

## MATH230: Tutorial One [Solutions]

### Propositional Logic: Natural Deductions with Positive Minimal Logic

Key ideas

- Write natural deduction proofs using  $\wedge$ ,  $\vee$ , and  $\rightarrow$  connectives only.
- Understand the use of temporary hypotheses when proving implications.
- Avoid common stumbling block of  $\vee$ -elimination!

Relevant Topic: Propositional Logic

Relevant Reading: LEAVEN Chapters 3,4 and Simon section 1.1

Hand in exercises: 2a, 2c, 2d, 2e, 3a

**Due Friday @ 5pm to the submission box on Learn.**

### Discussion Questions

1. Show  $A \rightarrow B \vdash A \rightarrow (A \wedge B)$ .

2. Show  $(A \wedge B) \vee C \vdash (A \vee C) \wedge (B \vee C)$ .

## Hints

Read these hints and suggestions before reading the solutions below. It is important that you try to solve these problems first, before reading a solution.

First, remember that each move in a natural deduction (for this tutorial) consists of one of the following rules:

### Introduction Rules

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \Sigma \\ \vdots \\ A \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \Sigma \\ \vdots \\ B \end{array}}{A \wedge B} \wedge I$$

$\wedge$  introduction

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \Sigma \\ \vdots \\ B \end{array}}{A \rightarrow B} \rightarrow I$$

$\rightarrow$  introduction

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \Sigma \\ \vdots \\ A \end{array}}{B \vee A} \vee I_l \quad \frac{\begin{array}{c} \Sigma \\ \vdots \\ A \end{array}}{A \vee B} \vee I_r$$

$\vee$  introduction

### Elimination Rules

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \Sigma \\ \vdots \\ A \wedge B \end{array}}{A} \wedge_l \quad \frac{\begin{array}{c} \Sigma \\ \vdots \\ A \wedge B \end{array}}{B} \wedge_r$$

$\wedge$  Elimination

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \Sigma \\ \vdots \\ A \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \Sigma \\ \vdots \\ A \rightarrow B \end{array}}{B} \rightarrow I$$

$\rightarrow$  Elimination (MP)

$$\frac{A \vee B \quad \begin{array}{c} \Sigma \\ \vdots \\ A \rightarrow C \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \Sigma \\ \vdots \\ B \rightarrow C \end{array}}{C} \vee E$$

$\vee$  Elimination

### Which rules should be used?

In order to determine which rules to use, one must consider the connectives in the sequent. Those connectives on the left of the sequent are the hypotheses in the theorem. These connectives must be eliminated in the process of the proof; we break down the hypotheses using elimination rules. Those connectives on the right of the sequent are to be introduced; we break down the hypotheses with elimination rules to build up the conclusion using introduction rules.

### Hints and Tips

Determine the introduction rules required for conclusion;

Determine the elimination rules required from hypotheses;

Determine any temporary hypotheses from either implication introduction, or disjunction elimination i.e. proof by cases.

Rewrite the sequent with the temporary hypotheses.

Write small subproofs where necessary.

Convince yourself in plain English why the sequent should be provable before doing any natural deduction steps.

## Tutorial Exercises

1. **Proving an Implication.** This exercise illustrates how we are to prove an implication by the use of *temporary* hypotheses. We use the following example to illustrate this.

$$\vdash (A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow ((A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C)) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow C))$$

This proof technique can be broken down into the following steps to show what's happening when temporary hypotheses are used.

- (a) Using the deduction theorem (temporary hypotheses) move as many hypotheses as possible to the left of the turnstile  $\vdash$  to get a new sequent. Proof of this new sequent will ultimately lead to the proof of the original sequent.

### Solution:

Each application of the deduction theorem moves the antecedent of an implication over to the hypotheses of the sequent.

$$\begin{array}{rcl} & \vdash & (A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow ((A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C)) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow C)) \\ A \rightarrow B & \vdash & (A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C)) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow C) \\ A \rightarrow B, A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C) & \vdash & A \rightarrow C \\ A \rightarrow B, A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C), A & \vdash & C \end{array}$$

The key is to identify (parse) the outermost implication and peel off the antecedent. This process gives you hypotheses to start the proof with.

