

# Retractions for Multiplicative Linear Logic

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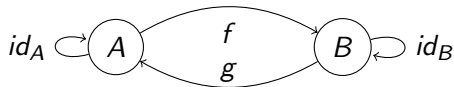
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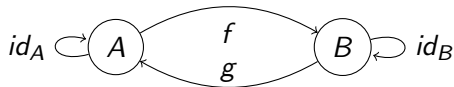
**Equational theory** for  $\lambda$ -calculus with products and unit type [Sol83]

$\times$	$A \times (B \times C) \simeq (A \times B) \times C$	$A \times B \simeq B \times A$	
$\times$ and $\rightarrow$	$(A \times B) \rightarrow C \simeq A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C)$	$A \rightarrow (B \times C) \simeq (A \rightarrow B) \times (A \rightarrow C)$	
1	$A \times 1 \simeq A$	$1 \rightarrow A \simeq A$	$A \rightarrow 1 \simeq 1$

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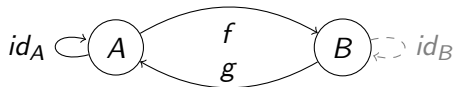
Associativity	$A \otimes (B \otimes C) \simeq (A \otimes B) \otimes C$	$A \wp (B \wp C) \simeq (A \wp B) \wp C$
Commutativity	$A \otimes B \simeq B \otimes A$	$A \wp B \simeq B \wp A$
Neutrality	$A \otimes 1 \simeq A$	$A \wp \perp \simeq A$

$$(A \otimes B) \multimap C = (A^\perp \wp B^\perp) \wp C \simeq A^\perp \wp (B^\perp \wp C) = A \multimap (B \multimap C)$$

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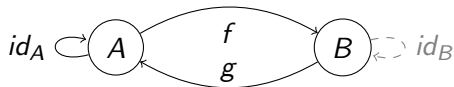
[RU02]

$\simeq$	$A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \simeq B \rightarrow A \rightarrow C$
$\triangleleft$ ( $= \trianglelefteq \setminus \simeq$ )	$A \triangleleft B \rightarrow A$ $A \triangleleft (A \rightarrow X) \rightarrow X$ if $A$ is $Y_1 \rightarrow Y_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow X$

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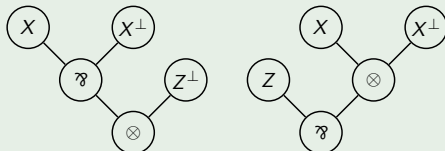
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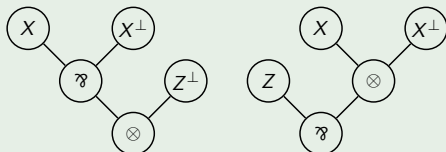
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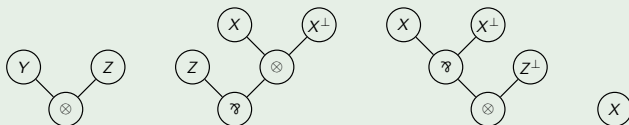
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$$\vdash A_1, \dots, A_n$$

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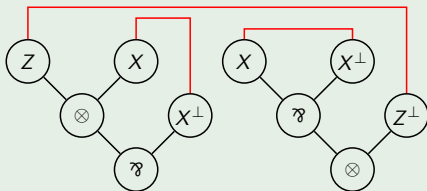
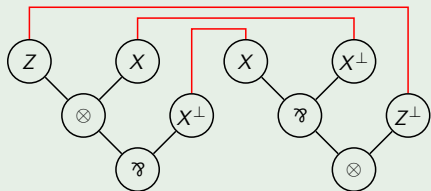


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Sequent with edges between dual leaves (some  $X$  and  $X^\perp$ ), these edges partitioning the leaves of the sequent.

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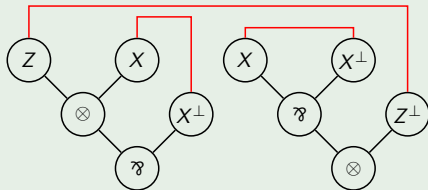
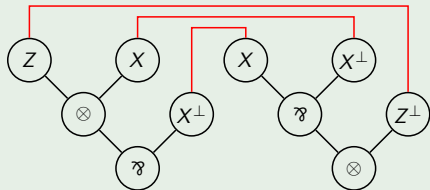
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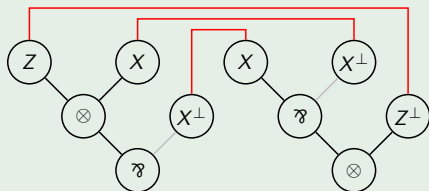
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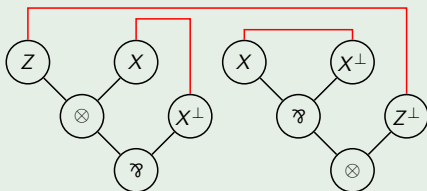
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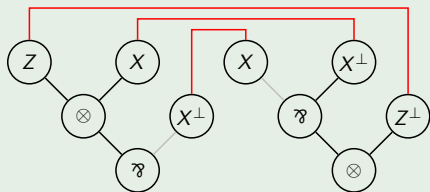
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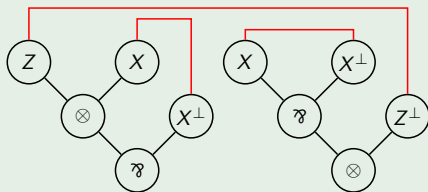
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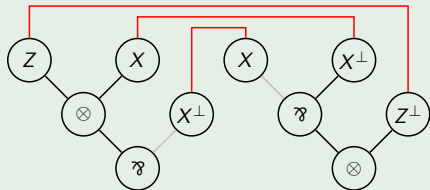
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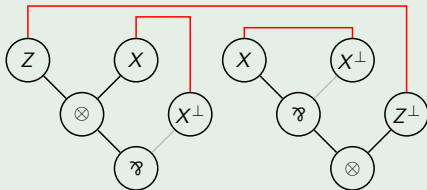
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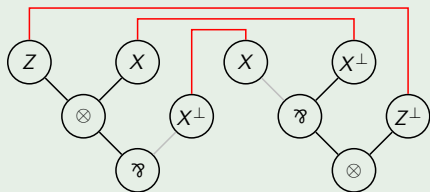
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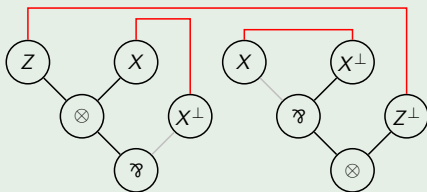
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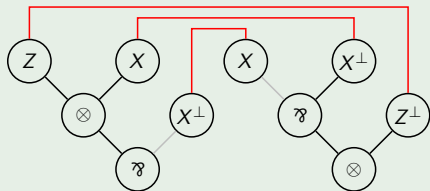
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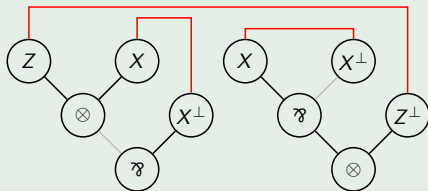
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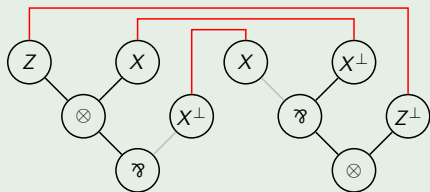
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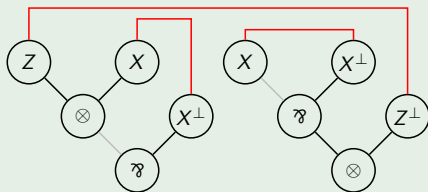
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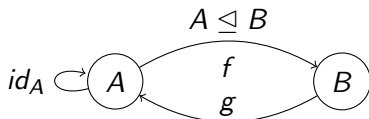


