

Proofs and Games



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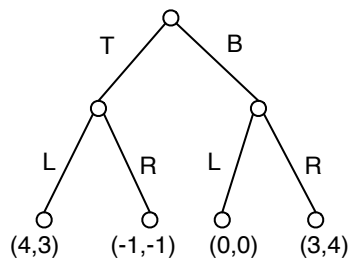
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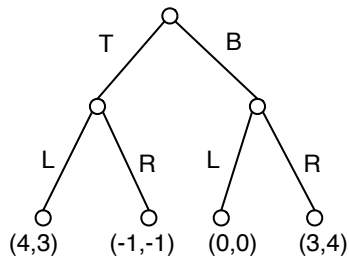
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- M is the set of **possible moves** at each round
- $p \in \{\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{O}\}$ is the **starting player**
(from then on players take turns)
- $G: M^\omega \rightarrow \{\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{O}\}$ is the **outcome function**

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- play both games **interleaved**
- **O**'s turn in $\mathcal{G}_0 \otimes \mathcal{G}_1$ if it's his turn in **both** \mathcal{G}_0 and \mathcal{G}_1
He chooses one of the games and makes a move there
- **P**'s turn in $\mathcal{G}_0 \otimes \mathcal{G}_1$ if his turn in one of \mathcal{G}_0 or \mathcal{G}_1
He must play on the sub-game where it's his turn
- **O** wins iff he wins in at least one of \mathcal{G}_0 or \mathcal{G}_1

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Soundness and completeness for MLL + mix rule
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In developing a category-theoretic approach to the Dialectica interpretation, de Paiva [3] found a connection with linear logic. This connection suggests looking at the Dialectica interpretation, in de Paiva's category-theoretic version, from the point of view of game semantics, and this is the purpose of the present section.

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Theorem (Gödel, 1958)

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- A **payoff function** $q: T_{\text{leaf}} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$
(T_{leaf} = leaves of T)
- A **partition of the non-terminal nodes** into n subsets

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Corollary

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$$\alpha = \left(\begin{array}{c} T \\ \otimes \\ s \end{array} \varepsilon \right) (q')$$

where $T_{\text{leaf}}(s) \equiv \omega(s * \mathbf{0}) < |s|$ and $q'(s) = q(s * \mathbf{0})$

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