

# Knowledge Representation and Reasoning

## Exercise Session 1

### Exercise 1. Truth Tables

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Build the **truth tables** of the following formulas, remembering the precedence of the operators.

1.  $\neg(x \wedge y) \vee z$
2.  $(x \wedge y \vee \neg x \wedge \neg w) \wedge z$
3.  $(x \vee y) \wedge x$
4.  $\neg(p \wedge (\neg p \vee q \vee s)) \vee q \vee s$

### Exercise 2. Boolean Functions

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For each of the following truth tables, build a formula expressing the same Boolean function.

$x$	$y$	$z$	$\varphi_1$	$x$	$z$	$\varphi_2$	$x$	$y$	$z$	$w$	$\varphi_3$
0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0
1	0	0	1				0	1	0	0	1
1	0	1	0				0	1	0	1	0
1	1	0	0				0	1	1	0	1
1	1	1	1				0	1	1	1	1
							1	0	0	0	0
							1	0	0	1	1
							1	0	1	0	0
							1	0	1	1	0
							1	1	0	0	1
							1	1	0	1	0
							1	1	1	0	0
							1	1	1	1	0

If the tables represent Boolean functions, what is their arity?

### Exercise 3. Types of Formulas

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2.  $(x \rightarrow y) \wedge (\neg y \rightarrow \neg x)$
3.  $(x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow (\neg y \rightarrow \neg x)$
4.  $x \wedge y \wedge (\neg x \vee \neg y) \wedge z$

### Exercise 4. NNF

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A formula is in **negation normal form** (NNF). For example, the second and third formulas in Exercise 1 are in NNF, while the other two formulas are not.

1. Using the DeMorgan equivalences, transform the formulas of Exercise 1 to NNF
2. Do you notice something from the constructions in Exercise 2?

### Exercise 5. Sheffer Functions

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We have seen that  $\neg, \wedge, \vee$  form a **functionally complete** set of logical connectives in the sense that every Boolean function can be described using those connectives. In fact, we  $\neg, \wedge$  and  $\neg, \vee$  are functionally complete by themselves.

A logical connective is called a **Sheffer function** or **sole sufficient operator** if it is functionally complete by itself.

1. show that the NAND connective (denoted as  $\uparrow$ ) is a Sheffer function
2. are there other Sheffer functions?
3. could a unary connective be a Sheffer function?

**Exercise 6. Knowledge Bases****(\*\*)**

For the following truth table, construct a knowledge base (expressed as a set of propositional rules) which represents the same knowledge.

$x$	$y$	$z$	$K$
0	0	0	0
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0	1	0	0
0	1	1	0
1	0	0	1
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	0
1	1	1	1

**Exercise 7. Expressivity****(\*\*)**

Can any propositional formula be expressed as a knowledge base?

If the answer is **yes**, argue why; if it is **no**, give at least two examples of formulas which cannot be expressed.

**Exercise 8. Reasoning**

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Consider the following knowledge base  $K$ :

$$\begin{aligned}x &\leftarrow \\y &\leftarrow x, z, w \\x &\leftarrow v \\w &\leftarrow y, z \\z &\leftarrow v, x \\z &\leftarrow y, w \\z &\leftarrow u, x \\u &\leftarrow \\p &\leftarrow \\t &\leftarrow w, u \\r &\leftarrow s, t\end{aligned}$$

1. Compute the redux  $\hat{K}$
2. Find all the facts that are entailed by  $K$
3. Decide whether the following clauses are consequences of  $K$ 
  - a)  $v \leftarrow u$
  - b)  $t \leftarrow y$
  - c)  $q \leftarrow q$
  - d)  $r \leftarrow w$

**Exercise 9. Revision**

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In the knowledge base from Exercise 8, substitute the fact  $x \leftarrow$  with  $u \leftarrow$ . Call this new knowledge base  $K'$ .

