# The logic of pseudo-uninorms and their residua<sup>☆</sup>

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#### **Abstract**

Our method for density elimination is generalized to the non-commutative substructural logic **GpsUL**\*. Then the standard completeness of **HpsUL**\* follows as a lemma by virtue of previous work by Metcalfe and Montagna. This result shows that **HpsUL**\* is the logic of pseudo-uninorms and their residua and answered the question posed by Prof. Metcalfe, Olivetti, Gabbay and Tsinakis.

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#### 1. Introduction

In 2009, Prof. Metcalfe, Olivetti and Gabbay conjectured that the Hilbert system **HpsUL** is the logic of pseudo-uninorms and their residua [1]. Although **HpsUL** is the logic of bounded representable residuated lattices, it is not the case, as shown by Prof. Wang and Zhao in [2]. In 2013, we constructed the system **HpsUL**\* by adding the weakly commutativity rule

$$(WCM) \vdash (A \rightsquigarrow t) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow t)$$

to **HpsUL** and conjectured that it is the logic of residuated pseudo-uninorms and their residua [3].

In this paper, we prove our conjecture by showing that the density elimination holds for the hypersequent system **GpsUL**\* corresponding to **HpsUL**\*. Then the standard completeness of **HpsUL**\* follows as a lemma by virtue of previous work by Metcalfe and Montagna [4]. This shows that **HpsUL**\* is an axiomatization for the variety of residuated lattices generated by all dense residuated chains. Thus we also answered the question posed by Prof. Metcalfe and Tsinakis in [5] in 2017.

In proving the density elimination for  $\mathbf{GpsUL}^*$ , we have to overcome several difficulties as follows. Firstly, cut-elimination doesn't holds for  $\mathbf{GpsUL}^*$ . Note that (WCM) and the density  $\mathrm{rule}(D)$  are formulated as

$$\frac{G|\Gamma,\Delta\Rightarrow t}{G|\Delta,\Gamma\Rightarrow t}\;,\quad \frac{G|\Pi\Rightarrow p|\Gamma,p,\Delta\Rightarrow B}{G|\Gamma,\Pi,\Delta\Rightarrow B}$$

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in GpsUL\*, respectively. Consider the following derivation fragment.

$$\frac{\frac{\vdots \vdots }{G_1|\Gamma_1, t, \Delta_1 \Rightarrow A} \quad \frac{\overline{G_2|\Gamma_2, \Delta_2 \Rightarrow t}}{G_2|\Delta_2, \Gamma_2 \Rightarrow t}(WCM)}{G_1|G_2|\Gamma_1, \Delta_2, \Gamma_2, \Delta_1 \Rightarrow A}(CUT)$$

By the induction hypothesis of the proof of cut-elimination, we get that  $G_1|G_2|\Gamma_1,\Gamma_2,\Delta_2,\Delta_1\Rightarrow A$  from  $G_2|\Gamma_2,\Delta_2\Rightarrow t$  and  $G_1|\Gamma_1,t,\Delta_1\Rightarrow A$  by (CUT). But we can't deduce  $G_1|G_2|\Gamma_1,\Delta_2,\Gamma_2,\Delta_1\Rightarrow A$  from  $G_1|G_2|\Gamma_1,\Gamma_2,\Delta_2,\Delta_1\Rightarrow A$  by (WCM). We overcome this difficulty by introducing the following weakly cut rule into **GpsUL**\*

$$\frac{G_1|\Gamma, t, \Delta \Rightarrow A \quad G_2|\Pi \Rightarrow t}{G_1|G_2|\Gamma, \Pi, \Delta \Rightarrow A}(WCT).$$

Secondly, the proof of the density elimination for **GpsUL**\* become troublesome even for some simple cases in **GUL** [4]. Consider the following derivation fragment

$$\frac{\frac{\ddots \vdots \dots}{G_1 | \Gamma_1, \Pi_1, \Sigma_1 \Rightarrow A_1} \frac{\ddots \vdots \dots}{G_2 | \Gamma_2, \Pi'_2, p, \Pi''_2, \Sigma_2 \Rightarrow p}}{\frac{G_1 | G_2 | \Gamma_1, \Pi'_2, p, \Pi''_2, \Sigma_1 \Rightarrow A_1 | \Gamma_2, \Pi_1, \Sigma_2 \Rightarrow p}{G_1 | G_2 | \Gamma_1, \Pi'_2, \Gamma_2, \Pi_1, \Sigma_2, \Pi''_2, \Sigma_1 \Rightarrow A_1}} (D)$$

Here, the major problem is how to extend (D) such that it is applicable to  $G_2|\Gamma_2,\Pi_2',p,\Pi_2'',\Sigma_2\Rightarrow p$ . By replacing p with t, we get  $G_2|\Gamma_2,\Pi_2',t,\Pi_2'',\Sigma_2\Rightarrow t$ . But there exists no derivation of  $G_1|G_2|\Gamma_1,\Pi_2',\Gamma_2,\Pi_1,\Sigma_2,\Pi_2'',\Sigma_1\Rightarrow A_1$  from  $G_2|\Gamma_2,\Pi_2',\Pi_2'',\Sigma_2\Rightarrow t$  and  $G_1|\Gamma_1,\Pi_1,\Sigma_1\Rightarrow A_1$ . Notice that  $\Gamma_2,\Pi_2'$  and  $\Pi_2'',\Sigma_2$  in  $G_2|\Gamma_2,\Pi_2',p,\Pi_2'',\Sigma_2\Rightarrow p$  are commutated simultaneously in  $G_1|G_2|\Gamma_1,\Pi_2',\Gamma_2,\Pi_1,\Sigma_2,\Pi_2'',\Sigma_1\Rightarrow A_1$ , which we can't obtain by (WCM). It seems that (WCM) can't be strengthened further in order to solve this difficulty. We overcome this difficulty by introducing a restricted subsystem  $\mathbf{GpsUL}_{\Omega}$  of  $\mathbf{GpsUL}^*$ .  $\mathbf{GpsUL}_{\Omega}$  is a generalization of  $\mathbf{GIUL}_{\Omega}$ , which we introduced in [6] in order to solve a longstanding open problem, i.e., the standard completeness of  $\mathbf{IUL}$ . Two new manipulations, which we call the derivation-splitting operation and derivation-splicing operation, are introduced in  $\mathbf{GpsUL}_{\Omega}$ .

The third difficulty we encounter is that the conditions of applying the restricted external contraction rule  $(EC_{\Omega})$  become more complex in  $\mathbf{GpsUL}_{\Omega}$  because new derivation-splitting operations make the conclusion of the generalized density rule to be a set of hypersequents rather than one hypersequent. We continue to apply derivation-grafting operations in the separation algorithm of the multiple branches of  $\mathbf{GIUL}_{\Omega}$  in [6] but we have to introduce a new construction method for  $\mathbf{GpsUL}_{\Omega}$  by induction on the height of the complete set of maximal (pEC)-nodes other than on the number of branches.

# 2. GpsUL, GpsUL\* and GpsUL $_{\Omega}$

**Definition 2.1.** ([1]) **GpsUL** consist of the following initial sequents and rules: **Initial sequents** 

$$\overline{A \Rightarrow A}(ID) \quad \xrightarrow{\Rightarrow t} (t_r) \quad \overline{\Gamma, \bot, \Delta \Rightarrow A}(\bot_l) \quad \overline{\Gamma \Rightarrow \top}(\top_r)$$

**Structural Rules** 

$$\begin{split} \frac{G|\Gamma\Rightarrow A|\Gamma\Rightarrow A}{G|\Gamma\Rightarrow A}(EC) &\quad \frac{G}{G|\Gamma\Rightarrow A}(EW) \\ \frac{G_1|\Gamma_1,\Pi_1,\Delta_1\Rightarrow A_1 \quad G_2|\Gamma_2,\Pi_2,\Delta_2\Rightarrow A_2}{G_1|G_2|\Gamma_1,\Pi_2,\Delta_1\Rightarrow A_1|\Gamma_2,\Pi_1,\Delta_2\Rightarrow A_2}(COM) \end{split}$$

# **Logical Rules**

$$\frac{G_{1}|\Gamma\Rightarrow A \quad G_{2}|\Delta\Rightarrow B}{G_{1}|G_{2}|\Gamma, \Delta\Rightarrow A \odot B}(\odot_{r})$$

$$\frac{G_{1}|\Gamma, B, \Delta\Rightarrow C \quad G_{2}|\Pi\Rightarrow A}{G_{1}|G_{2}|\Gamma, \Pi, A\Rightarrow B, \Delta\Rightarrow C}(\rightarrow_{l})$$

$$\frac{G_{1}|\Pi\Rightarrow A \quad G_{2}|\Gamma, B, \Delta\Rightarrow C}{G_{1}|G_{2}|\Gamma, A\Rightarrow B, \Pi, \Delta\Rightarrow C}(\rightarrow_{l})$$

$$\frac{G_{1}|\Pi\Rightarrow A \quad G_{2}|\Gamma, B, \Delta\Rightarrow C}{G_{1}|G_{2}|\Gamma, A\Rightarrow B, \Pi, \Delta\Rightarrow C}(\rightarrow_{l})$$

$$\frac{G_{1}|\Gamma, A, \Delta\Rightarrow C \quad G_{2}|\Gamma, B, \Delta\Rightarrow C}{G_{1}|G_{2}|\Gamma, A\vee B, \Delta\Rightarrow C}(\vee_{l})$$

$$\frac{G_{1}|\Gamma\Rightarrow A \quad G_{2}|\Gamma\Rightarrow B}{G_{1}|G_{2}|\Gamma\Rightarrow A\wedge B}(\wedge_{l})$$

$$\frac{G_{1}|\Gamma\Rightarrow A \quad G_{2}|\Gamma\Rightarrow B}{G_{1}|G_{2}|\Gamma\Rightarrow A\wedge B}(\wedge_{l})$$

$$\frac{G_{1}|\Gamma\Rightarrow A \quad G_{2}|\Gamma\Rightarrow A\wedge B}{G_{1}|\Gamma\Rightarrow A \quad G\Rightarrow C}(\wedge_{rr})$$

$$\frac{G_{1}|\Gamma, A, \Delta\Rightarrow C}{G_{1}|\Gamma, A\wedge B, \Delta\Rightarrow C}(\wedge_{rr})$$

$$\frac{G_{1}|\Gamma, A\wedge B, \Delta\Rightarrow C}{G_{1}|\Gamma, A\wedge B, \Delta\Rightarrow C}(\wedge_{rr})$$

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**Cut Rule** 

$$\frac{G_1|\Gamma, A, \Delta \Rightarrow B \quad G_2|\Pi \Rightarrow A}{G_1|G_2|\Gamma, \Pi, \Delta \Rightarrow B}(CUT).$$

**Definition 2.2.** ([3]) **GpsUL**\* is **GpsUL** plus the weakly commutativity rule

$$\frac{G|\Gamma, \Delta \Rightarrow t}{G|\Delta, \Gamma \Rightarrow t}(WCM).$$

**Definition 2.3.** GpsUL\*\* plus the density rule  $\frac{G|\Pi \Rightarrow p|\Gamma, p, \Delta \Rightarrow B}{G|\Gamma \Pi \Lambda \Rightarrow B}(D)$ .

