



Deriving natural deduction rules from truth tables

(Or: How to define If-then-else as a constructive connective)

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Classical and Constructive Logic

Classically, the meaning of a propositional connective is fixed by its **truth table**. This immediately implies

- consistency,
- a decision procedure,
- completeness (w.r.t. Boolean algebra's).

Constructively (following the **Brouwer-Heyting-Kolmogorov** interpretation), the meaning of a connective is fixed by explaining what a **proof** is that involves the connective.

Basically, this explains the **introduction rule(s)** for each connective, from which the elimination rules follow (Prawitz)

By analysing constructive proofs we then also get

- consistency (from proof normalization),
- a decision procedure (from the subformula property),
- completeness (w.r.t. Heyting algebra's and Kripke models).



This talk/paper

- Derive natural deduction rules for a connective from its truth table definition.
 - Also works for constructive logic. (Classical case known from Milne.)
 - Gives natural deduction rules for a connective “in isolation”
 - Also gives (constructive) rules for connectives that haven’t been studied so far, like if-then-else.
- We study constructive if-then-else. (With \perp and \top it is functionally complete.)
- We give a general Kripke model for these constructive connectives. (Sound and Complete)
- We define a general notion of cut-elimination for these constructive connectives.



Standard form for natural deduction rules

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A_1 \quad \dots \quad \Gamma \vdash A_n \quad \Gamma, B_1 \vdash D \quad \dots \quad \Gamma, B_m \vdash D}{\Gamma \vdash D}$$

If the conclusion of a rule is $\Gamma \vdash D$, then the hypotheses of the rule can be of one of two forms:

- ① $\Gamma, B \vdash D$: we are given extra data B to prove D from Γ . We call B a Casus.
- ② $\Gamma \vdash A$: instead of proving D from Γ , we now need to prove A from Γ . We call A a Lemma.

One obvious advantage: we don't have to give the Γ explicitly, as it can be retrieved:

$$\frac{\vdash A_1 \quad \dots \quad \vdash A_n \quad B_1 \vdash D \quad \dots \quad B_m \vdash D}{\vdash D}$$



Some well-known constructive rules

Rules that follow this format:

$$\frac{\vdash A \vee B \quad A \vdash D \quad B \vdash D}{\vdash D} \vee\text{-el}$$

$$\frac{\vdash A \wedge B \quad A \vdash D}{\vdash D} \wedge\text{-el}$$

$$\frac{\vdash A \quad \vdash B}{\vdash A \wedge B} \wedge\text{-in}$$

Rule that does not follow this format:

$$\frac{A \vdash B}{\vdash A \rightarrow B} \rightarrow\text{-in}$$





Natural Deduction rules from truth tables

Let c be an n -ary connective c with truth table t_c .
 Each row of t_c gives rise to an elimination rule or an introduction rule for c . (We write $\varphi = c(A_1, \dots, A_n)$.)

$$\frac{A_1 \quad \dots \quad A_n \mid \varphi}{p_1 \quad \dots \quad p_n \mid 0} \mapsto \frac{\vdash \varphi \dots \vdash A_j \text{ (if } p_j = 1) \dots A_i \vdash D \text{ (if } p_i = 0) \dots}{\vdash D} \text{el}$$

constructive intro

$$\frac{A_1 \quad \dots \quad A_n \mid \varphi}{q_1 \quad \dots \quad q_n \mid 1} \mapsto \frac{\dots \vdash A_j \text{ (if } q_j = 1) \dots A_i \vdash \varphi \text{ (if } q_i = 0) \dots}{\vdash \varphi} \text{in}^i$$

classical intro

$$\frac{A_1 \quad \dots \quad A_n \mid \varphi}{r_1 \quad \dots \quad r_n \mid 1} \mapsto \frac{\varphi \vdash D \dots \vdash A_j \text{ (if } r_j = 1) \dots A_i \vdash D \text{ (if } r_i = 0) \dots}{\vdash D} \text{in}^c$$



Examples

Constructive rules for \wedge (3 elim rules and one intro rule):

A	B	$A \wedge B$
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

$$\frac{\vdash A \wedge B \quad A \vdash D \quad B \vdash D}{\vdash D} \wedge\text{-el}_a$$

$$\frac{\vdash A \wedge B \quad A \vdash D \quad \vdash B}{\vdash D} \wedge\text{-el}_b$$

$$\frac{\vdash A \wedge B \quad \vdash A \quad B \vdash D}{\vdash D} \wedge\text{-el}_c$$

$$\frac{\vdash A \quad \vdash B}{\vdash A \wedge B} \wedge\text{-in}$$

- These rules can be shown to be equivalent to the well-known constructive rules.
- These rules can be optimized to 3 rules.