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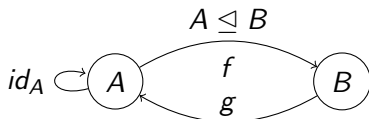
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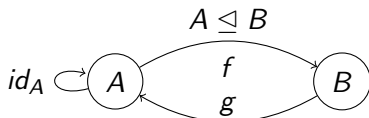
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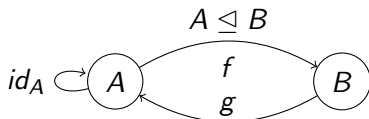
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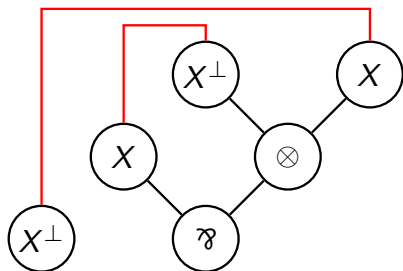
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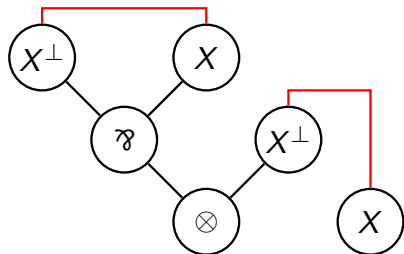
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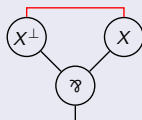
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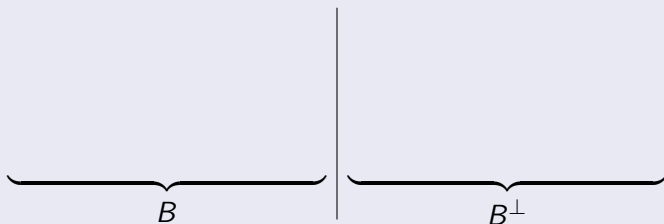
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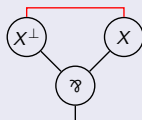
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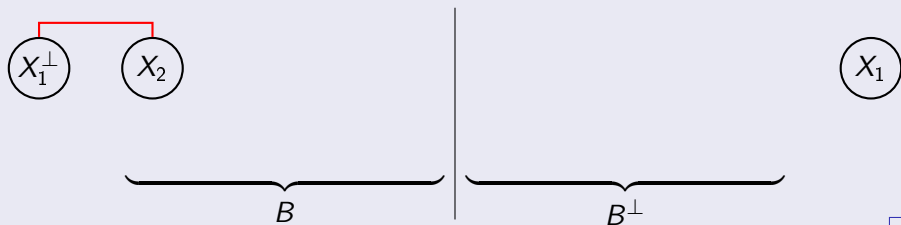
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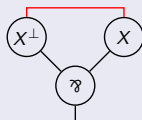
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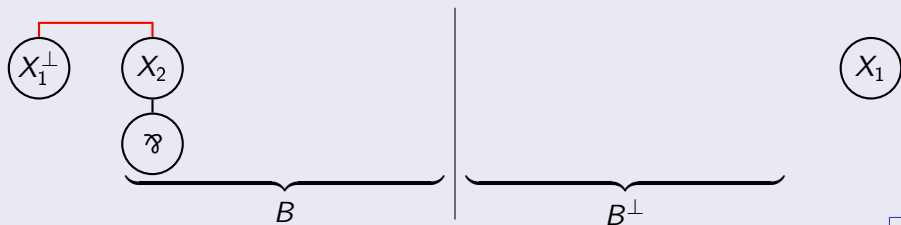
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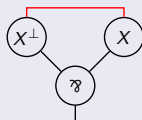
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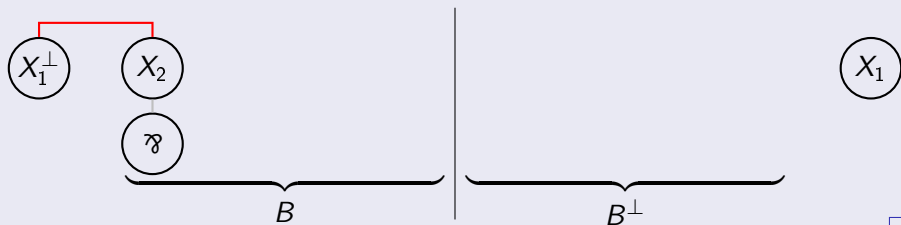
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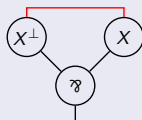
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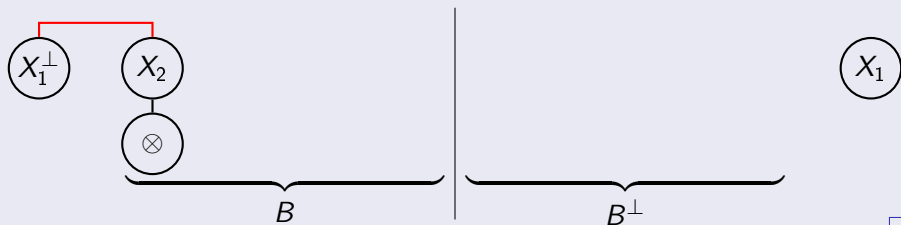
