

# CSCE 625-600 Homework #2 (2016 Fall)

## Logic and Theorem Proving

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# 1 Propositional Logic

In this section, assume P, Q, R, S, T are atoms (propositions).

## 1.1 Inference rule

**Question 1 (10 pts):** Using a truth table, show that the resolution inference rule is valid (if the premises are true, the conclusion is also true, or,  $((P \vee Q) \wedge (\neg P \vee R)) \rightarrow (Q \vee R)$  is valid).

$P$	$Q$	$R$	$(P \vee Q)$	$(\neg P \vee R)$	$(P \vee Q) \wedge (\neg P \vee R)$	$(Q \vee R)$	$((P \vee Q) \wedge (\neg P \vee R)) \rightarrow (Q \vee R)$
T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
T	T	F	T	F	F	T	T
T	F	T	T	T	T	T	T
T	F	F	T	F	F	F	T
F	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
F	T	F	T	T	T	T	T
F	F	T	F	T	F	T	T
F	F	F	F	T	F	F	T

## 1.2 Normal forms

In all of the problems in this section, show each step of the derivation and indicate which axioms (or other rules) you used: For example, distributive law, by definition, etc.

**Question 2 (5 pts):** Convert  $(P \wedge \neg(Q \rightarrow R)) \vee \neg(S \rightarrow \neg P)$  into conjunctive normal form.

$(P \wedge \neg(\neg Q \vee R)) \vee \neg(S \rightarrow \neg P)$  to CNF  
 $(P \wedge \neg(\neg Q \vee R)) \vee \neg(\neg S \vee \neg P)$   $[\because F \rightarrow G = \neg F \vee G]$   
 $(P \wedge (\neg Q \wedge \neg R)) \vee (\neg S \wedge P)$  [By DeMorgan's Law]  
 $(P \vee S) \wedge (\neg Q \vee S) \wedge (\neg R \vee S) \wedge (P \vee P) \wedge (\neg Q \vee P) \wedge (\neg R \vee P)$  [By distributive law]  
 $(P \vee S) \wedge (\neg Q \vee S) \wedge (\neg R \vee S) \wedge P \wedge (P \vee Q) \wedge (P \vee \neg R)$   $(\because P \vee P = P)$   
 is in Conjunctive Normal Form.

**Question 3 (5 pts):** Convert  $\neg((S \rightarrow (P \wedge Q)) \wedge R) \rightarrow T$  into disjunctive normal form.

$$\begin{aligned} & \neg((S \rightarrow (P \wedge Q)) \wedge R) \rightarrow T \quad \text{to DNF} \\ & \neg((S \rightarrow (P \wedge Q)) \wedge R) \vee T \quad (\because A \rightarrow B = \neg A \vee B) \\ & ((\neg S \vee (P \wedge Q)) \wedge R) \vee T \quad (\because A \rightarrow B = \neg A \vee B) \\ & (\neg S \wedge R) \vee (P \wedge Q \wedge R) \vee T \quad [\text{By distributive law}] \\ & \text{is in Disjunctive normal form.} \end{aligned}$$

### 1.3 Proof by Resolution

Given:

1.  $P \rightarrow S$
2.  $\neg S \vee R$
3.  $R \rightarrow T$
4.  $(R \rightarrow \neg S) \vee (T \rightarrow Q)$

Show that  $P \rightarrow Q$  is a logical consequence of the above using **resolution**.

Precisely follow the steps below.

**Question 4 (5 pts):** Convert the above problem into a form that is suitable for resolution. This may involve converting some expressions into CNF, and other steps such as including the conclusion part  $P \rightarrow Q$  (don't forget to negate it!).

$$\begin{aligned}
 P \rightarrow S &\equiv \neg P \vee S \rightarrow ① \\
 \neg S \vee R &\rightarrow ② \\
 R \rightarrow T &\equiv \neg R \vee T \rightarrow ③ \\
 (R \rightarrow \neg S) \vee (T \rightarrow Q) &\equiv \neg R \vee \neg S \vee \neg T \vee Q \rightarrow ④ \\
 \neg(P \rightarrow Q) &\equiv \neg(\neg P \vee Q) \equiv P \wedge \neg Q \\
 \therefore P &\rightarrow ⑤ \\
 \neg Q &\rightarrow ⑥
 \end{aligned}$$

**Question 5 (10 pts):** With the resulting resolution problem from the above, prove the theorem using resolution. Show every step.

