

## SOLUTIONS TO SOME OPEN PROBLEMS FROM SLANEY

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ABSTRACT. In response to a paper by Harris & Fitelson [1], Slaney [6] states several open questions concerning possible strategies for proving distributivity in a wide class of positive sentential logics. In this note, I provide answers to all of Slaney's open questions. The result is a better understanding of the class of positive logics in which distributivity holds.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Harris & Fitelson [1] used Otter to prove distributivity in  $L_{\mathcal{N}_0}$  and other non-classical sentential logics. Their proofs involved axiomatizations in terms of implication ( $\rightarrow$ ) and negation ( $\neg$ ). Slaney [6] showed how to prove these results in the positive fragments of these logics, which involve only implication ( $\rightarrow$ ), conjunction ( $\wedge$ ), and disjunction ( $\vee$ ). Slaney also provided a much more general framework for thinking about distributivity in a wide class of positive logics. This led him to state several open questions regarding strategies for establishing distributivity in this broad class of non-classical (positive) logics. In this note, I will provide answers to all of Slaney's open questions. All of these results were obtained using (various) automated reasoning tools.<sup>1</sup>

### 2. SLANEY'S THREE (BACKGROUND) POSITIVE LOGICS

Slaney [6] presents a large class of (positive) logics, which involve various combinations of the following axioms and rules (*i.e.*, axiom and rule *schemata*).<sup>2</sup>

- (AxK)  $\vdash A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow A)$
- (AxB)  $\vdash (B \rightarrow C) \rightarrow ((A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow C))$
- (AxL)  $\vdash (A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow B)) \rightarrow (B \rightarrow (A \rightarrow A))$
- (AxTO)  $\vdash ((A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow (B \rightarrow A)) \rightarrow (B \rightarrow A)$
- (AxC)  $\vdash (A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C)) \rightarrow (B \rightarrow (A \rightarrow C))$
- (AxI)  $\vdash A \rightarrow A$
- (AxB')  $\vdash (A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow ((B \rightarrow C) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow C))$

<sup>1</sup>I used a combination of prover9 [3], Otter [4], E [5], and Vampire [2] to solve Slaney's open problems. All proofs are presented in the APPENDIX, in Otter format.

<sup>2</sup>Here, I follow Slaney's [6] notation and nomenclature, which differs slightly from that of Harris & Fitelson [1].

(Det) From  $\vdash A \rightarrow B$  and  $\vdash A$ , infer  $\vdash B$

(Ax $\wedge$ E1)  $\vdash (A \wedge B) \rightarrow A$

(Ax $\wedge$ E2)  $\vdash (A \wedge B) \rightarrow B$

(Ax $\wedge$ I)  $\vdash ((A \rightarrow B) \wedge (A \rightarrow C)) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow (B \wedge C))$

(Ax $\vee$ I1)  $\vdash A \rightarrow (A \vee B)$

(Ax $\vee$ I2)  $\vdash B \rightarrow (A \vee B)$

(Ax $\vee$ E)  $\vdash ((A \rightarrow C) \wedge (B \rightarrow C)) \rightarrow ((A \vee B) \rightarrow C)$

(Adj) From  $\vdash A$  and  $\vdash B$ , infer  $\vdash A \wedge B$

Specifically, Slaney's open questions involve the following three (background) positive logics.

- (1)  $TW^+[AxL, AxTO]$ , the pure implicational fragment of which ( $TW^-$ ) is given by the axioms AxB, AxI, AxB', AxL, and AxTO, and the rule Det. The full logic  $TW^+[AxL, AxTO]$  is then obtained by adding all of the axioms and rules for conjunction and disjunction to this implicational base. In other words,  $TW^+[AxL, AxTO]$  is given by: AxB, AxI, AxB', AxL, AxTO, Det, Ax $\wedge$ E1, Ax $\wedge$ E2, Ax $\wedge$ I, Ax $\vee$ I1, Ax $\vee$ I2, Ax $\vee$ E, and Adj.
- (2)  $BCK^-[AxL]$ , which consists of the axioms AxK, AxB, AxC, and AxL, and the rule Det.
- (3)  $TW^-[AxL]$ , which consists of the axioms AxB, AxI, AxB', and AxL, and the rule Det.

### 3. FOUR OTHER PRINCIPLES IMPLICATED IN SLANEY'S OPEN QUESTIONS

In addition to these three background positive logics, Slaney's open questions also involve the following four additional axioms/theorems and rules:

- (Dist)  $\vdash (A \wedge (B \vee C)) \rightarrow ((A \wedge B) \vee (A \wedge C))$
- (RTO)  $\vdash (A \rightarrow B) \vee (B \rightarrow A)$
- (IO)  $\vdash ((A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow B) \rightarrow (A \vee B)$
- (Resid)  $\vdash (A \circ B) \rightarrow C \iff \vdash A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C)$ <sup>3</sup>

### 4. SLANEY'S (SIX) OPEN QUESTIONS AND THEIR SOLUTIONS

Slaney's first four open questions involve the background positive logic  $TW^+[AxL, AxTO]$ . The first two of these open questions are as follows.

