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# An Alternative Direct Simulation of Minsky Machines into Classical Bunched Logics via Group Semantics

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## Abstract

Recently, Brotherston & Kanovich, and independently Larchey-Wendling & Galmiche, proved the undecidability of the bunched implication logic BBI. Moreover, Brotherston & Kanovich also proved the undecidability of the related logic CBI, as well as its neighbours. All of the above results are based on encodings of two-counter Minsky machines, but are derived using different techniques. Here, we show that the technique of Larchey-Wendling & Galmiche can also be extended, via group Kripke semantics, to prove the undecidability of CBI. Hence, we propose an alternative direct simulation of Minsky machines into both BBI and CBI. We identify a fragment called elementary Boolean BI (eBBI) which is common to the BBI/CBI families of logics and we show that the problem of Minsky machine acceptance can be encoded into eBBI. The soundness of the encoding is derived from the soundness of a goal directed sequent calculus designed for eBBI. The faithfulness of the encoding is obtained from a Kripke model based on the free commutative group  $\mathbb{Z}^n$ .

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## 1 Introduction

The logic of bunched implications of Pym and O’Hearn [16] contains two important families of logics: Boolean BI (BBI) and Classical BI (CBI). BBI is the core logical framework of separation logic, and has been well studied for a number of years [2,7,13]. CBI was introduced more recently by Brotherston and Calcagno [3]. The undecidability of BBI, which was a long-standing open problem, was recently established independently by two groups of researchers [5,14]. Using different techniques, both Larchey-Wendling & Galmiche [14] and Brotherston & Kanovich [5] derived the undecidability of BBI from a (different) encoding of two counter Minsky machines into a fragment of BBI. Moreover, Brotherston and Kanovich’s results also include the undecidability of CBI (and its neighbours), again via an encoding of Minsky machines [5]. The aim of the present paper is to show that the technique

of [14] can also be adapted, via group Kripke semantics, to simultaneously prove the undecidability of both BBI and CBI.

Recall that the logic BI of bunched implications [16] is a sub-structural logic which freely combines additive connectives  $\wedge$ ,  $\vee$ ,  $\rightarrow$  and multiplicative connectives  $*$ ,  $-*$ . In BI, both the multiplicatives and the additives behave intuitionistically. From its inception, BI was given a nice bunched sequent proof-system enjoying cut-elimination [17]. Later, Galmiche *et al.* [8] gave BI a sound and complete labeled tableaux system from which decidability was derived. The logic BI is sometimes called intuitionistic BI to distinguish it with other variants where either the multiplicatives or the additives include a negation and thus behave classically.

From a proof-theoretical perspective, *Boolean BI* (or simply BBI) can be considered as the first investigated variant of BI which contained a negation: BBI combines intuitionistic multiplicatives with Boolean additives. This focus on BBI is the consequence of the natural links between BBI and separation or spatial logics. Indeed, for instance, the pure part of separation logic is essentially obtained by considering a particular model of BBI, based on a (partial) monoid of heaps [11] (see [13] for a more general discussion on these links). The Hilbert proof-system of BBI was proved complete w.r.t. *relational (or non-deterministic) Kripke semantics* [7]. However, the proof-theory of BBI was rather poorly developed because it was difficult to conceive how the bunched sequent calculus of (intuitionistic) BI could be extended to BBI without losing key properties such as e.g. cut-elimination.

Then *Classical BI* (CBI) was introduced [3] as a bunched logic which contained both a multiplicative negation and an additive negation. It could be used as a basis for resource models which contain a dualizing operator. For this logic, Brotherston and Calcagno [4] provided a Display calculus *à la Belnap* and established its soundness and completeness both w.r.t. the Hilbert proof-system and (dualizing) relational Kripke semantics. They proved cut-elimination as a by product of their Display proof-system and described a substantial part of the model theory of CBI, including the proof of the incompleteness of CBI w.r.t. the (dualizing) *partial monoidal Kripke semantics*. However, no decidability result followed from these achievements.

Then, back to BBI, two main families of results emerged giving a contrasted view of its proof-theory. On the one hand, Brotherston [2] adapted the Display proof-system of CBI to BBI, circumventing the difficulty of the multiplicatives of BBI lacking a negation. This system was proved sound and complete w.r.t. relational Kripke semantics. Cut-elimination was also derived but, despite the expectations of Brotherston, no decidability result followed. On the other hand, Larchey-Wendling and Galmiche [13] proposed a labeled tableaux proof-system for (partial monoidal) BBI and by the study of the relations between the proof-search generated counter-models of BI and BBI, showed that (intuitionistic) BI could be faithfully embedded into BBI. This result, at first counter-intuitive, hinted that BBI, originally thought simpler than BI, could in fact be much more difficult to decide. To complete the picture, Larchey-Wendling and Galmiche [14] recently established that relational Kripke semantics and partial monoidal Kripke semantics define different notions

of (universal) validity in BBI, as in CBI [4]. Nevertheless, all the logics defined by these classes of models are undecidable, as explained in [5,14] and the present paper.

Indeed, our aim here is to show that it is possible to find an encoding of Minsky machines that is suitable for both BBI and CBI, even when restricted to simple subclasses of models like commutative groups. A different encoding of Minsky machines in CBI was already proposed in [5], with the consequence of the undecidability of CBI. However it corresponds to classes of separation models and would not apply to commutative groups because it requires that the models have *indivisible units*.<sup>1</sup> The faithfulness of our encoding is established by building a model of CBI based on the group  $\mathbb{Z}^n$  where  $n$  is the number of counters of the Minsky machine. Thus, this model suits for both BBI and CBI whether one considers relational, partial monoidal, total monoidal, or even group Kripke semantics. As a consequence, both BBI and CBI are undecidable even when their Kripke semantics is restricted  $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$ .

The paper is structured as following: we first outline the Kripke model theory of BBI/CBI based on the notion of non-deterministic (or relational monoid) and recall different results w.r.t. the semantics of both logics on particular sub-classes of models. Then we introduce a fragment of BBI/CBI which we call elementary BBI (eBBI). This fragment is provided with a set of sound goal-directed sequent calculus rules called gBBI. Then, we present an encoding of Minsky machines acceptance into elementary BBI. For each input  $m \in \mathbb{N}^n$  of the machine, we compute a sequent  $S_m$  in eBBI. We prove the soundness of this encoding: if  $m$  is accepted by the Minsky machine then  $S_m$  has a proof tree in gBBI. This proof tree is extracted from the successful computation of the Minsky machine starting with  $m$ . The faithfulness of the encoding is established by building a model based on the group  $\mathbb{Z}^n$ . Hence, if  $S_m$  is semantically valid in Kripke semantics (even when the semantic interpretation is restricted to the group  $\mathbb{Z}^n$ ) then the Minsky machine accepts the input  $m$ .

## 2 Non-Deterministic Monoids and Groupoids

In this section, we present the algebraic notions necessary for the definition of the relational Kripke semantics of BBI/CBI. Let us consider a set  $M$ . We denote by  $\mathcal{P}(M)$  the powerset of  $M$ , i.e. its set of subsets. A binary function  $\circ : M \times M \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}(M)$  is naturally extended to a binary operator on  $\mathcal{P}(M)$  by

$$X \circ Y = \bigcup \{x \circ y \mid x \in X, y \in Y\} \quad (1)$$

for any subsets  $X, Y$  of  $M$ . Using this extension, we can view any element  $m \in M$  as the singleton set  $\{m\}$  and derive the equations  $m \circ X = \{m\} \circ X$  and  $a \circ b = \{a\} \circ \{b\}$ .

**Definition 2.1** A *non-deterministic (or relational) monoid* is a tuple  $(M, \circ, \epsilon)$  where  $\epsilon \in M$  and  $\circ : M \times M \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}(M)$ . We require the following conditions to hold:

<sup>1</sup> The unit  $\epsilon$  is indivisible if the following property holds:  $\forall x, y \ x \circ y = \epsilon \Rightarrow x = y = \epsilon$ .

- (i)  $\forall a \in M, \epsilon \circ a = \{a\}$  (neutrality)
- (ii)  $\forall a, b \in M, a \circ b = b \circ a$  (commutativity)
- (iii)  $\forall a, b, c \in M, a \circ (b \circ c) = (a \circ b) \circ c$  (associativity)<sup>2</sup>

The term *non-deterministic* was introduced in [7] in order to emphasize the fact that the composition  $a \circ b$  may yield not only one but an arbitrary number of results including the possible incompatibility of  $a$  and  $b$  in which case  $a \circ b = \emptyset$ . If  $(M, \bullet, e)$  is a (usual) commutative monoid then, defining  $a \circ b = \{a \bullet b\}$  and  $\epsilon = e$  induces a non-deterministic monoid  $(M, \circ, \epsilon)$ . Using the bijection  $x \mapsto \{x\}$  mapping elements of  $M$  to singletons in  $\mathcal{P}(M)$ , we can view (usual) commutative monoids as a particular case of non-deterministic monoids (later called total deterministic monoids). Partial monoids can also be represented using the empty set  $\emptyset$  as the result of undefined compositions.

The term *relational* is sometimes used because the map  $\circ : M \times M \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}(M)$  can equivalently be understood as a ternary relation  $- \circ - \ni - : M \times M \times M \longrightarrow \{0, 1\}$  through the Curry-Howard isomorphism and the axioms correspond to those of an internal monoid in the category of relations [9]. The two presentations are equivalent but we rather use the monoidal presentation in this paper.

