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# 1 Linking Focusing and Resolution with Selection

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## 6 — Abstract —

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7 Focusing and selection are techniques that shrink the proof search space for respectively sequent  
8 calculi and resolution. To bring out a link between them, we generalize them both: we introduce  
9 a sequent calculus where each *occurrence* of an atom can have a positive or a negative polarity;  
10 and a resolution method where each literal, whatever its sign, can be selected in input clauses. We  
11 prove the equivalence between cut-free proofs in this sequent calculus and derivations of the empty  
12 clause in that resolution method. Such a generalization is not semi-complete in general, which  
13 allows us to consider complete instances that correspond to theories of any logical strength. We  
14 present three complete instances: first, our framework allows us to show that ordinary focusing  
15 corresponds to hyperresolution and semantic resolution; the second instance is deduction modulo  
16 theory and the related framework called superdeduction; and a new setting, not captured by  
17 any existing framework, extends deduction modulo theory with rewriting rules having several  
18 left-hand sides, which restricts even more the proof search space.

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## 24 **1** Introduction

25 In addition to clever implementation techniques and data structures, a key point that  
26 explains the success of state-of-the-art automated theorem provers is the use of calculi that  
27 dramatically reduce proof search space. In the last decades, the independent developments  
28 of two families of techniques can be highlighted. First, in the kind of methods based on  
29 resolution, proof search space can be shrunk using ordering and selection techniques. The  
30 intuition is to restrict the application of the resolution rule to only some literals in a clause.  
31 If equality is considered, this leads to the superposition calculus [2] which is the base calculus  
32 of the currently most efficient automated provers for first-order classical logic. Second, in  
33 sequent calculi, Andreoli [1] introduced a technique called focusing to reduce non-determinism  
34 in the application of sequent-calculus rules. It works by first applying all invertible rules  
35 (those whose conclusion is logically equivalent to their premises) and second by chaining  
36 the application of non-invertible rules. Originally developed for linear logic, focusing has  
37 been extended to intuitionistic and classical first-order logic [28]. Focusing is mostly used  
38 in fields where sequent calculi, and related inverse and tableaux methods, are the most  
39 accurate proving method. For instance, there exists tools for first-order linear logic [13], for  
40 intuitionistic logic [29] and for modal logic [30]. Focusing is also the key ingredient in Miller's  
41 ProofCert project aiming at building a universal framework for proof certification [16].

42 Despite their apparent lack of relation, we show in this paper that selection in refinements  
43 of the resolution calculus and focusing in sequent calculus are in fact strongly related, so  
44 that ordinary focusing in classical first-order logic corresponds actually to hyperresolution,

45 where all negative literals are selected in a clause and are resolved at once. This connection  
 46 is obtained by relaxing both techniques: concerning resolution, we allow any literal of the  
 47 input clauses to be selected, whatever its sign; for the focusing part, we allow polarization  
 48 not only of connectives, but also of all occurrences of literals. The main theorem of this  
 49 paper, Theorem 3, shows that the sets of clauses whose insatisfiability can be proved by the  
 50 resolution method with arbitrary input selection are exactly the sequents that have a cut-free  
 51 proof in the generalized focusing setting.

52 This generalization allows us to cover a wider spectrum of proof systems. In particular,  
 53 this permits to consider systems that search for proofs modulo some theory. Indeed, in real  
 54 world applications, proof obligations are often verified within one or several theories. This  
 55 explains the interest in and the success of Satisfiability Modulo Theory tools in recent years.  
 56 Embedding a theory in our framework amounts to giving an axiomatic presentation of it  
 57 where some literals are selected.

58 By relaxing the conditions for selecting literals, our framework is not always refutationally  
 59 complete. However, this should not be considered as a drawback, but as an essential point  
 60 to be able to represent efficiently all kinds of theories. Indeed, let us consider a proof search  
 61 method  $\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{T})$  parameterized by a theory  $\mathcal{T}$ . Ideally,  $\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{T})$  should be as efficient as a generic  
 62 proof search method if it is fed with a formula that is not related to the theory  $\mathcal{T}$ . In particular,  
 63 if it tries to refute the true formula  $\top$ , it should terminate, and with the answer “NO”. Let  
 64 us say that  $\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{T})$  is relatively consistent if it is the case. As we pointed out with Dowek [9],  
 65 we cannot have a generic proof of the completeness of a relatively consistent method  $\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{T})$   
 66 that would work for all  $\mathcal{T}$ . Indeed, such a proof would imply the consistency of the theory  $\mathcal{T}$ ,  
 67 and, according to Gödel, this cannot be performed in  $\mathcal{T}$  itself. So either the completeness of  
 68 the proof system is proved once and for all, but it cannot represent theories that are logically  
 69 at least as strong as that proof of completeness; or it is not complete in general but it can be  
 70 proved to be complete for particular theories of some arbitrary logical strength. What is  
 71 interesting therefore is to give proofs of completeness of  $\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{T})$  for particular theories  $\mathcal{T}$ .

Therefore, we give three instances of our framework, where we can have proofs of  
 completeness. First, as stated above, we link ordinary focusing with hyperresolution, and,  
 in the ground case, with semantic resolution. Second, we show that Deduction Modulo  
 Theory [21] is also a particular instance of this framework, knowing that there exists numerous  
 proof techniques to prove the completeness of Deduction Modulo a particular theory, for  
 instance [25, 22, 19, 8]. Third, we show how completeness in our framework can be reduced  
 to completeness of several instances of Deduction Modulo Theory. To give an intuition about  
 this last part, and to illustrate how much the proof search space can be constrained without  
 losing completeness, let us consider for example the theory defining the powerset:

$$\forall X, \forall Y, (X \in \mathcal{P}(Y)) \Leftrightarrow (\forall Z, (Z \in X) \Rightarrow (Z \in Y))$$

72 This theory can be put in clausal normal form, using  $d$  as a Skolem symbol, and we select  
 73 (by underlining them) some literals in these clauses<sup>1</sup>:

$$74 \quad \underline{\neg X \in \mathcal{P}(Y)} \vee \underline{\neg Z \in X} \vee Z \in Y \tag{1}$$

$$75 \quad \underline{X \in \mathcal{P}(Y)} \vee d(X, Y) \in X \tag{2}$$

$$76 \quad \underline{X \in \mathcal{P}(Y)} \vee \underline{\neg d(X, Y) \in Y} \tag{3}$$

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<sup>1</sup> We use the associative-commutative-idempotent symbol  $\vee$  in clauses to distinguish it from the symbol  
 $\vee$  that is used in formulas.

78 Using focusing in general, and in our framework in particular, the decomposition of connectives  
 79 is so restricted that, given an axiom, a proof derivation decomposing this axiom would  
 80 necessarily have certain shapes. Thus, the axiom can be replaced by new inference rules,  
 81 called synthetic rules, that are used instead of the derivation of those shapes. See end of  
 82 Section 2, page 6, for more details. In our framework, this would lead to the following three  
 83 synthetic rules, that can be used in place of the axioms (the explanation how these rules are  
 84 obtained is given in Section 5.3):

$$\begin{array}{l}
 85 \quad (1) \vdash \frac{\Delta, u \in \mathcal{P}(v), t \in u, t \in v \vdash}{\Delta, u \in \mathcal{P}(v), t \in u \vdash} \qquad (2) \vdash \frac{}{\Delta, \neg u \in \mathcal{P}(v), d(u, v) \in v \vdash} \\
 86 \quad (3) \vdash \frac{\Delta, \neg u \in \mathcal{P}(v), d(u, v) \in u \vdash}{\Delta, \neg u \in \mathcal{P}(v) \vdash}
 \end{array}$$

87 The only proof of transitivity of the membership in the powerset is then

$$\begin{array}{l}
 87 \quad (2) \vdash \frac{a \in \mathcal{P}(b), b \in \mathcal{P}(c), \neg a \in \mathcal{P}(c), d(a, c) \in a, d(a, c) \in b, \underline{d(a, c) \in c} \vdash}{\vdash} \\
 88 \quad (1) \vdash \frac{a \in \mathcal{P}(b), b \in \mathcal{P}(c), \neg a \in \mathcal{P}(c), d(a, c) \in a, \underline{d(a, c) \in b} \vdash}{\vdash} \\
 88 \quad (1) \vdash \frac{\underline{a \in \mathcal{P}(b)}, b \in \mathcal{P}(c), \neg a \in \mathcal{P}(c), \underline{d(a, c) \in a} \vdash}{\vdash} \\
 88 \quad (3) \vdash \frac{\underline{a \in \mathcal{P}(b)}, b \in \mathcal{P}(c), \neg a \in \mathcal{P}(c) \vdash}{\vdash} \\
 \quad \wedge \vdash \frac{\underline{a \in \mathcal{P}(b) \wedge b \in \mathcal{P}(c) \wedge \neg a \in \mathcal{P}(c)} \vdash}{\vdash} \\
 \quad \exists \vdash \frac{\underline{\exists A. \exists B. \exists C. A \in \mathcal{P}(B) \wedge B \in \mathcal{P}(C) \wedge \neg A \in \mathcal{P}(C)} \vdash}{\vdash}
 \end{array}$$

89 where the active formulas in a sequent are underwaved, and double lines indicate potentially  
 90 several applications of an inference rule.

91 On the resolution side, clauses (1) to (3) lead to the following ground derived rules (see  
 92 also Section 5.3):

$$93 \quad (1) \frac{u \in \mathcal{P}(v) \uparrow C \quad t \in u \uparrow D}{t \in v \uparrow C \uparrow D} \quad (2) \frac{\neg u \in \mathcal{P}(v) \uparrow C}{d(u, v) \in u \uparrow C} \quad (3) \frac{\neg u \in \mathcal{P}(v) \uparrow C \quad d(u, v) \in v \uparrow D}{C \uparrow D}$$

94 Once again, there is only one proof of transitivity, i.e. starting from the set of clauses  
 95  $\{a \in \mathcal{P}(b); b \in \mathcal{P}(c); \neg a \in \mathcal{P}(c)\}$ :

$$96 \quad (3) \frac{\neg a \in \mathcal{P}(c) \quad (1) \frac{b \in \mathcal{P}(c) \quad (1) \frac{a \in \mathcal{P}(b) \quad (2) \frac{\neg a \in \mathcal{P}(c)}{d(a, c) \in a}}{d(a, c) \in b}}{d(a, c) \in c}}{\square}$$

97 and we cannot even infer other clauses than those. We let the reader compare with what  
 98 happens if we used clauses (1) to (3) in resolution, even using the ordered resolution with  
 99 selection refinement.

100 **Related work.** Chaudhuri et al. [14] show that hyperresolution for Horn clauses can be  
 101 explained as an instance of a sequent calculus for intuitionistic linear logic with focusing  
 102 where atoms are given a negative polarity.

103 Farooque et al. [24] developed a sequent calculus, based on focusing, that is able to  
 104 simulate DPLL( $\mathcal{T}$ ), the most common calculus used in SMT provers. The main difference  
 105 with our framework is that in [24], the theory is considered as a black box which is called as  
 106 an oracle. Here, the theory is considered as a first-class citizen.

107 Within the ProofCert project, resolution proofs can be checked by a kernel built upon  
 108 a sequent calculus with focusing [16]. Based on this, the tool `Checkers` [15] is able to

109 verify proofs coming from automated theorem provers based on resolution such as E-prover.  
 110 Different from here, they translate resolution derivations using cuts to get smaller proofs.

111 Hermant [26] proves the correspondance between the cut-free fragment of a sequent  
 112 calculus and a resolution method, in the setting of Deduction Modulo Theory. Since  
 113 Deduction Modulo Theory is subsumed by our framework, Theorem 3 is a generalization of  
 114 Hermant’s work. Proving it is simpler in our setting because focusing restrains the shape of  
 115 possible sequent calculus proofs, whereas Hermant had to prove technical lemmas to give  
 116 proofs a canonical shape.

117 **Notations and conventions.** We use standard definitions for terms, predicates, formulas  
 118 (with connectives  $\perp, \top, \neg, \wedge, \vee$  and quantifiers  $\forall, \exists$ ), sequents and substitutions. A literal  
 119 is an atom or its negation. A clause is a set of literals. We will identify a literal with the  
 120 unit clause containing it. Unless stated otherwise, letters  $P, Q, R, P', P_1, \dots$  denote atoms,  
 121  $L, K, L', L_1, \dots$  denote literals,  $A, B, A', A_1, \dots$  denote formulas,  $C, D, C', C_1, \dots$  denote  
 122 clauses,  $\Gamma, \Delta$  denote set of clauses or set of formulas (depending on the context).  $A^\perp$  denotes  
 123 the negation normal form of  $\neg A$ .

