

Models of Computation Assignment 1

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Q1 Propositional Logic: Island Puzzle

Task A

Propositional Letters

A : A is a knight

B : B is a knight

C : C is a knight

M_K : Mimic is a knight

M_A : A is the mimic

M_B : B is the mimic

M_C : C is the mimic

Using these propositional letters we will form our propositional formulas based on each of the statements made:

$A \rightarrow (M_C \vee C)$ C is either the mimic or a knight, or both.

$B \rightarrow \neg(M_A \wedge \neg C)$ It is not the case that both A is the mimic and C is a knave

$C \rightarrow (B \rightarrow \neg M_K)$ If B is a knight, then the mimic is a knave

Task B

Assume Mimic is a knave:

Assume A is the Mimic:

$\therefore \{A \mapsto 0, M_A \mapsto 1, M_K \mapsto 0\}$ and A's hence the following is true

- C is NEITHER a mimic or a knight or both
- That is $\{M_C \mapsto 0, C \mapsto 0\}$
- $\therefore C$'s statement is false and they are a knave

And so far $\{A \mapsto 0, M_A \mapsto 1, M_K \mapsto 0, M_C \mapsto 0, C \mapsto 0\}$

So if A is the mimic and a knave and C is also a knave, we know that B too must be a knave because their statement would be a lie in this case and otherwise we get a contradiction.

$\therefore B \mapsto 0$

So for C's statement to be a lie the Mimic must be a knave which it is making it "not the case that if B is a knight, then the mimic is a knave"

So if all of A, B and C are lying, their statements hold and in this case A is the mimic

Q2 Propositional Logic: Validity and Satisfiability

1.

Simplify to a logically equivalent formula

$$\begin{aligned}\neg P \wedge (P \rightarrow \neg P) \\ \equiv \neg P \wedge (\neg P \vee \neg P) \\ \equiv \neg P \wedge \neg P \\ \equiv \neg P\end{aligned}$$

Under the truth assignment $\{P \mapsto 1\}$, the equation comes out to 0, and under $\{P \mapsto 0\}$ and the formula comes out to 1.

Hence, $\neg P \wedge (P \rightarrow \neg P)$ is contingent

2.

Simplify to a logically equivalent formula

$$\begin{aligned}(P \vee (P \wedge (Q \rightarrow Q))) \wedge (\neg P \vee \neg(\neg Q \rightarrow \neg Q)) \\ \equiv (P \vee (P \wedge \top)) \wedge (\neg P \vee \neg\top) \\ \equiv (P \vee (P \wedge \top)) \wedge (\neg P \vee \perp) \\ \equiv (P \vee (P \wedge \top)) \wedge (\neg P \vee \perp)\end{aligned}$$

Consider the following:

$$(P \wedge \top) \equiv P \text{ and } (\neg P \vee \perp) \equiv \neg P$$

Knowing this we can now put the formula in CNF:

$$\begin{aligned}(P \vee P) \wedge \neg P \\ \equiv (P \wedge \neg P)\end{aligned}$$

Then using refutation resolution we get:

$$\begin{array}{c} P \qquad \neg P \\ \hline \perp\end{array}$$

Hence, $(P \vee (P \wedge (Q \rightarrow Q))) \wedge (\neg P \vee \neg(\neg Q \rightarrow \neg Q))$ is unsatisfiable

3.

Formula:

$$\neg((Q \vee P) \rightarrow P) \vee (P \leftrightarrow Q) \vee (P \wedge \neg Q)$$

Truth table for the formula:

P	Q	$(Q \vee P)$	$((Q \vee P) \rightarrow P)$	$\neg((Q \vee P) \rightarrow P)$	$(P \leftrightarrow Q)$	$(\neg Q)$	$(P \wedge \neg Q)$	Formula Result
0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	1

According to our truth table the formula is valid

Let us prove using resolution refutation:

Eliminate the implication: $(Q \vee P) \rightarrow P \equiv \neg(Q \vee P) \vee P$

Deal with the biimplication: $(P \leftrightarrow Q)$

$$\begin{aligned}(P \leftrightarrow Q) \\ \equiv (P \wedge Q) \vee (\neg P \wedge \neg Q)\end{aligned}$$

To prove that the formula is valid using refutation we will assume the the contrary (that it is unsatisfiable) and negate it :

$$\begin{aligned}& \neg(\neg(\neg(Q \vee P) \vee P) \vee ((P \wedge Q) \vee (\neg P \wedge \neg Q)) \vee (P \wedge \neg Q)) \\ & \equiv (\neg(Q \vee P) \vee P) \wedge \neg((P \wedge Q) \vee (\neg P \wedge \neg Q)) \wedge \neg(P \wedge \neg Q) \\ & \equiv ((\neg Q \wedge \neg P) \vee P) \wedge (\neg(P \wedge Q) \wedge \neg(\neg P \wedge \neg Q)) \wedge (\neg P \vee Q) \\ & \equiv ((P \vee \neg Q) \wedge (P \vee \neg P)) \wedge ((\neg P \vee \neg Q) \wedge (P \vee Q)) \wedge (\neg P \vee Q) \\ & \equiv ((P \vee \neg Q) \wedge \top) \wedge (\neg P \vee \neg Q) \wedge (P \vee Q) \wedge (\neg P \vee Q) \\ & \equiv (P \vee \neg Q) \wedge (\neg P \vee \neg Q) \wedge (P \vee Q) \wedge (\neg P \vee Q)\end{aligned}$$

