

# 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  $L_{\aleph_0}$  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>

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<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.

## 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')  $\vdash (A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow ((B \rightarrow C) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow C))$
- (Det) From  $\vdash A \rightarrow B$  and  $\vdash A$ , infer  $\vdash B$
- (Ax∧E1)  $\vdash (A \wedge B) \rightarrow A$
- (Ax∧E2)  $\vdash (A \wedge B) \rightarrow B$
- (Ax∧I)  $\vdash ((A \rightarrow B) \wedge (A \rightarrow C)) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow (B \wedge C))$
- (Ax∨I1)  $\vdash A \rightarrow (A \vee B)$
- (Ax∨I2)  $\vdash B \rightarrow (A \vee B)$
- (Ax∨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 ( $TW^\rightarrow$ ) 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∧E1, Ax∧E2, Ax∧I, Ax∨I1, Ax∨I2, Ax∨E, and Adj.
2.  $BCK^\rightarrow[AxL]$ , which consists of the axioms AxK, AxB, AxC, and AxL, and the rule Det.

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

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  $TW^+[AxL, AxTO]$ ?

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.

<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.

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

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  $BCK^{\rightarrow}[AxL]$ .

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

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

**Theorem 3.** *(AxTO) is provable in  $BCK^{\rightarrow}[AxL] + (Resid)$ .*

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

6. Is (AxK) provable in  $TW^{\rightarrow}[AxL] + (Resid)$ ?

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

**Theorem 4.** *(AxK) is provable in  $TW^{\rightarrow}[AxL] + (Resid)$ .*

#### 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  $\langle \mathbf{i}, \mathbf{and}, \mathbf{or}, \mathbf{f} \rangle$ . That is to say, we will adopt the following **Otter** notation:

$$\vdash A \rightarrow B \mapsto \mathbf{p}(\mathbf{i}(A, B))$$

$$A \wedge B \mapsto \text{and}(A, B)$$

$$A \vee B \mapsto \text{or}(A, B)$$

$$A \circ B \mapsto f(A, B)$$

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(AxT0).
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(A,B), i(C,B)), D), i(i(C,A), D)).
52 [hyper, 38, 40, 41] p(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(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, AxT0, AxV11, AxV12}. 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).

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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(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(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(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(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(i(A,i(A,A)),A)),i(A,A))).
81 [hyper,38,58,79] p(i(i(i(A,i(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(i(A,i(A,A)),A))))).
83 [hyper,38,40,82] p(i(i(i(A,i(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,or(B,A)),or(B,A)),or(B,A))).
86 [hyper,38,67,85] p(i(i(i(A,B),B),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 [] ~p(i(A,B)) | ~p(A) | p(B) # label(Det).
76 [] ~p(i(f(A,B),C)) | p(i(A,i(B,C))) # label(Resid1).
77 [] p(i(f(A,B),C)) | ~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(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)))).
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)))).

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<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).

- 102 [hyper, 75, 93, 90]  $p(i(i(A, i(B, C), C)), i(i(i(C, B), B), D), i(A, D)))$ .
- 103 [hyper, 75, 81, 94]  $p(i(A, A))$ .
- 104 [hyper, 75, 93, 95]  $p(i(i(A, i(B, C), C)), i(i(D, i(C, B)), i(A, i(D, B))))$ .
- 105 [hyper, 75, 79, 95]  $p(i(i(i(i(A, B), B), i(C, A)), D), i(i(C, i(B, A)), D))$ .
- 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]  $p(i(i(i(i(A, B), i(B, A)), i(C, A)), D), i(i(C, B), D))$ .
- 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]  $p(i(f(i(i(A, i(i(A, i(A, A)), A)), B), i(B, A), A))$ .
- 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]  $p(i(i(i(A, A), A), A))$ .
- 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]  $p(i(i(i(A, i(B, C)), D), i(i(B, C), D)))$ .

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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))).

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

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

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

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29 [] -p(i(A,B)) | -p(A) | p(B) # label(Det).
30 [] -p(i(f(A,B),C)) | p(i(A,i(B,C))) # label(Resid1).
31 [] p(i(f(A,B),C)) | -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))).
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)))).

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<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).

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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))).

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

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

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

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53 [] -p(i(A,B)) | -p(A) | p(B) # label(Det).
54 [] -p(i(f(A,B),C)) | p(i(A,i(B,C))) # label(Resid1).
55 [] p(i(f(A,B),C)) | -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))).
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(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(f(D,C),B),B))).

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92 [hyper,53,87,89]  $p(i(i(A,i(B,A),A)),i(i(B,i(B,B)),i(B,i(A,B))))$ .  
 93 [hyper,53,90,72]  $p(i(i(i(A,A),A),i(i(i(A,A),A),A),A)))$ .  
 94 [hyper,53,87,91]  $p(i(i(A,i(B,C),C)),i(D,i(A,i(f(D,B),C),C))))$ .  
 95 [hyper,53,89,93]  $p(i(i(A,i(A,A)),i(A,i(i(A,A),A),A)))$ .  
 96 [hyper,53,94,93]  $p(i(A,i(i(i(B,B),B),i(f(A,i(i(B,B),B)),B),B)))$ .  
 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]  $p(i(i(A,i(A,A)),i(A,i(f(B,i(i(A,A),A),A),A)))$ .  
 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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