## 124 2 Focusing with Polarized Occurrences of Atoms

125 Focusing was introduced by Andreoli [1] to restrict the non-determinism in some sequent  
 126 calculus for linear logic. It relies on the alternation of two phases: During the asynchronous  
 127 phase (sequents with  $\uparrow$ ), all invertible rules are applied on the formulas of the sequent. Recall  
 128 that a rule is said invertible if its conclusion implies the conjunction of its premises. During  
 129 the synchronous phase (sequents with  $\downarrow$ ), a particular formula is selected —the focus is on  
 130 it— and all possible non-invertible rules are successively applied on it. This idea has been  
 131 extended to intuitionistic and classical first-order logic [28]. In these, connectives may have  
 132 invertible and non-invertible versions of their sequent calculus rules. Therefore, one considers  
 133 in that case two versions of a connective, one called positive when the right introduction  
 134 rule is non-invertible, and one called negative when it is invertible. Some connectives, i.e.  
 135  $\exists$  in classical logic, only have a positive version, and dually, others, such as  $\forall$  in classical  
 136 logic, only have a negative version. Given a usual formula, one can decide which version of  
 137 a connective one wants to use at a particular occurrence, which is called a polarization of  
 138 the formula.<sup>2</sup> Note that the polarity of a connective does not affect its semantics, it only  
 139 alters the shape of the sequent calculus proofs. Similarly, one can decide the polarity of  
 140 each literal. If a literal with negative polarity  $L$  is focused on in a branch, then this branch  
 141 must necessarily be closed, with  $L^\perp$  in the same context. (See rule  $\widehat{\downarrow} \vdash$  in Figure 1.) In the  
 142 ordinary presentation of focusing, this polarity is chosen globally for all occurrences of each  
 143 atom, and the polarity of  $\neg P$  is defined as the inverse of that of  $P$ . In our setting, the polarity  
 144 is attached to the position of the literal in the formula. In particular, if a substitution is  
 145 applied to the formula, the polarities of the resulting literals do not change. The polarity  
 146 of a formula is defined as the polarity of its top connective. Besides, note that to switch  
 147 the polarity of a formula, e.g. to impose a change of phase, one can prefix it by so-called  
 148 delays:  $\delta^- A$  is negative whatever the polarity of  $A$ . Delays can be defined for instance by  
 149  $\delta^- A = \forall x. A$  where  $x$  is not free in  $A$ , so we do not need them in the syntax and the rules.

<sup>2</sup> Let us note that this notion of polarity is a standard denomination when dealing with focusing, and should not be confused with the more usual but unrelated notion defined by the parity of the negation-depth of a position in a formula.

$$\begin{array}{c}
\text{Asynchronous phase:} \quad \widehat{\uparrow} \vdash \frac{}{\Gamma, L, L^\perp \uparrow \vdash} \quad \uparrow \exists \vdash \frac{\Gamma \uparrow \Delta, A \vdash}{\Gamma \uparrow \Delta, \exists x. A \vdash} \quad x \text{ not free in } \Gamma, \Delta \\
\uparrow \vee \vdash \frac{\Gamma \uparrow \Delta, A \vdash \quad \Gamma \uparrow \Delta, B \vdash}{\Gamma \uparrow \Delta, A \vee^+ B \vdash} \quad \uparrow \wedge \vdash \frac{\Gamma \uparrow \Delta, A, B \vdash}{\Gamma \uparrow \Delta, A \wedge^+ B \vdash} \quad \uparrow \top \vdash \frac{\Gamma \uparrow \Delta \vdash}{\Gamma \uparrow \Delta, \top \vdash} \\
\hline
\text{Synchronous phase:} \quad \widehat{\downarrow} \vdash \frac{}{\Gamma, L^\perp \downarrow \underline{L} \vdash} \quad \downarrow \forall \vdash \frac{\Gamma \downarrow \{t/x\} A \vdash}{\Gamma \downarrow \forall x. A \vdash} \quad \downarrow \perp \vdash \frac{}{\Gamma \downarrow \perp \vdash} \\
\downarrow \vee \vdash \frac{\Gamma \downarrow A \vdash \quad \Gamma \downarrow B \vdash}{\Gamma \downarrow A \vee^- B \vdash} \quad \downarrow \wedge_1 \vdash \frac{\Gamma \downarrow A \vdash}{\Gamma \downarrow A \wedge^- B \vdash} \quad \downarrow \wedge_2 \vdash \frac{\Gamma \downarrow B \vdash}{\Gamma \downarrow A \wedge^- B \vdash} \\
\hline
\text{Focus} \quad \frac{\Gamma, A \downarrow A \vdash}{\Gamma, A \uparrow \vdash} \quad \text{Release} \quad \frac{\Gamma \uparrow A \vdash}{\Gamma \downarrow A \vdash} \quad \text{Store} \quad \frac{\Gamma, A \uparrow \Delta \vdash}{\Gamma \uparrow A, \Delta \vdash} \\
A \text{ negative} \quad \quad \quad A \text{ positive} \quad \quad \quad A \text{ negative or literal}
\end{array}$$

■ **Figure 1** The sequent calculus  $\text{LKF}^\perp$

150 Liang and Miller [28] introduce the sequent calculus LKF, and prove it to be complete  
 151 for classical first-order logic. In Figure 1, we present the calculus  $\text{LKF}^\perp$ , which is almost the  
 152 same with the following differences:

- 153 ■ All formulas are put on the left-hand side of the sequent, instead of the right-hand side.  
 154 Therefore, one does not try to prove a disjunction of formulas, but one tries to refute a  
 155 conjunction of formulas. This is the same thanks to the dual nature of classical first-order  
 156 logic, and this helps to be closer to the resolution derivations. Note that, consequently,  
 157 the focus is on negative formulas, and invertible rules are applied on positive formulas.
- 158 ■ The polarity of atoms is not chosen globally, but each *occurrence* of a literal can have a  
 159 positive or a negative polarity. In particular, we can have two literals  $L$  and  $L^\perp$  which  
 160 are both negative, or both positive. We denote by  $\underline{L}$  the fact that the literal  $L$  has a  
 161 negative polarity. To be able to close branches on which we have two positive opposed  
 162 literals, we add a rule  $\widehat{\uparrow} \vdash$ .

163 We denote by  $\Gamma \uparrow \Delta \vdash$  (with  $\Gamma$  or  $\Delta$ , possibly empty, containing polarized formulas)  
 164 the fact that there exists a proof of the sequent  $\Gamma \uparrow \Delta \vdash$  in  $\text{LKF}^\perp$ , that is, a derivation  
 165 starting from this sequent and whose branches are all closed (by  $\widehat{\downarrow} \vdash$ ,  $\widehat{\uparrow} \vdash$  or  $\downarrow \perp \vdash$ ). Thanks  
 166 to focusing, such a proof has the following shape :

- 167 ■ Since one starts in an asynchronous ( $\uparrow$ ) phase, invertible rules are successively applied to  
 168 the positive formulas of  $\Delta$ , until one obtains negative formulas or literals that are put on  
 169 the left of  $\uparrow$  using **Store**.
  - 170 ■ When no formula appears on the right of  $\uparrow$ , then either the branch is closed by  $\widehat{\uparrow} \vdash$ ; or  
 171 the focus is put on a negative formula using **Focus**.
  - 172 ■ In the latter case, one is now in synchronous ( $\downarrow$ ) phase where non-invertible rules are  
 173 successively applied to the formula upon which the focus is, until either the branch is  
 174 closed using  $\widehat{\downarrow} \vdash$  or  $\downarrow \perp \vdash$ ; or one obtains a positive formula and the synchronous phase  
 175 ends using **Release**.
  - 176 ■ In the latter case, one starts again in the asynchronous phase.
- 177 Focusing therefore strongly constraints the shape of possible proofs, and therefore reduces  
 178 the proof search space. The  $\widehat{\downarrow} \vdash$  in particular imposes to close branches immediately when  
 179 the focus is on a negative literal, and thus rules out many derivations.

180 Note that proofs can be closed when the polarities of an atom and its negation are both  
 181 positive (rule  $\widehat{\uparrow} \vdash$ ), or when one is positive and the other negative (rule  $\widehat{\downarrow} \vdash$ ), but not when

182 they are both negative. Therefore, this restricts how formulas that contains literals with  
 183 negative polarities can interact one with the others, and this is the main point of  $LKF^\perp$  to  
 184 reduce the proof search space.

185 Restricting proof search using focusing leads to what are called synthetic rules (see for  
 186 instance [14, pp.148–150] where they are called derived rules). The idea is to replace some  
 187 formula  $A$  in the context of the sequent by new inference rules. Instead of proving the sequent  
 188  $A, \Delta \vdash$  in  $LKF^\perp$ , one proves  $\Delta \vdash$  in ( $LKF^\perp$  + the synthetic rules obtained from  $A$ ). Indeed,  
 189 a proof focusing on  $A$  can only have certain shapes, and thus instead of having  $A$  in the  
 190 context, it can be replaced by new rules synthesizing those shapes. For instance, the formula  
 191  $\underline{P} \vee^- (Q \wedge^+ \underline{R})$  in a context  $\Gamma$  can only lead to the following derivations when the focus is  
 192 put on it:

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \widehat{\Downarrow} \vdash \frac{}{\Gamma \Downarrow P \vdash} \quad \Downarrow \wedge_1 \vdash \frac{\text{Store } \frac{\Gamma, Q \uparrow \vdash}{\Gamma \uparrow Q \vdash}}{\Gamma \Downarrow Q \vdash}}{\Gamma \Downarrow P \vee^- (Q \wedge^+ \underline{R}) \vdash} \quad \text{and} \quad \widehat{\Downarrow} \vdash \frac{\widehat{\Downarrow} \vdash \frac{}{\Gamma \Downarrow \underline{R} \vdash}}{\Gamma \Downarrow Q \wedge^- \underline{R} \vdash}}{\Gamma \Downarrow P \vee^- (Q \wedge^- \underline{R}) \vdash} \\
 \Downarrow \vee \vdash \frac{}{\Gamma \uparrow \vdash} \quad \text{Focus} \frac{}{\Gamma \uparrow \vdash}
 \end{array}$$

194 In the left derivation,  $P^\perp$  must be in  $\Gamma$  to be able to close the left branch, so  $\Gamma$  is in fact of the  
 195 form  $\underline{P} \vee^- (Q \wedge^+ \underline{R}), \Delta, P^\perp$ . In the right one,  $\Gamma$  must be of the form  $\underline{P} \vee^- (Q \wedge^+ \underline{R}), \Delta, P^\perp, R^\perp$ .  
 196 Instead of searching for a proof with  $\underline{P} \vee^- (Q \wedge^+ \underline{R})$  in the context, the following two synthetic  
 197 rules can therefore be used:

$$\text{Syn1 } \frac{\Delta, P^\perp, Q \uparrow \vdash}{\Delta, P^\perp \uparrow \vdash} \quad \text{Syn2 } \frac{}{\Delta, P^\perp, R^\perp \uparrow \vdash}$$

199 Provability is the same because each application of a synthetic rule can be replaced by  
 200 applying Focus on  $\underline{P} \vee^- (Q \wedge^+ \underline{R})$  and following the derivation leading the synthetic rule, and  
 201 vice versa. This is used for instance in provers based on the inverse method and focusing [29].

202 The sequent calculus  $LKF^\perp$  is not complete in general. One of the simplest examples  
 203 of incompleteness is the sequent  $\underline{P} \vee^- Q, \neg \underline{P} \vee^- Q, \neg Q \uparrow \vdash$  which has no proof although  
 204  $P \vee Q, \neg P \vee Q, \neg Q$  is not satisfiable.

### 205 **3** Resolution with Input Selection

206 Two approaches can be used to reduce the proof search space of the resolution calculus: first,  
 207 one can restrict on which pairs of clauses the resolution rule can be applied; this leads for  
 208 instance to the set-of-support strategy [34], in which clauses are split into two sets, called the  
 209 theory and the set of support; at least one of the clauses involved in a resolution step must  
 210 be in the set of support. Second, one can restrict which literals in the clauses can be resolved  
 211 upon; those literals are said to be selected in the clause. Resolution with free selection is  
 212 complete for Horn clauses, but incomplete in general. Selecting a subset of the negative  
 213 literals (if no literal is selected, then any literal of the clause can be used in resolution) is  
 214 however complete, and combining this with an ordering restriction on clauses with no selected  
 215 literals leads to Ordered Resolution with Selection, which was introduced by Bachmair and  
 216 Ganzinger [2] (see also [3]) as a complete refinement of resolution.

