Full completeness of the multiplicative linear logic of Chu spaces

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Abstract

We prove full completeness of multiplicative linear logic (MLL) without MIX under the Chu interpretation. In particular we show that the cut-free proofs of MLL theorems are in a natural bijection with the binary logical transformations of the corresponding operations on the category of Chu spaces on a two-letter alphabet.

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1 Introduction

Ordinary completeness of an axiom system reconciles the syntax and semantics of *truth* by promising a finite syntactic justification for every semantically valid theorem. Full completeness analogously reconciles the syntax and semantics of *proof* by promising a finite syntactic derivation of every semantically sound constructive proof. The term "full" comes from category theory, which provides the appropriate setting for the interpretation of syntactic proofs by semantic in terms of a full functor from a category of the former (as its morphisms) to a category of the latter. For a sufficiently abstract notion of syntactic proof one can expect in addition that the representation functor be faithful.

The conventional semantic justification for theorems, evolved largely during this century, is *truth invariance* for all *value assignments* of the parameters of the theorem, possibly subject to given axioms. More recently analogous semantic notions of abstract constructive proof have begun to appear, in particular natural and dinatural transformations [LS86, BS96] and related notions such as logical transformations [Plo80], game strategies [AJ94, HO93], and uniformity conditions [Loa94]. The naturality condition expresses *transformational invariance* for all *transformations* of the parameters of the proof, again possibly subject to given axioms.

The interpretation of natural transformations as constructive proofs is suggested by the the Curry-Howard interpretation of types as propositions. This interpretation is motivated at least in part by the striking phenomenon that GORDON PLOTKIN University of Edinburgh VAUGHAN PRATT Stanford University

every type having at least one such semantic proof corresponds to a theorem when types are read as propositions. For example when A and B are type variables ranging over kindred objects such as sets, or vector spaces, the projection from $A \times B$ to A, a natural transformation in the respective category of those objects, can be understood as witnessing the validity of the proposition $A \wedge B \supset A$. The correspondences between conjunction $A \wedge B$ and product $A \times B$, and implication $A \supset B$ and the function space $A \rightarrow B$, are prominent features of the Curry-Howard isomorphism.

Viewing an object A as consisting of all admissible evidence for the corresponding proposition A brings out the constructive quality of transformations-as-proofs. Our example of the projection from $A \times B$ to A can then be understood as a method for constructing evidence a for A from evidence (a, b) for $A \wedge B$ by discarding b.

One application for extending completeness to proofs is to symmetrize better the complementarity of truth and proof by equipping each with a reconciled syntax and semantics. Another is to substitute a calculus tailored to the manipulation of algebraic structures for the usual general-purpose first-order calculus, with the goal of improving our understanding of human algebraic reasoning. Yet another is to enrich automated theorem proving and program verification systems with new techniques complementary to the existing ones.

In this paper we prove full completeness of Multiplicative Linear Logic (MLL) [Gir87] without units in the category Chu of Chu spaces over 2 [Bar79]. In more detail, we exhibit a full functor from the *-autonomous category of cut-free proofs of MLL to the *-autonomous category of binary logical transformations between MLL formulae interpreted as operations $Ob(Chu)^n \rightarrow Ob(Chu)$, where Ob(Chu) denotes the objects of Chu, and n is the number of variables in a formula.

Elsewhere [Pra97] we demonstrated full completeness for dinatural transformations in Chu of *binary* MLL formulas, those in which each variable occurs only once with each sign. We also demonstrated the impossibility of increasing the number of occurrences of one variable by exhibiting a spurious dinatural transformation of $(A - \circ A) - \circ (A - \circ A)$, one that corresponded to no linear logic proof. The contribution of this paper is that strengthening dinaturality to binary logicality eliminates all spurious transformations. The same strengthening has previously proved successful in eliminating spurious transformations in the category of Sets [Plo80, PR98].

This correspondence between linear logic and Chu spaces enhances both subjects. On the one hand the correspondence furnishes Chu spaces with the attractive and well-studied structure of linear logic. On the other, linear logic benefits from having a model that is of interest both in its own right [Bar79, Pav96, Pra98] and for foundations of mathematics and semantics of concurrency. Chu spaces provide a linear counterpart to relational structures as universal mathematical objects, inasmuch as a great many concrete categories arising in mathematical practice emded fully and concretely in Chu(Set, K) for some K [Pra95b]. Moreover the rows and columns of Chu spaces model events and states of concurrent processes with the same even-handedness that Petri nets grant to their places and transitions, but with a richer process-algebraic structure [Pra95a, VGP95]. Given these considerations, the exact match of the logicality semantics of Chu spaces with the proof structure of multiplicative linear logic simultaneously confers a degree of logical tractability on Chu spaces while broadening the applicability of linear logic.

In outline, our proof begins with semisimple (par of tensors) MLL formulas A, and associates a MIX proof net π with every Chu logical transformation η of A. We pull η back along the Lafont-Streicher embedding (LS) of coherence spaces [LS91] to yield a dinatural $\hat{\eta}$, then appeal to full completeness for MLL with MIX [Tan97] to obtain π (Section 3.1). Next we show that π determines η not only in the LS image but also beyond, by using logical relations to tie down its behaviour at an arbitrary Chu space via the LS image of its coherence space "simulation" (Section 3.3). To refute MIX we show that, in Chu, information flows between the connected components of switchings of MIX proof nets and deduce that there can be only one component (Section 3.4). We conclude by extending to formulas of higher type by induction on a measure of the number of applications of linear distributivity required to reach semisimple formulas (Section 4).

2 Definitions

2.1 Chu Spaces

A Chu space $\mathcal{A} = (A, r, X)$ over a set K is a set A of points, a set X of states, and a function $r : A \times X \to K$, called the matrix of \mathcal{A} . For each point a the a^{th} row of \mathcal{A} is $r(a, -) : X \to K$, and for each state x the x^{th} column of \mathcal{A} is $r(-, x) : A \to K$.

A Chu space A is *biextensional* if it has no repeated columns and no repeated rows. The *biextensional collapse* of a Chu space is the result of identifying repeated rows and columns.

A Chu transform $(f,g) : (A,r,X) \to (B,s,Y)$ is a pair of functions $f : A \to B$ and $g : Y \to X$ satisfying the *adjointness condition* s(f(a), y) = r(a, g(y)) for all a in A and y in Y.

The category Chu_K has as objects Chu spaces over K and as morphisms Chu transforms composing via (f',g')(f,g) = (f'f,gg').

It will sometimes be convenient to write A and X as A^+ and A^- , and Chu transforms ϕ as (ϕ^+, ϕ^-) . We also adopt the notation $a \cdot x$ for r(a, x) when r can be deduced easily from context.

The dual or perp \mathcal{A}^{\perp} of $\mathcal{A} = (A, r, X)$ is $(X, r^{\check{}}, A)$ where $r^{\check{}}(x, a) = r(a, x)$. On morphisms $(f, g) : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{B}$, define $(f, g)^{\perp} = (g, f) : \mathcal{B}^{\perp} \to \mathcal{A}^{\perp}$. Linear negation is involutive: $\mathcal{A}^{\perp \perp} = \mathcal{A}$ and $(f, v)^{\perp \perp} = (f, v)$.

