

# From Intuitionistic Logic to Gödel-Dummett Logic via Parallel Dialogue Games\*

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## Abstract

*Building on a version of Lorenzen’s dialogue foundation for intuitionistic logic, we show that Gödel-Dummett logic  $\mathbf{G}$  can be characterized by a suitable game of communicating parallel dialogues. This provides a computational interpretation of Avron’s hypersequent calculus for  $\mathbf{G}$ .*

## I. Introduction

Gödel-Dummett logic (called  $\mathbf{G}$  here, from now on) arguably is one of the most interesting many-valued logics. It naturally turns up in different fields in logic and computer science. Already in the 1930’s Gödel [9] used it to shed light on aspects of intuitionistic logic; later Dunn and Meyer [6] pointed out its relevance for relevance logic; Visser [16] employed it in investigations of the provability logic of Heyting arithmetic; and eventually it was recognized as one of the most useful ‘fuzzy logics’ (see [10], [15]).

Considered as a fuzzy logic, propositional  $\mathbf{G}$  is characterized by evaluations  $v$  of the variables in the real closed unit interval  $[0, 1]$  and the following truth functions for connectives:

$$\begin{aligned} v(A \wedge B) &= \min(v(A), v(B)) & v(A \vee B) &= \max(v(A), v(B)) \\ v(\perp) &= 0 & v(A \supset B) &= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } v(A) \leq v(B) \\ v(B) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

As usual,  $\neg A$  can be defined as  $A \supset \perp$ . For sake of clarity we stick to the propositional level in the whole paper; but we conjecture that our results can be extended to first-order (and even propositional) quantification.

$\mathbf{G}$  bears a special relation to intuitionistic logic  $\mathbf{I}$ : it can be characterized not only by referring to the above truth functions over  $[0, 1]$ , but also by imposing a *linearity*

*condition* on intuitionistic Kripke structures or Heyting algebras. Indeed, as shown already in [5], Hilbert-type systems for  $\mathbf{G}$  can be obtained by adding the linearity axiom— $(A \supset B) \vee (B \supset A)$ —to any standard system for  $\mathbf{I}$ .

In our context it is important that, in contrast to other fuzzy logics, convincing analytic proof systems have been presented for  $\mathbf{G}$ . In particular, we refer to Avron’s elegant hypersequent calculus  $\mathbf{HLC}$  [3] for  $\mathbf{G}$ .  $\mathbf{HLC}$  contains Gentzen’s sequent calculus  $\mathbf{LI}$  for  $\mathbf{I}$  as a sub-calculus, and simply adds an additional layer of information by allowing  $\mathbf{LI}$ -sequents to live in the context of finite multisets of sequents (called *hypersequents*). Additional structural rules allow to manipulate sequents with respect to their contexts. The crucial new rule of the calculus  $\mathbf{HLC}$ , is the so called communication rule (see Section IV), which is intended to model the ‘exchange of information’ between different (hyper)sequents. To substantiate this latter intuition a ‘computational interpretation’ of hypersequents is needed.

In this paper, we introduce a version of parallel dialogue games to serve as a dynamic structure in which (analytic) hypersequent proofs for  $\mathbf{G}$  can be interpreted faithfully. Besides providing a ‘computational interpretation’ for  $\mathbf{G}$ , dialogue games are an interesting framework for investigating foundational issues and modeling proof search (as will be shown in a sequel to this paper).

## II. Lorenzen style dialogue games

Logical dialogue games come in many forms and versions, nowadays. Here, we do not use more recent formulations in the style of Blass [2] or Abramsky [1], but rather refer directly to Paul Lorenzen’s original idea (dating back to the late 1950s, see e.g., [13]) to identify logical validity of a formula  $A$  with the existence of a winning strategy for a *proponent*  $\mathbf{P}$  in an idealized confrontational dialogue, in which  $\mathbf{P}$  tries to uphold  $A$  against rational ‘attacks’ by an *opponent*  $\mathbf{O}$ . Although the claim that this leads to

\*Proofs are omitted in this version due to space restrictions.

an alternative characterization—or even: ‘justification’—of *intuitionistic logic* was implicit already in Lorenzen’s early essays, it took more than twenty years until the first rigorous, complete and error free proof of this central claim was published in [7]. Many variants of Lorenzen’s original dialogue games have appeared in the literature since. (See, eg., [8], [11] for relevant references.) Here, we define a version of dialogue games that are: 1) well suited for demonstrating the close relation to analytic Gentzen-type systems; 2) easily shown to be equivalent to other versions of dialogue games for intuitionistic logic, that can be found in the literature; 3) straightforward to consider ‘in parallel’.