217 Resolution with Input Selection combines these two approaches. It is parameterized by a  
 218 selection function  $\mathcal{S}$  that associate to each input clause a subset of its literals. If the selection  
 219 function selects at least one literal, only those can be used in Resolution. Otherwise, any  
 220 of them can be used. Note that for generated clauses, we impose that  $\mathcal{S}(C) = \emptyset$ . We also  
 221 allow to have the same input clause several times with different selections. (That is, we

$$\begin{array}{l}
\text{Resolution } \frac{L \vee C \quad \underline{L'}^\perp \vee D}{\sigma(C \vee D)} \qquad \text{Factoring } \frac{L \vee L' \vee C}{\sigma(L \vee C)} \\
\blacksquare \mathcal{S}(L \vee C) = \emptyset \qquad \blacksquare \mathcal{S}(L \vee L' \vee C) = \emptyset \\
\blacksquare \mathcal{S}(\underline{L'}^\perp \vee D) = \emptyset \qquad \blacksquare \sigma \text{ is the most general unifier of } L =? L' \\
\blacksquare \sigma \text{ is the most general unifier of } L =? L' \\
\\
\text{Resolution with Selection } \frac{\underline{K_1} \vee \dots \vee \underline{K_n} \vee C \quad \underline{K'_1}^\perp \vee D_1 \quad \dots \quad \underline{K'_n}^\perp \vee D_n}{\sigma(C \vee D_1 \vee \dots \vee D_n)} \\
\blacksquare \mathcal{S}(\underline{K_1} \vee \dots \vee \underline{K_n} \vee C) = \{K_1; \dots; K_n\} \\
\blacksquare \mathcal{S}(\underline{K'_i}^\perp \vee D_i) = \emptyset \\
\blacksquare \sigma \text{ is the mgu of the simultaneous unification problem } K_1 =? K'_1, \dots, K_n =? K'_n
\end{array}$$

■ **Figure 2** Resolution with Input Selection

222 actually work with couples composed of a clause and its selected literals.) The inference  
223 rules of Resolution with Input Selection are presented in Fig. 2. Literals that are selected in  
224 a clause are underlined. We will see that they indeed correspond to the literals that have a  
225 negative polarization in  $\text{LKF}^\perp$ . As usual, variables are renamed in the clauses to avoid that  
226 premises of the inference rules share variables. We have two flavors of the resolution rule:  
227 the usual binary resolution, that is applied on two premises that do not select any literal;  
228 and Resolution with Selection that is applied on a clause in which  $n$  literals are selected and  
229  $n$  clauses in which no literal is selected. Consequently, clauses with a non-empty selection  
230 cannot be resolved one with the others. By considering them as the theory part, and the  
231 clauses with an empty selection as the set of support, it is easy to see that Resolution with  
232 Input Selection is a generalization of the set-of-support strategy. Notwithstanding, note  
233 that neither Resolution with Input Selection is a generalization of Ordered Resolution with  
234 Selection nor the converse.

235 ► **Definition 1** (Resolution derivation). We write  $\Gamma \rightsquigarrow C$  if  $C$  can be derived from some clauses  
236 in  $\Gamma$  using the inference rules Resolution with Selection, Resolution, or Factoring presented in  
237 Figure 2. We write  $\Gamma \rightsquigarrow^* C$  if  
238 ■  $C \in \Gamma$  or if  
239 ■ there exists  $D$  such that  $\Gamma \rightsquigarrow D$  and  $\Gamma, D \rightsquigarrow^* C$ .

240 As usual in resolution methods, the goal is to produce the empty clause  $\square$  starting from a  
241 set of clauses  $\Gamma$  to show, since all rules are sound, that  $\Gamma$  is unsatisfiable. Here again, the  
242 calculus is not complete in general: from the set of clauses  $\underline{P} \vee Q, \underline{\neg P} \vee Q, \neg Q$ , no inference  
243 rule can be applied: to apply Resolution with Selection, we would need a clause where  $P$ , or  
244  $\neg P$ , is not selected, and Resolution needs two clauses without selection.

#### 245 **4** $\text{LKF}^\perp$ is a Conservative Extension of Resolution with Input 246 Selection

247 To link  $\text{LKF}^\perp$  with Resolution with Input Selection, we need to indicate how clauses are  
248 related to polarized formulas.

249 ► **Definition 2.** Given a clause  $C = \underline{L_1} \vee \dots \vee \underline{L_n} \vee K_1 \vee \dots \vee K_m$  whose free variables are  
250  $x_1, \dots, x_l$  and such that  $\mathcal{S}(C) = \{L_1; \dots; L_n\}$ , we define the associated formula  $\lceil C \rceil =$   
251  $\forall x_1, \dots, x_l. \underline{L_1} \vee^- \dots \vee^- \underline{L_n} \vee^- \delta^-(K_1 \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ K_m)$ .  $\lceil C \rceil$  is said to be in clausal form.  
252 By extension,  $\lceil \Gamma \rceil$  is the set of the formulas associated to the clauses of the set  $\Gamma$ .



253 The main theorem of this article relates  $\text{LKF}^\perp$  with Resolution with Input Selection:

254 ► **Theorem 3.** *Let  $\Gamma$  be a set of clauses. We have  $\lceil \Gamma \rceil \uparrow \vdash$  iff  $\Gamma \rightsquigarrow^* \square$ .*

255 The proof is given in the appendix. To prove the right-to-left direction, we prove that  
 256 all inference rules of Resolution with Input Selection are admissible in  $\text{LKF}^\perp$ , in the sense  
 257 that if  $\Gamma \rightsquigarrow C$  then  $\text{LKF}^\perp$  proofs of  $\lceil \Gamma \rceil, \lceil C \rceil \uparrow \vdash$  can be turned into proofs of  $\lceil \Gamma \rceil \uparrow \vdash$ . Note  
 258 that they are admissible, but they are not derivable. In particular, the size of the proof in  
 259  $\text{LKF}^\perp$  can be much larger than the resolution derivation, as expected in a cut-free sequent  
 260 calculus. Using cuts would lead to a closer correspondence between resolution derivations  
 261 and sequent-calculus proofs, as in [16]. However, we chose to stay in the cut-free fragment to  
 262 prove that, even in the incomplete case, resolution coincides with cut-free proofs, as in [26].

## 263 5 Complete Instances

### 264 5.1 Ordinary Focusing and Semantic Hyperresolution

265 As said earlier, in standard LKF, not all occurrences of literals can have an arbitrary polarity.  
 266 Instead, each atom  $P$  is given globally a polarity, and  $P^\perp$  has the opposite polarity.

267 Let us first look at the simple case where atoms are given a positive polarity. We recall  
 268 the completeness proof of LKF:

269 ► **Theorem 4** (Corollary of [28, Theorem 17]). *If the literals with a positive polarity are  
 270 exactly the atoms,  $\text{LKF}^\perp$  is (sound and) complete.*

271 If we look at the corresponding resolution calculus, Resolution with Selection for this particular  
 272 instance becomes:

$$273 \text{R.w.S.} \frac{\neg P_1 \vee \dots \vee \neg P_n \vee C \quad P'_1 \vee D_1 \quad \dots \quad P'_n \vee D_n}{\sigma(C \vee D_1 \vee \dots \vee D_n)}$$

274 where  $C$  and  $D_i$  for all  $i$  contain only positive literals, and  $\sigma$  is the most general unifier of  
 275  $P_1 =? P'_1, \dots, P_n =? P'_n$ . Note that the clause  $\sigma(C \vee D_1 \vee \dots \vee D_n)$  contains only positive  
 276 literals, so no literal would be selected in it even if it was an input clause. Besides, Resolution  
 277 cannot be applied, since there exists no clause  $\neg P \vee C$  with  $\mathcal{S}(\neg P \vee C) = \emptyset$ .

278 This corresponding resolution calculus is therefore exactly hyperresolution of [31]: premises  
 279 of an inference contains all only positive literals, except one clause whose all negative literals  
 280 are resolved at once. Theorem 3 therefore links ordinary focusing with hyperresolution.  
 281 Consequently, Theorem 4 implies the completeness of hyperresolution.

282 Chaudhuri et al. [14, Theorem 16] prove a similar result by establishing a correspondence  
 283 between hyperresolution derivations and proofs in a focused sequent calculus for intuitionistic  
 284 linear logic, but only considering Horn clauses. In their setting, choosing a negative polarity  
 285 for atoms leads to SLD resolution, which is the reasoning mechanism of Prolog.

286 Let us now look at the general case, where atoms are given an arbitrary polarity. Let  
 287 us stick to the ground case. We first recall a refinement of resolution called Semantic  
 288 hyperresolution [33][12, Sect. 1.3.5.3]. Let  $I$  be an arbitrary Herbrand interpretation, i.e.  
 289 a model whose domain is the set of terms interpreted as themselves. Note that  $I$  is not  
 290 assumed to be a model of the input set of clauses (which is fortunate, since one is trying  
 291 to show that it is unsatisfiable). Given a clause  $C$ , the idea of semantic hyperresolution is  
 292 to resolve all literals of  $C$  that are valid in  $I$  at once, with clauses whose literals are all not  
 293 valid in  $I$ . This gives the rule:

$$\text{SHR} \frac{K_1 \curlywedge \dots \curlywedge K_n \curlywedge C \quad K_1^\perp \curlywedge D_1 \quad \dots \quad K_n^\perp \curlywedge D_n}{C \curlywedge D_1 \curlywedge \dots \curlywedge D_n}$$

where for all  $i$ ,  $I \models K_i$  (and thus  $I \not\models K_i^\perp$ ),  $I \not\models C$  and  $I \not\models D_i$ . Note that  $I \not\models C \curlywedge D_1 \curlywedge \dots \curlywedge D_n$ .

Semantic hyperresolution for a Herbrand interpretation  $I$  can be seen as an instance of Resolution with Input Selection by using the following polarization of atoms: a literal  $L$  has a negative polarity iff  $I \models L$ . In that case, SHR corresponds exactly to Resolution with Selection, and Resolution cannot be applied since we cannot have clauses  $P \curlywedge C$  and  $\neg P \curlywedge D$  where both  $P$  and  $\neg P$  are not valid in  $I$ .

This particular instance of polarization is in fact the ordinary version of focusing. Indeed, once a global polarity is assigned to each atom, the set of literals whose polarity is negative defines an Herbrand interpretation, and we saw reciprocally how to design a global polarization from the Herbrand interpretation. Theorem 3 therefore links ordinary focusing in the ground case with semantic hyperresolution. They are both complete, thanks to this theorem:

► **Theorem 5** (Corollary of [28, Theorem 17]). *Given a global polarization of atoms, where the polarity of  $P^\perp$  is the opposite of that of  $P$ ,  $LKF^\perp$  is (sound and) complete.*

## 5.2 Deduction Modulo Theory

Deduction Modulo Theory [21] is a framework that consists in applying the inference rules of an existing proof system modulo some congruence over formulas. This congruence represents the theory, and it is in general defined by means of rewriting rules. To be expressive enough, these rules are defined not only at the term level, but also for formulas. To get simpler presentations of theories, we distinguish between rewrite rules that can be applied at positive and at negative positions by giving them a polarity<sup>3</sup>, where by negative position we mean under an odd number of  $\neg$ . We therefore have positive rules  $P \rightarrow^+ A$  and negative rules  $P \rightarrow^- A$  where  $P$  is an atom and  $A$  an arbitrary formula whose free variables appears in  $P$ . Given a rule  $P \rightarrow^+ A$ , the rewrite relation  $B_1 \xrightarrow{+} B_2$  is defined as usual by saying that there exists a position  $\mathfrak{p}$  and a substitution  $\sigma$  such that the subformula of  $B_1$  at position  $\mathfrak{p}$  is  $\sigma P$  and  $B_2$  equals  $B_1$  where the subformula at position  $\mathfrak{p}$  is replaced by  $\sigma A$ .  $\xrightarrow{-}$  is defined similarly. In Polarized Sequent Calculus Modulo theory [18], the inference rules of the sequent calculus are applied modulo such a polarized rewriting system, as in for instance in  $\vdash^\wedge \frac{\Gamma \vdash A, \Delta \quad \Gamma \vdash B, \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash C, \Delta} C \xrightarrow{+} *A \wedge B$ . Note that the implicit semantics of a negative rule  $P \rightarrow^- A$  is therefore  $\overline{\forall x}.$  ( $P \Rightarrow A$ ), whereas the semantics of  $P \rightarrow^+ A$  is  $\overline{\forall x}.$  ( $A \Rightarrow P$ ), where  $\overline{x}$  are the free variables of  $P$ .

