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# A modal linear logic

— its proof theory and semantics —

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# Linear logic and its "modal" extension

## Linear logic as a refinement of intuitionistic logic

$A_1, \dots, A_n \vdash C$   
in intuitionistic logic

$\xrightarrow{(-)^\circ}$

$!(A_1)^\circ, \dots, !(A_n)^\circ \vdash (C)^\circ$   
in linear logic

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## Modal linear logic as a refinement of intuitionistic modal logic

$\Box A_1, \dots, \Box A_n, B_1, \dots, B_m \vdash C$   
in modal logic

$\xrightarrow{(-)^\circ}$

$(\Box A_1, \dots, \Box A_n, B_1, \dots, B_m \vdash C)^\circ$   
in **"modal linear logic"**

# Today's talk

Introduction { **① Linear logic as a refinement of ordinary logic**

Previous work  
[F. & Yoshimizu '19] { **② A "modal linear logic" for intuitionistic S4**  
a subsystem of *subexponential linear logic*  
[Danos et al. '95][Nigam et al. '11]

Recent result { **③ A categorical model for the modal linear logic**  
an adjoint model based on the LNL model [Benton '95]

# Linear Logic: a refinement of ordinary logic

# Linear logic

Linear logic is ...

- a "resource-sensitive" logic that every assumption is used "linearly" unless it is tagged with the !-modality
  - **!A** roughly means "infinitely many" (possibly zero) assumptions of **A**
- a "refinement" of ordinary logic (classical logic / intuitionistic logic) in the sense that the ordinary logics can be embedded into L.L. via a translation

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## Judgments with Linear Connectives

- $A, (A \multimap B) \vdash B$
- $A, (A \multimap B) \not\vdash A \otimes B$
- $A \not\vdash A \otimes A$
- $A, B \not\vdash A$

## Judgments with Exponentials

- $!A, (A \multimap B) \vdash B$
- $!A, (A \multimap B) \vdash !A \otimes B$
- $!A \vdash !A \otimes !A$
- $A, !B \vdash A$

# A proof theory of linear logic: Intuitionistic **MELL**

The syntax of **MELL** (*Multiplicative Exponential Linear Logic*) is as follows:

## Grammar

$$A, B ::= p \mid A \otimes B \mid A \multimap B \mid !A$$

$$\Gamma, \Delta ::= \{A_1, \dots, A_n\} \quad (\text{a multi-set of formulae})$$

## Judgment

$$\Gamma \vdash A$$

- To prove the judgment  $B_1, \dots, B_n \vdash A$ , we basically need to consume each of the formulae  $B_1, \dots, B_n$  exactly once.

# Inference rule of MELL

## Axiom / Cut

$$\frac{}{A \vdash A} \text{Ax}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A \quad A, \Delta \vdash B}{\Gamma, \Delta \vdash B} \text{Cut}$$

## Linear connectives

$$\frac{\Gamma, A, B \vdash C}{\Gamma, A \otimes B \vdash C} \otimes L \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A \quad \Delta \vdash B}{\Gamma, \Delta \vdash A \otimes B} \otimes R \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A \quad \Delta, B \vdash C}{\Gamma, \Delta, A \multimap B \vdash C} \multimap L \quad \frac{\Gamma, A \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash A \multimap B} \multimap R$$

## Exponential modality

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash B}{\Gamma, !A \vdash B} W$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, !A, !A \vdash B}{\Gamma, !A \vdash B} C$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, A \vdash B}{\Gamma, !A \vdash B} D$$

$$\frac{! \Gamma \vdash A}{! \Gamma \vdash !A} P$$

( $! \Gamma \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{!A \mid A \in \Gamma\}$ )

# Examples of derivation in linear logic

Derivable judgment:  $A, (A \multimap B) \vdash B$

$$\frac{\frac{}{A \vdash A} \text{Ax} \quad \frac{}{B \vdash B} \text{Ax}}{A, (A \multimap B) \vdash B} \multimap L$$

Underivable judgment:  $A, (A \multimap B) \not\vdash A \otimes B$

$$\frac{\frac{}{A \vdash A} \text{Ax} \quad \frac{}{B \vdash A \otimes B} \vdots}{A, (A \multimap B) \vdash A \otimes B} \multimap L$$

$$\frac{\frac{}{A \vdash A} \text{Ax} \quad \frac{}{A \multimap B \vdash B} \vdots}{A, (A \multimap B) \vdash A \otimes B} \otimes R$$



