

# Simulating Negation in Positive Logic

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[PureRules, 2005]

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$$\Gamma, \sim^n \alpha \not\vdash \sim^{n+1} \alpha, \Delta \qquad \Gamma, \sim^{n+1} \alpha \not\vdash \sim^n \alpha, \Delta$$

## Disclosing some further lessons about negation

From an abstract perspective:

$\odot$  is *assertion-preserving* in case  $\Gamma, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m \Vdash \odot(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m), \Delta$

$\odot$  is *refutation-preserving* in case  $\Gamma, \odot(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m) \Vdash \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m, \Delta$

$\odot$  is *monotonic over its  $i$ -th argument* if

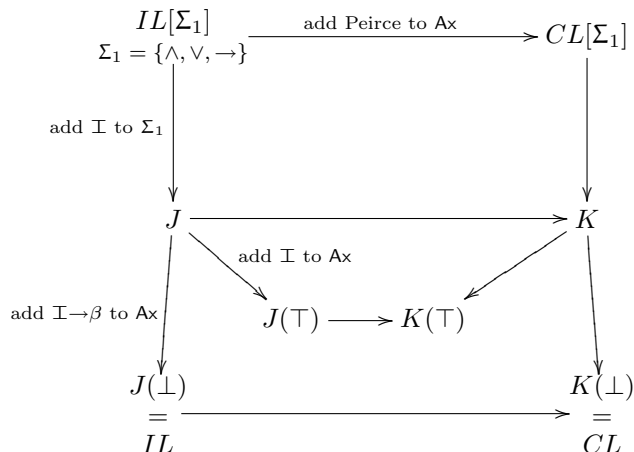
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## Sine qua non

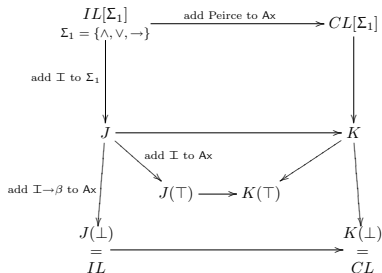
A **negative constructor** must be

(iteratively) **non-assertion-preserving** and **non-refutation-preserving**,  
as well as **completely antitonic**.

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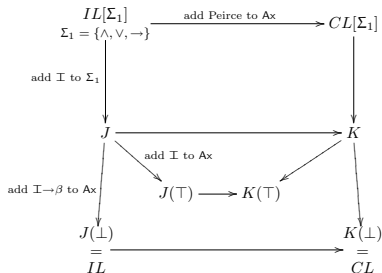
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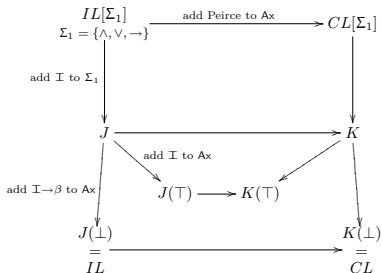
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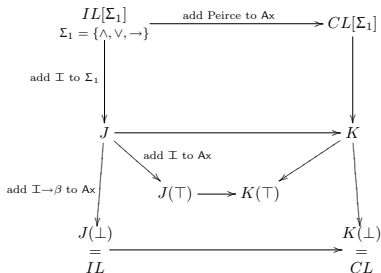
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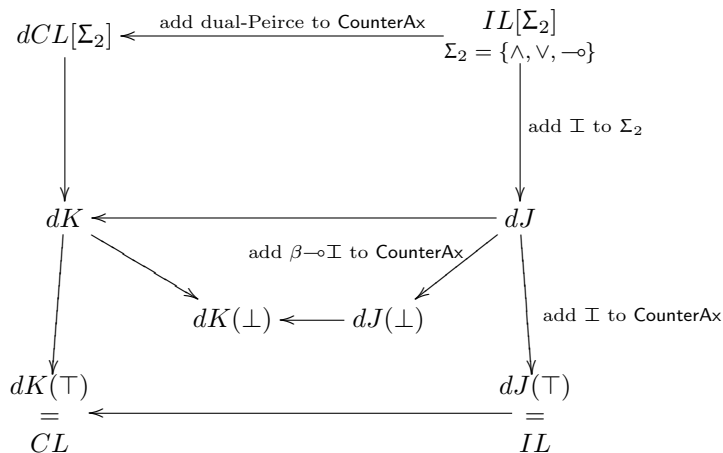
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