

SOEN 331: Introduction to Formal Methods for  
Software Engineering

**Assignment 1**

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## 1 Problem 1 (8 pts)

### 1.1 Problem:

You are shown a set of four cards placed on a table, each of which has a **number** on one side and a **symbol** on the other side. The visible faces of the cards show the numbers **2** and **7**, and the symbols  $\square$ , and  $\bigcirc$ .

Which card(s) must you turn over in order to test the truth of the proposition that “*If a card has an odd number on one side, then it has the symbol  $\square$  on the other side*”? Explain your reasoning by deciding for each card whether it should be turned over and why.

### 1.2 Answer:

## 2 Problem 2 (8 pts)

### 2.1 Description

Consider the predicate  $asks(a, b)$  that is interpreted as “ $a$  has asked  $b$  out on a date.”

1. Translate the following into English:  $\forall a \exists b asks(a, b)$  and  $\exists b \forall a asks(a, b)$ .
2. Can we claim that  $\forall a \exists b asks(a, b) \rightarrow \exists b \forall a asks(a, b)$ ? Discuss in detail.
3. Can we claim that  $\exists b \forall a asks(a, b) \rightarrow \forall a \exists b asks(a, b)$ ? Discuss in detail.

### 2.2 Answer

1.  $\forall a \exists b asks(a, b) \rightarrow$  Every person has asked at least one person out on a date.  
  
 $\exists b \forall a asks(a, b) \rightarrow$  There is one person that have been asked out on a date by everyone else.
2. We cannot claim that  $\forall a \exists b asks(a, b) \rightarrow \exists b \forall a asks(a, b)$ . The first predicate states that everyone has asked out at least one person ( $b$ ) on a date. We have no information about the other person. Everyone could have asked someone different or they could have asked the same person. The predicate does not provide this information. The second predicate states that one person was asked out by everyone. Here it is specified that everyone asked out the same person. Therefore,  $\forall a \exists b asks(a, b) \rightarrow \exists b \forall a asks(a, b)$  is **false**.
3. We can confirm that it is justifiable to claim that  $\exists b \forall a asks(a, b) \rightarrow \forall a \exists b asks(a, b)$ . Indeed, claiming that someone have been asked out by everyone ( $\exists b \forall a asks(a, b)$ ) implies that everyone has asked out at least one person ( $\forall a \exists b asks(a, b)$ ). Therefore, the claim  $\exists b \forall a asks(a, b) \rightarrow \forall a \exists b asks(a, b)$  is true.

### 3 Problem 3 (12 pts)

#### 3.1 Formalize sentences and indicate formal type

Let's denote

$P(x)$ : scientist( $x$ ): “ $x$  is a scientist”

$Q(x)$ : honest( $x$ ): “ $x$  is honest”

We can formalize the statements as following

1. “No scientists are honest.” =  $\forall x, (P(x) \rightarrow \neg Q(x))$  = E form
2. “All scientists are crooked.” =  $\forall x, (P(x) \rightarrow \neg Q(x))$  = E form
3. “All scientists are honest.” =  $\forall x, (P(x) \rightarrow Q(x))$  = A form
4. “Some scientists are crooked.” =  $\exists x, (P(x) \wedge \neg Q(x))$  = O form
5. “Some scientists are honest.” =  $\exists x, (P(x) \wedge Q(x))$  = I form
6. “No scientist is crooked.” =  $\forall x, (P(x) \rightarrow Q(x))$  = A form
7. “Some scientists are not crooked.” =  $\exists x, (P(x) \wedge Q(x))$  = I form
8. “Some scientists are not honest.” =  $\exists x, (P(x) \wedge \neg Q(x))$  = O form

#### 3.2 Identify pairs that are contradictories, contraries, subcontraries, and pairs that support subalternation

##### 3.2.1 Pairs of contradictories

- (3) and (4)
- (6) and (4)
- (3) and (8)
- (6) and (8)
- (5) and (1)
- (5) and (2)
- (7) and (1)
- (7) and (2)

### **3.2.2 Pairs of contraries**

- (3) and (1)
- (6) and (1)
- (3) and (2)
- (6) and (2)

### **3.2.3 Pairs of subcontraries**

- (5) and (8)
- (7) and (8)
- (5) and (4)
- (7) and (4)

### **3.2.4 Pairs that support subalternation**

- Subaltern: (5) - Superaltern: (3)
- Subaltern: (5) - Superaltern: (6)
- Subaltern: (7) - Superaltern: (3)
- Subaltern: (7) - Superaltern: (6)
- Subaltern: (4) - Superaltern: (1)
- Subaltern: (4) - Superaltern: (2)
- Subaltern: (8) - Superaltern: (1)
- Subaltern: (8) - Superaltern: (2)

## 4 Problem 4 (12 pts)

Consider list  $\Lambda = \langle w, x, y, z \rangle$ , deployed to implement a Queue Abstract Data Type.

