



Solving the first five cases

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The First Five Cases [1]

A week after his last adventures, Craig was preparing to return home when he suddenly received an emergency call to go to Transylvania to help solve some baffling cases. Transylvania is inhabited by both vampires and humans; the vampires lie and humans always tell the truth. However, half of the inhabitants, both human and vampire and human, are insane. Sane humans and insane vampires both make only true statements, while insane humans and sane vampires always lie.

Each of Craig's first five cases involved two inhabitants. In each case, it was already known that one of them was a vampire and the other was human, but it was not known which was which. Nothing was known except in case 5, about the sanity of either. The cases are as follow:

The first case involved two sisters named Lucy and Minna, and Craig had to determine which one was a vampire. As indicated above, nothing was known about the sanity of either. Here is the transcript of the investigation:

Craig(to Lucy): Tell me something about yourselves.

Lucy: We are both insane.

Craig(to Minna): Is that true?

Minna: of course not!

The next case was that of the Lugosi brothers. Both had the first name of Bela.

Again, one was a vampire and one was not. They made the following statements:

Bela the Elder: I am human.

Bela the Younger: I am human.

Bela the Elder: My brother is sane.

The third case involved another pair of brothers, Michael and Peter Karloff. Here is what they said:

Michael: I am a vampire.

Peter: My brother and I are alike as far as our sanity goes.

The fourth case involved a father and a son whose surname was Turgenief.

Craig(to the father): Are you both sane or both insane, or are you different in this respect?

Father: At least one of us is insane.

Son: That is quite true!

Father: I, of course, am not a vampire.

The fifth case involved a pair of twins, Karl and Martha Dracula. One of them was insane and the other was not, but Craig had no idea which was which.

Karl: My sister is a vampire.

Martha: My brother is insane!

Who were vampires and who were humans?

Solutions

There is a principle that will apply in several of the solutions that follow and which we will establish in advance - namely that if a Transylvanian says he is human, then he must be sane, and if he says he is a vampire, then he must be insane. The reason is simple: suppose he says he is human. Now, his statement is either true or false. If his statement is true, then he really is a sane human. If the statement is false he is an sane vampire, because only sane vampires tell lies. The same logic applies to the insane. So, the solutions are as follow:

- 1) Lucy's statement is either true or false. If it is true, then both sisters are really insane, hence Lucy is insane, and the only insane Transylvanian who can make a true statement is an insane vampire. So, if Lucy's statement is true, she is a vampire. Suppose her statement is false, then at least one of the sisters is sane. If Lucy is sane, then, since she has made a false statement she must be a vampire. Supposing Lucy is insane, then it must be Minna who is sane. Also, Minna, by contradicting Lucy's false statement, has made a true statement, so Lucy is the vampire and Minna is human.
- 2) Both Lugosi brothers claim to be, therefore both must be sane. Bela the Elder makes a true statement when he says that his brother is sane. So Bela the Elder is both sane and makes true statements, hence he is human and Bela the Younger is the vampire
- 3) Since Michael claims to be a vampire, he is insane, and since Peter claims to be human, he is sane. So Michael is insane and Peter is sane; thus the two brothers are not alike as far as their sanity goes. Therefore, Michael's second statement is false, and since Michael is insane, he must be human. Therefore, Peter is the vampire
- 4) Father and son agree in answering the question about their sanity. This means that they either both make true statements or both make false statements. But, since only one of them is human, they must necessarily be different as regards their sanity. If they are both sane, the one who is human would make true statements and the vampire would make false statements, and they could never agree; if they are both insane, the human would make false statements and the vampire would make true statements and the vampire would make true statements, and again could never agree. This proves that both of them make true statements. Then, since the father says he is not a vampire, he really isn't. So it is the son who is the vampire.
- 5) Suppose Martha is the vampire. Then Karl is human and also Karl has made a true statement; hence Karl in this case has to be a sane human. This would make Martha an insane vampire, since, as we have been told, Karl and Martha are different as regards their sanity. But then Martha, an insane vampire, would have made a false statement - that Karl is insane- which insane vampires cannot do. Therefore, the assumption is false, and Karl is the vampire.

Human or Vampire	human	human	vampire	vampire
Sane or Insane	sane	insane	sane	insane
Truth or Lie	T	L	L	T