$$\begin{array}{lll}
 \neg P \vee R & \rightarrow \textcircled{7} & \text{From } 1, 2 \\
 R & \rightarrow \textcircled{8} & \text{From } 5, 7 \\
 S & \rightarrow \textcircled{9} & \text{From } 1, 5 \\
 \neg S \vee \neg T \vee \neg Q & \rightarrow \textcircled{10} & \text{From } 4, 8 \\
 T & \rightarrow \textcircled{11} & \text{From } 3, 8 \\
 \neg T \vee Q & \rightarrow \textcircled{12} & \text{From } 9, 10 \\
 Q & \rightarrow \textcircled{13} & \text{From } 11, 12 \\
 \text{False} & & \text{From } 6, 13
 \end{array}$$

$P \rightarrow Q$  is a logical consequence of the given relations

## 2 First-Order Logic

**Important:** In this section, assume that w, x, y, z are variables; A, B, C, D are constants; and f(·), g(·), h(·) are functions; and P(·), Q(·), R(·) are predicates.

### 2.1 Normal forms

**Question 6 (9 pts):** Convert to prenex normal form (3 points each):

$$1. \forall x \neg (\forall y \exists z P(x,y,z))$$

$$2. \neg \forall x (P(x) \wedge \neg (\exists y Q(x,y)))$$

$$3. \neg \forall x ((\exists y Q(x,y)) \rightarrow (\forall z P(x,z)))$$

①  $\forall x \neg (\forall y \exists z P(x,y,z))$

$\forall x \exists y \forall z (\neg P(x,y,z))$

②  $\neg \forall x (P(x) \wedge \neg (\exists y Q(x,y)))$

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

$\exists x \forall y (\cancel{P(x)}) \forall y (P(x) \wedge \neg Q(x,y))$

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

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

$\exists x \exists y (\neg P(x) \vee Q(x,y))$

$$\begin{aligned}
 ③ \quad & \neg \forall x ((\exists y Q(x, y)) \rightarrow (\forall z P(x, z))) \\
 = & \neg \forall x (\neg (\exists y Q(x, y)) \vee (\forall z P(x, z))) \\
 = & \neg \forall x (\forall y (\neg Q(x, y)) \vee \forall z \neg P(x, z)) \\
 = & \exists x (\neg (\forall y (\neg Q(x, y))) \wedge \neg (\forall z \neg P(x, z))) \\
 = & \exists x (\exists y Q(x, y) \wedge \exists z \neg P(x, z)) \\
 = & \exists x \exists y \exists z (Q(x, y) \wedge \neg P(x, z))
 \end{aligned}$$

**Question 7 (10 pts):** Skolemize the expressions (2 points each):

1.  $\exists x P(x)$
2.  $\forall x \exists y P(x, y)$
3.  $\exists x \exists y \forall z P(x, y, z) \wedge Q(x, z)$
4.  $\forall x \exists y \forall z P(x, z) \wedge Q(x, y, z)$
5.  $\forall x \forall y \exists z P(z, y) \wedge Q(y, x)$

$$1) \exists x P(x)$$

$$= P(a)$$

$$2) \forall x \exists y P(x, y)$$

$$= \forall x P(x, f(x))$$

|| Sub y with  $f(x)$

$$3) \exists x \forall y \exists z P(x, y, z) \wedge Q(x, z)$$

$$= \forall z P(a, b, z) \wedge Q(a, z)$$

$$4) \forall x \exists y \forall z P(x, z) \wedge Q(x, y, z)$$

$$= \forall x \forall z P(x, z) \wedge Q(x, f(x), z)$$

|| Sub y with  $f(x)$

$$5) \forall x \forall y \exists z P(z, y) \wedge Q(y, x)$$

$$= \forall x \forall y P(f(x, y), y) \wedge Q(y, x)$$

**Question 8 (9 pts):** Convert the following into a standard form:  $\forall x [(\exists y P(x, y)) \rightarrow Q(x)]$

$$\forall x [(\exists y P(x, y)) \rightarrow Q(x)] \text{ to standard form}$$

$$\forall x [\neg(\exists y P(x, y)) \vee Q(x)] \quad (A \rightarrow B \equiv \neg A \vee B)$$

$$\forall x [\forall y \neg P(x, y) \vee Q(x)]$$

$$\forall x \forall y (\underline{\neg P(x, y)} \vee Q(x))$$

## 2.2 Substitution and Unification

**Question 9 (9 pts):** Apply the following substitutions to the expressions (3 point each);

1. Apply  $\{x/f(A)\}$  to  $P(x,y) \vee Q(x)$ .
2. Apply  $\{x/A, y/f(z)\}$  to  $P(x,y) \vee Q(x,z)$ .
3. Apply  $\{y/f(x), x/A\}$  to  $P(x,y) \vee Q(x)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{1} \quad & \{x/f(A)\} \rightarrow P(x,y) \vee Q(x) \\ & = P(f(A), y) \vee Q(f(A)) \\ \textcircled{2} \quad & \{x/A, y/f(z)\} \rightarrow P(x,y) \vee Q(x,z) \\ & = P(A, f(z)) \vee Q(A, z) \\ \textcircled{3} \quad & \{y/f(x), x/A\} \rightarrow P(x,y) \vee Q(x) \\ & = P(\cancel{x}, f(x)) \vee Q(x) \\ & = P(A, f(A)) \vee Q(A) \end{aligned}$$

