

Mining Human Proofs from Machine Proofs

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formula

Logic

Is A provable in L?

reduce

recover natural deduction proof

Is E true in C?

equation

class of algebras

machine finds equational proof

Case Studies

Uniqueness of halving in (minimal)
continuous logic

Double negation of
(double negation elimination)

Double negation translations
(sub-structurally)

Logics and Algebras

Minimal Affine Logic

$$\Gamma, A \vdash A$$

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

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

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

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

Further Axioms

* \rightarrow EFQ:

$$\perp \vdash A$$

DNE:

$$\neg\neg A \vdash A$$

* \rightarrow DIV:

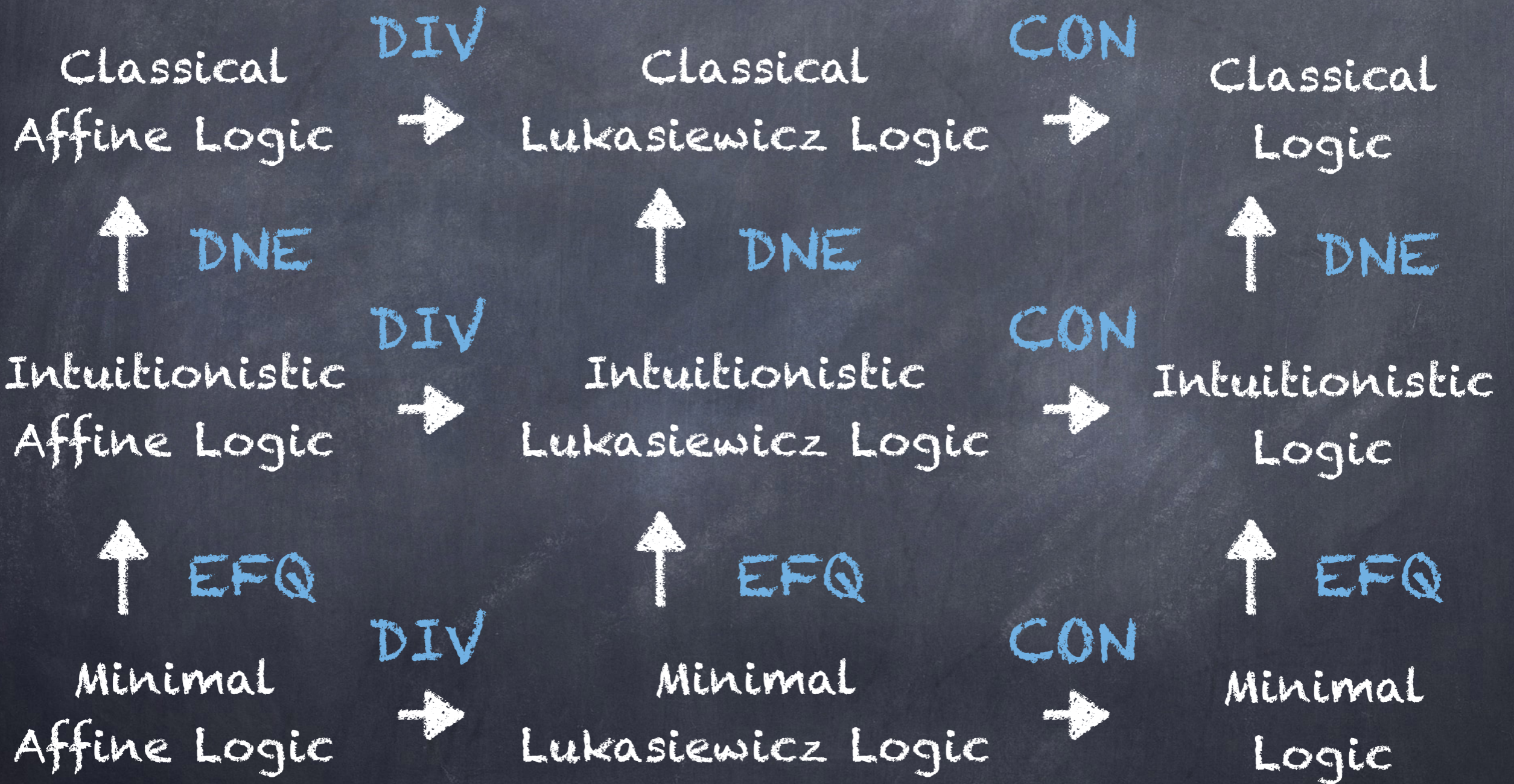
$$A, A \rightarrow B \vdash B \otimes (B \rightarrow A)$$