Mace4 Solutions

Listing 1: Lucy and Minna

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1 formulas(assumptions).
2 %human/vampire
3 % h1 : lucy e om
4 %¬h1 : lucy e vampir
5 % h2 : minna e om
6 %¬h2 : minna e vampir
7
8 %sane/insane
9 % s1 : lucy nu e nebuna
10 %¬s1 : lucy e nebuna
11 % s2 : minna nu e nebuna
12 %¬s2 : numma e nebuna
13
14 %dialog
15 %d1 = ce spune lucy
16 %d2 = ce spune minna
17 %%%%%%
18
19 %un vampir si un om
20 (h1 & ¬h2) | (¬h1 & h2).
21
22 %lucy: we are both insane
23 d1 <=> (¬s1 & ¬s2).
24
25 %minna: both of us aren't insane
26 d2 <=> ¬d1.
27
28 %aici luam toate cazurile posibile de vampirism si nebunie in urmatorul fel:
29 %Sane Human => True
30 %Insane Human => False
31 %Sane Vampire => False
32 %Insane Vampire => True
33
34 (¬h1 & ¬s1) -> d1.
35 (¬h1 & s1) -> ¬d1.
36 ( h1 & ¬s1) -> ¬d1.
37 ( h1 & s1) -> d1.
38
39 (¬h2 & ¬s2) -> d2.
40 (¬h2 & s2) -> ¬d2.
41 ( h2 & ¬s2) -> ¬d2.
42 ( h2 & s2) -> d2.
43
44 end_of_list.
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hulea@hulea-VirtualBox:~/Desktop$ mace4 -c -n 2 -m -1 -f lucy_minna.in | interpformat
==== Mace4 starting on domain size 2. ====
----- process 3363 exit (all_models) -----
Interpretation( 2, [number = 1,seconds = 0], [
    relation(d1, [0]),
    relation(d2, [1]),
    relation(h1, [0]),
    relation(h2, [1]),
    relation(s1, [1]),
    relation(s2, [1])].
Interpretation( 2, [number = 2,seconds = 0], [
    relation(d1, [1]),
    relation(d2, [0]),
    relation(h1, [0]),
    relation(h2, [1]),
    relation(s1, [0]),
    relation(s2, [0])].
hulea@hulea-VirtualBox:~/Desktop$ mace4 -c -n 2 -m -1 -f lugosi.in | interpformat
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Listing 2: Lugosi

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1 formulas( assumptions ).  

2 %human/vampire  

3 % h1 : fratele mare e om  

4 %¬h1 : fratele mare e vampir  

5 % h2 : fratele mic e om  

6 %¬h2 : fratele mic e vampir  

7  

8 %sane/insane  

9 % s1 : fratele mare nu e nebun  

10 %¬s1 : fratele mare e nebun  

11 % s2 : fratele mic nu e nebun  

12 %¬s2 : fratele mic e nebun  

13  

14 %dialog  

15 %d1 = ce spune fratele mare  

16 %d2 = ce spune fratele mic  

17 %%%%%%  

18  

19 %un vampir si un om  

20 (h1 & ¬h2) | (¬h1 & h2).  

21  

22 %fratele mare: i am human, my brother is sane  

23 d1 <-> h1 & s2.  

24  

25 %fratele mic: i am human  

26 d2 <-> h2.  

27  

28 %aici luam toate cazurile posibile de vampirism si nebunie in urmatorul fel:  

29 %Sane Human => True  

30 %Insane Human => False  

31 %Sane Vampire => False  

32 %Insane Vampire => True  

33  

34 (¬h1 & ¬s1) -> d1.  

35 (¬h1 & s1) -> ¬d1.  

36 ( h1 & ¬s1) -> -d1.  

37 ( h1 & s1) -> d1.  

38  

39 (¬h2 & ¬s2) -> d2.  

40 (¬h2 & s2) -> -d2.  

41 ( h2 & ¬s2) -> -d2.  

42 ( h2 & s2) -> d2.  

43  

44 end_of_list .

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hulea@hulea-VirtualBox:~/Desktop$ mace4 -c -n 2 -m -1 -f lugosi.in | interpformat
==== Mace4 starting on domain size 2. ====
----- process 3365 exit (all_models) -----
Interpretation( 2, [number = 1,seconds = 0], [
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    relation(d2, [1]),
    relation(h1, [0]),
    relation(h2, [1]),
    relation(s1, [1]),
    relation(s2, [1])].
Interpretation( 2, [number = 2,seconds = 0], [
    relation(d1, [1]),
    relation(d2, [0]),
    relation(h1, [1]),
    relation(h2, [0]),
    relation(s1, [1]),
    relation(s2, [1])].

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Listing 3: Michael and Peter

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1 formulas( assumptions ) .
2 %human/vampire
3 % h1 : michael e om
4 %¬h1 : michael e vampir
5 % h2 : peter e om
6 %¬h2 : peter e vampir
7
8 %sane/insane
9 % s1 : michael nu e nebun
10 %¬s1 : michael e nebun
11 % s2 : peter nu e nebun
12 %¬s2 : peter e nebun
13
14 %dialog
15 %d1 = ce spune michael
16 %d2 = ce spune peter
17 %%%%%%
18
19 %un vampir si un om
20 (h1 & ¬h2) | (¬h1 & h2) .
21
22 %michael: i am vampire , we have the same sanity
23 d1 <=> ¬h1 & ((s1 & s2) | (¬s1 & ¬s2)) .
24
25 %peter: i am human
26 d2 <=> h2 .
27
28 %aici luam toate cazurile posibile de vampirism si nebunie in urmatorul fel:
29 %Sane Human => True
30 %Insane Human => False
31 %Sane Vampire => False
32 %Insane Vampire => True
33
34 (¬h1 & ¬s1) -> d1 .
35 (¬h1 & s1) -> ¬d1 .
36 ( h1 & ¬s1) -> ¬d1 .
37 ( h1 & s1) -> d1 .
38
39 (¬h2 & ¬s2) -> d2 .
40 (¬h2 & s2) -> ¬d2 .
41 ( h2 & ¬s2) -> ¬d2 .
42 ( h2 & s2) -> d2 .
43
44 end_of_list .