*Notation.* An *atomic formula* (*atom*) is either a propositional variable or the 0-ary connective  $\perp$  (*falsum*). As usual, *compound formulas* are built up from atoms using the connectives  $\supset$ ,  $\wedge$ ,  $\vee$ . In addition to formulas, the special signs  $?$ ,  $!?$ ,  $r?$  can be stated in a dialogue by the players **P** and **O**, as specified below.

Dialogue games are characterized by two sorts of rules (moves): logical rules and structural rules.

The *logical rules* define how to attack a compound formula and how to defend against such an attack. They are summarized in the following table. (If **X** is the proponent **P** then **Y** refers to the opponent **O**, and vice versa.)

**Logical dialogue rules:**

<b>X:</b>	attack by <b>Y</b>	defense by <b>X</b>
$A \wedge B$	$!?$ or $r?$ ( <b>Y</b> chooses)	$A$ or $B$ , accordingly
$A \vee B$	$?$	$A$ or $B$ ( <b>X</b> chooses)
$A \supset B$	$A$	$B$

We will see below that atoms (including  $\perp$ ) can be attacked too (by player **O**). Such an attack also consists in stating ‘?’. ( $\perp$  is understood as an undefendable statement, as gets clear from the structural rule *Atom* and the winning condition  $W\perp$ , formulated below.)

A *dialogue* is a sequence of *moves*, which are either attacking or defending statements, in accordance with the logical rules. Each dialogue refers to a finite multiset of formulas, that are *initially granted* by **O**, and to an *initial formula* to be defended by **P**.

Moves can be viewed as state transitions. In any state of the dialogue the (multiset of) formulas, that have been either initially granted or stated by **O** so far, are called the *granted formulas* (at this state). The last formula that has been stated by **P** and that either already has been attacked or must be attacked in **O**’s next move is called *current formula*. With each state of a dialogue we thus associate a *dialogue sequent*  $\Pi \vdash A$ , where  $\Pi$  denotes the granted formulas and  $A$  the current formula.

*Remark 1:* The current formula, in general, is *not* the last formula stated by **P**. (Since **P** may have stated formulas *after* the current formula that are not attacked by **O**.)

*Remark 2:* We stipulate that each move carries the information (indices) necessary to reconstruct which formula is attacked or defended in which way (if there are different possibilities) in that move. However, we do not care about the exact way this information is coded.

*Structural rules* (*Rahmenregeln* in the diction of Lorenzen and his school) regulate the succession of moves. Quite a number of different systems of structural rules have been proposed in the literature (See e.g., [14], [8], [11]. In particular, [11] compares and discusses different systems.). The following rules, together with the winning conditions stated below, amount to a version of dialogues traditionally called *Ei*-dialogues (i.e., Felscher’s *E*-dialogues combined with the so-called *ipse dixisti* rule; see, e.g., [11]).

**Structural dialogue rules:**

- **Start:** The first move of the dialogue is carried out by **O** and consists in attack on the initial formula.
- **Alternate:** Moves strictly alternate between player **O** and **P**.
- **Atom:** Atomic formulas, including  $\perp$ , may be stated by both players, but can neither be attacked nor defended by **P**.
- **E:** Each (but the first) move of **O** reacts directly to the immediately preceding move by **P**. I.e., if **P** attacks a granted formula then **O**’s next move either defends this formula or attacks the formula used by **P** to launch this attack. If, on the other hand, **P**’s last move was a defending one then **O** has to attack immediately the formula stated by **P** in that defense move.

**Winning conditions (for P):**

- **W:** The game ends with **P** winning if **O** has attacked a formula that has already been granted (either initially or in a later move) by **O**.
- **W $\perp$ :** The game ends with **P** winning if **O** has granted  $\perp$ .

A *dialogue tree*  $\tau$  for  $\Pi \vdash C$  is a rooted, directed and labelled tree with nodes labelled by dialogue sequents and edges corresponding to moves, such that each branch of  $\tau$  is a dialogue with initially granted formulas  $\Pi$  and initial formula  $C$ . We thus identify the nodes of a dialogue tree with states of a dialogue. We distinguish **P**-nodes and **O**-nodes, according to whether it is **P**’s or **O**’s turn to move at the corresponding state.