Examples

Rules for \neg : 1 elimination rule and 1 introduction rule.

A	$\neg A$
0	1
1	0

Constructive:

$$\frac{\vdash \neg A \quad \vdash A}{\vdash D} \neg\text{-el} \qquad \frac{A \vdash \neg A}{\vdash \neg A} \neg\text{-in}^i$$

Classical:

$$\frac{\vdash \neg A \quad \vdash A}{\vdash D} \neg\text{-el} \qquad \frac{\neg A \vdash D \quad A \vdash D}{\vdash D} \neg\text{-in}^c$$





Lemma 1 to simplify the rules

$$\frac{\vdash A_1 \dots \vdash A_n \quad B_1 \vdash D \dots B_m \vdash D \quad C \vdash D}{\vdash D}$$

$$\frac{\vdash A_1 \dots \vdash A_n \quad \vdash C \quad B_1 \vdash D \dots B_m \vdash D}{\vdash D}$$

is equivalent to the system with these two rules replaced by

$$\frac{\vdash A_1 \dots \vdash A_n \quad B_1 \vdash D \dots B_m \vdash D}{\vdash D}$$





Lemma II to simplify the rules

A system with a deduction rule of the form to the left is equivalent to the system with this rule replaced by the rule on the right.

$$\frac{\vdash A_1 \dots \vdash A_n \quad B \vdash D}{\vdash D}$$

$$\frac{\vdash A_1 \dots \vdash A_n}{\vdash B}$$



The constructive connectives

We have already seen the \wedge, \neg rules. The optimised rules for \vee, \rightarrow, \top and \perp we obtain are:

$$\frac{\vdash A \vee B \quad A \vdash D \quad B \vdash D}{\vdash D} \vee\text{-el}$$

$$\frac{\vdash A}{\vdash A \vee B} \vee\text{-in}_1$$

$$\frac{\vdash B}{\vdash A \vee B} \vee\text{-in}_2$$

$$\frac{\vdash A \rightarrow B \quad \vdash A}{\vdash B} \rightarrow\text{-el}$$

$$\frac{\vdash B}{\vdash A \rightarrow B} \rightarrow\text{-in}_1$$

$$\frac{A \vdash A \rightarrow B}{\vdash A \rightarrow B} \rightarrow\text{-in}_2$$

$$\frac{}{\vdash \top} \top\text{-in}$$

$$\frac{\vdash \perp}{\vdash D} \perp\text{-el}$$



The rules for the classical \rightarrow connective

$$\frac{\vdash A \rightarrow B \quad \vdash A}{\vdash B} \rightarrow\text{-el} \qquad \frac{\vdash B}{\vdash A \rightarrow B} \rightarrow\text{-in}_1 \qquad \frac{A \vdash D \quad A \rightarrow B \vdash D}{\vdash D} \rightarrow\text{-in}_2^c$$

Derivation of Peirce's law:

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{A \vdash A}{A \vdash ((A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow A) \rightarrow A}}{A \rightarrow B, (A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow A \vdash ((A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow A) \rightarrow A} \quad \frac{\frac{\frac{(A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow A \vdash (A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow A \quad A \rightarrow B \vdash A \rightarrow B}{A \rightarrow B, (A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow A \vdash A}}{A \rightarrow B, (A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow A \vdash ((A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow A) \rightarrow A}}{A \rightarrow B \vdash ((A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow A) \rightarrow A} \rightarrow\text{-in}_2^c}{\vdash ((A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow A) \rightarrow A} \rightarrow\text{-in}_2^c$$



The “If Then Else” connective

Notation: $A \rightarrow B/C$ for if A then B else C .

p	q	r	$p \rightarrow q/r$
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	0
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	1
1	1	1	1

The optimized constructive rules are:

$$\frac{\vdash A \rightarrow B/C \quad \vdash A}{\vdash B} \text{ then-el}$$

$$\frac{\vdash A \quad \vdash B}{\vdash A \rightarrow B/C} \text{ then-in}$$

$$\frac{\vdash A \rightarrow B/C \quad A \vdash D \quad C \vdash D}{\vdash D} \text{ else-el}$$

$$\frac{A \vdash A \rightarrow B/C \quad \vdash C}{\vdash A \rightarrow B/C} \text{ else-in}$$



Some facts about constructive “If Then Else”

$A \rightarrow B / C$ is logically equivalent to $(A \rightarrow B) \wedge (A \vee C)$