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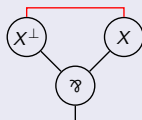
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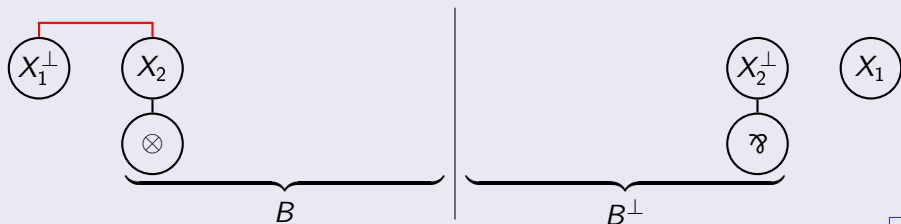
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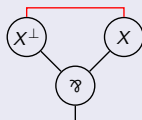
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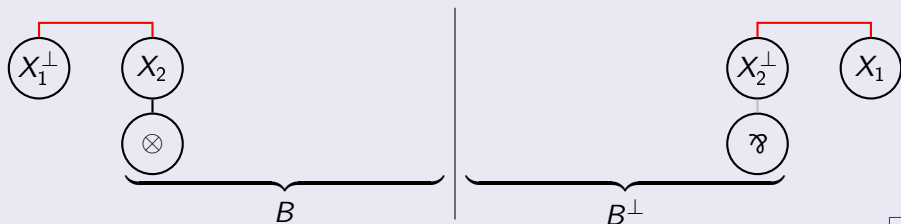
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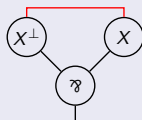
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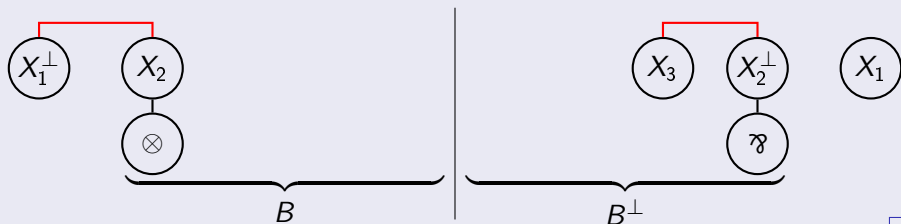
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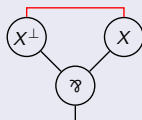
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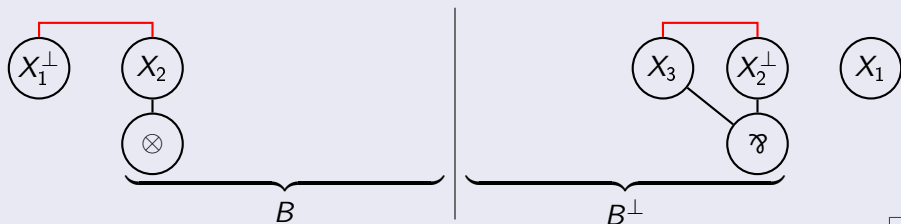
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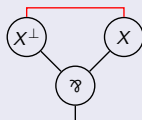
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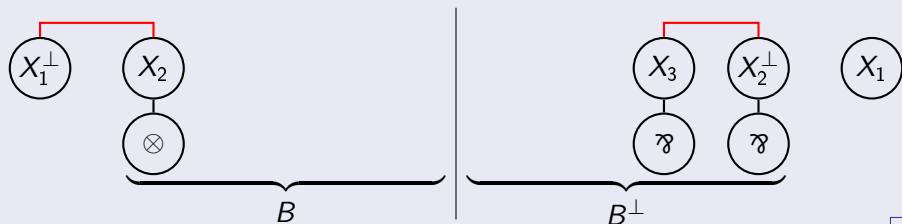
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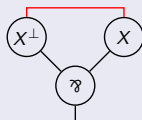
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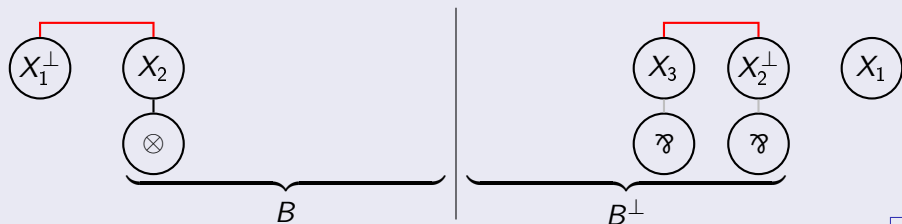
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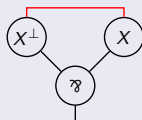
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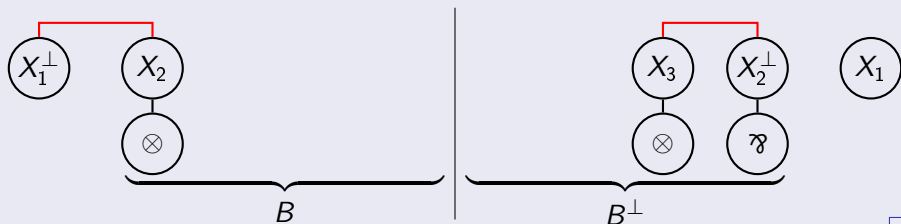