A finite dialogue tree is called *winning strategy* (for **P**) if the following conditions are satisfied:

- 1) Every **P**-node has at most one successor node.
- 2) If a **P**-node is a leaf node, then the winning conditions for **P** are fulfilled at this node.
- 3) Every **O**-node has a successor node for each move by **O** that is a permissible continuation of the dialogue at this stage.

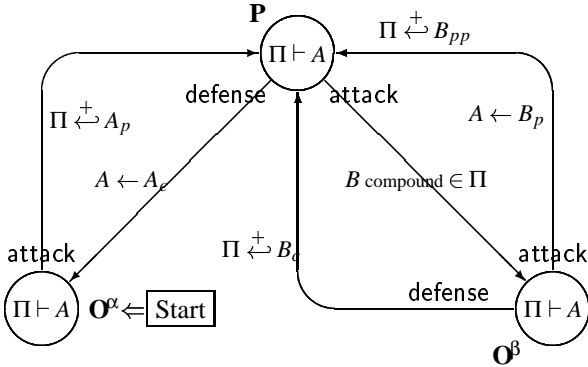
*Remark 3:* Winning strategies for a player in a non-cooperative two-person game are more commonly described as *functions* assigning a move for that player to each state of the game, taking into account all possible moves of the opponent. Observe that our tree form of a winning strategy just describes the corresponding function in a manner that makes the step-wise evolution of permissible dialogues more explicit.

Henceforth we use the following notation: For every compound formula  $F$  of form  $C \supset D$ ,  $F_p$  denotes  $C$  and  $F_c$  denotes  $D$ . If  $F$  is atomic then  $F_p$  is empty (and  $F_c$  remains undefined).  $F_{pp}$  is  $C_p$  if  $F = C \supset D$ .

As already mentioned, a dialogue game may be viewed as a state transition system, where moves in a dialogue correspond to transitions between **P**-nodes and **O**-nodes. A dialogue then is a possible trace in the system; and a winning strategy can be obtained by a systematic ‘unravelling’ of all possible traces.

To illustrate the latter point, consider the implicational fragment of the language; i.e., the set of formulas not containing  $\wedge$  or  $\vee$ . Figure 1 represents all permissible moves in a dialogue for this fragment. By labelling a transition with  $\Pi \overset{+}{\leftarrow} F$  we denote that  $F$  is added to the multiset  $\Pi$  of granted formulas.  $A \leftarrow C$  means that  $C$  replaces  $A$  as a result of the corresponding move.

**Fig. 1. Dialogue as state transitions ( $\supset$ )**



Note that the encircled labels denote the dialogue sequent at the corresponding state. The edges from the **P**-node to the two **O**-nodes correspond to the principal choice of player **P**: either to defend the current formula or to attack a compound formula  $B$  among the granted formulas. (The fact that  $A_c$  is undefined if  $A$  is atomic means that in this case the transition from node **P** to node  $\text{O}^\alpha$  is not possible. This corresponds to the stipulation that atomic formulas cannot be defended by **P**, according to the structural rule *Atom*. However, remember that the dialogue is already in a winning state for **P** if the current formula  $A$  is among the granted formulas  $\Pi$ .)

On the other hand, according to the structural rule *E*, player **O** has no choice but to attack the last formula of **P**

if **P**'s last move was a defending move (i.e., if we are in state  $\text{O}^\alpha$ .) In state  $\text{O}^\beta$ , however, **O** may either defend the attacked formula or (counter-)attack the formula used by **P** in launching the last attack.

(The fact that  $B_{pp}$  is empty if the premise  $B_p$  of  $B$  is an atom means that the atom  $B_p$  is attacked by **O** and thus becomes the current formula.)

The winning conditions have to be checked at state **P** only. If  $\perp \in \Pi$  or  $A \in \Pi$  then the game ends in that state with **P** winning.

Adding  $\wedge$  and  $\vee$  to the language amounts to adding further possible transitions (between the nodes **P** and  $\text{O}^\alpha$ , and **P** and  $\text{O}^\beta$ , respectively) that correspond to moves as specified by the logical rules.

### Basic adequateness of dialogues

Proving the adequateness of dialogue games for intuitionistic logic consists in showing that winning strategies can be transformed into (analytic) proofs of Gentzen's well known sequent calculus **LI** for intuitionistic logic, and vice versa.