The tensor product $\mathcal{A} \otimes \mathcal{B}$ of $\mathcal{A} = (A, r, X)$ and $\mathcal{B} = (B, s, Y)$ is $(A \times B, t, \mathcal{F})$ where $\mathcal{F} \subset Y^A \times X^B$ is the set of all pairs (h, k) of functions $h : A \to Y, k : B \to X$ for which s(b, h(a)) = r(a, k(b)) for all $a \in A$ and $b \in B$, and $t : (A \times B) \times \mathcal{F} \to K$ is given by t((a, b), (h, k)) = s(b, h(a)) (= r(a, k(b))).

Given $(f,g) : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{B}$ and $(f',g') : \mathcal{A}' \to \mathcal{B}'$ define $(f,g) \otimes (f',g') : \mathcal{A} \otimes \mathcal{A}' \to \mathcal{B} \otimes \mathcal{B}'$ on points by $(a,a') \mapsto (f(a), f'(a'))$, and on states by $(h : B \to Y', k : B' \to Y) \mapsto (g'h'f : A \to X', gk'f' : A' \to X)$.

Tensor is commutative and associative up to coherent isomorphism. $\mathcal{A} \multimap \mathcal{B}$ abbreviates $(\mathcal{A} \otimes \mathcal{B}^{\perp})^{\perp}$ and $\mathcal{A} \mathfrak{B} \mathcal{B}$ abbreviates $(\mathcal{A}^{\perp} \otimes \mathcal{B}^{\perp})^{\perp}$.

The *tensor unit* 1 is $(\{\star\}, \lambda ak.k, K)$, a single row consisting of K. Chu transforms $1 \to \mathcal{A}$ correspond to points $a \in \mathcal{A}^+$ of \mathcal{A} , since the reverse map on states is fully determined. In this paper we treat the axiomatization of MLL without units.

These operations make Chu_K a *-autonomous category [Bar79]. Our full completeness result is for $K = 2 = \{0, 1\}$, and we henceforth abbreviate Chu_2 to Chu.

2.2 Logical Transformations

An MLL formula is an expression built from propositional variables with symbols for tensor and perp. Such a formula of up to n variables defines an *n*-ary MLL operation $Ob(Chu)^n \rightarrow Ob(Chu)$, where Ob(Chu) is the collection of objects of Chu, by interpreting syntactic tensor \otimes and perp $(-)^{\perp}$ by the object part of their namesakes in Chu. More formally, given an MLL formula F on variables P_1, \ldots, P_n we define the corresponding *n*-ary MLL operation $F : Ob(Chu)^n \rightarrow Ob(Chu)$ at \mathcal{A} for $(\mathcal{A}_1, \ldots, \mathcal{A}_n)$ by induction as follows.

$$\begin{array}{rcl} P_i(\mathcal{A}) &=& \mathcal{A}_i & (F \otimes G)(\mathcal{A}) = F(\mathcal{A}) \otimes G(\mathcal{A}) \\ P_i^{\perp}(\mathcal{A}) &=& \mathcal{A}_i^{\perp} & (F \, \mathfrak{P}(G)(\mathcal{A}) = F(\mathcal{A}) \, \mathfrak{P}(G(\mathcal{A})) \end{array}$$

A transformation $\tau : F \to G$ between *n*-ary MLL operations is a family of morphisms $\tau_{\mathcal{A}} : F(\mathcal{A}) \to G(\mathcal{A})$ indexed by *n*-tuples \mathcal{A} of Chu spaces. We take the constant operation $\mathbf{1} : (\mathcal{A}_1, \ldots, \mathcal{A}_n) \mapsto 1$ to be an *n*-ary MLL operation, where 1 is the tensor unit in Chu, allowing us to work with *elements* $\eta_{\mathcal{A}} : \mathbf{1} \to F(\mathcal{A})$.

In their role as interpretations of MLL proofs, there are far too many transformations for a full completeness result, most transformations being too specific to represent general-purpose constructions. The usual criterion for a canonical choice of transformations is *naturality*, but this is unavailable for mixed-variance MLL terms such as $\mathcal{A} - \mathcal{A}$ because there is no obvious extension of such operations from objects to morphisms.

Dinatural transformations circumvent the mixedvariance problem by defining a suitable notion of naturality for transformations between "composites" (loosely understood as including $A - \circ A$) of the functors $(-)^{\perp}$, $(-) \otimes (-)$ and $(-) \Re (-)$, of which our MLL operations are the object part. Dinaturality suffices to prove full completeness of MLL, without units but with the MIX rule $A \otimes B \vdash A \Re B$, for coherence spaces [Tan97]. For Chu spaces however dinaturality is not strong enough in that it admits certain spurious transformations corresponding to no MLL proof [Pra97]. A further drawback of dinatural transformations is that they do not always compose.

In this paper we eliminate all spurious transformations with the help of a stronger condition, *binary logicality*, which we shall abbreviate to *logicality*. We extend MLL operations to act not on morphisms but on *binary relations* $R : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{B}$, yielding binary relations $F(\mathcal{R}) :$ $F(\mathcal{A}) \to F(\mathcal{B})$. Unlike functions, binary relations are closed under converse, which neatly sidesteps the main difficulty with mixed-variance.

Definition 1. A *Chu relation* $R = (R^+, R^-) : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{B}$ between *Chu spaces* $\mathcal{A} = (A, r, X)$ and $\mathcal{B} = (B, s, Y)$ is a pair of ordinary binary relations $R^+ \subseteq A \times B$ and $R^- \subseteq X \times Y$ meeting the following adjointness condition: for all a, b, x, y such that aR^+b and xR^-y , we have $a \cdot x = b \cdot y$.

In the special case when R^+ is a function $A \to B$ and R^- a function $Y \to X$, a Chu relation is exactly a Chu transform. Hence Chu relations generalize Chu transforms.

We need the following notion both to define the action of MLL operations on Chu relations, and to define logical relations.

Definition 2. Let (A, B, R) be a two-sorted relational structure with one binary relation $R \subset A \times B$. Take a

second structure (A', B', R') of the same similarity type. We call a pair of functions $f : A \to A', g : B \to B'$ a two-sorted homomorphism when for all aRb we have f(a)R'g(b).

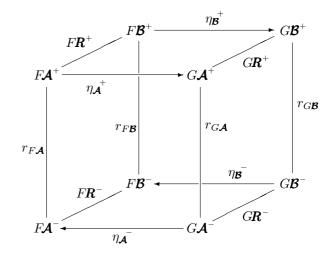
We now define how MLL operations act on Chu relations.

Perp. If $R = (R^+, R^-) : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{B}$, so that $R^+ \subseteq \mathcal{A}^+ \times \mathcal{B}^+$ and $R^- \subseteq \mathcal{A}^- \times \mathcal{B}^-$ satisfy adjointness, then $R^\perp = (R^-, R^+) : \mathcal{A}^\perp \to \mathcal{B}^\perp$, also satisfying adjointness. In the special case where R is a Chu transform from \mathcal{A} to \mathcal{B}, R^\perp will be a Chu transform from \mathcal{B}^\perp to \mathcal{A}^\perp .