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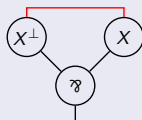
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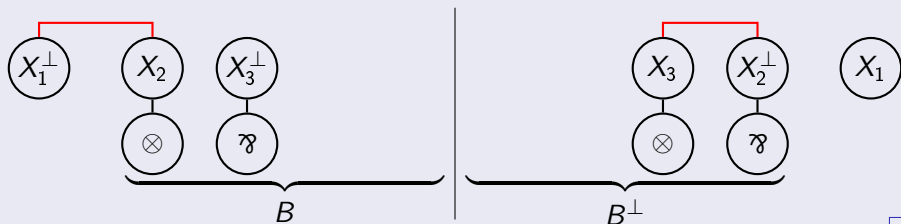


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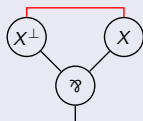
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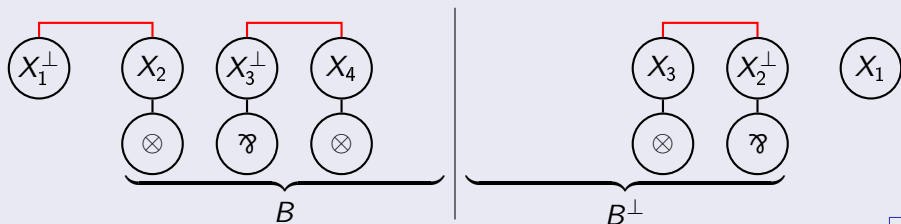


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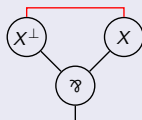
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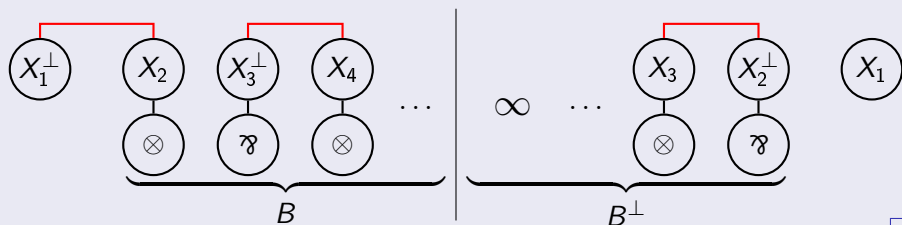


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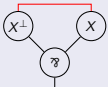
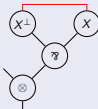
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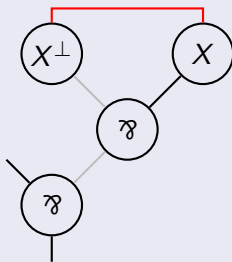
# Extended pattern

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If  has a node below it, then this is a .

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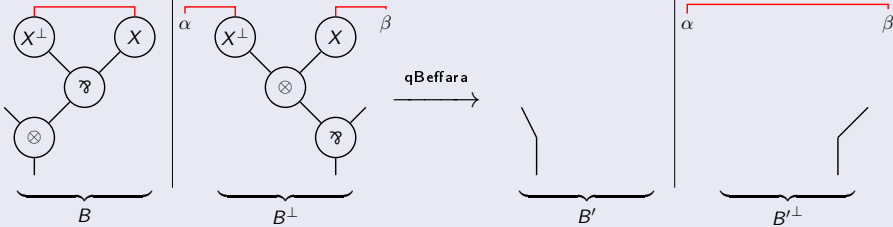
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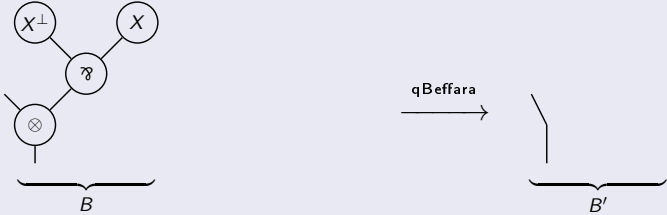
# Quasi-Beffara

## Definition

Quasi-Beffara is this local transformation on proofs of a retraction  $A \trianglelefteq B$ :



By extension, this defines two transformations on a formula  $B$  (by duality):



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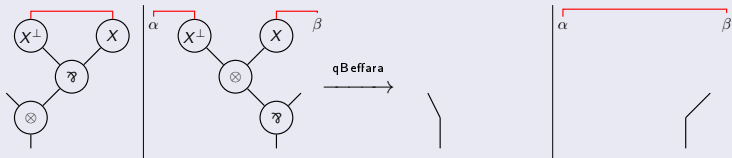
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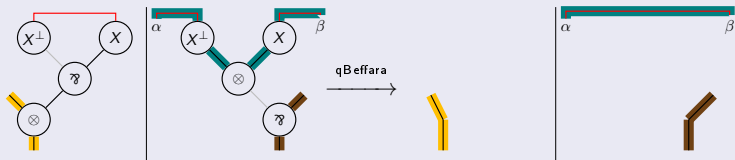
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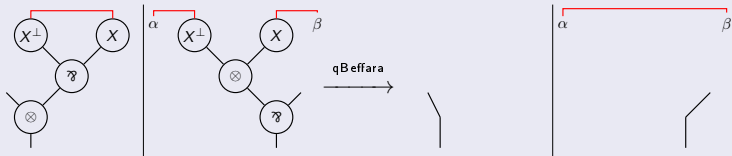
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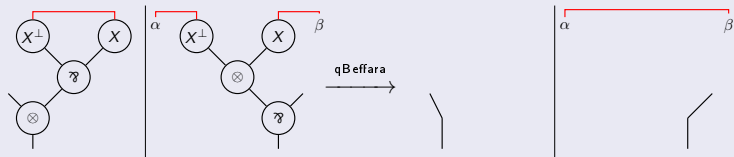
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# Completeness of Quasi-Beffara

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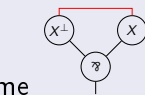
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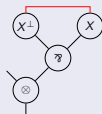
By induction on the size of  $B$ . Trivial if  $B = X$ .

Else, by previous results:

1 we find some



2 which is a



3  $B \xrightarrow{\text{qBeffara}} B'$ ,  $X \trianglelefteq B'$  and  $B'$  of strictly smaller size



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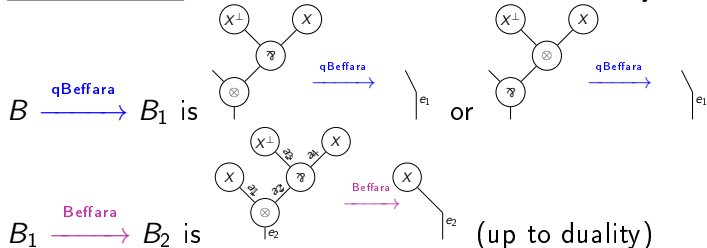
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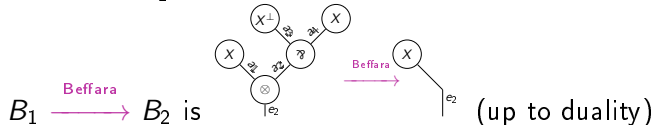
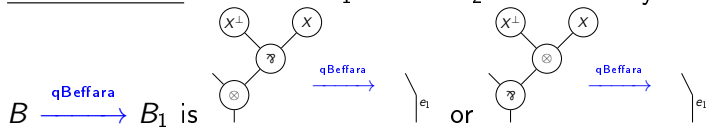