With Kirchner [10], we proved the equivalence of Polarized Sequent Calculus Modulo theory to a sequent calculus where polarized rewriting rules are applied only on literals, using explicit rules. This calculus, Polarized Unfolding Sequent Calculus, is almost the calculus PUSC<sup>⊥</sup> presented in Figure 3. The only difference is that all formulas are put on the left of the sequent in PUSC<sup>⊥</sup>. We denote by  $\Gamma \vdash_{\mathcal{R}}$  the fact that  $\Gamma \vdash$  can be proved in PUSC<sup>⊥</sup> using the polarized rewriting system  $\mathcal{R}$ . Note that the rule for the universal quantifier  $\forall$  as well as the unfolding rules  $\uparrow^- \vdash$  and  $\uparrow^+ \vdash$  contain an implicit contraction rule, as in the sequent calculus G4 of Kleene, in order to ensure that all rules of PUSC<sup>⊥</sup> are invertible.

We can translate polarized rewriting rules as formulas with selection, and see PUSC<sup>⊥</sup> as an instance of LKF<sup>⊥</sup>. We first consider how to translate formulas of the right-hand side of

<sup>3</sup> This polarity must not be confused with the other notions of polarity mentioned in the paper.

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$$\begin{array}{c}
\hat{\vdash} \frac{}{\Gamma, L, L^\perp \vdash} \quad \top \vdash \frac{\Gamma \vdash}{\Gamma, \top \vdash} \quad \perp \vdash \frac{}{\Gamma, \perp \vdash} \quad \vee \vdash \frac{\Gamma, A \vdash \quad \Gamma, B \vdash}{\Gamma, A \vee B \vdash} \\
\wedge \vdash \frac{\Gamma, A, B \vdash}{\Gamma, A \wedge B \vdash} \quad \exists \vdash \frac{\Gamma, A \vdash}{\Gamma, \exists x. A \vdash} \quad x \text{ not free in } \Gamma \quad \forall \vdash \frac{\Gamma, \forall x. A, \{t/x\}A \vdash}{\Gamma, \forall x. A \vdash} \\
\uparrow^- \vdash \frac{\Gamma, P, A \vdash}{\Gamma, P \vdash} \quad P \xrightarrow{-} A \quad \uparrow^+ \vdash \frac{\Gamma, \neg P, A^\perp \vdash}{\Gamma, \neg P \vdash} \quad P \xrightarrow{+} A
\end{array}$$

■ **Figure 3** The sequent calculus  $PUSC^\perp$

$$\begin{array}{c}
\text{Resolution} \frac{P \vee C \quad \neg Q \vee D}{\sigma(C \vee D)} \quad a \quad \text{Factoring} \frac{L \vee K \vee C}{\sigma(L \vee C)} \quad \sigma = mgu(L, K) \\
\text{Ext. Narr.}^- \frac{P \vee C}{\sigma(D \vee C)} \quad a, Q \rightarrow^- D \quad \text{Ext. Narr.}^+ \frac{\neg Q \vee D}{\sigma(C \vee D)} \quad a, P \rightarrow^+ \neg C
\end{array}$$

<sup>a</sup>  $\sigma = mgu(P, Q)$

■ **Figure 4** Inference rules of Polarized Resolution Modulo theory

polarized rewriting rules. We polarize them by choosing positive connectives for  $\vee$  and  $\wedge$  and, to unchain the introduction of the universal quantifier, we introduce delays. (Let us recall that a delay  $\delta^+$  allows to force a formula to be positive, and it can be encoded using an existential quantifier.) This gives the translation:

$$\begin{array}{l}
|L| = L \quad \text{when } L \text{ is } \top, \perp \text{ or a literal} \quad |A \wedge B| = |A| \wedge^+ |B| \\
|A \vee B| = |A| \vee^+ |B| \quad |\exists x. A| = \exists x. |A| \quad |\forall x. A| = \forall x. \delta^+ |A|
\end{array}$$

334 ► **Definition 6.** Given a negative rewriting rule  $P \rightarrow^- A$  where the free variables of  $P$  are  
335  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ , its translation as a formula with selection is  $\llbracket P \rightarrow^- A \rrbracket = \forall x_1 \dots x_n. \underline{\neg P} \vee^- \delta^+ |A|$ .

336 Given a positive rewriting rule  $P \rightarrow^+ A$  where the free variables of  $P$  are  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ , its  
337 translation as a formula with selection is  $\llbracket P \rightarrow^+ A \rrbracket = \forall x_1. \dots \forall x_n. \underline{P} \vee^- \delta^+ |A^\perp|$ .

338 The translation  $\llbracket \mathcal{R} \rrbracket$  of a polarized rewriting system  $\mathcal{R}$  is the multiset of the translation  
339 of its rules.

340 ► **Definition 7.** Let  $N_1, \dots, N_n$  be a multiset of formulas whose top connective is  $\forall$  or  $\perp$  or  
341 that are literals, and let  $P_1, \dots, P_m$  be a multiset of non-literal formulas whose top connective  
342 is neither  $\forall$  nor  $\perp$ , then the translation of the  $PUSC^\perp$  sequent  $N_1, \dots, N_n, P_1, \dots, P_m \vdash$   
343 modulo the rewriting system  $\mathcal{R}$  is the  $LKF^\perp$  sequent  $\llbracket \mathcal{R} \rrbracket, |N_1|, \dots, |N_n| \uparrow |P_1|, \dots, |P_m| \vdash$ .

344 ► **Theorem 8.**  $N_1, \dots, N_n, P_1, \dots, P_m \vdash_{\mathcal{R}}$  in  $PUSC^\perp$  iff  $\llbracket \mathcal{R} \rrbracket, |N_1|, \dots, |N_n| \uparrow |P_1|, \dots, |P_m| \vdash$   
345 in  $LKF^\perp$ .

346 The proof is given in the appendix.

347 Let us now consider the subcase where the rewriting rules are clausal, according to the  
348 terminology of [20], e.g. they are of the form  $P \rightarrow^- C$  or  $P \rightarrow^+ \neg C$  for some formula  $C$   
349 in clausal normal form. In that case, the resolution method based on Deduction Modulo  
350 Theory [21] can be refined into what is called Polarized Resolution Modulo theory [20], whose  
351 rules are given in Fig. 4. (A refinement of) Polarized Resolution Modulo theory is actually  
352 implemented in the automated theorem prover *iProverModulo* [6].

353 By noting that the translation of the rule  $Q \rightarrow^- D$  is  $\llbracket Q \rightarrow^- D \rrbracket = \forall x_1. \dots \forall x_n. \underline{\neg Q} \vee^-$   
354  $\delta^+ |D|$  whereas  $\ulcorner \underline{\neg Q} \vee D \urcorner = \forall x_1. \dots \forall x_n. \underline{\neg Q} \vee^- \delta^- |D|$ , we can relate the rule  $Q \rightarrow^- D$   
355 with the clause with selection  $\underline{\neg Q} \vee D$ , which is called a one-way clause by [20]. Indeed,

356 the change of phase is always needed in that particular case, so that the delays are in fact  
 357 useless.  $\text{Ext. Narr.}^-$  can therefore be seen as an instance of the Resolution with Selection  
 358 rule: Resolution with Selection  $\frac{\neg Q \vee D \quad P \vee C}{\sigma(D \vee C)} \sigma = \text{mgu}(P, Q)$ . Similarly,  $P \rightarrow^+ \neg C$  is  
 359 related to  $\underline{P} \vee C$ .

360 Consequently, since  $\text{PUSC}^\perp$  corresponds to  $\text{LKF}^\perp$ , and Resolution with Input Selection  
 361 corresponds to Polarized Resolution Modulo theory, Theorem 3 leads to a new and more  
 362 generic proof of the correspondence between  $\text{PUSC}^\perp$  and Polarized Resolution Modulo theory.

363 Deduction Modulo Theory is not always complete. This is the case only if the cut rule  
 364 is admissible in Polarized Sequent Calculus Modulo theory. It holds for some particular  
 365 theories, e.g. Simple Type Theory [21] and arithmetic [23]. There are more or less powerful  
 366 techniques that ensures this property [25, 22, 19, 8]. We even proved that any consistent  
 367 first-order theory can be presented by a rewriting system admitting the cut rule [7]. As  
 368 presented with Dowek [9] and discussed in the introduction, the fact that completeness is not  
 369 proved once for all, but needs to be proved for each particular theory, is essential. Indeed, if  
 370 a theory is presented entirely by rewriting rules, completeness implies the consistency of the  
 371 theory, since no rule can be applied on the empty set of clauses. Consequently, the proof of  
 372 the completeness cannot be easier than the proof of consistency of the theory, and, according  
 373 to Gödel, cannot be proven in the theory itself.

### 374 5.3 Beyond Deduction Modulo Theory

375 ► **Example 9.** Let us recall the set of clauses from the Introduction:

$$376 \frac{}{\neg X \in \mathcal{P}(Y) \vee \neg Z \in X \vee Z \in Y} \quad (1) \qquad \frac{}{X \in \mathcal{P}(Y) \vee d(X, Y) \in X} \quad (2)$$

$$377 \frac{}{X \in \mathcal{P}(Y) \vee \neg d(X, Y) \in Y} \quad (3)$$

378 Note that this example is not covered by Ordered Resolution with Selection, at least  
 379 not if a simplification ordering is used, because we cannot have  $X \in \mathcal{P}(Y) \succ \delta(X, Y) \in X$   
 380 since with  $\theta = \{X \mapsto \mathcal{P}(Z); Y \mapsto Z\}$  their instances are ordered in the wrong direction:  
 381  $\mathcal{P}(Z) \in \mathcal{P}(Z) \prec \delta(\mathcal{P}(Z), Z) \in \mathcal{P}(Z)$ .

382 The synthetic rules of the example from the Introduction correspond to the derivations  
 383 when one of the clauses is focused. For instance, if we consider the clause (1), in a context  
 384  $\Gamma$  containing this clause, a proof putting the focus on  $\ulcorner(1)\urcorner$  necessarily is of the following  
 385 shape:

$$386 \frac{\frac{\frac{\widehat{\Downarrow} \vdash \Gamma \Downarrow \neg u \in \mathcal{P}(v) \vdash \quad \widehat{\Downarrow} \vdash \Gamma \Downarrow \neg t \in u \vdash}{\Downarrow \vee \vdash \Gamma \Downarrow \neg u \in \mathcal{P}(v) \vee \neg t \in u \vee t \in v \vdash} \quad \text{Store} \frac{\Gamma, t \in v \uparrow \vdash}{\Gamma \uparrow t \in v \vdash} \quad \text{Release} \frac{\Gamma \uparrow t \in v \vdash}{\Gamma \Downarrow t \in v \vdash}}{\Downarrow \vee \vdash \Gamma \Downarrow \forall X Y Z. \neg X \in \mathcal{P}(Y) \vee \neg Z \in X \vee Z \in Y \vdash} \quad \text{Focus} \frac{\Gamma \uparrow \vdash}{\Gamma \uparrow \vdash}}$$

387 where  $t, u, v$  are arbitrary terms, and where, to be able to close the left and middle branch,  
 388  $u \in \mathcal{P}(v)$  and  $t \in u$  must belong to  $\Gamma$ . So  $\Gamma$  is in fact of the form

389  $\forall X Y Z. \neg X \in \mathcal{P}(Y) \vee \neg Z \in X \vee Z \in Y, \Delta, u \in \mathcal{P}(v), t \in u$  for some  $\Delta$ , and the axiom  
 390  $\forall X Y Z. \neg X \in \mathcal{P}(Y) \vee \neg Z \in X \vee Z \in Y$  can be replaced by the synthetic rule:

$$391 (1) \frac{\Delta, u \in \mathcal{P}(v), t \in u, t \in v \uparrow \vdash}{\Delta, u \in \mathcal{P}(v), t \in u \uparrow \vdash} .$$

392 The computation of the other synthetic rules is left as an exercise for the reader.

393 The resolution rules given in the Introduction corresponds to the ground instances of  
 394 Resolution with Selection with our three input clauses.