- (b) Prove the following sequent

$$\begin{array}{c} A \rightarrow B, A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C), A \vdash C \\ \frac{\frac{A \quad A \rightarrow B}{B} \text{MP} \quad \frac{A \quad A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C)}{B \rightarrow C} \text{MP}}{C} \text{MP} \end{array}$$

- (c) Extend the proof above, through the use of implication introduction, to a proof of the original sequent.

$$\begin{array}{c} \frac{\overline{A^3} \quad \overline{A \rightarrow B^1}}{B} \text{MP} \quad \frac{\overline{A^3} \quad \overline{A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C)^2}}{B \rightarrow C} \text{MP} \\ \frac{C}{(A \rightarrow C)} \rightarrow I, 3 \\ \frac{(A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C)) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow C)}{(A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow ((A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C)) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow C))} \rightarrow I, 2 \\ \frac{}{(A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow ((A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C)) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow C))} \rightarrow I, 1 \end{array}$$

2. **Positive Minimal Logic.** Provide natural deduction proofs of the following sequents. These deductions require only the use of positive minimal logic; the introduction and elimination rules for  $\wedge$  conjunction,  $\vee$  disjunction, and  $\rightarrow$  implication.

(a)  $A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C) \vdash B \rightarrow (A \rightarrow C)$

**Solution:**

The goal, or conclusion, of this sequent has nested implications. We can temporarily assume both the antecedents to make the proof of this implication.

$$\begin{array}{l} A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C) \vdash B \rightarrow (A \rightarrow C) \\ A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C), B \vdash A \rightarrow C \\ A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C), B, A \vdash C \end{array}$$

It is sufficient to provide proof of this final sequent before applying implication introductions to get a proof of the original sequent.

$$\frac{\overline{A}^2 \quad A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C)}{B \rightarrow C} \text{MP} \quad \overline{B}^1 \quad \frac{C}{A \rightarrow C} \rightarrow I, 2 \quad \text{MP} \\ \frac{A \rightarrow C}{B \rightarrow (A \rightarrow C)} \rightarrow I, 1$$

(b)  $A \wedge B \vdash B \wedge A$

**Solution:**

Direct proofs of a conjunction ( $\wedge$  and) require a proof of both conjuncts. Therefore we are required to provide proofs of both  $B$  and  $A$  separately and then combine them to obtain the proof of the conjunction.

$$\frac{\frac{A \wedge B}{B} \wedge E_r \quad \frac{A \wedge B}{A} \wedge E_l}{B \wedge A} \wedge I$$

(c)  $A \vee B \vdash B \vee A$

**Solution:**

Proof of a disjunct is different, we will not be able to prove both disjuncts. In this case, we should notice the only hypothesis is also a disjunction. This is going to split our proof into two cases (i) where we assume we have a proof of  $A$ , and (ii) where we assume we have a proof  $B$ . This proof by cases is formalised by the  $\vee$  elimination rule.

Using  $\vee$  elimination amounts to allowing ourselves the separate disjuncts of  $A \vee B$  in our proof i.e. we need to provide a proof for the sequent:

$$A \vee B, \overline{A}^1, \overline{B}^2 \vdash B \vee A$$

Although, it might be more helpful to consider the two cases as separate sequents which we then combine with the  $\vee$  elimination step:

**Case 1:**

$$\overline{A}^1 \vdash B \vee A$$

We prove this by a single use of  $\vee$  introduction.

$$\frac{\overline{A}^1}{B \vee A} \vee I_l$$

**Case 2:**

$$\overline{B}^2 \vdash B \vee A$$

This is proved by another  $\vee$  introduction step.

$$\frac{\overline{B}^2}{B \vee A} \vee I_r$$

With these separate cases done we can combine them with  $\vee$  elimination to prove the original sequent:

$$\frac{A \vee B \quad \frac{\overline{A}^1}{B \vee A} \vee I_l \rightarrow I, 1 \quad \frac{\overline{B}^2}{B \vee A} \vee I_r \rightarrow I, 2}{B \vee A} \vee E$$

$$(d) (A \wedge B) \rightarrow C \vdash A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C)$$

