

# Introduction to Computational Logic

## Homework 3

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Let  $S$  be a binary predicate symbol,  $P$  and  $Q$  unary predicate symbols.

(1) Find a natural deduction proof to show

$$\exists x \exists y (S(x, y) \vee S(y, x)) \vdash \exists x \exists y S(x, y).$$

1	$\exists x \exists y (S(x, y) \vee S(y, x))$	premise	
2	$x_0$		
3	$\exists y (S(x_0, y) \vee S(y, x_0))$	assumption	
4	$y_0$		
5	$S(x_0, y_0) \vee S(y_0, x_0)$	assumption	
6	$S(x_0, y_0)$	assumption	
7	$\exists y S(x_0, y)$	$\exists y i$ 6	
8	$\exists x \exists y S(x, y)$	$\exists x i$ 7	
9	$S(y_0, x_0)$	assumption	
10	$\exists y S(y_0, y)$	$\exists y i$ 9	
11	$\exists x \exists y S(x, y)$	$\exists x i$ 10	
12	$\exists x \exists y S(x, y)$	$\vee e$ 5, 6 – 8, 9 – 11	
13	$\exists x \exists y S(x, y)$	$\exists y e$ 3, 4 – 12	
14	$\exists x \exists y S(x, y)$	$\exists x e$ 1, 2 – 13	

(2) Find a natural deduction proof to show

$$\forall x \forall y \forall z (S(x, y) \wedge S(y, z) \Rightarrow S(x, z)), \forall x \neg S(x, x) \vdash \forall x \forall y (S(x, y) \Rightarrow \neg S(y, x)).$$

1	$\forall x \forall y \forall z (S(x, y) \wedge S(y, z) \Rightarrow S(x, z))$	premise	
2	$\forall x \neg S(x, x)$	premise	
3	$a$		
4	$\forall y \forall z (S(a, y) \wedge S(y, z) \Rightarrow S(a, z))$	$\forall x e$ 1	
5	$b$		
6	$\forall z (S(a, b) \wedge S(b, z) \Rightarrow S(a, z))$	$\forall y e$ 4	
7	$S(a, b) \wedge S(b, a) \Rightarrow S(a, a)$	$\forall z e$ 6	
8	$\neg S(a, a)$	$\forall x e$ 2	
9	$S(a, b)$	assumption	
10	$S(b, a)$	assumption	
11	$S(a, b) \wedge S(b, a)$	$\wedge i$ 9, 10	
12	$S(a, a)$	$\Rightarrow e$ 11, 7	
13	$\perp$	$\neg e$ 12, 8	
14	$\neg S(b, a)$	$\neg i$ 10 – 13	
15	$S(a, b) \Rightarrow \neg S(b, a)$	$\Rightarrow i$ 9 – 14	
16	$\forall y S(a, y) \Rightarrow \neg S(y, a)$	$\forall y i$ 5 – 15	
17	$\forall x \forall y S(x, y) \Rightarrow \neg S(y, x)$	$\forall x i$ 3 – 16	

(3) Find a natural deduction proof to show

$$\exists x \exists y (S(x, y) \vee S(y, x)), \neg \exists x S(x, x) \vdash \exists x \exists y \neg (x = y).$$

1	$\exists x \exists y (S(x, y) \vee S(y, x))$	premise	
2	$\neg \exists x S(x, x)$	premise	
3	$x_0$		
4	$\exists y (S(x_0, y) \vee S(y, x_0))$	assumption	
5	$y_0$		
6	$S(x_0, y_0) \vee S(y_0, x_0)$	assumption	
7	$x_0 = y_0$	assumption	
8	$S(x_0, x_0)$	assumption	
9	$S(y_0, y_0)$	= e 7, 8	
10	$\exists x S(x, x)$	$\exists xi$ 9	
11	$\perp$	$\neg e$ 10, 2	
12	$S(y_0, x_0)$	assumption	
13	$S(y_0, y_0)$	= e 7, 12	
14	$\exists x S(x, x)$	$\exists xi$ 13	
15	$\perp$	$\neg e$ 14, 2	
16	$\perp$	$\vee e$ 6, 8 – 11, 12 – 15	
17	$\neg(x_0 = y_0)$	$\neg i$ 7 – 16	
18	$\exists y \neg(x_0 = y)$	$\exists yi$ 17	
19	$\exists x \exists y \neg(x = y)$	$\exists xi$ 18	
20	$\exists x \exists y \neg(x = y)$	$\exists ye$ 4, 5 – 19	
21	$\exists x \exists y \neg(x = y)$	$\exists xe$ 1, 3 – 20	

(4) Show that there is no natural deduction proof for

$$\forall x (P(x) \vee Q(x)) \vdash \forall x P(x) \vee \forall x Q(x).$$

Consider the outcomes from flipping a coin:  $P(x)$  : "x is heads,"  $Q(x)$  : "x is tails", with  $x$  belonging to the domain of all coins.

Then we can say truthfully that:

$$\forall x (P(x) \vee Q(x)).$$

But there's a problem with the RHS:

$$\forall x P(x) \vee \forall x Q(x).$$

That is, the right hand side claims that every coin tossed turns of heads, or else, every coin tossed turns of tails.

(5) Semantically show

$$\forall x \neg \phi \models \neg \exists x \phi.$$

Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be a model that  $\mathcal{M} \models \forall x \neg \phi$  (in words, an interpretation satisfying the formula).

And assume that  $\mathcal{M} \not\models \neg \exists x \phi$ , this means that  $\mathcal{M} \models \exists x \phi$ , i.e., there are some  $t \in \mathcal{M}$ ,  $\phi(t/x)$  holds.

But we have:  $\mathcal{M} \models \forall x \neg \phi$ , i.e.,  $\forall t \in \mathcal{M}$ ,  $\neg \phi(t/x)$  holds.

There is a contradiction, thus  $\mathcal{M} \models \neg \exists x \phi$ .