**Proposition 2.2** *The extension of  $\circ$  to  $\mathcal{P}(M)$  defined by (1) induces a commutative monoidal structure with unit element  $\{\epsilon\}$  on  $\mathcal{P}(M)$ .*

The proof of this trivial proposition is left to the reader. As a consequence of Proposition 2.2, the denotation  $a_1 \circ \dots \circ a_k$  is unambiguous for any multiset  $\{a_1, \dots, a_k\}$  because it is identical to the product  $\{a_1\} \circ \dots \circ \{a_k\}$  in the commutative monoid  $\mathcal{P}(M)$ .

**Proposition 2.3** *For any  $m \in M$  and any  $X, Y \in \mathcal{P}(M)$ , if  $m \in X \circ Y$  then there exists  $x \in X$  such that  $m \in x \circ Y$ .*

This is a direct consequence of the defining equation (1) of the extension of  $\circ$  to  $\mathcal{P}(M)$ . As a particular case, if  $m \in a_1 \circ \dots \circ a_k \circ b_1 \circ \dots \circ b_p$  then there exists  $\alpha \in a_1 \circ \dots \circ a_k$  such that  $m \in \alpha \circ b_1 \circ \dots \circ b_p$ .

Let  $(M, \circ, \epsilon)$  be a non-deterministic monoid. It is a *partial deterministic monoid* if for any  $x, y \in M$ , the composition  $x \circ y$  is either empty or a singleton.  $(M, \circ, \epsilon)$  is a *total deterministic monoid* if for any  $x, y \in M$ , the composition  $x \circ y$  is a singleton. If moreover for every  $x \in M$  there exists  $y$  such that  $\epsilon \in x \circ y$  then  $(M, \circ, \epsilon)$  is a *total deterministic group*. Total deterministic monoids exactly correspond to those non-deterministic monoids derived from usual commutative monoid.

**Definition 2.4** The class of non-deterministic (resp. partial deterministic, resp. total deterministic) monoids is denoted NDm (resp. Dm, resp. Tm). The class of total deterministic groups is denoted G.

**Proposition 2.5** *The strict inclusions  $G \subsetneq Tm \subsetneq Dm \subsetneq NDm$  hold.*

<sup>2</sup> Associativity should be understood using the extension (1) of  $\circ$  to  $\mathcal{P}(M)$ .

**Proof.** The inclusion between those classes of non-deterministic monoids is obvious. We illustrate  $\text{NDm} \not\subseteq \text{Dm}$  by the following structure:  $(\{\epsilon, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}\}, \circ, \epsilon)$  where  $\mathbf{x} \circ \mathbf{x} = \{\epsilon, \mathbf{y}\}$  and  $\mathbf{y} \circ \alpha = \{\mathbf{y}\}$  for any  $\alpha \in \{\epsilon, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}\}$ .  $\square$

**Definition 2.6** A *non-deterministic groupoid* is a tuple  $(M, \circ, \epsilon, -, \infty)$  where  $(M, \circ, \epsilon)$  is a non-deterministic monoid and  $- : M \rightarrow M$  and  $\infty \in M$  satisfy:

- (i)  $\forall a \in M, \infty \in a \circ - a$
- (ii)  $\forall a, b \in M, \infty \in a \circ b \Rightarrow b = - a$

The *pseudo inverse* operator  $-$  is extended point-wise to  $\mathcal{P}(M) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(M)$  by  $- X = \{-x \mid x \in X\}$ . The identities  $-\epsilon = \infty$  and  $--x = x$  hold for any  $x \in M$ . The reader can find proofs of these identities in [3] as well as many examples of non-deterministic groupoids (called CBI-models there), though many of them are only partial deterministic.

Let  $(M, \circ, \epsilon, -, \infty)$  be a non-deterministic groupoid. It is a *partial deterministic groupoid* if for any  $x, y \in M$ , the composition  $x \circ y$  is either empty or a singleton.  $(M, \circ, \epsilon, -, \infty)$  is a *total deterministic groupoid* if for any  $x, y \in M$ , the composition  $x \circ y$  is a singleton. If moreover  $\epsilon = \infty$  then  $(M, \circ, \epsilon, -, \infty)$  is a *total deterministic group*.

**Definition 2.7** The class of non-deterministic (resp. partial deterministic, resp. total deterministic) groupoids is denoted NDg (resp. Dg, resp. Tg). The class of total deterministic groups is denoted G.

Remark that there is no contradiction in the definition of total deterministic groups (class G) from Definition 2.4 and Definition 2.7 because in this case, the inverse and the pseudo inverse are identical operators.

**Proposition 2.8** *The strict inclusions  $G \subsetneq \text{Tg} \subsetneq \text{Dg} \subsetneq \text{NDg}$  hold.*

**Proof.** See [3,4] for a justification of the strictness of the inclusions. For instance, the *bit-arithmetic model* is a witness for  $\text{Tg} \not\subseteq G$ .  $\square$

### 3 Kripke Semantics for BBI and CBI

We first present the syntax of BBI and CBI. In fact, the operators of BBI form a strict subset of the operator of CBI. The formulae of CBI are defined as following: starting from a set  $\text{Var}$ , they are freely build using the *logical variables* in  $\text{Var}$ , the *logical constants* in  $\{\mathbf{O}, \mathbf{I}, \top, \perp\}$ , the unary connectives in  $\{\sim, \neg\}$  or the binary connectives in  $\{*, \multimap, \wedge\}$ . The formulae of BBI are those formulae of CBI that contain neither  $\mathbf{O}$  nor  $\sim$ . Formally, the set of formulae of BBI/CBI is described by the following grammar:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{BBI} & : A ::= v \mid \mathbf{I} \mid \top \mid \perp \mid \neg A \mid A * A \mid A \multimap A \mid A \wedge A \\ \text{CBI} & : A ::= v \mid \mathbf{O} \mid \mathbf{I} \mid \top \mid \perp \mid \sim A \mid \neg A \mid A * A \mid A \multimap A \mid A \wedge A \end{aligned}$$

with  $v \in \text{Var}$ . Hence, BBI appears as a fragment of CBI.<sup>3</sup> If  $\delta : \text{Var} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(M)$  is an interpretation of variables where  $\mathcal{M} = (M, \circ, \epsilon)$  is a non-deterministic monoid, then we say that  $(\mathcal{M}, \delta)$  is a *model of BBI*. On the other hand, if  $(M, \circ, \epsilon, -, \infty)$  is a non-deterministic groupoid, we say that  $(\mathcal{M}, \delta)$  is a *model of CBI*. We define the Kripke interpretation of the formulae of BBI/CBI from a given model  $(\mathcal{M}, \delta)$  of BBI/CBI, by induction on the structure of formulae:

$$\begin{aligned}
 m \Vdash v & \text{ iff } m \in \delta(v) \\
 m \Vdash \perp & \text{ iff never} & m \Vdash \mathbf{O} & \text{ iff } m \neq \infty \\
 m \Vdash \top & \text{ iff always} & m \Vdash \mathbf{I} & \text{ iff } m = \epsilon \\
 m \Vdash \neg A & \text{ iff } m \not\Vdash A & m \Vdash \sim A & \text{ iff } -m \not\Vdash A \\
 m \Vdash A \wedge B & \text{ iff } m \Vdash A \text{ and } m \Vdash B \\
 m \Vdash A * B & \text{ iff } \exists a, b, m \in a \circ b \text{ and } a \Vdash A \text{ and } b \Vdash B \\
 m \Vdash A \multimap B & \text{ iff } \forall a, b (b \in m \circ a \text{ and } a \Vdash A) \Rightarrow b \Vdash B
 \end{aligned}$$

A formula  $F$  is *valid in the model*  $((M, \circ, \dots), \delta)$  if  $m \Vdash F$  holds for any  $m \in M$ . A formulae  $F$  is *valid in a structure*  $\mathcal{M} = (M, \circ, \dots)$  if for any interpretation  $\delta : \text{Var} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(M)$  of propositional variables,  $F$  is valid in the model  $(\mathcal{M}, \delta)$ . A *counter-model* of the formula  $F$  of BBI (resp. CBI) is given by a non-deterministic monoid (resp. groupoid)  $(M, \circ, \dots)$ , an interpretation  $\delta : \text{Var} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(M)$  and an element  $m \in M$  such that  $m \not\Vdash F$ .

**Definition 3.1** We denote by  $\text{BBI}_{\text{ND}}$  (resp.  $\text{BBI}_{\text{D}}$ ,  $\text{BBI}_{\text{T}}$ ,  $\text{BBI}_{\text{G}}$ ,  $\text{CBI}_{\text{ND}}$ ,  $\text{CBI}_{\text{D}}$ ,  $\text{CBI}_{\text{T}}$ ,  $\text{CBI}_{\text{G}}$ ) the set of formulae of BBI (resp. CBI) which are valid in every structure belonging to the class NDm (resp. Dm, Tm, G, NDg, Dg, Tg, G).

The following theorem collects some previously known results (see below) with a new one, namely  $\text{CBI}_{\text{T}} \not\subseteq \text{CBI}_{\text{D}}$ , to give an overview of the relations between the different flavors of BBI and CBI.