- (1) Is (Dist) provable in  $TW^+[AxL, AxTO]$ ?
- (2) Is (RTO) provable in  $TW^+[AxL, AxTO]$ ?

<sup>3</sup>The meaning of " $p \iff q$ " is "From  $p$ , infer  $q$ ; and, from  $q$ , infer  $p$ ." Thus, (Resid) adds a new "fusion" connective ' $\circ$ ,' which obeys the two-way rule of inference in question.

Slaney [6, p. 65] notes that affirmative answers to both questions (1) and (2) are forthcoming, *if* it is possible to prove (IO) in  $TW^+[AxL, AxTO]$ . Our first theorem therefore implies affirmative answers to both (1) and (2).<sup>4</sup>

**Theorem 1.** (IO) is provable in  $TW^+[AxL, AxTO]$ .

Slaney's next two open questions regarding  $TW^+[AxL, AxTO]$  involve the addition of a fusion operator ' $\circ$ ' to  $TW^+[AxL, AxTO]$ , *via* the (Resid) rule.

3. Is the addition of fusion a conservative extension of the positive logic  $TW^+[AxL, AxTO]$ ? That is, does the addition of (Resid) to  $TW^+[AxL, AxTO]$  imply *no new theorems* involving *only*  $\langle \rightarrow, \wedge, \vee \rangle$ ?
4. If the answer to (3) is *negative* (i.e., if new  $\langle \rightarrow, \wedge, \vee \rangle$ -theorems are derivable upon adding (Resid) to  $TW^+[AxL, AxTO]$ ), then does the addition of (Resid) to  $TW^+[AxL, AxTO]$  allow us to prove *both* (AxK) and (AxC)?

Our second theorem implies both a negative answer to (3) and a positive answer to (4).

**Theorem 2.** (AxK) and (AxC) are provable in  $TW^+[AxL, AxTO] + (Resid)$ .

Slaney's fifth open question involves the background positive logic  $BCK^-[AxL]$ .

5. Is the addition of fusion, with its two-way rule (Resid), enough to generate a(nother) negation-free proof of (AxTO) from  $BCK^-[AxL]$ ? In other words, is (AxTO) provable in  $BCK^-[AxL] + (Resid)$ ?

Our third theorem implies an affirmative answer to (5).

**Theorem 3.** (AxTO) is provable in  $BCK^-[AxL] + (Resid)$ .

That brings us to Slaney's sixth (and final) open question (implicitly asked on page 66), which involves his third background positive logic  $TW^-[AxL]$ .

6. Is (AxK) provable in  $TW^-[AxL] + (Resid)$ ?

Our fourth (and final) theorem implies an affirmative answer to (6).

**Theorem 4.** (AxK) is provable in  $TW^-[AxL] + (Resid)$ .

#### APPENDIX: Proofs of Theorems

In this APPENDIX, I provide *Otter* proofs of our four theorems. Instead of using infix notation involving  $\langle \rightarrow, \wedge, \vee, \circ \rangle$ , I will use prefix notation involving  $\langle i, \text{and}, \text{or}, f \rangle$ .

That is to say, we will adopt the following *Otter* notation:

$$\begin{aligned} \vdash A \rightarrow B &\vdash \text{p}(i(A, B)) \\ A \wedge B &\vdash \text{and}(A, B) \end{aligned}$$

<sup>4</sup>See the APPENDIX for *Otter* proofs of all theorems reported in this paper.

$$\begin{aligned} A \vee B &\vdash \text{or}(A, B) \\ A \circ B &\vdash f(A, B) \end{aligned}$$

See Harris & Fitelson [1] for further explanation of how our *Otter* proof objects are to be interpreted (and related to more traditional presentations of proofs in sentential logics). The proofs presented here are the shortest/simplest proofs I was able to find using *Otter*.

*Otter* Proof of Theorem 1.<sup>5</sup>

Length of proof is 36. Level of proof is 14.

