# Subject 3: Games, Strategies and Cartesian Closed Categories

to be returned on the 13/12

The questions marked  $(\star)$  are optional, some may be more difficult.

## 1 Games and strategies

**Question 1.** Let A, B and C be three event structures with a common set of events  $\{1, 2, 3\}$ . In A, B and C the events are consistent with each other. In C they have the trivial, identity relation as their causal dependency. In A, the only nontrivial causal dependency is  $1 \rightarrow 3$  whereas in B the only nontrivial causal dependency is  $2 \rightarrow 3$ . Let the maps  $f : A \rightarrow C$  and  $g: B \rightarrow C$  be the maps of event structures whose underlying relation is the identity relation on events. Using the pullback of stable families, derive the pullback of f and g in the category of event structures.

**Question 2.** For each instance of total map  $\sigma$  of event structures with polarity below say whether  $\sigma$  is a strategy and whether it is deterministic. In each case give a short justification for your answer. (Immediate causal dependency within the event structures is represented by an arrow  $\rightarrow$  and inconsistency, or conflict, by a wiggly line  $\sim \sim \sim$ .)





Question 3. Let E be an event structure. Let  $e, e' \in E$ . Show

$$\exists y, y_1 \in \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(E). \ y \stackrel{e}{\longrightarrow} y_1 \stackrel{e'}{\longrightarrow} c \iff e \twoheadrightarrow e' \text{ or } e \text{ co } e'.$$

**Question 4.** Recall, the definition of a strategy as a total map of event structures with polarity which is receptive and courteous/innocent. Let  $\sigma : S \to A$  be a total map of event structures. Show that  $\sigma$  is a strategy iff the following three conditions hold:

(i) 
$$\sigma x \stackrel{\sim}{\longrightarrow} \& pol_A(a) = - \Rightarrow \exists ! s \in S. x \stackrel{\sim}{\longrightarrow} \& \sigma(s) = a$$
, for all  $x \in \mathcal{C}(S)$ ,  $a \in A$ ,  
(ii)(+) If  $x \stackrel{e}{\longrightarrow} c x_1 \stackrel{e'}{\longrightarrow} \& pol_S(e) = +$  in  $\mathcal{C}(S)$  and  $\sigma x \stackrel{\sigma(e')}{\longrightarrow} in \mathcal{C}(A)$ , then  $x \stackrel{e'}{\longrightarrow} c$  in  $\mathcal{C}(S)$ , and  
(ii)(-) If  $x \stackrel{e}{\longrightarrow} c x_1 \stackrel{e'}{\longrightarrow} \& pol_S(e') = -$  in  $\mathcal{C}(S)$  and  $\sigma x \stackrel{\sigma(e')}{\longrightarrow} in \mathcal{C}(A)$ , then  $x \stackrel{e'}{\longrightarrow} c$  in  $\mathcal{C}(S)$ .

**Question 5.** Let A be an event structure with polarity. Consider the empty map of event structures with polarity  $\emptyset \to A$ . Is it a strategy in A? Is it a deterministic strategy? Consider now the identity map  $id_A : A \to A$  on an event structure with polarity A. Is it a strategy? Is it a deterministic strategy? [Your answer may depend on A. If so specify how.]

Question 6. (\*) Say an event structure is *set-like* if its causal dependency relation is the identity relation and all pairs of distinct events are inconsistent. Let A and B be games with underlying event structures which are set-like event structures. In this case, can you see a simpler way to describe deterministic strategies  $A \rightarrow B$ ? What does composition of deterministic strategies between set-like games correspond to? What do strategies in general between set-like games correspond to? [No proofs are required.]

**Question 7.** (\*) Let  $\sigma: S \to B$  be a strategy in a game B. Let  $f: A \to B$  be a total map of event structures with polarity. Prove that  $f^*\sigma$ , the pullback of  $\sigma$  along f, is a strategy in A.



[In fact this result also holds when f is partial.]