# Examples with the exponential

Derivable judgment:  $!A, (A \multimap B) \vdash !A \otimes B$

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{}{!A \vdash !A} \text{Ax}}{\frac{}{!A, !A, (A \multimap B) \vdash !A \otimes B} \text{C}} \quad \frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{}{A \vdash A} \text{Ax}}{!A \vdash A} \text{D} \quad \frac{\frac{}{B \vdash B} \text{Ax}}{!A, (A \multimap B) \vdash B} \multimap L}{\frac{}{!A, (A \multimap B) \vdash !A \otimes B} \otimes R} \text{C}}{\frac{}{!A, (A \multimap B) \vdash !A \otimes B} \text{C}}$$

# Property on MELL

**Theorem. Cut-elimination(cf. [Lincoln et al. 1992])**

If a judgment  $\Gamma \vdash A$  is derivable, then there exists a *cut-free* proof for the same judgment.

**Theorem. Embedding from intuitionistic logic**

If a judgment  $\Gamma \vdash A$  of LJ (intuitionistic prop. logic) is derivable, then there exists the corresponding proof in MELL.

# Girard translation

## Intuitionistic Prop. Logic

$$\begin{array}{c} \vdots \mathcal{D} \\ \Gamma \vdash A \end{array} \quad \text{in LJ}$$

$$\xrightarrow{(-)^\circ}$$

## Intuitionistic MELL

$$\begin{array}{c} \vdots (\mathcal{D})^\circ \\ (\Gamma \vdash A)^\circ \end{array} \quad \text{in MELL}$$

**Definition.** the (call-by-name) Girard translation [Girard '87][Maraist et al. '99]

### Formula

$$\begin{aligned} (p)^\circ &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} p \\ (A \wedge B)^\circ &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} A^\circ \otimes B^\circ \\ (A \rightarrow B)^\circ &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} !(A^\circ) \multimap (B^\circ) \end{aligned}$$

### Judgment

$$\begin{aligned} & (A_1, \dots, A_n \vdash B)^\circ \\ & \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} !A_1^\circ, \dots, !A_n^\circ \vdash B^\circ \end{aligned}$$

# Modal Linear Logic

# Towards "modal linear logic"

From LJ to MELL: Linear Logic as a refinement of Intuitionistic Logic

$$\begin{array}{c} \vdots \mathcal{D} \\ \Gamma \vdash A \\ \text{in LJ} \end{array}$$

$$\xrightarrow{(-)^\circ}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \vdots (\mathcal{D})^\circ \\ (\Gamma \vdash A)^\circ \\ \text{in MELL} \end{array}$$

Its modal extension: "Modal Linear Logic" as a refinement of Modal Logic

$$\begin{array}{c} \vdots \mathcal{D} \\ \Box \Delta, \Gamma \vdash A \\ \text{in LJ}^\Box \\ \text{[Troelstra \& Schwichtenberg '96]} \end{array}$$

$$\xrightarrow{(-)^\circ}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \vdots (\mathcal{D})^\circ \\ (\Box \Delta, \Gamma \vdash A)^\circ \\ \text{in "modal linear logic"} \end{array}$$

# On the naïve attempt for "modal linear logic"

If we introduce "modal linear logic" as a linear logic with a  $\Box$ -modality:

$$A ::= p \mid A \multimap B \mid !A \mid \Box A$$

$$\Delta, \Gamma, \Sigma ::= \{A_1, \dots, A_n\} \quad (\text{a multi-set of formulas})$$

with the  $\Box$ -rules (e.g., as in [Troelstra & Schwichtenberg '96])

$$\frac{\Gamma, A \vdash B}{\Gamma, \Box A \vdash B} \quad \frac{\Box \Gamma \vdash A}{\Box \Gamma \vdash \Box A} \quad \text{where} \quad \Box \Gamma \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{\Box A \mid A \in \Gamma\}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, A \vdash B}{\Gamma, !A \vdash B} \quad \frac{! \Gamma \vdash A}{! \Gamma \vdash !A}$$

**Fact:** We cannot give a Girard trans. from modal logic to this logic

# Problem on the naïve formulation

The problem stems from the "non-canonicity" on the modalities

(cf. [Schellinx '94][Baelde '08]; and many studies on "proof-theoretic semantics" )

## Canonicity on the logical connectives

$$\frac{\Gamma, A, B \vdash C}{\Gamma, A \otimes B \vdash C} \otimes L \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A \quad \Delta \vdash B}{\Gamma, \Delta \vdash A \otimes B} \otimes R$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, A, B \vdash C}{\Gamma, A \star B \vdash C} \star L \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A \quad \Delta \vdash B}{\Gamma, \Delta \vdash A \star B} \star R$$

Then,  $A \otimes B \vdash A \star B$  and  $A \star B \vdash A \otimes B$  are derivable.