**Solution:** The goal, or conclusion, of this sequent has nested implications. We can temporarily assume both the antecedents to make the proof of this implication.

$$\begin{array}{l} A \wedge B \rightarrow C \vdash A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C) \\ A \wedge B \rightarrow C, \overline{A}^1 \vdash B \rightarrow C \\ A \wedge B \rightarrow C, \overline{A}^1, \overline{B}^2 \vdash C \end{array}$$

It is sufficient to provide proof of this final sequent before applying implication introductions to get a proof of the original sequent.

$$\frac{\frac{\overline{A}^1 \quad \overline{B}^2}{A \wedge B} \wedge I \quad (A \wedge B) \rightarrow C}{C} \text{MP}$$

$$\frac{B \rightarrow C}{A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C)} \rightarrow I, 1, 2$$

$$(e) A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C) \vdash (A \wedge B) \rightarrow C$$

**Solution:** The goal, or conclusion, of this sequent is an implication. We can temporarily assume the antecedent to write the proof of this implication.

$$\begin{array}{l} A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C) \vdash (A \wedge B) \rightarrow C \\ A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C), \overline{A \wedge B}^1 \vdash C \end{array}$$

It is sufficient to provide proof of this final sequent before applying implication introduction to get a proof of the original sequent.

$$\frac{\frac{\overline{A \wedge B}^1}{A} \wedge E_l \quad A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C)}{B \rightarrow C} \wedge E_r$$

$$\frac{B \rightarrow C}{C} \text{MP}$$

$$\frac{C}{(A \wedge B) \rightarrow C} \rightarrow I, 1$$

$$(f) A \rightarrow B \vdash A \rightarrow (B \vee C)$$

**Solution:**

The goal, or conclusion, of this sequent is an implication. We can temporarily assume the antecedent to write the proof of this implication.

$$\begin{array}{l} A \rightarrow B \vdash A \rightarrow (B \vee C) \\ A \rightarrow B, \overline{A}^1 \vdash B \vee C \end{array}$$

It is sufficient to provide proof of this final sequent before applying implication introduction to get a proof of the original sequent.

$$\frac{\overline{A}^1 \quad A \rightarrow B}{B} \text{MP}$$

$$\frac{B}{B \vee C} \vee I_r$$

$$\frac{B \vee C}{A \rightarrow (B \vee C)} \rightarrow I, 1$$

(g)  $A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow C \vdash A \rightarrow C$

**Solution:**

The goal, or conclusion, of this sequent is an implication. We can temporarily assume the antecedent to write the proof of this implication.

$$\begin{array}{c} A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow C \vdash A \rightarrow C \\ A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow C, \bar{A}^1 \vdash C \end{array}$$

It is sufficient to provide proof of this final sequent before applying implication introduction to get a proof of the original sequent.

$$\frac{\frac{\bar{A}^1 \quad A \rightarrow B}{B} \text{MP} \quad B \rightarrow C}{\frac{C}{A \rightarrow C} \rightarrow I, 1} \text{MP}$$

(h)  $A \vee B, A \rightarrow C, B \rightarrow D \vdash C \vee D$

**Solution:**

This proof will require  $\vee$  elimination on  $A \vee B$ . Which means it is a proof by cases (i) under the case of  $A$ , and (ii) under the case of  $B$ . This means we can break the process down into the following two subproofs:

**Case 1:**

$$A \rightarrow C, B \rightarrow D, \bar{A}^1 \vdash C \vee D$$

In this case the  $A$  yields a  $C$  via  $A \rightarrow C$ , on which we can use  $\vee$ -introduction to give us  $C \vee D$ .

$$\frac{\bar{A}^1 \quad A \rightarrow C}{C} \text{MP} \quad \frac{C}{C \vee D} \vee I_r$$