To do this, we use the following variant **LI'** of **LI**:

**Axioms:**  $\perp, \Pi \Rightarrow C$  and  $A, \Pi \Rightarrow A$

**Logical rules:**

$$\frac{A, A \vee B, \Pi \Rightarrow C \quad B, A \vee B, \Pi \Rightarrow C}{A \vee B, \Pi \Rightarrow C} (\vee, l)$$

$$\frac{\Pi \Rightarrow A_i}{\Pi \Rightarrow A_1 \vee A_2} (\vee, r) \quad \frac{A_i, A_1 \wedge A_2, \Pi \Rightarrow C}{A_1 \wedge A_2, \Pi \Rightarrow C} (\wedge, l)$$

$$\frac{\Pi \Rightarrow A \quad \Pi \Rightarrow B}{\Pi \Rightarrow A \wedge B} (\wedge, r) \quad \frac{A, \Pi \Rightarrow B}{\Pi \Rightarrow A \supset B} (\supset, r)$$

$$\frac{A \supset B, \Pi \Rightarrow A \quad B, A \supset B, \Pi \Rightarrow C}{A \supset B, \Pi \Rightarrow C} (\supset, l)$$

**Structural rules:** These are the usual weakening, contraction and cut rules.

It is straightforward to check that **LI'** is sound and complete for intuitionistic logic. One can prove

**Theorem 1:** [Adequateness] Every winning strategy for  $\Gamma \vdash C$  can be transformed into a (cut-free) **LI'**-proof of  $\Gamma \Rightarrow C$  and vice versa.

From now on we use the term **I-dialogues** to denote the dialogues described in this section.

### III. Parallel dialogue games

What happens to the winning powers of **P**, if we consider a game where dialogues may proceed in parallel? Of course, this question can only be answered once we have defined more precisely what we mean by ‘parallel dialogue games’. Many options are open for exploration. Here, we propose and investigate just one particular form of parallelizing **I**-dialogues, that is characterized by the following features:

1) The logical and structural rules of **I**-games remain unchanged. Indeed, ordinary **I**-game dialogues appear as sub-case of the (more general) parallel framework.

2) The proponent **P** may initiate additional **I**-dialogues by ‘cloning’ the dialogue sequent of one of the parallel **I**-dialogues in which it is **P**’s turn to move.

3) To win a set of parallel dialogues the proponent **P** has to win at least one of the component dialogues.

4) ‘Communication’ between parallel **I**-dialogues consists in **P**’s decision to merge two **I**-dialogues into one by taking the *union* of the granted formulas of the two dialogues as the granted formulas of the joint dialogue. **O**, in turn, can choose with which of the two current formulas of the merged components to continue the joint dialogue.

Features 1-3 reflect basic decisions concerning ‘parallelization’. In particular, it should be clear that we want to separate the level of individual dialogue moves strictly from the initiation of new dialogues and the interaction between dialogues. Moreover, we like to consider **P** as the (sole) ‘scheduler’ of parallel dialogues. Feature 4 will be shown below to correspond closely to the central rule (‘communication’) of Avron’s hypersequent calculus **HLC** [3] for **G**. In a sense, our parallel dialogues amount to a *computational interpretation* of (analytic) **HLC**-proofs. In particular, they are suited to illuminate Avron’s bold claim that **G** (via **HLC**) allows to model communication between concurrent processes.

Before exploring ‘communication’ between **I**-dialogues, we will investigate parallel **I**-dialogues as specified by conditions 1-3, alone. We will see (in Proposition 1, below) that this results in a game that does not change the winning powers of **P** over the (single) **I**-dialogue game.

*Notation.* A *parallel I-dialogue* (*P-I-dialogue*) is a sequence of nodes connected by moves. Each node  $v$  is labelled by a *global state*  $\Sigma(v)$ . A global state is a non-empty finite set  $\{\Pi_1 \vdash_{i_1} C_1, \dots, \Pi_n \vdash_{i_n} C_n\}$  of *indexed I-dialogue sequents*. Each index  $ik$  uniquely names one of the  $n$  elements, called *component dialogue sequents* or simply *components*, of the global state. In each of the components it is either **P**’s or **O**’s turn to move. We will speak of a **P**-component or an **O**-component, accordingly. We distinguish *internal* and *external* moves.