CON:

$$A \vdash A \otimes A$$

* Assuming weakening

Nine Logics



postrim

$\langle X, \otimes, \rightarrow, \geq, 0 \rangle$

partially ordered

commutative

residuated integral

monoid

loops

procrims satisfying

If $A \geq B$ then $A = B \otimes (B \rightarrow A)$

Buchi/Owens'74

Nine Algebras

involutive
pocrims



involutive
hoops



boolean
algebras



bounded
pocrims



bounded
hoops



Heyting
algebras



pocrims



hoops



Brouwer
algebras

Case Study I

Continuous Logic

Continuous Logic

- Lukasiewicz logic with a halving operator axiomatised as:

$$\frac{A}{2} \Leftrightarrow \frac{A}{2} \rightarrow A$$

- Classically it's easy to show this uniquely defines the operation
- But how about in minimal logic?

...prover9

prover9

- Automated theorem prover for first-order and equational logic
- Successor of Otter
- Developed by Bill McCune
- Uses resolution and paramodulation

<http://www.cs.unm.edu/~mccune/prover9/>

Continuous Logic

- Wanted to show

$$\frac{X \leftrightarrow (X \rightarrow A) \quad Y \leftrightarrow (Y \rightarrow A)}{X \leftrightarrow Y}$$

- Proof found in about 3 mins
(by prover9)
- Subsequently massaged into human-readable form by us

Lemma 2 Let $\mathbf{M} = (M, 0, +, \rightarrow; \leq)$ be a hoop and let $a, b, c, x, y \in M$. If $a \rightarrow b = a$ and $c \rightarrow b = c$, then the following hold:

- (1) $b \geq a$ and $b \geq c$.
- (2) $a + a = b$.
- (3) $a \rightarrow (a \rightarrow c) = 0$.
- (4) $(x \rightarrow y) + z \geq x \rightarrow (y + (y \rightarrow x) + z)$.
- (5) $c \rightarrow (a + a + x) \geq c$.
- (6) $c \rightarrow a \geq a \rightarrow c$.
- (7) $c \rightarrow a = a \rightarrow c$.
- (8) $c + (c \rightarrow a) + ((a \rightarrow c) \rightarrow a) = b$.
- (9) $a + c = b$.

Theorem 3 In any hoop the following holds: if $a \rightarrow b = a$ and $c \rightarrow b = c$ then $a = c$.

Proof: By symmetry it is enough to show $c \geq a$. By Lemma 2 (9) we have $c \geq a \rightarrow b$ and hence $c \geq a$.

Case Study II

$$\neg\neg(\neg\neg A \rightarrow A)$$

Deriving $\neg\neg(\neg\neg A \rightarrow A)$ in IL:

$$\frac{[\neg(\neg\neg A \rightarrow A)]_\alpha \quad \frac{[A]_\beta}{\neg\neg A \rightarrow A} \text{ (WKN)}}{\underline{\quad}}$$

$$\frac{\perp}{\neg A} \beta \quad [\neg\neg A]_\delta$$

$$\frac{[\neg(\neg\neg A \rightarrow A)]_\alpha \quad \frac{\perp}{A} \text{ (EFQ)} \quad \delta}{\underline{\quad}} \delta$$

$$\frac{\perp}{\neg\neg(\neg\neg A \rightarrow A)} \alpha \text{ (CON)}$$

Is

$$\neg\neg(\neg\neg A \rightarrow A)$$

provable in
intuitionistic
Lukasiewicz Logic?

Does

$$\neg\neg(\neg\neg x \rightarrow x) = 0$$

hold in all
bounded hoops?

Demo!