**Question 10 (12 pts):** For each of the following, (1) find the unifier, and (2) show the unified expression. For example, given  $P(A)$  and  $P(x)$ , the unifier would be  $\{x/A\}$ , and the unified expression  $P(A)$ . If the pair of expressions is not unifiable, indicate so. (3 points each):

1.  $P(x, f(B))$  and  $P(A, f(y))$
2.  $P(x, f(A))$  and  $P(y, y)$
3.  $P(x, f(y), y)$  and  $P(A, f(g(B)), g(A))$
4.  $P(A, f(y), y, A)$  and  $P(x, f(g(x)), g(A), w)$

1)  $P(x, f(B))$  and  $P(A, f(y))$   
 $\{x/A\} = P(A, f(B))$  and  $P(A, f(y))$   
 $\{y/B\} = P(A, f(B))$  and  $P(A, f(B))$   
 $\therefore \text{unifier: } \{x/A, y/B\}, \text{ Expression: } P(A, f(B))$

2)  $P(x, f(A))$  and  $P(y, y)$ .  
 ~~$\{x/y\} = P(y, f(A))$  and  $P(y, y)$ .~~  
 ~~$\{y/f(A)\} = P(f(A), f(A))$  and  $P(f(A), f(A))$~~   
 $\therefore \text{unifier: } \{x/y, y/f(A)\}, \text{ Expression: } P(f(A), f(A))$

3)  $P(x, f(y), y)$  and  $P(A, f(g(B)), g(A))$   
 $\{x/A\} = P(A, f(y), y)$  and  $P(A, f(g(B)), g(A))$   
 $\{y/g(B)\} = P(A, f(g(B)), g(B))$  and  $P(A, f(g(B)), g(A))$   
 $\text{We cannot unify, as } A \& B \text{ conflict with each other.}$

4)  $P(A, f(y), y, A)$  and  $P(x, f(g(x)), g(A), w)$   
 $\{x/A\} : P(A, f(y), y, A)$  and  $P(A, f(g(A)), g(A), w)$   
 $\{y/g(A)\} : P(A, f(g(A)), g(A), A)$  and  $P(A, f(g(A)), g(A), w)$   
 $\{w/f(A)\} : P(A, f(g(A)), g(A), A)$  and  $P(A, f(g(A)), g(A), A)$   
 $\therefore \text{unifier: } \{x/A, y/g(A), w/f(A)\}, \text{ Expression: } P(A, f(g(A)), g(A), A)$

### **2.3 Proof by resolution**

**Question 11 (16 pts):** (1) Translate the following into first-order logic, (2) convert the resulting formulas into a normal form, and (3) prove the theorem using resolution.

Given:

1. Every child who finds some [thing that is an] egg or chocolate bunny is happy.
2. Every child who is helped finds some egg.
3. Every child who is not young or who tries hard finds some chocolate bunny.

Show that the following is a logical consequence of the above:

4. (Conclusion) If every young child tries hard or is helped, then every child is happy.

#### **Solution:**

Notations used:

$C(x)$  : True if  $x$  is a child

$E(x)$ : True if  $x$  is an egg

$F(x,y)$ : True if  $x$  finds  $y$

$CB(x)$ : True if  $x$  is a chocolate Bunny

$H(x)$ : True if  $x$  is helped

$Y(x)$ : True if  $x$  is young

$T(x)$ : True if  $x$  tries hard

$H_p(x)$ : True if  $x$  is helped

After translating into first-order logic:

$$\begin{aligned} 1) \quad & \forall x \left[ C(x) \wedge \exists y [ F(x, y) \wedge (E(y) \vee B(y)) ] \rightarrow H(x) \right] \\ 2) \quad & \forall x \left[ (C(x) \wedge H_p(x)) \rightarrow \exists y [ F(x, y) \wedge E(y) ] \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 3) \quad & \forall x \left[ C(x) \wedge (\neg H(x) \vee T(x)) \rightarrow \exists y [ F(x, y) \wedge B(y) ] \right] \\ & p \\ \forall x \quad & \left[ (C(x) \wedge H(x)) \wedge (T(x) \vee H(x)) \rightarrow H(x) \right] \end{aligned}$$