### 4.1 Enqueue and dequeue operations with head of list as front of queue

#### 4.1.1 enqueue( $el$ , $\Lambda$ )

$\Lambda' = \text{concat}(\Lambda, \text{list}(el));$

#### 4.1.2 dequeue( $\Lambda$ )

- $\text{element} = \text{head}(\Lambda);$
- $\Lambda' = \text{tail}(\Lambda);$

where 'element' is the return value of the operation.

### 4.2 Let head of A correspond to the rear of Queue

#### 4.2.1 cons( $el$ , $\Lambda$ )

**Result:**  $\langle el, w, x, y, z \rangle$

It's the correct implementation for operation **enqueue**( $el$   $\Lambda$ ) since it adds the new element to the rear of the queue (head of  $\Lambda$ ). Hence, it is acceptable since it implements the Queue protocol.

#### 4.2.2 list( $el$ , $\Lambda$ )

**Result:**  $\langle el, \langle w, x, y, z \rangle \rangle$

It's **not** the correct implementation for operation **enqueue**( $el$   $\Lambda$ ) since it creates list containing  $\Lambda$  as a list inside. Hence, it is not acceptable because it does not implement the Queue protocol.

#### 4.2.3 concat(list( $el$ ), $\Lambda$ )

**Result:**  $\langle el, w, x, y, z \rangle$

It's the correct implementation for operation **enqueue**( $el$   $\Lambda$ ) since it adds the new element to the rear of the queue (head of  $\Lambda$ ). Hence, it is acceptable since it implements the Queue protocol.

## 5 Problem 5 (12 pts)

### 5.1 Answer

	$R$	$S$	$T$	$U$
<b>Reflexive</b>	✓	×	×	✓
<b>Irreflexive</b>	×	×	✓	×
<b>Symmetric</b>	×	×	×	✓
<b>Asymmetric</b>	×	×	✓	×
<b>Antisymmetric</b>	×	✓	✓	×
<b>Transitive</b>	×	×	×	✓
<b>Equivalence</b>	×	×	×	✓
<b>Partial order</b>	×	×	×	×

#### Relation R

- Reflexive: Since  $(0,0), (1,1), (2,2), (3,3), (4,4) \in R$ , it is reflexive.
- Irreflexive: Not irreflexive since an element that is related to itself exists (i.e  $(0,0)$ ).
- Symmetric: Not symmetric since  $(3,1) \in R$ , but  $(1,3) \notin R$ .
- Asymmetric: Not asymmetric since  $(0,1), (1,0) \in R$ .
- Antisymmetric: Not antisymmetric since  $(0,1), (1,0) \in R$ , but  $0 \neq 1$ .
- Transitive: Not transitive since  $(1,0), (0,3) \in R$ , but  $(1,3) \notin R$ .
- Equivalence: Not an equivalence relation since it is not reflexive, symmetric and transitive.
- Partial order: Not a partial order relation since it is not reflexive, antisymmetric and transitive.

#### Relation S

- Reflexive: Not reflexive since  $(0,0) \notin S$ .
- Irreflexive: Not irreflexive since  $(1,1) \in S$ .
- Symmetric: Not symmetric since  $(0,1) \in S$ , but  $(1,0) \notin S$ .
- Asymmetric: Not asymmetric since  $(1,1) \in S$ , which is a self-loop.
- Antisymmetric: Since every element in  $S$  is not bidirectional except for self-loops, it is antisymmetric.
- Transitive: Not transitive since  $(2,3), (3,0) \in S$ , but  $(2,0) \notin S$ .
- Equivalence: Not an equivalence relation since it is not reflexive, symmetric and transitive.



- Partial order: Not a partial order relation since it is not reflexive, antisymmetric and transitive.

#### Relation T

- Reflexive: Not reflexive since  $(0,0) \notin S$ .
- Irreflexive: Since no element that is related to itself belongs to  $T$ , it is irreflexive.
- Symmetric: Not symmetric since  $(0,3) \in T$ , but  $(3,0) \notin T$ .
- Asymmetric: Since no element in  $T$  is bidirectional and there are no elements that are self-loops, it is asymmetric.
- Antisymmetric: Since the relation is asymmetric, it is antisymmetric.
- Transitive: Not transitive since  $(0,3), (3,2) \in S$ , but  $(0,2) \notin S$ .
- Equivalence: Not an equivalence relation since it is not reflexive, symmetric and transitive.
- Partial order: Not a partial order relation since it is not reflexive, antisymmetric and transitive.