40 $x + (x \implies 1) = 1$. [copy(39),flip(a)].
41 $1 \implies x = y \implies ((y \implies 1) \implies x)$. [para(40(a,1),5(a,1,1))].
42 $x \implies ((x \implies 1) \implies y) = 1 \implies y$. [copy(41),flip(a)].
43 $x + 1 = y + (x + (y \implies 1))$. [para(40(a,1),18(a,1,2))].
44 $1 = y + (x + (y \implies 1))$. [para(9(a,1),43(a,1))].
45 $x + (y + (x \implies 1)) = 1$. [copy(44),flip(a)].
46 $x + (y \implies (x \implies z)) = (y \implies z) + ((y \implies z) \implies x)$. [para(22(a,1),6(a,1,2))].
47 $(x \implies y) + ((x \implies y) \implies z) = z + (x \implies (z \implies y))$. [copy(46),flip(a)].
48 $x \implies 0 = y \implies (x \implies y)$. [para(7(a,1),22(a,1,2))].
49 $0 = y \implies (x \implies y)$. [para(8(a,1),48(a,1))].
50 $x \implies (y \implies x) = 0$. [copy(49),flip(a)].
51 $x \implies 0 = y \implies (x \implies ((y \implies z) \implies z))$. [para(29(a,1),22(a,1,2))].
52 $0 = y \implies (x \implies ((y \implies z) \implies z))$. [para(8(a,1),51(a,1))].
53 $x \implies (y \implies ((x \implies z) \implies z)) = 0$. [copy(52),flip(a)].
54 $1 \implies x = 0$. [para(37(a,1),7(a,1))].
55 $x \implies ((x \implies 1) \implies y) = 0$. [para(54(a,1),42(a,2))].
56 $1 = x + ((x \implies y) + (y \implies 1))$. [para(45(a,1),24(a,1))].
57 $x + ((x \implies y) + (y \implies 1)) = 1$. [copy(56),flip(a)].
58 $x \implies (0 \implies y) = (z \implies x) \implies (((z \implies x) \implies x) \implies y)$. [para(50(a,1),26(a,1,2,1))].
59 $x \implies y = (z \implies x) \implies (((z \implies x) \implies x) \implies y)$. [para(33(a,1),58(a,1,2))].
60 $(x \implies y) \implies (((x \implies y) \implies y) \implies z) = y \implies z$. [copy(59),flip(a)].
61 $x \implies ((x \implies y) \implies ((y \implies z) \implies z)) = 0$. [para(26(a,1),53(a,1))].
62 $x + (0 + (((x \implies y) \implies y) \implies 1)) = 1$. [para(29(a,1),57(a,1,2,1))].
63 $x + (((x \implies y) \implies y) \implies 1) = 1$. [para(20(a,1),62(a,1,2))].
64 $x + ((y \implies z) + ((y \implies z) \implies u)) = u + (x + (y \implies (u \implies z)))$. [para(22(a,1),38(a,2,2,2))].
65 $1 \implies x = y \implies (((y \implies z) \implies z) \implies 1) \implies x$. [para(63(a,1),5(a,1,1))].
66 $0 = y \implies (((y \implies z) \implies z) \implies 1) \implies x$. [para(54(a,1),65(a,1))].
67 $x \implies (((x \implies y) \implies y) \implies 1) \implies z = 0$. [copy(66),flip(a)].
68 $(x \implies y) + ((x \implies y) \implies (x \implies 1)) = (x \implies 1) + 0$. [para(55(a,1),47(a,2,2))].
69 $(x \implies y) + (x \implies ((x \implies y) \implies 1)) = (x \implies 1) + 0$. [para(22(a,1),68(a,1,2))].
70 $(x \implies y) + (x \implies ((x \implies y) \implies 1)) = 0 + (x \implies 1)$. [para(3(a,1),69(a,2))].
71 $(x \implies y) + (x \implies ((x \implies y) \implies 1)) = x \implies 1$. [para(20(a,1),70(a,2))].

