

# COMS 3003A

## Solutions to HW 8

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Reading: Leary & Kristiansen, Chapter 1.

1. Consider the standard model of arithmetic  $\omega$ , i.e. the set of natural numbers with the usual relations and operations. We assume that the language of arithmetic has been extended, using definitions, with binary predicate letters  $<$  and  $\leq$  (see HW 7 for details). Determine if the following sentences are true or false in  $\omega$ :

(a)  $\forall x \exists y x < y$ ;

True: Choose an arbitrary  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  as the value for  $x$ ; surely, we can find  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , as the value for  $y$ , such that  $n < m$  is true (for example, pick  $m = n + 1$ ).

(b)  $\forall y \exists x x < y$ ;

False: Assign 0 to  $y$ ; we cannot find the value for  $x$  that makes  $x < y$  true.

(c)  $\exists x \forall y x \leq y$ ;

True: Choose an arbitrary  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  as the value for  $x$ ; surely, we can find  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , as the value for  $y$ , such that  $n < m$  is true (for example, pick  $m = n + 1$ ).

(d)  $\exists y \forall x x + y = x$ ;

True: Assign 0 to  $y$ ; then, whichever value we pick for  $x$ , it is true that  $x + y = x$ .

(e)  $\exists x \forall y x + y = x$ ;

False: Whichever value we pick for  $x$ , we can always find a value for  $y$  that makes  $x + y = x$  false; indeed, suppose we picked  $n$  for the value of  $x$ ; then, picking 1 for  $y$  will make  $x + y = x$  false.

(f)  $\exists x \forall y \neg(S(y) = x)$ ;

True: Assign 0 to  $x$ ; then, whichever value we pick for  $y$ , it is false that  $S(y) = x$ , and hence true that  $\neg(S(y) = x)$ .

(g)  $\exists y \forall x \neg(S(y) = x)$ .

False: Suppose we assign  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  to  $y$ . Then, surely, there exists a number  $m$  such that  $S(n) = m$ , namely  $m = n + 1$ . Hence, it's not true that, for every value of  $x$ , it is true that  $\neg(S(y) = x)$ .

2. For each of the following formulas, find a model where the formula is true and a model where the formula is false:

(a)  $\forall x R(x, x)$ ;

True:  $M = (D, I)$ , where  $D = \{a\}$  and  $I(R) = \{\langle a, a \rangle\}$ .

False:  $M = (D, I)$ , where  $D = \{a\}$  and  $I(R) = \emptyset$ .

(b)  $\forall x \forall y (R(x, y) \rightarrow R(y, x))$ ;

True:  $M = (D, I)$ , where  $D = \{a, b\}$  and  $I(R) = \{\langle a, b \rangle, \langle b, a \rangle\}$ .

False:  $M = (D, I)$ , where  $D = \{a, b\}$  and  $I(R) = \{\langle a, b \rangle\}$ .

(c)  $\forall x \forall y \forall z (R(x, y) \wedge R(y, z) \rightarrow R(x, z))$ ;

True:  $M = (D, I)$ , where  $D = \{a, b\}$  and  $I(R) = \{\langle a, b \rangle, \langle b, b \rangle\}$ .

False:  $M = (D, I)$ , where  $D = \{a, b\}$  and  $I(R) = \{\langle a, b \rangle, \langle b, a \rangle\}$ .

(d)  $\forall x \forall y (R(x, y) \rightarrow \exists z (R(x, z) \wedge R(z, y)))$ ;

True:  $M = (D, I)$ , where  $D = \{a, b\}$  and  $I(R) = \{\langle a, a \rangle, \langle a, b \rangle\}$ .

False:  $M = (D, I)$ , where  $D = \{a, b\}$  and  $I(R) = \{\langle a, b \rangle\}$ .

(e)  $\exists x P(x) \rightarrow \forall x P(x)$ ;

True:  $M = (D, I)$ , where  $D = \{a\}$  and  $I(P) = \{a\}$ .

False:  $M = (D, I)$ , where  $D = \{a, b\}$  and  $I(P) = \{a\}$ .

(f)  $\forall x \exists y R(x, y)$ ;

True:  $M = (D, I)$ , where  $D = \{a\}$  and  $I(R) = \{\langle a, a \rangle\}$ .

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(h)  $\forall x \exists y R(x, y) \rightarrow \exists x \forall y R(y, x)$ ;

True:  $M = (D, I)$ , where  $D = \{a\}$  and  $I(R) = \{\langle a, a \rangle\}$ .

False:  $M = (D, I)$ , where  $D = \{a, b\}$  and  $I(R) = \{\langle a, b \rangle\}$ .

(i)  $\forall x \forall y \forall z (R(x, y) \wedge R(y, z) \rightarrow R(x, z)) \wedge \forall x \exists y R(x, y) \wedge \neg \forall x R(x, x)$ .

