

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	T
T	F	F	T	F	F	T
F	T	T	F	T	F	T
F	F	T	T	T	T	T

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_{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_{all} .

Knowing V_{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
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