{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, A} \text{Weak}_r \right)$$

$$\frac{A, A, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta}{A, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta} \text{Contr}_l \quad \left(\frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, A, A}{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, A} \text{Contr}_r \right)$$

Cut rule:

$$\frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, A \quad A, \Gamma' \Rightarrow \Delta'}{\Gamma \Gamma' \Rightarrow \Delta \Delta'} \text{Cut}$$

Cut-elimination in pure, single-conclusioned HSC's

Proposition. *Cut-elimination holds in every pure, single-conclusioned Hilbert system for consequence \mathcal{HC} , that is, for all sequents $\Gamma \Rightarrow A$ in \mathcal{HC} it holds:*

$$\vdash_{\mathcal{HC}} \Gamma \Rightarrow A \quad \iff \quad \vdash_{\mathcal{HC}\text{-Cut}} \Gamma \Rightarrow A .$$

Moreover: Every derivation \mathcal{D} in \mathcal{HC} can effectively be transformed into a cut-free derivation \mathcal{D}' in \mathcal{HC} with the same conclusion.

Correspondence between AHS's and HSC's

Theorem. For every AHS \mathcal{H} there exists a *pure, single-conclusioned HSC* $\mathcal{HC}(\mathcal{H})$ without structural rules such that for¹ all $A \in Fo_{\mathcal{H}}$ and $\Gamma \in \mathcal{M}_f(Fo_{\mathcal{H}})$ and $\Sigma \in \mathcal{P}_f(Fo_{\mathcal{H}})$ the following assertions hold:

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma \vdash_{\mathcal{H}}^{(m)} A &\iff \vdash_{\mathcal{HC}(\mathcal{H})} \Gamma \Rightarrow A, \\ \Gamma \vdash_{\mathcal{H}}^{(mw)} A &\iff \vdash_{\mathcal{HC}(\mathcal{H}) + Weak} \Gamma \Rightarrow A, \\ \Sigma \vdash_{\mathcal{H}}^{(s)} A &\iff \vdash_{\mathcal{HC}(\mathcal{H}) + Contr} \text{mset}(\Sigma) \Rightarrow A, \\ \Sigma \vdash_{\mathcal{H}} A &\iff \vdash_{\mathcal{HC}(\mathcal{H}) + Weak + Contr} \text{mset}(\Sigma) \Rightarrow A. \end{aligned}$$

¹ $Fo_{\mathcal{H}}$ is the set of formulas of \mathcal{H} .

Summary

We have **introduced** / we have **found**:

- 2 ● Abstract Hilbert Systems (**AHS's**), and
 - Abstract Hilbert Systems with rule/axiom names (**n-AHS's**).
 - Three **consequence relations** on these systems.

- 3 ● Definition of rule **admissibility** in (n-)AHS's.
 - Definition of *three versions* of rule derivability in (n-)AHS's (**derivability**, **s-** and **m-derivability**).
 - Some **basic facts** about these notions. A theorem that characterizes derivability of a rule R in an AHS \mathcal{H} by admissibility of R in extensions of \mathcal{H} .

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 - (Mutual) inclusion relations [2×12 relations].
 - Two Interrelation Prisms between these relations.
 - As a corollary: alternative characterizations of rule admissibility and rule (m-)derivability.

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 - Three notions of mimicking derivation between derivations in an AHS or n-AHS.
 - Four notions of rule elimination in AHS's and n-AHS's.
Correspondences with rule admissibility and (s-,m-)derivability.
 - Three notions of strong rule elimination in n-AHS's, and their correspondences with the three notions of rule derivability.

- E (*Appendix E*) A close relationship of (n)-AHS's with sequent-style *Hilbert systems for consequence* à la Avron.

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