

# COMP30026 Assignment I

## Challenge I

Let A be "The person A is a knight".

Let B be "The person B is a knight".

Let C be "The person C is a knight".

Then what the person A says can be translated as:  $A \Rightarrow (\neg B \wedge \neg C)$ .

And now we can have the truth table:

A	B	C	$\neg B \wedge \neg C$	$A \Rightarrow (\neg B \wedge \neg C)$	
0	0	0	1	1	
0	0	1	0	1	
0	1	0	0	1	
0	1	1	0	1	
1	0	0	1	1	(*)
1	0	1	0	0	
1	1	0	0	0	
1	1	1	0	0	

If the person A is a knight, what he says must be true. So in this case, both A and  $A \Rightarrow (\neg B \wedge \neg C)$  must be true, which corresponds to the line (\*) in the truth table.

If the person A is a knave, what he says must be false. So in this case, both A and  $A \Rightarrow (\neg B \wedge \neg C)$  must be false, which does not occur in the truth table.

Therefore, there is only one case that can be true, in which A is a knight, and B and C are knaves.

## Challenge 2

- $$\neg \varphi \equiv \neg ((P \Rightarrow S) \wedge (Q \Rightarrow R) \wedge (R \Rightarrow P)) \Rightarrow S$$

$$\equiv \neg ((\neg P \vee S) \wedge (\neg Q \vee R) \wedge (\neg R \vee P)) \Rightarrow S$$

$$\equiv \neg (\neg ((\neg P \vee S) \wedge (\neg Q \vee R) \wedge (\neg R \vee P)) \vee S)$$

$$\equiv \neg ((P \wedge \neg S) \vee (Q \wedge \neg R) \vee (R \wedge \neg P) \vee S)$$

$$\equiv (\neg P \vee S) \wedge (\neg Q \vee R) \wedge (\neg R \vee P) \wedge \neg S$$

- Let P, Q, R and S all be false, then we have:

P	Q	R	S	$P \Rightarrow S$	$Q \Rightarrow R$	$R \Rightarrow P$	$(P \Rightarrow S) \wedge (Q \Rightarrow R) \wedge (R \Rightarrow P)$	$((P \Rightarrow S) \wedge (Q \Rightarrow R) \wedge (R \Rightarrow P)) \Rightarrow S$
0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0

This set of assignments shows that the value of  $\varphi$  can be false, which means  $\varphi$  is non-valid.

- $$\neg \psi \equiv \neg (((P \vee Q) \Rightarrow S) \wedge (\neg P \Rightarrow (R \Rightarrow Q)) \wedge (R \vee S)) \Rightarrow S$$

$$\equiv \neg (((\neg(P \vee Q) \vee S) \wedge (\neg \neg P \vee \neg R \vee Q) \wedge (R \vee S)) \Rightarrow S)$$

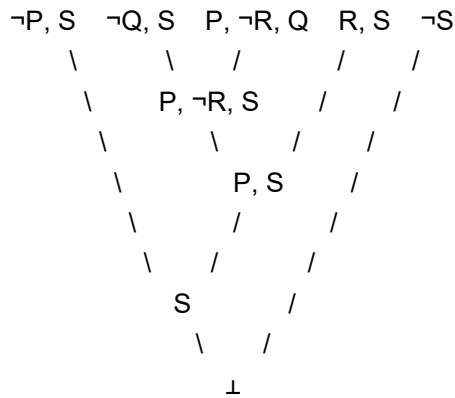
$$\equiv \neg (\neg ((\neg(P \vee Q) \vee S) \wedge (P \vee \neg R \vee Q) \wedge (R \vee S)) \vee S)$$

$$\equiv \neg ((P \vee Q) \wedge \neg S) \vee (\neg P \wedge R \wedge \neg Q) \vee (\neg R \wedge \neg S) \vee S$$

$$\equiv ((\neg P \wedge \neg Q) \vee S) \wedge (P \vee \neg R \vee Q) \wedge (R \vee S) \wedge \neg S$$

$$\equiv (\neg P \vee S) \wedge (\neg Q \vee S) \wedge (P \vee \neg R \vee Q) \wedge (R \vee S) \wedge \neg S$$

4. Here we prove that  $\psi$  is valid by the resolution on  $\neg\psi$ .



### Challenge 3

Let  $\varphi : \forall x \forall y (P(x, y) \Rightarrow P(h(x), h(h(y))))$

Let  $\psi : \forall x (P(x, h(x)) \wedge P(h(h(x)), x))$

To show the original formula is non-valid, we need an interpretation that makes  $\varphi$  true and  $\psi$  false.

Let  $P(x, y)$  be "x is less than y".

Let  $h(x) = x + 1$ .

Let the domain  $D = \mathbb{Z}$ , representing the set of all the integers.

Then for  $\varphi$ , if  $x < y$ , then  $P(x, y)$  is true, and  $x+1$  is less than  $y+1+1$ , which means  $P(h(x), h(h(y)))$  is also true. If  $x \geq y$ , then  $P(x, y)$  is false, and  $\varphi$  is true no matter true or false  $P(h(x), h(h(y)))$  is. Thus,  $\varphi$  is true.

For  $\psi$ , we can pick any integer  $k$ , where  $h(h(k)) = k+2 > k$  that makes  $P(h(h(k)), k)$  false, which means  $\psi$  is false.

Therefore  $\varphi \Rightarrow \psi$  is false, the original formula is non-valid.

To show the original formula is satisfiable, we need an interpretation that makes  $\varphi \Rightarrow \psi$  true.

Let  $P(x, y)$  be "x is equal to y".

Let  $h(x) = x^2$ .

Let the domain  $D = \{0\}$ .

For  $\varphi$ ,  $x$  and  $y$  only take the value of 0, and so do  $h(x)$  and  $h(h(y))$ , then  $\forall x \forall y (P(x, y) \Rightarrow P(h(x), h(h(y))))$  is true.

For  $\psi$ ,  $x$  only can be 0, and so do  $h(x)$  and  $h(h(x))$ , then  $\forall x (P(x, h(x)) \wedge P(h(h(x)), x))$  is true.

Therefore,  $\varphi \Rightarrow \psi$  is true, the original formula is satisfiable.

### Challenge 4

1.  $\forall x (S(x) \Rightarrow (\forall y \neg P(y, x) \Rightarrow H(x)))$

2.  $\forall x (S(x) \Rightarrow (\forall y (P(y, x) \Rightarrow R(y)) \Rightarrow H(x)))$

3. Eliminate ' $\Rightarrow$ ':

$\forall x (\neg S(x) \vee (\exists y (P(y, x) \wedge \neg R(y))) \vee H(x))$

Skolemized by mapping  $y$  to  $f(x)$ :

$\forall x (\neg S(x) \vee (P(f(x), x) \wedge \neg R(f(x))) \vee H(x))$

Drop Universal Quantifiers:

$\neg S(x) \vee (P(f(x), x) \wedge \neg R(f(x))) \vee H(x)$