We have the well-known classical equivalence

$$\text{if } A \text{ then } B \text{ else } B \equiv B$$

We don't have the other well-known classical equivalences

if (if A then B else C) then D else E $\not\equiv$

if A then (if B then D else E) else (if C then D else E)

if A then (if B then D else E) else (if C then D else E) $\not\equiv$

if (if A then B else C) then D else E



“If Then Else” \rightarrow \top \perp is functionally complete

We define the usual constructive connectives in terms of if-then-else, \top and \perp :

$$A \dot{\vee} B := A \rightarrow A/B \quad A \dot{\wedge} B := A \rightarrow B/A$$

$$A \dot{\rightarrow} B := A \rightarrow B/\top \quad \dot{\neg}A := A \rightarrow \perp/\top$$

LEMMA The defined connectives satisfy the original constructive deduction rules for these same connectives.

COROLLARY The constructive connective if-then-else, together with \top and \perp , is functionally complete.





Kripke semantics for the constructive rules

For each n -ary connective c , we assume a truth table $t_c : \{0, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ and the defined constructive deduction rules.

DEFINITION A **Kripke model** is a triple (W, \leq, at) where W is a set of worlds, \leq a reflexive, transitive relation on W and a function $\text{at} : W \rightarrow \wp(\text{At})$ satisfying $w \leq w' \Rightarrow \text{at}(w) \subseteq \text{at}(w')$.

We define the notion **φ is true in world w** (usually written $w \Vdash \varphi$) by defining $\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket_w \in \{0, 1\}$

DEFINITION of $\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket_w \in \{0, 1\}$, by induction on φ :

- (atom) if φ is atomic, $\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket_w = 1$ iff $\varphi \in \text{at}(w)$.
- (connective) for $\varphi = c(\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n)$, $\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket_w = 1$ iff for each $w' \geq w$, $t_c(\llbracket \varphi_1 \rrbracket_{w'}, \dots, \llbracket \varphi_n \rrbracket_{w'}) = 1$ where t_c is the truth table of c .

$\Gamma \Vdash \psi :=$ for each Kripke model and each world w , if $\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket_w = 1$ for each φ in Γ , then $\llbracket \psi \rrbracket_w = 1$.



Kripke semantics for the constructive rules

LEMMA (Soundness) If $\Gamma \vdash \psi$, then $\Gamma \models \psi$

Proof. Induction on the derivation of $\Gamma \vdash \psi$.

For completeness we need to construct a special Kripke model.

- In the literature, the completeness of Kripke semantics is proved using *prime theories*.
- A theory is prime if it satisfies the **disjunction property**: if $\Gamma \vdash A \vee B$, then $\Gamma \vdash A$ or $\Gamma \vdash B$.
- We may not have \vee in our set of connective, and we may have others that “behave \vee -like”.
- (Later, we will generalize the disjunction property to arbitrary n -ary constructive connectives.)
- We apply a kind of Lindenbaum construction (also used by Milne for the classical case).



Kripke semantics for the constructive rules

DEFINITION For ψ a formula and Γ a set of formulas, we say that Γ is ψ -maximal if

- $\Gamma \not\vdash \psi$ and
- for every formula $\varphi \notin \Gamma$ we have: $\Gamma, \varphi \vdash \psi$.

NB. Given ψ and Γ such that $\Gamma \not\vdash \psi$, we can extend Γ to a ψ -maximal set Γ' that contains Γ .

Simple important facts about ψ -maximal sets Γ :

- ① For every φ , we have $\varphi \in \Gamma$ or $\Gamma, \varphi \vdash \psi$.
- ② For every φ , if $\Gamma \vdash \varphi$, then $\varphi \in \Gamma$.





Completeness of Kripke semantics

DEFINITION We define the Kripke model $U = (W, \leq, \text{at})$:

- $W := \{(\Gamma, \psi) \mid \Gamma \text{ is a } \psi\text{-maximal set}\}$.
- $(\Gamma, \psi) \leq (\Gamma', \psi') := \Gamma \subseteq \Gamma'$.
- $\text{at}(\Gamma, \psi) := \Gamma \cap \text{At}$.

LEMMA In the model U we have, for all worlds $(\Gamma, \psi) \in W$:

$$\varphi \in \Gamma \iff \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket_{(\Gamma, \psi)} = 1 \quad (\forall \varphi)$$

Proof: Induction on the structure of φ .

THEOREM If $\Gamma \models \psi$, then $\Gamma \vdash \psi$.

Proof. Suppose $\Gamma \models \psi$ and $\Gamma \not\vdash \psi$. Then we can find a ψ -maximal superset Γ' of Γ such that $\Gamma' \not\vdash \psi$. In particular: ψ is not in Γ' . So (Γ', ψ) is a world in the Kripke model U in which each member of Γ is true, but ψ is not. Contradiction to $\Gamma \models \psi$, so $\Gamma \vdash \psi$.