True:  $M = (D, I)$ , where  $D = \mathbb{N}$  and  $I(R) = \{\langle n, m \rangle : n < m\}$ .

False:  $M = (D, I)$ , where  $D = \{a\}$  and  $I(R) = \{\langle a, a \rangle\}$ .

3. Find out, for each of the following formulas, whether it is valid, i.e. true in every model, or not. Prove your claim.

(a)  $\forall x P(x) \wedge \forall x Q(x) \rightarrow \forall x (P(x) \wedge Q(x))$ ;

This formula is valid. Indeed, suppose otherwise. Then, there exists a model  $M = (D, I)$  and an assignment  $\alpha$  in  $M$  such that  $M \not\models \forall x P(x) \wedge \forall x Q(x) \rightarrow \forall x (P(x) \wedge Q(x))[\alpha]$ . Then,

(1)  $M \models \forall x P(x)[\alpha]$ .

(2)  $M \models \forall x Q(x)[\alpha]$ .

(3)  $M \not\models \forall x (P(x) \wedge Q(x))[\alpha]$ .

By (3), there exists  $\alpha' \stackrel{x}{=} \alpha$  such that

(4)  $M \not\models P(x) \wedge Q(x)[\alpha']$ ,

and so either

(5a)  $M \not\models P(x)[\alpha']$

or

(5b)  $M \not\models Q(x)[\alpha']$ .

But in either case, we obtain a contradiction: since  $\alpha' \stackrel{x}{=} \alpha$ , from (1) we obtain

(6a)  $M \models P(x)[\alpha']$ ,

while from form (2) we obtain

(6b)  $M \models Q(x)[\alpha']$ .

(b)  $\forall x (P(x) \vee Q(x)) \rightarrow \forall x P(x) \vee \forall x Q(x)$ ;

This formula is not valid. Consider the model  $M = (D, I)$  where  $D = \{a, b\}$ ,  $I(P) = \{a\}$ , and  $I(Q) = \{b\}$ . Let  $\alpha$  be an arbitrary assignment in  $M$ . Then,  $M \models \forall x (P(x) \vee Q(x))[\alpha]$ , but  $M \not\models \forall x P(x)[\alpha]$  and  $M \not\models \forall x Q(x)[\alpha]$ , and so  $M \not\models \forall x P(x) \vee \forall x Q(x)[\alpha]$ .

(c)  $\exists x P(x) \wedge \exists x Q(x) \rightarrow \exists x (P(x) \wedge Q(x));$

This formula is not valid. To see this, consider the model from the previous question.

(d)  $\exists x (P(x) \vee Q(x)) \rightarrow \exists x P(x) \vee \exists x Q(x);$

This formula is valid. Indeed, suppose otherwise. Then, there exists a model  $M = (D, I)$  and an assignment  $\alpha$  in  $M$  such that  $M \not\models \exists x (P(x) \vee Q(x)) \rightarrow \exists x P(x) \vee \exists x Q(x)[\alpha]$ . Then,

(1)  $M \models \exists x (P(x) \vee Q(x))[\alpha].$

(2)  $M \not\models \exists x P(x)[\alpha].$

(3)  $M \not\models \exists x Q(x)[\alpha].$

By (3), there exists  $\alpha' \stackrel{x}{=} \alpha$  such that

(4)  $M \models P(x) \vee Q(x)[\alpha'],$

and so either

(5a)  $M \models P(x)[\alpha']$

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(6a)  $M \not\models P(x)[\alpha'],$

while from form (2) we obtain

(6b)  $M \not\models Q(x)[\alpha'].$

(e)  $\exists x \forall y R(y, x) \rightarrow \forall x \exists y R(x, y);$

This formula is valid. Indeed, suppose otherwise. Then, there exists a model  $M = (D, I)$  and an assignment  $\alpha$  in  $M$  such that  $M \not\models \exists x \forall y R(y, x) \rightarrow \forall x \exists y R(x, y)[\alpha]$ . Then,

(1)  $M \models \exists x \forall y R(y, x)[\alpha].$

(2)  $M \not\models \forall x \exists y R(x, y)[\alpha].$

By (1), there exists  $\beta \stackrel{x}{=} \alpha$  such that

(3)  $M \models \forall y R(y, x)[\beta].$

By (2), there exists  $\gamma \stackrel{x}{=} \alpha$  such that

(4)  $M \not\models \exists y R(x, y)[\gamma].$

By (4),  $M \not\models \exists y R(x, y)[\gamma']$ , for every assignment  $\gamma' \stackrel{y}{=} \gamma$ . In particular, if we consider the assignment  $\delta$  defined by  $\delta(y) = \beta(x)$  and  $\delta(z) = \gamma(z)$ , for every  $z \in Var - \{y\}$ , then, since  $\delta \stackrel{y}{=} \gamma$ ,