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38 [] -p(i(A,B)) | -p(A) | p(B) # label(Det).
40 [] p(i(i(A,B), i(i(B,C), i(A,C)))) # label(AxBp).
41 [] p(i(i(i(X,Y), Y), i(i(Y,X), X))) # label(AxL).
42 [] p(i(i(i(X,Y), i(Y,X)), i(Y,X))) # label(AxTO).
43 [] p(i(X, or(X,Y))) # label(AxorI1).
44 [] p(i(Y, or(X,Y))) # label(AxorI2).
51 [hyper, 38, 40, 40] p(i(i(i(i(A,B), i(C,B)), D), i(i(C,A), D))).
52 [hyper, 38, 40, 41] p(i(i(i(i(A,B), B), C), i(i(i(B,A), A), C))).
53 [hyper, 38, 40, 42] p(i(i(i(A,B), C), i(i(i(B,A), i(A,B)), C))).
54 [hyper, 38, 40, 43] p(i(i(or(A,B), C), i(A,C))).
55 [hyper, 38, 40, 44] p(i(i(or(A,B), C), i(B,C))).
56 [hyper, 38, 51, 51] p(i(i(A, i(B,C)), i(i(D,B), i(A, i(D,C)))).
57 [hyper, 38, 51, 42] p(i(i(A,A), i(A,A))).
58 [hyper, 38, 51, 52] p(i(i(A, i(B,C)), i(i(i(C,B), B), i(A,C)))).
59 [hyper, 38, 52, 53] p(i(i(i(A,B), B), i(i(i(A,B), i(B,A)), A))).
60 [hyper, 38, 40, 54] p(i(i(i(A,B), C), i(i(or(A,D), B), C))).
61 [hyper, 38, 51, 56] p(i(i(A,B), i(i(C,A), i(i(B,D), i(C,D)))).
62 [hyper, 38, 56, 52] p(i(i(A, i(i(B,C), C)), i(i(i(i(C,B), B), D), i(A,D)))).
63 [hyper, 38, 42, 57] p(i(A,A)).
64 [hyper, 38, 51, 58] p(i(i(A,B), i(i(i(C,A), A), i(i(B,C), C)))).
65 [hyper, 38, 58, 56] p(i(i(i(i(A, i(B,C)), i(B,D)), i(B,D)), i(i(A, i(D,C)), i(A, i(B,C)))).
66 [hyper, 38, 56, 59] p(i(i(A, i(i(B,C), i(C,B))), i(i(i(B,C), C), i(A,B)))).
67 [hyper, 38, 62, 60] p(i(i(i(i(A, or(B,C)), or(B,C)), D), i(i(i(B,A), A), D))).
68 [hyper, 38, 62, 56] p(i(i(i(i(i(A, i(B,C)), B), B), D), i(i(A, i(i(A, i(B,C)), C)), D))).
69 [hyper, 38, 56, 64] p(i(i(A, i(i(B,C), C)), i(i(C,D), i(A, i(i(D,B), B)))).
70 [hyper, 38, 64, 55] p(i(i(i(A, i(or(B,C), D)), i(or(B,C), D)), i(i(i(C,D), A), A))).

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<sup>5</sup>In fact, this *Otter* proof establishes something *stronger* than Theorem 1. It shows that (IO) is derivable from {Det, AxB', AxL, AxTO, AxvI1, AxvI2}. An *Otter* input file which verifies this proof is available from [http://fitelson.org/slaney\\_theorem\\_1.in](http://fitelson.org/slaney_theorem_1.in).

71 [hyper, 38, 56, 66]  $p(i(i(A, i(B, C), C)), i(i(D, i(B, C), i(C, B))), i(A, i(D, B))))$ .  
 72 [hyper, 38, 68, 63]  $p(i(i(A, i(i(A, i(B, C)), C)), i(i(A, i(B, C)), B, B)))$ .  
 73 [hyper, 38, 51, 71]  $p(i(i(i(A, B), C), i(i(D, i(A, B), i(B, A))), i(i(C, B), i(D, A))))$ .  
 74 [hyper, 38, 42, 72]  $p(i(i(i(A, i(A, A)), A), A))$ .  
 75 [hyper, 38, 69, 73]  $p(i(i(i(A, B), i(B, A)), C), i(i(i(A, B), A), i(i(C, B), B)))$ .  
 76 [hyper, 38, 61, 74]  $p(i(i(A, i(B, i(B, B)), B)), i(i(B, C), i(A, C)))$ .  
 77 [hyper, 38, 75, 42]  $p(i(i(i(A, B), A), i(i(i(B, A), B), B)))$ .  
 78 [hyper, 38, 40, 76]  $p(i(i(i(i(A, B), i(C, B)), D), i(i(C, i(A, i(A, A)), A), D)))$ .  
 79 [hyper, 38, 51, 77]  $p(i(i(A, i(A, B)), i(i(i(B, i(A, B)), B), B)))$ .  
 80 [hyper, 38, 78, 42]  $p(i(i(A, i(A, i(A, A)), A), i(A, A)))$ .  
 81 [hyper, 38, 58, 79]  $p(i(i(i(A, i(A, i(B, A)), A)), i(i(A, i(B, A)), A), i(i(B, i(B, A)), A)))$ .  
 82 [hyper, 38, 65, 81]  $p(i(i(A, i(A, A)), i(A, i(A, i(A, A)), A)))$ .  
 83 [hyper, 38, 40, 82]  $p(i(i(i(A, i(A, i(A, A)), A)), B), i(i(A, i(A, A)), B)))$ .  
 84 [hyper, 38, 83, 80]  $p(i(i(A, i(A, A)), i(A, A)))$ .  
 85 [hyper, 38, 70, 84]  $p(i(i(i(A, \text{or}(B, A)), \text{or}(B, A)), \text{or}(B, A)))$ .  
 86 [hyper, 38, 67, 85]  $p(i(i(i(A, B), B), \text{or}(A, B)))$ .