Now resolving the CNF formula:

$$\begin{array}{cccc}(P \vee \neg Q) & (\neg P \vee \neg Q) & (P \vee Q) & (\neg P \vee Q) \\ & (\neg Q \vee \neg Q) & & (Q \vee Q) \\ & \neg Q & & Q \\ & & \perp & \end{array}$$

Therefore because the resolution of the negation of the formula: $\neg((Q \vee P) \rightarrow P) \vee (P \leftrightarrow Q) \vee (P \wedge \neg Q)$ is unsatisfiable, $\neg((Q \vee P) \rightarrow P) \vee (P \leftrightarrow Q) \vee (P \wedge \neg Q)$ is valid

4.

Formula:

$$(R \leftrightarrow P) \rightarrow ((R \rightarrow Q) \leftrightarrow (P \leftrightarrow Q))$$

Truth table for the formula:

P	Q	R	$(R \leftrightarrow P)$	$(P \leftrightarrow Q)$	$(R \rightarrow Q)$	$((R \rightarrow Q) \leftrightarrow (P \leftrightarrow Q))$	$(R \leftrightarrow P) \rightarrow ((R \rightarrow Q) \leftrightarrow (P \leftrightarrow Q))$
0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1
0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1
0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1
1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1
1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

According to our truth table the formula is contingent

Let us now validate this with two different truth assignments to show both case

Consider the truth assignment $\{P \mapsto 0, Q \mapsto 1, R \mapsto 0\}$ to the formula:

$$\begin{aligned} & (0 \leftrightarrow 0) \rightarrow ((0 \rightarrow 1) \leftrightarrow (0 \leftrightarrow 1)) \\ &= 1 \rightarrow (1 \leftrightarrow 0) \\ &= 1 \rightarrow 0 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Consider the truth assignment $\{P \mapsto 0, Q \mapsto 0, R \mapsto 0\}$ to the formula:

$$\begin{aligned} & (0 \leftrightarrow 0) \rightarrow ((0 \rightarrow 0) \leftrightarrow (0 \leftrightarrow 0)) \\ &= 1 \rightarrow (1 \leftrightarrow 1) \\ &= 1 \rightarrow 1 \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Q3 Predicate Logic: Translation and Semantics

Task A

1. Iron is heavier than oxygen

$$\begin{aligned} i : & \text{Iron (Const.)} \\ o : & \text{Oxygen (Const.)} \\ H(a, b) & \text{ "a" heavier than "b" (Pred.)} \\ \underline{H(i, o)} & \text{ Iron is heavier than oxygen} \end{aligned}$$

2. All actinides are radioactive

$A(x)$ x is an actinide

$R(x)$ x is radioactive

$\forall x$ All x

$\forall x(A(x) \rightarrow R(x))$ All actinides are radioactive

3. Some, but not all, lanthanides are radioactive

x, y variables within the universe of discourse

$L(a)$ "a" is a lanthanide

$\exists x(L(x) \wedge R(x)) \wedge \exists y(L(y) \wedge \neg R(y))$ Some, but not all, lanthanides are radioactive

4. Actinides are heavier than lanthanides

$\forall x \forall y ((A(x) \wedge L(y)) \rightarrow H(x, y))$ Actinides are heavier than lanthanides

5. Both lanthanides and actinides are heavier than iron and oxygen

$\forall x ((L(x) \vee A(x)) \rightarrow (H(x, i) \wedge H(x, o)))$ Both lanthanides and actinides are heavier than iron and oxygen

6. At least three isotopes of lanthanides are radioactive, but the only lanthanide without any non-radioactive isotopes is promethium

$P(x)$ x is promethium

$I(x)$ x is an isotope

x_n nth element

$\exists x_1 \exists x_2 \exists x_3 ((I(x_1) \wedge I(x_2) \wedge I(x_3)) \wedge (R(x_1) \wedge R(x_2) \wedge R(x_3)))$

Task B

To prove that the universe of every model of the formula;

$$\forall x \forall y (P(x, y) \rightarrow \neg P(y, x)) \wedge \forall x \exists y (P(x, y))$$

has at least 3 distinct elements that is $U = \{a, b, c\}$, we shall assume for the sake of contradiction that the universe has 1 $U = \{a\}$, or 2 $U = \{a, b\}$ distinct elements.