Tensor. Given $R : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{B}$ and $R' : \mathcal{A}' \to \mathcal{B}'$, we define $R \otimes R' : \mathcal{A} \otimes \mathcal{A}' \to \mathcal{B} \otimes \mathcal{B}'$ by (i) $(a, a')(R \otimes R')^+(b, b')$ iff aR^+b and $a'R'^+b'$, and (ii) $(f_1, f_2)(R \otimes R')^-(g_1, g_2)$ iff (f_1, g_1) is a two-sorted homomorphism from R^+ to R'^- and (f_2, g_2) is a two-sorted homomorphism from R'^+ to R^- .

This brings us to the main concept for our result, that of logical transformation.

Let $\eta: F \to G$ be a transformation between *n*-ary MLL operations. Then each component $\eta_{\mathcal{A}}: F\mathcal{A} \to G\mathcal{A}$ is a Chu transform, consisting of an adjoint pair of functions $\eta_{\mathcal{A}}^+: F\mathbf{A}^+ \to G\mathbf{A}^+$ and $\eta_{\mathcal{A}}^-: G\mathcal{A}^- \to F\mathcal{A}^-$ (read $F\mathcal{A}^+$ as $(F(\mathcal{A}))^+$). The usual naturality commuting square becomes a pair of squares, one for points, and one for states, which we call the *positive* and *negative logicality squares*, the top and bottom faces of the following cube.



In the cube $\mathcal{A} = (\mathcal{A}_1, \ldots, \mathcal{A}_n) \in \operatorname{Chu}^n$, $\mathcal{B} = (\mathcal{B}_1, \ldots, \mathcal{B}_n) \in \operatorname{Chu}^n$, $\mathcal{R} = R_1, \ldots, R_n$ is a tuple of Chu relations $R_i : \mathcal{A}_i \prec \mathcal{B}_i$, $F\mathbf{R}^+$ abbreviates $(F(\mathbf{R}))^+$, and $r_{\mathcal{C}}$ denotes the matrix of \mathcal{C} . The positive logicality square, namely the top face of the cube, consists of a two-sorted homomorphism between $F(\mathbf{R})^+ \subseteq F(\mathcal{A})^+ \times F(\mathcal{B})^+$ and $G(\mathbf{R})^+ \subseteq G(\mathcal{A})^+ \times G(\mathcal{B})^+$, namely a pair of functions $\eta_{\mathcal{A}}^+ : F(\mathcal{A})^+ \to G(\mathcal{A})^+$ and $\eta_{\mathcal{B}}^+ : F(\mathcal{B})^+ \to G(\mathcal{B})^+$ such that $a F(\mathbf{R}) b$ implies $\eta_{\mathcal{A}}(a) G(\mathbf{R}) \eta_{\mathcal{B}}(b)$ for all $a \in F(\mathcal{A})^+$ and $b \in F(\mathcal{B})^+$.

Definition 3. A transformation η between *n*-ary MLL operations *F* and *G* is *logical* when all logicality squares in η are two-sorted homomorphisms.

A less elementary but faster equivalent definition of both the action of MLL operations on relations and of logicality takes for these cubes the morphisms of Chu(Log,2). This is the result of applying the Chu construction [Bar79, App.] to Log, the category of binary relations as objects and two-sorted homomorphisms between them, with dualizer the identity relation 1₂. This approach requires a familiarity with the general categorical Chu construction that we have not presumed here.

2.3 Multiplicative Linear Logic

In this section we define a Hilbert-style axiomatization of multiplicative linear logic (MLL) convenient for our main result. The language of MLL consists of finite formulas built up from literals (propositional variables P or P^{\perp}) using connectives *tensor* $A \otimes B$ and *par* $A \mathfrak{B} B$. We expand the abbreviations $(A \otimes B)^{\perp}$ to $A^{\perp} \mathfrak{B} B^{\perp}$, $(A \mathfrak{B} B)^{\perp}$ to $A^{\perp} \otimes B^{\perp}$, $A \multimap B$ to $A^{\perp} \mathfrak{B} B$, $A^{\perp \perp}$ to A, and $A \otimes B \otimes C$ to $(A \otimes B) \otimes C$.

We axiomatize MLL with one axiom schema together with rules for associativity, commutativity, and linear or weak distributivity as follows.

System S:

Rules E and $\overline{\mathsf{E}}$ assume $A \vdash A'$ and $B \vdash B'$, i.e. the other rules may be applied not only to formulas but to their subformulas.

The obvious interpretation of this system is propositional: the axiom is an *n*-fold conjunction of trivial implications $L \multimap L$ between literals P or P^{\perp} , and the rules derive additional theorems in arbitrary MLL formulas A, B, C. (To eliminate explicit \mathfrak{A} from Rule D, substitute A^{\perp} for Aand abbreviate the result to $(A \multimap B) \otimes C \vdash A \multimap (B \otimes C)$.)

We pass from the logical to the transformational interpretation via the Curry-Howard isomorphism, which reinterprets propositions as MLL operations and proofs as procedures for suitably transforming evidence for those propositions. For example the operation $P \multimap P$, as the case n = 1of the axiom schema T, has a unique proof, namely the identity transformation $1_P : P \rightarrow P$ as P ranges over all Chu spaces. We then understand the above system as a calculus for deriving new transformations from old.

The transformation produced by each derivation in this system is defined as follows by induction on the length of derivations. We only specify the object part of the MLL operations since we do not use the morphism part.

Axiom schema T denotes for each n the n-tuple of identity transformations, with the *i*-th being $1_{L_i} : L_i \to L_i$ where L_i is the *i* projection from Chu^n to Chu when $L_i = P_i$, composed with perp when $L_i = P_i^{\perp}$.

Rule A maps each point ((a, b), c) of $F(A_1, \ldots, A_n)$ to point (a, (b, c)) of $G(A_1, \ldots, A_n)$ for each point of $F(A_1, \ldots, A_n)$, where F is the n-ary MLL operation formed as per the left-hand side from n-ary MLL operations A, B, C, and G is similarly formed from the righthand side. The adjoint of this map sends each pair (f, g), where $f : A \to (B \otimes C)^{\perp}$, $g : B \otimes C \to A^{\perp}$, to $f' : A \times B \to C^{\perp}, g' : C \to (A \otimes B)^{\perp}$ each obtained by transposition (Currying) from f and g respectively. Rule \overline{A} is the evident dual of this.

Rule C maps each point (a, b) of $F(A_1, \ldots, A_n)$ to point (b, a) of $G(A_1, \ldots, A_n)$, again for F, G respectively the left and right hand sides of the rule. And again Rule \overline{C} is merely the dual of Rule C.

The meat of the system resides in Rule D, linear distributivity. This is a pair consisting of a forward map sending the pair ((f,g),c) to the Chu transform $(\lambda x.(f(x),c),\lambda(h,k).g(k(c)))$ (uniquely determined by the types), and a backward map from $A^{\perp} \otimes (B^{\perp} \mathfrak{D} C^{\perp})$ to $(A^{\perp} \otimes B^{\perp}) \mathfrak{D} C^{\perp}$ sending the pair (x,(h,k)) to the Chu transform $(\lambda(f,g).h(g(x),\lambda c.(x,k(c)))$, where $f: X \to B, g: Y \to A, h: B \to Z, k: C \to Y$ throughout. Note the self-duality of Rule D, which therefore needs no dual unlike A, C, and E.