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### Otter Proof of Theorem 2.<sup>6</sup>

Length of proof is 74. Level of proof is 24.

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75 []  $\neg p(i(A, B)) \mid \neg p(A) \mid p(B)$  # label(Det).  
 76 []  $\neg p(i(f(A, B), C)) \mid p(i(A, i(B, C)))$  # label(Resid1).  
 77 []  $p(i(f(A, B), C)) \mid \neg p(i(A, i(B, C)))$  # label(Resid2).  
 79 []  $p(i(i(A, B), i(i(B, C), i(A, C))))$  # label(AxBp).  
 80 []  $p(i(i(i(X, Y), Y), i(i(Y, X), X)))$  # label(AxL).  
 81 []  $p(i(i(i(X, Y), i(Y, X)), i(Y, X)))$  # label(AxTO).  
 88 [hyper, 77, 79]  $p(i(f(i(A, B), i(B, C)), i(A, C)))$ .  
 89 [hyper, 75, 79, 79]  $p(i(i(i(i(A, B), i(C, B)), D), i(i(C, A), D)))$ .  
 90 [hyper, 75, 79, 80]  $p(i(i(i(i(A, B), B), C), i(i(i(B, A), A), C)))$ .  
 91 [hyper, 75, 79, 81]  $p(i(i(i(A, B), C), i(i(i(B, A), i(A, B)), C)))$ .  
 92 [hyper, 75, 79, 88]  $p(i(i(i(A, B), C), i(f(i(A, D), i(D, B)), C)))$ .  
 93 [hyper, 75, 89, 89]  $p(i(i(A, i(B, C)), i(i(D, B), i(A, i(D, C))))$ .  
 94 [hyper, 75, 89, 81]  $p(i(i(A, A), i(A, A)))$ .  
 95 [hyper, 75, 89, 90]  $p(i(i(A, i(B, C)), i(i(i(C, B), B), i(A, C)))$ .  
 96 [hyper, 75, 79, 90]  $p(i(i(i(i(i(A, B), B), C), D), i(i(i(i(B, A), A), C), D)))$ .  
 97 [hyper, 75, 90, 89]  $p(i(i(i(i(A, B), i(C, B)), i(C, B)), i(i(A, C), i(A, B))))$ .

<sup>6</sup>In fact, this Otter proof establishes something *stronger* than Theorem 2. It shows that (AxC) and (AxK) are both derivable from {Det, Resid, AxB', AxL, AxTO}. An Otter input file which verifies this proof is available from [http://fitelson.org/slaney\\_theorem\\_2.in](http://fitelson.org/slaney_theorem_2.in).