**Case 2:**

$$A \rightarrow C, B \rightarrow D, \bar{B}^2 \vdash C \vee D$$

In this case  $B$  yields a  $D$  via  $B \rightarrow D$ , on which we can use  $\vee$ -introduction to give us  $C \vee D$ .

$$\frac{\bar{B}^2 \quad B \rightarrow D}{D} \text{MP} \quad \frac{D}{C \vee D} \vee I_l$$

Together the separate cases, with  $\vee$  elimination, complete the proof:

$$\frac{A \vee B \quad \frac{\bar{A}^1 \quad A \rightarrow C}{C} \text{MP} \quad \frac{C}{C \vee D} \vee I_r \quad \frac{A \rightarrow (C \vee D)}{A \rightarrow (C \vee D)} \rightarrow I, 1 \quad \frac{\bar{B}^2 \quad B \rightarrow D}{D} \text{MP} \quad \frac{D}{C \vee D} \vee I_l \quad \frac{B \rightarrow (C \vee D)}{B \rightarrow (C \vee D)} \rightarrow I, 2}{C \vee D} \vee E$$

$$(i) A \rightarrow B \vdash (C \rightarrow A) \rightarrow (C \rightarrow B)$$

**Solution:**

The goal, or conclusion, of this sequent has nested implications. We can temporarily assume both the antecedents to make the proof of this implication.

$$\begin{array}{l} A \rightarrow B \vdash (C \rightarrow A) \rightarrow (C \rightarrow B) \\ A \rightarrow B, \overline{C \rightarrow A}^1 \vdash C \rightarrow B \\ A \rightarrow B, \overline{C \rightarrow A}^1, \overline{C}^2 \vdash B \end{array}$$

It is sufficient to provide proof of this final sequent before applying implication introductions to get a proof of the original sequent.

$$\frac{\frac{\overline{C}^2 \quad \overline{C \rightarrow A}^1}{A} \text{MP} \quad \frac{A \rightarrow B}{B} \text{MP}}{\frac{C \rightarrow B}{C \rightarrow B} \rightarrow I, 2} \rightarrow I, 1$$

$$(j) (A \rightarrow B) \wedge (A \rightarrow C) \vdash A \rightarrow (B \wedge C)$$

**Solution:**

The goal, or conclusion, of this sequent is an implication. We can temporarily assume the antecedent to write the proof of this implication.

$$\begin{array}{l} (A \rightarrow B) \wedge (A \rightarrow C) \vdash A \rightarrow (B \wedge C) \\ (A \rightarrow B) \wedge (A \rightarrow C), \overline{A}^1 \vdash B \wedge C \end{array}$$

It is sufficient to provide proof of this final sequent before applying implication introduction to get a proof of the original sequent. Furthermore, the conclusion is now a conjunction. This means the proof can be split into two parts (i) a proof of  $B$ , and (ii) a proof of  $C$ .

**Proof of left conjunct**

$$\frac{\frac{(A \rightarrow B) \wedge (A \rightarrow C)}{A \rightarrow B} \wedge E_l \quad \overline{A}^1}{B} \text{MP}$$

**Proof of right conjunct**

$$\frac{\frac{(A \rightarrow B) \wedge (A \rightarrow C)}{A \rightarrow C} \wedge E_r \quad \overline{A}^1}{C} \text{MP}$$

Combining these with  $\wedge$ -introduction is the final piece in the proof.

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{(A \rightarrow B) \wedge (A \rightarrow C)}{A \rightarrow B} \wedge E_l \quad \overline{A}^1}{B} \text{MP} \quad \frac{\frac{(A \rightarrow B) \wedge (A \rightarrow C)}{A \rightarrow C} \wedge E_r \quad \overline{A}^1}{C} \text{MP}}{\frac{B \wedge C}{A \rightarrow (B \wedge C)} \rightarrow I, 1} \wedge I$$



3. **Distributivity of Disjunction and Conjunction.** Each of these sequents can be proved with positive minimal logic alone. However, their proofs are longer than those written above. Some planning and working out of subproofs will help keep these proofs neat and manageable.