**Internal moves** combine single **I**-dialogue moves for some (possibly also none or all) of the components of the current global state. An internal move from global state  $\{\Pi_1 \vdash_{i_1} C_1, \dots, \Pi_n \vdash_{i_n} C_n\}$  to global state  $\{\Pi'_1 \vdash_{i_1} C'_1, \dots, \Pi'_n \vdash_{i_n} C'_n\}$  consists in a set of indexed **I**-dialogue moves  $\{u_1: \text{move}_1, \dots, u_m: \text{move}_m\}$  such that the indices  $u_j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq m$ , are pairwise distinct elements of  $\{i_1, \dots, i_n\}$ .  $\Pi'_k \vdash_{i_k} C'_k$  denotes the component corresponding to the result of  $\text{move}_k$  applied to the component indexed by  $ik$  if  $k \in \{i_1, \dots, i_m\}$ ; otherwise  $\Pi'_k = \Pi_k$  and  $C'_k = C_k$ .

**External moves**, in contrast to internal moves, may add or remove components of a global state, but do not change the local status (**P** or **O**) of existing components.

For now, we define only two external moves, called *fork* and *cancel*, respectively.

fork is a move by **P** and consists in duplicating one of the **P**-components of the current global state and assigning a new unique index to the added component.

cancel also is a **P**-move and consists in removing an arbitrary **P**-component from the global state.

*Remark 4:* fork corresponds to item 2 in the above list of basic features of our parallel dialogue games. By item 3 of the list, cancel does not affect the winning power of the proponent. (**P** cannot be forced to cancel, and therefore, in following a winning strategy, will only do so if **P** does not attempt to achieve the winning conditions at the removed component.)

The central condition in the definition of a *P-I-dialogue* is the following:

- for every index  $t$ , the sequence of internal moves that refer to components indexed with  $t$  is an **I**-dialogue.

Observe that the *initial global state*  $\Sigma(v)$ —that is the state labelling the root node  $v$  of a *P-I-dialogue*—consists of **O**-components only. We speak of a *P-I-dialogue for*  $\Sigma(v)$  if  $v$  is its root node. If  $\Sigma(v)$  is of form  $\{\vdash_1 A\}$ , we will speak of a *P-I-dialogue for*  $A$ .

There remains a trivial source of unfairness (to **P**) that we shall deal with right away: If the initial global state contains more than one component, then the opponent **O** might refuse to make the initial move for some of the components, spoiling the existence of a winning strategy for, e.g.,  $\{\vdash_{i_1} A \supset B, \vdash_{i_2} B\}$ . (Remember that to win the game just one of the components has to satisfy the winning conditions for **P**.) We therefore require every *P-I-dialogue* to begin as follows:

- Every *P-I-dialogue* starts with an *initial segment*, which is a sequence of internal moves, each containing only first moves (by **O**) for the component dialogues, such that there is exactly one first **O**-move for each component of the initial global state.

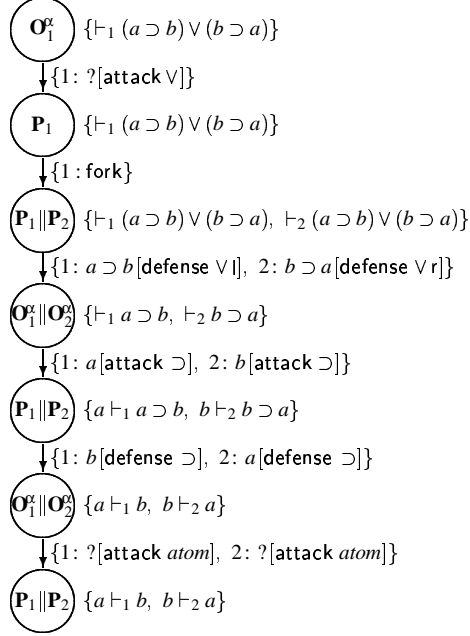
Note that, the initial segment ends in a global state that consists only of **P**-components.

*Example 1:* Figure 2 exhibits a *P-I-dialogue* for  $(a \supset b) \vee (b \supset a)$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are atoms.

Although alternative *P-I-dialogues* for  $(a \supset b) \vee (b \supset a)$  are possible it should be clear that *all* such dialogues eventually have to lead to a state where player **P** is not winning, and where also no further move for **P** is available, that results in an essentially new global state. In the particular dialogue of Figure 2, **P** may only continue with a fork-move, which however does not change the state, if we identify dialogue sequents that only differ in their indices.