Certain derived connectives kept appearing:

weak conjunction

$$A \wedge B \equiv A \otimes (A \rightarrow B)$$

strong disjunction

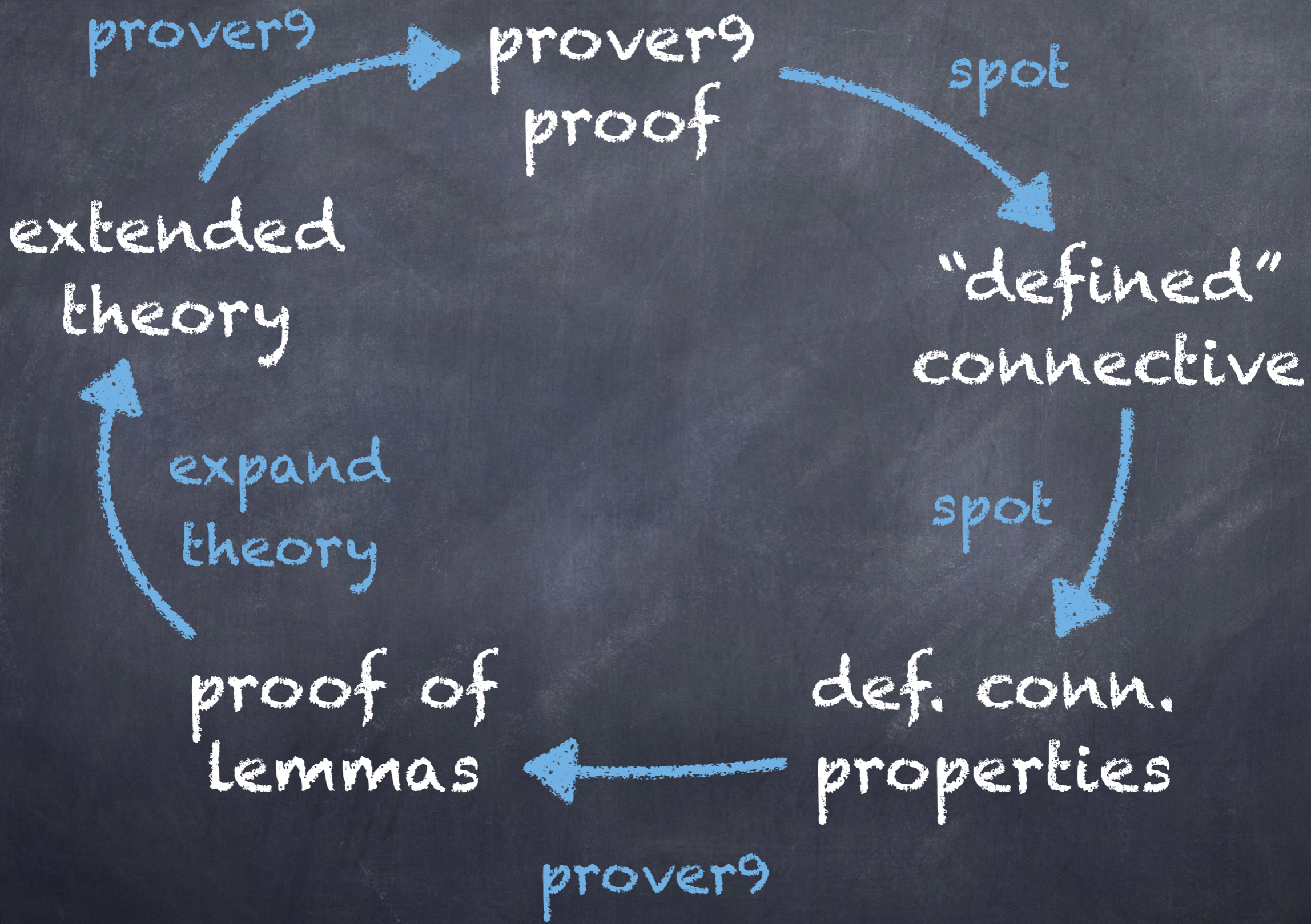
$$A \vee B \equiv (B \rightarrow A) \rightarrow A$$

strong implication

$$A \Rightarrow B \equiv A \rightarrow A \otimes B$$

NOR, Peirce's ampheck

$$A \downarrow B \equiv \neg A \otimes (B \rightarrow A)$$



Lemma 4.2 (LL_i) $A \otimes B \leftrightarrow A \otimes (B \vee (A \Rightarrow B))$