**Theorem 3.2** *The two following inclusions sequences hold:*

$$(i) \text{ BBI}_{\text{ND}} \subsetneq \text{BBI}_{\text{D}} \subsetneq \text{BBI}_{\text{T}} \subsetneq \text{BBI}_{\text{G}} \qquad (ii) \text{ CBI}_{\text{ND}} \subsetneq \text{CBI}_{\text{D}} \subsetneq \text{CBI}_{\text{T}} \subsetneq \text{CBI}_{\text{G}}$$

**Proof.** For a given BBI/CBI-model  $\mathcal{M} = (M, \circ, \epsilon, \dots)$ , the following table lists the

<sup>3</sup> We did not include the two other additive connectives  $\vee$  and  $\rightarrow$  or the other multiplicative connective  $\wp$  which we consider definable in BBI/CBI by the De Morgan equations  $A \vee B = \neg(\neg A \wedge \neg B)$ ,  $A \rightarrow B = \neg(A \wedge \neg B)$  and  $A \wp B = \sim(\sim A * \sim B)$ .

Kripke interpretations of some BBI/CBI formulae in the model  $\mathcal{M}$ :

Name	Formula $F$	$m \Vdash F$	BBI	CBI
	$\neg \mathbf{O}$	$m = \infty$		✓
$\mathcal{I}$	$\neg(\top \multimap \neg \mathbf{I})$	$\epsilon \in m \circ M$	✓	✓
$\mathcal{T}$	$(\neg \mathbf{I} \multimap \perp) \rightarrow \mathbf{I}$	$m \circ (M \setminus \{\epsilon\}) = \emptyset \Rightarrow m = \epsilon$	✓	✓
$\mathcal{K}$	$\neg(\neg \mathbf{O} \multimap \neg \mathbf{I})$	$\epsilon \in m \circ \infty$		✓
$\mathcal{L}$	$\neg \mathbf{O} \multimap \mathbf{I}$	$m \circ \infty \subseteq \{\epsilon\}$		✓
$\mathcal{O}$	$\mathbf{O} \vee \mathbf{I}$	$\infty = \epsilon$		✓
$\mathcal{O}'$	$(\neg \mathbf{O} \multimap \neg \mathbf{O}) \rightarrow \neg \mathbf{O}$	$m \in \infty \circ \infty \Rightarrow m = \infty$		✓
$\Box A$	$\top \multimap (\mathbf{I} \wedge (\top \multimap A))$	$\forall x \in M, x \Vdash A$	✓	✓

For  $\text{BBI}_{\text{D}} \not\subseteq \text{BBI}_{\text{ND}}$  (resp.  $\text{BBI}_{\text{T}} \not\subseteq \text{BBI}_{\text{D}}$ ), the witness formula  $(\mathcal{I} * \mathcal{I}) \rightarrow \mathcal{I}$  (resp.  $\mathcal{T}$ ) was given in [14]. The formula  $\mathcal{I}$  encodes invertibility in BBI/CBI, thus  $\mathcal{I}$  belongs to  $\text{BBI}_{\text{G}}$  but not to  $\text{BBI}_{\text{T}}$ . Hence  $\text{BBI}_{\text{G}} \not\subseteq \text{BBI}_{\text{T}}$ .

For  $\text{CBI}_{\text{D}} \not\subseteq \text{CBI}_{\text{ND}}$ , the witness formula  $\mathcal{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}$  was given in [4]. The formula  $\mathcal{O}$  encodes the equation  $\infty = \epsilon$  and is thus a witness for  $\text{CBI}_{\text{G}} \not\subseteq \text{CBI}_{\text{T}}$ .

Let us provide a witness for  $\text{CBI}_{\text{T}} \not\subseteq \text{CBI}_{\text{D}}$ . The formula  $\mathcal{O}'$  is valid in a structure of the class  $\text{Tg}$  if and only if  $\infty = \epsilon$  and thus the structure must also be of the class  $\text{G}$  and hence, the formula  $\mathcal{O}$  must also be valid in that structure. Hence the formula  $\Box \mathcal{O}' \rightarrow \mathcal{O}$  belongs to  $\text{CBI}_{\text{T}}$ .

Let us show that  $\Box \mathcal{O}' \rightarrow \mathcal{O}$  does not belong to  $\text{CBI}_{\text{D}}$ . Consider the partial deterministic groupoid  $\mathcal{M} = (\{\epsilon, x, y, \infty\}, \circ, \epsilon, -, \infty)$  defined by the following tables:

$\circ$	$\epsilon$	$x$	$y$	$\infty$			$-$
$\epsilon$	$\{\epsilon\}$	$\{x\}$	$\{y\}$	$\{\infty\}$	$\epsilon$		$\infty$
$x$	$\{x\}$	$\emptyset$	$\{\infty\}$	$\emptyset$	$x$		$y$
$y$	$\{y\}$	$\{\infty\}$	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$	$y$		$x$
$\infty$	$\{\infty\}$	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$	$\infty$		$\epsilon$

There is no need to provide  $\delta$  because no logical variable appear in the formulae we consider. We let the reader check that the structure  $\mathcal{M}$  verifies the axioms of non-deterministic groupoids. Thus,  $\mathcal{M} \in \text{Dg}$  holds. The formula  $\mathcal{O}'$  is valid in this structure because  $\infty \circ \infty = \emptyset$ . Hence,  $\Box \mathcal{O}'$  is valid in  $\mathcal{M}$ . Obviously  $\infty \neq \epsilon$  holds in  $\mathcal{M}$  and thus  $\mathcal{M}$  is a counter-model to the formula  $\Box \mathcal{O}' \rightarrow \mathcal{O}$ . Moreover,  $\mathcal{M}$  belongs to the class  $\text{Dg}$ . □

We do not discuss the relations between the different sub-classes of BBI/CBI models further. See [3,5,13,14] for a more detailed presentation.

$$\begin{array}{c}
\frac{}{A \vdash A} \langle \text{id} \rangle \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash B}{\Gamma, ! \wedge A \vdash B} \langle \text{w} \rangle \quad \frac{\Gamma, ! \wedge A, ! \wedge A \vdash B}{\Gamma, ! \wedge A \vdash B} \langle \text{c} \rangle \quad \frac{\Gamma, A \vdash B}{\Gamma, ! \wedge A \vdash B} \langle !L \rangle \\
\frac{\Gamma \vdash A \quad \Delta, B \vdash C}{\Gamma, \Delta, A \multimap B \vdash C} \langle \multimap_L \rangle \quad \frac{\Gamma, A \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash A \multimap B} \langle \multimap_R \rangle \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A \quad \Gamma \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash A \wedge B} \langle \wedge_R \rangle
\end{array}$$

Fig. 1. Sequent calculus rules for BBI/CBI

## 4 Sequents for BBI/CBI

Contrary to (intuitionistic) BI or Linear Logic [10,18], bunched logics with classical additives like BBI and CBI are usually not described by sequent calculi. There is no known sequent calculus enjoying decent proof-theoretical properties like cut-elimination or the sub-formula property. Only Display style proof-systems exist for BBI/CBI [2,3]. Nevertheless, we present a set of sound sequent calculus rules with are suitable for many bunched logics with classical additives, because they preserve validity in a particular model.

Let us consider a fixed BBI or CBI model  $(\mathcal{M}, \delta)$  with  $\delta : \text{Var} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ , depending on whether we only want to interpret the fragment BBI or full CBI.

**Definition 4.1** A *sequent* is a pair denoted  $\Gamma \vdash B$  where  $\Gamma$  is a multiset of formulae and  $B$  is a single formula. The sequent  $A_1, \dots, A_p \vdash B$  is *valid* in the model  $(\mathcal{M}, \delta)$  and we write  $(\mathcal{M}, \delta) \Vdash A_1, \dots, A_p \vdash B$  if

$$\forall m, m_1, \dots, m_p \in \mathcal{M}, (m \in m_1 \circ \dots \circ m_p \text{ and } \forall i, m_i \Vdash A_i) \text{ implies } m \Vdash B \quad (2)$$

When  $\Gamma \vdash B$  is valid in the model  $(\mathcal{M}, \delta)$ , we also say that  $(\mathcal{M}, \delta)$  is a *model of the sequent*  $\Gamma \vdash B$ .

Because of the associativity and commutativity of  $\circ$ , property (2) is stable by permutation of the  $A_i$ 's and thus, validity is a well-defined notion for sequents. *Universal validity* w.r.t. a sub-class of non-deterministic monoids (resp. groupoids) means validity in all the models belonging to that particular sub-class. With Definition 4.1, we derive the following obvious result:

**Proposition 4.2** *The sequent  $A_1, \dots, A_p \vdash B$  is valid in  $(\mathcal{M}, \delta)$  if and only if the formula  $\neg((A_1 * \dots * A_p) \wedge \neg B)$  is valid in  $(\mathcal{M}, \delta)$ .*

### 4.1 Sequent Calculi for BBI/CBI

In general, a proof rule is *sound* if it preserves universal validity from the premises to the conclusion. A proof rule is *strongly sound* if it preserves models from the premises to the conclusion. Hence strong soundness implies soundness. The next result establishes the strong soundness of the sequent calculus rules of Figure 1. Remark that these sequent rules can be viewed as a subset of the rules of intuitionistic linear logic where the exponential  $!A$  has been replaced by  $! \wedge A$ .

