

Assignment 1

Grammars & Truth Tables

1. The grammar:

$$\begin{aligned} N &\rightarrow F \mid F [e] S I \\ F &\rightarrow I \mid [.] I \\ I &\rightarrow D \mid D I \\ D &\rightarrow [0] \mid [1] \mid [2] \mid \dots \mid [9] \\ S &\rightarrow [+] \mid [-] \end{aligned}$$

(a) $6.02e+23$

N
 $F [e] S I$
 $I [.] I [e] S I$
 $D [.] I [e] S I$
 $D [.] D I [e] S D I$
 $D [.] D D [e] S D I$
 $D [.] D D [e] S D D$
 $D [.] D D [e] [+] D D$
 $6 [.] D D [e] [+] D D$
 $6 . D D [e] [+] D D$
 $6 . 0 D [e] [+] D D$
 $6 . 0 2 [e] [+] D D$
 $6 . 0 2 e [+] D D$
 $6 . 0 2 e + D D$
 $6 . 0 2 e + 2 D$
 $6 . 0 2 e + 2 3$

(b) $1e-6$

It is impossible to obtain this number with the given grammar. In order to be able to derive this number, the grammar must be modified as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} N &\rightarrow F \mid F [e] S I \\ F &\rightarrow I \mid I [.] I \\ I &\rightarrow D \mid D I \\ D &\rightarrow [0] \mid [1] \mid [2] \mid \dots \mid [9] \\ S &\rightarrow [+] \mid [-] \end{aligned}$$

The rule $F \rightarrow I$ has been added so as to represent values that do not contain the „.“ character. Using this grammar, the value 1e-6 can be represented as such:

N

$F [e] S I$

$I [e] S I$

$D [e] S I$

$D [e] S D$

$D [e] [-] D$

$1 [e] [-] D$

$1 e [-] D$

$1 e - D$

$1 e - 6$

2. Grammar for formulae in propositional logic:

$F \rightarrow Ap \mid \neg F \mid F \wedge F \mid F \vee F \mid F \rightarrow F$

$Ap \rightarrow [P] \mid [Q] \mid [R]$

In order to represent arguments in propositional logic, expressed using sequent notation, this grammar needs to be extended as follows:

Starting symbol: S

$S \rightarrow F O F \mid F$

$F \rightarrow Ap \mid \neg F \mid F \wedge F \mid F \vee F \mid F \rightarrow F \mid F [,] F$

$Ap \rightarrow [P] \mid [Q] \mid [R]$

$O \rightarrow [:] \mid [!]$

- Added the new starting symbol S with the rule $S \rightarrow F O F \mid F$ such that we are able to represent coherent, complete arguments.
- Added the rule $F \rightarrow F [,] F$ such that we can enumerate multiple premises if needed.
- Added the symbol O with the rule $O \rightarrow [:] \mid [!]$ to allow expressing whether an argument is knowingly valid.

3. If Alice studies logic, then Bob studies it too. $\rightarrow A \rightarrow B$

If either Alice or Bob studies logic, then Alice definitely does. $\rightarrow (A \vee B) \rightarrow A$

Therefore, both Alice and Bob study logic. $\rightarrow A \wedge B$

Atomic propositions:

- Alice studies logic. $\rightarrow A$
- Bob studies logic. $\rightarrow B$

A	B	$A \vee B$	$A \rightarrow B$	$(A \vee B) \rightarrow A$	$A \wedge B$
T	T	T	T	T	T
T	F	T	F	F	F
F	T	T	T	T	F
F	F	F	T	T	F

The argument is invalid. From the truth table, we can observe that there are cases when both premises are true but the conclusion is false.

4. $P \rightarrow Q, Q \vee R : \neg(P \wedge Q) \rightarrow R$

P	Q	R	$P \wedge Q$	$\neg(P \wedge Q)$	$P \rightarrow Q$	$Q \vee R$	$\neg(P \wedge Q) \rightarrow R$
T	T	T	T	F	T	T	T
T	T	F	T	F	T	T	T
T	F	T	F	T	F	T	T
T	F	F	F	T	F	F	F
F	T	T	F	T	T	T	T
F	T	F	F	T	T	T	F
F	F	T	F	T	T	T	T
F	F	F	F	T	T	F	F

From the truth table we learn that the argument is invalid as it there are cases when both presmises are true but the conclusion is false.

A propositional logic formula that includes atomic propositions P and Q (but not R) and which, when added as a premise to this argument, makes it valid is $Q \rightarrow P$.

P	Q	R	$P \wedge Q$	$\neg(P \wedge Q)$	$Q \rightarrow P$	$P \rightarrow Q$	$Q \vee R$	$\neg(P \wedge Q) \rightarrow R$
T	T	T	T	F	T	T	T	T
T	T	F	T	F	T	T	T	T
T	F	T	F	T	T	F	T	T
T	F	F	F	T	T	F	F	F
F	T	T	F	T	F	T	T	T
F	T	F	F	T	F	T	T	F
F	F	T	F	T	T	T	T	T
F	F	F	F	T	T	T	F	F

This way, everytime the presmises are true, the conclusion is true as well, having added a premise that is false in the case where all the other premises were true and the conclusion was false.