Rule E takes as input transformations $\sigma : A \to A'$ and $\tau : B \to B'$, and combines them by tensoring their outputs together as $\sigma \otimes \tau$, defined pointwise on objects of Chuⁿ. Likewise Rule $\overline{\mathsf{E}}$ par's them together.

Theorem 4 (Soundness). If τ is derivable in System S then τ is logical.

2.4 Linkings, Proof nets, and Danos-Regnier

Definition 5. A *linking* of a formula having n complementary pairs of literal occurrences is a function $\Lambda : 2n \rightarrow 2n$, where $2n = \{1, 2, ..., 2n\}$, with the properties that, for $1 \leq i \leq 2n$, (a) $\Lambda(\Lambda(i)) = i$, and (b) the literals occurring at positions i and $\Lambda(i)$, counting literal occurrences from the left starting from 1, are the same variable with opposite polarities. We say that the literals at i and $\Lambda(i)$ are connected by a link, which we view as an edge of an undirected graph.

A proof structure is a pair (A, Λ) where Λ is a linking of formula A.

A proof net is a proof structure (A, Λ) arising as a derivation in System S as follows. At the start of the derivation the instance of axiom T is made a proof structure with the linking Λ defined for $1 \leq i \leq n$ as $\Lambda(2i - 1) = 2i$, $\Lambda(2i) = 2i - 1$, thereby pairing up the two literals in $P_i^{\perp} \Im P_i$. All subsequent steps $A \vdash B$ of the proof assign the linking of A to B, with the exception of rules C and \overline{C} , which transform (A, Λ) to (A', Λ') by modifying Λ to reflect the new positions of the literal occurrences in the two interchanged formulas while leaving the rest of Λ unchanged.

When all n pairs of P_i 's of a theorem are distinct, it is easy to see that the theorem has a unique proof net. However repetitions of P_i 's, as in $(P \multimap P) \otimes (P \multimap P)$, raise the possibility that a consequence such as $(P \otimes P) \multimap (P \otimes P)$ may have more than one proof net. In this example, two matchings are possible, which may be understood as corresponding to the two theorems $(P \otimes Q) \multimap (P \otimes Q)$ and $(P \otimes Q) \multimap (Q \otimes P)$, in each of which Q is then renamed to P.

Danos and Regnier [DR89] give the following characterization of proof nets. Form the parse-tree of the theorem, regarded as an undirected graph, with \otimes 's and \mathfrak{B} 's labeling the root and internal vertices, and literals labeling the leaves. Add one edge for every link, between the literals linked by the proof structure. Now define a *switching* of a proof structure to be a deletion of one of the two edges immediately under each \mathfrak{B} . The main theorem of the Danos-Regnier paper is that for MLL with the MIX rule $A \otimes B \vdash A \mathfrak{B} B$, a proof structure is a proof net if and only if its every switching is acyclic. In the absence of the MIX rule the criterion becomes that every switching be acyclic and also connected, that is, a tree.

2.5 Coherence spaces

Coherence spaces were the first and indeed motivating model of linear logic [Gir87]. Define the *-autonomous category of coherence spaces and linear maps as follows.

Objects. A coherence space $U = (|U|, \subset_U)$ is a reflexive undirected graph: a set |U| of tokens and a reflexive symmetric coherence relation $\subset_U \subseteq |K| \times |U|$ between tokens. Define strict coherence by $u \cap_U v$ iff $u \subset_U v$ and $u \neq v$, incoherence by $u \subset_U v$ iff $\neg (u \cap_U v)$, and strict incoherence by $u \subset_U v$.

A *clique* a in U is a subset a of |U| made of pairwise coherent tokens; an *anticlique* x in U is a subset x of |U|made of pairwise incoherent tokens. We write U^{\bullet} and U° for the sets of cliques and anticliques of U respectively. Morphisms. A linear map $l : U \to V$ is a binary relation between tokens $l \subseteq |U| \times |V|$ such that for all $(u,v), (u',v') \in l, u \subset_U u' \Rightarrow v \subset_V v'$ and $v \asymp_V v' \Rightarrow$ $u \asymp_U u'$. Composition is usual relational composition, with the usual identities. A linear map l defines a function $[-]l : U^{\bullet} \to V^{\bullet}$ from cliques to cliques and a reverse function $l[-] : V^{\circ} \to U^{\circ}$ from anticliques to anticliques, with

$$\begin{aligned} &[a]l &= \{ v \in |V| : \exists u \in a \, ((u,v) \in l) \} \\ &l[x] &= \{ u \in |U| : \exists v \in x \, ((u,v) \in l) \} \end{aligned}$$

Either [-]l or l[-] determine l completely.

Linear negation: $U^{\perp} = (|U|, \simeq_{U})$, the exchange of coherence and incoherence. On maps $l^{\perp} : V^{\perp} \to U^{\perp}$ is given by $(v, u) \in l^{\perp}$ iff $(u, v) \in l$.

 $\begin{array}{lll} \textit{Tensor product:} & |U \otimes V| &= |U| \times |V| \ \text{ with } \\ (u,v) \bigcirc_{U \otimes V} (u',v') \ \text{iff} \ u \bigcirc_{U} u' \ \text{and} \ v \bigcirc_{V} v. \end{array}$

Tensor unit: $|I| = \{\star\}$, with (necessarily) $\star \bigcirc_I \star$. Linear maps $I \to X$ correspond to cliques of X.

2.5.1 The Lafont-Streicher embedding

Lafont and Streicher [LS91] exhibit a full and faithful functor LS : Coh \rightarrow Chu. Points are cliques, states are anticliques, and matrix entries are given by intersection: $LS(U) = (U^{\bullet}, \Box, U^{\circ})$, where $a \Box x = |a \cap x|$. (Note that clique and an anticlique can intersect in at most one point.) On linear maps $l : U \rightarrow V$, $LS(l) = ([-]l, l[-]) : LS(U) \rightarrow$ LS(V).

The embedding is weakly tensorial with tensorial strength τ_{UV} : LS $(U) \otimes$ LS $(V) \rightarrow$ LS $(U \otimes V)$ and $t : \mathbf{1} \rightarrow$ LS(I) as follows:

$$\begin{array}{rrrr} \tau^+ & : & (a,b) \mapsto a \times b & t^+ & : & \star \mapsto \{\star\} \\ \tau^- & : & z \mapsto ([-]z, z[-]) & t^- & : & \emptyset \mapsto 0, \ \{\star\} \mapsto 1 \end{array}$$

 τ^- is an isomorphism because LS is full and faithful. The embedding commutes with involution: $LS(U)^{\perp} = LS(U^{\perp})$.

2.5.2 Relating LS(Coh) to Coh

Both our semisimple full completeness result and the subsequent extension to higher types pivot on our ability to move freely between Chu and Coh. In this section we show that any semantic proof (logical element) η of a formula F in Chu can be pulled back to a semantic proof $\hat{\eta}$ of F in Coh. We first exhibit a map $(\hat{-})$ taking points a of F(LSU) in Chu to cliques \hat{a} of F(U) in Coh, then define $\hat{\eta}$ componentwise by $\hat{\eta}_{\text{U}} = \hat{\eta}_{\text{LSU}}$.