1. Do your answers from Exercise 8 change?
2. Which fact(s) should you remove to ensure that  $z$  is **not** a consequence of  $K'$ ?
3. If facts cannot be removed, which rules would you remove to ensure that  $z$  is not entailed?

**Exercise 10. Tautologies****(\*\*\*)**

The soundness of the fact extraction algorithm seen during the lecture depends on the following property:

if  $\varphi \rightarrow \psi$  and  $\psi \rightarrow \xi$  are both tautologies, then  $\varphi \rightarrow \xi$  is also a tautology.

Show that this property holds always in propositional logic.

$\neg, \wedge, \vee$

1.  $\neg(x \wedge y) \vee z$

x	y	z	$x \wedge y$	$\neg(x \wedge y)$	$\neg(x \wedge y) \vee z$
1	1	1	1	0	1
1	1	0	1	0	0
1	0	1	0	1	1
0	1	1	0	1	1
1	0	0	0	1	1
0	1	0	0	1	1
0	0	1	0	1	1
0	0	0	0	1	1

$\rightarrow \neg x \vee \neg y \vee z$  (DEMORGAN)

— REMOVE PARENTESIS

IS TRUE IF AT LEAST ONE IS TRUE

$$2. (x \wedge y \vee \neg x \wedge \neg w) \wedge z$$

x	y	w	z	$\neg x$	$\neg w$	$x \wedge y$	$x \wedge y \vee \neg x$	$x \wedge y \vee \neg x \wedge \neg w$	$(x \wedge y \vee \neg x \wedge \neg w) \wedge z$
0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0
0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0
0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
0	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1

$$4. \neg(p \wedge (\neg p \vee q \vee s)) \vee q \vee s$$

$p$	$q$	$s$	$\neg p$	$\neg p \vee q$	$\neg p \vee q \vee s$	$p \wedge (\neg p \vee q \vee s)$	$\neg(p \wedge (\neg p \vee q \vee s))$	$\neg(p \wedge (\neg p \vee q \vee s)) \vee q \vee s$	$\neg(p \wedge (\neg p \vee q \vee s)) \vee q \vee s$
1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1
1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1
1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
0	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1
0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1
0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1



$x$	$y$	$z$	$\varphi_1$
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	1
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	0
1	1	1	1

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (\neg x \wedge \neg y \wedge z) \vee \\
 & (\neg x \wedge y \wedge z) \vee \\
 & (x \wedge \neg y \wedge \neg z) \vee \\
 & (x \wedge y \wedge z)
 \end{aligned}
 \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} (x \wedge z) \wedge (\neg y \vee y) \\ \text{ARITY } 3 \\ x \wedge (\neg y \wedge \neg z) \vee (y \wedge z) \end{array}$$

$x$	$z$	$\varphi_2$
0	0	1
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (\neg x \wedge \neg z) \vee \\
 & (x \wedge z)
 \end{aligned}
 \begin{array}{l} \text{OR BOTH TRUE} \\ \text{OR BOTH FALSE} \end{array}
 \quad \text{ARITY } 2$$

$x$	$y$	$z$	$w$	$\varphi_3$
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	1	1
0	0	1	0	0
0	0	1	1	0
0	1	0	0	1
0	1	0	1	0
0	1	1	0	1
0	1	1	1	1
1	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	1	1
1	0	1	0	0
1	0	1	1	0
1	1	0	0	1
1	1	0	1	0
1	1	1	0	0
1	1	1	1	0

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 & (\neg x \wedge y \wedge z \wedge w) \vee \\
 & (\neg x \wedge y \wedge z \wedge w) \vee \\
 & (x \wedge \neg y \wedge \neg z \wedge w) \vee \\
 & (x \wedge y \wedge \neg z \wedge w)
 \end{aligned}$$

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5 TAKES N ARGUMENTS

ARITY: NUMBER OF PARAMETERS  
THAT THE FUNCTION HAVE  
TO TAKE IN CONSIDERATION

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 $a \rightarrow b \Leftrightarrow \neg a \vee b$

