

CS 4710, Homework 1  
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Throughout this assignment the  $\sim$  symbol may be used to indicate negation ( $\neg$ ). The values  $T$  and  $F$  are also used to represent true ( $\top$ ) and false ( $\perp$ ), respectively. In the final question, longer expressions are sometimes given variable names (e.g.  $M = (P \downarrow P) \downarrow (Q \downarrow Q)$ ) to enhance legibility.

### 1. Prove that $\{\neg, \wedge\}$ is an expressively complete set of logical operators for PC.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P
P	Q	$\sim P$	$\sim Q$	$P \wedge Q$	$\sim P \wedge Q$	$P \wedge \sim Q$	$\sim P \wedge \sim Q$	$P \wedge \sim P$	$\sim(P \wedge \sim P)$	$\sim(\sim P \wedge Q)$	$\sim(P \wedge \sim Q)$	$(P \wedge Q) \wedge (\sim P \wedge \sim Q)$	$(P \wedge \sim Q) \wedge (\sim P \wedge Q)$	$\sim(\sim P \wedge \sim Q)$	$\sim(P \wedge Q)$
T	T	F	F	T	F	F	F	F	T	T	T	T	F	T	F
T	F	F	T	F	F	T	F	F	T	T	F	F	T	T	T
F	T	T	F	F	T	F	F	F	T	F	T	F	T	T	T
F	F	T	T	F	F	F	T	F	T	T	T	T	F	F	T

We have 16 possible valuations for any statement, all of which can be constructed with  $\{\neg, \wedge\}$ :

- TTTT - through combination J
- FFFF - through combination I
- TTTF - through combination O
- FTTT - through combination P
- TTFT - through combination K
- TFTT - through combination L
- TFFT - through combination M
- FTTF - through combination N
- TTFF - through combination A
- TFTF - through combination B
- FTFT - through combination D
- FFTT - through combination C
- TFFF - through combination E
- FTFF - through combination G
- FFTF - through combination F
- FFFT - through combination H

## 2. Prove that modus tollens is a valid inference rule in propositional calculus.

P	Q	$\sim P$	$\sim Q$	$P \rightarrow Q$	$(P \rightarrow Q) \wedge \sim Q$	$((P \rightarrow Q) \wedge \sim Q) \rightarrow \sim P$
T	T	F	F	T	F	<b>T</b>
T	F	F	T	F	F	<b>T</b>
F	T	T	F	T	F	<b>T</b>
F	F	T	T	T	T	<b>T</b>

Given  $\sim Q$  and  $P \rightarrow Q$  are true, we find  $(P \rightarrow Q) \wedge \sim Q \rightarrow \sim P$  is also always true, meaning it is a tautology. This proves modus tollens - that  $P \rightarrow Q, \sim Q \vdash \sim P$ .

## 3. Prove soundness for PC (if $S \vdash P$ , then $S \models P$ ) using mathematical induction.

*Proof by induction on the construction of derivations:*

Fact: If  $S \vdash P$ , there exists a sequence (by the definition of  $\vdash$  and deduction)  $R_1, \dots, R_n$  where  $R_n = P$ . We need to demonstrate that  $S \models R_n$ .

*Base case ( $k=1$ ).* Prove  $R_1$  is a deduction of  $R_1$  from  $S$ . There are three possibilities for  $R_1$ 's inclusion in such a deduction (by definition):

1.  $R_1$  is a tautology. Note that  $Q \models R_1$  for any statement  $Q$ , by the definition of entailment and the definition of tautology. Thus  $S \models R_1$ .
2.  $R_1 \in S$ . Here,  $S \models R_1$  as any  $V$  satisfying  $S$  must satisfy all of its members.
3.  $R_1$  is derivable from earlier elements of the series by MP. Note that  $R_1$  is the only element in the series, therefore this case is trivially proven (MP requires two statements).

*Step.* Inductive hypothesis: For all  $m \leq n$ , if  $R_1, \dots, R_m$  is a deduction of  $R_m$  from  $S$ , then  $S \models R_m$ . We have the same three cases to deal with as before.

