

# Final Exam

15-317/657 Constructive Logic  
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## Instructions

- For fairness reasons all answers must be typed on a computer in text editors/text-processing (e.g. LaTeX) and submitted as PDF. Besides PDF viewers, no other software is allowed and no handwritten answers/scans are accepted. You can use scratch paper but not hand it in.
- Only the following resources can be used during this exam:
  1. 15317 lecture and recitation notes
  2. editors or text-processing software
  3. **private** Piazza posts or email with course staff

All other communications with anyone about the exam or this course during the exam period constitute an academic integrity violation.

- You have 24 hours from when the exam was available to complete it.
- There are 4 problems on 5 pages.
- **Submit** on GradeScope → Final → Submit assignment

	Max	Score
Proof Terms	90	
Propositional Theorem Proving	80	
Prolog Principles	50	
Linear Logic Cuts	80	
Total:	300	

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## 1 Proof Terms (90 points)

This question studies proof terms of natural deduction. Recall that a proof term is called *abnormal* if it can be reduced by some local reduction of proof terms. Otherwise *normal*/irreducible.

[10] **Task 1** Give a **normal** proof term for  $((A \supset C) \wedge (B \supset C)) \supset ((A \vee B) \supset (C \vee C))$  or explain why that is impossible.

[10] **Task 2** Give an **abnormal** proof term for  $(A \supset (B \wedge C)) \supset (A \supset C)$  or explain why that is impossible.

[10] **Task 3** Give a **normal** proof term justifying  $A \supset ((A \vee B) \supset A)$  or explain why that is impossible.

[10] **Task 4** Give an **abnormal** proof term justifying  $A \supset ((A \vee B) \supset A)$  or explain why that is impossible.

[10] **Task 5** Give an **abnormal** proof term justifying  $(A \vee B) \supset A$  or explain why that is impossible.

[20] **Task 6** Briefly **explain** whether there is a true proposition  $A$  of intuitionistic propositional logic for which there is no proof term  $M$  such that  $M : A$  proves.

[20] **Task 7** Briefly **explain** whether there is a true proposition  $A$  of intuitionistic propositional logic for which there is no **abnormal** proof term  $M$  such that  $M : A$  proves.

## 2 Propositional Theorem Proving (80 points)

The contraction-free sequent calculus  $\rightarrow$  is *sound* and *complete* w.r.t.  $\implies$  and *terminates*: all its premises are strictly smaller in a well-founded ordering. Each of the following tasks drops one rule from our original contraction-free sequent calculus and replaces it with another. Explain whether these properties still hold when replacing *only* the indicated rule and mark (s) for sound wrt.  $\implies$ , (u) for unsound, (c) for complete wrt.  $\implies$ , (i) for incomplete, (t) for terminating, (n) for nonterminating. If they fail, show an example demonstrating the failure.

To get you started here's a simple example: Replacing rule  $\wedge R$  by rule  $P0$  would make it

$$\frac{\Gamma \rightarrow A \quad \Gamma \rightarrow B}{\Gamma \rightarrow A \wedge B} \wedge R \quad \frac{\Gamma \rightarrow A}{\Gamma \rightarrow A \wedge B} P0$$

- (u) because  $\rightarrow \top \wedge \perp$  proves by  $P0 + \top R$  but is (constructively) false as it implies  $\perp$  by  $\wedge L$ .
- (c) every sequent provable by  $\wedge R$  is provable by  $P0$ , which has a subset of the premises of  $\wedge R$ .
- (t) the same ordering shows termination because  $P0$  produces a subset of the premises of  $\wedge R$ .

**[20] Task 1** Explain what happens when we only replace rule  $\vee \supset L$  by rule  $P1$ :

$$\frac{\Gamma, A_1 \supset B, A_2 \supset B \rightarrow C}{\Gamma, (A_1 \vee A_2) \supset B \rightarrow C} \vee \supset L \quad \frac{\Gamma, A_1 \supset B \rightarrow C}{\Gamma, (A_1 \vee A_2) \supset B \rightarrow C} P1$$

**[20] Task 2** Explain what happens when we only replace rule  $\vee R_2$  by rule  $P2$ :

$$\frac{\Gamma \rightarrow B}{\Gamma \rightarrow A \vee B} \vee R_2 \quad \frac{\Gamma \rightarrow B \vee A}{\Gamma \rightarrow A \vee B} P2$$

**[20] Task 3** Explain what happens when we only replace rule  $\perp \supset L$  by rule  $P3$ :

$$\frac{\Gamma \rightarrow C}{\Gamma, \perp \supset B \rightarrow C} \perp \supset L \quad \frac{\Gamma, \top \supset B \rightarrow C}{\Gamma, \perp \supset B \rightarrow C} P3$$

**[20] Task 4** Explain what happens when we only replace rule  $P \supset L$  by rule  $P4$ :

$$\frac{P \in \Gamma \quad \Gamma, B \rightarrow C}{\Gamma, P \supset B \rightarrow C} P \supset L \quad \frac{\Gamma \rightarrow P \quad \Gamma, B \rightarrow C}{\Gamma, P \supset B \rightarrow C} P4$$