**Proposition 4.3** *The rules of Figure 1 preserve validity in the model  $(\mathcal{M}, \delta)$ .*



$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{}{\Sigma^!, A \vdash A} \langle \text{Ax} \rangle \\
 \\
 \frac{\Sigma^!, \Gamma, A \vdash B}{\Sigma^!, \Gamma \vdash C} (A \multimap B) \multimap C \in \Sigma \quad \frac{\Sigma^!, \Gamma \vdash A \quad \Sigma^!, \Delta \vdash B}{\Sigma^!, \Gamma, \Delta \vdash C} A \multimap (B \multimap C) \in \Sigma \\
 \\
 \frac{\Sigma^!, \Gamma \vdash A \quad \Sigma^!, \Gamma \vdash B}{\Sigma^!, \Gamma \vdash C} (A \wedge B) \multimap C \in \Sigma
 \end{array}$$

Fig. 2. gBBI: a set of goal-directed sequent calculus rules for BBI/CBI

The proof of this result is standard and is reproduced in Appendix A. In this paper, we will not use the rules of Figure 1 directly. We rather use a set gBBI of *goal-directed* sequent rules which better correspond to the computation steps of Minsky machines. In the set gBBI of goal-directed rules described in Figure 2, we denote  $\Sigma^!$  for the multiset  $\Sigma^! = ! \wedge A_1, \dots, ! \wedge A_k$  when  $\Sigma$  is the multiset  $\Sigma = A_1, \dots, A_k$ . Moreover, we name the rules of gBBI according to the form of their corresponding side condition, i.e.  $\langle \text{Ax} \rangle$ ,  $\langle (-*) \multimap \rangle$ ,  $\langle *(-*) \rangle$  and  $\langle (\wedge) \multimap \rangle$ .

**Theorem 4.4** *For any BBI (resp. CBI) model  $(\mathcal{M}, \delta)$ , if a BBI-sequent (resp. CBI-sequent) has a proof in gBBI then it is valid in  $(\mathcal{M}, \delta)$ .*

**Proof.** First, we show that each rule of gBBI can be obtained as a combination of the rules of Figure 1.

<p>case of rule <math>\langle \text{Ax} \rangle</math></p> $  \begin{array}{c}  \frac{}{A \vdash A} \langle \text{id} \rangle \\  \frac{}{\vdash w} \langle w \rangle \\  \vdots \text{ applied } n \text{ times} \\  \frac{}{\Sigma^!, A \vdash A} \langle w \rangle  \end{array}  $	<p>case of rule <math>\langle *(-*) \rangle</math></p> $  \begin{array}{c}  \frac{\Sigma^!, \Delta \vdash B \quad \frac{}{C \vdash C} \langle \text{id} \rangle}{\Sigma^!, \Delta, B \multimap C \vdash C} \langle *L \rangle \\  \frac{\Sigma^!, \Gamma \vdash A \quad \Sigma^!, \Delta, B \multimap C \vdash C}{\Sigma^!, \Gamma, \Sigma^!, \Delta, A \multimap (B \multimap C) \vdash C} \langle *L \rangle \\  \frac{\Sigma^!, \Gamma, \Sigma^!, \Delta, ! \wedge (A \multimap (B \multimap C)) \vdash C}{\Sigma^!, \Gamma, \Sigma^!, \Delta, ! \wedge (A \multimap (B \multimap C)) \vdash C} \langle !L \rangle \\  \frac{}{\vdash c} \langle c \rangle \\  \vdots \text{ applied } n + 1 \text{ times} \\  \frac{}{\Sigma^!, \Gamma, \Delta \vdash C} \langle c \rangle  \end{array}  $
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<p>case of rule <math>\langle (-*) \multimap \rangle</math></p> $  \begin{array}{c}  \frac{\Sigma^!, \Gamma, A \vdash B}{\Sigma^!, \Gamma \vdash A \multimap B} \langle *R \rangle \quad \frac{}{C \vdash C} \langle \text{id} \rangle \\  \frac{}{\Sigma^!, \Gamma, (A \multimap B) \multimap C \vdash C} \langle *L \rangle \\  \frac{}{\Sigma^!, \Gamma, ! \wedge ((A \multimap B) \multimap C) \vdash C} \langle !L \rangle \\  \frac{}{\Sigma^!, \Gamma \vdash C} \langle c \rangle  \end{array}  $	<p>case of rule <math>\langle (\wedge) \multimap \rangle</math></p> $  \begin{array}{c}  \frac{\Sigma^!, \Gamma \vdash A \quad \Sigma^!, \Gamma \vdash B}{\Sigma^!, \Gamma \vdash A \wedge B} \langle \wedge R \rangle \quad \frac{}{C \vdash C} \langle \text{id} \rangle \\  \frac{}{\Sigma^!, \Gamma, (A \wedge B) \multimap C \vdash C} \langle *L \rangle \\  \frac{}{\Sigma^!, \Gamma, ! \wedge ((A \wedge B) \multimap C) \vdash C} \langle !L \rangle \\  \frac{}{\Sigma^!, \Gamma \vdash C} \langle c \rangle  \end{array}  $
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Remark that in the cases of rules  $\langle \text{Ax} \rangle$  and  $\langle *(-*) \rangle$ ,  $n$  represents the size of the multiset  $\Sigma$  (counting all the occurrences of the formulae that appear in  $\Sigma$ ). Since the rules of Figure 1 preserve validity in  $(\mathcal{M}, \delta)$  (see Proposition 4.3), thus

the rules of **gBBI** preserve validity in  $(\mathcal{M}, \delta)$ . Hence, the root of a proof tree must be a sequent which is valid in  $(\mathcal{M}, \delta)$ .  $\square$

Neither the set of rules of Figure 1 nor the set of rules of Figure 2 constitute a complete proof-system for either  $\text{BBI}_{\text{ND}}$  or  $\text{CBI}_{\text{ND}}$ . However, there exists some completeness results w.r.t. **gBBI** and fragments of **BBI/CBI** discussed in Section 4.3. The important property of **gBBI** in the context of this paper is that **gBBI** is sufficient to be able to simulate Minsky machines computations and it is the simplest system we could design for such a goal.

#### 4.2 The elementary fragment of BBI

We define a fragment called elementary **BBI** (**eBBI**) which is common to **BBI** and **CBI**. **eBBI** will be used to encode Minsky machines and corresponds to an extension of the fragment  $\text{s-IMELL}_0^-$  of multiplicative exponential linear logic [6,14].

**Definition 4.5** A formula of **BBI/CBI** is  $(\neg, \wedge)$ -*elementary* if it is of the form  $(u \multimap v) \multimap w$ ,  $u \multimap (v \multimap w)$  or  $(u \wedge v) \multimap w$  where  $u$ ,  $v$  and  $w$  are logical variables. The sequents of the fragment **eBBI** are those of the form  $\Sigma^!, \Gamma \vdash c$  where  $\Gamma$  is a multiset of variables,  $c$  is a variable and  $\Sigma$  is a multiset of  $(\neg, \wedge)$ -elementary formulae.

One can view **eBBI** as a fragment of **BBI/CBI** through Proposition 4.2 and in this sense, it seems to be a bit simpler than *minimal BBI* as defined in [5]. Validity in **eBBI** is the restriction of validity in **BBI/CBI**. Hence (see Theorem 3.2), this notion may depend on the class of models chosen among  $\text{NDm}$ ,  $\text{Dm}$ ,  $\text{Tm}$ ,  $\text{NDg}$ ,  $\text{Dg}$ ,  $\text{Tg}$  and  $\text{G}$ . However, by Theorem 4.4, **gBBI** is sound w.r.t. any of those classes of models. Hence, we are safe as long as we use **gBBI** to establish validity of **eBBI** sequents. It is obvious that **eBBI** is stable by backward application of the rules of **gBBI**, hence any **gBBI** proof of a sequent of **eBBI** contains only sequents of **eBBI**.

#### 4.3 Completeness issues for gBBI on the fragment eBBI

On the fragment **eBBI**, the question of the completeness of **gBBI** w.r.t. the different classes of models considered in this paper is still partially open. In [14], the reader can find a proof that **gBBI** is sound and complete w.r.t. the classes of models  $\text{NDm}$ ,  $\text{Dm}$  and  $\text{Tm}$ . We have a proof that **gBBI** is sound and complete w.r.t. the class  $\text{Dg}$ . Hence, **gBBI** is also sound and complete w.r.t. the class  $\text{NDg}$ . But none of these two proofs would fit for the classes  $\text{Tg}$  and  $\text{G}$ . To our knowledge, the question of the completeness of **gBBI** on the fragment **eBBI** for the classes  $\text{Tg}$  and  $\text{G}$  is open. In general, the question of completeness of fragments w.r.t. subclasses of models can be difficult to solve, as illustrated by the examples of the incompleteness of **BBI** [14] and **CBI** [4] w.r.t. partial monoidal Kripke semantics.