98 [hyper, 75, 89, 91]  $p(i(i(A, B), i(i(i(C, B), i(B, C)), i(A, C))))$ .  
 99 [hyper, 75, 92, 81]  $p(i(f(i(i(A, B), C), i(C, i(B, A))), i(B, A)))$ .  
 100 [hyper, 75, 92, 80]  $p(i(f(i(i(A, B), C), i(C, B)), i(i(B, A), A)))$ .  
 101 [hyper, 75, 93, 91]  $p(i(i(A, i(i(B, C), i(C, B))), i(i(i(C, B), D), i(A, D)))$ .  
 102 [hyper, 75, 93, 90]  $p(i(i(A, i(i(B, C), C)), i(i(i(i(C, B), B), D), i(A, D)))$ .  
 103 [hyper, 75, 81, 94]  $p(i(A, A))$ .  
 104 [hyper, 75, 93, 95]  $p(i(i(A, i(i(B, C), C)), i(i(D, i(C, B)), i(A, i(D, B))))$ .  
 105 [hyper, 75, 79, 95]  $p(i(i(i(i(i(A, B), B), i(C, A)), D), i(i(C, i(B, A)), D)))$ .  
 106 [hyper, 75, 95, 93]  $p(i(i(i(i(A, i(B, C)), i(B, D)), i(B, D)), i(i(A, i(D, C)), i(A, i(B, C))))$ .  
 107 [hyper, 75, 93, 98]  $p(i(i(A, i(i(B, C), i(C, B))), i(i(D, C), i(A, i(D, B))))$ .  
 108 [hyper, 75, 79, 98]  $p(i(i(i(i(i(A, B), i(B, A)), i(C, A)), D), i(i(C, B), D)))$ .  
 109 [hyper, 76, 99]  $p(i(i(i(A, B), C), i(i(C, i(B, A)), i(B, A))))$ .  
 110 [hyper, 76, 100]  $p(i(i(i(A, B), C), i(i(C, B), i(i(B, A), A))))$ .  
 111 [hyper, 76, 103]  $p(i(A, i(B, f(A, B))))$ .  
 112 [hyper, 75, 91, 104]  $p(i(i(i(i(i(A, B), B), C), i(C, i(i(A, B), B))), i(i(D, i(B, A)), i(C, i(D, A))))$ .  
 113 [hyper, 75, 105, 106]  $p(i(i(A, i(i(A, B), B)), i(i(B, i(B, B)), i(B, i(A, B))))$ .  
 114 [hyper, 75, 102, 109]  $p(i(i(i(i(i(A, B), C), C), D), i(i(i(B, A), C), D)))$ .  
 115 [hyper, 75, 90, 109]  $p(i(i(i(A, B), B), i(i(A, i(A, B)), i(A, B)))$ .  
 116 [hyper, 75, 89, 109]  $p(i(i(A, B), i(i(i(A, C), i(C, B)), i(C, B))))$ .  
 117 [hyper, 75, 110, 79]  $p(i(i(i(i(A, B), i(C, B)), A), i(i(A, C), C)))$ .  
 118 [hyper, 75, 79, 111]  $p(i(i(i(A, f(B, A)), C), i(B, C)))$ .  
 119 [hyper, 75, 114, 108]  $p(i(i(i(i(A, B), i(B, A)), i(C, B)), i(i(C, A), i(C, B))))$ .  
 120 [hyper, 75, 114, 97]  $p(i(i(i(A, B), i(C, A)), i(i(B, C), i(B, A))))$ .  
 121 [hyper, 75, 102, 115]  $p(i(i(i(i(i(A, B), A), A), C), i(i(i(A, B), B), C)))$ .  
 122 [hyper, 75, 102, 116]  $p(i(i(i(i(i(A, B), i(C, A)), i(C, A)), D), i(i(C, B), D)))$ .  
 123 [hyper, 75, 118, 79]  $p(i(A, i(i(f(A, B), C), i(B, C))))$ .  
 124 [hyper, 75, 108, 119]  $p(i(i(A, B), i(i(A, B), i(A, B))))$ .  
 125 [hyper, 75, 89, 120]  $p(i(i(A, B), i(i(B, A), i(B, B))))$ .  
 126 [hyper, 75, 120, 109]  $p(i(i(A, i(A, i(B, B))), i(A, i(B, B)))$ .  
 127 [hyper, 75, 121, 117]  $p(i(i(i(i(A, B), B), B), i(i(i(A, B), A), A)))$ .  
 128 [hyper, 75, 93, 124]  $p(i(i(A, i(B, C)), i(i(B, C), i(A, i(B, C))))$ .  
 129 [hyper, 75, 90, 125]  $p(i(i(i(A, B), B), i(i(A, i(B, A)), i(A, A)))$ .  
 130 [hyper, 75, 122, 127]  $p(i(i(A, i(A, B)), i(i(i(B, i(A, B)), B), B)))$ .  
 131 [hyper, 75, 105, 127]  $p(i(i(A, i(i(A, B), B)), i(i(i(B, i(A, B)), B), B)))$ .  
 132 [hyper, 75, 96, 127]  $p(i(i(i(i(A, B), B), A), i(i(i(B, A), B), B)))$ .  
 133 [hyper, 75, 89, 128]  $p(i(i(A, B), i(i(A, C), i(i(B, C), i(A, C))))$ .  
 134 [hyper, 75, 129, 126]  $p(i(i(A, i(i(A, i(B, B)), A)), i(A, A))$ .  
 135 [hyper, 75, 131, 130]  $p(i(i(i(A, i(i(A, i(A, A)), A)), A), A)$ .  
 136 [hyper, 75, 93, 132]  $p(i(i(A, i(i(B, C), B)), i(i(i(i(C, B), B), C), i(A, B))))$ .  
 137 [hyper, 75, 118, 133]  $p(i(A, i(i(B, C), i(i(f(A, B), C), i(B, C))))$ .  
 138 [hyper, 75, 123, 134]  $p(i(i(f(i(i(A, i(i(A, i(B, B)), A)), i(A, A)), C), D), i(C, D))$ .  
 139 [hyper, 75, 92, 135]  $p(i(f(i(i(A, i(A, i(A, A)), A)), B), i(B, A), A))$ .  
 140 [hyper, 75, 136, 88]  $p(i(i(i(i(A, B), B), A), i(f(i(i(B, A), C), i(C, B)), B)))$ .  
 141 [hyper, 75, 79, 137]  $p(i(i(i(i(A, B), i(i(f(C, A), B), i(A, B))), D), i(C, D))$ .