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$x \rightarrow \neg x$

$(x \rightarrow y) \wedge (\neg y \rightarrow \neg x)$

$(x \rightarrow y) \wedge$

x	$\neg x$	$x \rightarrow \neg x$	$\neg \neg x$
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	0

NON-TAUTOLOGICAL  
SATISFIABLE FORMULA

x	y	$x \rightarrow y$	$\neg y$	$\neg x$	$\neg y \rightarrow \neg x$	$(x \rightarrow y) \wedge (\neg y \rightarrow \neg x)$
0	0	1	1	1	1	1
0	1	1	0	1	1	1
1	0	0	1	0	0	0
1	1	1	0	0	1	1

$(x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow (\neg y \rightarrow \neg x)$

$(\neg x \vee y) \wedge (y \vee \neg x)$

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SATISFIABLE  
FORMULA

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TAUTOLOGY

$x \wedge y \wedge (\neg x \vee \neg y) \wedge z$

x	y	z	$\neg x$	$\neg y$	$(\neg x \vee \neg y)$	$x \wedge y \wedge (\neg x \vee \neg y) \wedge z$
0	0	0	1	1	1	0
0	0	1	1	1	1	0
0	1	0	1	0	1	0
1	0	0	0	1	1	0
0	1	1	1	0	1	0
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CONTRADICTION



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$$\neg(x \wedge y) \vee z$$

$$(\neg x \vee \neg y) \vee z$$

$$\neg x \vee \neg y \vee z$$

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

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

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

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

$$q \vee s \vee \neg p \vee p \wedge \neg q \wedge \neg s$$

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NAND

x	y	$x \uparrow y$
1	1	0
1	0	1
0	1	1
0	0	1

$$(\neg x \wedge \neg y) \vee (x \wedge \neg y) \vee (\neg x \wedge y)$$

$$\neg x \wedge \neg y \vee x \wedge \neg y \vee \neg x \wedge y$$

MORE CONNECTIVES  $\rightarrow$  MORE COMPACT

$$\neg x = \boxed{x \uparrow x}$$

$$x \wedge y = \neg(x \uparrow y) = (x \uparrow y) \uparrow (x \uparrow y)$$

$$x \vee y = \neg(x \uparrow y)$$

NOR ( $\downarrow$ ) IS A SHEFFER FUNCTION

$$x \downarrow y = \neg(x \vee y) = \neg x \wedge \neg y$$

TEST IT

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1	1	0	0
1	1	1	1

REPRESENT TRUTH

TABLE AS A FORMULA

$$(x \wedge \neg y \wedge \neg z) \vee (x \wedge y \wedge z)$$

$$x \wedge (\neg y \wedge \neg z) \vee (y \wedge z)$$

$$(x \vee x) \wedge (x \vee y) \wedge (x \vee z) \wedge (\neg y \vee \neg y) \wedge (\neg y \vee z) \wedge (\neg z \vee \neg z) \wedge (y \vee y) \wedge (y \vee z)$$

$$x \wedge (x \vee y) \equiv x$$

↑

$x$  MUST BE 1

THE MAX OF  $x \vee y$  MUST BE 1

WE KNOW  $x$  IS 1

REGARDLESS OF  $y$  IF IT IS 0 OR 1

$$\cancel{x \wedge y}$$

DON'T AFFECT OUR KNOWLEDGE

$$\cancel{z \wedge y}$$

" "

$$\cancel{x \wedge z}$$

$$\cancel{y \wedge z}$$

BOTH TRUE OR BOTH FALSE

## Exercise 7. Expressivity

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Can any propositional formula be expressed as a knowledge base?

If the answer is **yes**, argue why; if it is **no**, give at least two examples of formulas which cannot be expressed.