## 5 Encoding Minsky machines in BBI/CBI

We propose an encoding of Minsky machines [15] in **BBI/CBI**. As in [14], the encoding differs from Kanovich's encoding of Minsky machines in the  $(!, \oplus)$ -Horn

fragment of intuitionistic linear logic [12]. Compared to the encoding proposed in [14], the one we give here is a bit more complex for two reasons. First reason: it is suitable for many counter Minsky machines. Second reason: it is designed such that its faithfulness can be derived from a model taken in the sub-class of groups, more precisely  $(\mathbb{Z}^n, +, 0)$ .<sup>4</sup>

### 5.1 Many counters Minsky machines

In the following discussion,  $n > 0$  represents the *number of counters* of the Minsky machine and  $l > 0$  the *number of instructions* of the Minsky machine. The names  $p, q$  range over the interval  $[1, n]$  and the names  $i, j, k, \dots$  range over the interval  $[0, l]$ . Hence, the variables  $n, l, p, q, i, j, k$  all represent positive integers. The values of the counters of the Minsky machine can be represented by a vector in  $\mathbb{N}^n$ , that is a  $n$ -uplet of the form  $\mathbf{m} = (m_1, \dots, m_n)$ . Given the values of counters  $\mathbf{m} \in \mathbb{N}^n$  and  $p \in [1, n]$ , we denote by  $m_p$  the value of the  $p$ -th counter, that is the  $p$ -th component of the vector  $\mathbf{m}$ . Let us denote by  $\mathbf{e}_p = (0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0)$  the vector of  $\mathbb{N}^n$  with all components to 0 except the  $p$ -th which as value 1. Hence,  $(\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n)$  is the canonical base of  $\mathbb{N}^n$  and we have the canonical decomposition:  $\mathbf{m} = m_1\mathbf{e}_1 + \dots + m_n\mathbf{e}_n$ . We denote by  $\mathbf{0}$  the vector  $(0, \dots, 0)$  where all components are null.

A  $n$ -counter Minsky machine with  $l$  instructions is given by a total function

$$\psi : [1, l] \longrightarrow \{+\} \times [1, n] \times [0, l] \uplus \{-\} \times [1, n] \times [0, l] \times [0, l]$$

where,  $\uplus$  represents disjoint set union. Minsky machines instructions (incrementation, zero test/decrementation) are encoded as illustrated in the two following examples:

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(1) = (+, 2, 3) &\rightsquigarrow 1: \text{c}[2] := \text{c}[2] + 1; \text{goto } 3 \\ \psi(2) = (-, 6, 4, 5) &\rightsquigarrow 2: \text{if } \text{c}[6] = 0 \text{ then goto } 4 \text{ else } \text{c}[6] := \text{c}[6] - 1; \text{goto } 5 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\text{c}[\ ]$  contains the array of counters of the Minsky machine.

Given a Minsky machine  $\mathcal{M} = (n, l, \psi)$ , its *state* is given by the index of the next instruction and the value of the counters. We represent the set  $\mathcal{S}(\mathcal{M})$  of states by  $\mathcal{S}(\mathcal{M}) = [0, l] \times \mathbb{N}^n$ . The computation steps of the machine are represented by a (binary) transition relation between states  $\rightarrow_{\mathcal{M}} \subseteq \mathcal{S}(\mathcal{M}) \times \mathcal{S}(\mathcal{M})$ . For any two states  $(i, \mathbf{m})$  and  $(i', \mathbf{m}')$ , the relation  $(i, \mathbf{m}) \rightarrow_{\mathcal{M}} (i', \mathbf{m}')$  holds if there exists some  $p \in [1, n]$  and some  $j, k \in [0, l]$  such that one of the following conditions holds:

$$\begin{aligned} &\psi(i) = (+, p, i') \text{ and } \mathbf{m}' = \mathbf{m} + \mathbf{e}_p \\ \text{or } &\psi(i) = (-, p, i', k), m_p = 0 \text{ and } \mathbf{m}' = \mathbf{m} \\ \text{or } &\psi(i) = (-, p, j, i'), \mathbf{m}' + \mathbf{e}_p = \mathbf{m} \text{ (and } m_p \neq 0) \end{aligned}$$

<sup>4</sup> whereas it was the total monoid  $(\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}, +, 0)$  in [14].

Remark that  $(i, \mathbf{m}) \rightarrow_{\mathcal{M}} (i', \mathbf{m}')$  does not hold if  $i = 0$  because  $\psi(0)$  is not defined. Let  $\rightarrow_{\mathcal{M}}^*$  be the reflexive and transitive closure of the relation  $\rightarrow_{\mathcal{M}}$ .

We say that the machine  $\mathcal{M} = (n, l, \psi)$  accepts the input  $\mathbf{m}$  if starting from the state  $(1, \mathbf{m})$ , there exists a sequence of transitions leading to the state  $(0, 0)$  and we define the set  $\mathcal{A}(\mathcal{M})$  of accepted inputs of  $\mathcal{M}$  by:

$$\mathcal{A}(\mathcal{M}) = \{ \mathbf{m} \in \mathbb{N}^n \mid (1, \mathbf{m}) \rightarrow_{\mathcal{M}}^* (0, 0) \}$$

We give the following example of a 2-counters 3-instructions Minsky machine informally described by the following pseudo-code:

1: if $c[2]=0$ then goto 0 else $c[2]:=c[2]-1$ ; goto 2	$\psi_0(1) = (-, 2, 0, 2)$
2: if $c[1]=0$ then goto 3 else $c[1]:=c[1]-1$ ; goto 1	$\psi_0(2) = (-, 1, 3, 1)$
3: $c[1]:=c[1]+1$ ; goto 3	$\psi_0(3) = (+, 1, 3)$

with formal definition corresponding to  $\mathcal{M}_0 = (2, 3, \psi_0)$ . With this definition, the reader can check that  $\mathcal{A}(\mathcal{M}_0) = \{ (c, c) \mid c \in \mathbb{N} \}$ .

### 5.2 The encoding of Minsky machines in eBBI

In the following discussion, we consider a fixed Minsky machine  $\mathcal{M} = (n, l, \psi)$ . We denote  $\Sigma_{\mathcal{M}}$  (resp.  $\rightarrow_{\mathcal{M}}$ ) simply by  $\Sigma$  (resp.  $\rightarrow$ ). We describe how we encode instructions and simulate computations. The instructions of  $\mathcal{M}$  will be represented by  $(\neg, \wedge)$ -elementary formulae in the fragment eBBI. For this, we need the following set of propositional variables:

$$\{c_1, \dots, c_n\} \cup \{r_1, \dots, r_n\} \cup \{k\} \cup \{q_0, \dots, q_l\} \cup \{q_0^1, \dots, q_l^1\} \cup \dots \cup \{q_0^n, \dots, q_l^n\}$$

composed of  $(n + 1)(l + 3) - 1$  (distinct) logical variables.

Let  $\Sigma_0$  be the following multiset composed of  $n(n+1)+2$  many  $(\neg, \wedge)$ -elementary formulae:

$$\Sigma_0 = \left[ \begin{array}{l} \{c_p \neg (k \neg k) \mid p \in [1, n]\} \cup \{c_p \neg (r_q \neg r_q) \mid p \neq q \in [1, n]\} \\ \cup \{(c_1 \neg c_1) \neg r_q \mid q \in [1, n]\} \cup \{(c_1 \neg c_1) \neg k, (c_1 \neg c_1) \neg q_0\} \end{array} \right]$$

For  $i \in [1, l]$ , from the value of  $\psi(i)$ , we define the multiset  $\Sigma_i$  composed of two  $(\neg, \wedge)$ -elementary formulae by:

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_i &= \{(c_p \neg q_j) \neg q_j^p, (k \wedge q_j^p) \neg q_i\} \quad \text{when } \psi(i) = (+, p, j) \\ \text{or } \Sigma_i &= \{(r_p \wedge q_j) \neg q_i, c_p \neg (q_k \neg q_i)\} \quad \text{when } \psi(i) = (-, p, j, k) \end{aligned}$$

Collecting  $\Sigma_0, \dots, \Sigma_l$ , we obtain a multiset composed of  $n(n + 1) + 2(l + 1)$  formulae. The Minsky machine instructions of  $\mathcal{M} = (n, l, \psi)$  are thus encoded as the multiset  $\Sigma_{\mathcal{M}} = \Sigma_0, \Sigma_1, \dots, \Sigma_l$  of  $(\neg, \wedge)$ -elementary formulae.

Given a vector  $\mathbf{m} \in \mathbb{N}^n$ , we define  $\mathbf{c}^{\mathbf{m}} = m_1 \cdot \mathbf{c}_1, \dots, m_n \cdot \mathbf{c}_n$  as the multiset composed of  $m_i$  occurrences of the variable  $\mathbf{c}_i$  for each  $i \in [1, n]$ , i.e. the encoding of the vector  $\mathbf{m}$  as a multiset of  $\{\mathbf{c}_1, \dots, \mathbf{c}_n\}$ . As an example, when  $\mathbf{m} = (2, 1, 3) \in \mathbb{N}^3$ , we have  $\mathbf{c}^{\mathbf{m}} = \mathbf{c}_1, \mathbf{c}_1, \mathbf{c}_2, \mathbf{c}_3, \mathbf{c}_3, \mathbf{c}_3$ . Then, it is trivial to verify that for any vector  $\mathbf{m} \in \mathbb{N}^n$  and any  $i \in [0, l]$ , the sequent  $\Sigma^l_{\mathcal{M}}, \mathbf{c}^{\mathbf{m}} \vdash \mathbf{q}_i$  belongs to the fragment eBBI.

The following result states that acceptance by  $\mathcal{M}$  is simulated by validity in eBBI, whichever sub-class of models of BBI/CBI is chosen.