Deduce that if  $\sigma_1 : S_1 \to A$  and  $\sigma_2 : S_2 \to A$  are strategies in a game A, then their pullback  $\sigma_1 \wedge \sigma_2$  — see the diagram — is also a strategy in A.



The strategy  $\sigma_1 \wedge \sigma_2$  is a form of conjunction between strategies. Can you describe its behaviour informally in terms of that of  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$ ?

## 2 Cartesian closed categories

#### 2.1 Cartesian structure

For this section, fix a cartesian category C. For each objects  $A, B \in C$ , we fix a product  $(A \times B, \pi_1^{A,B}, \pi_2^{A,B})$  (the A, B annotations on projections are often omitted when they can be recovered from the context). For  $f: X \to A$  and  $g: X \to B$ , we write  $\langle f, g \rangle: X \to A \times B$  for the pairing given by the universal property.

Recall also that the functorial action of  $\times$  is then defined as

$$f_A \times f_B = \langle f_A \circ \pi_1, f_B \circ \pi_2 \rangle : A_1 \times B_1 \to A_2 \times B_2$$

for  $f_A: A_1 \to A_2$  and  $f_B: B_1 \to B_2$ .

#### Question 8. Show that:

(a) For all  $f: X \to A, g: X \to A$ , and  $h: Y \to X$ , we have the following equation:

$$\langle f,g \rangle \circ h = \langle f \circ h, g \circ h \rangle$$

(b) For all  $f: X \to A \times B$ , we have the following equation:

$$f = \langle \pi_1 \circ f, \pi_2 \circ f \rangle$$

(c) For all  $f_B: A \to B, f_C: A \to C, g_B: B \to B', g_C: C \to C'$ , we have the following equation:

$$(g_B \times g_C) \circ \langle f_B, f_C \rangle = \langle g_B \circ f_B, g_C \circ f_C \rangle$$

**Question 9.** Show that there is a unique  $\delta_A : A \to A \times A$  (the **diagonal**) such that  $\pi_1 \circ \delta_A = \operatorname{id}_A$ and  $\pi_2 \circ \delta_A = \operatorname{id}_A$ . Show that for any  $f_B : A \to B$ ,  $f_C : A \to C$ , the following diagram commutes:



Deduce that  $\delta_A$  is natural in A.

Question 10. Show that the projections yield natural transformations:

$$\pi_1^{-,B}: (-) \times B \to (-) \qquad \pi_2^{A,-}: A \times (-) \to (-)$$

between functors  $\mathcal{C} \to \mathcal{C}$ .

### 2.2 Cartesian closed structure

**Question 11.** Let C be a cartesian category. Recall that an **exponential** of A to B is a pair (E, ev) such that  $E \in C$  and  $ev \in C[E \times A, B]$ , satisfying the following universal property: for all object C and morphism  $f : C \times A \to B$ , there is a unique  $h : C \to E$  such that the following diagram commutes:



Show that the exponentials of A to B are unique up to isomorphism, *i.e.* if (E, ev) and (E', ev') are two exponentials of A to B, then there is an isomorphism  $\phi : E \to E'$  such that the following diagram commutes:



From now on, we assume that C is cartesian closed, and we fix, for any two objects A, B, an exponential of A to B  $(A \Rightarrow B, ev_{A,B})$ . For  $f : B \times A \to C$ , write  $\Lambda(f) : B \to A \Rightarrow C$  the morphism given by universal property.

**Question 12.** Show that for all  $f: B_2 \times A \to C$ , for all  $g: B_1 \to B_2$ , we have:

$$\Lambda(f) \circ g = \Lambda(f \circ (g \times A))$$

Question 13. Assume we have typed terms:

$$\overline{\Gamma, x : A \vdash M : B} \qquad \qquad \overline{\Gamma \vdash N : A}$$

Recall from the lecture that:

$$[\![\Gamma \vdash M \, N : B]\!] = \mathsf{ev}_{[\![A]\!], [\![B]\!]} \circ \langle \Lambda([\![M]\!]), [\![N]\!] \rangle : [\![\Gamma]\!] \to [\![B]\!]$$

(note that since we assume here that x is the last variable in the typing context of M, there is no need to reorder the context via a  $\gamma$  isomorphism when computing  $[\![\lambda x. M]\!]$ )

Show that:

 $\llbracket (\lambda x. M) N \rrbracket = \llbracket M \llbracket N/x \rrbracket$ 

using the substitution lemma seen in the lecture.