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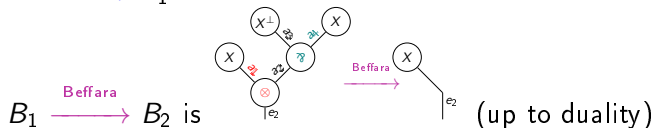
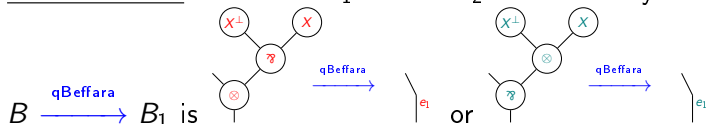
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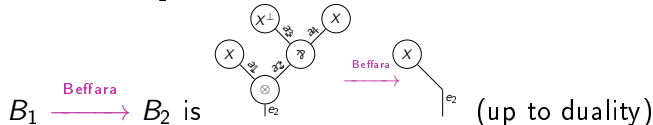
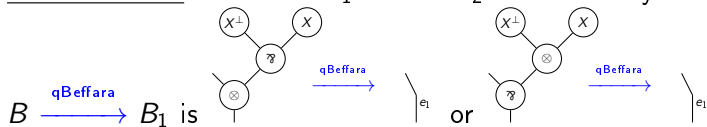
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$B \xrightarrow{\text{qBeffara}} B_1$  is also a  $B \xrightarrow{\text{Beffara}} B_1$

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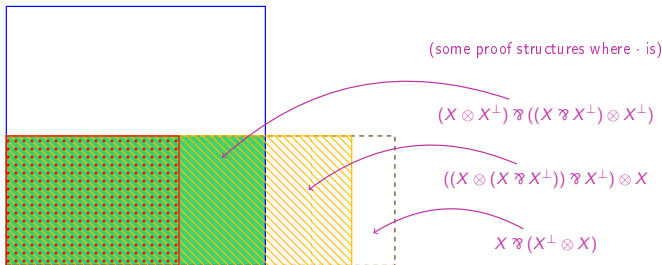
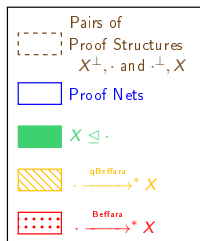
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... but this is when looking at *formulas*! Looking at *proofs*, this is messier:



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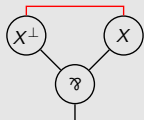
- Proof Net
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- Looking for a pattern
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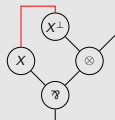
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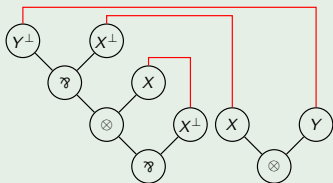
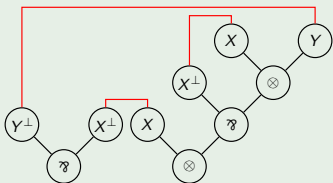
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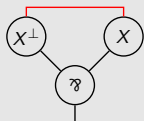
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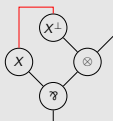


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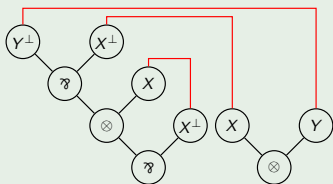
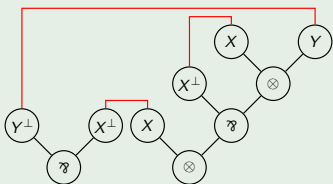
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May not be finitely axiomatisable (on formulas)?

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And  $(A \otimes X) \wp B \not\sqsubseteq (A \otimes X) \wp (X \otimes (X^\perp \wp B))$

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- In **ALL**, **MELL**, **MALL** and **LL** finding if a pair of formulas is a retraction is at least harder than provability:

$$!X \trianglelefteq !X \otimes !(X \otimes A) \iff A \text{ is provable}$$

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Thus PSPACE-hard in MALL and **undecidable** in LL!

Thank you  
for your attention!

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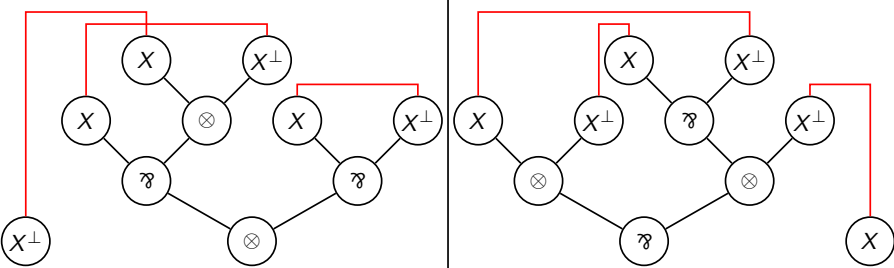
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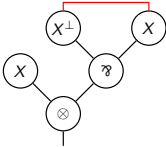
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Proof of  $X \triangleleft (X \otimes X^\perp) \wp ((X \wp X^\perp) \otimes X^\perp)$