### 3 Prolog Principles (50 points)

This question studies symbolic computation in Prolog with polynomials in one variable (written  $x$ ). Polynomials are represented as a list of integer coefficients, e.g.:

[5,6,7,8] represents the polynomial  $5 + 6x + 7x^2 + 8x^3$

In this question you will define predicates `padd/3`, `pscale/3`, `pmul/3` to compute the representation of polynomials representing polynomial addition, scaling, and multiplication, respectively. For example, the following queries are expected to succeed:

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padd([1,2,3],[5,6],[6,8,3]), pscale(3,[1,2],[3,6]), pmul([1,2,3],[5,7],[5,17,29,21]).
```

Modes describe the intended ways of using a predicate. Mode `+pol` indicates an input argument that needs to be provided satisfying `pol/1`. Mode `-pol` indicates an output argument satisfying `pol/1` that will be computed by the predicate when all inputs are provided, where:

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pol([A|As]) :- integer(A), pol(As).  
pol([]).
```

- 10 **Task 1** Write a Prolog program `padd(+pol,+pol,-pol)` that takes two `pol` representations as inputs in the first and second arguments and produces a `pol` representation of their sum as the output in the third argument.

- 10 **Task 2** Write a Prolog program `pscale(+integer,+pol,-pol)` that takes an integer as input in the first argument, a `pol` representation as input in the second argument and produces a `pol` representation of the second argument multiplied/scaled by the first argument as the output in the third argument.

- 30 **Task 3** Write a Prolog program `pmul(+pol,+pol,-pol)` that takes two `pol` representations as inputs in the first and second arguments and produces a `pol` representation of the product of the input polynomials as the output in the third argument.

## 4 Linear Logic Cuts (80 points)

This question studies cuts in linear logic. We simply write  $\Delta, A \Vdash C$  for  $\Delta, A \text{ res } \Vdash C \text{ true}$ . Recall that the *linear* cut theorem for linear logic constructs a deduction  $\mathcal{F}$  from deductions  $\mathcal{D}$  and  $\mathcal{E}$  and (just like the ordinary cut theorem for intuitionistic logic) is also proved by induction on the structure of the formula  $A$  as well as the deductions  $\mathcal{D}$  and  $\mathcal{E}$ .

$$\mathcal{D} \qquad \mathcal{E} \qquad \mathcal{F}$$

**Theorem 1 (Linear cut)** *If  $\Delta \Vdash A$  and  $\Delta', A \Vdash C$  then  $\Delta, \Delta' \Vdash C$ .*

- [20] **Task 1** Provide and briefly explain a counterexample justifying from its resource semantics why the *ordinary* structural cut theorem of intuitionistic logic does *not* hold for linear logic:

$$\text{If } \Delta \Vdash A \text{ and } \Delta, A \Vdash C \text{ then } \Delta \Vdash C$$

- [20] **Task 2** Commodore Horgiatiki performed one case of linear cut elimination. But he is missing some parts and is unsure whether he got a correct proof. Fill in **all** missing arguments and justifications and steps so that you obtain a complete proof. If there are any errors or missing justifications in Horgiatiki's proof, clearly mark and explain in one line. Unnecessary steps are not necessarily incorrect but still need a justification of their (in)correctness.

$$\mathcal{D} = \frac{\mathcal{D}_1 \qquad \mathcal{D}_2}{\Delta \Vdash A_1 \quad \Delta \Vdash A_2} \&R \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{E} = \frac{\mathcal{E}_1}{\Delta', A_1 \Vdash C} \&L_1$$

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|----------------------------|------------|
| $\Delta \Vdash A_1$        | 1 By _____ |
| $\Delta \Vdash A_2$        | 2 By _____ |
| $\Delta', A_1 \Vdash C$    | 3 By _____ |
| $\Delta', A_2 \Vdash C$    | 4 By _____ |
| $\Delta, \Delta' \Vdash C$ | 5 By _____ |

- [20] **Task 3** Prove the case of the *linear* cut theorem where  $\mathcal{D}$  ends with  $\neg\circ R$  and  $\mathcal{E}$  ends with  $\neg\circ L$ :

$$\mathcal{D} = \frac{\mathcal{D}_1}{\Delta, A_1 \Vdash A_2} \neg\circ R \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{E} = \frac{\mathcal{E}_1 \qquad \mathcal{E}_2}{\Delta'_1 \Vdash A_1 \quad \Delta'_2, A_2 \Vdash C} \neg\circ L$$

- [20] **Task 4** When replacing  $\neg\circ$  by  $\supset$  and  $\Vdash$  by  $\Rightarrow$  does a proof of Task 3 justify the case of cut formula  $A_1 \supset A_2$  as principal formula of the ordinary cut theorem for intuitionistic logic? Explain.