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Problem A (50%)

For this problem, we wish to show that the circuit shown in figure 1 is unstable.

Part 1 (15%)

Formulate this circuit as a set Σ of propositional logic formulas.

Part 2 (15%)

Convert Σ to a set of clauses in conjunctive normal form (CNF).

Part 3 (20%)

Use resolution to show that Σ is inconsistent.

Problem B (50%)

For this problem, state your answer in a combination of English and standard mathematical notation.

Part 1 (10%)

Define the notion of a constraint satisfaction problem.

Part 2 (10%)

Define what it means for a constraint satisfaction problem to be arc consistent.

Part 3 (10%)

Give an algorithm for making a constraint satisfaction problem arc consistent.

Part 4 (20%)

Present a constraint satisfaction problem that is arc consistent yet is inconsistent.

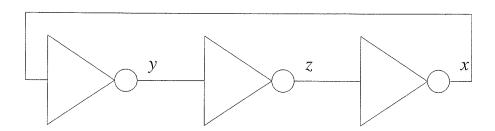


Figure 1: An unstable circuit.

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