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395 The question that remains is how we can prove the completeness of such a selection. We can  
396 in fact consider only subselections.

397 ► **Definition 10** (Singleton subselection). Given a selection function  $\mathcal{S}$ , the selection function  
398  $\mathcal{S}_1$  is a singleton subselection of  $\mathcal{S}$  if

- 399 ■  $\mathcal{S}_1(C) \subseteq \mathcal{S}(C)$  for all  $C$
- 400 ■ if  $\mathcal{S}(C) \neq \emptyset$  then  $\text{card}(\mathcal{S}_1(C)) = 1$

► **Example 11.** A singleton subselection of Example 9 can be

$$\neg X \in \mathcal{P}(Y) \vee \underline{\neg Z \in X} \vee Z \in Y \quad \underline{X \in \mathcal{P}(Y)} \vee d(X, Y) \in X \quad \underline{X \in \mathcal{P}(Y)} \vee \neg d(X, Y) \in Y$$

401 ► **Theorem 12.** *Resolution with input selection  $\mathcal{S}$  is complete iff for all singleton subselections*  
402  *$\mathcal{S}_1$  of  $\mathcal{S}$ , Resolution with input selection  $\mathcal{S}_1$  is complete.*

403 Since singleton subselections can be linked with rewriting systems in Deduction Modulo  
404 Theory according to last subsection, we can reduce the problem of completeness in our  
405 framework to several problems of completeness in Deduction Modulo Theory.

## 406 Conclusion and Further Work

407 We generalized focusing and resolution with selection, proved that they correspond, and  
408 showed how known calculi are instances of this framework, namely ordinary focusing, hy-  
409 perresolution, Deduction Modulo Theory and Superdeduction. We also showed how to  
410 reduce completeness of this framework to several completeness proofs in Deduction Modulo  
411 Theory. We can therefore reuse the various techniques for proving completeness in Deduction  
412 Modulo Theory [25, 22, 19, 8] in our framework. As Deduction Modulo Theory already  
413 gives significant results in industrial applications when the theory is a variant of set theory  
414 (more precisely, set theory of the B method) [11], we can expect our framework to lead to  
415 even better outcomes. The notable results presented here raise the following new areas of  
416 investigations.

417 First, we need to study how to apply selection also in the generated clauses. This should  
418 allow us to cover the cases of Ordered Resolution with Selection and of Semantic Resolution  
419 in the first-order case. Dually, in the sequent calculus part, this would correspond to the  
420 possibility to dynamically add selection in formulas of subderivations. This could probably  
421 be linked with the work of Deplagne [17] where rewrite rules corresponding to induction  
422 hypotheses are dynamically added in the rewriting system of a sequent calculus for Deduction  
423 Modulo Theory. Note that we already have one direction, namely from Resolution with  
424 Input Selection to  $\text{LKF}^\perp$ , since Lemmas 17, 19, and 20 do not assume anything on the  
425 generated clauses; except, for **Factoring**, that it selects only instances of literals that were  
426 already selected. The converse direction would require a meta-theorem of completeness, since  
427 obviously it is not complete for all possible dynamic choices of selection.

428 Since focusing is defined not only for classical first-order logic but also for linear, intu-  
429 itionistic, modal logics, the work in this paper could serve as a starting point to study how  
430 to get automated proof search methods for these logics with a selection mechanism.

431 Another worthwhile point is how equality should be handled in our framework. In partic-  
432 ular, it would be interesting to see how paramodulation calculi, in particular superposition,  
433 can be embedded into a sequent calculus.

434 Finally, it would be worth investigating whether completeness proofs based on model  
435 construction, such as semantic completeness proofs of tableaux (related to sequent calculus),  
436 and completeness proof of superposition [2], can be related in our framework.

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## A Appendix

The two directions of the proof of Theorem 3 are given in the next sections.

### A.1 From Focused Proofs to Resolution Derivations

We need a few lemmas to prove the first direction.

► **Lemma 13.** *For all sets of clauses  $\Gamma$ , for all clauses  $C_1, \dots, C_n$  and  $D$  such that  $\mathcal{S}(C_i) = \emptyset$  for all  $i$  and  $\mathcal{S}(D) = \emptyset$ , if  $\Gamma, C_1, \dots, C_n \rightsquigarrow^* \square$  and  $\Gamma, D \rightsquigarrow^* \square$ , then  $\Gamma, C_1 \uparrow D, \dots, C_n \uparrow D \rightsquigarrow^* \square$  where  $\mathcal{S}(C_i \uparrow D) = \emptyset$  for all  $i$ .*

**Proof.** By induction on the derivation length of  $\Gamma, C_1, \dots, C_n \rightsquigarrow^* \square$ , generalizing on  $\Gamma$ .

The base case is when  $\square \in \Gamma$ . Then, trivially  $\Gamma, C_1 \uparrow D, \dots, C_n \uparrow D \rightsquigarrow^* \square$ .

For the inductive case, suppose that there exists  $C_{n+1}$  such that  $\Gamma, C_1, \dots, C_n \rightsquigarrow C_{n+1}$  and  $\Gamma, C_1, \dots, C_n, C_{n+1} \rightsquigarrow^* \square$ .

There are two cases:

■  $C_{n+1}$  is derived using other clauses than one of the  $C_i$ . We therefore have  $\Gamma, C_1 \uparrow D, \dots, C_n \uparrow D \rightsquigarrow C_{n+1}$ .

We can apply the induction hypothesis on  $\Gamma, C_1, \dots, C_n, C_{n+1} \rightsquigarrow^* \square$ , which can be viewed as  $\Gamma, C_{n+1}, C_1, \dots, C_n \rightsquigarrow^* \square$ , since by weakening we have  $\Gamma, C_{n+1}, D \rightsquigarrow^* \square$ . We obtain

$\Gamma, C_{n+1}, C_1 \uparrow D, \dots, C_n \uparrow D \rightsquigarrow^* \square$ . By definition of  $\rightsquigarrow^*$  we therefore have  $\Gamma, C_1 \uparrow D, \dots, C_n \uparrow D \rightsquigarrow^* \square$ .

■ At least one of the parents of  $C_{n+1}$  is some  $C_i$ . Since no literal is selected in the  $C_i$ , they can only be side clauses of Resolution with Selection, or any clause in Resolution or Factoring. We can therefore derive  $C_{n+1} \uparrow D$  from  $\Gamma, C_1 \uparrow D, \dots, C_n \uparrow D$  with the same inference rule that produced  $C_{n+1}$ . We can apply the induction hypothesis on  $\Gamma, C_1, \dots, C_n, C_{n+1} \rightsquigarrow^* \square$  which gives us  $\Gamma, C_1 \uparrow D, \dots, C_n \uparrow D, C_{n+1} \uparrow D \rightsquigarrow^* \square$ .

Hence  $\Gamma, C_1 \uparrow D, \dots, C_n \uparrow D \rightsquigarrow^* \square$ . ◀

► **Corollary 14.** *For all sets of clauses  $\Gamma$ , for all clauses  $C_1, \dots, C_n$  such that  $\mathcal{S}(C_i) = \emptyset$  for all  $i$ . If  $\Gamma, C_i \rightsquigarrow^* \square$  for all  $i$  then  $\Gamma, C_1 \uparrow \dots \uparrow C_n \rightsquigarrow^* \square$  where  $\mathcal{S}(C_1 \uparrow \dots \uparrow C_n) = \emptyset$ .*

► **Lemma 15.** *For all sets of clauses  $\Gamma$ , for all substitutions  $\theta$ , for all clauses  $C$  such that  $\mathcal{S}(\theta C) = \emptyset$ , if  $\Gamma, \theta C \rightsquigarrow^* \square$  then  $\Gamma, C \rightsquigarrow^* \square$  where  $\mathcal{S}(C) = \emptyset$ .*

**Proof.** By induction on the derivation length of  $\Gamma, \theta C \rightsquigarrow^* \square$ . As in the previous proof, the only interesting case is when the clause  $\theta C$  is used in the first step  $\Gamma, \theta C \rightsquigarrow D$  of the derivation. If the first step  $\Gamma, \theta C \rightsquigarrow D$  is Factoring, then  $D = \sigma \theta C$  where  $\sigma$  is the most general unifier of two literals in  $\theta C$ . We can apply the induction hypothesis using  $\sigma \theta$  instead of  $\sigma$ .

Otherwise, if the first step is Resolution with Selection or Resolution. Let  $\theta C$  be  $L \uparrow \theta C'$  where  $L$  is the literal of  $\theta C$  used in that step. Let  $C$  be  $L_1 \uparrow \dots \uparrow L_n \uparrow C'$  where the  $L_i$  are exactly the literals of  $C$  such that  $\theta L_i = L$ . The step produces therefore a clause  $D = \sigma(\theta C' \uparrow D')$  where  $\sigma$  is the most general unifier of a unification problem  $L \stackrel{?}{=} L', Prob.$  Let  $\omega = mgu(L_1, \dots, L_n)$ , then  $\theta = \theta' \omega$ . First, from  $C$  one can derive  $\omega L_1 \uparrow \omega C'$  by repetitively applying Factoring to  $C$ . We have  $\sigma L = \sigma L'$ , hence  $\sigma \theta' \omega L_1 = \sigma L'$ . Since we rename variables in the premises of the resolution rules, we can assume that  $\theta'$  does not affect



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566 the variables of  $L'$ . Consequently,  $\sigma\theta'\omega L_1 = \sigma\theta'L'$ . Thus,  $\sigma\theta$  is a solution of the unification  
 567 problem  $\omega L_1 =? L', Prob$ . Let  $\mu$  be its most general solution. Therefore, there exists  $\kappa$  such  
 568 that  $\sigma\theta' = \kappa\mu$ .

569 From  $\omega L_1 \gamma \omega C'$  and the same other clauses as in the step  $\Gamma, \theta C \rightsquigarrow D$ , we can therefore  
 570 derive  $\mu(\omega C' \gamma D')$ . Once again, the variables of  $D'$ , coming from the other clauses, can  
 571 be assumed to be distinct of those of  $C$ , therefore  $D' = \theta'D'$ . We have  $\sigma(\theta C' \gamma D') =$   
 572  $\sigma(\theta'\omega C' \gamma D') = \sigma\theta'(\omega C' \gamma D') = \kappa\mu(\omega C' \gamma D)$ . We can therefore apply the induction  
 573 hypothesis, using  $\kappa$  on  $\mu(\omega C' \gamma D)$  instead of  $\theta$  on  $C$ .  $\blacktriangleleft$

574 **► Theorem 16.** *If  $\ulcorner \Gamma \urcorner \uparrow \vdash$ , then  $\Gamma \rightsquigarrow^* \square$ .*

575 **Proof.** By induction on the proof  $\ulcorner \Gamma \urcorner \uparrow \vdash$ . We generalize the statement a little by allowing  
 576 the sequent to contain not only translation of clauses but also literals with a positive polarity.  
 577 On such a sequent, only two rules can be applied, namely  $\widehat{\uparrow} \vdash$  and **Focus**. Since  $\ulcorner \Gamma \urcorner$  contains  
 578 only formulas in clausal form, there are only four cases:

579  $\blacksquare \frac{\widehat{\uparrow} \vdash \ulcorner \Gamma' \urcorner, L, L^\perp \uparrow \vdash}{\ulcorner \Gamma' \urcorner, L, L^\perp \uparrow \vdash}$

580 In that case, we can simply apply Resolution on  $L$  and  $L^\perp$  to derive  $\square$ , hence  $\Gamma', L, L^\perp \rightsquigarrow \square$ .

