

# Producing Skolem Expansion Trees with the CERES<sup>ω</sup> method: A Case Study

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- Skolem Expansion Proofs:
  - Proof representation for Classical Higher-Order Logic (ETT)
  - Stores instantiations, no propositional reasoning
  - Compact alternative to  $LK$
- $LK_{sk}$ :
  - Cut-free higher-order sequent calculus with Skolem terms
  - Produced in the CERES $^{\omega}$  method:
    - 1 Proof formalization in  $LK$
    - 2 Conversion to  $LK_{sk} + \text{Cut}$  ( $LK_{skc}$ )
    - 3 Creation of Characteristic Sequent Set + Proof Projections
    - 4 Assembling of  $LK_{skc}$  proof in passive-cut normal-form
    - 5 Transformation to  $LK_{sk}$  by reductive method
    - 6 Repair locally unsound inferences and transfer to  $LK$
- Goal: replace steps 5 and 6 by expansion proof extraction.  
This talk: step 6.

- Skolem Expansion Proofs
- $LK_{sk}$
- From  $LK_{sk}$  to Skolem Expansion Proofs
- Case Study: Infinite Pigeon Principle

# What are Skolem Expansion Proofs?

- Generalization of Herbrand Disjunctions to Higher Order Logic
- Tree mirrors logical structure of the formula
- Weak Quantifier nodes store instantiations
- Strong Quantifier nodes store Skolem terms
  - Shallow formula: formula with quantifiers
  - Deep formula: formula with instantiations

# Example

- Shallow formula:

$$\forall X \exists Y \forall i (X(i) \rightarrow Y(i + 1)) \rightarrow \exists i \exists Z Z(((i + 1) + 1) + 1)$$

- Deep formula:

$$\begin{aligned} & (C(i) \rightarrow s_0(C, i + 1)) \\ & \wedge (s_0(C, i + 1) \rightarrow s_0(s_0(C), (i + 1) + 1)) \\ & \wedge (s_0(s_0(C), (i + 1) + 1) \rightarrow s_0(s_0(s_0(C)), ((i + 1) + 1) + 1)) \\ & \rightarrow (C(i) \rightarrow s_0(s_0(s_0(C)), ((i + 1) + 1) + 1)) \end{aligned}$$

- Expansion Tree (blackboard)

# Definition: Expansion Tree

- Atom Node  $A(F)$ : HOL Atom or weakly quantified formula  
 $\text{Sh}(A) = \text{Dp}(A) = F$
- Logical Operator Node:  $\neg T, T_1 \circ T_2$  with  $\circ \in \{\wedge, \vee, \rightarrow\}$ :  
 $\text{Sh}(\neg T) = \neg \text{Sh}(T), \text{Dp}(\neg T) = \neg \text{Dp}(T)$   
 $\text{Sh}(T_1 \circ T_2) = \text{Sh}(T_1) \circ \text{Sh}(T_2), \text{Dp}(T_1 \circ T_2) = \text{Dp}(T_1) \circ \text{Dp}(T_2)$
- Strong (Skolem) Quantifier Node:  $QT +^s S$  with  $Q \in \{\forall, \exists\}$ :  
 $\text{Sh}(QT +^s (t_1, \dots, t_n) S) = QT,$   
 $\text{Dp}(QT +^s (t_1, \dots, t_n) S) = \text{Dp}(S)$
- Weak Quantifier Node:  $QT +^{t_1} T_1 + \dots +^{t_n} T_n$ :  
 $\text{Sh}(QT +^{t_1} T_1 + \dots +^{t_n} T_n) = QT$   
 $\text{Dp}(\forall T +^{t_1} T_1 + \dots +^{t_n} T_n) = \bigwedge_{i=1}^n \text{Dp}(T_i)$   
 $\text{Dp}(\exists T +^{t_1} T_1 + \dots +^{t_n} T_n) = \bigvee_{i=1}^n \text{Dp}(T_i)$

# Definition: Expansion Proof

- Each Skolem quantifier node introduces a unique Skolem function  $s$ .
- The path from the root to a Skolem quantifier node contains exactly  $p$  weak quantifier nodes with expansion terms  $t_1$  to  $t_p$  (in that order).
- Groundedness: “no dangling weak quantifier leaves”
- Expansion Proof: Deep formula is valid

- Theorem: Grounded EP convertible to grounded Skolem EP
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# What is $LK_{sk}$ ?