**Lemma 2.4.**  $G \equiv B \lor ((D \to B) \odot C \odot (C \to D) \odot A \to A)$  is not a theorem in **HpsUL**.

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{A} = (\{0,1,2,3\}, \land, \lor, \odot, \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 2,0,3)$  be an algebra, where  $x \land y = \min(x,y), x \lor y = \max(x,y)$  for all  $x,y \in \{0,1,2,3\}$ , and the binary operations  $\odot, \rightarrow$  and  $\rightsquigarrow$  are defined by the following tables (See [2]).

0	0	1	2	3
0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	1	1
2	0	1	2	3
3	0	3	3	3

$\rightarrow$	0	1	2	3
0	3	3	3	3
1	0	3	3	3
2	0	1	2	3
3	0	0	0	3

~	0	1	2	3
0	3	3	3	3
1	0	2	2	3
2	0	1	2	3
3	0	1	1	3

By easy calculation, we get that  $\mathcal{A}$  is a linearly ordered **HpsUL**-algebra, where 0 and 3 are the least and the greatest element of  $\mathcal{A}$ , respectively, and 2 is its unit. Let v(A) = v(B) = v(C) = v(D) = 1. Then  $v(G) = 1 \lor (3 \odot 1 \odot 3 \odot 1 \to 1) = 1 < 2$ . Hence G is not a tautology in **HpsUL**. Therefore it is not a theorem in **HpsUL** by Theorem 9.27 in [1].

**Theorem 2.5.** Cut-elimination doesn't holds for **GpsUL**\*.

*Proof.*  $G \equiv B \lor ((D \to B) \odot C \odot (C \to D) \odot A \to A)$  is provable in **GpsUL**\*, as shown in Figure 1.

$$\frac{A \Rightarrow A}{t,A \Rightarrow A}(t_{l}) \xrightarrow{B \Rightarrow B} \frac{\Rightarrow t}{\Rightarrow B \mid B \Rightarrow t} (COM) \xrightarrow{C \Rightarrow C} \xrightarrow{D \Rightarrow D} (\rightarrow_{l}) \xrightarrow{C,C \rightarrow D \Rightarrow D} (\rightarrow_{l}) \xrightarrow{A \Rightarrow A} (t_{l}) \xrightarrow{B \mid C,C \rightarrow D,D \rightarrow B \Rightarrow t} (WCM) \xrightarrow{B \mid D \rightarrow B,C,C \rightarrow D \Rightarrow t} (WCM) \xrightarrow{B \mid D \rightarrow B,C,C \rightarrow D,A \Rightarrow A} (CUT) \xrightarrow{B \mid D \rightarrow B,C,C \rightarrow D,A \Rightarrow A} ((\odot_{l}^{*}, \rightarrow_{r})) \xrightarrow{B \mid A \Rightarrow B \mid C,C \rightarrow D,A \Rightarrow A} ((O_{l}^{*}, \rightarrow_{r})) \xrightarrow{A \Rightarrow B \mid C,C \rightarrow B,C \rightarrow D,A \Rightarrow A} ((O_{l}^{*}, \rightarrow_{r})) \xrightarrow{A \Rightarrow B \mid C,C \rightarrow B,C,C \rightarrow D,A \Rightarrow A} ((O_{l}^{*}, \rightarrow_{r})) \xrightarrow{A \Rightarrow B \mid C,C \rightarrow B,C,C \rightarrow D,A \Rightarrow A} ((O_{l}^{*}, \rightarrow_{r})) \xrightarrow{A \Rightarrow B \mid C,C \rightarrow B,C,C \rightarrow D,A \Rightarrow A} ((O_{l}^{*}, \rightarrow_{r})) \xrightarrow{A \Rightarrow B \mid C,C \rightarrow B,C,C \rightarrow D,A \Rightarrow A} ((O_{l}^{*}, \rightarrow_{r})) \xrightarrow{A \Rightarrow B \mid C,C \rightarrow B,C,C \rightarrow D,A \Rightarrow A} ((O_{l}^{*}, \rightarrow_{r})) \xrightarrow{A \Rightarrow B \mid C,C \rightarrow B,C,C \rightarrow D,A \Rightarrow A} ((O_{l}^{*}, \rightarrow_{r})) \xrightarrow{A \Rightarrow B \mid C,C \rightarrow B,C,C \rightarrow D,A \Rightarrow A} ((O_{l}^{*}, \rightarrow_{r})) \xrightarrow{A \Rightarrow B \mid C,C \rightarrow B,C,C \rightarrow D,A \Rightarrow A} ((O_{l}^{*}, \rightarrow_{r})) \xrightarrow{A \Rightarrow B \mid C,C \rightarrow B,C,C \rightarrow D,A \Rightarrow A} ((O_{l}^{*}, \rightarrow_{r})) \xrightarrow{A \Rightarrow B \mid C,C \rightarrow B,C,C \rightarrow D,A \Rightarrow A} ((O_{l}^{*}, \rightarrow_{r})) \xrightarrow{A \Rightarrow B \mid C,C \rightarrow B,C,C \rightarrow D,A \Rightarrow A} ((O_{l}^{*}, \rightarrow_{r})) \xrightarrow{A \Rightarrow B \mid C,C \rightarrow B,C,C \rightarrow D,A \Rightarrow A} ((O_{l}^{*}, \rightarrow_{r})) \xrightarrow{A \Rightarrow B \mid C,C \rightarrow B,C,C \rightarrow D,A \Rightarrow A} ((O_{l}^{*}, \rightarrow_{r})) \xrightarrow{A \Rightarrow B \mid C,C \rightarrow B,C,C \rightarrow D,A \Rightarrow A} ((O_{l}^{*}, \rightarrow_{r})) \xrightarrow{A \Rightarrow B \mid C,C \rightarrow B,C,C \rightarrow D,A \Rightarrow A} ((O_{l}^{*}, \rightarrow_{r})) \xrightarrow{A \Rightarrow B \mid C,C \rightarrow B,C,C \rightarrow$$

Figure 1 A proof  $\tau$  of G

Suppose that G has a cut-free proof  $\rho$ . Then there exists no occurrence of t in  $\rho$  by its subformula property. Thus there exists no application of (WCM) in  $\rho$ . Hence G is a theorem of **GpsUL**, which contradicts Lemma 2.4.

Remark 2.6. Following the construction given in the proof of Theorem 53 in [4], (CUT) in the figure 1 is eliminated by the following derivation. However, the application of (WCM) in  $\rho$  is invalid, which illustrates the reason why the cut-elimination theorem doesn't hold in **GpsUL**\*.

$$\frac{B \Rightarrow B \qquad A \Rightarrow A}{\Rightarrow B \mid B, A \Rightarrow A} (COM) \qquad \frac{C \Rightarrow C \quad D \Rightarrow D}{C, C \Rightarrow D \Rightarrow D} (\rightarrow_{l}) \\
\Rightarrow B \mid C, C \Rightarrow D, D \Rightarrow B, A \Rightarrow A \\
\Rightarrow B \mid D \Rightarrow B, C, C \Rightarrow D, A \Rightarrow A \\
\Rightarrow B \mid D \Rightarrow B, C, C \Rightarrow D, A \Rightarrow A \\
\Rightarrow B \mid \Rightarrow (D \Rightarrow B) \odot C \odot (C \Rightarrow D) \odot A \Rightarrow A$$

$$\Rightarrow B \mid (D \Rightarrow B) \odot C \odot (C \Rightarrow D) \odot A \Rightarrow A$$

$$\Rightarrow B \vee ((D \Rightarrow B) \odot C \odot (C \Rightarrow D) \odot A \Rightarrow A)$$

$$(\vee_{rr}, \vee_{rl}, EC)$$

Figure 2 A possible cut-free proof  $\rho$  of G

**Definition 2.7. GpsUL**\*\* is constructed by replacing (CUT) in **GpsUL**\* with

$$\frac{G_1|\Gamma, t, \Delta \Rightarrow A \quad G_2|\Pi \Rightarrow t}{G_1|G_2|\Gamma, \Pi, \Delta \Rightarrow A} (WCT).$$

We call it the weakly cut rule and, denote by (WCT).

**Theorem 2.8.** If  $\vdash_{\mathbf{GpsUL}^*} G$ , then  $\vdash_{\mathbf{GpsUL}^{**}} G$ .

*Proof.* It is proved by a procedure similar to that of Theorem 53 in [4] and omitted.  $\Box$ 

**Definition 2.9.** ([6]) **GpsUL**<sub>O</sub> is a restricted subsystem of **GpsUL**\* such that

(i) p is designated as the unique eigenvariable by which we means that it does not be used to built up any formula containing logical connectives and only used as a sequent-formula.

