CS F214 Homework 2

- **1.** We have m, a nullary function (a constant), f, a unary function, S and B, two binary predicates.
 - i. Since S is a binary predicate, it can take two terms. f is a function that returns one term. m is a constant term. Hence, we can say that S(m,x) is a **valid formula in predicate logic.**
 - Since B is a binary predicate, it takes two terms. f is a function that returns one term. m is a constant term. f(m) will also return a constant term. Hence, B(m, f(m)) is actually B receiving two constants terms as inputs and therefore a **valid formula in predicate logic**.
 - iii. Since f is a function, it will output a term and not a truth value. Hence f(m) is an invalid formula in predicate logic.
 - iv. B(m,x) is a predicate. B can only accept terms. It cannot accept predicates. In B(B(m,x),y), B is trying to accept B(m,x), a predicate, which is not allowed. Hence B(B(m,x),y) is an **invalid formula in predicate logic.**
 - v. Since B is a binary predicate, it has to take in two terms. Hence B(m) is not allowed. Hence S(B(m), z) is an **invalid formula in predicate logic.**
 - vi. In $B(x,y) \to \exists z \ (S(y,z))$, all the rules of predicate logic are being followed. Hence $B(x,y) \to \exists z \ (S(y,z))$ is a **valid formula in predicate logic.**
 - vii. Since f is a function, it will output a term. Hence f(f(x)) will also output a term. Hence $S(x,y) \to S(y,f(f(x)))$ is a valid formula in predicate logic.
 - viii. Since B is a binary predicate, it has to take in two terms. Hence B(x) is not allowed. Hence $B(x) \to B(B(x))$ is an **invalid formula in predicate logic.**

2. We are given

W(x,y): x wrote y

L(x, y): x is longer than y

N(x): x is a novel

h: Hardy

a: Austen

j: Jude the Obscure

p: Pride and Predjudice

Looking at the first option, we have $\forall x \ (W(h,x) \to L(x,a))$. This translates to "All of what Hardy has written, is longer than Austen". This clearly does not make sense in English as saying that a written item is longer than a human is nonsensical. Hence the first option is incorrect.

Looking at the second option, we have $\forall x \exists y \ (L(x,y) \to (W(h,y) \land W(a,x)))$. This translates to "For all x and some y, if x is longer than y, then Hardy has written y and Austen has written x". While this may seem correct at first glance, note that we have not defined what x and y are. They could be anything. Hence, the second option is incorrect.

Looking at the third option, we have $\forall x \ \forall y \ (W(h,x) \land W(a,y) \to L(x,y))$). This translates to "For all x and all y, if Hardy has written x and Austen has written y, then x is longer than y". This appears to be the converse of the second option, the wrong quantifier for y has been used and again, there is no mention of what x and y are. Hence, the third option is incorrect.

Looking at the fifth option, we have $\exists x \ \forall y \ (W(h,x) \to (W(a,x) \land L(x,y)))$. This translates to "For some x and all y, if Hardy has written x, then Austen has written y and x is longer than y". This is not the meaning we intend. Hence, the fifth option is incorrect.

Looking at the fourth option, we have $\exists x \ (N(x) \land W(h,x) \land \forall y \ (N(y) \land W(a,y)) \rightarrow L(x,y))$. This translates to, "For some x, if x is a novel, written by Hardy, and for every single y that is a novel and written by Austen, then x is longer than y. This is exactly the meaning that we want, and it makes perfect sense according to the grammatical rules of English.

Hence, the sentence "Hardy wrote a novel which is longer than any of Austen's" can be represented in predicate logic as $\exists x \ (N(x) \land W(h,x) \land \forall y \ (N(y) \land W(a,y)) \rightarrow L(x,y))$. **Option 4 is correct.**

3. We are required to prove that the following sequent is valid.

$$\forall x (P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)) \vdash \forall x (\neg Q(x)) \rightarrow \forall x (\neg P(x))$$

1 $\forall x (P(x) \rightarrow Q(x))$ premise

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|}\hline 2 & \forall x \neg Q(x) & assumption\\\hline x_0\\ & 3 & \neg Q(x_0) & \forall x \in 2\\ & 4 & P(x_0) \rightarrow Q(x_0) & \forall x \in 1\\ & 5 & \neg P(x_0) & MT \ 4, \ 3\\\hline & 6 & \forall x \neg P(x) & \forall x \ i \ 3-5\\\hline \end{array}$$

- $7 \quad (\forall x \neg Q(x)) \rightarrow (\forall x \neg P(x)) \rightarrow i \ 2-6$
- **4.** We are required to prove that the following sequent is valid.