142 [hyper, 75, 138, 139]  $p(i(i(i(A, A), A), A), A)$ .  
 143 [hyper, 75, 140, 142]  $p(i(f(i(i(A, A), B), i(B, A)), A))$ .  
 144 [hyper, 76, 143]  $p(i(i(i(A, A), B), i(i(B, A), A)))$ .  
 145 [hyper, 75, 93, 144]  $p(i(i(A, i(B, C)), i(i(i(C, C), B), i(A, C))))$ .  
 146 [hyper, 75, 89, 144]  $p(i(i(A, B), i(i(i(A, B), B), B)))$ .  
 147 [hyper, 75, 93, 145]  $p(i(i(A, i(i(B, B), C)), i(i(D, i(C, B)), i(A, i(D, B))))$ .  
 148 [hyper, 75, 145, 146]  $p(i(i(i(A, A), i(i(B, A), A)), i(i(B, A), A)))$ .  
 149 [hyper, 75, 97, 148]  $p(i(i(A, i(B, A)), i(A, A)))$ .  
 150 [hyper, 75, 141, 149]  $p(i(A, i(i(B, C), i(B, C))))$ .  
 152 [hyper, 75, 107, 150]  $p(i(i(A, B), i(C, i(A, B))))$ .  
 153 [hyper, 75, 101, 150]  $p(i(i(i(A, A), B), i(C, B)))$ .  
 155 [hyper, 75, 147, 152]  $p(i(i(A, i(i(B, C), D)), i(i(B, C), i(A, D))))$ .  
 157 [hyper, 75, 79, 152]  $p(i(i(i(A, i(B, C)), D), i(i(B, C), D)))$ .  
 160 [hyper, 75, 153, 153]  $p(i(A, i(B, i(C, C))))$ .  
 163 [hyper, 75, 155, 95]  $p(i(i(i(A, B), B), i(i(C, i(B, A)), i(C, A))))$ .  
 170 [hyper, 75, 163, 160]  $p(i(i(A, i(i(B, i(C, C)), D)), i(A, D)))$ .  
 173 [hyper, 75, 170, 113]  $p(i(i(A, i(i(A, B), B)), i(B, i(A, B))))$ .  
 174 [hyper, 75, 157, 173]  $p(i(i(i(A, B), B), i(B, i(A, B))))$ .  
 176 [hyper, 75, 112, 174]  $p(i(i(A, i(B, C)), i(B, i(A, C))))$ .  
 177 [hyper, 75, 81, 174]  $p(i(A, i(B, A)))$ .

----- end of proof -----

### Otter Proof of Theorem 3.<sup>7</sup>

Length of proof is 28. Level of proof is 13.

----- PROOF -----

29 []  $\neg p(i(A, B)) \mid \neg p(A) \mid p(B)$  # label(Det).  
 30 []  $\neg p(i(f(A, B), C)) \mid p(i(A, i(B, C)))$  # label(Resid1).  
 31 []  $p(i(f(A, B), C)) \mid \neg p(i(A, i(B, C)))$  # label(Resid2).  
 33 []  $p(i(i(A, B), i(i(B, C), i(A, C))))$  # label(AxBp).  
 34 []  $p(i(i(i(A, B), B), i(i(B, A), A)))$  # label(AxL).  
 35 []  $p(i(i(A, i(B, C)), i(B, i(A, C))))$  # label(AxC).  
 36 [hyper, 29, 33, 33]  $p(i(i(i(i(A, B), i(C, B)), D), i(i(C, A), D)))$ .  
 37 [hyper, 29, 35, 35]  $p(i(A, i(i(B, i(A, C)), i(B, C))))$ .  
 38 [hyper, 29, 33, 35]  $p(i(i(i(A, i(B, C)), D), i(i(B, i(A, C)), D)))$ .  
 39 [hyper, 29, 35, 34]  $p(i(i(A, B), i(i(i(B, A), A), B)))$ .  
 40 [hyper, 29, 35, 33]  $p(i(i(A, B), i(i(C, A), i(C, B))))$ .  
 41 [hyper, 29, 36, 36]  $p(i(i(A, i(B, C)), i(i(D, B), i(A, i(D, C))))$ .  
 42 [hyper, 29, 33, 37]  $p(i(i(i(i(A, i(B, C)), i(A, C)), D), i(B, D)))$ .

<sup>7</sup>In fact, this Otter proof establishes something *stronger* than Theorem 3. It shows that (AxTO) is derivable from {Det, Resid, AxB', AxC, AxL}. An Otter input file which verifies this proof is available from [http://fitelson.org/slaney\\_theorem\\_3.in](http://fitelson.org/slaney_theorem_3.in).