#### 2.3 Optional: isomorphisms in cartesian closed categories

**Question 14.** (\*) Let C be a category, and A, B be objects. (a) Show that for all  $h: A \to B$ , the function

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \varphi_X & : & \mathcal{C}[X,A] & \rightarrow & \mathcal{C}[X,B] \\ & f & \mapsto & h \circ f \end{array}$$

is natural in X.

(b) Show that reciprocally, any natural transformation

$$\varphi : \mathcal{C}[-,A] \rightarrow \mathcal{C}[-,B]$$

has the form  $\varphi_X(f) = h \circ f$  (for some  $h : A \to B$ ). (c) Deduce that for any  $A, B \in \mathcal{C}, A \cong B$  iff the functors  $\mathcal{C}[-, A]$  and  $\mathcal{C}[-, B]$  are naturally isomorphic.

**Question 15.** ( $\star$ ) Show that for any A, B, C, we have the following isomorphisms:

$$A \Rightarrow 1 \cong 1$$
  

$$1 \Rightarrow A \cong A$$
  

$$(A \times B) \Rightarrow C \cong A \Rightarrow (B \Rightarrow C)$$
  

$$A \Rightarrow (B \times C) \cong (A \Rightarrow B) \times (A \Rightarrow C)$$

If  $\mathcal{V}$  is a set of variables, we consider the following arithmetic expressions on  $\mathcal{V}$ :

$$e, e' \coloneqq x \mid e \cdot e' \mid e^{e'} \mid 1$$

where  $x \in \mathcal{V}$ . Given a valuation, *i.e.* some  $v : \mathcal{V} \to \mathbb{N}$ , we define  $\langle e \rangle_v \in \mathbb{N}$  by  $\langle x \rangle_v = v(x)$ ,  $\langle 1 \rangle_v = 1$ ,  $\langle e \cdot e' \rangle_v = \langle e \rangle_v \times \langle e' \rangle_v$ , and  $\langle e^{e'} \rangle_v = \langle e \rangle_v^{\langle e' \rangle_v}$ . We say that

$$\mathbb{N} \models e = e' \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \forall v : \mathcal{V} \to \mathbb{N}, \ \langle e \rangle_v = \langle e' \rangle_v$$

We recall the following theorem:

**Theorem 1 (Martin, 1972).** For e, e' arithmetic expressions as above, we have  $\mathbb{N} \models e = e'$  iff e and e' are convertible using the following "high school algebra" equations:

$$1 \cdot x = x \qquad 1^x = 1$$
  

$$x^1 = x \qquad x \cdot y = y \cdot x$$
  

$$(x \cdot y) \cdot z = x \cdot (y \cdot z) \qquad x^{y \cdot z} = (x^y)^z$$
  

$$(x \cdot y)^z = x^z \cdot y^z$$

But we may also, given a valuation  $\rho: \mathcal{V} \to \mathcal{C}_0$ , interpret arithmetic expressions as objects in a cartesian closed category  $\mathcal{C}$ , with  $[\![1]\!]_{\rho} = 1, [\![x]\!]_{\rho} = \rho(x), [\![e \cdot e']\!]_{\rho} = [\![e']\!]_{\rho} \times [\![e']\!]_{\rho} = [\![e']\!]_{\rho} \Rightarrow [\![e]\!]_{\rho}$ .

**Question 16.** (\*\*) Using Martin's theorem, show that for all arithmetic expressions  $e, e', \mathbb{N} \models e = e'$  iff for all cartesian closed category  $\mathcal{C}$ , for all valuation  $\rho : \mathcal{V} \to \mathcal{C}_0$ , we have  $\llbracket e \rrbracket_{\rho} \cong \llbracket e' \rrbracket_{\rho}$ .