A generalised disjunction property

We say that the n -ary connective c is i, j -splitting in case the truth table for c has the following shape

A_1	...	A_i	...	A_j	...	A_n	$c(A_1, \dots, A_n)$
—	...	0	...	0	...	—	0
—	...	0	...	0	...	—	0
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮
—	...	0	...	0	...	—	0
—	...	0	...	0	...	—	0

In terms of t_c :

$$t_c(p_1, \dots, p_{i-1}, 0, p_{i+1}, \dots, p_{j-1}, 0, p_{j+1}, \dots, p_n) = 0$$

for all $p_1, \dots, p_{i-1}, p_{i+1}, \dots, p_{j-1}, p_{j+1}, \dots, p_n \in \{0, 1\}$.

LEMMA Let c be an i, j -splitting connective.

If $\vdash c(A_1, \dots, A_n)$, then $\vdash A_i$ or $\vdash A_j$.





Examples of connectives with a splitting property

A	B	C	$\text{most}(A, B, C)$	$A \rightarrow B/C$
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0	1
0	1	0	0	0
0	1	1	1	1
1	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	1	0
1	1	0	1	1
1	1	1	1	1

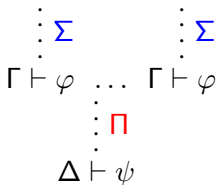
- most is i, j -splitting for every i, j :
 - if $\vdash \text{most}(A_1, A_2, A_3)$, then $\vdash A_i$ or $\vdash A_j$, for any pair $i \neq j$.
- if-then-else is 1, 3-splitting and 2, 3-splitting (but not 1, 2-splitting):
 - if $\vdash A \rightarrow B/C$, then $\vdash A$ or $\vdash C$ and also $\vdash B$ or $\vdash C$.
 - if $\vdash A \rightarrow B/C$, then **not** $\vdash A$ or $\vdash B$



Substituting a deduction in another

LEMMA: If $\Gamma \vdash \varphi$ and $\Delta, \varphi \vdash \psi$, then $\Gamma, \Delta \vdash \psi$

If Σ is a deduction of $\Gamma \vdash \varphi$ and Π is a deduction of $\Delta, \varphi \vdash \psi$, then we have the following deduction of $\Gamma, \Delta \vdash \psi$:



In Π , every application of an (axiom) rule at a leaf, deriving $\Delta' \vdash \varphi$ for some $\Delta' \supseteq \Delta$ is replaced by a copy of a deduction Σ , which is also a deduction of $\Delta', \Gamma \vdash \varphi$.



Cuts in constructive logic

Remember that the rules for c arise from rows in the truth table t_c :

A_1	...	A_n	$c(A_1, \dots, A_n)$
p_1	...	p_n	0
q_1	...	q_n	1

DEFINITION A **constructive direct cut** is a pattern of the following form, where $\varphi = c(A_1, \dots, A_n)$.

$$\frac{
 \begin{array}{c}
 \vdots \Sigma_j \qquad \qquad \vdots \Sigma_i \\
 \dots \Gamma \vdash A_j \quad \dots \Gamma, A_i \vdash \varphi \quad \dots \\
 \hline
 \Gamma \vdash \varphi
 \end{array}
 \text{ in}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{c}
 \vdots \Pi_k \qquad \qquad \vdots \Pi_\ell \\
 \dots \Gamma \vdash A_k \quad \dots \Gamma, A_\ell \vdash D \quad \dots \\
 \hline
 \Gamma \vdash D
 \end{array}
 \text{ el}
 }{
 \Gamma \vdash D
 }$$

- $q_j = 1$ for A_j and $q_i = 0$ for A_i
- $p_k = 1$ for A_k and $p_\ell = 0$ for A_ℓ



Eliminating a direct cut (I)

The *elimination of a direct cut* is defined by replacing the deduction pattern by another one. If $\ell = j$ (for some ℓ, j), replace

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \vdots \Sigma_j \\ \dots \Gamma \vdash A_j \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \vdots \Sigma_i \\ \dots \Gamma, A_i \vdash \varphi \end{array} \quad \dots}{\Gamma \vdash \varphi} \text{ in} \quad \begin{array}{c} \vdots \Pi_k \\ \dots \Gamma \vdash A_k \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \vdots \Pi_\ell \\ \dots \Gamma, A_\ell \vdash D \end{array} \quad \dots \\
 \hline
 \Gamma \vdash D \quad \text{el}$$

by

$$\begin{array}{c} \vdots \Sigma_j \\ \Gamma \vdash A_j \end{array} \quad \dots \quad \begin{array}{c} \vdots \Sigma_j \\ \Gamma \vdash A_j \end{array} \\
 \vdots \Pi_\ell \\
 \Gamma \vdash D$$