- (ii) Each occurrence of p in a hypersequent is assigned one unique identification number i in  $\mathbf{GpsUL}_{\Omega}$  and written as  $p_i$ . Initial sequent  $p \Rightarrow p$  of  $\mathbf{GpsUL}^*$  has the form  $p_i \Rightarrow p_i$  in  $\mathbf{GpsUL}_{\Omega}$ . p doesn't occur in  $A, \Gamma$  or  $\Delta$  for each initial sequent  $\Gamma, \bot, \Delta \Rightarrow A$  or  $\Gamma \Rightarrow \top$  in  $\mathbf{GpsUL}_{\Omega}$ .
- (iii) Each sequent S of the form  $\Gamma_0, p, \Gamma_1, \cdots, \Gamma_{\lambda-1}, p, \Gamma_\lambda \Rightarrow A$  in  $\mathbf{GpsUL}^*$  has the form  $\Gamma_0, p_{i_1}, \Gamma_1, \cdots, \Gamma_{\lambda-1}, p_{i_\lambda}, \Gamma_\lambda \Rightarrow A$  in  $\mathbf{GpsUL}_{\Omega}$ , where p does not occur in  $\Gamma_k$  for all  $0 \le k \le \lambda$  and,  $i_k \ne i_l$  for all  $1 \le k < l \le \lambda$ . Define  $v_l(S) = \{i_1, \cdots, i_\lambda\}, v_r(S) = \{j_1\}$  if A is an eigenvariable with the identification number  $j_1$  and,  $v_r(S) = \emptyset$  if A isn't an eigenvariable.
- Let *G* be a hypersequent of **GpsUL**<sub>\Omega</sub> in the form  $S_1|\cdots|S_n$  then  $v_l(S_k) \cap v_l(S_l) = \emptyset$  and  $v_r(S_k) \cap v_r(S_l) = \emptyset$  for all  $1 \le k < l \le n$ . Define  $v_l(G) = \bigcup_{k=1}^n v_l(S_k)$ ,  $v_r(G) = \bigcup_{k=1}^n v_r(S_k)$ .
- (iv) A hypersequent G of  $\mathbf{GpsUL}_{\Omega}$  is called closed if  $v_l(G) = v_r(G)$ . Two hypersequents G' and G'' of  $\mathbf{GpsUL}_{\Omega}$  are called disjoint if  $v_l(G') \cap v_l(G'') = \emptyset$ ,  $v_l(G') \cap v_r(G'') = \emptyset$ ,  $v_r(G') \cap v_l(G'') = \emptyset$  and  $v_r(G') \cap v_r(G'') = \emptyset$ . G'' is a copy of G' if they are disjoint and there exist two bijections  $\sigma_l : v_l(G') \to v_l(G'')$  and  $\sigma_r : v_r(G') \to v_r(G'')$  such that G'' can be obtained by applying  $\sigma_l$  to antecedents of sequents in G' and  $\sigma_r$  to succedents of sequents in G'.
- (v) A hypersequent  $G|G_1|G_2$  can be contracted as  $G|G_1$  in  $\mathbf{GpsUL}_{\Omega}$  under certain condition given in Construction 3.15, which we called the constraint external contraction rule and denote by  $\frac{G'|G_1|G_2}{G'|G_1}(EC_{\Omega})$ .
- (vi) (EW) is forbidden in  $\mathbf{GpsUL}_{\Omega}$  and, (EC) and (CUT) are replaced with  $(EC_{\Omega})$  and (WCT), respectively.
  - (vii) Two rules  $(\land_r)$  and  $(\lor_l)$  of **GL** are replaced with  $\frac{G_1|\Gamma_1 \Rightarrow A \quad G_2|\Gamma_2 \Rightarrow B}{G_1|G_2|\Gamma_1 \Rightarrow A \land B|\Gamma_2 \Rightarrow A \land B}(\land_{rw})$

and  $G_1|\Gamma_1, A, \Delta_1 \Rightarrow C_1$   $G_2|\Gamma_2, B, \Delta_2 \Rightarrow C_2$   $G_1|G_2|\Gamma_1, A \vee B, \Delta_1 \Rightarrow C_1|\Gamma_2, A \vee B, \Delta_2 \Rightarrow C_2$  ( $V_{lw}$ ) in **GpsUL**<sub>\Omega</sub>, respectively. (viii)  $G_1|S_1$  and  $G_2|S_2$  are closed and disjoint for each two-premise inference rule

(viii)  $G_1|S_1$  and  $G_2|S_2$  are closed and disjoint for each two-premise inference rule  $\frac{G_1|S_1 \ G_2|S_2}{G_1|G_2|H'}(II)$  of  $\mathbf{GpsUL}_{\Omega}$  and, G'|S' is closed for each one-premise inference rule  $\frac{G'|S'}{G'|S''}(I)$ .

**Proposition 2.10.** Let  $\frac{G'|S''}{G'|S'''}(I)$  and  $\frac{G_1|S_1 \ G_2|S_2}{G_1|G_2|H'}(II)$  be inference rules of **GpsUL**<sub>\Omega</sub> then  $v_l(G'|S'') = v_r(G'|S'') = v_r(G'|S') = v_l(G'|S')$  and  $v_l(G_1|G_2|H') = v_l(G_1|S_1) \cup v_l(G_2|S_2) = v_r(G_1|G_2|H') = v_r(G_1|S_1) \cup v_r(G_2|S_2)$ .

*Proof.* Although (*WCT*) makes t's in its premises disappear in its conclusion, it has no effect on identification numbers of the eigenvariable p in a hypersequent because t is a constant in **GpsUL**<sub>O</sub> and distinguished from propositional variables.

**Definition 2.11** (1). Let G be a closed hypersequent of  $\mathbf{GpsUL}_{\Omega}$  and  $S \in G$ .  $[S]_G := \bigcap \{H : S \in H \subseteq G, v_l(H) = v_r(H)\}$  is called a minimal closed unit of G.

# 3. The generalized density rule $(\mathcal{D})$ for GpsUL $_{\Omega}$

In this section,  $\mathbf{GL}_{\Omega}^{\mathrm{cf}}$  is  $\mathbf{G}_{\mathrm{ps}}\mathbf{UL}\Omega$  without  $(EC_{\Omega})$ . Generally,  $A, B, C, \cdots$ , denote a formula other than an eigenvariable  $p_i$ .

**Construction 3.1.** Given a proof  $\tau^*$  of  $H \equiv G|\Gamma, p_j, \Delta \Rightarrow p_j$  in  $\mathbf{GL}_{\Omega}^{\mathbf{cf}}$ , let  $Th_{\tau^*}(p_j \Rightarrow p_j) = (H_0, \dots, H_n)$ , where  $H_0 \equiv p_j \Rightarrow p_j$ ,  $H_n \equiv H$ . By  $\Gamma_k, p_j, \Delta_k \Rightarrow p_j$  we denote the sequent containing

 $p_j$  in  $H_k$ . Then  $\Gamma_0 = \emptyset$ ,  $\Delta_0 = \emptyset$ ,  $\Gamma_n = \Gamma$  and  $\Delta_n = \Delta$ . Hypersequents  $\langle H_k \rangle_j^-$ ,  $\langle H_k \rangle_j^+$  and their proofs  $\langle \tau^* \rangle_i^- (\langle H_k \rangle_i^-), \langle \tau^* \rangle_i^+ (\langle H_k \rangle_i^+)$  are constructed inductively for all  $0 \le k \le n$  in the following such that  $\Gamma_k \Rightarrow t \in \langle H_k \rangle_j^-$ ,  $\Delta_k \Rightarrow t \in \langle H_k \rangle_j^+$ , and  $\langle H_k \rangle_j^+ \setminus \{\Delta_k \Rightarrow t\} | \langle H_k \rangle_j^- \setminus \{\Gamma_k \Rightarrow t\} = H_k \setminus \{\Gamma_k, p_j, \Delta_k \Rightarrow t\} | \langle H_k \rangle_j^- \setminus \{\Gamma_k \Rightarrow t\} = H_k \setminus \{\Gamma_k, p_j, \Delta_k \Rightarrow t\} | \langle H_k \rangle_j^- \setminus \{\Gamma_k \Rightarrow t\} | \langle H_k$ 

(i) 
$$\langle H_0 \rangle_j^- := \langle H_0 \rangle_j^+ := \Rightarrow t, \langle \tau^* \rangle_j^- \left( \langle H_0 \rangle_j^- \right) \text{ and } \langle \tau^* \rangle_j^+ \left( \langle H_0 \rangle_j^+ \right) \text{ are built up with } \Rightarrow t.$$
  
(ii) Let  $\frac{G'|S' G''|S''}{G'|G''|H'}$  (II) (or  $\frac{G'|S'}{G'|S''}$  (I)) be in  $\tau^*$ ,  $H_k = G'|S'$  and  $H_{k+1} = G'|G''|H'$  (ac-

cordingly  $H_{k+1} = G'|S''|$  for (I)) for some  $0 \le k \le n-1$ . There are three cases to be considered. **Case 1**  $S' = \Gamma_k, p_j, \Delta_k \Rightarrow p_j$ . If all focus formula(s) of S' is (are) contained in  $\Gamma_k$ ,

$$\langle H_{k+1} \rangle_{j}^{-} := \left( \langle H_{k} \rangle_{j}^{-} \setminus \{ \Gamma_{k} \Rightarrow t \} \right) |G''| H' \setminus \{ \Gamma_{k+1}, p_{j}, \Delta_{k+1} \Rightarrow p_{j} \} |\Gamma_{k+1} \Rightarrow t$$

$$\langle H_{k+1} \rangle_{j}^{+} := \langle H_{k} \rangle_{j}^{+}$$

 $(accordingly\ \langle H_{k+1}\rangle_j^- = \langle H_k\rangle_j^- \setminus \{\Gamma_k \Rightarrow t\} | \Gamma_{k+1} \Rightarrow t\ for\ (I))\ and,\ \langle \tau^*\rangle_j^- \left(\langle H_{k+1}\rangle_j^-\right)\ is\ constructed$ by combining the derivation  $\langle \tau^* \rangle_j^- \left( \langle H_k \rangle_j^- \right)$  and  $\frac{\langle H_k \rangle_j^- G'' | S''}{\langle H_{k+1} \rangle_j^-} (II)$  (accordingly  $\frac{\langle H_k \rangle_j^-}{\langle H_{k+1} \rangle_j^-} (I)$ 

for (I)) and,  $\langle \tau^* \rangle_j^+ \left( \langle H_{k+1} \rangle_j^+ \right)$  is constructed by combining  $\langle \tau^* \rangle_j^+ \left( \langle H_k \rangle_j^+ \right)$  and  $\frac{\langle H_k \rangle_j^+}{\langle H_{k+1} \rangle_j^+} (ID_{\Omega})$ .