After converting the resulting formulas into a normal form and finally proving the result with resolution:

$$1) \forall x \exists y [\neg C(x) \vee \neg F(x, y) \vee (\neg E(y) \wedge \neg CB(y))] \vee H(x)$$

$$\equiv \forall x \exists y (\neg C(x) \vee \neg F(x, y) \vee \neg E(y) \vee H(x)) \wedge (\neg C(x) \vee F(x, y) \vee \neg CB(y) \vee H(x)) \quad [Distributive\ Law]$$

Split & Normalize:

$$\forall x \neg C(x) \vee \neg F(x, f(x)) \vee \neg E(f(x)) \vee H(x) \rightarrow 1a$$

$$\forall x \neg C(x) \vee \neg F(x, f(x)) \vee \neg CB(f(x)) \vee H(x) \rightarrow 1b$$

$$2) \forall x [\neg C(x) \wedge H_P(x) \vee (\neg F(x, y) \wedge \neg E(y))]$$

$$\forall x [\neg C(x) \wedge H_P(x)] \rightarrow [\exists y F(x, y) \wedge E(y)]$$

$$\forall x \exists y [\neg C(x) \vee \neg H_P(x)] \vee [F(x, y) \wedge E(y)]$$

$$\therefore \forall x \neg C(x) \vee \neg H_P(x) \vee F(x, f(x)) \rightarrow 2a$$

$$\forall x \neg C(x) \vee \neg H_P(x) \vee E(f(x)) \rightarrow 2b$$

$$3) \forall x \exists y \neg C(x) \vee (y(x) \wedge \neg T(x)) \vee (F(x, y) \wedge \neg CB(y))$$

$$\equiv \forall x \exists y [(y(x) \vee \neg y(x)) \wedge (\neg C(x) \vee \neg T(x)) \vee [F(x, y) \wedge \neg CB(y)]]$$

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$$\forall x \exists ((x) \vee y(x) \vee F(x, f(x))) \rightarrow (3a)$$

$$\forall x \exists ((x) \vee y(x) \vee C_B(f(x))) \rightarrow (3b)$$

$$\forall x \exists ((x) \vee \exists T(x) \vee C_B(f(x))) \rightarrow (3c)$$

$$\forall x \exists ((x) \vee \exists T(x) \vee F(x, f(x))) \rightarrow (3d)$$

4)  $\exists$  by the conclusion:

$$\exists x [C(x) \wedge Y(x) \wedge \neg I(x) \vee H_p(x)] \wedge \exists H(x).$$

$$= C(a) \wedge Y(a) \wedge (\neg I(a) \vee H_p(a)) \wedge \exists H(a)$$

$$\neg I(a) \rightarrow (4a)$$

$$Y(a) \rightarrow (4b)$$

$$\neg I(a) \vee H_p(a) \rightarrow (4c)$$

$$\exists H(a) \rightarrow (4d)$$

Resolution:

$$\exists T(a) \vee C_B(f(a)) \rightarrow (5) \quad \text{from } 3c, 4a$$

$$\exists T(a) \vee F(a, f(a)) \rightarrow (6) \quad \text{from } 3d, 4a$$

$$H_p(a) \vee C_B(f(a)) \rightarrow (7) \quad \text{from } 4c, 5$$

$$H_p(a) \vee F(a, f(a)) \rightarrow (8) \quad \text{from } 4c, 6$$

$$\exists F(a, f(a)) \vee \exists C_B(f(a)) \rightarrow (9) \quad \text{from } 1b, 4a, 4d$$

$$H_p(a) \vee \exists C_B(f(a)) \rightarrow (10) \quad \text{from } 8, 9$$

$$H_p(a) \rightarrow (11) \quad \text{from } 7, 10$$

$$\exists H_p(a) \vee F(a, f(a)) \rightarrow (12) \quad \text{from } 2a, 4a$$

$$F(a, f(a)) \rightarrow (13) \quad \text{from } 11, 12$$

$$\exists H_p(a) \vee E(f(a)) \rightarrow (14) \quad \text{from } 2b, 4a$$

$$E(f(a)) \rightarrow (15) \quad \text{from } 11, 14$$

$$\exists F(a, f(a)) \vee \exists E(f(a)) \vee H(a) \rightarrow (16) \quad \text{from } 1a, 4a$$

$$\exists E(f(a)) \vee H(a) \rightarrow (17) \quad \text{from } 13, 16$$

$$H(a) \rightarrow (18) \quad \text{from } 15, 17$$

false.