Eliminating a direct cut (II)

If $k = i$ (for some k, i), replace

$$\frac{\frac{\dots \Gamma \vdash A_j \quad \dots \Gamma, A_i \vdash \varphi \quad \dots}{\Gamma \vdash \varphi} \text{ in} \quad \dots \Gamma \vdash A_k \quad \dots \Gamma, A_\ell \vdash D \quad \dots}{\Gamma \vdash D} \text{ el}$$

by

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \vdots \Pi_k \quad \vdots \Pi_k \\ \Gamma \vdash A_i \quad \dots \quad \Gamma \vdash A_i \\ \vdots \Sigma_i \\ \Gamma \vdash \varphi \end{array} \quad \dots \quad \begin{array}{c} \vdots \Pi_k \quad \vdots \Pi_\ell \\ \dots \Gamma \vdash A_i \quad \dots \quad \Gamma, A_\ell \vdash D \quad \dots \end{array}}{\Gamma \vdash D}$$



Cuts for if-then-else (I)

The cut-elimination rules for if-then-else are the following.

(then-then)

$$\frac{\frac{\Gamma \vdash A \quad \Gamma \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash A \rightarrow B/C} \text{ in} \quad \Gamma \vdash A}{\Gamma \vdash B} \text{ el}$$

\mapsto

$$\frac{\dots \Sigma}{\Gamma \vdash B}$$

(else-then)

$$\frac{\frac{\Gamma, A \vdash A \rightarrow B/C \quad \Gamma \vdash C}{\Gamma \vdash A \rightarrow B/C} \text{ in} \quad \dots \Pi}{\Gamma \vdash B} \text{ el}$$

\mapsto

$$\frac{\dots \Pi \quad \dots \Pi \quad \dots \Sigma \quad \dots \Pi}{\Gamma \vdash A \rightarrow B/C \quad \Gamma \vdash A} \text{ el}$$



Cuts for if-then-else (II)

(then-else)

$$\frac{\frac{\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \Sigma \end{array} \quad \Gamma \vdash A \quad \Gamma \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash A \rightarrow B/C} \text{in} \quad \frac{\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \Pi \end{array} \quad \Gamma, A \vdash D \quad \Gamma, C \vdash D}{\Gamma \vdash D} \text{el}}{\Gamma \vdash D}$$

\mapsto

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \Sigma \end{array} \quad \Gamma \vdash A \quad \dots \quad \Gamma \vdash A \quad \begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \Sigma \end{array} \quad \Gamma \vdash B}{\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \Pi \end{array} \quad \Gamma \vdash D} \text{el}$$

(else-else)

$$\frac{\frac{\Gamma, A \vdash A \rightarrow B/C \quad \begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \Sigma \end{array} \quad \Gamma \vdash C}{\Gamma \vdash A \rightarrow B/C} \text{in} \quad \frac{\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \Pi \end{array} \quad \Gamma, A \vdash D \quad \Gamma, C \vdash D}{\Gamma \vdash D} \text{el}}{\Gamma \vdash D}$$

\mapsto

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \Sigma \end{array} \quad \Gamma \vdash C \quad \dots \quad \Gamma \vdash C \quad \begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \Sigma \end{array} \quad \Gamma \vdash A \rightarrow B/C}{\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \Pi \end{array} \quad \Gamma \vdash D} \text{el}$$



Conclusions

- Simple way to construct deduction rules for new connectives, constructively and classically
- Study connectives “in isolation”. (Without defining them and without using other connectives.)
- Generic Kripke semantics
- Correct (?) constructive reading of if-then-else:
 - Functionally complete (with \top and \perp)
 - Proper constructive “splitting” properties



Further and Future work, Related work

Further work:

- Add rules for **commuting cuts** to get the “right” normal form of derivations. (Done for if-then-else.)
- Study of Normalization for cut-elimination for if-then-else.
- Curry-Howard interpretation of formulas-as-types and proofs-as-terms:
 - Proofs as programs and cut-elimination as evaluation (reduction)
 - Meaning of the new connectives as data types

Future work:

- General definition of classical cut-elimination
- Relation with other term calculi for classical logic: subtraction logic, $\lambda\mu$ (Parigot), $\bar{\lambda}\mu\tilde{\mu}$ (Curien, Herbelin).

Related work:

- Peter Milne, Jan von Plato and Sara Negri, Peter Schroeder-Heister, . . .