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hulea@hulea-VirtualBox:~/Desktop$ mace4 -c -n 2 -m -1 -f michael_peter.in | interformat
==== Mace4 starting on domain size 2. ====
----- process 3367 exit (all_models) -----
interpretation( 2, [number = 1,seconds = 0], [
    relation(d1, [0]),
    relation(d2, [0]),
    relation(h1, [1]),
    relation(h2, [0]),
    relation(s1, [0]),
    relation(s2, [1])]).
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Listing 4: Turgeniefs

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1 formulas( assumptions ).  

2 %human/vampire  

3 % h1 : tatal e om  

4 %¬h1 : tatal e vampir  

5 % h2 : fiul e om  

6 %¬h2 : fiul e vampir  

7  

8 %sane/insane  

9 % s1 : tatal nu e nebun  

10 %¬s1 : tatal e nebun  

11 % s2 : fiul nu e nebun  

12 %¬s2 : fiul e nebun  

13  

14 %dialog  

15 %d1 = ce spune tatal  

16 %d2 = ce spune fiul  

17 %%%%%%  

18  

19 %un vampir si un om  

20 (h1 & ¬h2) | (¬h1 & h2).  

21  

22 %tatal: at least one of us is insane , i am human  

23 d1 <-> ((¬s1 & s2) | (s1 & ¬s2) | (¬s1 & ¬s2)) & h1.  

24  

25 %fiul: father's first statement is true  

26 d2 <-> ((¬s1 & s2) | (s1 & ¬s2) | (¬s1 & ¬s2)).  

27  

28 %aici luam toate cazurile posibile de vampirism si nebunie in urmatorul fel:  

29 %Sane Human => True  

30 %Insane Human => False  

31 %Sane Vampire => False  

32 %Insane Vampire => True  

33  

34 (¬h1 & ¬s1) -> d1.  

35 (¬h1 & s1) -> ¬d1.  

36 ( h1 & ¬s1) -> -d1.  

37 ( h1 & s1) -> d1.  

38  

39 (¬h2 & ¬s2) -> d2.  

40 (¬h2 & s2) -> -d2.  

41 ( h2 & ¬s2) -> -d2.  

42 ( h2 & s2) -> d2.  

43  

44 end_of_list .

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hulea@hulea-VirtualBox:~/Desktop$ mace4 -c -n 2 -m -1 -f turgeniefs.in | interformat
== Mace4 starting on domain size 2. ==
----- process 3369 exit (all_models) -----
Interpretation( 2, [number = 1,seconds = 0], [
    relation(d1, [1]),
    relation(d2, [1]),
    relation(h1, [1]),
    relation(h2, [0]),
    relation(s1, [1]),
    relation(s2, [0])].

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Listing 5: Dracula

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1 formulas( assumptions ).  

2 %human/vampire  

3 % h1 : karl e om  

4 %¬h1 : karl e vampir  

5 % h2 : martha e om  

6 %¬h2 : martha e vampir  

7  

8 %sane/insane  

9 % s1 : karl nu e nebun  

10 %¬s1 : karl e nebun  

11 % s2 : martha nu e nebuna  

12 %¬s2 : martha e nebuna  

13  

14 %dialog  

15 %d1 = ce spune karl  

16 %d2 = ce spune martha  

17 %%%%%%  

18  

19 %un vampir si un om  

20 (h1 & ¬h2) | (¬h1 & h2).  

21 %one insane one sane  

22 (s1 & ¬s2) | (¬s1 & s2).  

23  

24 %karl: my sister is a vampire  

25 d1 <-> ¬h2.  

26  

27 %martha: my brother is insane  

28 d2 <-> ¬s1.  

29  

30 %aici luam toate cazurile posibile de vampirism si nebunie in urmatorul fel:  

31 %Sane Human => True  

32 %Insane Human => False  

33 %Sane Vampire => False  

34 %Insane Vampire => True  

35  

36 (¬h1 & ¬s1) -> d1.  

37 (¬h1 & s1) -> ¬d1.  

38 ( h1 & ¬s1) -> ¬d1.  

39 ( h1 & s1) -> d1.  

40  

41 (¬h2 & ¬s2) -> d2.  

42 (¬h2 & s2) -> ¬d2.  

43 ( h2 & ¬s2) -> ¬d2.  

44 ( h2 & s2) -> d2.  

45  

46 end_of_list .

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huleaghulea-VirtualBox:~/Desktop$ mace4 -c -n 2 -m -1 -f dracula.in | interpformat
==== Mace4 starting on domain size 2. ====
----- process 3371 exit (all_models) -----
interpretation( 2, [number = 1,seconds = 0], [
    relation(d1, [0]),
    relation(d2, [0]),
    relation(h1, [0]),
    relation(h2, [1]),
    relation(s1, [1]),
    relation(s2, [0])].

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