- Variant of Higher-Order Sequent Calculus  $LK$
- Universal quantifiers inferred from Skolem terms
- Labels trace Skolem context
- No eigenvariable condition
- Not every derivation tree sound
- Quantifier inferences of weakly regular trees can be shifted into place

- Label: set of lambda terms
- Introduction Rule:  $\langle F \rangle^{\ell_1} \vdash \langle F \rangle^{\ell_2}$
- Strong Quantifier:

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \Delta, \langle F(fS_1 \dots S_n) \rangle^\ell}{\Gamma \vdash \Delta, \langle \forall_\alpha F \rangle^\ell} \forall^{sk} : r$$

with  $\ell = S_1, \dots, S_n$  and  $f$  a Skolem symbol of appropriate type.

- Weak Quantifier:

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \Delta, \langle FT \rangle^{\ell, T}}{\Gamma \vdash \Delta, \langle \exists_\alpha F \rangle^\ell} \exists^{sk} : r$$

- Other Rules: Like  $LK$ , labels of auxiliary and primary formulas must agree

- Properness: End-sequent labels are empty
- Weak regularity: If two strong quantifier rules have the same Skolem term, the inferences are homomorphic (“eventually contracted”)

# Example

$$\begin{array}{c}
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# Homomorphic pruning, Independent rule shifting

- $\rho$  independent from  $\sigma$ : primary formula of  $\sigma$  not ancestor of auxiliary formulas of  $\rho$
- Rewrite systems for permuting independent inferences:
  - Contractions:  $\triangleright_c$
  - Unary Rules:  $\triangleright_u$
  - Binary Rules:  $\triangleright_b$
- Idea: permute strong quantifiers downwards until eigenvariable condition would be fulfilled

# Problematic rule: shift binary over contraction

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{(\pi_1) \quad \Pi, \Gamma_1, F_1, G_1 \vdash \Delta_1, \Lambda \quad \Pi, \Gamma_2, F_2, G_1 \vdash \Delta_2, \Lambda}{\Pi, \Pi, \Gamma_1, \Gamma_2, F_1 \vee F_2, G_1, G_1 \vdash \Delta_1, \Delta_2, \Lambda, \Lambda} \rho}{\Pi, \Gamma_1, \Gamma_2, F_1 \vee F_2, G_1 \vdash \Delta_1, \Delta_2, \Lambda} c : * \quad (\pi_3) \quad G_2, \Gamma_3 \vdash \Delta_3}{\Pi, \Gamma_1, \Gamma_2, \Gamma_3, F_1 \vee F_2, G_1 \vee G_2 \vdash \Delta_1, \Delta_2, \Delta_3, \Lambda} \sigma$$

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$$\frac{\frac{(\pi_1) \quad \Pi, \Gamma_1, F_1, G_1 \vdash \Delta_1, \Lambda \quad G_2, \Gamma_3 \vdash \Delta_3}{\Pi, \Gamma_1, \Gamma_3, F_1, G_1 \vee G_2 \vdash \Delta_1, \Delta_3, \Lambda} \sigma \quad (\pi_3) \quad \frac{(\pi_2) \quad \Pi, \Gamma_2, F_2, G_1 \vdash \Delta_2, \Lambda \quad G_2, \Gamma_3 \vdash \Delta_3}{\Pi, \Gamma_1, \Gamma_3, F_2, G_1 \vee G_2 \vdash \Delta_1, \Delta_3, \Lambda} \sigma}{\frac{\Pi, \Pi, \Gamma_1, \Gamma_2, \Gamma_3, F_1 \vee F_2, G_1 \vee G_2 \vdash \Delta_1, \Delta_2, \Delta_3, \Lambda, \Lambda}{\Pi, \Gamma_1, \Gamma_2, \Gamma_3, F_1 \vee F_2, G_1 \vdash \Delta_1, \Delta_2, \Delta_3, \Lambda} c : *}$$

- Solution Sequential Pruning: permute contractions down, “zip up”

- Axiom: translated to Atom Node
- Logical Rules: translated to corresponding operator nodes
- Contraction:  $merge(C_1, C_2)$ .