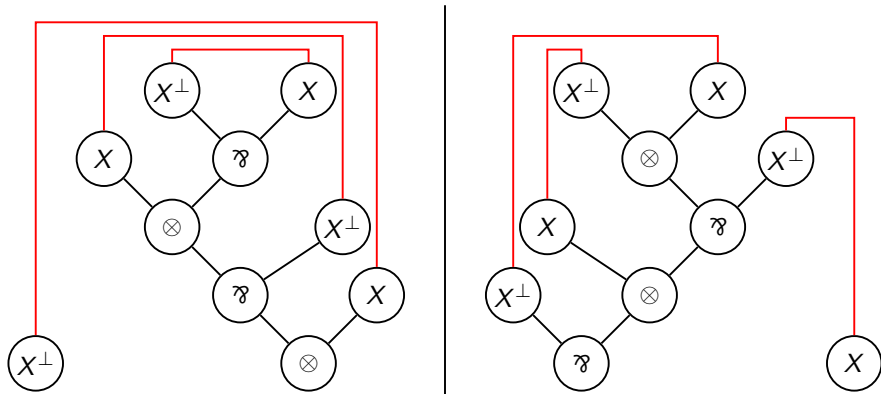
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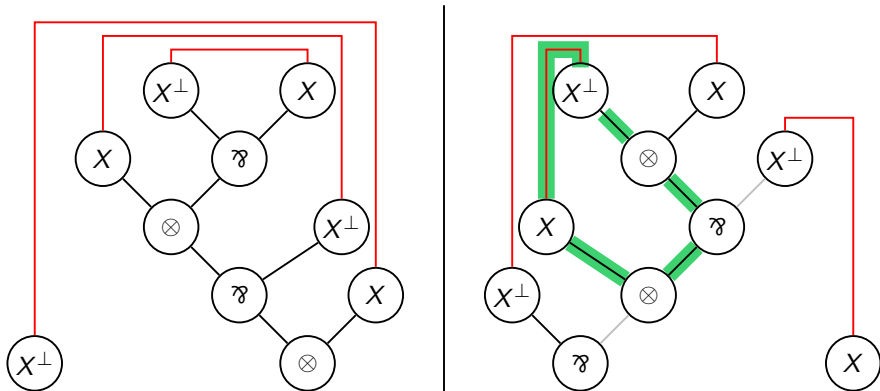
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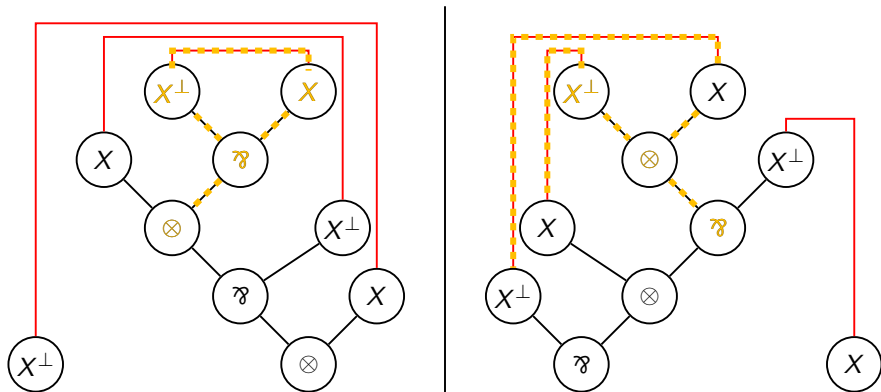
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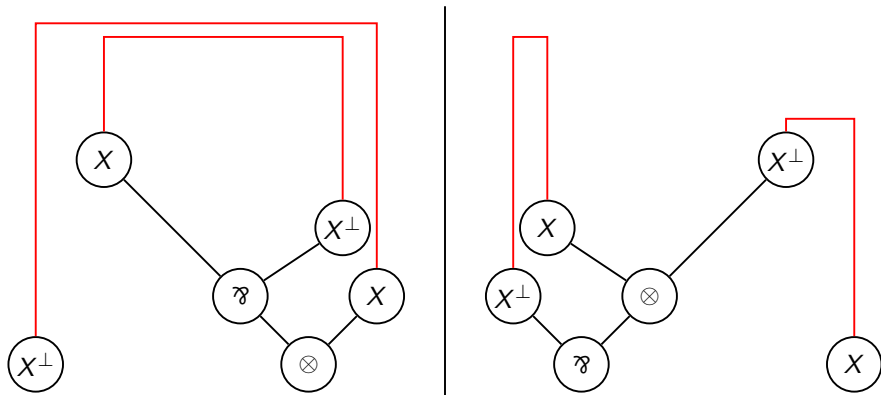
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Can apply one step of Quasi-Beffara

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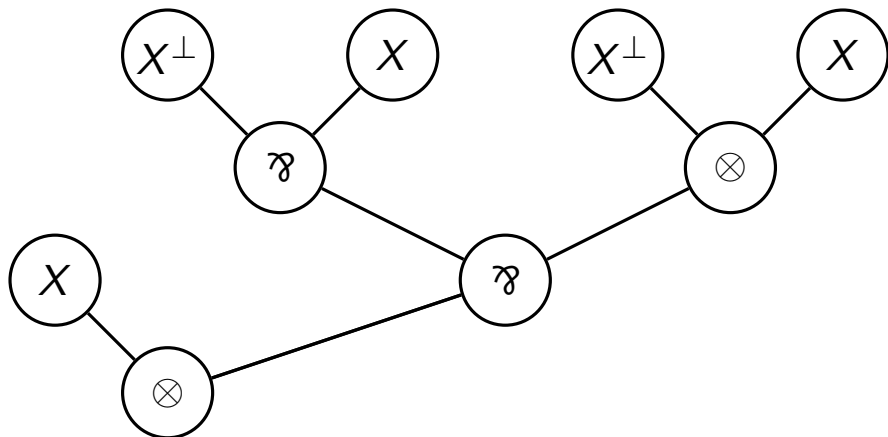
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This is Beffara, attainable from  $X$  by one step of Quasi-Beffara

# Formula not generated by Beffara without iso

$$X \triangleleft X \otimes ((X^\perp \wp X) \wp (X^\perp \otimes X))$$



Generated by Beffara only up to isomorphism!

# Multiplicative Linear Logic - Cut & Sequent

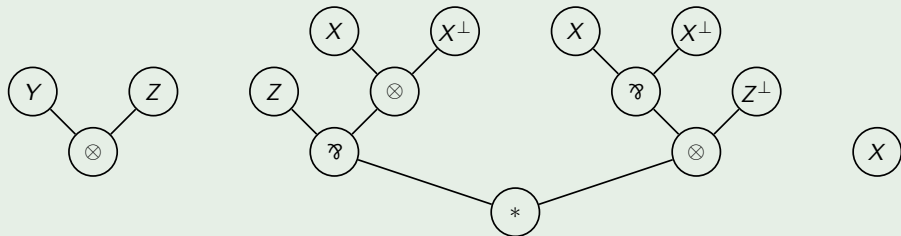
Cut

$$C ::= A * A^\perp$$

Sequent

$$\vdash A_1, \dots, A_n, C_1, \dots, C_k$$

Example

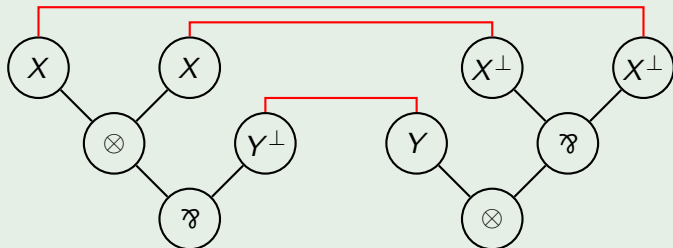


# Identity proof net

## Identity proof structure of $A$

In the sequent  $\vdash A^\perp, A$ , link each leaf in  $A$  to the dual one in  $A^\perp$ .