NO

$X \vee Y$  CAN'T BE EXPRESSED AS HORN CLAUSES

KB: HAVE SPECIFIC SHAPE, NEED TO  
BE HORN CLAUSES, NEED  $\wedge$   
POSITIVE LITERALS

7x

THERE ARE THINGS THAT CAN'T BE EXPRESSED

## Exercise 8. Reasoning

Consider the following knowledge base  $K$ :

$x \leftarrow$

$y \leftarrow \cancel{x}, \cancel{z}, w$

$x \leftarrow v$

$w \leftarrow \cancel{y}, \cancel{z}$

$z \leftarrow v, \cancel{x}$

$z \leftarrow \cancel{y}, \cancel{w}$

$z \leftarrow \cancel{x}, \cancel{z}$

$u \leftarrow$

$p \leftarrow$

$t \leftarrow \cancel{w}, \cancel{p}$

$r \leftarrow s, \cancel{t}$

$y \leftarrow x$   $y \leftarrow$   $z \leftarrow v$   
 $x \leftarrow v$   $w \leftarrow$   $z \leftarrow y, w$   
 $w \leftarrow y$   $e \leftarrow w, v$   
 $t \leftarrow s, e$

1. Compute the redux  $\hat{K}$
2. Find all the facts that are entailed by  $K$   
 $x, z, v, p$
3. Decide whether the following clauses are consequences of  $K$

- a)  $v \leftarrow u$  TO CHECK WE ASSUME  $u$  (THE BODY) IS TRUE WE
- b)  $t \leftarrow y$  NO CONSIDER  $u \leftarrow$
- c)  $q \leftarrow q$  ALWAYS TRUE AND  $q \leftarrow$  AND  $q$  IS A FACT
- d)  $r \leftarrow w$  NO



# Exercise 9. Revision

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In the knowledge base from Exercise 8, substitute the fact  $x \leftarrow$  with  $u \leftarrow$ . Call this new knowledge base  $K'$ .

1. Do your answers from Exercise 8 change?
2. Which fact(s) should you remove to ensure that  $z$  is **not** a consequence of  $K'$ ?
3. If facts cannot be removed, which rules would you remove to ensure that  $z$  is not entailed?

IT IS SUFFICES TO REMOVE  
OR IN K  
X ←

$u \leftarrow$

$K'$

$y \leftarrow x, z, w$

$x \leftarrow v$

$w \leftarrow y, z$

$z \leftarrow v, x$

$z \leftarrow y, w$

$z \leftarrow \cancel{x}, x$

$u \leftarrow$

IS ALREADY  
HERE

$p \leftarrow$

$t \leftarrow w, \cancel{x}$

$r \leftarrow s, t$

$z$  IS NOT A FACT ANYMORE

EXPERIMENT  $x \leftarrow$

$x \leftarrow$

$y \leftarrow x, z, w$

$x \leftarrow \cancel{v}$

$w \leftarrow y, z$

$z \leftarrow \cancel{v}, x$

$z \leftarrow y, w$

$z \leftarrow u, x$

$u \leftarrow$

$p \leftarrow$

$t \leftarrow w, \cancel{x}$

$r \leftarrow s, t$

- IF THERE IS NO  $z$  IN THE HEAD
- OR REMOVE  $x \leftarrow v$

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Show that this property holds always in propositional logic.

• WHENEVER  $\varphi$  IS 1 THEN  $\psi$  IS 1

• IF  $V(\varphi) = 1$  THEN  $V(\psi) = 1$

•  $V(\neg\varphi \vee \psi) = 1$  IS A TAUTOLOGY

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$$\max \{V(\neg\varphi), V(\psi)\}$$

↓      ↑  
IF = 0      THEN MUST BE 1

$$\max \{V(\neg\varphi), V(\psi)\} = 1$$

$$\text{GNT } w \max \{w(\neg\varphi), w(\psi)\} = \begin{cases} \text{IF } w(\neg\varphi) = 0 \\ w(\psi) = 1 \\ \text{IF } w(\neg\varphi) = 1 \end{cases}$$

= 1 ← TAUTOLOGY  
EVERY VALUATION  
MARKS IT TRUE