#### Relation U

- Reflexive: Since  $(0,0), (1,1), (2,2), (3,3), (4,4) \in U$ , it is reflexive.
- Irreflexive: Not irreflexive since an element that is related to itself exists (i.e  $(0,0)$ ).
- Symmetric: Since every pair in  $U$  is bidirectional, it is symmetric.
- Asymmetric: Not asymmetric since  $(0,1), (1,0) \in U$ .
- Antisymmetric: Not antisymmetric since  $(0,1), (1,0) \in U$ , but  $0 \neq 1$ .
- Transitive: Since  $\forall a, b, c \in A: (aUb \wedge bUc) \rightarrow aUc$ , it is transitive.
- Equivalence: Since the relation is reflexive, symmetric and transitive, it is an equivalence relation.
- Partial order: Not a partial order relation since it is not reflexive, antisymmetric and transitive.

## 6 Problem 6 (8 pts)

### 6.1 Answer

Consider the relation “*is a subtype of*” as  $R$  over the set  $A = \{rectangle, quadrilateral, square, parallelogram, rhombus\}$ .

$R = \{(rectangle, quadrilateral), (rectangle, parallelogram), (square, rectangle), (square, quadrilateral), (square, parallelogram), (square, rhombus), (parallelogram, quadrilateral), (rhombus, quadrilateral), (rhombus, parallelogram), (rectangle, rectangle), (quadrilateral, quadrilateral), (square, square), (parallelogram, parallelogram), (rhombus, rhombus)\}$

1. In order for a relation to be an equivalence relation, it must be reflexive, symmetric and transitive.
  - $R$  is reflexive since every element in  $A$  is related to itself. That is,  $\forall a \in A : aRa$ .
  - $R$  is not symmetric since  $(rectangle, quadrilateral) \in R$ , but  $(quadrilateral, rectangle) \notin R$ .
  - $R$  is transitive since for elements  $a, b, c$  in the set  $A$ , if  $a$  and  $b$  are related by  $R$ , and  $b$  and  $c$  are related by  $R$ , then  $a$  and  $c$  are also related by  $R$ . That is,  $\forall a, b, c \in A : (aRb \wedge bRc) \rightarrow aRc$ .

Since the relation is reflexive, transitive, but not symmetric, it is not an equivalence relation.

2. In order for a relation to be a partial order relation, it must be reflexive, antisymmetric and transitive.
  - $R$  is antisymmetric since for elements  $a, b$  in the set  $A$ , if  $aRb$  and  $bRa$ , then  $a = b$ . In other words, there is no pair in  $R$  such that the reverse of this pair exists, unless the pair contains identical elements.

From the previous point, it has been concluded that  $R$  is reflexive and transitive. Since  $R$  is also antisymmetric, it is a partial order.

The Hasse diagram of  $R$  is shown in the following figure:

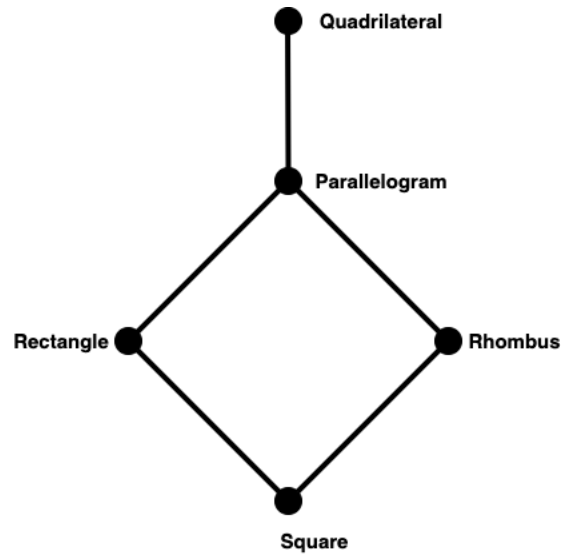


Figure 1: Hasse Diagram for Problem 6

From figure 1, it can be concluded that the maximal element is *Quadrilateral*, since it does not have any successors, and the minimal element is *Square*, since it does not have any predecessors.

## 7 Problem 7 (8 pts)

### 7.1 Description

Consider the set  $A = \{w, x, y, z\}$ , and the relations

$$S = \{(w, x), (w, y), (x, w), (x, x), (z, x)\}$$

$$T = \{(w, w), (w, y), (x, w), (x, x), (x, z), (y, w), (y, y), (y, z)\}$$

Find the following compositions:

1.  $S \circ T$
2.  $T \circ S$
3.  $T^{-1} \circ S^{-1}$

**NOTE:** Some authors (e.g. Rosen) adopt a different ordering of operands than the one we use in our lecture notes. Please follow the ordering (and the definition) of the lecture notes.

