# **Assignment 2 question 1 sample solution**

Let NNF (abbreviation for "Negation Normal Form") be the set of boolean formulas that have negations only applied to variables.  $A \equiv B$  means A is logically equivalent to B.

Lemma:  $\forall C_1, C_2, C_1', C_2' \in \mathcal{F}$ .  $C_1 \equiv C_1'$  and  $C_2 \equiv C_2'$  implies

- $C_1 \wedge C_2 \equiv C_1' \wedge C_2'$
- $C_1 \vee C_2 \equiv C_1' \vee C_2'$
- $\neg C_1 \equiv \neg C_1'$

# 1.(a)

First we prove  $\forall A \in \mathcal{F}$ . T(A),  $N(A) \in NNF$ . This is by structural induction on the recursive definition of  $\mathcal{F}$ .

- 1. Case  $A = X_i$  for some  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ . T(A) has no negation symbols, and N(A) is a negation symbol applied to a variable, so both are in NNF
- 2. Case  $A = A_1 \wedge A_2$ , or  $A = A_1 \vee A_2$ , or  $A = \neg A_1$ . Note that for these formulas, neither N nor T add negation symbols to the results of their recursive calls. Since the IH gives us that  $T(A_1)$ ,  $T(A_2)$ ,  $N(A_1)$ ,  $N(A_2)$  are all in NNF, it follows that the right-hand sides of the equations defining T and F for non-variable inputs are all in NNF

Now we prove  $\forall A \in \mathcal{F}$ .  $T(A) \equiv A$  and  $F(A) \equiv \neg A$  by structural induction on the definition of  $\mathcal{F}$ .

- 1. Case  $A = X_i$  for some  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ .  $T(X_i) = X_i$ , so  $T(X_i) \equiv X_i$ .  $N(X_i) = \neg X_i$ , so  $N(X_i) \equiv \neg X_i$ .
- 2. Case  $A = A_1 * A_2$ , where \* is  $\wedge$  or  $\vee$ .
  - By the IH,  $T(A_1) \equiv A_1$  and  $T(A_2) \equiv A_2$ . By the Lemma,  $T(A_1) * T(A_2) \equiv A_1 * A_2$ . Also by the IH,  $N(A_1) \equiv \neg A_1$  and  $N(A_2) \equiv \neg A_2$ . Using those facts:
    - $N(A_1 \land A_2) = N(A_1) \lor N(A_2)$ , and the Lemma implies  $N(A_1) \lor N(A_2) \equiv \neg A_1 \lor \neg A_2 \equiv \neg (A_1 \land A_2)$ . Similarly:
    - $N(A_1 \lor A_2) = N(A_1) \land N(A_2)$ , and the Lemma implies  $N(A_1) \land N(A_2) \equiv \neg A_1 \land \neg A_2 \equiv \neg (A_1 \lor A_2)$ .
- 3. Case  $A = \neg B$ .  $T(\neg B) = N(B)$  by definition, and  $N(B) \equiv \neg B$  by the IH for B, so  $T(\neg B) \equiv \neg B$ .  $N(\neg B) = T(B)$  by definition, and  $T(B) \equiv B$  by the IH for B, so  $N(\neg B) \equiv B$ . Since  $B \equiv \neg (\neg B)$ , by transitivity of  $\equiv$ , have  $N(\neg B) \equiv \neg (\neg B)$ , which is what we needed to show.

# 1.(b)

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def nnf(C):
    if type(C) == int:  # C is a variable
        return C
    elif len(C) == 2:  # C is a negated formula ¬D
        (_, D) = C
        if type(D) == int:  # D is a variable
        return C  # Since C is already in NNF
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elif len(D) == 2:  # C is a double negation ¬¬A for some A
    (_, A) = D
    return nnf(A)
else:  # len(D) == 3. D is ¬(A ∧ B) or ¬(A ∨ B) for some A,B
    (A, op, B) = D
    otherop = "and" if op == "or" else "or"
    return ( nnf(("not", A)), otherop, nnf(("not", B)) )
else:  # len(C) == 3. C is (A ∧ B) or (A ∨ B) for some A,B
    (A, op, B) = C
    return ( nnf(A), op, nnf(B) )
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## 1.(c)

We adapt the proof from 1.(a).