The Chu space $LSU \otimes LSV$ has the same states as $LS(U \otimes V)$, namely all anticliques of $U \otimes V$. However $LSU \otimes LSV$ does not have all cliques of $U \otimes V$, only the "rectangular" ones formed as $a \times b$, where a, b are cliques

of U, V respectively. The par LSU &LSV has the dual defect. The value in Chu of an arbitrary MLL formula F on LSCoh will then be missing both cliques and anticliques of the value of F in Coh. However, sufficiently many cliques and anticliques remain that the latter can be reconstructed as a certain closure of the former, denoted \overline{A} .

Let $\mathcal{A} = (A, r, X)$ be a biextensional Chu space, in other words, a Chu space with no repeated rows or columns. Then we can identify every point a of A with the subset $\{x \in X : r(a, x) = 1\}$ of X, and every state x with the subset $\{a \in A : r(a, x) = 1\}$ of A. This allows us to treat A as a set of subsets of X, treat X as a set of subsets of A, and to form unions of points and states, as in the following construction.

Define a set of sets to be *consistent* when it is non-empty and pairwise disjoint (stronger than necessary, but convenient and sufficient for our purposes).

Definition 6. The *consistent closure* of a biextensional Chu space A is the biextensional Chu space $\overline{A} = (\overline{A}, \overline{r}, \overline{X})$ given by

 $\overline{A} = \{ \bigcup A' : A' \subseteq A \text{ and } A' \text{ is consistent} \}$ $\overline{X} = \{ \bigcup X' : X' \subseteq X \text{ and } X' \text{ is consistent} \}$

and for all consistent $A' \subseteq A$ and consistent $X' \subseteq X$

$$\overline{r}\left(\bigcup A', \bigcup X'\right) = \bigvee_{a \in A', x \in X'} r(a, x)$$

For a non-biextensional Chu space \mathcal{A} define $\overline{\mathcal{A}}$ to be the consistent closure of the biextensional collapse of \mathcal{A} . \Box

Note that $\overline{\overline{A}} = \overline{A}$ and $\overline{A^{\perp}} = \overline{A}^{\perp}$. If $\overline{A} \cong LSU$ for some coherence space U then we say that A generates U. The following Lemma states that if A generates U and B generates V, then $A \otimes B$ (tensor in Chu) generates $U \otimes V$ (tensor in Coh).

Lemma 7. Let \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B} be Chu spaces such that $\overline{\mathcal{A}} \cong LSU$ and $\overline{\mathcal{B}} \cong LSV$ for coherence spaces U, V. Then

$$\overline{\mathcal{A} \otimes \mathcal{B}} \cong \mathrm{LS}(U \otimes V)$$

Proof. Write $\mathcal{A} = (A, r, X)$, $\mathcal{B} = (B, s, Y)$, $\mathcal{A} \otimes \mathcal{B} = (A \times B, t, \mathcal{F})$, $LSU = (U^{\bullet}, \sqcap, U^{\circ})$ and $LSV = (V^{\bullet}, \sqcap, V^{\circ})$. Thus $LS(U \otimes V) = ((U \otimes V)^{\bullet}, \sqcap, (U \otimes V)^{\circ})$. We define a Chu isomorphism $(\theta, \phi) : \overline{\mathcal{A} \otimes \mathcal{B}} \to LS(U \otimes V)$, i.e. an adjoint pair of isomorphisms $\theta : \overline{\mathcal{A} \times B} \to (U \otimes V)^{\bullet}$ and $\phi : (U \otimes V)^{\circ} \to \overline{\mathcal{F}}$ between sets:

$$\theta \Big(\bigcup \{ (a_i, b_i) : i \in I \} \Big) = \bigcup_{i \in I} (a_i \times b_i)$$

$$\phi(\emptyset) = \emptyset$$

$$\phi(z) = \bigcup \{ f_{\alpha, \beta} : \langle \alpha, \beta \rangle \in z \}$$

$$(\text{ for } z \neq \emptyset)$$

where $f_{\alpha,\beta} = (f_{\alpha,\beta}^1 : A \to Y, f_{\alpha,\beta}^2 : B \to X)$ is given by

$$f^{1}_{\alpha,\beta}(a) = \begin{cases} \{\beta\} & \text{if } \alpha \in a \\ \emptyset & \text{if } \alpha \notin a \end{cases} \qquad f^{2}_{\alpha,\beta}(b) = \begin{cases} \{\alpha\} & \text{if } \beta \in b \\ \emptyset & \text{if } \beta \notin b \end{cases}$$

The definition of $\phi(z)$ requires working with tokens α, β . These are available since for a Chu space (A, r, X) to generate a coherence space U, both A and X must contain \emptyset (as a row and column of 0s respectively) and all singletons (i.e. tokens) of U.

Proposition 8. Let F be an n-ary MLL formula, $\mathbf{U} = U_1, \ldots, U_n$ for coherence spaces $U_i \in \mathsf{Coh}$, and $\mathsf{LsU} = \mathsf{LsU}_1, \ldots, \mathsf{LsU}_n$. Then

$$F(LSU) \cong LS(FU),$$

where F is interpreted on the left as an MLL operation in Chu, and on the right as an MLL operation in Coh.

Proof. Since $\overline{\mathcal{A}^{\perp}} = \overline{\mathcal{A}}^{\perp}$ for any Chu space \mathcal{A} , so we can write $A \otimes B$ in F as $(A^{\perp} \otimes B^{\perp})^{\perp}$, then apply Lemma 7 recursively.

For the following definition, note that points of F(LSU) are a subset of the points of $\overline{F(LSU)}$.

Definition 9. Let F be an n-ary MLL formula, $\mathbf{U} = U_1, \ldots, U_n$ for coherence spaces $U_i \in \mathbf{Coh}$, and $\mathsf{LSU} = \mathsf{LSU}_1, \ldots, \mathsf{LSU}_n$. Given any point a of $F(\mathsf{LSU})$ in Chu, define the clique \hat{a} of F(U) in Coh, the *clique associated with a*, as the image of a under the isomorphism of Proposition 8, acting from left to right.

3 Semisimple full completeness

An MLL formula is *semisimple* if it is of the form $\mathfrak{P}_{i\leq m}(\bigotimes_{j\leq k_i} L_{ij})$ where L_{ij} are literals. Our route to full completeness for semisimple formulae passes through the category Coh of coherence spaces, via the map (-) constructed above. The primary attraction of Coh is the existence of full completeness results for MLL with MIX, for example [Tan97], which allow us to assign a MIX proof net to every logical transformation in Chu.

In the Lafont-Streicher image of Coh in Chu, the functional behaviour of the logical transformation corresponds to a tuple of lambda calculus terms associated canonically with its MIX proof net. We argue that the behaviour of the logical transformation outside the Coh image is also governed by the lambda terms, by asserting logical relations to hold between arbitrary Chu spaces and their "simulations" in the Coh image. Thus every logical transformation is characterized by a distinct tuple of lambda terms. Finally we refute MIX, by showing that any such lambda term must use all of its arguments during computation. Hence the corresponding MIX proof net is connected under all switchings, so is a proof net, and we obtain the desired bijection between proofs of semisimple MLL theorems and logical transformations in Chu.