## Non-canonicity on the modalities

$$\frac{\Gamma, A \vdash B}{\Gamma, \Box A \vdash B}$$

$$\frac{\Box \Gamma \vdash A}{\Box \Gamma \vdash \Box A}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, A \vdash B}{\Gamma, !A \vdash B}$$

$$\frac{! \Gamma \vdash A}{! \Gamma \vdash !A}$$

Then,  $\Box A \vdash !A$  and  $!A \vdash \Box A$  are not derivable.

# Solution to the problem

From the observation of *subexponential linear logic* [Danos et al. '95][Nigam et al. '11]  
and *adjoint logic* [Reed '09][Licata et al. 16][Pruiksma et al. '18],

Modalities (i.e., exponentials) must be layered w.r.t. a preorder  $\preceq$

## General inference rule

For multi-exponentials (called *subexponentials*)  $\{!_i\}_{i \in I}$  with  $!_0 \prec !_1 \prec \dots \prec !_n$ , we define the promotion rule by

$$\frac{!_n X, \dots, !_{(k+1)} Y, !_k Z \vdash A}{!_n X, \dots, !_{(k+1)} Y, !_k Z \vdash !_k A} \text{Prom. for } !_k$$



# Sequent calc. of the modal linear logic S4 [F. & Yoshimizu '19]

The **modal linear logic**, called **MELL<sup>!</sup>**, is introduced as an intuitionistic fragment of subexponential L.L. with two subexponentials ( $!$ ,  $\Box$  )

## Syntax

$$A ::= p \mid A \otimes B \mid A \multimap B \mid !A \mid \Box A$$

$$\Delta, \Gamma ::= \{A_1, \dots, A_n\} \quad (\text{a multi-set of formulae})$$

## Inference rule

$$\frac{\Gamma, A \vdash B}{\Gamma, \Box A \vdash B} \quad \frac{\Box \Delta \vdash A}{\Box \Delta \vdash \Box A} \quad \frac{\Gamma, A \vdash B}{\Gamma, !A \vdash B} \quad \frac{\Box \Delta, !\Gamma \vdash A}{\Box \Delta, !\Gamma \vdash !A}$$

( with the weakening and contraction rules for  $!$  and  $\Box$  )

$$\frac{}{A \vdash A} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A \quad A, \Gamma' \vdash B}{\Gamma, \Gamma' \vdash B} \quad \frac{\Gamma, A, B \vdash C}{\Gamma, A \otimes B \vdash C} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A \quad \Delta \vdash B}{\Gamma, \Delta \vdash A \otimes B} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A \quad \Delta, B \vdash C}{\Gamma, \Delta, A \multimap B \vdash C} \quad \frac{\Gamma, A \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash A \multimap B}$$

# Property: Cut-elimination theorem

## Theorem. Cut-elimination

If a judgment  $\Gamma \vdash A$  is derivable in  $\text{MELL}^{\boxed{!}}$ , then there is a *cut-free* proof for the same judgment.

## Proof. (sketch)

By simultaneous induction, we show that the followings are admissible:

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A \quad A, \Delta \vdash B}{\Gamma, \Delta \vdash B} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash !A \quad (!A)^n, \Delta \vdash B}{\Gamma, \Delta \vdash B} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash \boxed{!}A \quad (\boxed{!}A)^n, \Delta \vdash B}{\Gamma, \Delta \vdash B}$$

where  $(C)^n$  means the multi-set that has  $n$ -occurences of  $C$ .

# Property: Modal Girard translation

## Theorem. Embedding from modal logic

If a judgment  $\Gamma \vdash A$  is derivable in  $\text{LJ}^\Box$ , then there is a coerssponding proof in  $\text{MELL}^\Box$ .

