

Semantic Cut Elimination for the Logic of Bunched Implications and Structural Extensions

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<https://github.com/co-dan/BI-cutelim>.

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a linked list without cycles

Sequent calculus

Sequent: $\Gamma \vdash \phi$

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$\Gamma ::= \varphi \mid \Gamma ; \Gamma \mid \Gamma , \Gamma \mid \dots$

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Why eliminate cut?

- makes the calculus *analytical* (subformula property): any derivation of $\varphi \vdash \psi$ only involves formula that are already present in φ and ψ
- important ingredient in the automated proof search toolbox

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Soundness: $\varphi \vdash \psi \implies \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket \leq \llbracket \psi \rrbracket$.

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$$X \vee Y = \text{cl}(X \cup Y)$$

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Thank you for your attention!

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