Our definition of parallel **I**-dialogues implies that the parallel version of the game may be viewed as a finite

**Fig. 2.** *P-I-Dialogue* for  $(a \supset b) \vee (b \supset a)$



collection of state transition systems that are coordinated by referring to a global, discrete flow of time. At each time step some (possibly also none or all) of the component dialogues advance by one move. In a fork-move the component dialogues remain in their individual current states but a new dialogue, that copies the state of one of the old ones, is created. In a cancel-move one of the components (i.e., dialogues viewed as processes) is destroyed.

Observe that the definition of a *P-I-Dialogue* game allows for considerable flexibility in ‘implementing’ the involved parallelism. We may, for example, require that *all* component dialogues have to advance at each time step; or, alternatively, that at most  $k$  dialogues may advance simultaneously (even if there are more than  $k$  components.) The latter option might, e.g., be understood as modeling a dialogue game were **P** and **O**, are not single persons, but rather consist of teams of  $k$  players each, and where each component dialogue is conducted by a different pair of opposite players. If, instead, we stick with a single proponent and a single opponent (i.e.,  $k = 1$ ) it seems natural to ‘sequentialize’ by dove-tailing the components of parallel moves. This motivates the following definition:

- A *P-I-Dialogue* is called *sequentialized* if every internal move is a singleton (multi-)set.

To prove Theorem 1 it is essential that full cycles of moves in a winning strategy—from a **P**-state to an **O**-state and back again to a **P**-state with an immediately responding move of **O**—correspond to a single inference step in **LI**. However, even in sequentialized *P-I-Dialogues* such cycles may be interrupted, not only by internal

moves that refer to other component dialogues, but also by external moves. We therefore define a *P-I-Dialogue* to be *normal* if the following condition holds. Every internal move that contains a **P**-move, indexed with  $\iota k$ ,

- either is the last move in the component dialogue referred to by  $\iota k$ ,
- or else is immediately followed by another internal move with a  $\iota k$ -indexed element.

*Remark 5:* In combination with structural rule *E* (see Section II), the conditions for normality can be understood as the stipulation that the proponent of a parallel dialogue game is the sole ‘scheduler’. In other words—although **P** has no control over choices of **O** as long as they are immediate replies to her own previous move—**P** always determines at which dialogue component the game is to be continued.

**Theorem 2:** Every finite *P-I-Dialogue*  $\delta$  for  $\Sigma$  can be translated into a sequentialized normal *P-I-Dialogue* for  $\Sigma$  ending in the same global state as  $\delta$ .

*Note [Important].* For the rest of the paper we will consider all parallel dialogues to be sequentialized and normal. Sequentialization implies that, just like for **I-Dialogues**, we can speak of **P**-moves and **O**-moves of *P-I-Dialogues*. (fork and cancel are **P**-moves.) Since the set parentheses are redundant in denoting moves of sequentialized dialogues, we will omit them from now on.

A *P-I-Dialogue* tree  $\tau$  for  $\Sigma$  is a rooted, directed tree with global states as nodes and edges labelled by (internal or external) moves such that each branch of  $\tau$  is a *P-I-Dialogue* for  $\Sigma$ .

A finite *P-I-Dialogue* tree is called a *winning strategy* if the following condition is satisfied for every node  $v$ :

- (p) either  $v$  has a single successor node, the edge to which is labelled by a **P**-move,
- (o) or for each **O**-move that is a permissible continuation of the dialogue at global state  $\Sigma(v)$  there is an edge leaving  $v$  that is labelled by this move,
- (l) or  $v$  is a leaf node and at least one of the components of  $\Sigma(v)$  fulfills the winning conditions.

Nodes satisfying (p) are called **P**-nodes; and nodes satisfying (o) are called **O**-nodes. Observe that, by normality, **P**-moves and **O**-moves strictly alternate in each branch, except for the initial segment (consisting of more than one consecutive **O**-nodes, in general) and external moves (which, in general, result in consecutive **P**-nodes.)

We have already observed that—with fork and cancel as the only additional rules—parallelization does not affect the ‘winning power’ of the proponent. More formally, we may state the following:

**Proposition 1:** There exists a winning strategy for *P-I-Dialogues* for  $\{\Gamma \vdash C\}$  if and only if there exists a winning strategy for **I-Dialogues** for  $\Gamma \vdash C$ .

