

# Final Exam

15-816 Linear Logic  
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## Instructions

- This exam is closed-book, closed-notes.
- You have 3 hours to complete the exam.
- There are 6 problems.

	Ordered Logic	Classical Lin. Logic	Resource Semantics	Forward Chaining	Possibility	Quotations	
	Prob 1	Prob 2	Prob 3	Prob 4	Prob 5	Prob 6	Total
Score							
Max	50	55	40	40	50	15	250

## 1 Ordered Logic (50 pts)

In this question we explore ordered logic programming. We have the following program `load` which takes a list of elements and loads them into the ordered context.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{load}(\text{cons}(x, l), k) &\leftarrow (\text{elem}(x) \rightarrow \text{load}(l, k)). \\ \text{load}(\text{nil}, k) &\leftarrow \text{gather}(k). \end{aligned}$$

Both `load` and `gather` are *negative* atomic predicates. The intent is for `gather` to return a final value  $k$  to be computed from the state created by `load`. What exactly is to be computed will change from task to task.

**Task 1** (5 pts). The query

$$\text{load}(\text{cons}(x_1, \text{cons}(x_2, \dots, \text{cons}(x_n, \text{nil}))), K)$$

for elements  $x_1, \dots, x_k$  and a free variable  $K$  will load the context. Show the contents of the ordered context at the point when `gather( $K$ )` is called as a subgoal.

In the programming tasks below we assume that forward chaining takes precedence over backward chaining. In other words, we apply forward-chaining rules to quiescence before considering backward-chaining.

**Task 2** (15 pts). Define `gather( $k$ )` such that it succeeds with  $k$  the *reverse* of the original list. Your program should use the auxiliary *positive* predicate `collect( $l$ )`. For full credit, you should have just one clause for `gather( $k$ )` and one clause for forward chaining.

`gather( $k$ )`  $\leftarrow$

*forward-chaining collecting clause below:*

**Task 3** (15 pts). Define alternative gather and collect predicates such that  $\text{gather}(k)$  succeeds with  $k$  being a *subsequence* of the original sequence. By subsequence we mean a list of elements in the same order as in the original, where some elements may have been deleted. For full credit, you should have just one clause for  $\text{gather}(k)$  and one clause for forward chaining.

$\text{gather}(k) \leftarrow$

*forward-chaining collecting clause below:*

**Task 4** (15 pts). Define alternative gather and collect predicates such that  $\text{gather}(k)$  succeeds with  $k$  being an arbitrary *permutation* of the original sequence. For full credit, you should have just one clause for  $\text{gather}(k)$  and one clause for forward chaining.

$\text{gather}(k) \leftarrow$

*forward-chaining collecting clause below:*

## 2 Classical Linear Logic (55 pts)

Recall that in classical linear logic, the cut and identity rules are as follows:

$$\frac{\vdash \Sigma, A \quad \vdash \Sigma', A^\perp}{\vdash \Sigma, \Sigma'} \text{ cut}_A \qquad \frac{}{\vdash A, A^\perp} \text{ id}_A$$

**Task 1** (5 pts). The classical  $A \otimes B$  behaves analogously to its intuitionistic version. Show the corresponding classical (right) rule.

**Task 2** (5 pts). Rather than a left rule for  $A \otimes B$ , we define  $(A \otimes B)^\perp = A^\perp \wp B^\perp$  and give a (right) rule for  $\wp$ . Show this rule.

**Task 3** (10 pts). Show the identity expansion for  $\wp$  in the classical sequent calculus.

**Task 4** (15 pts). Show the cut reduction between  $\otimes$  and  $\wp$  in the classical sequent calculus.

**Task 5** (10 pts). In classical linear logic, the exponential is defined by  $(!A)^\perp = ?(A^\perp)$ , the following rules

$$\frac{\vdash ?\Sigma, A}{\vdash ?\Sigma, !A} ! \quad \frac{\vdash \Sigma, A}{\vdash \Sigma, ?A} ?$$

plus two additional rules. Please name them and show them.

**Task 6** (10 pts). While cut elimination holds in classical linear logic, a structural induction proof of its admissibility in the cut-free classical sequent calculus does not go through. Identify the critical case and explain why the induction fails.