## Proof. By modal Girard translation.

By mapping a derivation  $\Box\Delta, \Gamma \vdash A$  to  $\Box!(\Delta)^\circ, !(\Gamma)^\circ \vdash A^\circ$ , where

$$(p)^\circ \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} p$$

$$(A \wedge B)^\circ \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} A^\circ \otimes B^\circ$$

$$(A \rightarrow B)^\circ \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} !(A^\circ) \multimap (B^\circ)$$

$$(\Box A)^\circ \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \Box!(A^\circ)$$

# A semantics for the modal linear logic

# On the semantics

## Derivation in the modal linear logic

$$\begin{array}{c} \vdots \mathcal{D} \\ \Gamma \vdash A \end{array}$$

in  $\text{MELL}^{\Box}$

## Denotation of the derivation

$$\llbracket \begin{array}{c} \vdots \mathcal{D} \\ \Gamma \vdash A \end{array} \rrbracket$$

in "some structure"

# Models of modal logic and linear logic

**Modal category for S4** (e.g., [Hofmann '99][de Paiva & Ritter '16][Kavvos '20])

$$\square \curvearrowright \mathcal{C}$$

- $\mathcal{C}$  : cartesian closed category
- $\square$  : an endo-functor on  $\mathcal{C}$   
( a monoidal comonad )

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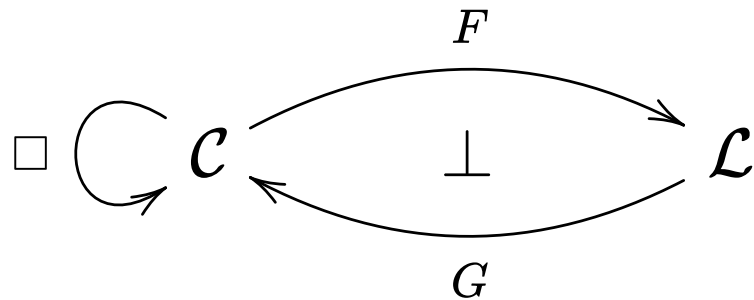
**Linear-Non-Linear (LNL) model** [Benton '95]

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & F & \\ \mathcal{C} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathcal{L} \\ & G & \\ & \perp & \end{array}$$

- $\mathcal{C}$  : cartesian closed category
- $\mathcal{L}$  : symmetric monoidal closed category  
where  $(F, G)$  forms a sym. mon. adjunction
- $! \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} F \circ G$   
( *Linear Exponential Comonad* )

# Adjoint model of the modal linear logic

## Model of the modal linear logic



- $\mathcal{C} : \text{CCC}$ 
  - $\square$  is a product-preserving comonad
- $\mathcal{L} : \text{SMCC}$
- $(F, G)$  forms a symmetric monoidal adjunction

## Interpretation ( in $\mathcal{L}$ )

- For formulae:
  - $\llbracket !A \rrbracket \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} FG \llbracket A \rrbracket$
  - $\llbracket \Box A \rrbracket \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} F \Box G \llbracket A \rrbracket$
  - etc
- For derivations:
 
$$\llbracket \Box \Delta, !\Gamma, \Sigma \vdash D \rrbracket \text{ is given by}$$

$$(\bigotimes_{A_i \in \Delta} F \Box G \llbracket A_i \rrbracket)$$

$$\bigotimes (\bigotimes_{B_j \in \Gamma} FG \llbracket B_j \rrbracket)$$

$$\bigotimes (\bigotimes_{C_k \in \Sigma} \llbracket C_k \rrbracket) \longrightarrow \llbracket D \rrbracket$$

**Concluding remark**



# Research related to "modal linear logic"

## "A modal view of linear logic" [Martini & Masini '94]

- A translation from classical S4 into full (i.e., multiplicative-additive-exponential) linear logic, using the Grisin–Ono translation
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## "A linear approach to modal proof theory" [Schellinx '96]

- A "proof-normalization"-preserving translation from classical S4 into "bi-colored linear logic" with subexponential pairs  $\langle !_0, ?_0 \rangle$  and  $\langle !_1, ?_1 \rangle$
- The translation is given as an extension of "linear decoration"

[Danos–Joitnet–Schellinx '93]

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## "On the cut-elimination of the modal $\mu$ -calculus: Linear Logic to the rescue" [Bauer & Saurin '25]

- A "modal linear"  $\mu$ -calculus to discuss the cut-elimination theorem for the modal  $\mu$ -calculus