The case of all focus formula(s) of S' contained in  $\Delta_k$  is dealt with by a procedure dual to above

Case 2  $S' \in \langle H_k \rangle_i^-$ .  $\langle H_{k+1} \rangle_i^- := (\langle H_k \rangle_i^- \setminus \{S'\}) |G''|H'$  (accordingly  $\langle H_{k+1} \rangle_j^- = \langle H_k \rangle_j^- \backslash \{S'\} | S'' \text{ for } (I)), \ \langle H_{k+1} \rangle_j^+ := \langle H_k \rangle_j^+ \text{ and } \langle \tau^* \rangle_j^- (\langle H_{k+1} \rangle_j^-) \text{ is constructed by }$ combining the derivation  $\langle \tau^* \rangle_j^- \left( \langle H_k \rangle_j^- \right)$  and  $\frac{\langle H_k \rangle_j^- G'' | S''}{\langle H_{k+1} \rangle_j^-} (II)$  (accordingly  $\frac{\langle H_k \rangle_j^-}{\langle H_{k+1} \rangle_j^-} (I)$  for

(I)) and, 
$$\langle \tau^* \rangle_j^+ \left( \langle H_{k+1} \rangle_j^+ \right)$$
 is constructed by combining  $\langle \tau^* \rangle_j^+ \left( \langle H_k \rangle_j^+ \right)$  and  $\frac{\langle H_k \rangle_j^+}{\langle H_{k+1} \rangle_j^+} (ID_{\Omega})$ .

Case 3  $S' \in (H_k)_i^+$ . It is dealt with by a procedure dual to Case 2 and omitted.

**Definition 3.2.** The manipulation described in Construction 3.1 is called the derivation-splitting operation when it is applied to a derivation and, the splitting operation when applied to a hypersequent.

**Corollary 3.3.** Let  $\vdash_{\mathbf{GL}_{\Omega}^{el}} G | \Gamma, p_1, \Delta \Rightarrow p_1$ . Then there exist two hypersequents  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  such that  $G = G_1 \cup G_2$ ,  $G_1 \cap G_2 = \emptyset$ ,  $\vdash_{\mathbf{GL}_0^{\mathsf{cf}}} G_1 | \Gamma \Rightarrow t \text{ and } \vdash_{\mathbf{GL}_0^{\mathsf{cf}}} G_2 | \Delta \Rightarrow t$ .

**Construction 3.4.** Given a proof  $\tau^*$  of  $H \equiv G|\Pi \Rightarrow p_j|\Gamma, p_j, \Delta \Rightarrow A$  in  $GL_{\Omega}^{cf}$ , let  $Th_{\tau^*}(p_j \Rightarrow p_j|\Gamma, p_j, \Delta)$  $(p_j) = (H_0, \dots, H_n)$ , where  $H_0 \equiv p_j \Rightarrow p_j$  and  $H_n \equiv H$ . Then there exists  $1 \le m \le n$  such that  $H_m$  is in the form  $G'|\Pi'\Rightarrow p_j|\Gamma', p_j, \Delta'\Rightarrow A'$  and  $H_{m-1}$  is in the form  $G''|\Gamma'', p_j, \Delta''\Rightarrow p_j$ . A proof of  $G|\Gamma, \Pi, \Delta \Rightarrow A \text{ in } \mathbf{GL}_{\Omega}^{\mathbf{cf}} \text{ is constructed by induction on } n-m \text{ as follows.}$ 

• For the base step, let n - m = 0. Then  $\frac{H_{n-1} \equiv G'|\Pi', \Gamma', p_j, \Delta', \Pi''' \Rightarrow p_j \quad G''|\Gamma'', \Pi'', \Delta'' \Rightarrow A}{H_n \equiv G'|G''|\Pi', \Pi'', \Pi''' \Rightarrow p_j|\Gamma'', \Gamma', p_j, \Delta', \Delta'' \Rightarrow A} (COM) \in \tau^*, \text{ where } G'|G'' = G \text{ and } \Pi', \Pi'', \Pi''' \Rightarrow \Pi \text{ and } \Gamma'', \Gamma' = \Gamma \text{ and } \Delta', \Delta'' \Rightarrow \Delta. \text{ It follows from Corollary 3.3 that}$  there exist  $G_1'$  and  $G_2'$  such that  $G' = G_1' \cup G_2'$ ,  $G_1' \cap G_2' = \emptyset$ ,  $\vdash_{\mathbf{GL}_{\Omega}^{\mathsf{ef}}} G_1' | \Pi', \Gamma' \Rightarrow t$  and  $\vdash_{\mathbf{GL}_{\Omega}^{\mathsf{ef}}} G_2' | \Delta', \Pi''' \Rightarrow t$ . Then  $G | \Gamma, \Pi, \Delta \Rightarrow A$  is proved as follows.

$$\frac{G''|\Gamma'',\Pi'',\Delta''\Rightarrow A}{G''|\Gamma'',t,\Pi'',\Delta''\Rightarrow A}(t_l) \qquad \frac{G'_1|\Pi',\Gamma'\Rightarrow t}{G'_1|\Gamma',\Pi'\Rightarrow t}(WCM)$$

$$\frac{G''|G'_1|\Gamma'',\Gamma',\Pi',\Pi'',\Delta''\Rightarrow A}{G''|G'_1|\Gamma'',\Gamma',\Pi',\Pi'',t,\Delta''\Rightarrow A}(t_l) \qquad \frac{G'_2|\Delta',\Pi'''\Rightarrow t}{G'_2|\Pi''',\Delta'\Rightarrow t}(WCM)$$

$$\frac{G''|G'_1|G'_2|\Gamma'',\Gamma',\Pi',\Pi'',\Pi''',\Delta',\Delta''\Rightarrow A}{G''_2|\Pi''',\Delta'\Rightarrow t}(WCM)$$

• For the induction step, let n-m>0. Then it is treated using applications of the induction hypothesis to the premise followed by an application of the relevant rule. For example,  $H_{n-1} = G'|\Pi \Rightarrow p_j|\Sigma', \Gamma'', p_j, \Delta'', \Sigma''' \Rightarrow A' \qquad G''|\Gamma', \Sigma'', \Delta' \Rightarrow A \\ let \frac{H_{n-1} = G'|\Pi \Rightarrow p_j|\Sigma', \Sigma'', \Sigma''' \Rightarrow A'|G''|\Gamma', \Gamma'', p_j, \Delta'', \Delta' \Rightarrow A}{H_n = G'|\Pi \Rightarrow p_j|\Sigma', \Sigma'', \Sigma''' \Rightarrow A'|G''|\Gamma', \Gamma'', p_j, \Delta'', \Delta' \Rightarrow A} (COM) \in \tau^*, where <math display="block">G'|G''|\Sigma', \Sigma'', \Sigma''' \Rightarrow A' = G \text{ and } \Gamma', \Gamma'' = \Gamma \text{ and } \Delta'', \Delta' = \Delta. \text{ By the induction hypothesis} \\ we obtain a derivation of <math>G|\Gamma, \Pi, \Delta \Rightarrow A$ :

$$\frac{G'|\Sigma',\Gamma'',\Pi,\Delta'',\Sigma'''\Rightarrow A'}{G'|\Sigma',\Sigma'',\Sigma'''\Rightarrow A'|G''|\Gamma',\Gamma'',\Pi,\Delta'',\Delta'\Rightarrow A}(COM).$$

**Definition 3.5.** The manipulation described in Construction 3.4 is called the derivation-splicing operation when it is applied to a derivation and, the splicing operation when applied to a hypersequent.

**Corollary 3.6.** If  $\vdash_{\mathbf{GL_0^{cf}}} G|\Pi \Rightarrow p_j|\Gamma, p_j, \Delta \Rightarrow A$ , then  $\vdash_{\mathbf{GL_0^{cf}}} G|\Gamma, \Pi, \Delta \Rightarrow A$ .

**Definition 3.7.** (i) Let  $\vdash_{\mathbf{GL}_{\Omega}^{\mathsf{cf}}} H \equiv G | \Gamma, p_j, \Delta \Rightarrow p_j$ . Define  $\langle H \rangle_j^- = G_1 | \Gamma \Rightarrow t, \langle H \rangle_j^+ = G_2 | \Delta \Rightarrow t$  and  $D_j(H) = \{G_1 | \Gamma \Rightarrow t, G_2 | \Delta \Rightarrow t\}$ , where,  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are determined by Corollary 3.3.

- (ii) Let  $\vdash_{\mathbf{GL}_{\mathbf{Q}}^{\mathbf{cf}}} H \equiv G|\Pi \Rightarrow p_j|\Gamma, p_j, \Delta \Rightarrow A$ . Define  $D_j(H) = \{G|\Gamma, \Pi, \Delta \Rightarrow A\} = \langle H \rangle_j$ .
- (iii) Let  $\vdash_{\mathbf{GL}_{\mathbf{O}}^{\mathbf{cf}}} G. \ D_{j}(G) = \{G\} \text{ if } p_{j} \text{ does not occur in } G.$
- (iv) Let  $\vdash_{\mathbf{GL}_{\mathbf{G}}^{\mathbf{G}}} G_i$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Define  $D_j(\{G_1, \dots, G_n\}) = D_j(G_1) \cup \dots \cup D_j(G_n)$ .
- (v) Let  $\vdash_{\mathbf{GL}_{\Omega}^{ef}} G$  and  $K = \{1, \dots, n\} \subseteq v(G)$ . Define  $D_K(G) = D_n(\dots D_2(D_1(G))\dots)$ . Especially, define  $\mathcal{D}(G) = D_{v_l(G)}(G)$ .

**Theorem 3.8.** Let  $\vdash_{\mathbf{GL_0^{cf}}} G$ . Then  $\vdash_{\mathbf{GL_0^{cf}}} H$  for all  $H \in \mathcal{D}(G)$ .

*Proof.* Immediately from Corollary 3.3, Corollary 3.6 and Definition 3.7.