581  $\blacksquare$  The proof focuses on a formula corresponding to the empty clause:

582 **Focus**  $\frac{\ulcorner \Gamma \urcorner \downarrow \perp \vdash}{\ulcorner \Gamma \urcorner \uparrow \vdash}$

583 In that case,  $\square$  already belongs to  $\Gamma$ .

584  $\blacksquare$  The proof focuses on a formula corresponding to a clause without selection. Because of  
 585 focusing constraints, the proof is necessarily of the form:

586 **Store**  $\frac{\ulcorner \Gamma \urcorner, \theta L_1 \uparrow \vdash}{\ulcorner \Gamma \urcorner \uparrow \theta L_1 \vdash} \quad \dots \quad \text{Store} \frac{\ulcorner \Gamma \urcorner, \theta L_m \uparrow \vdash}{\ulcorner \Gamma \urcorner \uparrow \theta L_m \vdash}$   
 $\uparrow \vee \vdash \frac{\ulcorner \Gamma \urcorner \uparrow \theta(L_1 \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ L_m) \vdash}{\ulcorner \Gamma \urcorner \uparrow \theta(L_1 \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ L_m) \vdash}$   
**Release**  $\frac{\ulcorner \Gamma \urcorner \uparrow \theta(L_1 \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ L_m) \vdash}{\ulcorner \Gamma \urcorner \downarrow \theta(L_1 \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ L_m) \vdash}$   
 $\downarrow \vee \vdash \frac{\ulcorner \Gamma \urcorner \downarrow \theta(L_1 \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ L_m) \vdash}{\ulcorner \Gamma \urcorner \downarrow \forall x. \delta^-(L_1 \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ L_m) \vdash}$   
**Focus**  $\frac{\ulcorner \Gamma \urcorner \downarrow \forall x. \delta^-(L_1 \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ L_m) \vdash}{\ulcorner \Gamma \urcorner \uparrow \vdash}$

587 By induction hypothesis, we have derivations of  $\Gamma, \theta L_k \rightsquigarrow^* \square$  for all  $1 \leq k \leq m$ . By  
 588 Corollary 14, we have a derivation  $\Gamma, \theta(L_1 \gamma \dots \gamma L_k) \rightsquigarrow^* \square$  with nothing selected in  
 589  $\theta(L_1 \gamma \dots \gamma L_k)$ . By Lemma 15, we have a derivation of  $\Gamma \rightsquigarrow^* \square$ , with  $L_1 \gamma \dots \gamma L_k$  in  
 590  $\Gamma$ .

591  $\blacksquare$  The proof focuses on a formula corresponding to a clause with selection. Because of  
 592 focusing constraints, the proof is necessarily of the form:

593  $\dots \widehat{\downarrow} \vdash \frac{\ulcorner \Gamma \urcorner \downarrow \theta K_j \vdash}{\ulcorner \Gamma \urcorner \downarrow \theta K_j \vdash} \quad \dots \quad \uparrow \vee \vdash \frac{\dots \text{Store} \frac{\ulcorner \Gamma \urcorner, \theta L_k \uparrow \vdash}{\ulcorner \Gamma \urcorner \uparrow \theta L_k \vdash} \quad \dots}{\ulcorner \Gamma \urcorner \uparrow \theta(L_1 \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ L_m) \vdash}$   
**Release**  $\frac{\ulcorner \Gamma \urcorner \uparrow \theta(L_1 \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ L_m) \vdash}{\ulcorner \Gamma \urcorner \downarrow \delta^-(L_1 \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ L_m) \vdash}$   
 $\downarrow \vee \vdash \frac{\ulcorner \Gamma \urcorner \downarrow \delta^-(L_1 \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ L_m) \vdash}{\ulcorner \Gamma \urcorner \downarrow \theta(\underline{K}_1 \vee^- \dots \vee^- \underline{K}_n \vee^- \delta^-(L_1 \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ L_m)) \vdash}$   
 $\downarrow \vee \vdash \frac{\ulcorner \Gamma \urcorner \downarrow \theta(\underline{K}_1 \vee^- \dots \vee^- \underline{K}_n \vee^- \delta^-(L_1 \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ L_m)) \vdash}{\ulcorner \Gamma \urcorner \downarrow \forall x. \underline{K}_1 \vee^- \dots \vee^- \underline{K}_n \vee^- \delta^-(L_1 \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ L_m) \vdash}$   
**Focus**  $\frac{\ulcorner \Gamma \urcorner \downarrow \forall x. \underline{K}_1 \vee^- \dots \vee^- \underline{K}_n \vee^- \delta^-(L_1 \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ L_m) \vdash}{\ulcorner \Gamma \urcorner \uparrow \vdash}$

594 where  $\forall x. \underline{K}_1 \vee^- \dots \vee^- \underline{K}_n \vee^- (L_1 \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ L_m)$  and  $\theta K_j^\perp$  for all  $1 \leq j \leq n$  are members  
 595 of  $\ulcorner \Gamma \urcorner$ .

596 By induction hypothesis, we have derivations of  $\Gamma, \theta L_k \rightsquigarrow^* \square$  for all  $1 \leq k \leq m$ . By  
 597 Corollary 14, we have a derivation  $\Gamma, \theta(L_1 \gamma \dots \gamma L_k) \rightsquigarrow^* \square$ .

598 From  $\underline{K}_1 \curlywedge \dots \curlywedge \underline{K}_n \curlywedge L_1 \curlywedge \dots \curlywedge L_m$ , since the application of  $\widehat{\Downarrow} \vdash$  above imposes that all  
 599  $\theta K_j^\perp$  are in  $\Gamma$ , we can apply Resolution with Selection to obtain  $\theta(L_1 \curlywedge \dots \curlywedge L_m)$ , hence  
 600 a derivation  $\Gamma \rightsquigarrow^* \square$ .  $\blacktriangleleft$

## 601 A.2 From Resolution Derivations to Focused Proofs

602 We prove that all inference rules of Resolution with Input Selection are admissible in  $LKF^\perp$ :  
 603 if  $\Gamma \rightsquigarrow C$  then  $LKF^\perp$  proofs of  $\ulcorner \Gamma \urcorner, \ulcorner C \urcorner \vdash$  can be turned into proofs of  $\ulcorner \Gamma \urcorner \vdash$ .

604 **► Lemma 17.** *For all sets of formulas  $\Gamma$ , for all clauses  $C$ , for all substitutions  $\sigma$ , assuming*  
 605  $\sigma\mathcal{S}(C) \subseteq \mathcal{S}(\sigma C)$ ,  
 606 *if  $\Gamma, \ulcorner C \urcorner, \ulcorner \sigma C \urcorner \uparrow \vdash$ , then  $\Gamma, \ulcorner C \urcorner \uparrow \vdash$ .*

607 **Proof.** By induction on the proof  $\Gamma, \ulcorner C \urcorner, \ulcorner \sigma C \urcorner \uparrow \vdash$ . If the proof does not begin by focusing  
 608 on  $\ulcorner \sigma C \urcorner$ , this is a simple application of the induction hypothesis (considering coarse grain  
 609 proof steps consisting of an alternation of a synchronous and an asynchronous phases).  
 610 Otherwise, let  $\sigma C$  be  $\underline{K}_1 \curlywedge \dots \curlywedge \underline{K}_n \curlywedge L_1 \curlywedge \dots \curlywedge L_m$ . The proof begins with

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \dots \widehat{\Downarrow} \vdash \frac{\Gamma' \Downarrow \theta \underline{K}_j \vdash \dots}{\Gamma' \Downarrow \theta(\underline{K}_1 \vee^- \dots \vee^- \underline{K}_n \vee^- (L_1 \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ L_m)) \vdash} \dots \\
 \Downarrow \vee \vdash \frac{\dots \text{Store } \frac{\Gamma', \theta L_k \uparrow \vdash}{\Gamma' \uparrow \theta L_k \vdash} \dots}{\Gamma' \uparrow \theta(L_1 \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ L_m) \vdash} \dots \\
 \text{Release } \frac{\Gamma' \uparrow \theta(L_1 \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ L_m) \vdash}{\Gamma' \Downarrow \theta(\underline{K}_1 \vee^- \dots \vee^- \underline{K}_n \vee^- (L_1 \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ L_m)) \vdash} \\
 \Downarrow \vee \vdash \frac{\Gamma' \Downarrow \theta(\underline{K}_1 \vee^- \dots \vee^- \underline{K}_n \vee^- (L_1 \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ L_m)) \vdash}{\Gamma' \Downarrow \overline{\forall x}. \underline{K}_1 \vee^- \dots \vee^- \underline{K}_n \vee^- (L_1 \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ L_m) \vdash} \\
 \text{Focus } \frac{\Gamma' \Downarrow \overline{\forall x}. \underline{K}_1 \vee^- \dots \vee^- \underline{K}_n \vee^- (L_1 \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ L_m) \vdash}{\Gamma' \uparrow \vdash}
 \end{array}$$

where  $\Gamma' = \Gamma, \ulcorner C \urcorner, \ulcorner \sigma C \urcorner$  and

612 for all  $1 \leq j \leq n$  the literal  $\theta K_j^\perp$  is in  $\Gamma$ .

613 Let  $C$  be

614  $\underline{K}_1^1 \curlywedge \dots \curlywedge \underline{K}_1^{k_1} \curlywedge \dots \curlywedge \underline{K}_n^1 \curlywedge \dots \curlywedge \underline{K}_n^{k_n} \curlywedge L_1^1 \curlywedge \dots \curlywedge L_1^{l_1} \curlywedge \dots \curlywedge L_m^1 \curlywedge \dots \curlywedge L_m^{l_m}$  where  $\sigma K_i^j = K_i$  and  $\sigma L_i^j =$

615  $L_i$  for all  $i, j$ . By hypothesis, the literals selected in  $C$  are among the  $\widehat{K}_i^j$ . For all  $i, j$ , one can

616 either build a proof  $\widehat{\Downarrow} \vdash \frac{\Gamma, \ulcorner C \urcorner \Downarrow \theta \sigma K_i^j \vdash}{\Gamma, \ulcorner C \urcorner \Downarrow \theta \sigma K_i^j \vdash}$  if it is selected, or  $\text{Store } \frac{\Gamma, \ulcorner C \urcorner, \theta \sigma K_i^j \uparrow \vdash}{\Gamma, \ulcorner C \urcorner \uparrow \theta \sigma K_i^j \vdash}$

617 if it is not.

618 We apply the induction hypothesis on  $\Gamma', \theta L_k \uparrow \vdash$ , hence we have proofs  $\Gamma, \ulcorner C \urcorner, \theta L_k \uparrow \vdash$   
 619 for all  $k$ .

620 We can therefore build the proof

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \widehat{\uparrow} \vdash \frac{\Gamma, \ulcorner C \urcorner, \theta \sigma K_i^j \uparrow \vdash}{\Gamma, \ulcorner C \urcorner \uparrow \theta \sigma K_i^j \vdash} \\
 \text{Store } \frac{\Gamma, \ulcorner C \urcorner \uparrow \theta \sigma K_i^j \vdash \dots \Gamma, \ulcorner C \urcorner, \theta L_i \uparrow \vdash}{\Gamma, \ulcorner C \urcorner \uparrow \dots \vee^+ \theta \sigma K_i^m \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ \theta \sigma L_i^j \vee^+ \dots \vdash} \\
 \uparrow \vee \vdash \frac{\Gamma, \ulcorner C \urcorner \uparrow \dots \vee^+ \theta \sigma K_i^m \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ \theta \sigma L_i^j \vee^+ \dots \vdash}{\Gamma, \ulcorner C \urcorner \Downarrow \dots \vee^+ \theta \sigma K_i^m \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ \theta \sigma L_i^j \vee^+ \dots \vdash} \\
 \text{Release } \frac{\Gamma, \ulcorner C \urcorner \Downarrow \dots \vee^+ \theta \sigma K_i^m \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ \theta \sigma L_i^j \vee^+ \dots \vdash}{\Gamma, \ulcorner C \urcorner \Downarrow \dots \vee^- \theta \sigma K_i^j \vee^- \dots \vee^- (\dots \vee^+ \theta \sigma K_i^m \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ \theta \sigma L_i^j \vee^+ \dots) \vdash} \\
 \widehat{\Downarrow} \vdash \frac{\Gamma, \ulcorner C \urcorner \Downarrow \dots \vee^- \theta \sigma K_i^j \vee^- \dots \vee^- (\dots \vee^+ \theta \sigma K_i^m \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ \theta \sigma L_i^j \vee^+ \dots) \vdash}{\Gamma, \ulcorner C \urcorner \Downarrow \overline{\forall x}. \dots \vee^- \underline{K}_i^j \vee^- \dots \vee^- (\dots \vee^+ K_i^m \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ L_i^j \vee^+ \dots) \vdash} \\
 \Downarrow \vee \vdash \frac{\Gamma, \ulcorner C \urcorner \Downarrow \overline{\forall x}. \dots \vee^- \underline{K}_i^j \vee^- \dots \vee^- (\dots \vee^+ K_i^m \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ L_i^j \vee^+ \dots) \vdash}{\Gamma, \ulcorner C \urcorner \uparrow \vdash} \\
 \text{Focus } \frac{\Gamma, \ulcorner C \urcorner \uparrow \vdash}{\Gamma, \ulcorner C \urcorner \uparrow \vdash}
 \end{array}$$

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622 **► Corollary 18.** *Factoring is admissible in  $LKF^\perp$ .*

623 **► Lemma 19.** *Resolution is admissible in  $LKF^\perp$ :*

624 *For all set of formulas  $\Gamma$ , for all clauses  $L \curlywedge C$  and  $L'^\perp \curlywedge D$  without selection, if  $\sigma =$*   
 625

626  $mgu(L, L')$ ,  
 627 if  $\Gamma, \lceil L \vee C \rceil, \lceil L'^\perp \vee D \rceil, \lceil \sigma(C \vee D) \rceil \uparrow \vdash$   
 628 then  $\Gamma, \lceil L \vee C \rceil, \lceil L'^\perp \vee D \rceil \uparrow \vdash$ .