Example:  $A = Y \otimes (X^\perp \wp X^\perp)$



## Lemma

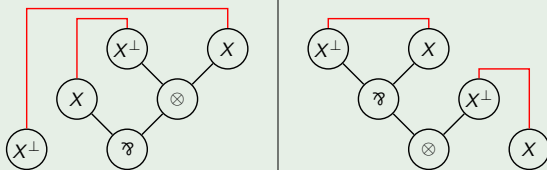
*An identity proof structure is correct.*

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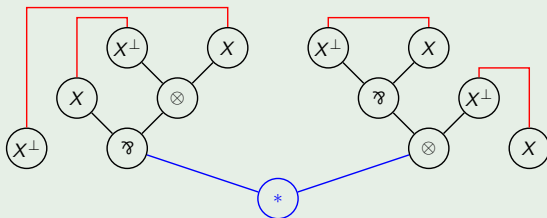


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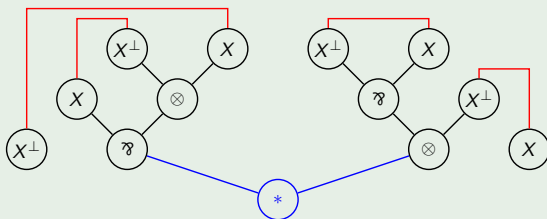


# Composition by cut

## Composition

Putting side by side a proof structure on  $\vdash \Gamma, A$  and one on  $\vdash A^\perp, \Delta$ , then adding a  $*$ -node between the roots of  $A$  and  $A^\perp$ , yields a proof structure on  $\vdash \Gamma, A * A^\perp, \Delta$ .

## Example

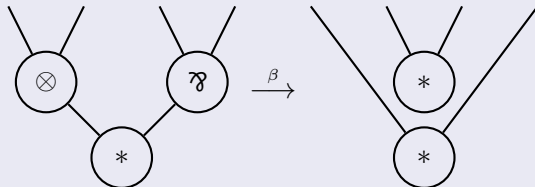
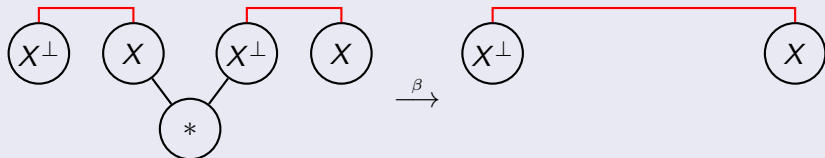


## Lemma

*The composition of two correct proof structures is correct.*

# Cut elimination

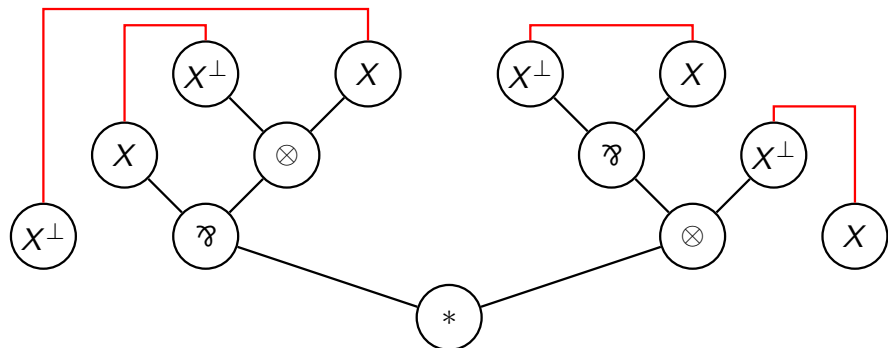
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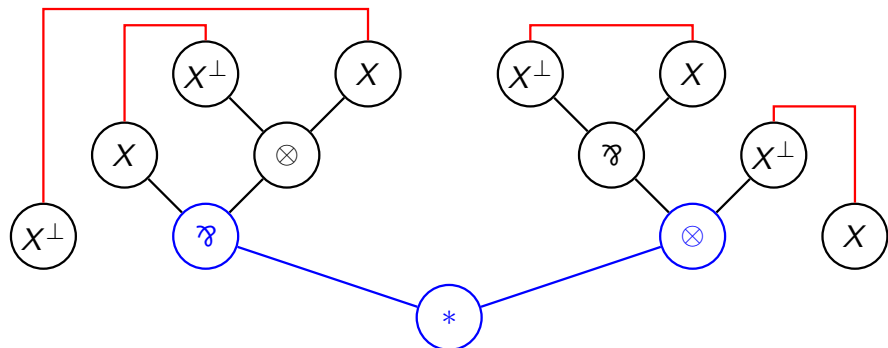
## Lemma