**Lemma 3.9.** Let G' be a minimal closed unit of G|G'. Then G' has the form  $\Gamma \Rightarrow A|\Gamma_{i_2} \Rightarrow p_{i_2}|\cdots|\Gamma_{i_n} \Rightarrow p_{i_n}$  if there exists one sequent  $\Gamma \Rightarrow A \in G'$  such that A is not an eigenvariable otherwise G' has the form  $\Gamma_{i_1} \Rightarrow p_{i_1}|\cdots|\Gamma_{i_n} \Rightarrow p_{i_n}$ .

*Proof.* Define  $G_1 = \Gamma \Rightarrow A$  in Construction 5.2 in [6]. Then  $\emptyset = v_r(G_1) \subseteq v_l(G_1)$ . Suppose that  $G_k$  is constructed such that  $v_r(G_k) \subseteq v_l(G_k)$ . If  $v_l(G_k) = v_r(G_k)$ , the procedure terminates and n := k, otherwise  $v_l(G_k) \setminus v_r(G_k) \neq \emptyset$  and define  $i_{k+1}$  to be an identification number in  $v_l(G_k) \setminus v_r(G_k)$ . Then there exists  $\Gamma_{i_{k+1}} \Rightarrow p_{i_{k+1}} \in G \setminus G_k$  by  $v_l(G) = v_r(G)$  and, define  $G_{k+1} = G_k | \Gamma_{i_{k+1}} \Rightarrow p_{i_{k+1}}$ . Thus  $v_r(G_{k+1}) = v_r(G_k) \cup \{i_{k+1}\} \subseteq v_l(G_k) \subseteq v_l(G_{k+1})$ . Hence there exists a sequence  $i_2, \dots, i_n$  of identification numbers such that  $v_r(G_k) \subseteq v_l(G_k)$  for all  $1 \le k \le n$ , where  $G_1 = \Gamma \Rightarrow A$ ,  $G_k = \Gamma \Rightarrow A | \Gamma_{i_2} \Rightarrow p_{i_2} | \dots | \Gamma_{i_k} \Rightarrow p_{i_k}$  for all  $2 \le k \le n$ . Therefore G' has the form  $\Gamma \Rightarrow A | \Gamma_{i_2} \Rightarrow p_{i_2} | \dots | \Gamma_{i_n} \Rightarrow p_{i_n}$ .

**Definition 3.10.** Let G' be a minimal closed unit of G|G'. G' is a splicing unit if it has the form  $\Gamma \Rightarrow A|\Gamma_{i_2} \Rightarrow p_{i_2}|\cdots|\Gamma_{i_n} \Rightarrow p_{i_n}$ . G' is a splitting unit if it has the form  $\Gamma_{i_1} \Rightarrow p_{i_1}|\cdots|\Gamma_{i_n} \Rightarrow p_{i_n}$ .

**Lemma 3.11.** Let G' be a splicing unit of G|G' in the form  $\Gamma \Rightarrow A|\Gamma_{i_2} \Rightarrow p_{i_2}|\cdots|\Gamma_{i_n} \Rightarrow p_{i_n}$  and  $K = \{i_2, \dots, i_n\}$ . Then  $|D_K(G|G')| = 1$ .

*Proof.* By the construction in the proof of Lemma 3.9,  $i_k \in v_l(G_{k-1})$  for all  $2 \le k \le n$ . Then  $p_{i_2} \in \Gamma$  and  $D_{i_2}(G|G') = G|\Gamma[\Gamma_{i_2}] \Rightarrow A|\Gamma_{i_3} \Rightarrow p_{i_3}|\cdots|\Gamma_{i_n} \Rightarrow p_{i_n}$ , where  $\Gamma[\Gamma_{i_2}]$  is obtained by replacing  $p_{i_2}$  in  $\Gamma$  with  $\Gamma_{i_2}$ . Then  $p_{i_3} \in \Gamma[\Gamma_{i_2}]$ . Repeatedly, we get  $D_{i_2\cdots i_n}(G|G') = D_K(G|G') = G|\Gamma[\Gamma_{i_2}]\cdots[\Gamma_{i_n}] \Rightarrow A$ .

This shows that  $D_K(G|G')$  is constructed by repeatedly applying splicing operations.

**Definition 3.12.** Let G' be a minimal closed unit of G|G'. Define  $V_{G'} = v(G')$ ,  $E_{G'} = \{(i, j) | \Gamma, p_i, \Delta \Rightarrow p_j \in G'\}$  and, j is called the child node of i for all  $(i, j) \in E_{G'}$ . We call  $\Omega_{G'} = (V_{G'}, E_{G'})$  the  $\Omega$ -graph of G'.

Let G' be a splitting unit of G|G' in the form  $\Gamma_1 \Rightarrow p_1|\cdots|\Gamma_n \Rightarrow p_n$ . Then each node of  $\Omega_{G'}$  has one and only one child node. Thus there exists one cycle in  $\Omega_{G'}$  by  $|V_{G'}| = n < \infty$ . Assume that, without loss of generality,  $(1,2),(2,3),\cdots,(i,1)$  is the cycle of  $\Omega_{G'}$ . Then  $p_1 \in \Gamma_2$ ,  $p_2 \in \Gamma_3, \cdots, p_{i-1} \in \Gamma_i$  and  $p_i \in \Gamma_1$ . Thus  $D_{i\cdots 2}(G|G') = G|\Gamma_1[\Gamma_i][\Gamma_{i-1}]\cdots[\Gamma_2] \Rightarrow p_1$  is in the form  $G|\Gamma', p_1, \Delta' \Rightarrow p_1$ . By a suitable permutation  $\sigma$  of  $i+1,\cdots,n$ , we get  $D_{i\cdots 2\sigma(i+1\cdots n)}(G|G') = G|\Gamma_1[\Gamma_i][\Gamma_{i-1}]\cdots[\Gamma_2][\Gamma_{\sigma(i+1)}]\cdots[\Gamma_{\sigma(n)}] \Rightarrow p_1 = G|\Gamma, p_1, \Delta \Rightarrow p_1$ . This process also shows that there exists only one cycle in  $\Omega_{G'}$ . Then we introduce the following definition.

**Definition 3.13.** (i)  $\Gamma_j \Rightarrow p_j$  is called a splitting sequent of G' and  $p_j$  its corresponding splitting variable for all  $1 \le j \le i$ .

(ii) Let  $K = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  and  $D_1(G|\Gamma, p_1, \Delta \Rightarrow p_1) = \{G_1|\Gamma \Rightarrow t, G_2|\Delta \Rightarrow t\}$ . Define  $\langle G|G'\rangle_K^- = G_1|\Gamma \Rightarrow t, \langle G|G'\rangle_K^+ = G_2|\Delta \Rightarrow t$  and  $D_K(G|G') = \{\langle G|G'\rangle_K^+, \langle G|G'\rangle_K^-\}$ .

**Lemma 3.14.** If G' be a splitting unit of G|G', K = v(G') and k be a splitting variable of G'. Then  $D_{K\setminus\{k\}}(G|G')$  is constructed by repeatedly applying splicing operations and only the last operation  $D_k$  is a splitting operation.

#### **Construction 3.15.** (The constrained external contraction rule)

Let  $H \equiv G' | \{[S]_H\}_1 | \{[S]_H\}_2$ ,  $\{[S]_H\}_1$  and  $\{[S]_H\}_2$  be two copies of a minimal closed unit  $[S]_H$ , where we put two copies into  $\{\}_1$  and  $\{\}_2$  in order to distinguish them. For any splitting unit  $[S']_H \subseteq G'$ ,  $\{[S]_H\}_1 | \{[S]_H\}_2 \subseteq \langle H \rangle_K^-$  or  $\{[S]_H\}_1 | \{[S]_H\}_2 \subseteq \langle H \rangle_K^+$ , where  $K = v([S']_H)$ . Then  $G'' | \{[S]_H\}_1$  is constructed by cutting off  $\{[S]_H\}_2$  and some sequents in G' as follows.

(i) If  $\{[S]_H\}_1$  and  $\{[S]_H\}_2$  are two splicing units, then G'' := G';

(ii) If  $\{[S]_H\}_1$  and  $\{[S]_H\}_2$  are two splitting units and, k, k' their splitting variables, respectively,  $K = v(\{[S]_H\}_1)$ ,  $K' = v(\{[S]_H\}_2)$ ,  $D_{K\setminus\{k\}}(\{[S]_H\}_1) = \Gamma$ ,  $p_k$ ,  $\Delta \Rightarrow p_k$ ,  $D_{K'\setminus\{k'\}}(\{[S]_H\}_2) = \Gamma$ ,  $p_{k'}$ ,  $\Delta \Rightarrow p_{k'}$ ,  $D_{K\cup K'}(H) = \{G'_1|\Gamma \Rightarrow t|\Gamma \Rightarrow t, G'_2|\Delta \Rightarrow t, G''_2|\Delta \Rightarrow t\}$  or  $D_{K\cup K'}(H) = \{G'_1|\Delta \Rightarrow t|\Delta \Rightarrow t, G'_2|\Gamma \Rightarrow t, G''_2|\Gamma \Rightarrow t\}$ , where  $G'_1 \cup G'_2 \cup G''_2 = G'$  and  $G''_2$  is a copy of  $G'_2$ . Then  $G'' := G'\setminus G''_2$ .

The above operation is called the constrained external contraction rule, denoted by  $\langle EC_{\Omega}^* \rangle$  and written as  $\frac{G'|\{[S]_H\}_1|\{[S]_H\}_2}{G''|\{[S]_H\}_1}\langle EC_{\Omega}^* \rangle$ .

**Lemma 3.16.** If  $\vdash_{\mathbf{GL_0^c}} H$  as above. Then  $\vdash_{\mathbf{GpsUL_{\Omega}}} H'$  for all  $H' \in \mathcal{D}(G'' | \{[S]_H\}_1)$ .

# 4. Density elimination for GpsUL\*

In this section, we adapt the separation algorithm of branches in [6] to **GpsUL**\* and prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 4.1.** *Density elimination holds for* **GpsUL**\*.