$$\forall x (P(x) \rightarrow \neg Q(x)) \vdash \neg (\exists x (P(x) \land Q(x)))$$

1 $\forall x (P(x) \rightarrow \neg Q(x))$ premise

2
$$\exists x (P(x) \land Q(x))$$
 assumption
 x_0

3 $P(x_0) \land Q(x_0)$
4 $P(x_0) \land e_1 3$
5 $Q(x_0) \land e_2 3$
6 $P(x_0) \rightarrow Q(x_0) \forall x e 1$
7 $\neg (\neg Q(x_0)) \neg \neg i 5$
8 $\neg P(x_0)$ MT 6, 7

$$10 \neg (\exists x (P(x) \land Q(x))) \neg i 2-9$$

5. We are required to prove that the following sequent is valid.

$$\forall x \ \forall y \ \forall z \ ((S(x,y) \land S(y,z)) \rightarrow S(x,z)), \forall x \ \neg(S(x,x)) \vdash \forall x \ \forall y \ (S(x,y) \rightarrow \neg(S(y,x)))$$

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$$\forall x \forall y \forall z \left(\left(S(x, y) \land S(y, z) \right) \rightarrow S(x, z) \right)$$
 premise

2
$$\forall x \neg (S(x, x))$$

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$$\forall x \forall y \left(S(x,y) \rightarrow \neg \left(S(y,x)\right)\right) \forall x 3-15$$

- **6.** We have $\phi \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \forall x \exists y \exists z (P(x,y) \land P(z,y) \land (P(x,z) \rightarrow P(z,x)))$
 - (a) The model \mathcal{M} consists of the set of natural numbers with $P^{\mathcal{M}} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{(m,n) \mid m < n\}$.

$$P(x,y) \equiv x < y$$

$$P(z,y) \equiv z < y$$

$$(P(x,z) \to P(z,x)) \equiv ((x < z) \to (z < x))$$

We can choose three natural numbers x,y and z such that z < x < y. Hence P(x,y) will hold true, P(z,y) will hold true and $\left(P(x,z) \to P(z,x)\right)$ will also hold true as P(x,z) is false, and P(z,x) is true, hence we get $F \to T$, which is true. Hence $\left(P(x,y) \land P(z,y) \land P(z,x)\right)$ evaluates to $T \land T$, which is true. Also, z < x < y fit the quantifiers $\forall x \exists y \exists z$. Hence, we can say that **the model satisfies** ϕ .

(b) The model \mathcal{M}' consists of the set of natural numbers with $P^{\mathcal{M}'} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{(m, 2 * m) \mid m \text{ natural number}\}$.

$$P(x,y) \equiv (y = 2x)$$

$$P(z,y) \equiv (y = 2z)$$

$$(P(x,z) \rightarrow P(z,x)) \equiv ((z = 2x) \rightarrow (x = 2z))$$

If we choose $x=k,\,y=2k$ and z=k, then y=2x. Also, y=2z. Hence P(x,y) will hold true, P(z,y) will hold true and $\left(P(x,z)\to P(z,x)\right)$ will also hold true as P(x,z) is

false, and P(z,x) is false, hence we get $F \to F$, which is $true\left(\left(P(x,z) \to P(z,x)\right) \equiv \left((z=2x) \to (x=2z)\right)\right)$.

 $(P(x,y) \land P(z,y) \land (P(x,z) \rightarrow P(z,x))$ evaluates to $T \land T \land T$, which is true. Also, x=k, y=2k and z=k, fit the quantifiers $\forall x \exists y \exists z$ as we can choose any arbitrary value of k (which will be the value of x), then decide values of y and z accordingly. Hence, we can say that **the model satisfies** ϕ .

(c) The model \mathcal{M}'' consists of the set of natural numbers with $P^{\mathcal{M}''} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{(m,n) \mid m < n+1\}$. $(x,y) \equiv x < y+1$ $P(z,y) \equiv z < y+1$ $(P(x,z) \rightarrow P(z,x)) \equiv ((x < z+1) \rightarrow (z < x+1))$

We can choose three natural numbers x,y and z such that z < x + 1 < y + 2. Hence P(x,y) will hold true, P(z,y) will hold true and $\left(P(x,z) \to P(z,x)\right)$ will also hold true as P(x,z) is false, and P(z,x) is true, hence we get $F \to T$, which is true. Hence $(P(x,y) \land P(z,y) \land (P(x,z) \to P(z,x))$ evaluates to $T \land T$, which is true. Also, z < x < y fit the quantifiers $\forall x \exists y \exists z$. Hence, we can say that **the model satisfies** ϕ .