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CSE-490 Logic in Computer Science 2006  
Midterm — Sample Solution

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Max	50	35	15	100

# 1 Short questions [50 pts]

Answer each question below. All the questions assume constructive logic, not classical logic. For questions 1, 2, and 5, answer either true or false.

## 1.1 Propositional logic

### Question 1. [5 pts]

$A \supset (B \vee C) \equiv (A \supset B) \vee (A \supset C)$  holds. True or false?  
False.

### Question 2. [5 pts]

$(A \vee B) \supset C \equiv (A \supset C) \wedge (B \supset C)$  holds. True or false?  
True.

### Question 3. [5 pts]

Give an example of a proof of  $A \text{ true}$  that is not normal, but does not contain a detour, either. Use the natural deduction system, but do **not** use hypothetical judgments. You may choose any proposition  $A$  you like.

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{}{A \vee A \text{ true}} w}{\frac{\frac{\frac{}{A \text{ true}}^x \quad \frac{}{A \text{ true}}^x}{A \wedge A \text{ true}} \wedge I}{\frac{\frac{\frac{}{A \text{ true}}^y \quad \frac{}{A \text{ true}}^y}{A \wedge A \text{ true}} \wedge I}{\frac{A \wedge A \text{ true}}{\vee E^{x,y}}}} \wedge E_L}{\frac{A \text{ true}}{(A \vee A) \supset A \text{ true}} \supset I^w}} w$$

## 1.2 Proof terms

### Question 4. [5 pts]

What is the type of the following proof term?

$$\lambda x: A. \text{case } \text{inl}_\perp x \text{ of } \text{inl } y \Rightarrow (y, y) \mid \text{inr } z \Rightarrow \text{abort}_{A \wedge A} y$$

$A \supset (A \wedge A)$ .

### Question 5. [5 pts]

The following proof term represents a **long** normal proof where  $A$  and  $B$  are atomic propositions. True or false?

$$\lambda x: A \vee B. \text{case } x \text{ of } \text{inl } y \Rightarrow \text{inr}_B y \mid \text{inr } z \Rightarrow \text{inl}_A z$$

True.

**Question 6. [5 pts]** Find two different proof terms that represent **long** normal proofs of the same judgment  $A \supset (A \supset A) \text{ true}$ .

$\lambda x: A. \lambda y: A. x$  and  $\lambda x: A. \lambda y: A. y$ .

**Question 7. [5 pts]**

Apply  $\beta$ -reductions to reduce the following proof term to the simplest form:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (\lambda x : (A \wedge B) \vee C. \lambda y : (A \wedge B) \supset A. \lambda z : C \supset A. \\
 & \quad \text{case } x \text{ of } \text{inl } x_1 \Rightarrow y \ x_1 \mid \text{inr } x_2 \Rightarrow z \ x_2) \\
 & \quad (\text{inl}_C (M, N)) (\lambda w : A \wedge B. \text{fst } w)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\lambda z : C \supset A. M.$$

**Question 8. [5 pts]**

Apply  $\beta$ -reductions and commuting conversions to reduce to the following proof term to the simplest form:

$$\lambda w : A \vee A. \text{fst } (\text{case } ( \text{case } w \text{ of } \text{inl } x \Rightarrow \text{inl}_A x \mid \text{inr } y \Rightarrow \text{inr}_A y) \text{ of } \text{inl } x' \Rightarrow (x', x') \mid \text{inr } y' \Rightarrow (y', y'))$$

$$\lambda w : A \vee A. \text{case } w \text{ of } \text{inl } x \Rightarrow x \mid \text{inr } y \Rightarrow y.$$

**1.3 Sequent calculus****Question 9. [5 pts]**

Give a proof of a sequent  $\cdot \longrightarrow (\neg A \vee B) \supset (A \supset B)$ . If not provable, state so.

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\overline{\neg A \vee B, A, \neg A \longrightarrow A} \text{Init}}{\neg A \vee B, A, \neg A \longrightarrow B} \neg L \quad \frac{\overline{\neg A \vee B, A, B \longrightarrow B} \text{Init}}{\neg A \vee B, A, B \longrightarrow B} \vee L}{\neg A \vee B, A \longrightarrow B} \vee L}{\neg A \vee B \longrightarrow A \supset B} \supset R}{\cdot \longrightarrow (\neg A \vee B) \supset (A \supset B)} \supset R$$

**Question 10. [5 pts]**

Give a proof of a sequent  $\cdot \longrightarrow (A \supset B) \supset (\neg A \vee B)$ . If not provable, state so.