Let size :  $\mathcal{F} \to \mathcal{F}$  be the function that counts the number of logical connective occurrences (i.e. strings) that occur in the nested tuple (or size(i) = 0 for i  $\in \mathbb{N}$ ). Other size functions that work well are the maximum depth of the formula, and the number of connectives plus the number of variables.

First we prove  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .  $\forall C \in \mathcal{F}$ . size(C) = n implies  $nnf(C) \in NNF$ . This is by complete induction. Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  be arbitrary. Assume the claim holds for all n' < n, i.e.  $\forall n' < n$ .  $\forall A \in \mathcal{F}$ . size(A) = n' implies  $nnf(A) \in NNF$ . Let C be an arbitrary formula of  $\mathcal{F}$  of size n.

- 1. Case n = 0. Then C is a variable i, and nnf(C) = i, which has no negation symbols, and thus is trivially in NNF.
- 2. Case n ≥ 1, and C is a tuple of the form (A, op, B) for op ∈ {"and","or"}, where A and B are strictly smaller than C according to size; i.e. size(A), size(B) < n. Thus we may use the IH at the numbers size(A) and size(B). Thus nnf(A) and nnf(B) are in NNF. The rest is the same as in part (a): nnf on input C returns the formula (nnf(A), op, nnf(B)), which has no additional negation symbols other than those in nnf(A) and nnf(B). Thus nnf(C) is in NNF as well.
- 3. Case  $n \ge 1$ , and C is a tuple of the form ("not", D).
  - 1. Subcase, D has the form ("not", A). The function returns nnf(A), which is in NNF by the IH.
  - 2. Subcase, D has the form (A, op, B). We use the IH on size(("not", A)) and size(("not, B)). This is justified because n = 1 + size(A) + size(B) + 1 (first 1 is for the ¬, second for op), and size(A) and size(B) are non-negative. Thus size(("not", A)) = 1 + size(A) < n and similarly for ("not", B). Finally, as with the earlier case, nnf does not add negations to the results of nnf(("not", A)) and nnf(("not", B)), so nnf(C) is in NNF.
  - 3. Subcase, D is a variable. Then C is already in NNF, and nnf(C) = C.

Now we prove  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .  $\forall C \in \mathcal{F}$ . size(C) = n implies  $nnf(C) \equiv C$ . This is by complete induction. Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  be arbitrary. Assume the claim holds for all n' < n, i.e.  $\forall n' < n$ .  $\forall A \in \mathcal{F}$ . size(A) = n' implies  $nnf(A) \equiv A$ . Let C be an arbitrary formula of  $\mathcal{F}$  of size n.

- 1. Case n = 0. Then C is a variable i, and nnf(i) = i. Every formula is logically equivalent to itself.
- 2. Case n = 1, and C is ("not", i) for some natural i. nnf(C) = C, so this case is trivial as well.
- 3. Case  $n \ge 1$ , and C is ("not", ("not", A)), or (A, op, B), or ("not", (A, op, B)) for some op  $\in$  {"and", "or"}. Each case follows from the IH for size(A), size(B), size(A) + 1, size(B) + 1 (and the validity of this is argued in the previous proof about NNF), combined with one of the following facts about propositional logic:
  - $\circ$  A'  $\equiv$  A and B'  $\equiv$  B implies (A', op, B')  $\equiv$  (A, op, B)
  - $\circ \ X \equiv ("not",A) \ and \ Y \equiv ("not",B) \ implies \ (X,"or",Y) \equiv (("not",(A,"and",B))) \ and \ (X,"and",Y)$

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\equiv (("not", (A, "or", B)))
\circ A' \equiv A \text{ implies } A' \equiv ("not", ("not", A))
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### Assignment 2

### Solutions to Question 2

(1) Posted separately.

(2)

(a) **Termination**: see (c), which never mentions  $k_i$  nor  $l_i$ , so can be read for this code.

**Invariant** I'. For  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , let I'(i) be:  $a_i = k_i m$  and  $b_i = l_i n$ .

Prove I' is true for all natural numbers, by Simple Induction.