629 **Proof.** By induction on the proof

630  $\Gamma, \lceil L \vee C \rceil, \lceil L'^\perp \vee D \rceil, \lceil \sigma(C \vee D) \rceil \uparrow \vdash$ .

631 Let  $\Gamma'$  be  $\Gamma, \lceil L \vee C \rceil, \lceil L'^\perp \vee D \rceil$  and  $\Gamma''$  be  $\Gamma', \lceil \sigma(C \vee D) \rceil$ . If the proof does not begin by  
 632 focusing on  $\lceil \sigma(C \vee D) \rceil$ , this is a simple application of the induction hypothesis. Otherwise,  
 633 let  $\sigma(C \vee D)$  be  $\underline{I}_1 \vee \dots \vee \underline{I}_n \vee J_1 \vee \dots \vee J_m$ . The proof begins with

$$\begin{array}{c} \dots \\ \Downarrow \vdash \frac{\Gamma'' \Downarrow \theta \underline{I}_j \vdash \dots}{\Gamma'' \Downarrow \theta (\underline{I}_1 \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ \underline{I}_n \vee^+ (J_1 \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ J_m)) \vdash} \dots \\ \Downarrow \vdash \frac{\dots \text{Store } \frac{\Gamma'', \theta J_k \uparrow \vdash}{\Gamma'' \uparrow \theta J_k \vdash} \dots}{\Gamma'' \uparrow \theta (J_1 \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ J_m) \vdash} \dots \\ \Downarrow \vdash \frac{\dots \text{Release } \frac{\Gamma'' \uparrow \theta (J_1 \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ J_m) \vdash}{\Gamma'' \Downarrow \theta (\underline{I}_1 \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ \underline{I}_n \vee^+ (J_1 \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ J_m)) \vdash} \dots}{\Gamma'' \Downarrow \theta (\underline{I}_1 \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ \underline{I}_n \vee^+ (J_1 \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ J_m)) \vdash} \dots \\ \Downarrow \vdash \frac{\dots \text{Focus } \frac{\Gamma'' \Downarrow \overline{\forall x}. \underline{I}_1 \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ \underline{I}_n \vee^+ (J_1 \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ J_m) \vdash}{\Gamma'' \uparrow \vdash}}{\Gamma'' \uparrow \vdash} \dots \end{array}$$

where, to be able to close

635 the left branches, for all  $1 \leq j \leq n$  the literal  $\theta I_j^\perp$  is in  $\Gamma'$ .

636 We know that  $C$  is  $\dots \vee I_i^1 \vee \dots \vee I_i^{k_i} \vee \dots \vee J_j^1 \vee \dots \vee J_j^{l_j} \vee \dots$  where  $i$  ranges over a subset  
 637 of  $\{1, \dots, n\}$  and  $j$  over a subset of  $\{1, \dots, m\}$ , and  $\sigma I_i^x = I_i$  and  $\sigma J_j^y = J_j$  for all  $x, y$ .  
 638 Likewise,  $D$  is  $\dots \vee I_i^1 \vee \dots \vee I_i^{k_i} \vee \dots \vee J_j^1 \vee \dots \vee J_j^{l_j} \vee \dots$  where  $i$  ranges over a subset of  
 639  $\{1, \dots, n\}$  and  $j$  over a subset of  $\{1, \dots, m\}$ , and  $\sigma I_i^x = I_i$  and  $\sigma J_j^y = J_j$  for all  $x, y$ .

640 We apply the induction hypothesis on  $\Gamma'', \theta J_k \uparrow \vdash$ , hence we have proof  $\Gamma, \lceil L \vee C \rceil, \lceil L'^\perp \vee D \rceil, \theta J_k \uparrow \vdash$ .

641 We can build the following proof of  $\Gamma' \uparrow \vdash$ : first, we focus on  $\lceil L \vee C \rceil$  to get the derivation

$$\begin{array}{c} \dots \text{Store } \frac{\Gamma', \theta \sigma L \uparrow \vdash}{\Gamma' \uparrow \theta \sigma L \vdash} \dots \text{Store } \frac{\Gamma', \theta I_i \uparrow \vdash}{\Gamma' \uparrow \theta I_i \vdash} \dots \text{Store } \frac{\Gamma', \theta J_j \uparrow \vdash}{\Gamma' \uparrow \theta J_j \vdash} \dots \\ \uparrow \vdash \frac{\dots \text{Store } \frac{\Gamma', \theta \sigma L \uparrow \vdash}{\Gamma' \uparrow \theta \sigma L \vdash} \dots \text{Store } \frac{\Gamma', \theta I_i \uparrow \vdash}{\Gamma' \uparrow \theta I_i \vdash} \dots \text{Store } \frac{\Gamma', \theta J_j \uparrow \vdash}{\Gamma' \uparrow \theta J_j \vdash} \dots}{\Gamma' \uparrow \theta \sigma (L \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ I_i^1 \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ I_i^{k_i} \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ J_j^1 \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ J_j^{l_j} \vee^+ \dots) \vdash} \\ \text{Release } \frac{\Gamma' \uparrow \theta \sigma (L \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ I_i^1 \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ I_i^{k_i} \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ J_j^1 \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ J_j^{l_j} \vee^+ \dots) \vdash}{\Gamma' \Downarrow \theta \sigma (L \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ I_i^1 \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ I_i^{k_i} \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ J_j^1 \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ J_j^{l_j} \vee^+ \dots) \vdash} \\ \Downarrow \vdash \frac{\Gamma' \Downarrow \theta \sigma (L \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ I_i^1 \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ I_i^{k_i} \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ J_j^1 \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ J_j^{l_j} \vee^+ \dots) \vdash}{\Gamma' \Downarrow \overline{\forall x}. L \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ I_i^1 \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ I_i^{k_i} \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ J_j^1 \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ J_j^{l_j} \vee^+ \dots \vdash} \\ \text{Focus } \frac{\Gamma' \Downarrow \overline{\forall x}. L \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ I_i^1 \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ I_i^{k_i} \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ J_j^1 \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ J_j^{l_j} \vee^+ \dots \vdash}{\Gamma' \uparrow \vdash} \end{array}$$

643 In this derivation, all right branches are closed by induction hypothesis. On the left branch,  
 644 we focus on  $\lceil L'^\perp \vee D \rceil$ . Let  $\Gamma'''$  be  $\Gamma', \theta \sigma L$ . We get the derivation

$$\begin{array}{c} \dots \text{Store } \frac{\Gamma''', \theta \sigma L'^\perp \uparrow \vdash}{\Gamma''' \uparrow \theta \sigma L'^\perp \vdash} \dots \text{Store } \frac{\Gamma''', \theta I_i \uparrow \vdash}{\Gamma''' \uparrow \theta I_i \vdash} \dots \text{Store } \frac{\Gamma''', \theta J_j \uparrow \vdash}{\Gamma''' \uparrow \theta J_j \vdash} \dots \\ \uparrow \vdash \frac{\dots \text{Store } \frac{\Gamma''', \theta \sigma L'^\perp \uparrow \vdash}{\Gamma''' \uparrow \theta \sigma L'^\perp \vdash} \dots \text{Store } \frac{\Gamma''', \theta I_i \uparrow \vdash}{\Gamma''' \uparrow \theta I_i \vdash} \dots \text{Store } \frac{\Gamma''', \theta J_j \uparrow \vdash}{\Gamma''' \uparrow \theta J_j \vdash} \dots}{\Gamma''' \uparrow \theta \sigma (L'^\perp \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ I_i^1 \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ I_i^{k_i} \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ J_j^1 \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ J_j^{l_j} \vee^+ \dots) \vdash} \\ \text{Release } \frac{\Gamma''' \uparrow \theta \sigma (L'^\perp \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ I_i^1 \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ I_i^{k_i} \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ J_j^1 \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ J_j^{l_j} \vee^+ \dots) \vdash}{\Gamma''' \Downarrow \theta \sigma (L'^\perp \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ I_i^1 \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ I_i^{k_i} \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ J_j^1 \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ J_j^{l_j} \vee^+ \dots) \vdash} \\ \Downarrow \vdash \frac{\Gamma''' \Downarrow \theta \sigma (L'^\perp \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ I_i^1 \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ I_i^{k_i} \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ J_j^1 \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ J_j^{l_j} \vee^+ \dots) \vdash}{\Gamma''' \Downarrow \overline{\forall x}. L'^\perp \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ I_i^1 \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ I_i^{k_i} \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ J_j^1 \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ J_j^{l_j} \vee^+ \dots \vdash} \\ \text{Focus } \frac{\Gamma''' \Downarrow \overline{\forall x}. L'^\perp \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ I_i^1 \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ I_i^{k_i} \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ J_j^1 \vee^+ \dots \vee^+ J_j^{l_j} \vee^+ \dots \vdash}{\Gamma''' \uparrow \vdash} \end{array}$$

646 The left branch can be closed because  $\theta \sigma L = \theta \sigma L'$ . The right branches are closed by  
 647 induction hypothesis.  $\blacktriangleleft$

648 **► Lemma 20.** Resolution with Selection is admissible in  $LKF^\perp$ :

649 For all set of formulas  $\Gamma$ , for all clauses  $\underline{K}_1 \vee \dots \vee \underline{K}_n \vee C$ ,  $K_1'^\perp \vee D_1, \dots$ , and  $K_n'^\perp \vee D_n$ ,  
 650 where  $\mathcal{S}(\underline{K}_1 \vee \dots \vee \underline{K}_n \vee C) = \{K_1; \dots; K_n\}$ ,  $\mathcal{S}(K_i'^\perp \vee D_i) = \emptyset$  and  $\sigma$  is the most general  
 651 unifier of the simultaneous unification problem  $K_1 =? K_1', \dots, K_n =? K_n'$ ,

652 if  $\Gamma, \ulcorner \underline{K}_1 \urcorner \dots \urcorner \underline{K}_n \urcorner C^\urcorner, \dots, \ulcorner K'_i \urcorner \urcorner D_i \urcorner, \dots, \ulcorner \sigma(C \urcorner D_1 \urcorner \dots \urcorner D_n) \urcorner \uparrow \vdash$  then  $\Gamma, \ulcorner \underline{K}_1 \urcorner \dots \urcorner \underline{K}_n \urcorner C^\urcorner, \dots, \ulcorner K'_i \urcorner \urcorner D_i \urcorner, \dots \uparrow \vdash$ .

653 **Proof.** By induction on the proof

654  $\Gamma, \ulcorner \underline{K}_1 \urcorner \dots \urcorner \underline{K}_n \urcorner C^\urcorner, \dots, \ulcorner K'_i \urcorner \urcorner D_i \urcorner, \dots, \ulcorner \sigma(C \urcorner D_1 \urcorner \dots \urcorner D_n) \urcorner \uparrow \vdash$ . We follow the same  
655 idea as in the proofs of the two precedent lemmas. If the proof does not begin by focusing on  
656  $\ulcorner \sigma(C \urcorner D_1 \urcorner \dots \urcorner D_n) \urcorner$ , this is a simple application of the induction hypothesis. Otherwise,  
657 let  $\Gamma'$  be

658  $\Gamma, \ulcorner \underline{K}_1 \urcorner \dots \urcorner \underline{K}_n \urcorner C^\urcorner, \dots, \ulcorner K'_i \urcorner \urcorner D_i \urcorner, \dots$  and  $\Gamma''$  be

659  $\Gamma', \ulcorner \sigma(C \urcorner D_1 \urcorner \dots \urcorner D_n) \urcorner$ . Focusing leads us either to sequents  $\Gamma'' \Downarrow \theta I_j \vdash$ , with  $\theta I_j \perp$  in  
660  $\Gamma$ , or to sequents  $\Gamma'', \theta J_k \uparrow \vdash$  upon which one can apply the induction hypothesis. Let us  
661 remark that for each literal  $L$  of  $C$  or  $D_i$ ,  $\theta \sigma L$  is either one of  $\theta I_j$  or one of  $\theta J_k$ . Therefore,  
662 we know how to close proofs of  $\Gamma' \uparrow \theta \sigma L \vdash$  for each, either by induction hypothesis or using  
663  $\theta I_j \perp$  in  $\Gamma$ .