(5)  $M \not\models R(x, y)[\delta]$ , i.e.,  $\langle \delta(x), \delta(y) \rangle \notin I(R).$

Since  $\delta(y) = \beta(x)$ , it follows from (5) that

$$(6) \quad \langle \delta(x), \beta(x) \rangle \notin I(R).$$

Now, consider the assignment  $\beta'$  defined by  $\beta'(y) = \delta(x)$  and  $\beta'(z) = \beta(z)$ , for every  $z \in Var - \{y\}$ . Then,  $\beta' \stackrel{y}{=} \beta$ , and so, by (3),

$$(7) \quad M \models R(y, x)[\beta'], \text{ i.e., } \langle \beta'(y), \beta'(x) \rangle \in I(R).$$

Since  $\beta'(y) = \delta(x)$  and  $\beta'(x) = \beta(x) = \delta(y)$ , by (7),

$$(8) \quad \langle \delta(x), \delta(y) \rangle \in I(R),$$

in contradiction with (5).

$$(f) \quad \forall x (P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)) \rightarrow (\forall x P(x) \rightarrow \forall x Q(x)).$$

This formula is valid. Indeed, suppose otherwise. Then, there exists a model  $M = (D, I)$  and an assignment  $\alpha$  in  $M$  such that  $M \not\models \forall x (P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)) \rightarrow (\forall x P(x) \rightarrow \forall x Q(x))[\alpha]$ . Then,

$$(1) \quad M \models \forall x (P(x) \rightarrow Q(x))[\alpha].$$

$$(2) \quad M \models \forall x P(x)[\alpha].$$

$$(3) \quad M \not\models \forall x Q(x)[\alpha].$$

By (3), there exists  $\alpha' \stackrel{x}{=} \alpha$  such that

$$(4) \quad M \not\models Q(x)[\alpha'],$$

Since  $\alpha' \stackrel{x}{=} \alpha$ , it follows, by (1), that

$$(5) \quad M \models P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)[\alpha'], \text{ and so}$$

either

$$(5a) \quad M \not\models P(x)[\alpha'].$$

or

$$(5b) \quad M \models Q(x)[\alpha'].$$

Note that (5b) contradicts (4). In addition, it is not hard to see that (5a) contradicts (1): since  $\alpha' \stackrel{x}{=} \alpha$ , (1) implies that

$$(6) \quad M \models P(x)[\alpha'],$$

in contradiction with (1). Thus, in either case, we get a contradiction.

4. (a) Write a sentence  $\varphi$  without  $=$  that has the following properties:
- $\varphi$  is true in every model with a single individual;
  - for every  $n \geq 2$ , there exists a model with  $n$  individuals where  $\varphi$  is false.

$$\exists x P(x) \rightarrow \forall x P(x).$$

- (b) Write a formula with  $=$  that is true precisely in models with two individuals.

$$\exists x \exists y \neg(x = y) \wedge \forall z (z = x \vee z = y).$$

- (c) Write a formula with  $=$  that is true precisely in models with  $n$  individuals.

$$\exists x_1 \dots \exists x_n \bigwedge_{i \neq j} \neg(x_i = x_j) \wedge \forall y \bigvee_{1 \leq i \leq n} y = x_i.$$

- (d) Does there exist a formula without  $=$  that is true precisely in models with two individuals?

Such a formula does not exist. Suppose  $M = (D, I)$  is a model and  $\varphi$  is a formula without  $=$  such that  $M \models \varphi$ . Pick any  $a \in D$  and define a model  $M' = (D', I')$  by adding to  $M$  a clone of  $a$ , i.e., define  $D' = D \cup \{a'\}$ , and make  $a'$  behave in  $M'$  exactly as  $a$  behaves in  $M$  with respect to the interpretation of all non-logical symbols. Then,  $M' \models \varphi$ .

- (e) Write a formula without  $=$  that is satisfiable only in models with infinite domains.

$$\forall x \forall y \forall z (R(x, y) \wedge R(y, z) \rightarrow R(x, z)) \wedge \forall x \exists y R(x, y) \wedge \neg \forall x R(x, x).$$

- (f) Write a formula without  $=$  that is true in only in models with a finite domain.

The formulas from the previous question is true only in models with infinite domains. Therefore, its negation

$$\forall x \forall y \forall z (R(x, y) \wedge R(y, z) \rightarrow R(x, z)) \wedge \forall x \exists y R(x, y) \wedge \neg \forall x R(x, x)$$

can only be true in models with a finite domain.

5. Let  $\mathfrak{M}$  be a model, let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be assignments in  $\mathfrak{M}$ , and let  $\varphi$  be a sentence (i.e., a formula without free occurrences of variables). Prove, by induction on  $\varphi$ , that  $\mathfrak{M} \models \varphi[\alpha]$  if, and only if,  $\mathfrak{M} \models \varphi[\beta]$ .