3.1 MIX proof nets via Coh

In this section we a associate MIX proof net π_{η} with every Chu logical transformation η , by passing into Coh and appealing full completeness for MLL with MIX [Tan97].

Lemma 10. Let F be a semisimple formula. Every logical element $\eta : \mathbf{1} \to F$ in Chu gives rise to a dinatural transformation $\hat{\eta} : \mathbf{1} \to F$ in Coh.

Proof. Define $\hat{\eta}_{U} = \widehat{\eta}_{LSU}$. We omit the proof that $\hat{\eta}$ is dinatural.

Tan [Tan97] has shown that every dinatural transformation of a formula in Coh is the denotation of a unique MIX proof net, a proof structure acyclic under all switchings, though not necessarily connected. Define the *MIX proof net* π_{η} *defined by* η to be the MIX proof net denoting $\hat{\eta}$ in Coh.

3.2 λ term characterization in LS(Coh)

We show that every logical transformation η in Chu, when restricted to the Coh-image, is determined by a tuple of lambda terms associated cananocally with the MIX proof net π_{η} that was assigned to it via Coh.

Lemma 11. Every MIX proof net of a semisimple formula $F = \Re_{i \leq m} (\bigotimes_{j \leq k_i} L_{ij})$ is characterized uniquely by an m-tuple (t^1, \ldots, t^m) of λ -terms. Each t^i is of the form $\lambda a_1 \ldots a_{m-1} M^i$ where the body M^i is a tuple $(M_1^i, \ldots, M_{k_i}^i)$ containing no λ abstractions and at most one occurrence of each variable $a_j, 1 \leq j \leq m - 1$.

Proof. Let \mathcal{G}_{π} be the undirected graph with vertices the clauses $F_i = \bigotimes_{j \leq k_i} L_{ij}$ of F and edges the links e of π , with e connecting F_i and $F_{i'}$ in \mathcal{G}_{π} just when e matches a literal of F_i with a literal of $F_{i'}$ in π . Since F is semisimple and π is acyclic under all switchings, \mathcal{G}_{π} is acyclic.

We first construct t^m . Orient the edges of the connected component of the vertex F_m so as to point towards F_m . This defines a tree which we interpret as the applicative structure of M^m . Variable a_i corresponds to vertex F_i and serves as the function symbol at that vertex, taking as arguments the subtrees below it, with the leaves thus constituting ordinary variables. The k_m incoming edges of F^m give rise to the k_m components M_i^m of M^m .

The remaining t^i are obtained similarly, modulo matching a_l with F_{l+1} for $i \leq l \leq m-1$.

Our next Lemma allows us to describe every Chu transformation $\eta : \mathbf{1} \to \mathfrak{P}_{i \leq m} (\bigotimes_{j \leq k_i} L_{ij})$ into a semisimple formula of *n* variables as an *m*-tuple of families of functions $(\eta^1_{\overline{d}}, \ldots, \eta^m_{\overline{d}})$ indexed by $\vec{\mathcal{A}} \in \mathsf{Chu}^n$.

Lemma 12. Let A_1, \ldots, A_m be Chu spaces. Every Chu transform $f : 1 \to A_1 \mathfrak{A} \ldots \mathfrak{A}_m$ is characterized by an *m*-tuple of functions (f^1, \ldots, f^m) , where $f^i : A_1^- \times \ldots \times A_{i-1}^- \times A_{i+1}^- \times \ldots \times A_m^- \to A_i^+$.

Proposition 13. Let $\eta : \mathbf{1} \to F$ be a logical element into a semisimple MLL formula of n variables in Chu, and let $t = (t^1, \ldots, t^m)$ be the tuple of lambda terms representing the MIX proof net π_η associated with η . Then $\eta = t$ in $LS(Coh)^n \subset Chu^n$. In other words, $\eta^i_{LSU} = t^i$ for all $\mathbf{U} = U_1, \ldots, U_n \in Coh^n$ and $1 \le i \le m$, where $LS\mathbf{U} = LS(U_1), \ldots, LS(U_n) \in Chu^n$.

Proof. Omitted.

3.3 λ -term characterization beyond LS(Coh)

Having characterized logical transformations in the Coh-image by tuples of lambda terms, we show that this uniform behaviour extends to the whole of Chu.

Proposition 14. Let F be a semisimple MLL formula of n propositional variables interpreted in Chu. Then every logical transformation $\eta : \mathbf{1} \to F$ is determined by its restriction to the Coh-image, namely the sub-family $\eta_{\mathcal{A}}$ indexed by $\mathcal{A} \in LS(Coh)^n$.

Proof. To determine η at arbitrary Chu spaces $\mathcal{A} \in \mathsf{Chu}^n$ we "simulate" each $\mathcal{A} = (A, r, X) \in \mathcal{A}$ by a coherence space $\overline{\mathcal{A}}$, then use logical relations between $\mathsf{LS}(\overline{\mathcal{A}})$ in $\mathsf{LS}(\mathsf{Coh})$ and \mathcal{A} in Chu to pin down the behaviour of $\eta_{\mathcal{A}}$.

The set of tokens of $\overline{\mathcal{A}}$ is A + X + r, the disjoint union of the points, the states, and the coordinates of the 1s in the matrix. Coherence is "coherence along rows, incoherence within columns": $a \bigcirc (a, x)$ and $(a, x) \bigcirc (a, y)$ for all $a \in A$ and $x, y \in X$, together with the requisite loops $\alpha \bigcirc \alpha$. The "row"-clique $\overline{a} = \{a\} \cup \{(a, x) \in r : x \in X\}$ "simulating" a intersects the "column"-anticlique $\overline{x} = \{x\} \cup \{(a, x) \in r : a \in A\}$ "simulating" x exactly when r(a, x) = 1. Hence the matrix \sqcap of $LS(\overline{\mathcal{A}})$ "simulates" the matrix of the original: $\overline{a} \sqcap \overline{x} = |\overline{a} \cap \overline{x}| = r(a, x)$. We establish this relationship formally as the logical relation $\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{A}}$ between $LS(\overline{\mathcal{A}})$ and \mathcal{A} given on points by $\overline{a} \mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{A}}^+ a$ for every $a \in A$ and on states by $\overline{x} \mathcal{R}_{\overline{\mathcal{A}}} x$ for every $x \in X$. $\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{A}}$ is logical because $\overline{a} \sqcap \overline{x} = r(a, x)$, the adjointness condition of Definition 2.2.