<u>I'(0)</u>. From code:  $a_0 = m = 1 \cdot m = k_0 m$  and  $b_0 = n = 1 \cdot n = l_0 n$ .

Inductive Step. Let  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ .

 $\overline{\text{(IH) Assume } I'}$  (i), and an i+1st iteration, in particular  $a_i \neq b_i$ .

• Case  $a_i < b_i$ .

From code:  $b_{i+1} = b_i$  and  $l_{i+1} = l_i$ , so they still have the required relationship.

From code, (IH), algebra, and code:  $a_{i+1} = a_i + m = k_i m + m = (k_i + 1) m = k_{i+1} m$ .

• Case  $b_i < a_i$  [just mirrors the previous case].

From code:  $a_{i+1} = a_i$  and  $k_{i+1} = k_i$ , so they still have the required relationship.

From code, (IH), algebra, and code:  $b_{i+1} = b_i + n = l_i n + n = (l_i + 1) n = l_{i+1} n$ .

**Post-Condition**: At termination index t the loop condition says  $a_t = b_t$ .

Then by I'(t):  $b_t = l_t n$  and  $b_t = a_t = k_t m$ .

- (b) See (c), which never mentions  $k_i$  nor  $l_i$ , and proves the new part of the post-condition.
- (c) Invariant I. For  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , let I(i) be:
  - $a_i$  is a positive multiple of m and  $b_i$  is a positive multiple of n
  - if c is a positive multiple of both m and n then  $a_i \leq c$  and  $b_i \leq c$

Prove I is true for all natural numbers, by Simple Induction.

 $\underline{I(0)}$ . From code:  $a_0 = m = 1 \cdot m$  and  $b_0 = n = 1 \cdot n$ , which are the smallest positive multiples of m and n, respectively. Inductive Step. Let  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ .

 $\overline{\text{(IH) Assume } I}(i)$ , and an i+1st iteration, in particular  $a_i \neq b_i$ .

Let c be a positive multiple of both m and n, i.e.  $c = \alpha m = \beta n$  for positive natural numbers  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .

From (IH):  $a_i \leq c$  and  $b_i \leq c$ .

• Case  $a_i < b_i$ .

From code:  $b_{i+1} = b_i$ , so  $b_{i+1}$  still has the required properties from the (IH).

And from (IH):  $a_i = km$  for a positive natural number k.

So  $km = a_i < b_i \le c = \alpha m$ .

Dividing by positive number m:  $k < \alpha$ , which for integers means  $k \le \alpha - 1$ .

From code:  $a_{i+1} = a_i + m = km + m = (k+1)m$ , a positive multiple of m.

And  $(k+1) m \leq (\alpha - 1 + 1) m = c$ , so  $a_{i+1}$  is at most c.

• Case  $b_i < a_i$  [just mirrors the previous case].

From code:  $a_{i+1} = a_i$ , so  $a_{i+1}$  still has the required properties from the (IH).

And from (IH):  $b_i = ln$  for a positive natural number l.

So  $ln = b_i < a_i \le c = \beta n$ .

Dividing by positive number  $n: l < \beta$ , which for integers means  $l \leq \beta - 1$ .

From code:  $b_{i+1} = b_i + n = ln + n = (l+1)n$ , a positive multiple of n.

And (l+1)  $n \leq (\beta - 1 + 1)$  n = c, so  $b_{i+1}$  is at most c.

Variant:  $mn - \min(a_i, b_i)$ .

From the precondition: m and n are positive natural numbers.

From I(i):  $a_i$  and  $b_i$  are multiples of m and n, so are integers, so the variant is always an integer.

An iteration increases the minimum of  $a_i$  and  $b_i$  by positive number m or n, so the variant decreases.

From I(i):  $a_i$  and  $b_i$  are at most mn since that is a positive multiple of m and of n.

So the variant is non-negative, so always a natural number.

A proper variant shows the loop terminates.

**Post-Condition**: At termination index t, the loop condition says  $a_t = b_t$ .

By I(t): if c is a positive multiple of both m and n then  $b_t \leq c$ , and  $b_t = a_t$  is a positive multiple of both n and m.