**Theorem 5.1** *For any  $X \in \{\text{ND}, \text{D}, \text{T}, \text{G}\}$ ,*

$$\mathcal{A}(\mathcal{M}) = \{\mathbf{m} \in \mathbb{N}^n \mid \Sigma^l_{\mathcal{M}}, \mathbf{c}^{\mathbf{m}} \vdash \mathbf{q}_1 \text{ is universally valid in } \text{BBI}_X\} \quad (\text{resp. } \text{CBI}_X)$$

We detail the proof in Sections 5.3 and 5.4. But before we prove this characterization, let us come back to our previous example of the two counters Minsky machine  $\mathcal{M}_0 = (2, 3, \psi_0)$ . With the previous description, the encoding of the instructions of  $\mathcal{M}_0$  will be given by the following multiset  $\Sigma_{(2,3,\psi_0)}$ :

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{c}_1 \multimap (\mathbf{r}_2 \multimap \mathbf{r}_2), \mathbf{c}_2 \multimap (\mathbf{r}_1 \multimap \mathbf{r}_1), \\ \mathbf{c}_1 \multimap (\mathbf{k} \multimap \mathbf{k}), \mathbf{c}_2 \multimap (\mathbf{k} \multimap \mathbf{k}), \\ (\mathbf{c}_1 \multimap \mathbf{c}_1) \multimap \mathbf{r}_1, (\mathbf{c}_1 \multimap \mathbf{c}_1) \multimap \mathbf{r}_2, \\ (\mathbf{c}_1 \multimap \mathbf{c}_1) \multimap \mathbf{k}, (\mathbf{c}_1 \multimap \mathbf{c}_1) \multimap \mathbf{q}_0 \end{array} \right\} \cup \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (\mathbf{r}_2 \wedge \mathbf{q}_0) \multimap \mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{c}_2 \multimap (\mathbf{q}_2 \multimap \mathbf{q}_1), \\ (\mathbf{r}_1 \wedge \mathbf{q}_3) \multimap \mathbf{q}_2, \mathbf{c}_1 \multimap (\mathbf{q}_1 \multimap \mathbf{q}_2), \\ (\mathbf{c}_1 \multimap \mathbf{q}_3) \multimap \mathbf{q}_3^1, (\mathbf{k} \wedge \mathbf{q}_3^1) \multimap \mathbf{q}_3 \end{array} \right\}$$

### 5.3 Soundness of the encoding

**Proposition 5.2** *For any  $\mathbf{m} \in \mathbb{N}^n$  and  $p \in [1, n]$ , if  $m_p = 0$  then the sequent  $\Sigma^l, \mathbf{c}^{\mathbf{m}} \vdash \mathbf{r}_p$  has a proof in gBBI.*

**Proof.** Let us fix  $p \in [1, n]$ . Supposing  $m_p = 0$ , we build of gBBI proof tree of the sequent  $\Sigma^l, \mathbf{c}^{\mathbf{m}} \vdash \mathbf{r}_p$  by induction on the size  $s = m_1 + \dots + m_n$  of  $\mathbf{m}$ .

If  $s = 0$  then  $m_1 = \dots = m_n = 0$  and  $\mathbf{c}^{\mathbf{m}}$  is the empty multiset. Here is a gBBI proof tree:

$$\frac{\frac{}{\Sigma^l, \mathbf{c}_1 \vdash \mathbf{c}_1} \langle \text{Ax} \rangle}{\Sigma^l \vdash \mathbf{r}_p} (\mathbf{c}_1 \multimap \mathbf{c}_1) \multimap \mathbf{r}_p \in \Sigma_0 \subseteq \Sigma$$

If  $s > 0$ , let us choose  $q$  such that  $m_q > 0$ . Then  $p \neq q$  holds (because  $m_p = 0$  is an hypothesis). Let  $\mathbf{m}'$  be the unique vector such that  $\mathbf{m}' + \mathbf{e}_q = \mathbf{m}$ . We derive the identity  $\mathbf{c}^{\mathbf{m}} = \mathbf{c}^{\mathbf{m}'}, \mathbf{c}_q$  between multisets. The size  $s'$  of  $\mathbf{m}'$  is  $s' = s - 1$  and we obviously have  $m'_p = m_p = 0$ . So we can apply the induction hypothesis to  $\mathbf{m}'$  and obtain a proof tree  $Q$  for  $\Sigma^l, \mathbf{c}^{\mathbf{m}'} \vdash \mathbf{r}_p$ . From it, we build a proof tree suitable for

$\Sigma^!, c^m \vdash r_p$ :

$$\frac{\frac{}{\Sigma^!, c_q \vdash c_q} \langle Ax \rangle \quad \frac{Q}{\Sigma^!, c^{m'} \vdash r_p}}{\Sigma^!, c^{m'}, c_q \vdash r_p} c_q \multimap (r_p \multimap r_p) \in \Sigma_0 \subseteq \Sigma$$

Hence the sequent  $\Sigma^!, c^m \vdash r_p$  has a proof in gBBI. □

**Proposition 5.3** *For any  $m \in \mathbb{N}^n$ , the sequent  $\Sigma^!, c^m \vdash k$  has a proof in gBBI.*

**Proof.** Same argument as Proposition 5.2 but using side conditions  $(c_1 \multimap c_1) \multimap k \in \Sigma_0$  and  $c_q \multimap (k \multimap k) \in \Sigma_0$  instead of  $c_q \multimap (r_p \multimap r_p) \in \Sigma_0$ . □

**Lemma 5.4** *For any  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $i \in [0, l]$  and  $m \in \mathbb{N}^n$ , if  $(i, m) \rightarrow^r (0, 0)$  then the sequent  $\Sigma^!, c^m \vdash q_i$  has a proof in gBBI.*

**Proof.** We build a gBBI proof tree for the sequent  $\Sigma^!, c^m \vdash q_i$  by induction on  $r$ . If  $r = 0$  then we have  $(i, m) = (0, 0)$ . As  $c^0$  is the empty multiset, the sequent  $\Sigma^!, c^0 \vdash q_0$  has the following proof tree:

$$\frac{\frac{}{\Sigma^!, c_1 \vdash c_1} \langle Ax \rangle}{\Sigma^! \vdash q_0} (c_1 \multimap c_1) \multimap q_0 \in \Sigma_0 \subseteq \Sigma$$

Let us now consider a transition sequence  $(i, m) \rightarrow (i', m') \rightarrow^r (0, 0)$  of length  $r + 1$ . By the evident induction hypothesis, let  $P$  be a proof tree for the sequent  $\Sigma^!, c^{m'} \vdash q_{i'}$ . We consider the three cases for  $(i, m) \rightarrow (i', m')$ .

If  $\psi(i) = (+, p, i')$  and  $m' = m + e_p$ . Hence the identity  $c^{m'} = c^m, c_p$  holds. Let  $Q$  be a proof tree for  $\Sigma^!, c^m \vdash k$  according to Proposition 5.3. We provide the following proof tree for  $\Sigma^!, c^m \vdash q_i$ :

$$\frac{\frac{Q}{\Sigma^!, c^m \vdash k} \quad \frac{\frac{P}{\Sigma^!, c^m, c_p \vdash q_{i'}}}{\Sigma^!, c^m \vdash q_{i'}^p} (c_p \multimap q_{i'}) \multimap q_{i'}^p \in \Sigma_i}{\Sigma^!, c^m \vdash q_i} (k \wedge q_{i'}^p) \multimap q_i \in \Sigma_i$$

If  $\psi(i) = (-, p, i', k)$ ,  $m_p = 0$  and  $m' = m$ . Let  $Q$  be a proof tree for  $\Sigma^!, c^m \vdash r_p$  according to Proposition 5.2. We provide the following proof tree for  $\Sigma^!, c^m \vdash q_i$ :

$$\frac{\frac{Q}{\Sigma^!, c^m \vdash r_p} \quad \frac{P}{\Sigma^!, c^m \vdash q_{i'}}}{\Sigma^!, c^m \vdash q_i} (r_p \wedge q_{i'}) \multimap q_i \in \Sigma_i$$

If  $\psi(i) = (-, p, j, i')$ ,  $m' + e_p = m$  (and  $m_p \neq 0$ ). Then the identity  $c^{m'}, c_p = c^m$

holds. We provide the following proof tree for  $\Sigma^l, c^{m'}, c_p \vdash q_i$ :

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{}{\Sigma^l, c_p \vdash c_p} \langle Ax \rangle \quad \frac{P}{\Sigma^l, c^{m'} \vdash q_{i'}}}{\Sigma^l, c^{m'}, c_p \vdash q_i} c_p \multimap (q_{i'} \multimap q_i) \in \Sigma_i$$

In any case we obtain a gBBI proof tree for  $\Sigma^l, c^m \vdash q_i$  which fulfills the requirements of the induction step.  $\square$

Thus for any  $X \in \{ND, D, T, G\}$ , if the relation  $(1, m) \rightarrow^* (0, 0)$  holds, then by Lemma 5.4 we obtain a proof of  $\Sigma^l, c^m \vdash q_1$  in gBBI and by Theorem 4.4, this sequent is (universally) valid in  $BBI_X$  (resp.  $CBI_X$ ).