Let $t = \lambda a_1 \dots a_{m-1} M$ be one of the tuple of λ -terms characterizing η in LS(Coh), and assume for simplicity, and

without loss of generality, that the tuple M is a singleton. Recast the type of $\eta : \mathbf{1} \to F$ to parallel the natural typing of t, so that

$$\begin{aligned} \eta_{\mathcal{A}} &: \quad F_1 \otimes \ldots \otimes F_m \to \mathcal{B} \\ \eta_{{\scriptscriptstyle \mathsf{LS}}(\overline{\mathcal{A}})} &: \quad G_1 \otimes \ldots \otimes G_m \to {\scriptscriptstyle \mathsf{LS}}(\overline{\mathcal{B}}) \\ F_i &= \quad \mathcal{B}_{i1} \otimes \ldots \otimes \mathcal{B}_{ik_i} {\multimap} \mathcal{B}_i \\ G_i &= \quad {\scriptscriptstyle \mathsf{LS}}(\overline{\mathcal{B}_{i1}}) \otimes \ldots \otimes {\scriptscriptstyle \mathsf{LS}}(\overline{\mathcal{B}_{ik_i}}) {\multimap} {\scriptscriptstyle \mathsf{LS}}(\overline{\mathcal{B}_i}) \end{aligned}$$

for $\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{B}_i, \mathcal{B}_{ij} \in \mathcal{A}$ and $LS(\overline{\mathcal{A}}) = (LS(\overline{\mathcal{A}}_1), \dots, LS(\overline{\mathcal{A}}_n))$. We shall determine

$$\eta_{\mathcal{A}}^{+}: F_{1}^{+} \times \ldots \times F_{m}^{+} \to \mathcal{B}^{+},$$

a component of the tuple characterizing η as per Lemma 12, by showing that

$$\eta_{\mathcal{A}}^+(f_1,\ldots,f_m) = t(f_1,\ldots,f_m)$$

for all inputs $f_i \in F_i^+$. For each f_i define the linear map

$$\widetilde{f}_i:\overline{\mathcal{B}_{i1}}\otimes\ldots\otimes\overline{\mathcal{B}_{ik_i}}\to\overline{\mathcal{B}_i}$$

between coherence spaces by

$$\{(b_{i1},\ldots,b_{ik_i})\}\times f_i^+(b_{i1},\ldots,b_{ik_i})\subseteq \widetilde{f}_i$$

for all $b_{ij} \in \mathcal{B}_{ij}^+ \subseteq |\overline{\mathcal{B}_{ij}}|$, where for a point *a* of a Chu space $\mathcal{A}, \overline{a}$ is the "row" clique of $\overline{\mathcal{A}}$ simulating *a* as defined above. Let τ_i be the tensorial strength

$$LS(\overline{\mathcal{B}_{i1}}) \otimes \ldots \otimes LS(\overline{\mathcal{B}_{ik_i}}) \to LS(\overline{\mathcal{B}_{i1}} \otimes \ldots \otimes \overline{\mathcal{B}_{ik_i}})$$

and define $\overline{f_i} = LS(\tilde{f_i}) \circ \tau_i$ of type G_i , so that $\overline{f_i}^+$ is a function from $(k_i$ -tuples of) "row"-cliques to "row"-cliques. In particular $\overline{f_i}$ "simulates" f_i , for example

$$\overline{f_i}^+(\overline{b_{i1}},\ldots,\overline{b_{ik_i}}) = \overline{f_i}^+(b_{i1},\ldots,b_{ik_i})$$
(1)

More formally, $\overline{f_i} \mathcal{R}_i^+ f_i$ under the Chu logical relation $\mathcal{R}_i = \mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{B}_{i1}} \otimes \ldots \otimes \mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{B}_{ik_i}} - \circ \mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{B}_i}$ between G_i and F_i .

Since \mathcal{R}_i is a Chu logical relation between G_i and F_i for each *i*, by the logicality of η we must have $\eta_{\mathrm{LS}(\overline{\mathcal{A}})}^+(\overline{f_1},\ldots,\overline{f_m}) \quad \mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{B}_i}^+\eta_{\mathcal{A}}^+(f_1,\ldots,f_m)$. Furthermore since $\eta_{\mathrm{LS}(\overline{\mathcal{A}})}^+$ is a λ -term *t*, by repeated application of (1) we have

$$\eta_{\mathrm{LS}(\overline{\mathbf{A}})}^{+}(\overline{f_1},\ldots,\overline{f_m}) = t(\overline{f_1},\ldots,\overline{f_m})$$

= $\overline{t(f_1,\ldots,f_m)}$

Thus

$$\overline{t(f_1,\ldots,f_m)} \mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{B}_i}^+ \eta_{\mathcal{A}}^+(f_1,\ldots,f_m)$$

and since by construction $a\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{B}_i}^+ b$ if and only if $a = \overline{b}$, we conclude that $\eta_{\mathcal{A}}^+(f_1, \ldots, f_m) = t(f_1, \ldots, f_m)$.

Finally, repeat the argument for each of the other lambda terms of the tuple. $\hfill \Box$

3.4 MIX refutation

The final link in the chain to semisimple full completeness is to show that the MIX proof net assigned to a Chu logical element is connected under all switchings, and hence is a proof net. This occurs precisely when any (and hence all) of the lambda terms in the characterizing tuple use all their arguments.

Lemma 15., Let $t = \lambda a_1 \dots a_{m-1} M$ be a λ -term of the *m*-tuple characterizing a MIX proof net π of a semisimple formula $\mathfrak{P}_{i \leq m}(\bigotimes_{j \leq k_i} L_{ij})$. If each variable a_i occurs in $M, 1 \leq i \leq m-1$, then π is a proof net.

Proof. The graph \mathcal{G}_{π} in the construction of t in Lemma 11 is connected if and only if π is a proof net.

Proposition 16. A λ -term of a tuple defining a Chu logical element of a semisimple MLL operation must use all its arguments.

Proof. Without loss of generality assume that the operation has the form $A \multimap B$ where B is a literal and $A = A_1 \otimes \dots \otimes A_n$ is a product of pars of literals. The λ -term then has the form $\lambda a_1 \dots a_n M$ for some applicative term Min λ -variables a_1, \dots, a_n . Let η be the denotation of this λ -term. Set all variables of the formula to the Chu space $J = \begin{array}{c} 00 \\ 01 \end{array}$, so η_J is a Chu transform from A(J) to B(J). Note that $J^{\perp} = J$.

A(J) is a Chu space with just one nonzero point, i.e. just one point indexing a nonzero row: A_i is a par of k_i literals, so $A_i(J)$ is the par of k_i copies of J, a matrix with 2 points, 2^{k_i} states, and only one nonzero entry; hence A(J), the tensor product of n such matrices, has 2^n points, only one of which is nonzero. B(J) = J since B is a literal.

By continuity of η_J , every zero point (the index of an all-zero row) of A(J) must be sent to 0 in B(J). We now argue by logicality that the nonzero point of A(J) must be sent to 1 in B(J). Let N be the 1×1 Chu space whose one entry is 1, and take R to be the Chu relation between N and J that relates the point of N to the nonzero point of J and the state of N to the nonzero state of J. Then A(R) relates the point of A(N) = N with the nonzero point of A(J), so any two-sorted homomorphism from A(J) to J must send the nonzero point of A(J) to the nonzero point of B(J), i.e. 1.

But the one nonzero point of A(J) is indexed by the constantly-one *n*-tuple. So when all arguments to η_J are set to 1, and any one argument is then changed to 0, the result of η_J changes from 1 to 0. But then η , and hence the λ -term denoting it, depends on all *n* of its arguments.

Theorem 17 (Semisimple full completeness). Let F be a semisimple MLL formula interpreted in Chu. Then every

logical transformation $\eta : \mathbf{1} \to F$ is denoted by a unique proof of F.