Not provable.

**2 Logical equivalence [35 pts]**

In the course notes, we use a notational definition of logical equivalence  $\equiv$  given as follows:

$$A \equiv B = (A \supset B) \wedge (B \supset A) \text{ true}$$

In this problem, we will define  $\equiv$  as a logical connective, like  $\supset$ ,  $\wedge$ , and  $\vee$ , so that  $A \equiv B \text{ true}$  holds if and only if  $(A \supset B) \wedge (B \supset A) \text{ true}$  holds. We extend the natural deduction system for propositional logic to incorporate  $\equiv$  as a new logical connective orthogonal to the existing logical connectives, by providing its introduction and elimination rules. Thus we assume the following formation rule for  $\equiv$ :

$$\frac{A \text{ prop} \quad B \text{ prop}}{A \equiv B \text{ prop}} \equiv F$$

**Question 1. [5 pts]**

Propose an introduction rule  $\equiv I$  and two elimination rules  $\equiv E_1$  and  $\equiv E_2$  for  $\equiv$ . Do **not** use hypothetical judgments. Be careful not to destroy the orthogonality of the system.

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \overline{A \text{ true}}^x \\ \vdots \\ B \text{ true} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \overline{B \text{ true}}^y \\ \vdots \\ A \text{ true} \end{array}}{A \equiv B \text{ true}} \equiv I^{x,y} \quad \frac{A \equiv B \text{ true} \quad A \text{ true}}{B \text{ true}} \equiv E_1 \quad \frac{A \equiv B \text{ true} \quad B \text{ true}}{A \text{ true}} \equiv E_2$$

**Question 2. [5 pts]**

Show a local reduction  $\Longrightarrow_R$  for  $\equiv$ . (Local soundness)

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \overline{A \text{ true}}^x \\ \vdots \\ B \text{ true} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \overline{B \text{ true}}^y \\ \vdots \\ A \text{ true} \end{array}}{A \equiv B \text{ true}} \equiv I^{x,y} \quad \frac{\mathcal{D}}{A \text{ true}} \equiv E \quad \Longrightarrow_R \quad \begin{array}{c} \mathcal{D} \\ A \text{ true} \\ \vdots \\ B \text{ true} \end{array}$$

**Question 3. [5 pts]**

Show a local expansion  $\Longrightarrow_E$  for  $\equiv$ . (Local completeness)

$$A \equiv B \text{ true} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{D}} \frac{A \equiv B \text{ true} \quad \frac{\mathcal{D}}{A \text{ true}} \equiv E_1 \quad \frac{A \equiv B \text{ true} \quad \overline{B \text{ true}}^y}{A \text{ true}} \equiv E_2}{B \text{ true}} \equiv I^{x,y}$$

**Question 4. [5 pts]**

Rewrite the rules  $\equiv I$ ,  $\equiv E_1$ ,  $\equiv E_2$  for neutral and normal judgments by replacing  $A \text{ true}$  by  $A \uparrow$  or  $A \downarrow$ . Call the resultant rules  $\equiv I \uparrow$ ,  $\equiv E \downarrow_1$ ,  $\equiv E \downarrow_2$ .

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \overline{A \downarrow}^x \\ \vdots \\ B \uparrow \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \overline{B \downarrow}^y \\ \vdots \\ A \uparrow \end{array}}{A \equiv B \uparrow} \equiv I \uparrow^{x,y} \quad \frac{A \equiv B \downarrow \quad A \uparrow}{B \downarrow} \equiv E \downarrow_1 \quad \frac{A \equiv B \downarrow \quad B \uparrow}{A \downarrow} \equiv E \downarrow_2$$