### 7.2 Answer

1.  $S \circ T = \{(w, w), (w, x), (w, z), (w, y), (x, w), (x, y), (x, x), (x, z), (z, w), (z, x), (z, z)\}$
2.  $T \circ S = \{(w, x), (w, y), (x, x), (x, y), (x, w), (y, y), (y, x)\}$
3.  $T^{-1} \circ S^{-1} = \{(w, x), (w, w), (w, z), (x, w), (x, x), (x, z), (y, x), (y, w), (z, w), (z, x), (z, z)\}$

## 8 Problem 8 (12 pts)

### 8.1 Description

Consider sets  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$  and  $B = \{a, b, c, d, e, f\}$ .

1. Determine the type of the correspondence in each of the following cases, or indicate if the correspondence is not a function.

(a)  $\{1 \mapsto b, 2 \mapsto c, 3 \mapsto e, 4 \mapsto d, 5 \mapsto f, 3 \mapsto a\}$

(b)  $\{1 \mapsto a, 2 \mapsto d, 3 \mapsto a, 4 \mapsto f, 5 \mapsto d, 6 \mapsto c\}$

(c)  $\{1 \mapsto c, 2 \mapsto b, 3 \mapsto d, 4 \mapsto e, 5 \mapsto e, 6 \mapsto f\}$

(d)  $\{1 \mapsto b, 2 \mapsto c, 3 \mapsto e, 4 \mapsto d, 5 \mapsto f, 6 \mapsto a\}$

Fill in the table below, using  $\checkmark$ , or  $\times$ .

	Injective	Surjective	Bijjective	Neither injective nor surjective	Not a function
(a)					$\checkmark$
(b)				$\checkmark$	
(c)				$\checkmark$	
(d)			$\checkmark$		

2. Is it possible to construct a function  $f: A \rightarrow B$  which is surjective and not injective? Discuss.

### 8.2 Answer

1. See table above
2. A function from  $A$  to  $B$  is an assignment of each element of the domain to exactly one element of the codomain. We know that a function is surjective if each of the elements of the codomain is mapped by at least one element of the domain.  
Therefore, if a function  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is to be surjective, all elements of  $A$  must point to one and only one element of  $B$  (definition of a function) and all elements of  $B$  must be pointed by at least one element of  $A$  (definition of a surjective function).  
Fianlly, we know that  $A$  and  $B$  have the same cardinality, namely 6. This yields that for  $f$  to be surjective, all elements of  $B$  have to be pointed by exactly one element of  $A$ , making  $f$  an injective function.  
In conclusion, given sets  $A$  and  $B$ , it is impossible for a function  $f: A \rightarrow B$  to be surjective without being injective.

## 9 Problem 9 (20 pts)

### 9.1 Description

Consider the following relation:

$$laptops : Model \leftrightarrow Brand$$

where

$$laptops = \{ \begin{array}{l} legion5 \mapsto lenovo, \\ macbookair \mapsto apple, \\ xps15 \mapsto dell, \\ spectre \mapsto hp, \\ xps13 \mapsto dell, \\ swift3 \mapsto acer, \\ macbookpro \mapsto apple, \\ dragonfly \mapsto hp, \\ envyx360 \mapsto hp \end{array} \}$$

1. What is the domain and the range of the relation?
2. What is the result of the expression

$$\{xps15, xps13, swift3, envyx360\} \triangleleft laptops$$

What is the meaning of perator  $\triangleleft$  and where would you deploy such operator in the context of a database management system?

3. What is the result of the expression

$$laptops \triangleright \{lenovo, hp\}$$

What is the meaning of operator  $\triangleright$  and where would you deploy such operator in the context of a database management system?

4. What is the result of the expression

$$\{legion5, xps15, xps13, dragonfly\} \triangleleft laptops$$

What is the meaning of operator  $\triangleleft$  and where would you deploy such operator in the context of a database management system?

5. What is the result of the expression

$$laptops \triangleright \{apple, dell, hp\}$$

What is the meaning of operator  $\triangleright$  and where would you deploy such operator in the context of a database management system?

6. Consider the following expression

$$laptop \oplus \{ideapad \mapsto lenovo\}$$

- (a) What is the result of the expression?
- (b) What is the meaning of operator  $\oplus$  and where would you deploy such operator in the context of a database management system?
- (c) Does the result of the expression have a permanent effect on the database (relation)? If not, describe in detail how would you ensure a permanent effect.

## 9.2 Answer