The proof of Theorem 4.1 runs as follows. It is sufficient to prove that the following strong density rule

 $\frac{G_{0} \equiv G' | \left\{ \Gamma_{i}, p, \Delta_{i} \Rightarrow A_{i} \right\}_{i=1\cdots n} | \left\{ \Pi_{j} \Rightarrow p \right\}_{j=1\cdots m}}{\mathcal{D}_{0} \left( G_{0} \right) \equiv G' | \left\{ \Gamma_{i}, \Pi_{j}, \Delta_{i} \Rightarrow A_{i} \right\}_{i=1\cdots n; j=1\cdots m}} (\mathcal{D}_{0})$ 

is admissible in **GpsUL**\*, where  $n, m \ge 1$ , p does not occur in  $G', \Gamma_i, \Delta_i, A_i, \Pi_j$  for all  $1 \le i \le n$ ,  $1 \le j \le m$ .

Let  $\tau$  be a proof of  $G_0$  in **GpsUL**<sup>\*\*</sup> by Theorem 2.8. Starting with  $\tau$ , we construct a proof  $\tau^*$  of  $G|_{G}$  in  $GL_{\Omega}^{ef}$  by a preprocessing of  $\tau$  described in Section 4 in [6].

In Step 1 of preprocessing of  $\tau$ , a proof  $\tau'$  is constructed by replacing inductively all applications of  $(\wedge_r)$  and  $(\vee_l)$  in  $\tau$  with  $(\wedge_{rw})$  and  $(\vee_{lw})$  followed by an application of (EC),

respectively. In Step 2, a proof  $\tau''$  is constructed by converting all  $\frac{G_i'''|\{S_i^c\}^{m_i'}}{G_i'''|S_i^c}(EC^*) \in \tau'$ 

into  $\frac{G_i''|\{S_i^c\}^{m_i'}}{G_i''|\{S_i^c\}^{m_i'}}(ID_{\Omega})$ , where  $G_i'''\subseteq G_i''$ . In Step 3, a proof  $\tau'''$  is constructed by converting

G' G'|S'  $(EW) \in \tau''$  into G''  $(ID_{\Omega})$ , where  $G'' \subseteq G'$ . In Step 4, a proof  $\tau''''$  is constructed by replacing some  $G'|\Gamma'$ ,  $p, \Delta' \Rightarrow A' \in \tau'''$  (or  $G'|\Gamma' \Rightarrow p \in \tau'''$ ) with  $G'|\Gamma', \tau, \Delta' \Rightarrow A'$  (or  $G'|\Gamma' \Rightarrow \bot$ ). In Step 5, a proof  $\tau^*$  is constructed by assigning the unique identification number to each occurrence of p in  $\tau''''$ . Let  $H_i^c = G_i'|\{S_i^c\}^{m_i}$  denote the unique node of  $\tau^*$  such that  $H_i^c \leqslant G_i''|\{S_i^c\}^{m_i}$  and  $S_i^c$  is the focus sequent of  $H_i^c$  in  $\tau^*$ . We call  $H_i^c$ ,  $S_i^c$  the i-th (pEC)-node of  $\tau^*$  and (pEC)-sequent, respectively. If we ignore the replacements from Step 4, each sequent of G is a copy of some sequent of  $G_0$  and, each sequent of  $G^*$  is a copy of some contraction sequent in  $\tau'$ .

Now, starting with  $G|G^*$  and its proof  $\tau^*$ , we construct a proof  $\tau^*$  of  $G^*$  in  $\mathbf{GpsUL}_{\Omega}$  such that each sequent of  $G^*$  is a copy of some sequent of G. Then  $\vdash_{\mathbf{GpsUL}_{\Omega}} \mathcal{D}(G^*)$  by Theorem 3.8 and Lemma 3.16. Then  $\vdash_{\mathbf{GpsUL}^*} \mathcal{D}_0(G_0)$  by Lemma 9.1 in [6].

In [6],  $G^{\bigstar}$  is constructed by eliminating (pEC)-sequents in  $G|G^*$  one by one. In order to control the process, we introduce the set  $I = \{H^c_{i_1}, \dots, H^c_{i_m}\}$  of maximal (pEC)-nodes of  $\tau^*$  (See Definition 4.2) and the set  $\mathbf{I}$  of the branches relative to I and construct  $G^{\bigstar}_{\mathbf{I}}$  such that  $G^{\bigstar}_{\mathbf{I}}$  doesn't contain the contraction sequents lower than any node in I, i.e.,  $S^c_j \in G^{\bigstar}_{\mathbf{I}}$  implies  $H^c_j||H^c_i$  for all  $H^c_i \in I$ . The procedure is called the separation algorithm of branches in [6].

**Definition 4.2.** A (pEC)-node  $H_i^c$  is maximal if no other (pEC)-node is higher than  $H_i^c$ . Define  $I_0$  to be the set of maximal (pEC)-nodes in  $\tau^*$ . A nonempty subset I of  $I_0$  is complete if I contains all maximal (pEC)-nodes higher than or equal to the intersection node  $H_I^V$  of I. Define  $H_I^V = H_i^c$  if  $I = \{H_i^c\}$ , i.e., the intersection node of a single node is itself.

**Proposition 4.3.** (i)  $H_i^c \parallel H_j^c$  for all  $i \neq j$ ,  $H_i^c$ ,  $H_j^c \in I_0$ .

- (ii) Let I be complete and  $H_i^c \ge H_I^V$ . Then  $H_i^c \le H_i^c$  for some  $H_i^c \in I$ .
- (iii)  $I_0$  is complete and  $\{H_i^c\}$  is complete for all  $H_i^c \in I_0$ .
- (iv) If  $I \subseteq I_0$  is complete and |I| > 1, then  $I_l$  and  $I_r$  are complete, where  $I_l$  and  $I_r$  denote the sets of all maximal (pEC)-nodes in the left subtree and right subtree of  $\tau^*(H_I^V)$ , respectively.
  - (v) If  $I_1, I_2 \subseteq I_0$  are complete, then  $I_1 \subseteq I_2, I_2 \subseteq I_1$  or  $I_1 \cap I_2 = \emptyset$ .

*Proof.* (v) 
$$I_1 \subseteq I_2$$
,  $I_2 \subseteq I_1$  or  $I_1 \cap I_2 = \emptyset$  holds by  $H_{I_2}^V \leqslant H_{I_1}^V$ ,  $H_{I_1}^V \leqslant H_{I_2}^V$  or  $H_{I_2}^V \parallel H_{I_1}^V$ , respectively.

**Definition 4.4.** A labeled binary tree  $\rho$  is constructed inductively by the following operations.

- (i) The root of  $\rho$  is labeled by  $I_0$  and leaves labeled  $\{H_i^c\} \subseteq I_0$ .
- (ii) If an inner node is labeled by  $I_l$ , then its parent nodes are labeled by  $I_l$  and  $I_r$ , where  $I_l$  and  $I_r$  are defined in Proposition 4.3 (iv).

**Definition 4.5.** We define the height o(I) of  $I \in \rho$  by letting o(I) = 1 for each leave  $I \in \rho$  and,  $o(I) = \max\{o(I_l), o(I_r)\} + 1$  for any non-leaf node.

Note that in Lemma 7.11 in [6] only uniqueness of  $G_{H_1:G_2}^{\not \approx (J)}|\widehat{S_2}$  in  $G_{H_k^c}^{\not \approx}$  doesn't hold in  $\mathbf{GpsUL}_{\Omega}$  and the following lemma holds in  $\mathbf{GpsUL}_{\Omega}$ .

**Lemma 4.6.** Let 
$$\frac{G_1|S_1 - G_2|S_2}{H_1 \equiv G_1|G_2|H''}(II) \in \tau^*, \ \tau^*_{G_b|S_j^c} \in \tau^{\frac{1}{12}}_{H_i^c}, \ \frac{G_b|\langle G_1|S_1\rangle_{S_j^c} - G_2|S_2}{H_2 \equiv G_b|\langle G_1\rangle_{S_j^c}|G_2|H''}(II) \in \tau^*_{G_b|S_j^c}.$$

Then H'' is separable in  $\tau_{H_i^c}^{\not \approx (J)}$  and there are some copies of  $G_{H_1:G_2}^{\not \approx (J)}|\widehat{S_2}$  in  $G_{H_i^c}^{\not \approx}$ .

**Lemma 4.7.** (New main algorithm for  $\mathbf{GpsUL}_{\Omega}$ ) Let I be a complete subset of  $I_0$  and  $\overline{I} = \{H_i^c : H_i^c \leq H_j^c \text{ for some } H_j^c \in I\}$ . Then there exist one close hypersequent  $G_I^{\bigstar} \subseteq_c G|G^*$  and its derivation  $\tau_I^{\bigstar}$  in  $\mathbf{GpsuL}_{\Omega}$  such that

(i)  $\tau_I^{\bigstar}$  is constructed by initial hypersequent  $\overline{\overline{G|G^*}}\langle \tau^* \rangle$ , the fully constraint contraction rules

of the form  $\frac{G_2}{G_1}\langle EC_{\Omega}^*\rangle$  and elimination rule of the form

$$\frac{G_{b_1}|S_{j_1}^c G_{b_2}|S_{j_2}^c \cdots G_{b_w}|S_{j_w}^c}{G_{\mathbf{I}_{\mathbf{j}}^*}^* = \{G_{b_k}\}_{k=1}^w |G_{\mathcal{I}_{\mathbf{j}}^*}^* \left(\tau_{\mathbf{I}_{\mathbf{j}}}^*\right),\,$$

where  $1 \leq w \leq |I|, H^c_{j_k} \Leftrightarrow H^c_{j_l}$  for all  $1 \leq k < l \leq w$ ,  $I_{\mathbf{j}} = \{H^c_{j_1}, \dots, H^c_{j_w}\} \subseteq \overline{I}$ ,  $\mathcal{I}_{\mathbf{j}} = \{S^c_{j_1}, S^c_{j_2}, \dots, S^c_{j_w}\}$ ,  $I_{\mathbf{j}} = \{G_{b_1} | S^c_{j_1}, G_{b_2} | S^c_{j_2}, \dots, G_{b_w} | S^c_{j_w}\}$ ,  $G_{b_k} | S^c_{j_k}$  is closed for all  $1 \leq k \leq w$ . Then  $H^c_i \nleq H^c_j$  for each  $S^c_j \in G^*_{\mathcal{I}_{\mathbf{j}}}$  and  $H^c_i \in I$ .

