

Exponentiation and Iteration in the Lambek Calculus and Its Variants

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3. As **Int** is the logic of Heyting lattices, the Lambek calculus (extended with lattice-theoretic, so-called **additive** operations) is the logic of a broader class—**residuated lattices** (see [Galatos, Jipsen, Kowalski, Ono 2007]).

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5. Finally, the Lambek calculus can be viewed as a version of non-commutative intuitionistic **linear logic** [Girard 1987; Abrusci 1990], with its informal resource interpretation. This enables adding **exponential** and **subexponential** modalities to the Lambek calculus.

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Additive Operations and Constants

MALC, the **multiplicative-additive Lambek calculus**, is obtained from **L** by means of additive conjunction $\wedge$, additive disjunction $\vee$, and constants **0** and **1**.

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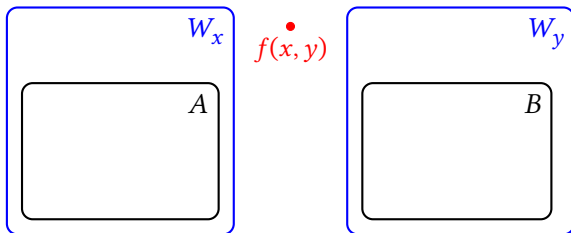
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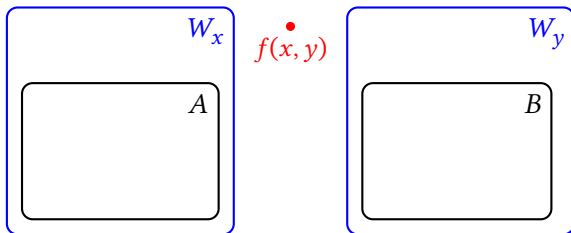
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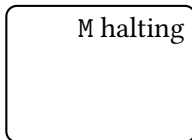
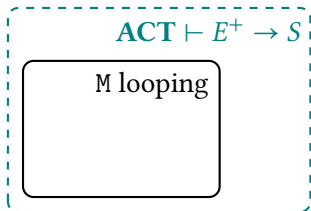
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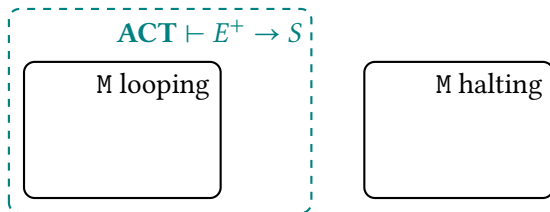
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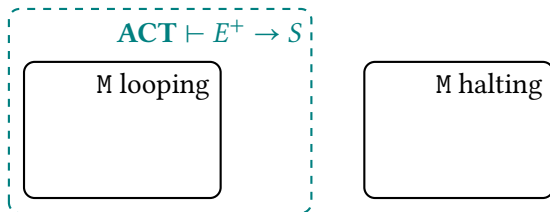
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