Proof. Proposition 13 characterizes η as a MIX proof net π_{η} in the Coh-image, and Proposition 14 extends this characterization to the whole of Chu. By Proposition 16, in conjunction with Lemma 15, π_{η} is a proof net.

4 Full Completeness

We prove our main theorem by induction on level of formulas, a measure of distance of theorems to certain semisimple formulas. We first define the notion of level and state key supporting lemmas.

The rules of our axiomatization of MLL either rearrange the formula invertibly (A and C), cater trivially for context (E), or do some real work (D). Our argument hinges on the behavior of this last rule.

For convenience and to make more explicit the choice implicit in linear distributivity (LD), we replace Rule D by an equivalent pair of rules either one of which would suffice on its own.

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \mathsf{D}1 & (A\mathfrak{B}B) \otimes C & \vdash & (A \otimes C)\mathfrak{B}B \\ \mathsf{D}2 & (A\mathfrak{B}B) \otimes C & \vdash & A\mathfrak{B}(C \otimes B) \end{array}$$

A linking of the common antecedent of these rules is permuted by the rules to yield identical linkings of the two *LD consequents*.

Definition 18. The *level* of an MLL formula is defined to be maximal subject to the following constraints. The level of a semisimple formula is zero. If a level l formula is derivable from A by associativity or commutativity then A has level l. If a pair of LD consequents of A have level at most l then A has level at most l + 1.

So the level of a formula A is the minimum, over all occurrences within A of a subformula matching Rule D, of one plus the maximum of the level of the corresponding pair of LD consequents A_1 and A_2 . Every MLL formula reduces to semisimple formulas after finitely many applications of D, whence level is well-defined.

We shall need the following lemmas.

Lemma 19. If the LD consequents of a transformation of an MLL formula in Chu both represent proof nets, then those proof nets have the same Λ (linking of literals).

We defer the proof of this lemma to after the main theorem.

Lemma 20. If a linking Λ is a proof net for both Rule D consequents of a formula A, then Λ is a proof net for A.

Proof. We omit the straightforward combinatorial argument. \Box

Theorem 21. Every logical element η of an MLL formula *A* represents a proof.

Proof. We proceed by induction on level. The previous section supplied the basis for the induction. We now assume as our induction hypothesis the case l and prove the case l + 1.

Let A be a formula of level l + 1, and let η be a logical element of A. Apply commutativity and associativity as required to A so that when Rule D is applied to some subformula $(A \mathfrak{B} B) \otimes C$ in each of the two possible ways, both consequents A_1 and A_2 of A are of level l. The two applications of the rule map η to two transformations, call them η_1 and η_2 .

By soundness each η_i is a logical element and therefore by the induction hypothesis has a proof net. By Lemma 19 the two proof nets must have the same linking Λ . By Lemma 20 (A, Λ) is a proof net. By soundness (A, Λ) denotes a logical element η' while (A_1, Λ) and (A_2, Λ) denote logical elements η'_1, η'_2 respectively. By the induction hypothesis $\eta'_1 = \eta_1$ and $\eta'_2 = \eta_2$. But D is injective, so $\eta = \eta'$.

This completes the proof of our main theorem, leaving only Lemma 19 to prove.

Proof. (of Lemma 19) Let η in A have consequents η_1 and η_2 representing proof nets in Chu. Form the corresponding arrangement in Coh, consisting of a clique $\hat{\eta}$ and consequents $\hat{\eta}_1$ and $\hat{\eta}_2$. By Lemma 23 η_i and $\hat{\eta}_i$ represent the same proof nets for i = 1, 2. By Lemma 24 $\hat{\eta}_1$ and $\hat{\eta}_2$ are the LD consequents of a common clique $\hat{\eta}$. By Lemma 22 they have the same linking, whence the same holds for η_1 and η_2 .

We have discharged obligation 19 at the expense of three new obligations.

Lemma 22. If the two LD consequents of a clique both realize proof nets then those nets have the same linking.

Proof. Although the rules of System S nontrivially transform the coherence spaces they act on, their constituent tokens, as tuples of tokens of W, are not changed except to reflect permutations of variables. The linking information in a dinatural clique in Coh resides entirely in the individual tokens [Tan97] (as opposed to the coherence relations between the tokens). Under our reformulation of Rule D as D1 and D2, the two LD consequents of a clique undergo the same permutation of atomic tokens within each token of the clique and hence encode the same linking.

Lemma 23. If η is the unique representation in Chu of a proof net (A, Λ) , then $\hat{\eta}$ represents (A, Λ) in Coh.

Proof. Select any System S derivation of (A, Λ) and interpret it in both Coh and Chu. In the beginning the hat relationship holds between the respective proof representations. By commutativity of hat and derivation (Lemma 24) this relationship is maintained during the proof and hence still holds when A is reached. Since (A, Λ) only has one representation, the transformation in Chu we ended up with must be η , whence the transformation in Coh we arrived at must be $\hat{\eta}$.

Lemma 24. The hat map taking the points of the Chu space F(LSW) to the coherence space F(W) commutes with the action of the rules of System S.

Proof. Since the rules act according to λ -terms it suffices to verify the commutativity for all λ -terms. If the correspondence between Chu spaces F(LSW) and coherent spaces F(W) were an isomorphism this would be a triviality. However the points of the former embed as a subset of those of the latter, and likewise for states, both for the top level formula and for all subformulas. We therefore need to show that the correspondence is tight enough for the action of the rules to maintain the correspondence despite this difference.

We proceed by induction on the height of λ -terms. We take as our inductive hypothesis that for all MLL formulas F, for all assignments of Chu spaces LS \mathcal{W} , and corresponding assignments of coherent spaces \mathcal{W} , to variables of F, and for all bindings of λ -variables to points of $F(LS\mathcal{W})$, and correspondingly to points of $F(\mathcal{W})$, evaluating a λ -term of height h in each of the two environments produces a corresponding pair of points of respectively $F(LS\mathcal{W})$ and $F(\mathcal{W})$.

The basis for the induction, λ -terms that are λ -variables, holds by choice of environment. We now assume the case of height h and proceed to height h + 1.

For applications MN, the Chu point denoted by M is a function f between Chu spaces \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B} (say) while the corresponding coherence space point denoted by M is a function \widehat{f} from $\overline{\mathcal{A}}$ to $\overline{\mathcal{B}}$. Since the correspondence embeds the set A of points of \mathcal{A} in $\overline{\mathcal{A}}$, and since N evaluates to a point a in the image of that embedding by the induction hypothesis, $\widehat{f}(a)$ must be the corresponding point in $\overline{\mathcal{B}}$, which too will be in the image of the embedding of \mathcal{B} in $\overline{\mathcal{B}}$.

A λ -abstraction $\lambda x.M$, as a point of say $A \multimap B$, will denote a Chu transform f of Chu spaces having corresponding coherence space map \hat{f} . The induction hypothesis ensures that f and \hat{f} agree on A, while the fact that coherence space maps commute with consistent unions ensures that the coherence space map denoted by $\lambda x.M$ (as determined by evaluating M in each environment obtained by setting x to a point of \overline{A}) agrees with \hat{f} on the whole of \overline{A} .

For pairs (M, N) the correspondence is immediate. \Box

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