Theorem 4.7 (LL_i) $B \downarrow A \leftrightarrow A \downarrow B$

Corollary 4.8 (LL_i) $(A^{\perp\perp} \multimap A)^{\perp\perp}$

Proof: Note that, since $\perp \leftrightarrow A \otimes A^{\perp}$ we have (*) $A^{\perp\perp} \leftrightarrow A^{\perp} \Rightarrow A$. Moreover, it is easy to check that (**) $X \downarrow (Y \multimap X) \leftrightarrow X^{\perp} \otimes (X \vee Y)$, for all X and Y . Hence

$$(A^{\perp\perp} \multimap A)^{\perp} \leftrightarrow ((A^{\perp} \Rightarrow A) \multimap A)^{\perp} \quad (*)$$

$$\leftrightarrow ((A^{\perp} \Rightarrow A) \multimap A)^{\perp} \otimes \underline{(A \multimap ((A^{\perp} \Rightarrow A) \multimap A))} \quad ([WK])$$

$$\leftrightarrow ((A^{\perp} \Rightarrow A) \multimap A) \downarrow A \quad (\text{def } \downarrow)$$

$$\leftrightarrow A \downarrow ((A^{\perp} \Rightarrow A) \multimap A) \quad (\text{Theorem 4.7})$$

$$\leftrightarrow A^{\perp} \otimes (A \vee (A^{\perp} \Rightarrow A)) \quad (**)$$

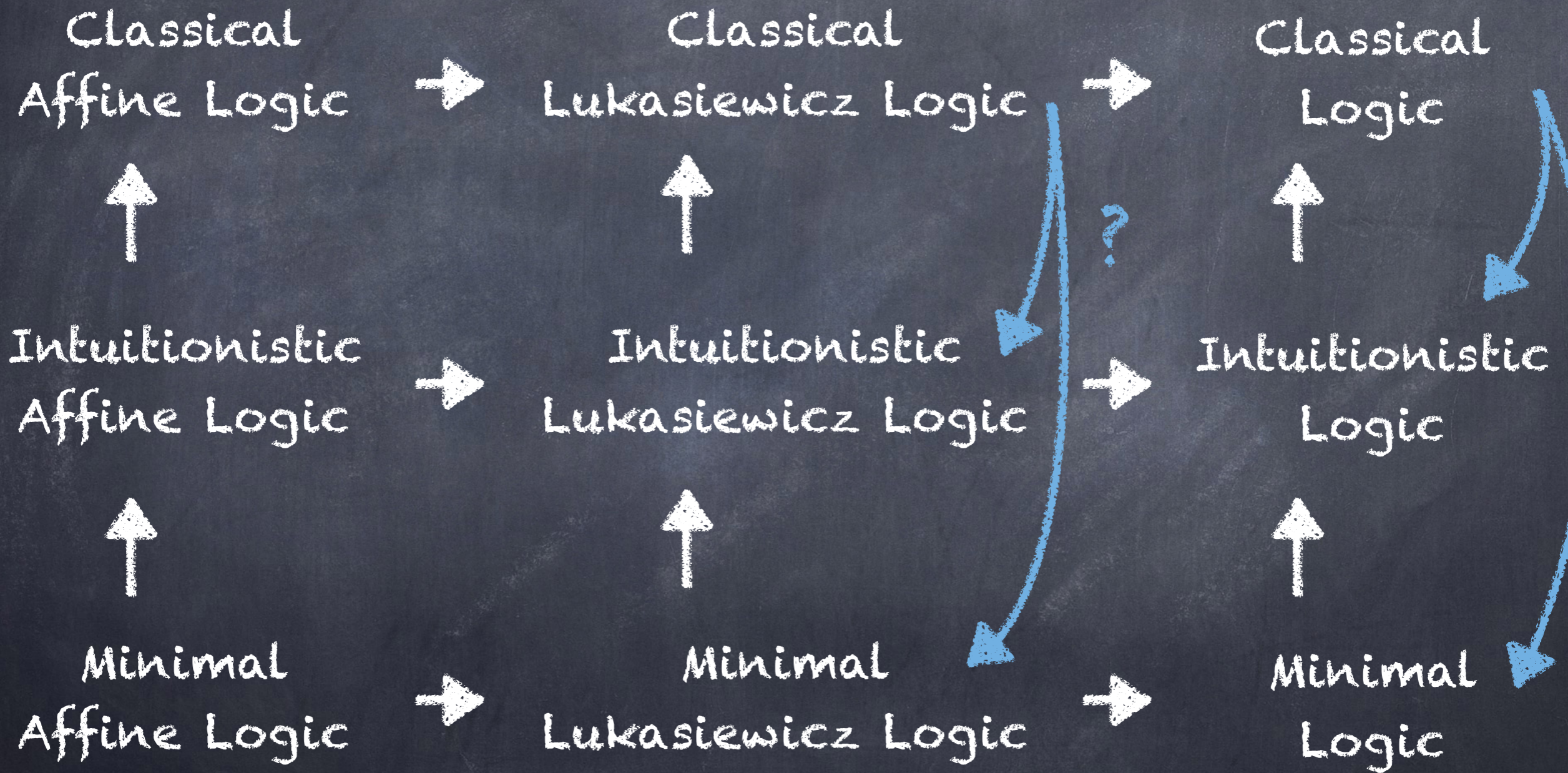
$$\leftrightarrow A^{\perp} \otimes A \quad (\text{Lemma 4.2})$$

