

Attempt any five questions

1. Mark the following as true or false. Give reason.

(a) There is no polynomial time algorithm for XOR SAT (conjunction of XORs). (1)

(b) There is no formula that is CNF and also NNF. (1)

2. Consider the following argument.

If Ukraine applies for NATO membership and NATO has an open-door policy, Russia invades Ukraine. If NATO doesn't have an open-door policy, Ukraine does not apply for NATO membership and Russia does not invade Ukraine. NATO has an open-door policy. Will Russia necessarily invade?

Encode the above query into a propositional formula whose satisfiability gives the answer of the query. Please note that the purpose of the question is the *encoding*, not solving the query. (4)

3. Prove/Disprove the following statements.

(a) For any propositional formula F , F and $F[\neg p/p]$ are equisatisfiable for some variable p . (3)

(b) For any propositional formula F , F and $F[(p \wedge q)/p]$ are equisatisfiable for some variable p and q . (3)

Please give counter examples if the statements are not true.

4. Write a formal proof for the following statement

$$p \wedge q \vdash \neg(\neg p \vee \neg q)$$

[You may also use the derived rules presented in lecture 5] (8)

5. Let us consider we have only three variables in a formula F in CNF with only binary clauses (exactly two literals per clause) such that only all true and all false assignments satisfy F . Give an F with the smallest number of clauses. Give an argument that your solution is the smallest. (10)