### 3 Resource Semantics (40 pts)

In the resource semantics we track linearity through algebraic reasoning on resource expressions

$$\text{Resource exprs. } p ::= \epsilon \mid p_1 * p_2 \mid \alpha$$

**Task 1** (5 pts). Write out the resource equations that characterize linear logic.

**Task 2** (5 pts). Recall the  $\multimap R$  rule.

**Task 3** (5 pts). Recall the  $\multimap L$  rule. You may use the tethered or untethered form.

Strict logic has just two forms of resources: *persistent* ones, which can be used arbitrarily often, and *strict* ones, which must be used at least once. We claim that the resource semantics with *exactly the same rules as linear logic* represents strict logic if we add the law of idempotence for resource expressions:

$$p * p = p$$

**Task 4** (15 pts). Prove that  $\vdash (A \multimap A \multimap B) \multimap (A \multimap B)@_e$  using your resource rules, where  $A \multimap B$  now represents a *strict implication*.



**Task 5** (10 pts). Prove that  $\vdash B \multimap (A \multimap B)@_\epsilon$  does *not* hold in general in strict logic. You may assume cut elimination and that identity can be reduced to atomic propositions.

## 4 Forward Chaining (40 pts)

Consider a representation of binary numbers in ordered linear logic, where the number  $b_{n-1} \cdots b_0$  (with  $b_0$  representing the least significant bit) is represented by the *ordered* context

$$\text{end}, \text{bit}(b_{n-1}), \dots, \text{bit}(b_0)$$

where each bit  $b_i$  is either 0 or 1.

**Task 1** (10 pts). The following ordered program *increments* the represented number if started with *inc* added at the right end of the context. Complete the program, assuming *bit*, *end*, and *inc* are all positive.

$$\text{bit}(0) \bullet \text{inc} \rightarrow \text{bit}(1)$$

$$\text{bit}(1) \bullet \text{inc} \rightarrow \underline{\hspace{15em}}$$

$$\text{end} \bullet \text{inc} \rightarrow \underline{\hspace{15em}}$$

**Task 2** (15 pts). Rewrite the above program in *linear* logic. We represent the number now as

$$\text{end}(d_n), \text{bit}(d_n, b_{n-1}, d_{n-1}), \dots, \text{bit}(d_1, b_0, d_0)$$

where each  $b_i$  is either 0 or 1, and the  $d_i$  are mutually distinct destinations. The command to increment starting at bit  $i$  is represented as the proposition  $\text{inc}(d_i)$ .

Write a forward chaining program to increment a number in this representation. When  $\text{inc}(d_0)$  is added to the context representing the number  $n$ , it should reach quiescence with the context containing the representation of the number  $n + 1$ . You may assume *bit*, *end*, and *inc* are positive, or you may use a monad.

**Task 3** (15 pts). Your program for incrementing a number is likely sequential. Write a forward-chaining program that computes the *parity* of the binary number. When given a number in the representation above, it should reach quiescence in a state with only  $\text{bit}(d', 1, d)$  if there are an odd number of bits 1 and  $\text{bit}(d', 0, d)$  if there are an even number of bits 1. The destinations  $d$  and  $d'$  are irrelevant and may be arbitrary. Your program should admit some parallelism.

## 5 Possibility (50 pts)

We can introduce  $?A$  into intuitionistic linear logic with the new judgment  $A \text{ poss}$  and the following rules:

$$\frac{\Gamma ; \Delta \vdash A}{\Gamma ; \Delta \vdash A \text{ poss}} \text{ poss}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma ; \Delta \vdash A \text{ poss}}{\Gamma ; \Delta \vdash ?A} ?R \qquad \frac{\Gamma ; A \vdash C \text{ poss}}{\Gamma ; ?A \vdash C \text{ poss}} ?L$$

All the left rules as well as copy, cut and cutbang are generalized to allow a succedent of the form  $C \text{ poss}$

**Task 1** (10 pts). State the new cut rule needed, cut?

**Task 2** (10 pts). Prove  $\vdash !(A \multimap B) \multimap ?A \multimap ?B$

**Task 3** (10 pts). Show the identity expansion for  $?A$ .

**Task 4** (5 pts). What is the polarity of  $?A$ ?

**Task 5** (15 pts). Give focusing versions of the new rules  $?R$  and  $?L$ .

## 6 Quotations (15 pts)

Task 1 (15 pts).

*Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man how to fish and you feed him for a lifetime.* – Chinese proverb

Express this quotation in linear logic, using the following vocabulary:

Types	person, food
Predicates	$\text{own}(x, y)$ person $x$ owns food $y$
	$\text{eat}(x, y)$ person $x$ can eat food $y$
	$\text{fish}(x)$ food $x$ is fish

Since we do not model time, think of “for a day” as “once”, and “for a lifetime” as “arbitrarily often”.