43 [hyper, 29, 38, 35]  $p(i(i(A, i(B, C)), i(A, i(B, C))))$ .  
 44 [hyper, 29, 38, 33]  $p(i(i(A, i(B, C)), i(i(i(A, C), D), i(B, D))))$ .  
 45 [hyper, 29, 41, 39]  $p(i(i(A, i(i(B, C), C)), i(i(C, B), i(A, B))))$ .  
 47 [hyper, 29, 42, 35]  $p(i(A, i(B, i(i(B, i(A, C)), C))))$ .  
 48 [hyper, 29, 35, 43]  $p(i(A, i(i(A, i(B, C)), i(B, C))))$ .  
 49 [hyper, 29, 44, 43]  $p(i(i(i(i(A, i(B, C)), i(B, C)), D), i(A, D)))$ .  
 50 [hyper, 31, 47]  $p(i(f(A, B), i(i(B, i(A, C)), C)))$ .  
 51 [hyper, 29, 45, 48]  $p(i(i(i(A, B), C), i(C, C)))$ .  
 52 [hyper, 29, 44, 50]  $p(i(i(i(f(A, B), C), D), i(i(B, i(A, C)), D)))$ .  
 53 [hyper, 29, 51, 49]  $p(i(i(A, B), i(A, B)))$ .  
 54 [hyper, 29, 44, 53]  $p(i(i(i(i(A, B), B), C), i(A, C)))$ .  
 56 [hyper, 29, 54, 51]  $p(i(A, i(B, B)))$ .  
 57 [hyper, 29, 56, 56]  $p(i(A, A))$ .  
 58 [hyper, 29, 35, 56]  $p(i(A, i(B, A)))$ .  
 59 [hyper, 30, 57]  $p(i(A, i(B, f(A, B))))$ .  
 60 [hyper, 31, 58]  $p(i(f(A, B), A))$ .  
 61 [hyper, 29, 41, 59]  $p(i(i(A, B), i(C, i(A, f(C, B))))$ .  
 62 [hyper, 29, 40, 60]  $p(i(i(A, f(B, C)), i(A, B)))$ .  
 63 [hyper, 29, 61, 62]  $p(i(A, i(i(B, f(C, D)), f(A, i(B, C))))$ .  
 64 [hyper, 29, 45, 63]  $p(i(i(f(A, i(B, A)), B), i(A, B)))$ .  
 65 [hyper, 29, 52, 64]  $p(i(i(i(A, B), i(B, A)), i(B, A)))$ .

----- end of proof -----

### Otter Proof of Theorem 4.<sup>8</sup>

Length of proof is 52. Level of proof is 26.

----- PROOF -----

53 []  $\neg p(i(A, B)) \mid \neg p(A) \mid p(B)$  # label(Det).  
 54 []  $\neg p(i(f(A, B), C)) \mid p(i(A, i(B, C)))$  # label(Resid1).  
 55 []  $p(i(f(A, B), C)) \mid \neg p(i(A, i(B, C)))$  # label(Resid2).  
 57 []  $p(i(A, A))$  # label(AxI).  
 58 []  $p(i(i(A, B), i(i(B, C), i(A, C))))$  # label(AxBp).  
 59 []  $p(i(i(i(A, B), B), i(i(B, A), A)))$  # label(AxL).  
 66 [hyper, 55, 57]  $p(i(f(i(A, B), A), B))$ .  
 67 [hyper, 54, 57]  $p(i(A, i(B, f(A, B))))$ .  
 68 [hyper, 55, 58]  $p(i(f(i(A, B), i(B, C)), i(A, C)))$ .  
 69 [hyper, 53, 58, 58]  $p(i(i(i(i(A, B), i(C, B)), D), i(i(C, A), D)))$ .

<sup>8</sup>In fact, this Otter proof establishes something *stronger* than Theorem 4. It shows that (AxK) is derivable from {Det, Resid, AxI, AxB', AxL}. An Otter input file which verifies this proof is available from [http://fitelson.org/slaney\\_theorem\\_4.in](http://fitelson.org/slaney_theorem_4.in).

70 [hyper, 53, 58, 66]  $p(i(i(A, B), i(f(i(C, A), C), B)))$ .

71 [hyper, 53, 58, 67]  $p(i(i(i(A, f(B, A)), C), i(B, C)))$ .

72 [hyper, 53, 58, 68]  $p(i(i(i(A, B), C), i(f(i(A, D), i(D, B)), C)))$ .

73 [hyper, 53, 69, 69]  $p(i(i(A, i(B, C)), i(i(D, B), i(A, i(D, C))))$ .

74 [hyper, 53, 70, 66]  $p(i(f(i(A, f(i(B, C), B)), A), C))$ .

75 [hyper, 53, 70, 59]  $p(i(f(i(A, i(i(B, C), C)), A), i(i(C, B), B)))$ .

76 [hyper, 53, 69, 71]  $p(i(i(A, B), i(C, i(A, f(C, B))))$ .

77 [hyper, 53, 69, 73]  $p(i(i(A, B), i(i(C, A), i(i(B, D), i(C, D))))$ .

78 [hyper, 53, 73, 59]  $p(i(i(A, i(B, C)), i(i(i(C, B), B), i(A, C)))$ .

79 [hyper, 54, 74]  $p(i(i(A, f(i(B, C), B)), i(A, C)))$ .

80 [hyper, 54, 75]  $p(i(i(A, i(i(B, C), C)), i(A, i(i(C, B), B)))$ .

81 [hyper, 53, 73, 78]  $p(i(i(A, i(i(B, C), C)), i(i(D, i(C, B)), i(A, i(D, B))))$ .

82 [hyper, 53, 69, 78]  $p(i(i(A, B), i(i(i(C, A), A), i(i(B, C), C)))$ .

83 [hyper, 53, 58, 78]  $p(i(i(i(i(A, B), B), i(C, A)), D), i(i(C, i(B, A)), D))$ .