Precondition:  $Sh(C_1) = Sh(C_2)$

- $mg(A, A) := A$
- $mg(\neg A, \neg B) := \neg mg(A, B)$
- $mg(A \circ B, C \circ D) := mg(A, C) \circ mg(B, D)$
- $mg(QF +^s A, F +^s B) := F +^s mg(A, B)$
- $mg(QF +^{s_1} S_1 \dots +^{s_n} S_n, QF +^{t_1} T_1 \dots +^{t_m} T_m) :=$   
 $QF +^{s_1} S_1 \dots +^{s_n} S_n +^{t_1} T_1 \dots +^{t_m} T_m$

- $\text{Dp}(A) \leftrightarrow \text{Dp}(\text{mg}(A, A))$
- $\text{Dp}(A) \rightarrow \text{Dp}(\text{mg}(A, B))$
- $\text{Dp}(\text{mg}(A, B)) \rightarrow \text{Dp}(A \vee B)$
- but not:  $\text{Dp}(A \vee B) \rightarrow \text{Dp}(\text{mg}(A, B))$



# Relationship $LK_{sk}$ and Skolem Expansion Proof

- Theorem: Skolem ET extracted from proper, weakly regular  $LK_{sk}$  proof always fulfills global soundness conditions
- Theorem: deep formula is valid
  - Idea: during ET extraction, validity of deep formula preserved under  $\triangleright_c, \triangleright_u, \triangleright_b$  and sequential pruning
  - Main Ingredients: independence and ET properties

# Case Study: Infinite Pigeon Hole Principle

- Theory: SO Arithmetic + first order equality
- Given: function  $f : \text{Nat} \mapsto \{0, 1\}$   
 $\forall x. f(x) = 0 \vee f(x) = 1$
- Lemma: set  $\{x \mid f(x) = s\}$  is unbounded  
 $\forall x \exists y. x < y \wedge f(y) = s$
- Statement: there exists a monotonic function  $h$  enumerating  $n$  occurrences on  $f$   
 $\forall n \exists h. \text{MON}(h, n) \wedge \exists s. \text{NOCC}(h, n, s)$
- Monotonicity:  
 $\forall i \forall j. i < j \wedge j < n + 1 \rightarrow h(i) < h(j)$
- $n$  Occurrences:  
 $\forall i : i < n + 1 \rightarrow f(h(i)) = s$

# Expansion Proof

- too big to show completely, extracted instances
- witness terms for  $h$  in expansion of induction axiom, not conclusion

<i>Source</i>	<i>Term</i>
<i>BASE</i> (0)	$h(x) = (s_{25}(q_1, s_{26}(q_1)) + 1) + s_9(q_2, s_{10}(q_2))$
<i>BASE</i> (1)	$h(x) = (s_9(q_2, s_{10}(q_2)) + 1) + s_{25}(q_1, s_{26}(q_1))$
<i>STEP</i> (0)	$h(x) = \text{if } \_x < (s_{10}(q_2) + 1)\_$ then $s_9(q_2, x)$ else $(s_{25}(q_1, s_{26}(q_1)) + 1) + s_9(q_2, s_{10}(q_2))$
<i>STEP</i> (1)	$h(x) = \text{if } \_x < (s_{26}(q_1) + 1)\_$ then $s_{25}(q_1, x)$ else $(s_9(q_2, s_{10}(q_2)) + 1) + s_{25}(q_1, s_{26}(q_1))$

$q_1, q_2$ : labels (goal instance of induction for  $s = 1$  and  $s = 0$ )

- variation of input proof leads to same terms but different label  $q$ :  
 $q(1) = q_1$  and  $q(0) = q_2$

- Automated higher-order provers (Leo II, Satallax) fail to reprove deep formula
  - Primary reason: treatment of first-order equality
  - Secondary reason: labels are huge, prover stuck in parsing without lambda-lifting
- Isabelle manages  $q_1, q_2$  version (via encoding to SMT)
- Need better conditional: either improve encodings or built-in if-then-else (e.g. in zipperposition)
- Work on better integration of first-order equality in HO-ATPs (Matryoshka)

Thanks for listening!