$$\leftrightarrow \perp . \quad \blacksquare$$

Case Study III

Double Negation
Translations

Negative Translations



Translations of $P \otimes (P \rightarrow Q)$

- Kolmogorov

$$\neg\neg(\neg\neg P \otimes \neg\neg(\neg\neg P \rightarrow \neg\neg Q))$$

- Gentzen

$$\neg\neg P \otimes (\neg\neg P \rightarrow \neg\neg Q)$$

- Glivenko

$$\neg\neg(P \otimes (P \rightarrow Q))$$

Translations of $P \otimes (P \rightarrow Q)$

$$\neg\neg(\neg\neg P \otimes \neg\neg(\neg\neg P \rightarrow \neg\neg Q))$$

simplifications

$$\neg\neg P \otimes (\neg\neg P \rightarrow \neg\neg Q)$$

$$\neg\neg(P \otimes (P \rightarrow Q))$$

Using CON we easily have:

$$\neg\neg P \otimes \neg\neg Q \Leftrightarrow \neg\neg(P \otimes Q)$$

$$\neg\neg P \rightarrow \neg\neg Q \Leftrightarrow \neg\neg(P \rightarrow Q)$$

which allows us to simplify Kolmogorov
and obtain Gentzen and Glivenko

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Can the same be done with DIV?

Examples of lemmas:

"De Morgan" like properties:

$$\neg(A \otimes B) \equiv A \rightarrow \neg B$$

$$\neg(A \rightarrow B) \equiv \neg\neg A \otimes \neg B$$

$$\neg(A \wedge B) \equiv A \Rightarrow \neg B$$

$$\neg(A \Rightarrow B) \equiv \neg\neg A \wedge \neg B$$

$$\neg(A \wedge B) \equiv \neg A \vee \neg B$$

$$\neg(A \vee B) \equiv \neg A \wedge \neg B$$

Ampheck is definable in terms of conjunction and negation:

$$A \downarrow B \equiv \neg A \wedge \neg B$$

Desired homomorphism properties:

$$\neg\neg P \otimes \neg\neg Q \Leftrightarrow \neg\neg(P \otimes Q)$$

$$\neg\neg P \rightarrow \neg\neg Q \Leftrightarrow \neg\neg(P \rightarrow Q)$$

Weak conjunction residuates strong implication:

$$(A \wedge B) \Rightarrow C \equiv A \Rightarrow (B \Rightarrow C)$$

- Found by Bob Veroff
- Yet to tease out human readable proof

Conclusions

- ◉ Successfully mined human-readable proofs from machine proofs
- ◉ Human input is identifying the "right" abstractions:
 - ◉ Find useful derived concepts
 - ◉ Recover an intuitive proof plan
- ◉ Automated support for proof refactoring?
- ◉ AI to automate human aspect?
- ◉ The late Bill McCune is the real star!