**Question 5. [5 pts]**

Transform the rules  $\equiv I \uparrow$ ,  $\equiv E \downarrow_1$ ,  $\equiv E \downarrow_2$  to rules for sequent calculus. Call the resultant rules  $\equiv R$ ,  $\equiv L_1$ ,  $\equiv L_2$ , respectively. For a collection of propositions in the left side of a sequent, you may use a metavariable  $\Gamma$ .

$$\frac{\Gamma, A \longrightarrow B \quad \Gamma, B \longrightarrow A}{\Gamma \longrightarrow A \equiv B} \equiv R$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, A \equiv B \longrightarrow A \quad \Gamma, A \equiv B, B \longrightarrow C}{\Gamma, A \equiv B \longrightarrow C} \equiv L_1 \quad \frac{\Gamma, A \equiv B \longrightarrow B \quad \Gamma, A \equiv B, A \longrightarrow C}{\Gamma, A \equiv B \longrightarrow C} \equiv L_2$$

**Question 6. [5 pts]**

Assume proofs  $A \xrightarrow{\mathcal{D}} A$  and  $B \xrightarrow{\mathcal{E}} B$  to prove  $A \equiv B \longrightarrow A \equiv B$ . You may refer to proofs of sequents obtained by weakening  $A \longrightarrow A$  and  $B \longrightarrow B$  as  $\mathcal{D}$  and  $\mathcal{E}$ , respectively. (Global completeness)

$$\frac{\frac{A \equiv B, \overset{\mathcal{D}}{A \longrightarrow A} \quad A \equiv B, \overset{\mathcal{E}}{B \longrightarrow B}}{A \equiv B, A \longrightarrow B} \equiv L_1 \quad \frac{A \equiv B, \overset{\mathcal{E}}{B \longrightarrow B} \quad A \equiv B, \overset{\mathcal{D}}{A \longrightarrow A}}{A \equiv B, B \longrightarrow A} \equiv L_2}{A \equiv B \longrightarrow A \equiv B} \equiv R$$

**Question 7. [5 pts]**

Extend the proof of the admissibility of the cut rule with the case for  $\equiv$ . (Global soundness)

**Theorem (Admissibility of the cut rule).** *If  $\Gamma \longrightarrow A$  and  $\Gamma, A \longrightarrow C$ , then  $\Gamma \longrightarrow C$ .*

*Proof.* By nested induction on the structure of: 1) cut formula  $A$ ; 2) proof of  $\Gamma \longrightarrow A$ ; 3) proof of  $\Gamma, A \longrightarrow C$ .

Case:

- 1)  $A = A_1 \equiv A_2$ .
- 2) the last inference rule in the proof  $\mathcal{D}$  of  $\Gamma \longrightarrow A$  is  $\equiv R$ .
- 3) the last inference rule in the proof  $\mathcal{E}$  of  $\Gamma, A \longrightarrow C$  is  $\equiv L_1$ .
- 4)  $A$  is the principal formula of both  $\mathcal{D}$  and  $\mathcal{E}$ .

First show the structure of proofs  $\mathcal{D}$  and  $\mathcal{E}$ .

$$\mathcal{D} = \frac{\frac{\overset{\mathcal{D}_1}{\Gamma, A_1 \longrightarrow A_2} \quad \overset{\mathcal{D}_2}{\Gamma, A_2 \longrightarrow A_1}}{\Gamma \longrightarrow A_1 \equiv A_2}}{\quad} \quad \mathcal{E} = \frac{\frac{\overset{\mathcal{E}_1}{\Gamma, A_1 \equiv A_2 \longrightarrow A_1} \quad \overset{\mathcal{E}_2}{\Gamma, A_1 \equiv A_2, A_2 \longrightarrow C}}{\Gamma, A_1 \equiv A_2 \longrightarrow C}}{\quad}$$

Then deduce  $\Gamma \longrightarrow C$ . In each line, show the conclusion in the left side and its justification in the right side.