1.  $R_m$  is a tautology. Note that  $Q \models R_m$  for any statement  $Q$ , by the definition of entailment and the definition of tautology. Thus  $S \models R_m$ .
2.  $R_m \in S$ . Here,  $S \models R_m$  as any  $V$  satisfying  $S$  must satisfy all of its members.
3.  $R_m$  is derivable from earlier elements of the series by MP.  
Given a number  $m \leq n$ ,  $R_m$  is in the sequence  $R_1, \dots, R_n$ . We have already derived  $R_1$  meaning that  $S \vdash R_1$ , and because  $R_m$  is in the sequence  $R_1, \dots, R_n$ ,  $R_m$  is a deduction from  $R_1$ . We can show by modus ponens (MP), the definition of  $\vdash$ , and induction that  $S \vdash R_m$  and  $R_m$  is thus derivable from earlier elements of the series.

Now given  $S \vdash R_m \Rightarrow S \models R_m$  in our inductive hypothesis, we can show  $S \vdash R_{m+1} \Rightarrow S \models R_{m+1}$ .

Any number  $m+1 \leq n$  is still within the sequence  $R_1, \dots, R_n$  and is therefore a deduction from  $R_1$ , meaning it too will be derivable from earlier elements of the series via modus ponens such that  $S \vdash R_{m+1}$ . Because we have found  $S \vdash R_{m+1}$  and  $S \vdash R_m$  via modus ponens, by the definition of MP there must be two statements in the sequence, which we will  $R_i$  and  $R_j$ . By the definition of modus ponens  $R_i$  represents a preceding statement of the sequence  $P$ , and  $R_j$  represents that  $P \rightarrow R_{m+1}$ .  $R_i$  and  $R_j$  are elements of the sequence that are derivable from previous statements ( $S \vdash R_i, S \vdash R_j$ ), and so given our inductive hypothesis we know  $S \models R_i, S \models R_j$ . Thus the only relevant valuations of  $R_i$  and  $R_j$  are "true" when we come to construct our truth table. Wherever  $R_i$  and  $R_j$  are true,  $R_{m+1}$  will also be true via MP, so  $S \models R_{m+1}$  and thus soundness in the inductive step ( $S \vdash R_{m+1} \Rightarrow S \models R_{m+1}$ ) holds.

$R_i (P)$	$R_j (P \rightarrow R_{m+1})$	$R_{m+1}$
T	T	T

**4. Let  $A$  be a set of atomic statements, and  $|A|$  denote the number of elements in  $A$  (its cardinality). Let  $V_{\text{all}}$  denote the set of all possible valuations for  $A$ . Prove that  $|V_{\text{all}}| = 2^{|A|}$ .**

*Proof:*

We can write  $A$  as a set of atomic statements  $A = \{a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n\}$  where the cardinality of  $A$  is  $n$  ( $|A| = n$ ). Due to the principle of bivalence, the valuation of any one atomic statement is "one (and only one) member of  $\{\top, \perp\}$ ." The cardinality of  $\{\top, \perp\}$  is 2, meaning every atomic statement can take on two possible values. We can then use the fundamental counting principle, which says that to find the total outcomes of a scenario one must multiply the total number of outcomes for each individual event. Therefore, each additional statement added to  $A$  doubles the number of possible valuations in  $V_{\text{all}}$ .

Knowing  $V_{\text{all}}$  denotes the set of all possible valuations for  $A$ ,  $|V_{\text{all}}| = 2 * 2 * 2 \dots * 2$  where there are  $n$  distinct elements, meaning 2 is multiplied by itself  $n$  times. Therefore,  $|V_{\text{all}}| = 2^n = 2^{|A|}$ .

## 5. Prove that the Pierce arrow is expressively complete.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P
P	Q	$P \downarrow Q$	$(P \downarrow Q) \downarrow Q$	$(P \downarrow Q) \downarrow P$	$P \downarrow P$	$Q \downarrow Q$	$(P \downarrow Q) \downarrow (P \downarrow Q)$	$(P \downarrow P) \downarrow P$	$I \downarrow I$	$E \downarrow E$	$D \downarrow D$	$(P \downarrow P) \downarrow (Q \downarrow Q)$	$M \downarrow M$	$M \downarrow C$	$O \downarrow O$
T	T	F	F	F	F	F	T	F	T	T	T	T	F	F	T
T	F	F	T	F	F	T	T	F	T	T	F	F	T	T	F
F	T	F	F	T	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	T	F
F	F	T	F	F	T	T	F	F	T	T	T	F	T	F	T

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- FFFT - through combination C