(ii) For all  $H \in \overline{\tau}_I^{\, \!\!\!\!\!/}$ , let

$$\partial_{\tau_{I}^{\dot{\varpi}}}(H) := \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} G|G^{*} \ H & is \ the \ root \ of \\ H_{j_{k}}^{c} & G_{b_{k}}|S_{j_{k}}^{c} \ in \ \tau_{\mathbf{I}_{j}}^{*} \in \overline{\tau}_{I}^{\dot{\varpi}} \ for \ some \ 1 \leq k \leq w, \end{array} \right.$$

where,  $\overline{\tau}_{I}^{\bigstar}$  is the skeleton of  $\tau_{I}^{\bigstar}$ , which is defined by Definition 7.13 [6]. Then  $\partial_{\tau_{I}^{\bigstar}}(G_{\mathbf{I}_{j}}^{*}) \leqslant \partial_{\tau_{I}^{\bigstar}}(G_{b_{k}}|S_{j_{k}}^{c})$  for some  $1 \leqslant k \leqslant w$  in  $\tau_{\mathbf{I}_{j}}^{*}$ ;

(iii) Let  $H \in \overline{\tau}_I^{\bigstar}$  and  $G|G^* < \partial_{\tau_I^{\bigstar}}(H) \leqslant H_I^V$  then  $G_{H_I^V:H}^{\bigstar(J)} \in \tau_I^{\bigstar}$  and it is built up by applying the separation algorithm along  $H_I^V$  to H, and is an upper hypersequent of either  $\langle EC_{\Omega}^* \rangle$  if it is applicable, or  $\langle ID_{\Omega} \rangle$  otherwise.

(iv)  $S_{i}^{c} \in G_{I}^{\stackrel{\hookrightarrow}{\times}}$  implies  $H_{i}^{c} \| H_{i}^{c}$  for all  $H_{i}^{c} \in I$  and,  $S_{i}^{c} \in G_{\mathcal{I}_{i}}^{*}$  for some  $\tau_{\mathbf{I}_{i}}^{*} \in \tau_{I}^{\stackrel{\hookrightarrow}{\times}}$ .

*Proof.*  $\tau_I^{\dot{\alpha}}$  is constructed by induction on o(I). For the base case, let o(I) = 1, then  $\tau_I^{\dot{\alpha}}$  is built up by Construction 7.3 and 7.7 in [6]. For the induction case, suppose that  $o(I) \ge 2$ ,  $\tau_{I_l}^{\dot{\alpha}}$  and  $\tau_{I_r}^{\dot{\alpha}}$  are constructed such that Claims from (i) to (iv) hold.

Let  $\frac{G'|S'-G''|S''}{G'|G''|H'}(II) \in \tau^*$ , where  $G'|G''|H'=H_I^V$ . Then  $I_I$  and  $I_r$  occur in the left subtree  $\tau^*(G'|S')$  and right subtree  $\tau^*(G''|S'')$  of  $\tau^*(H_I^V)$ , respectively. Here, almost all manipulations of the new main algorithm are same as those of the old main algorithm. There are some caveats need to be considered.

algorithm and,  $\overline{G|G^*}\langle \tau^* \rangle \in \overline{\tau}_{I_r}^{\dot{x}}$  are replaced with  $\tau_{I_l}^{\dot{x}}$  in Step 3 at Stage 2. Secondly, we abandon the definitions of branch to I and Notation 8.1 in [6] and then the symbol  $\mathbf{I}$  of the set of branches, which occur in  $\tau_{\mathbf{I}}^{\dot{x}}$  in [6], is replaced with I in the new algorithm. We call the new algorithm the separation algorithm along I. We also replace  $\Omega$  in  $\tau_{\mathbf{I}}^{\Omega}$  with  $\dot{x}$ . Thirdly, under the new requirement that I is complete, we prove the following property.

**Property** (A)  $G_{I_l}^{\frac{1}{N}}$  contains at most one copy of  $G_{H_l^{V};G''}^{\frac{1}{N}}|\widehat{S''}|$ .

 $\begin{aligned} &\textit{Proof.} \text{ Suppose that there exist two copies } \left\{G_{H_l^V:G''}^{\bigstar(J)}|\widehat{S''}\right\}_1 \text{ and } \left\{G_{H_l^V:G''}^{\dagger(J)}|\widehat{S''}\right\}_2 \text{ of } G_{H_l^V:G''}^{\dagger(J)}|\widehat{S''} \text{ in } G_{I_l}^{\bigstar} \\ &\text{and, we put them into } \left\{\right\}_1 \text{ and } \left\{\right\}_2 \text{ in order to distinguish them. Let } \left[S\right]_{G_{I_l}^{\bigstar}} \text{ be a splitting unit of } G_{I_l}^{\bigstar} \text{ and } S \text{ its splitting sequent. Then } |v_l(S)| + |v_r(S)| \geqslant 2. \text{ Thus } S \text{ is a } (pEC)\text{-sequent and has the form } S_i^c \text{ by } \left[S\right]_{G_{I_l}^{\bigstar}} \subseteq_c G|G^*. \text{ Then } \left[S\right]_{G_{I_l}^{\bigstar}} = \left[S_i^c\right]_{G_{I_l}^{\bigstar}}, H_i^c \parallel H_j^c \text{ for all } H_j^c \in I_l \text{ and } S_i^c \in G_{I_{J_l}}^{\star} \text{ for some } \tau_{I_{J_l}}^{\star} \in \tau_{I_l}^{\bigstar} \text{ by Claim (iv). Since } I_l \text{ is complete and } G'|S' \leqslant H_{I_l}^V, \text{ then } H_i^c \parallel G'|S'. \end{aligned}$ 

Let  $\tau_{\mathbf{I}_{i_{l}}}^{*}$  be in the form  $\frac{G_{b_{ll}}|S_{j_{ll}}^{c}|G_{b_{l2}}|S_{j_{l2}}^{c}|\cdots|G_{b_{lu}}|S_{j_{lu}}^{c}|}{G_{\mathbf{I}_{j_{l}}}^{*}}\left\{\tau_{\mathbf{I}_{j_{l}}}^{*}\right\}$ ,  $\frac{G_{1}|S_{1}|G_{2}|S_{2}}{H_{1}\equiv G_{1}|G_{2}|H''}(II)\in\tau^{*}$ , where  $G_{1}|S_{1}|\leqslant G'|S'$ ,  $G_{2}|S_{2}|\leqslant H_{i}^{c}$ ,  $G_{1}|G_{2}|H''$  is the intersection node of  $H_{i}^{c}$  and G'|S', as shown in Figure 3. Then  $\frac{\{G_{b_{lk}}\}_{k=1}^{u}|\langle G_{1}|S_{1}\rangle_{\mathcal{I}_{j_{l}}}|G_{2}|S_{2}}{H_{2}\equiv\{G_{b_{lk}}\}_{k=1}^{u}|\langle G_{1}\rangle_{\mathcal{I}_{j_{l}}}|G_{2}|H''}(II)\in\tau_{\mathbf{I}_{j_{l}}}^{*}$  by  $G_{1}|S_{1}|\leqslant G'|S'|\leqslant H_{l_{l}}^{V}$  and  $S_{i}^{c}|\leqslant G_{2}^{*}$ . Since  $S_{2}$  is separable in  $G_{i}^{\pm}$  by  $G'|S'|\leqslant H_{l_{l}}^{V}$ , then  $S_{i}^{c}|\leqslant G_{2}|S_{2}|$  and  $S_{i}^{c}$  is not  $S_{2}$ .

Figure 3 A fragment of  $\tau_{I_l}^{\bowtie}$ 

**Property** (B) The set of splitting sequents of  $[S_i^c]_{G_{l_i}^{c_i}}$  is equal to that of  $[S_i^c]_{G_2|S_2}$ .

Proof. Let  $\frac{G_1'|S_1'-G_2'|S_2'}{H_1'=G_1'|G_2'|H'''}(II) \in \tau^*$ ,  $G_1'|S_1' \leq H_1$  and  $S_1' \in \langle G_1'|S_1' \rangle_{\mathcal{I}_{j_i}}$ . Then  $S_1'$  and  $S_2'$  are separable in  $G_{I_1}^{\bigstar}$ . Thus  $G_{H_1:G_2'}^{\bigstar(J)}|\widehat{S}_2' \subseteq G_{I_1}^{\bigstar}$  is closed. Hence  $G_{H_1:G_2}^{\bigstar(J)}|\widehat{S}_2 - \bigcup_{G_2'|S_2'}G_{H_1:G_2'}^{\bigstar(J)}|\widehat{S}_2'$  is closed, where  $G_2'|S_2'$  in  $\bigcup_{G_2'|S_2'}$  runs over all  $II \in \tau^*$  above such that  $G_{H_1:G_2}^{\bigstar(J)}|\widehat{S}_2 \subseteq G_{H_1:G_2}^{\bigstar(J)}|\widehat{S}_2$ . Therefore  $v(G_{H_1:G_2}^{\bigstar(J)}|\widehat{S}_2 - \bigcup_{G_2'|S_2'}G_{H_1:G_2'}^{\bigstar(J)}|\widehat{S}_2') = v(G_2|S_2)$ ,  $\{S_j^c : S_j^c \in G_2|S_2, H_j^c \geqslant G_2|S_2\} = \{S_j^c : S_j^c \in G_{H_1:G_2}^{\bigstar(J)}|\widehat{S}_2 - \bigcup_{G_2'|S_2'}G_{H_1:G_2'}^{\bigstar(J)}|\widehat{S}_2'\}$  and  $[S_i^c]_{G_{I_1}^{\bigstar}} \subseteq G_{H_1:G_2}^{\bigstar(J)}|\widehat{S}_2 - \bigcup_{G_2'|S_2'}G_{H_1:G_2'}^{\bigstar(J)}|\widehat{S}_2'$ . Then the set of splitting sequents of  $[S_i^c]_{G_{I_1}^{\star}}$  is equal to that of  $[S_i^c]_{G_2|S_2}$  since each splitting sequent  $S''' \in [S_i^c]_{G_{I_1}^{\star}}$  is a (pEC)-sequent by  $|v_l(S''')| + |v_r(S''')| \geqslant 2$  and  $S''' \in_c G|G^*$ . This completes the proof of Property (B).