$$(a) A \wedge (B \vee C) \vdash (A \wedge B) \vee (A \wedge C)$$

**Solution:**

As there is a disjunction in the hypotheses, this proof will break into a proof by cases. In one case we will assume  $B$  and in the other we will assume  $C$ . Since  $A$  appears as a conjunct, we may assume  $A$  in both of those cases. Using this planning we get the two subgoals:

$$\text{Left conjunct: } A \wedge (B \vee C), \overline{B}^1 \vdash (A \wedge B) \vee (A \wedge C)$$

$$\text{Right conjunct: } A \wedge (B \vee C), \overline{C}^2 \vdash (A \wedge B) \vee (A \wedge C)$$

**Case of left disjunct:**

$$\frac{\frac{A \wedge (B \vee C)}{A} \wedge E_l \quad \overline{B}^1}{A \wedge B} \wedge I \quad \frac{}{(A \wedge B) \vee (A \wedge C)} \vee I_r$$

**Case of right disjunct:**

$$\frac{\frac{A \wedge (B \vee C)}{A} \wedge E_l \quad \overline{C}^2}{A \wedge C} \wedge I \quad \frac{}{(A \wedge B) \vee (A \wedge C)} \vee I_l$$

These subproofs come together with  $\vee$ -elimination to complete the proof:

$$\frac{\frac{A \wedge (B \vee C)}{B \vee C} \wedge E_r \quad \frac{\frac{\frac{A \wedge (B \vee C)}{A} \wedge E_l \quad \overline{B}^1}{A \wedge B} \wedge I \quad \frac{}{(A \wedge B) \vee (A \wedge C)} \vee I_r}{B \rightarrow ((A \wedge B) \vee (A \wedge C))} \rightarrow I, 1 \quad \frac{\frac{\frac{A \wedge (B \vee C)}{A} \wedge E_l \quad \overline{C}^2}{A \wedge C} \wedge I \quad \frac{}{(A \wedge B) \vee (A \wedge C)} \vee I_l}{C \rightarrow ((A \wedge B) \vee (A \wedge C))} \rightarrow I, 2}{(A \wedge B) \vee (A \wedge C)} \vee E$$

(b)  $(A \wedge B) \vee (A \wedge C) \vdash A \wedge (B \vee C)$

**Solution:**

Since the hypothesis is a disjunction, we need to use a proof by cases; splitting on  $A \wedge B$  and  $A \wedge C$ . Our subgoals are:

$$\overline{A \wedge B}^1 \vdash A \wedge (B \vee C)$$

$$\overline{A \wedge C}^2 \vdash A \wedge (B \vee C)$$

**Case of left disjunct:**

$$\frac{\frac{\overline{A \wedge B}^1}{A} \wedge E_l \quad \frac{\frac{\overline{A \wedge B}^1}{B} \wedge E_r}{B \vee C} \vee I}{A \wedge (B \vee C)} \wedge I$$

**Case of right disjunct:**

$$\frac{\frac{\overline{A \wedge C}^2}{A} \wedge E_l \quad \frac{\frac{\overline{A \wedge C}^2}{C} \wedge E_r}{B \vee C} \vee I_l}{A \wedge (B \vee C)} \wedge I$$

These subproofs come together with  $\vee$ -elimination to complete the proof.

$$\frac{(A \wedge B) \vee (A \wedge C) \quad \frac{\frac{\overline{A \wedge B}^1}{A} \wedge E_l \quad \frac{\frac{\overline{A \wedge B}^1}{B} \wedge E_r}{B \vee C} \vee I}{A \wedge (B \vee C)} \wedge I \quad \rightarrow I, 1 \quad \frac{\frac{\overline{A \wedge C}^2}{A} \wedge E_l \quad \frac{\frac{\overline{A \wedge C}^2}{C} \wedge E_r}{B \vee C} \vee I_l}{A \wedge (B \vee C)} \wedge I \quad \rightarrow I, 2}{A \wedge (B \vee C)} \vee E$$

$$(c) A \vee (B \wedge C) \vdash (A \vee B) \wedge (A \vee C)$$

**Solution:**

Since the hypothesis is a disjunction, we need to use a proof by cases; splitting on  $A$  and  $B \wedge C$ . Our subgoals are:

