

# **Classical Logic = Fibred MLL**

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Boolean tautologies are characterizable

- **bureaucratically**: as theorems derivable in some proof system
- **semantically**: as valid (universally true) propositions.

MLL (multiplicative linear logic) theorems are characterizable

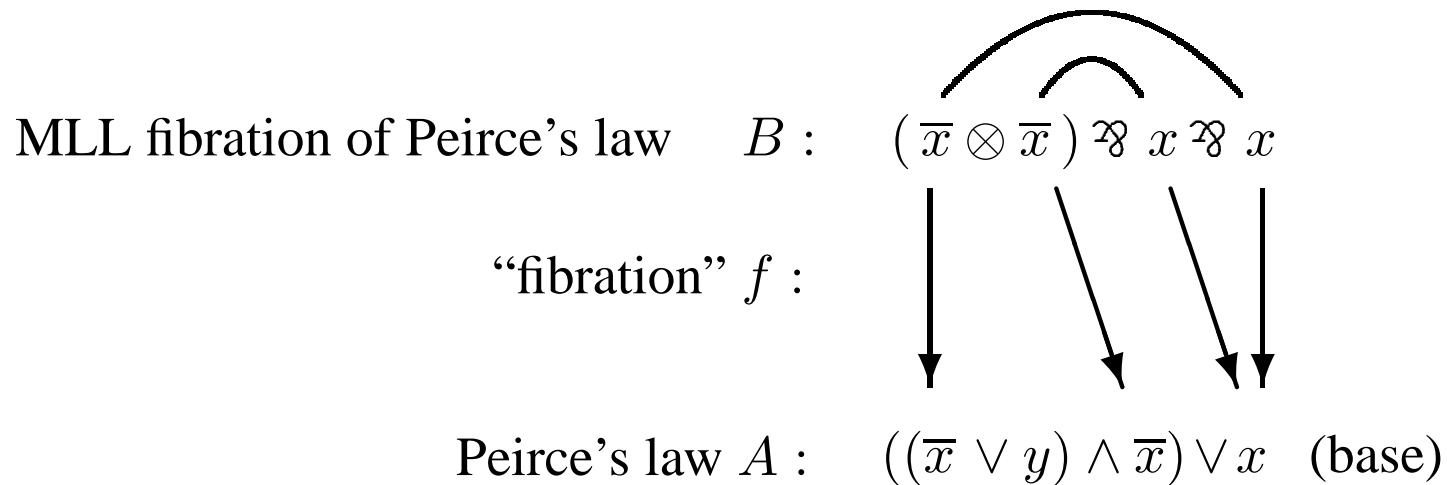
- **bureaucratically**: as theorems derivable in some proof system
- **combinatorially**: via proof nets.

MAIN RESULT: **Combinatorial characterization of Boolean tautologies.**

**Theorem**  $A$  is a Boolean tautology iff there exists an MLL theorem  $B$  and a wea-con (weakening and contracting) function from the leaves of  $B$  to the leaves of  $A$ .

Boolean proof net on  $A$  = MLL net on  $B$  + wea-con function  $\downarrow$   
 $A$

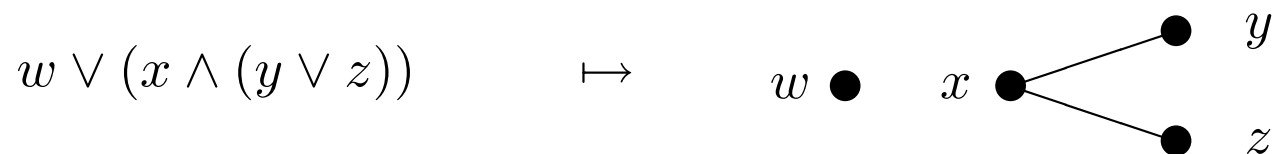
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 “fibred MLL net”



**Graph**  $G(A)$  of a formula  $A$ :

*Vertices*: leaves of  $A$

*Edges*: pairs of leaves whose least common ancestor is  $\wedge$ .