We therefore assume that, without loss of generality,  $S_i^c$  is in the form  $\Gamma, p_k, \Delta \Rightarrow p_k$  by Property (B), Lemma 3.16 and the observation that each derivation-splicing operation is local. There are two cases to be considered in the following.

 $\begin{aligned} &\textbf{Case 1} \ S_1 \notin \langle G_1 | S_1 \rangle_{G_b | S_j^c} \text{ for all } \tau_{G_b | S_j^c}^* \in \tau_{H_I^V:G''}^{\bigstar(J)}, G_1 | S_1 \leqslant H_J^c \leqslant H_I^V. \text{ Then } G_{H_1:G_2}^{\bigstar(J)} \cap G_{H_I^V:G''}^{\bigstar(J)} = \varnothing. \end{aligned} \\ & \textbf{We assume that, without loss of generality, } \langle G_2 | S_2 \rangle_k^- = G_2' | \Gamma \Rightarrow t, \langle G_2 | S_2 \rangle_k^+ = G_2'' | S_2 | \Delta \Rightarrow t. \end{aligned} \\ & \textbf{Then } \langle G_{I_l}^{\bigstar} \rangle_k^- = G_{H_2:G_2'}^{\bigstar(J)} | \Gamma \Rightarrow t \text{ since } S = \Gamma, p_k, \Delta \Rightarrow p_k \text{ isn't a focus sequent at all nodes from } G_2 | S_2 \text{ to } G_{I_l}^{\bigstar} \text{ in } \tau_{I_l}^{\bigstar} \text{ and, } H_j^c \leqslant H_1 \text{ or } H_j^c | G_1 | S_1 \text{ for all } S_j^c \in G_2' \text{ by Lemma 6.7 in [6]. Thus } \langle G_{I_l}^{\bigstar} \rangle_k^- \setminus \Gamma \Rightarrow t \in G_{H_2:G_2}^{\bigstar(J)}. \text{ Therefore } \left\{ G_{H_l^V:G''}^{\bigstar(J)} | \widehat{S_l}^{\widetilde{N}} \right\}_1 | \left\{ G_{H_l^V:G''}^{\bigstar(J)} | \widehat{S_l}^{\widetilde{N}} \right\}_2 \subseteq \left\langle G_{I_l}^{\bigstar} \right\rangle_k^+ \text{ because } [S]_{G_{I_l}^{\bigstar}} \subseteq G_{H_2:G_2}^{\bigstar(J)} | \widehat{S_l}^{\widetilde{N}} \rangle_1 | \left\{ G_{H_l^V:G''}^{\bigstar(J)} | \widehat{S_l}^{\widetilde{N}} \rangle_2 \right\}_2 = \varnothing \text{ and } \left\langle G_{I_l}^{\bigstar} \right\rangle_k^- \setminus \{\Gamma \Rightarrow t\} | \left\langle G_{I_l}^{\bigstar} \right\rangle_k^+ \setminus \{\Delta \Rightarrow t\} | \Gamma, p_k, \Delta \Rightarrow p_k = G_{I_l}^{\bigstar}. \text{ This shows that any splitting unit } [S]_{G_{I_l}^{\bigstar}} \text{ outside } G_{H_l^V:G''}^{\bigstar(J)} | \widehat{S_l}^{\widetilde{N}} \text{ in } G_{I_l}^{\bigstar} \text{ doesn't take two copies of } G_{H_l^V:G''}^{\bigstar(J)} | \widehat{S_l}^{\widetilde{N}} \text{ apart, i.e., the case of } \left\{ G_{H_l^V:G''}^{\bigstar(J)} | \widehat{S_l}^{\widetilde{N}} \right\}_1 \subseteq \left\langle G_{I_l}^{\bigstar} \right\rangle_k^+ \text{ doesn't happen.} \end{aligned}$ 

 $\textbf{Case 2} \ S_1 \in \langle G_1 | S_1 \rangle_{G_b | S_j^c} \text{ for some } \tau_{G_b | S_j^c}^* \in \tau_{H_l^V:G''}^{\bigstar(J)}, \ G_1 | S_1 \leqslant H_j^c \leqslant H_l^V. \ \text{Then}$   $G_b | \langle G_1 \rangle_{S_j^c} | G_2 | H'' \in \tau_{G_b | S_j^c}^*. \ \text{Thus } G_{H_1:G_2}^{\bigstar(J)} | \widehat{S_2} \subseteq G_{H_l^V:G''}^{\bigstar(J)} | \widehat{S''}. \ \text{Hence } [S_i^c]_{G_{l_l}^{\bigstar}} \subseteq G_{H_l^V:G''}^{\bigstar(J)} | \widehat{S''}. \ \text{The case}$ 

of  $S_i^c \in G''$  is tackled with the same procedure as the following. Let  $[S_i^c]_{G_{l_i}^{\hat{\pi}}} \subseteq \left\{G_{H_i^v;G''}^{\hat{\pi}(J)}|\widehat{S''}\right\}_1$ . Then there exists a copy of  $[S]_{G_{l_i}^{\hat{\pi}}}$  in  $\left\{G_{H_i^v;G''}^{\hat{\pi}(J)}|\widehat{S''}\right\}_2$  and let  $\Gamma$ ,  $p_{k'}$ ,  $\Delta \Rightarrow p_{k'}$  be its splitting sequent. We put two splitting units into  $\{\}_k$  and  $\{\}_{k'}$  in order to distinguish them. Then  $\{[S]_{G_{l_i}^{\hat{\pi}}}\}_k \subseteq \{G_{H_i^v;G''}^{\hat{\pi}(J)}|\widehat{S''}\}_1$  and  $\{[S]_{G_{l_i}^{\hat{\pi}}}\}_{k'} \subseteq \{G_{H_i^v;G''}^{\hat{\pi}(J)}|\widehat{S''}\}_2$ . We assume that, without loss of generality,  $(G_2|S_2)_k^- = G_2'|\Gamma \Rightarrow t$ ,  $(G_2|S_2)_k^+ = G_2''|S_2|\Delta \Rightarrow t$ . Then  $\left(G_{l_i}^{\hat{\pi}}\right)_k^- \setminus \{\Gamma \Rightarrow t\} \subseteq \left\{G_{H_i^v;G''}^{\hat{\pi}(J)}|\widehat{S''}\right\}_1$ . Thus  $\{[S]_{G_{l_i}^{\hat{\pi}}}\}_{k'} \subseteq \left\{G_{H_i^v;G''}^{\hat{\pi}(J)}|\widehat{S''}\right\}_2 \subseteq \left\{G_{l_i}^{\hat{\pi}}\right\}_k^+ \text{ by } \left(G_{l_i}^{\hat{\pi}}\right)_k^- \setminus \{\Gamma \Rightarrow t\} \cup \left(G_{l_i}^{\hat{\pi}}\right)_k^+ \setminus \{\Delta \Rightarrow t\} = G_{l_i}^{\hat{\pi}} \setminus \Gamma, p_k, \Delta \Rightarrow p_k$ . Then  $\left(\left\langle G_{l_i}^{\hat{\pi}}\right\rangle_{k'}^+ = \left\langle G_{l_i}^{\hat{\pi}}\right\rangle_{k'}^-, \{\Delta \Rightarrow t\}_k|\{\Delta \Rightarrow t\}_{k'} \subseteq \left(\left\langle G_{l_i}^{\hat{\pi}}\right\rangle_{k'}^+ \text{ where, we put two copies of } \Delta \Rightarrow t \text{ into } \{\}_k \text{ and } \{\}_{k'} \text{ in order to distinguish them. Then } \Gamma \Rightarrow t \in \left\langle G_{l_i}^{\hat{\pi}}\right\rangle_{k'}^-, \vdash_{GL} \left\langle G_{l_i}^{$ 

**Theorem 4.8.** The standard completeness holds for **HpsUL**\*.

*Proof.* Let  $\stackrel{i}{\longleftrightarrow}$  denote the *i*-th logical link of iff in the following.  $\vDash_{\mathcal{K}} A$  means that  $v(A) \geqslant t$  for every algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  in  $\mathcal{K}$  and valuation v on  $\mathcal{A}$ . Let  $\mathbf{psUL}^*$ ,  $\mathbf{LIN}(\mathbf{psUL}^*)$ ,  $\mathbf{psUL}^{*D}$  and  $[0,1]_{\mathbf{psUL}^*}$  denote the classes of all  $\mathbf{psUL}^*$ -algebras,  $\mathbf{psUL}^*$ -chain, dense  $\mathbf{psUL}^*$ -chain and standard  $\mathbf{psUL}^*$ -algebras (i.e., their lattice reducts are [0,1]), respectively. We have an inference sequence, as shown in Figure 4.

$$\vdash_{\mathbf{HpsUL}^{*}} A \stackrel{1^{\circ}}{\longleftrightarrow} \vdash_{\mathbf{GpsUL}^{*}} \Rightarrow A \stackrel{2^{\circ}}{\longleftrightarrow} \vdash_{\mathbf{GpsUL}^{*D}} \Rightarrow A \stackrel{3^{\circ}}{\longleftrightarrow} \vdash_{\mathbf{psUL}^{*D}} A$$

$$\uparrow 1 \qquad \qquad \uparrow 4^{\circ}$$

$$\models_{\mathbf{psUL}^{*}} A \stackrel{2}{\longleftrightarrow} \models_{\mathbf{LIN}(\mathbf{psUL}^{*})} A \stackrel{3}{\longleftrightarrow} \models_{\mathbf{psUL}^{*D}} A \stackrel{4}{\longleftrightarrow} \models_{[0,1]_{\mathbf{psUL}^{*}}} A$$

Figure 4 Two ways to prove standard completeness

Links from 1 to 4 show Jenei and Montagna's algebraic method to prove standard completeness and currently, it seems hopeless to built up the link 3, see [7~10]. Links from 1° to 4° show Metcalfe and Montagna's proof-theoretical method. Density elimination is at Link 2° in Figure 4 and other links are proved by standard procedures with minor revisions and omitted, see [1, 4, 11, 12].

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