664 To build the proof of  $\Gamma' \uparrow \vdash$ , we first focus on  $\ulcorner K'_1 \urcorner \urcorner D_1 \urcorner$ , instantiating the variables  
665 using the substitution  $\theta \sigma$ . As explain above, we know how to close the branches coming  
666 from  $D_1$ , it remains the branch  $\Gamma', \theta \sigma K'_1 \perp \uparrow \vdash$ .

667 We do the same, focusing on  $\ulcorner K'_2 \urcorner \urcorner D_2 \urcorner$  then ... then  $\ulcorner K'_n \urcorner \urcorner D_n \urcorner$  and the remaining  
668 branch is  $\Gamma', \theta \sigma K'_1 \perp, \dots, \theta \sigma K'_n \perp \uparrow \vdash$ .

669 We can close the proof by focusing on  $\ulcorner \underline{K}_1 \urcorner \dots \urcorner \underline{K}_n \urcorner C^\urcorner$ . Branches coming from  $C$   
670 can be closed as before, and the other branches are closed by

671  $\Downarrow \vdash \frac{\Gamma', \theta \sigma K'_1 \perp, \dots, \theta \sigma K'_n \perp \Downarrow \theta \sigma K_i \vdash}{\Gamma', \theta \sigma K'_1 \perp, \dots, \theta \sigma K'_n \perp \Downarrow \theta \sigma K_i \vdash}$  since  $\theta \sigma K'_i = \theta \sigma K_i$  for all  $i$ . ◀

672 ▶ **Theorem 21.** For all set of clauses  $\Gamma$ , if  $\Gamma \rightsquigarrow^* \square$ , then  $\ulcorner \Gamma \urcorner \uparrow \vdash$ .

673 **Proof.** By induction on the length of the derivation  $\Gamma \rightsquigarrow^* \square$ . If  $\square$  is in  $\Gamma$ , then we focus on  
674  $\ulcorner \square \urcorner = \perp$  and apply  $\Downarrow \perp \vdash$ . If the first step is **Factoring**, we apply Lemma 17. If it is **Resolution**,  
675 we apply Lemma 19. If it is **Resolution with Selection**, we apply Lemma 20. ◀

### 676 A.3 Proofs of Section 5

677 **Proof of Theorem 8.** Proofs in both calculi correspond almost exactly.  $\top \vdash$ ,  $\wedge \vdash$ ,  $\vee \vdash$  and  $\exists \vdash$   
678 in  $\text{PUSC}^\perp$  correspond exactly to  $\uparrow \top \vdash$ ,  $\uparrow \wedge \vdash$ ,  $\uparrow \vee \vdash$  and  $\uparrow \exists \vdash$  in  $\text{LKF}^\perp$ , except that if the top  
679 connective of the subformulas in the premise(s) is  $\vee$  or  $\perp$ , or if they are literals, they have to  
680 be put on the left hand side of  $\uparrow$  using **Store**. The translation of  $\perp \vdash$  corresponds to  $\Downarrow \perp \vdash$ ,  
681 except that the latter can only be applied when there is no formula with positive polarity:

682  $\perp \vdash \frac{N_1, \dots, \perp, \dots, N_n \vdash}{N_1, \dots, \perp, \dots, N_n \vdash}$  becomes  $\text{Focus} \frac{\Downarrow \perp \vdash \frac{\llbracket \mathcal{R} \rrbracket, |N_1|, \dots, \perp, \dots, |N_n| \Downarrow \perp \vdash}{\llbracket \mathcal{R} \rrbracket, |N_1|, \dots, \perp, \dots, |N_n| \uparrow \vdash}}{\llbracket \mathcal{R} \rrbracket, |N_1|, \dots, \perp, \dots, |N_n| \uparrow \vdash}$ .

683 Similarly,  $\vee \vdash$  corresponds to  $\Downarrow \vee \vdash$ , with the same proviso that there are no formulas with  
684 positive polarity:

685  $\vee \vdash \frac{N_1, \dots, N_n, \forall x. A, \{t/x\}A \vdash}{N_1, \dots, N_n, \forall x. A \vdash}$  becomes

686  $\text{Release} \frac{\llbracket \mathcal{R} \rrbracket, |N_1|, \dots, |N_n|, \forall x. \delta^- |A| \uparrow \{t/x\}A \vdash}{\llbracket \mathcal{R} \rrbracket, |N_1|, \dots, |N_n|, \forall x. \delta^- |A| \Downarrow \delta^- \{t/x\}A \vdash}$   
 $\Downarrow \vee \vdash \frac{\llbracket \mathcal{R} \rrbracket, |N_1|, \dots, |N_n|, \forall x. \delta^- |A| \Downarrow \delta^- \{t/x\}A \vdash}{\llbracket \mathcal{R} \rrbracket, |N_1|, \dots, |N_n|, \forall x. \delta^- |A| \Downarrow \forall x. \delta^- |A| \vdash}$   
 $\text{Focus} \frac{\llbracket \mathcal{R} \rrbracket, |N_1|, \dots, |N_n|, \forall x. \delta^- |A| \Downarrow \forall x. \delta^- |A| \vdash}{\llbracket \mathcal{R} \rrbracket, |N_1|, \dots, |N_n|, \forall x. \delta^- |A| \uparrow \vdash}$

687 with an extra **Store** step if the top connective of  $\{t/x\}A$  is  $\vee$  or  $\perp$  or if it is a literal.

688 For the unfolding rules, if  $P$  rewrites positively to  $A$ , then there exists a rule  $Q \rightarrow^+ B$   
689 and a substitution  $\theta$  such that  $P = \theta Q$  and  $A = \theta B$ . This rule corresponds to a formula  
690  $\llbracket Q \rightarrow^+ B \rrbracket = \overline{\forall x. Q \vee^- \delta^+ |B^\perp|}$ . Always with the proviso that there is no formula with positive  
691 polarity, let  $\Gamma = \llbracket \mathcal{R}' \rrbracket, \overline{\forall x. Q \vee^- \delta^+ |B^\perp|}, |N_1|, \dots, |N_n|, \neg P$ , then  $\uparrow^+ \vdash$  therefore corresponds

692 to

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \widehat{\Downarrow} \vdash \frac{\Gamma \Downarrow \underline{P} \vdash}{\Downarrow \forall \vdash} \quad \text{Release} \frac{\Gamma \uparrow |A^\perp| \vdash}{\Gamma \Downarrow \delta^+ |A^\perp| \vdash} \\
 \hline
 \Downarrow \forall \vdash \frac{\Gamma \Downarrow \underline{\theta Q} \vee^- \delta^+ |\theta B^\perp| \vdash}{\Gamma \Downarrow \forall x. \underline{Q} \vee^- \delta^+ |B^\perp| \vdash} \\
 \hline
 \text{Focus} \frac{\Gamma \uparrow \vdash}{\Gamma \uparrow \vdash}
 \end{array}$$

694 with an extra **Store** step if the top connective of  $|A^\perp|$  is  $\forall$  or  $\perp$ , or if it is a literal. Reciprocally,  
 695 given a sequent  $\llbracket \mathcal{R}' \rrbracket, \forall x. \underline{Q} \vee^- \delta^+ |B^\perp|, \Gamma \uparrow \vdash$ , if we apply a **Focus** on  $\forall x. \underline{Q} \vee^- \delta^+ |B^\perp|$ , the  
 696 derivation is necessarily of the same shape as above, so that there must be a literal  $-\theta Q$  in  
 697  $\Gamma$ . The derivation therefore corresponds to an unfolding of  $-\theta Q$  into  $|\theta B^\perp|$ .

698 The case of a negative rewriting is dual.

699 There remains to be proved that, in  $\text{PUSC}^\perp$ , the rules  $\perp \vdash, \forall \vdash$  and  $\uparrow \vdash$  can be delayed  
 700 until the other rules are no longer applicable. This can be done by showing that these rules  
 701 permute with the other ones. Note that this fact can be related with the strategy used in  
 702 Tamed [4], a tableaux method based on Deduction Modulo Theory, where rules for universal  
 703 quantifiers and for rewriting are applied when no other rules can be. ◀

704 **Proof sketch of Theorem 12.** Showing that  $\text{LKF}^\perp$  is complete amounts to proving that the  
 705 cut rule

$$\text{cut} \frac{\Gamma, A \uparrow \vdash \quad \Gamma, A^\perp \uparrow \vdash}{\Gamma \uparrow \vdash}$$

707 is admissible.

708 Using the same techniques as in [10], we can try to eliminate cuts using structural cut  
 709 elimination à la Pfenning. The only problematic case is when we cut around a literal that is  
 710 used in focused instance in both branches:

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \widehat{\Downarrow} \vdash \frac{\Gamma', A \Downarrow \underline{A^\perp} \vdash}{\vdots} \quad \widehat{\Downarrow} \vdash \frac{\Gamma'', A^\perp \Downarrow \underline{A} \vdash}{\vdots} \\
 \hline
 \text{Focus} \frac{\Gamma, A \Downarrow E[\underline{A^\perp}] \vdash}{\text{cut} \frac{\Gamma, A \uparrow \vdash}{\Gamma \uparrow \vdash}} \quad \text{Focus} \frac{\Gamma, A^\perp \Downarrow F[\underline{A}] \vdash}{\Gamma, A^\perp \uparrow \vdash} \\
 \hline
 \Gamma \uparrow \vdash
 \end{array}$$

712 But, since  $\text{LKF}^\perp$  is complete for all singleton subselection, it is complete if one selects only  $A^\perp$   
 713 in  $E[\underline{A^\perp}]$  and only  $A$  in  $F[\underline{A}]$ . Consequently, we know how to eliminate the cut above. ◀

## 714 **B** Other complete instances

### 715 **B.1** Superdeduction

We can go a step further than what is done concerning Deduction Modulo Theory and benefit from focusing to decompose the right-hand side formula after an unfolding has occurred. This leads to what [5] called Superdeduction. [27] studied the links between Superdeduction and focusing, but not with the idea that the rules themselves should be considered as polarized formulas. To link Superdeduction with  $\text{LKF}^\perp$ , we just need to change the translation of rewriting rules in order to ensure that the right-hand side is decomposed as much as possible. This is done by suppressing the positive delay  $\delta^+$  and trying to stay in synchronous (i.e. focused) phase by using negative connectives, until we reach a  $\exists$  quantifier, after which we try

to stay in the asynchronous phase. Note, however, that literals are always given a positive polarization. We introduce the negative translation of a formula:

$$\begin{aligned} \llbracket L \rrbracket &= L && \text{when } L \text{ is } \top, \perp \text{ or a literal} \\ \llbracket A \wedge B \rrbracket &= \llbracket A \rrbracket \wedge^- \llbracket B \rrbracket && \llbracket A \vee B \rrbracket = \llbracket A \rrbracket \vee^- \llbracket B \rrbracket \\ \llbracket \exists x. A \rrbracket &= \exists x. \llbracket A \rrbracket && \llbracket \forall x. A \rrbracket = \forall x. \llbracket A \rrbracket \end{aligned}$$

716 and the translation of rewrite rules becomes:

$$717 \quad \llbracket P \rightarrow^- A \rrbracket = \overline{\forall x. \neg P} \vee^- \llbracket A \rrbracket$$

$$718 \quad \llbracket P \rightarrow^+ A \rrbracket = \overline{\forall x. P} \vee^- \llbracket A^\perp \rrbracket$$

720 The synthetic rules given by the translation of rewriting rules correspond exactly to the  
721 superrules of Superdeduction.

722 Note that the same kind of encodings can be used to show that Definitional reflection, as  
723 defined by [32], can be seen as an instance of LKF<sup>⊥</sup>.