#### 5.4 Faithfulness of the encoding

We use a particular Kripke semantics interpretation in the free abelian group  $(\mathbb{Z}^n, +, 0, -)$ . This is the crucial point: provide a model which is suitable for both BBI and CBI. Considering  $\mathbb{N}^n \subseteq \mathbb{Z}^n$  as the strict subset of  $\mathbb{Z}^n$  whose vectors have positive components, we define  $x \circ y = \{x + y\}$  and  $(\mathbb{Z}^n, \circ, 0, -, 0)$  is thus a non-deterministic groupoid of the class G.

We provide the following Kripke interpretation for the variables that might occur in  $\Sigma$ . For  $p \in [1, n]$  and  $i \in [0, l]$ , we define:

$$\begin{aligned} \delta(c_p) &= \{e_p\} & \delta(r_p) &= \{m \in \mathbb{N}^n \mid m_p = 0\} & \delta(k) &= \mathbb{N}^n \\ \delta(q_i) &= \{m \in \mathbb{N}^n \mid (i, m) \rightarrow^* (0, 0)\} & \delta(q_i^p) &= \{m \in \mathbb{Z}^n \mid m + e_p \in \delta(q_i)\} \end{aligned}$$

Let us now consider the Kripke semantics of the compound formulae of  $\Sigma$ .

**Proposition 5.5** *For any  $\sigma \in \Sigma$ ,  $0 \Vdash \sigma$  holds.*

**Proof.** First let us prove that  $m \Vdash c_1 \multimap c_1$  iff  $m = 0$ . Indeed,  $m \Vdash c_1 \multimap c_1$  iff  $m \circ \delta(c_1) \subseteq \delta(c_1)$  iff  $m \circ \{e_1\} \subseteq \{e_1\}$  iff  $\{m + e_1\} \subseteq \{e_1\}$  iff  $m = 0$ .

Then  $m \Vdash (c_1 \multimap c_1) \multimap x$  iff  $m \circ \{0\} \subseteq \delta(x)$  iff  $m \in \delta(x)$ . As  $0$  belongs to  $\delta(r_q)$ ,  $\delta(k)$  and  $\delta(q_0)$ , for any variable  $x \in \{r_q \mid q \in [1, n]\} \cup \{k, q_0\}$ , we have  $0 \Vdash (c_1 \multimap c_1) \multimap x$ .

Let us choose  $p \neq q \in [1, n]$  and let us prove that  $0 \Vdash c_p \multimap (r_q \multimap r_q)$ . We derive the following logical equivalences:  $m \Vdash c_p \multimap (r_q \multimap r_q)$  iff  $m \circ \delta(c_p) \circ \delta(r_q) \subseteq \delta(r_q)$  iff  $m \circ \{e_p\} \circ \{m' \in \mathbb{N}^n \mid m'_q = 0\} \subseteq \{m' \in \mathbb{N}^n \mid m'_q = 0\}$  iff  $\{m + e_p + m' \mid m' \in \mathbb{N}^n \text{ and } m'_q = 0\} \subseteq \{m' \in \mathbb{N}^n \mid m'_q = 0\}$ . But for any  $m' \in \mathbb{N}^n$  s.t.  $m'_q = 0$ , we have  $(m + e_p + m')_q = m_q + 0 + 0 = m_q$ . Now  $(0 + e_p + m')_q = 0$ , so  $0 \Vdash c_p \multimap (r_q \multimap r_q)$ .

Let us choose  $p \in [1, n]$  and let us prove that  $0 \Vdash c_p \multimap (k \multimap k)$ . We compute:  $m \Vdash c_p \multimap (k \multimap k)$  iff  $m \circ \{e_p\} \circ \mathbb{N}^n \subseteq \mathbb{N}^n$  iff  $\{m + e_p + m' \mid m' \in \mathbb{N}^n\} \subseteq \mathbb{N}^n$  iff  $m + e_p \in \mathbb{N}^n$ . Thus, as  $0 + e_p = e_p \in \mathbb{N}^n$  holds, we obtain  $0 \Vdash c_p \multimap (k \multimap k)$ .

Let us consider the formulae in  $\Sigma_i$  for  $i \in [1, l]$ . Let us prove that the relation  $0 \in \llbracket \sigma \rrbracket$  holds for any  $\sigma \in \Sigma_i$ .

If  $\psi(i) = (+, p, j)$ . Let us prove  $0 \Vdash (c_p \multimap q_j) \multimap q_j^p$ , i.e.  $m \Vdash c_p \multimap q_j$  implies  $m \Vdash q_j^p$  for any  $m \in \mathbb{Z}^n$ . Let us suppose  $m \Vdash c_p \multimap q_j$ . Then  $\{m + e_p\} = m \circ \delta(c_p) \subseteq \delta(q_j)$  and thus  $m + e_p \in \delta(q_j)$ . By definition of  $\delta(q_j^p)$ , we obtain  $m \in \delta(q_j^p)$  and thus  $m \Vdash q_j^p$ .

Then let us prove  $0 \Vdash (k \wedge q_j^p) \multimap q_i$ , i.e.  $m \Vdash k$  and  $m \Vdash q_j^p$  implies  $m \Vdash q_i$  for any  $m \in \mathbb{Z}^n$ . Let us pick  $m \in \mathbb{Z}^n$  and let us suppose  $m \Vdash k$  and  $m \Vdash q_j^p$ . From  $m \Vdash k$ , we derive  $m \in \delta(k)$  and hence  $m \in \mathbb{N}^n$ . From  $m \Vdash q_j^p$ , we derive  $m + e_p \in \delta(q_j)$ . Let  $m' = m + e_p$ . From  $m' \in \delta(q_j)$ , we get  $(j, m') \rightarrow^* (0, 0)$ . As  $m \in \mathbb{N}^n$  and  $\psi(i) = (+, p, j)$ , we have  $(i, m) \rightarrow (j, m')$ . Thus  $(i, m) \rightarrow (j, m') \rightarrow^* (0, 0)$  and we conclude  $m \Vdash q_i$ .

If  $\psi(i) = (-, p, j, k)$ . Let us first prove that  $0 \Vdash (r_p \wedge q_j) \multimap q_i$ , i.e.  $\delta(r_p) \cap \delta(q_j) \subseteq \delta(q_i)$ . Let us pick  $m \in \delta(r_p) \cap \delta(q_j)$ . Then  $m \in \delta(r_p)$  and thus  $m_p = 0$  and  $m \in \mathbb{N}^n$ . As  $\psi(i) = (-, p, j, k)$ , we obtain  $(i, m) \rightarrow (j, m)$ . From  $m \in \delta(q_j)$ , we obtain  $(j, m) \rightarrow^* (0, 0)$ . Thus  $(i, m) \rightarrow (j, m) \rightarrow^* (0, 0)$  and we conclude  $m \in \delta(q_i)$ .

Let us finally prove that  $0 \Vdash c_p \multimap (q_k \multimap q_i)$ , i.e.  $\delta(c_p) \circ \delta(q_k) \subseteq \delta(q_i)$ . As  $\delta(c_p) = \{e_p\}$ , let us choose  $m' \in \delta(q_k)$  and define  $m = m' + e_p$ . From  $m' \in \delta(q_k)$ , we derive  $m' \in \mathbb{N}^n$  and  $(k, m') \rightarrow^* (0, 0)$ . Then  $m \in \mathbb{N}^n$  and  $m_p = m'_p + 1 \neq 0$ . As  $\psi(i) = (-, p, j, k)$ , we get  $(i, m) \rightarrow (k, m')$ . We derive  $(i, m) \rightarrow (k, m') \rightarrow^* (0, 0)$  and obtain  $m \in \delta(q_i)$ . Thus  $m' + e_p \in \delta(q_i)$ . Hence, for any  $m' \in \delta(q_k)$  we get  $\delta(c_p) \circ m' \subseteq \delta(q_i)$ . Thus  $\delta(c_p) \circ \delta(q_k) \subseteq \delta(q_i)$ . □

In the following lemma and subsequent discussion, we use the common denotation  $((\mathbb{Z}^n, \dots), \delta)$  to represent either the BBI-model  $((\mathbb{Z}^n, \circ, 0), \delta)$  or the CBI-model  $((\mathbb{Z}^n, \circ, 0, -, 0), \delta)$ . In fact, the non-deterministic monoidal structure is sufficient to interpret the sequents of the fragment eBBI.