$\mathcal{E}' :: \Gamma \longrightarrow A_1$	by IH on $A_1 \equiv A_2, \mathcal{D}, \mathcal{E}_1$
$\mathcal{D}' :: \Gamma, A_2 \longrightarrow A_1 \equiv A_2$	by weakening $\mathcal{D} :: \Gamma \longrightarrow A_1 \equiv A_2$
$\mathcal{E}'' :: \Gamma, A_2 \longrightarrow C$	by IH on $A_1 \equiv A_2, \mathcal{D}', \mathcal{E}_2$
$\mathcal{D}'' :: \Gamma \longrightarrow A_2$	by IH on $A_1, \mathcal{E}', \mathcal{D}_1$
$\Gamma \longrightarrow C$	by IH on $A_2, \mathcal{D}'', \mathcal{E}''$

**3 Classical logic [15 pts]**

We learned in class that constructive logic “degenerates” to classical logic if the axiom

$$\frac{}{\neg\neg A \supset A \text{ true}} \text{ DN}$$

is added, where DN stands for ‘Double Negation.’ Another way to obtain classical logic is by adding either

$$\frac{}{A \vee \neg A \text{ true}} \text{ EM}$$

or

$$\frac{}{((A \supset B) \supset A) \supset A \text{ true}} \text{Pierce}$$

where EM stands for ‘Excluded Middle.’

**Question 1. [10 pts]**

Prove that in the presence of the rule DN, the rule EM is derivable. Use the natural deduction system, but do **not** use hypothetical judgments. Note that  $A$  in the rule DN is a metavariable which can be instantiated to any proposition. You may write  $A$  instead of  $A \text{ true}$  in your proof, if it makes your proof more readable.

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{}{\neg(A \vee \neg A) \text{ true}}{x} \text{ DN} \quad \frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{}{\perp \text{ true}}{\supset I^y} \quad \frac{}{\neg A \text{ true}}{\supset I^y}}{\supset I^y} \quad \frac{}{A \vee \neg A \text{ true}}{\supset I^R}}{\supset E} \quad \frac{}{\neg(A \vee \neg A) \text{ true}}{x}}{\supset E} \quad \frac{\frac{\frac{}{\perp \text{ true}}{\supset I^x} \quad \frac{}{\neg(A \vee \neg A) \text{ true}}{\supset I^x}}{\supset E}}{\supset E} \quad \frac{}{\neg(A \vee \neg A) \supset (A \vee \neg A) \text{ true}}{\supset E}}{A \vee \neg A \text{ true}} \text{EM}$$

**Question 2. [5 pts]**

Prove that in the presence of the rule EM, the rule Pierce is derivable. Use the natural deduction system, but do **not** use hypothetical judgments. You may write  $A$  instead of  $A \text{ true}$  in your proof, if it makes your proof more readable.

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{}{A \vee \neg A \text{ true}}{\text{EM}} \quad \frac{\frac{\frac{}{A \text{ true}}{x} \supset I^w \quad \frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{}{\neg(A \supset B) \supset A \text{ true}}{z} \quad \frac{\frac{\frac{}{\perp \text{ true}}{\supset I^E} \quad \frac{}{B \text{ true}}{\supset I^w}}{\supset I^w}}{\supset E} \quad \frac{}{A \supset B \text{ true}}{\supset I^w}}{\supset E} \quad \frac{}{A \text{ true}}{\supset I^z}}{\supset E}}{\supset E}}{\supset E}}{\supset E}}{\supset E}}{\supset E} \quad \frac{}{((A \supset B) \supset A) \supset A \text{ true}}{\supset E}}{((A \supset B) \supset A) \supset A \text{ true}} \text{Pierce}$$

**Question 3. [Extra credit]**

The rule DN allows us to conclude  $A \text{ true}$  whenever  $\neg\neg A \text{ true}$  is provable, or whenever an assumption of  $\neg A \text{ true}$  leads to a logical contradiction, as in typical proofs in math textbooks. By the rule EM, we only have to consider two possibilities  $A \text{ true}$  and  $\neg A \text{ true}$  when proving  $C \text{ true}$ . Then how can we exploit the rule Pierce when proving  $A \text{ true}$ ?

In order to prove  $A \text{ true}$ , we only have to prove  $(A \supset B) \supset A \text{ true}$ . In order to prove  $(A \supset B) \supset A \text{ true}$ , we assume  $A \supset B \text{ true}$  and prove  $A \text{ true}$ . Therefore, in order to prove  $A \text{ true}$ , we may assume  $A \supset B \text{ true}$  for an arbitrary proposition  $B$  for free!

**Work sheet**