3 maximal cliques (max-cliques):  $\{w\}, \{x, y\}, \{x, z\}$

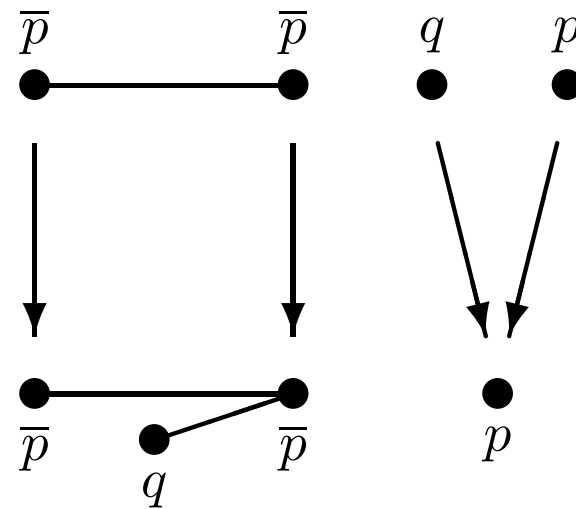
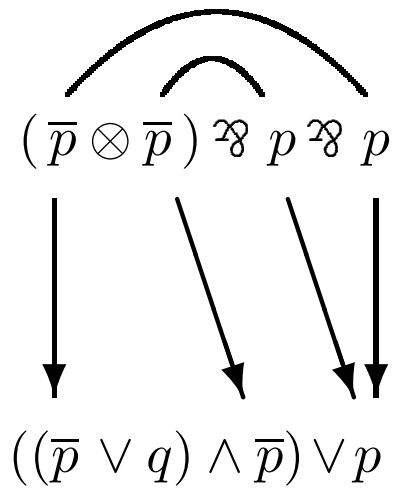
(the co-clauses of the DNF expansion of  $A$ ).

$f : \text{leaves}(A) \rightarrow \text{leaves}(B)$  is **wea-con** when it:

(1) maps max-cliques of  $G(A)$  to max-cliques of  $G(B)$

(2) preserves labels (literals)

**Peirce's Law**  $((p \Rightarrow q) \Rightarrow p) \Rightarrow p = ((\bar{p} \vee q) \wedge \bar{p}) \vee p$



## Semantics of classical proofs, e.g. MLL + contr + weak

Gentzen-style (sequents)

$$\frac{}{p, \bar{p}} \text{ ax}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, A \quad \Delta, B}{\Gamma, \Delta, A \wedge B} \wedge \quad \frac{\Gamma}{\Gamma, A} \text{ weak}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, A, B}{\Gamma, A \vee B} \vee \quad \frac{\Gamma, A, A}{\Gamma, A} \text{ contr}$$

Hilbert-style (terms)

$$\text{axiom} \\ (p_1 \vee \bar{p}_1) \wedge \dots \wedge (p_n \vee \bar{p}_n)$$

$$A \wedge (B \vee C) \xrightarrow{\text{lin. dist.}} (A \wedge B) \vee C$$

$$A \vee A \xrightarrow{\text{contr}} A$$

$$A \xrightarrow{\text{weak}} A \vee B$$

## Significance for CL, Classical Logic

Girard's decomposition:  $CL = \underbrace{MLL + \text{Additives}}_{\text{MALL}} + \text{Exponentials}$

**Combinatorics:** Very hairy.

No faithful MALL proof nets until Hughes, van Glabbeek 2003.

And even those proof nets remained hairy.

Proposed decomposition:  $CL = MLL + \text{Fibration}$

**Combinatorics:** Very simple and natural.

Evidence Peirce envisaged  $CL = MLL + C + W$  in 1882.

Contribution this paper:  $C + W = \text{Fibration}$  (clique-preserving function).