**Lemma 5.6** *For any  $m \in \mathbb{N}^n$  and any  $i \in [0, l]$ , if the sequent  $\Sigma^1, c^m \vdash q_i$  is valid in the model  $((\mathbb{Z}^n, \dots), \delta)$  then the relation  $(i, m) \rightarrow^* (0, 0)$  holds.*

**Proof.** Let  $\Sigma^1 = \{\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_r\}$ . Let  $\varphi \in \Sigma^1$ . There exists  $\sigma \in \Sigma$  s.t.  $\varphi = I \wedge \sigma$ . Then  $0 \Vdash \sigma$  by Proposition 5.5 and thus we get  $0 \Vdash I \wedge \sigma$ . Hence, for any  $\varphi \in \Sigma^1$ , we have  $0 \Vdash \varphi$ . As  $e_p \Vdash c_p$  for any  $p \in [1, n]$ ,  $0 \Vdash \sigma$  for any  $\sigma \in \Sigma^1$  and

$$m = m_1 e_1 + \dots + m_n e_n \in 0 \circ \dots \circ 0 \circ e_1 \circ \dots \circ e_1 \circ \dots \circ e_n \circ \dots \circ e_n$$

(where 0 occurs  $r$  times and  $e_p$  occurs  $m_p$  times for each  $p \in [1, n]$ ), from the validity of  $\Sigma^1, c^m \vdash q_i$  in the interpretation  $((\mathbb{Z}^n, \dots), \delta)$ , we obtain  $m \Vdash q_i$ . Thus  $m \in \delta(q_i)$  and by definition of  $\delta(q_i)$ ,  $(i, m) \rightarrow^* (0, 0)$  holds. □

As the relational monoid  $(\mathbb{Z}^n, \circ, 0)$  (resp. groupoid  $(\mathbb{Z}^n, \circ, 0, -, 0)$ ) belongs to all the sub-classes of non-deterministic monoids (resp. groupoids) considered in this paper, for any  $X \in \{\text{ND}, \text{D}, \text{T}, \text{G}\}$ , if the sequent  $\Sigma^1, c^m \vdash q_1$  is universally valid in  $\text{BBI}_X$  (resp.  $\text{CBI}_X$ ), then it is valid in the model  $((\mathbb{Z}^n, \dots), \delta)$ , and by Lemma 5.6, the relation  $m \in \mathcal{A}(\mathcal{M})$  must hold.

**Corollary 5.7** *BBI and CBI restricted to their Kripke interpretation on pairs of integers in  $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$  are both undecidable.*



**Proof.** Choose a two counter Minsky machine for which acceptance is not recursive [15].  $\square$

## 6 Perspectives and Acknowledgments

From this direct simulation of Minsky machines, we obtain a proof of the undecidability of BBI/CBI based on a very simple semantic structure, the free commutative group  $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$ . Our undecidability proof would not work for the group  $\mathbb{Z}$ . Indeed, one counter Minsky machines are a special case of pushdown automata<sup>5</sup> for which the acceptance/reachability problems are known to be decidable [1]. An interesting development would be to study the decidability of BBI/CBI restricted to  $\mathbb{Z}$  (or only  $\mathbb{N}$  for BBI).

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## A The soundness of sequent rules

**Proposition 4.3** *The rules of Figure 1 preserve validity in the model  $(\mathcal{M}, \delta)$ .*

**Proof.** The case of rules  $\langle \text{id} \rangle$  and  $\langle \wedge_R \rangle$  are trivial. For the other rules, let us write  $\Gamma = \Gamma_1, \dots, \Gamma_p$  (resp.  $\Delta = \Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k$ ) where the  $\Gamma_i$ ’s (resp.  $\Delta_i$ ’s) are the BBI/CBI formulae composing the multiset  $\Gamma$  (resp.  $\Delta$ ).

For rule  $\langle \text{w} \rangle$ , we suppose  $(\mathcal{M}, \delta) \Vdash \Gamma_1, \dots, \Gamma_p \vdash B$  and we prove  $(\mathcal{M}, \delta) \Vdash \Gamma_1, \dots, \Gamma_p, I \wedge A \vdash B$ . For this, let us pick  $m, m_1, \dots, m_p, a \in \mathcal{M}$  such that  $m \in m_1 \circ \dots \circ m_p \circ a$ ,  $m_1 \Vdash \Gamma_1, \dots, m_p \Vdash \Gamma_p$  and  $a \Vdash I \wedge A$ . Let us prove  $m \Vdash B$ . From  $a \Vdash I \wedge A$ , we deduce  $a \Vdash I$  and thus  $a = \epsilon$ . Hence,  $m \in m_1 \circ \dots \circ m_p \circ \epsilon$  and thus  $m \in m_1 \circ \dots \circ m_p$ . We also have  $m_1 \Vdash \Gamma_1, \dots, m_p \Vdash \Gamma_p$ , so, by validity of the sequent  $\Gamma_1, \dots, \Gamma_p \vdash B$  in  $(\mathcal{M}, \delta)$ , we deduce  $m \Vdash B$ .

For rule  $\langle \text{c} \rangle$ , we suppose  $(\mathcal{M}, \delta) \Vdash \Gamma_1, \dots, \Gamma_p, I \wedge A, I \wedge A \vdash B$  and we prove  $(\mathcal{M}, \delta) \Vdash \Gamma_1, \dots, \Gamma_p, I \wedge A \vdash B$ . For this, let us pick  $m, m_1, \dots, m_p, a \in \mathcal{M}$  such that  $m \in m_1 \circ \dots \circ m_p \circ a$ ,  $m_1 \Vdash \Gamma_1, \dots, m_p \Vdash \Gamma_p$  and  $a \Vdash I \wedge A$ . Let us prove  $m \Vdash B$ . From  $a \Vdash I \wedge A$ , we deduce  $a \Vdash I$  and thus  $a = \epsilon$ . Hence  $\{a\} = a \circ a$  and thus  $m \in m_1 \circ \dots \circ m_p \circ a \circ a$ . We also have  $m_1 \Vdash \Gamma_1, \dots, m_p \Vdash \Gamma_p$ , so, by validity of the sequent  $\Gamma_1, \dots, \Gamma_p, I \wedge A, I \wedge A \vdash B$  in  $(\mathcal{M}, \delta)$ , we deduce  $m \Vdash B$ .

For rule  $\langle I_L \rangle$ , we suppose  $(\mathcal{M}, \delta) \Vdash \Gamma_1, \dots, \Gamma_p, A \vdash B$  and we prove  $(\mathcal{M}, \delta) \Vdash \Gamma_1, \dots, \Gamma_p, I \wedge A \vdash B$ . For this, let us pick  $m, m_1, \dots, m_p, a \in \mathcal{M}$  such that  $m \in m_1 \circ \dots \circ m_p \circ a$ ,  $m_1 \Vdash \Gamma_1, \dots, m_p \Vdash \Gamma_p$  and  $a \Vdash I \wedge A$ . Let us prove  $m \Vdash B$ . From  $a \Vdash I \wedge A$ , we deduce  $a \Vdash A$ . We also have  $m_1 \Vdash \Gamma_1, \dots, m_p \Vdash \Gamma_p$ , so, by validity of the sequent  $\Gamma_1, \dots, \Gamma_p, A \vdash B$  in  $(\mathcal{M}, \delta)$ , we deduce  $m \Vdash B$ .

For rule  $\langle \neg *_L \rangle$ , we suppose that  $\Gamma_1, \dots, \Gamma_p \vdash A$  and  $\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k, B \vdash C$  are valid in  $(\mathcal{M}, \delta)$  and we prove that the sequent  $\Gamma_1, \dots, \Gamma_p, \Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k, A \neg *_L B \vdash C$  is valid in  $(\mathcal{M}, \delta)$ . For this, let us pick  $m \in m_1 \circ \dots \circ m_p \circ m'_1 \circ \dots \circ m'_k \circ \alpha$  such that  $m_1 \Vdash \Gamma_1, \dots, m_p \Vdash \Gamma_p, m'_1 \Vdash \Delta_1, \dots, m'_k \Vdash \Delta_k$  and  $\alpha \Vdash A \neg *_L B$ . Let us prove  $m \Vdash C$ . From  $m \in (m_1 \circ \dots \circ m_p) \circ (m'_1 \circ \dots \circ m'_k \circ \alpha)$ , we obtain  $a \in m_1 \circ \dots \circ m_p$  such that  $m \in a \circ m'_1 \circ \dots \circ m'_k \circ \alpha$  (see Proposition 2.3). From  $m \in m'_1 \circ \dots \circ m'_k \circ (a \circ \alpha)$ , we obtain  $b \in a \circ \alpha$  such that  $m \in m'_1 \circ \dots \circ m'_k \circ b$ . By validity of the sequent

$\Gamma_1, \dots, \Gamma_p \vdash A$ , we deduce  $a \Vdash A$ . Since,  $\alpha \Vdash A \multimap B$ ,  $a \Vdash A$  and  $b \in \alpha \circ a$ , we deduce  $b \Vdash B$ . Then, by validity of the sequent  $\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k, B \vdash C$  in  $(\mathcal{M}, \delta)$ , we deduce  $m \Vdash C$ .

For rule  $\langle \multimap_R \rangle$ , we suppose that  $(\mathcal{M}, \delta) \Vdash \Gamma_1, \dots, \Gamma_p, A \vdash B$  and we prove  $(\mathcal{M}, \delta) \Vdash \Gamma_1, \dots, \Gamma_p \vdash A \multimap B$ . For this, let us pick  $m, m_1, \dots, m_p \in \mathcal{M}$  such that  $m \in m_1 \circ \dots \circ m_p$  and  $m_1 \Vdash \Gamma_1, \dots, m_p \Vdash \Gamma_p$ . Let us prove  $m \Vdash A \multimap B$ . Thus, let  $a, b$  be such that  $b \in m \circ a$  and  $a \Vdash A$  and let us prove  $b \Vdash B$ . From  $b \in m \circ a$  and  $m \in m_1 \circ \dots \circ m_p$ , we deduce  $b \in m_1 \circ \dots \circ m_p \circ a$ . By validity of the sequent  $\Gamma_1, \dots, \Gamma_p, A \vdash B$  in  $(\mathcal{M}, \delta)$ , we obtain  $b \Vdash B$ .  $\square$