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{A}^1 &\vdash (A \vee B) \wedge (A \vee C) \\ \overline{B \wedge C}^2 &\vdash (A \vee B) \wedge (A \vee C) \end{aligned}$$

**Case of left disjunct:**

$$\frac{\frac{\overline{A}^1}{A \vee B} \vee I_r \quad \frac{\overline{A}^1}{A \vee C} \vee I_r}{(A \vee B) \wedge (A \vee C)} \wedge I$$

**Case of right disjunct:**

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\overline{B \wedge C}^2}{B} \wedge E_l}{A \vee B} \vee I_r \quad \frac{\frac{\overline{B \wedge C}^2}{C} \wedge E_r}{A \vee C} \vee I_r}{(A \vee B) \wedge (A \vee C)} \wedge I$$

These subproofs come together with  $\vee$ -elimination to complete the proof.

$$\frac{A \vee (B \wedge C) \quad \frac{\frac{\overline{A}^1}{A \vee B} \vee I_r \quad \frac{\overline{A}^1}{A \vee C} \vee I_r}{(A \vee B) \wedge (A \vee C)} \wedge I \quad \frac{\frac{\overline{B \wedge C}^2}{B} \wedge E_l \quad \frac{\overline{B \wedge C}^2}{C} \wedge E_r}{\frac{\frac{\overline{B \wedge C}^2}{A \vee B} \vee I_r \quad \frac{\overline{B \wedge C}^2}{A \vee C} \vee I_r}{(A \vee B) \wedge (A \vee C)} \wedge I} \rightarrow I, 1 \quad \frac{(B \wedge C) \rightarrow (A \vee B) \wedge (A \vee C)}{(A \vee B) \wedge (A \vee C)} \rightarrow I, 2 \quad \vee E$$

(d)  $(A \vee B) \wedge (A \vee C) \vdash A \vee (B \wedge C)$

**Solution:**

Since the hypothesis is a disjunction, we need to use a proof by cases; splitting on  $A$  and  $B$ . Our subgoals are:

$$A \vee C, \overline{A}^1 \vdash A \vee (B \wedge C)$$

$$A \vee C, \overline{B}^2 \vdash A \vee (B \wedge C)$$

In the second subgoal, we will need to split again in order to prove the goal i.e. we have nested case analysis.

**Case of left disjunct**

$$\frac{\overline{A}^1}{A \vee (B \wedge C)} \vee I_r$$

**Case of right disjunct**

In this case we need to split on  $A \vee C$  for a (nested) proof by cases. This means we are to provide proofs of the following sequents:

$$\overline{B}^2, \overline{A}^3 \vdash A \vee (B \wedge C)$$

$$\overline{B}^2, \overline{C}^4 \vdash A \vee (B \wedge C)$$

**Nested case of left disjunct**

$$\frac{\overline{A}^3}{A \vee (B \wedge C)} \vee I_r$$

**Nested case of right disjunct**

$$\frac{\frac{\overline{B}^2 \quad \overline{C}^4}{B \wedge C}}{A \vee (B \wedge C)} \vee I_l$$

Together with  $\vee$ -elimination we obtain the proof of the right disjunct.

$$\frac{A \vee C \quad \frac{\frac{\overline{A}^3}{A \vee (B \wedge C)} \vee I_r}{A \rightarrow A \vee (B \wedge C)} \rightarrow I, 3 \quad \frac{\frac{\frac{\overline{B}^2 \quad \overline{C}^4}{B \wedge C}}{A \vee (B \wedge C)} \vee I_l}{C \rightarrow A \vee (B \wedge C)} \rightarrow I, 4}{A \vee (B \wedge C)} \vee E$$

Notice that  $B$  is still “live” because it gets discharged at the outer  $\vee$ -elimination step.

Jumping out of the inner cases, we return now to complete the entire proof. See over the page for the final step.

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