*Cut elimination preserves correction, is confluent and strongly normalizing.*

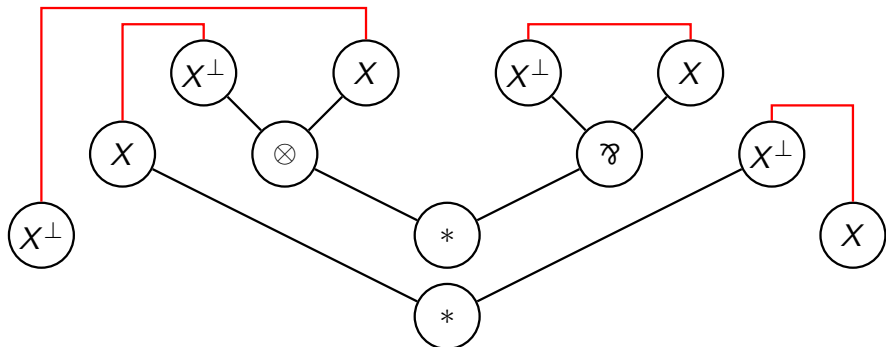
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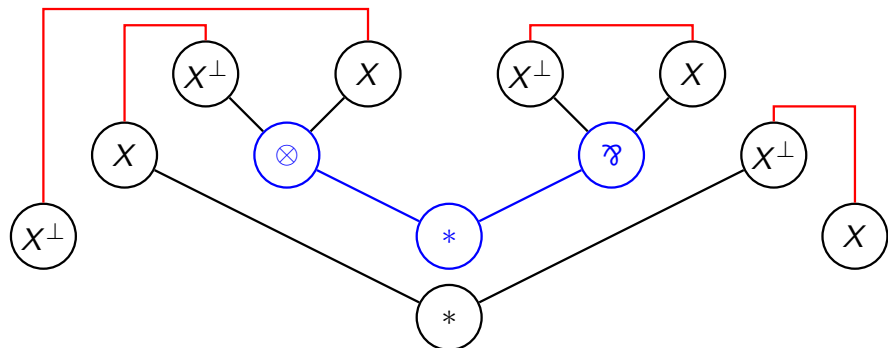
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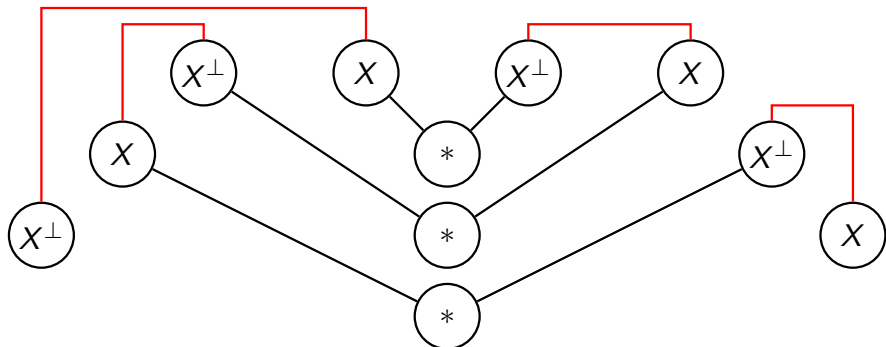
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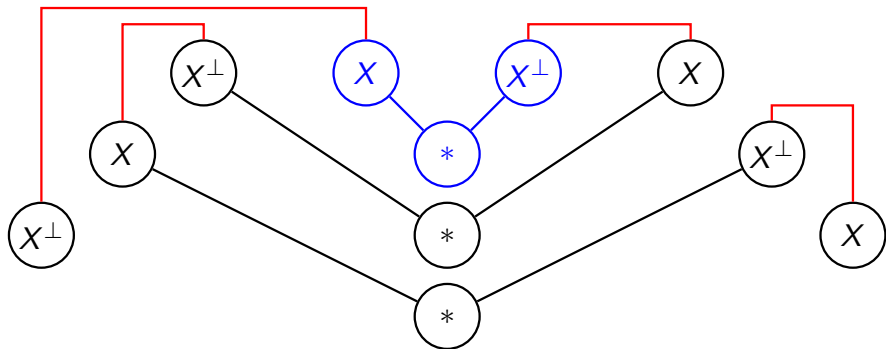
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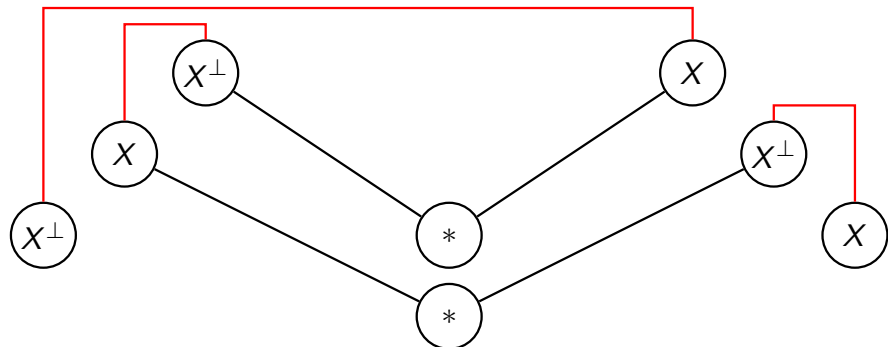


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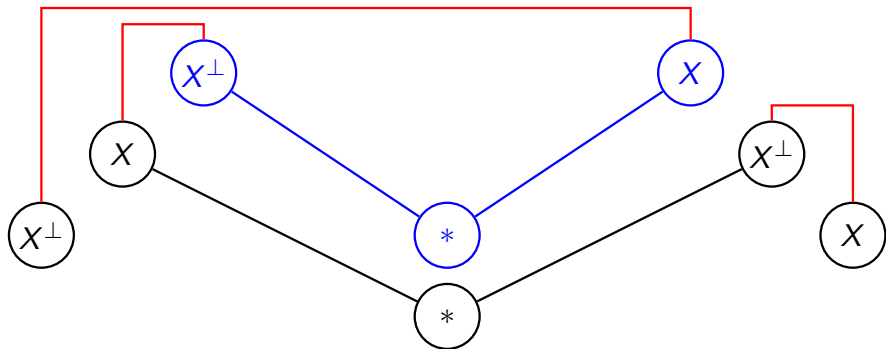




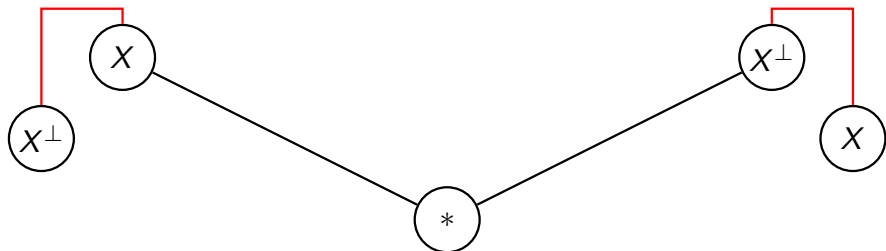
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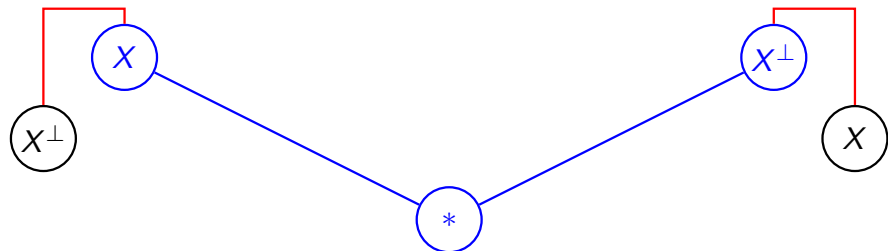
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