# Summary

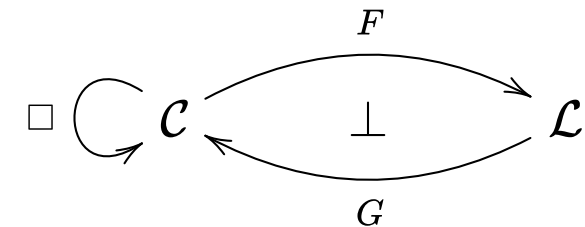
**Modal linear logic** is an integration of (S4) modal logic and linear logic

**Proof theory** (  $\lambda$ -calc. under Curry–Howard )

- sequent calculus: MELL +  $\Box$ -modality
- modal linear  $\lambda$ -calc. ( not mentioned in this talk )

$\lambda^{\Box}$  [Pfenning & Davies '01] + DILL [Barber & Plotkin '97]

**Model**



- $\mathcal{C}$  : CCC with a monoidal comonad  $\Box$
- $\mathcal{L}$  : SMCC
- $(F, G)$  : a sym. mon. adjunction
- $! \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} FG$ ;  $\Box \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} F\Box G$

## Some interesting directions (?)

- Extension to multi-modalities  
( "adjoint logic" / "subexponential linear logic" )
- Extension to graded modalities, bounded exponentials, etc.  
( "graded modal logic" / "bounded linear logic" )

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# Appendix

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# Typed $\lambda$ -calc. for the modal linear logic [F. & Yoshimizu '19]

A typed  $\lambda$ -calc. for modal linear logic, an instance of the adjoint model

- It is defined as an integration of  $\lambda^\Box$  [Pfenning & Davies '00] / DILL [Barber '96]
- It corresponds to a natural deduction for modal linear logic under the Curry–Howard correspondence

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## Syntax

$$\begin{aligned} A &::= p \mid A \multimap B \mid !A \mid \Box A \\ M &::= x \mid \lambda x : A. M \mid MN \\ &\quad \mid !M \mid \mathbf{let} \ !x \leftarrow M \mathbf{in} \ N \\ &\quad \mid \Box M \mid \mathbf{let} \ \Box x \leftarrow M \mathbf{in} \ N \\ \Delta, \Gamma, \Sigma &::= \{x_1 : A_1, \dots, x_n : A_n\} \end{aligned}$$

## Typing Judgment

$$\Delta; \Gamma; \Sigma \vdash M : A \quad (\approx \Box \Delta, !\Gamma, \Sigma \vdash A)$$

# Typing rules of the modal linear $\lambda$ -calc.

## Rules for $\multimap$

$$\frac{\Delta; \Gamma; \Sigma, x : A \vdash M : B}{\Delta; \Gamma; \Sigma \vdash \lambda x. M : A \multimap B} \multimap\text{-I}$$
$$\frac{\Delta; \Gamma; \Sigma \vdash M : A \multimap B \quad \Delta; \Gamma; \Sigma \vdash N : A}{\Delta; \Gamma; \Sigma, \Sigma' \vdash MN : B} \multimap\text{-E}$$

## Rules for $!$ and $\Box$

$$\frac{\Delta; \Gamma; \emptyset \vdash M : A}{\Delta; \Gamma; \emptyset \vdash !M : !A} !\text{-I}$$
$$\frac{\Delta; \emptyset; \emptyset \vdash M : A}{\Delta; \emptyset; \emptyset \vdash \Box M : \Box A} \Box\text{-I}$$
$$\frac{\Delta; \Gamma; \Sigma \vdash M : \Box B \quad x : A, \Delta; \Gamma; \Sigma' \vdash N : B}{\Delta; \Gamma; \Sigma, \Sigma' \vdash \mathbf{let} \ \Box x \leftarrow M \mathbf{in} N : B} \Box\text{-E}$$

( The rule  $!\text{-E}$  is defined simiarly to  $\Box\text{-E}$  )

# Reduction

## Reduction rule

$$\begin{aligned}(\overline{\lambda}x : A. M) N &\rightsquigarrow M[N/x] \\(\mathbf{let} \ !x \Leftarrow !N \mathbf{in} M) &\rightsquigarrow M[N/x] \\(\mathbf{let} \ \Box x \Leftarrow \Box N \mathbf{in} M) &\rightsquigarrow M[N/x]\end{aligned}$$