Universe with 1 Element

Let $U = \{a\}$

If we observe the formula $\forall x \exists y (P(x, y))$ for a we need some y such that $P(a, y)$ holds,

However, since a is the only element in U , y must also be a .

\therefore we need $P(a, a)$ to hold.

For $\forall x \forall y (P(x, y) \rightarrow \neg P(y, x))$ to be true we require $P(a, a) \rightarrow \neg P(a, a)$ to hold.

However this is a contradiction as it implies that if $P(a, a)$ holds, then $P(a, a)$ doesn't hold.

Universe with 2 Elements

Let $U = \{a, b\}$

The formula $\forall x \exists y (P(x, y))$ requires that $P(a, b)$ and $P(b, a)$ hold for the elements a and b respectively.

For the constraint $\forall x \forall y (P(x, y) \rightarrow \neg P(y, x))$, if $P(a, b)$ is true then $P(b, a)$ must be false and vice versa.

However, $\forall x \exists y (P(x, y))$ requires both $P(a, b)$ and $P(b, a)$ to be true which is a contradiction.

Q4 Predicate Logic: Red-Black Trees

To prove that it is not a red black tree we must first negate the 2nd constraint:

$$\begin{aligned} & \neg \forall x (R(x) \rightarrow (\neg R(l(x)) \wedge \neg R(r(x)))) \\ & \equiv \exists x \neg (R(x) \rightarrow (\neg R(l(x)) \wedge \neg R(r(x)))) \\ & \equiv \exists x (R(x) \wedge \neg (\neg R(l(x)) \wedge \neg R(r(x)))) \\ & \equiv \exists x (R(x) \wedge (R(l(x)) \vee R(r(x)))) \end{aligned}$$

This translates to:

“There exists an x such that x is a root node and its left or right child is also red”

To apply resolution we then convert the second constraint to CNF:

$$\begin{aligned} & R(x) \rightarrow (\neg R(l(x)) \wedge \neg R(r(x))) \\ & \equiv \neg R(x) \vee (\neg R(l(x)) \wedge \neg R(r(x))) \\ & \equiv (\neg R(x) \vee \neg R(l(x))) \wedge (\neg R(x) \vee \neg R(r(x))) \end{aligned}$$

Now we have our clauses so we perform refutation:

$$\begin{array}{cccc} R(x) & (\neg R(x) \vee \neg R(l(x))) & (R(l(x)) \vee R(r(x))) & (\neg R(x) \vee \neg R(r(x))) \\ \\ \neg R(l(x)) & & (R(l(x)) \vee \neg R(x)) & \\ \\ & \neg R(x) & & \end{array}$$

At this point we have derived $\neg R(x)$, however this contradicts our assumption $R(x)$.

\therefore since the assumption was that $R(x) \wedge (R(l(x)) \vee R(r(x)))$ and that was shown to lead to $\neg R(x)$ when resolved against $(\neg R(x) \vee \neg R(l(x))) \wedge (\neg R(x) \vee \neg R(r(x)))$, it must be that tree in question is not a red-black tree.

Q5 Informal Proof: Palindromes

Issues

- The theory doesn't explicitly show how the reverse of the concatenation ss and how it results in ss .
- The theory fails to explicitly apply the definition of reversal correctly.
- The conclusion is unclear, confusing and doesn't provide a clear and logical progression.

Corrected Proof

Theorem: Let s be a palindrome. Then their concatenation ss is also a palindrome

Proof: Let $s = a_1 \dots a_n$ be a string of length n such that s is a palindrome. By definition, the palindrome s is equal to its reverse, so $s = a_n \dots a_1$.

As s is a string and ss is their concatenation, it is also a string and is given by:

$$ss = a_1 \dots a_n a_1 \dots a_n$$

We want to reverse ss to show it is equal to ss :

$$\begin{aligned} \text{reverse}(ss) &= \text{reverse}(s) \text{ reverse}(s) \\ &= \text{reverse}(a_1 \dots a_n) \text{ reverse}(a_1 \dots a_n) \end{aligned}$$

We then apply the definition of reversal from definition 4.c, that is "the reverse of a nonempty string $a_1 \dots a_n$ of length n is the reverse $b_1 \dots b_n$ " which gives us for $i = 1 \dots i = n$:

$$= b_1 \dots b_n b_1 \dots b_n$$

In the definition $b_i = a_{n-i+1}$ for all positive integers, so we now have:

$$= a_n \dots a_1 a_n \dots a_1$$

so

$$\text{reverse}(ss) = a_n \dots a_1 a_n \dots a_1$$

\therefore as per our original definition of the reverse of s and our derived s

$$a_n \dots a_1 a_n \dots a_1 = \text{reverse}(a_1 \dots a_n) \text{ reverse}(a_1 \dots a_n) = ss$$

\therefore , ss is also a palindrome