To go beyond the realm of intuitionistic logic we have to allow some interaction between different component dialogues.

#### IV. Communicating dialogues

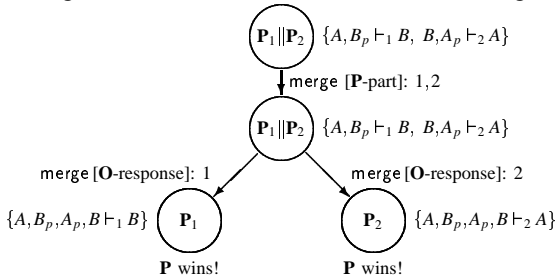
Communication between **I**-dialogues is formalized according to feature 4 (from the beginning of Section III): first **P** selects (for merging) two **P**-components from the global state, then **O** chooses one of the two possible current statements for the merged component.

This results in the following additional external (two-part) dialogue rule merge.

merge consists of two consecutive external moves:  
 1) [**P**-part] **P** picks two (indices of) **P**-components  $\Pi_1 \vdash_{\iota_1} C_1$  and  $\Pi_2 \vdash_{\iota_2} C_2$  from the current global state and indicates that  $\Pi_1 \cup \Pi_2$  are the granted formulas of the resulting merged dialogue sequent.  
 2) [**O**-response] In response to this external **P**-move, **O** chooses either  $C_1$  or  $C_2$  as the current formula of the merged component, which is indexed by  $\iota_1$  or  $\iota_2$ , correspondingly.

*P*-**G**-dialogues are defined exactly as *P*-**I**-dialogues, except for allowing also applications of merge. In particular, the notions of *normal* and *sequentialized* dialogues carry over directly from *P*-**I**-dialogues to *P*-**G**-dialogues.

Unlike the other external moves, merge increases the winning powers of the proponent: for *P*-**G**-dialogue games there exists a winning strategy for every instance of the linearity axiom  $(A \supset B) \vee (B \supset A)$ . We show this by referring to the *P*-**I**-dialogue of the previous example for  $(a \supset b) \vee (a \supset b)$ , as presented in Figure 2. It is not difficult to see that, even in the case of non-atomic instances of the linearity axiom, **P** can always force the dialogue to enter a global state  $\{A, B_p \vdash_1 B, B, A_p \vdash_2 A\}$ , where both components are **P**-components. Thus, using the merge-rule a winning strategy is obtained by matching the last node in Figure 2 with the first node of the following tree:



#### Adequateness of *P*-**G**-dialogues for **G**

To match winning strategies of parallel dialogues with proofs, we have to switch from sequent to *hypersequent* calculi. The latter arise by generalizing standard sequent calculi to refer to whole contexts of sequents instead of single sequents. In our context, a hypersequent is defined

as a finite, non-empty multiset of **LI**-sequents, written in form  $\Gamma_1 \Rightarrow C_1 \mid \dots \mid \Gamma_n \Rightarrow C_n$ .

The symbol “ $\mid$ ” denotes disjunction at the meta-level.

A hypersequent calculus **HLG'** for Gödel-Dummett logic **G** is obtained by adding the following version of Avron's ‘communication rule’ [3]

$$\frac{\Pi_1, \Pi_2 \Rightarrow C_1 \mid \mathcal{H} \quad \Pi_1, \Pi_2 \Rightarrow C_2 \mid \mathcal{H}}{\Pi_1 \Rightarrow C_1 \mid \Pi_2 \Rightarrow C_2 \mid \mathcal{H}} \text{ (com)}$$

to the hypersequent calculus whose axioms and rules are those of **LI'** augmented by a side hypersequent  $\mathcal{H}$ , representing a (possibly empty) hypersequent. Moreover, external weakening and external contraction are needed as in Avron's **HLC**.

**Theorem 3:** [Adequateness] Every winning strategy  $\tau$  for sequentialized normal *P*-**G**-dialogues with initial global state  $\Sigma$  can be transformed into an **HLG'**-proof of  $[\Sigma]$ , the hypersequent corresponding to  $\Sigma$ , and vice versa.

*Remark 6:* The proof proceeds by showing that rule merge corresponds to the communication rule, and fork and cancel correspond to external contraction and external weakening, respectively.

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