84 [hyper, 53, 78, 77]  $p(i(i(i(i(A, B), i(C, B)), i(C, D)), i(C, D)), i(i(D, A), i(i(A, B), i(C, B))))$ .

85 [hyper, 53, 78, 73]  $p(i(i(i(i(A, i(B, C)), i(B, D)), i(B, D)), i(i(A, i(D, C)), i(A, i(B, C))))$ .

86 [hyper, 53, 76, 79]  $p(i(A, i(i(B, f(i(C, D), C)), f(A, i(B, D))))$ .

87 [hyper, 53, 58, 80]  $p(i(i(i(A, i(i(B, C), C)), D), i(i(A, i(i(C, B), B)), D))$ .

88 [hyper, 53, 71, 82]  $p(i(A, i(i(i(B, C), C), i(i(f(A, C), B), B)))$ .

89 [hyper, 53, 83, 85]  $p(i(i(A, i(i(A, B), B)), i(i(B, i(B, B)), i(B, i(A, B))))$ .

90 [hyper, 53, 81, 86]  $p(i(i(A, i(f(i(i(B, C), C), i(B, C)), B)), i(i(i(B, C), C), i(A, B)))$ .

91 [hyper, 53, 73, 88]  $p(i(i(A, i(i(B, C), C)), i(D, i(A, i(i(f(D, C), B), B))))$ .

92 [hyper, 53, 87, 89]  $p(i(i(A, i(i(B, A), A)), i(i(B, i(B, B)), i(B, i(A, B))))$ .

93 [hyper, 53, 90, 72]  $p(i(i(i(A, A), A), i(i(i(A, A), A), A)))$ .

94 [hyper, 53, 87, 91]  $p(i(i(A, i(i(B, C), C)), i(D, i(A, i(i(f(D, B), C), C))))$ .

95 [hyper, 53, 89, 93]  $p(i(i(A, i(A, A)), i(A, i(i(A, A), A)))$ .

96 [hyper, 53, 94, 93]  $p(i(A, i(i(i(B, B), B), i(i(f(A, i(i(B, B), B)), B), B)))$ .

97 [hyper, 53, 95, 58]  $p(i(i(A, A), i(i(i(A, A), i(A, A)), i(A, A)), i(A, A)))$ .

98 [hyper, 55, 96]  $p(i(f(A, i(i(B, B), B)), i(i(f(A, i(i(B, B), B)), B), B))$ .

99 [hyper, 53, 97, 57]  $p(i(i(i(i(A, A), i(A, A)), i(A, A)), i(A, A))$ .

100 [hyper, 53, 89, 98]  $p(i(i(A, i(A, A)), i(A, i(f(B, i(i(A, A), A)), A)))$ .

102 [hyper, 53, 59, 99]  $p(i(i(i(A, A), i(i(A, A), i(A, A))), i(i(A, A), i(A, A)))$ .

103 [hyper, 53, 100, 58]  $p(i(i(A, A), i(f(B, i(i(A, A), i(A, A)), i(A, A))), i(A, A))$ .

104 [hyper, 53, 103, 57]  $p(i(f(A, i(i(i(B, B), i(B, B)), i(B, B))), i(B, B))$ .

105 [hyper, 54, 104]  $p(i(A, i(i(i(i(B, B), i(B, B)), i(B, B)), i(B, B)))$ .

107 [hyper, 53, 58, 105]  $p(i(i(i(i(i(A, A), i(A, A)), i(A, A)), i(A, A)), B), i(C, B))$ .

108 [hyper, 53, 107, 84]  $p(i(A, i(i(B, B), i(i(B, B), i(B, B))))$ .

109 [hyper, 53, 58, 108]  $p(i(i(i(i(A, A), i(i(A, A), i(A, A))), B), i(C, B))$ .

110 [hyper, 53, 109, 102]  $p(i(A, i(i(B, B), i(B, B)))$ .

112 [hyper, 53, 73, 110]  $p(i(i(A, i(B, B)), i(C, i(A, i(B, B))))$ .

116 [hyper, 53, 92, 112]  $p(i(i(A, i(A, A)), i(A, i(i(B, i(C, C)), A)))$ .

122 [hyper, 53, 116, 110]  $p(i(i(A, A), i(i(B, i(C, C)), i(A, A)))$ .

125 [hyper, 53, 73, 122]  $p(i(i(A, i(B, i(C, C))), i(i(D, D), i(A, i(D, D))))$ .

131 [hyper, 53, 125, 110]  $p(i(i(A, A), i(B, i(A, A)))$ .

137 [hyper, 53, 131, 57]  $p(i(A, i(B, B)))$ .

142 [hyper, 53, 116, 137]  $p(i(A, i(i(B, i(C, C)), A))$ .

155 [hyper, 53, 73, 142]  $p(i(i(A, i(B, i(C, C))), i(D, i(A, D)))$ .

173 [hyper, 53, 155, 137]  $p(i(A, i(B, A)))$ .

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