

Quantitative comparison of classical and intuitionistic logics*

Full propositional system

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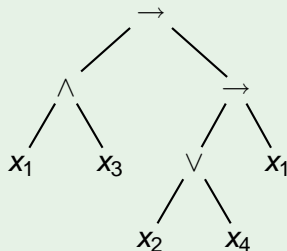
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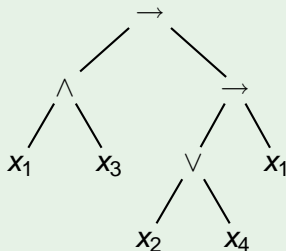
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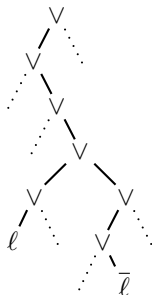
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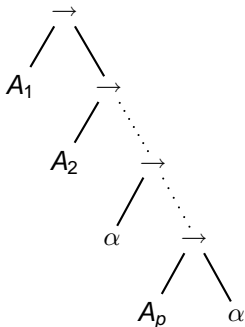
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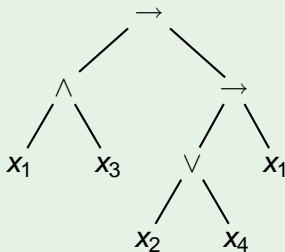
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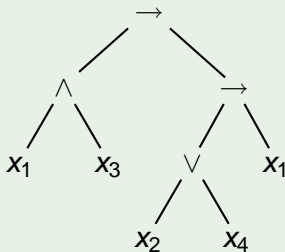
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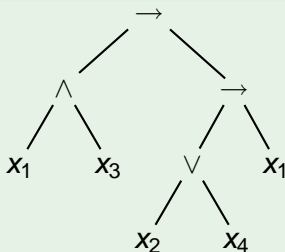
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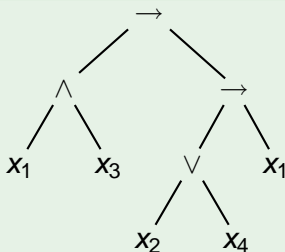


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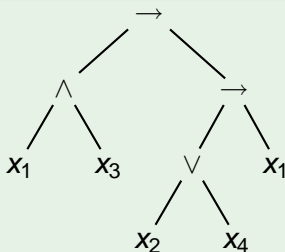


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- it is a intuitionistic tautology (natural deduction, Heyting algebra)

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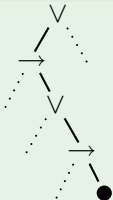
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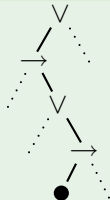
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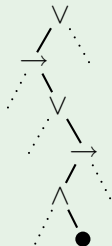
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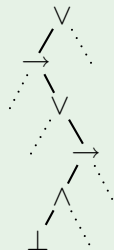
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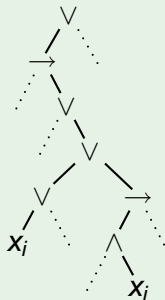
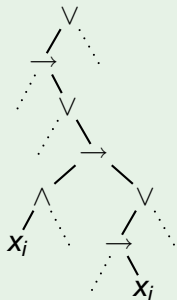
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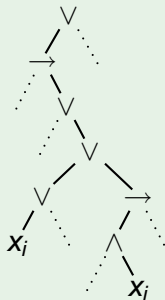
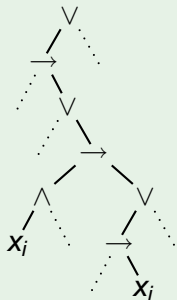
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