

Discrete Mathematics (SC612)

Tutorial 1

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1. Find the number of satisfying assignments for each of the following formulae.
 - (a) $p_1 \wedge p_2 \wedge p_3$
 - (b) $\neg(p_1 \vee p_2 \vee p_3)$
 - (c) $(p_1 \vee p_2) \Rightarrow (\neg p_1 \wedge \neg p_2 \wedge p_3)$
 - (d) $(p_1 \Rightarrow (p_2 \Rightarrow p_3))$
2. On how many assignments of truth values do the formulae $\phi_1 = ((p_1 \Rightarrow p_2) \Rightarrow p_3)$ and $\phi_2 = (p_1 \Rightarrow (p_2 \Rightarrow p_3))$ evaluate to the same truth value?
3. Let a , b and c be three atomic propositions in propositional logic. Suppose you are told that
 - (i) $a \vee (b \wedge c)$ is true, and
 - (ii) $(a \vee b) \wedge c$ is true.Which of the individual truth values can be inferred from the given information?

4. Assume the truth of the statement "Every country has at least one citizen that knows at least one citizen of all other countries." Assume that every country has more than one citizen. Iceland and Norway are countries.
 - (a) There is a person in Iceland who knows everyone in Norway.
 - (b) There is a person in Iceland who knows no one in Norway.
 - (c) There is a person in Iceland who knows someone in Norway.
 - (d) Every person in Iceland knows at least one person from Norway.
5. A boolean function is said to be symmetrical with respect to a propositional variable if substituting true or false for that propositional variable leads to an identical reduced formula in the remaining variables. On which propositional variables is the formula $\phi = (\neg p_1 \wedge \neg p_2 \wedge \neg p_3) \vee (\neg p_1 \wedge p_2 \wedge p_3) \vee (p_1 \wedge \neg p_2 \wedge \neg p_3) \vee (p_1 \wedge p_2 \wedge p_3)$ symmetrical?
6. Translate the boolean function $\phi = (\neg p_1 \wedge \neg p_2 \wedge \neg p_3) \vee (\neg p_1 \wedge p_2 \wedge p_3) \vee (p_1 \wedge \neg p_2 \wedge \neg p_3) \vee (p_1 \wedge p_2 \wedge p_3)$, which is in Disjunctive Normal Form (DNF) into its equivalent Conjunctive Normal Form (CNF):
7. A boolean function is said to be symmetrical with respect to a propositional variable if substituting true or false for that propositional variable leads to an identical reduced formula in the remaining variables. For the following formulae determine in which variables they are symmetrical.
 - (a) $(\neg p_1 \wedge \neg p_2 \wedge \neg p_3) \vee (\neg p_1 \wedge p_2 \wedge p_3) \vee (p_1 \wedge \neg p_2 \wedge \neg p_3) \vee (p_1 \wedge p_2 \wedge p_3)$
 - (b) $(\neg p_1 \wedge \neg p_2 \wedge \neg p_3) \vee (\neg p_1 \wedge p_2 \wedge \neg p_3) \vee (p_1 \wedge \neg p_2 \wedge p_3) \vee (p_1 \wedge p_2 \wedge p_3)$
 - (c) $(\neg p_1 \wedge p_2 \wedge \neg p_3) \vee (\neg p_1 \wedge p_2 \wedge p_3) \vee (p_1 \wedge \neg p_2 \wedge \neg p_3) \vee (p_1 \wedge \neg p_2 \wedge p_3)$
 - (d) $(\neg p_1 \wedge \neg p_2 \wedge \neg p_3) \vee (\neg p_1 \wedge \neg p_2 \wedge p_3) \vee (\neg p_1 \wedge p_2 \wedge \neg p_3) \vee (p_1 \wedge p_2 \wedge p_3)$
8. Construct a boolean formula over 3 propositional variables such that it has exactly 5 assignments that make it true. Write it down in the form of a truth table. How many such possible formulae are there? Convert the truth table into a formula with only \wedge and \neg . Do the same with only \vee and \neg .
9. Write a long formula with \wedge , \neg and \vee and convert it into a formula involving only \neg and \Rightarrow .

10. Statement 1: $\exists x$, such that $\forall y$, $x - y = 5$, where $x \in \mathcal{R}$ and $y \in \mathcal{R}$.
Statement 2: $\forall x$, $\exists y$, such that $x - y = 5$, where $x \in \mathcal{R}$ and $y \in \mathcal{R}$.

Which of the two statements is correct?

11. $\phi = ((p_1 \Rightarrow (p_2 \vee (\neg p_1 \wedge (p_3 \vee \neg(p_1 \Rightarrow p_3)))))) \vee (\neg p_1 \wedge (p_2 \vee \neg p_3))$. Write the cascading set of formulae involving fewer variables by setting first $p_1 = T$ and next, $p_1 = F$. Reduce these formulae further by setting p_2 to the two values in succession. If you get ϕ to be true at some stage make a note of it. This means the formula is true regardless of the truth values of unassigned variables.