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# **Starter Questions**

- 1. State whether the following CNFs are tautologies, contradictions, or neither.
  - (a)  $\langle [] \rangle$
  - (b)  $\langle [x, \neg y], [y, \neg z], [z, \neg x] \rangle$
  - (c)  $\langle [\neg x_3, x_2, \neg x_1, x_2, x_4, x_1], [x_1, \neg x_2, x_1, \neg x_4, x_3, \neg x_4, x_2, \neg x_4], [\top, \bot] \rangle$
- 2. Consider the boolean function  $f(x_1, \ldots, x_5)$  that is true iff the following conditions hold:
  - At least one of  $x_2$ ,  $x_3$  or  $x_4$  is true.
  - Either both  $x_1$  and  $x_4$  are false, or both  $x_5$  and  $x_1$  are true.
  - Exactly one of  $x_2$  and  $x_5$  is true.

What is the conjunctive normal form of f?

3. How can it be formally shown that some CNF formula is a contradiction?

This section looks scary, because most of the questions are trying to get you used to converting problems into a CNF formula. The rest of SAT isn't too bad, so you could save a lot of time attempting the SAT question in the exam.

- 1. Consider each of the following variants of boolean satisfiability. Determine whether each is known to be solvable in polynomial time. Justify your answers.
  - ANTI-HORN-SAT Each clause has at most 1 negative literal.
  - HORNS-SAT Each clause has at most 2 positive literals.
  - ALL-SAT All n variables are present in each clause.
- 2. Under which assignments of  $x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n$  are the following CNF formulas satisfied?

Hint: Think in terms of implication.

(a) 
$$\left(\bigwedge_{i=1}^{n} \neg x_{i} \lor x_{i+1}\right) \land \left(\bigwedge_{i=1}^{n} x_{i} \lor \neg x_{i+1}\right)$$
(b) 
$$\left(\bigvee_{i=1}^{n} x_{i}\right) \land \left(\bigwedge_{i=1}^{n} \bigwedge_{j=i}^{n} \neg x_{i} \lor \neg x_{j}\right)$$

(c) 
$$\left(\bigwedge_{i=1}^{n} x_{i} \vee x_{f(i)}\right) \wedge \left(\bigwedge_{i=1}^{n} \neg x_{i} \vee \neg x_{f(i)}\right)$$

where  $f(i) = i \pmod{n} + 1$ .

- 3. Given a graph G = (V, E), define a CNF formula  $\mathcal{F}(G)$  that is satisfiable iff G is bipartite.
- 4. You are given an array A[1...n] consisting of integers from the finite set B. Using variables  $x_{i,b}$  to denote the presence of integer b at position i, Define a CNF formula  $\mathcal{F}(A,B)$  that is satisfiable iff all elements in A are unique.

Hint: Your answer to 5(b) may be helpful.

- 5. A white knight on an  $n \times n$  chessboard C is trying to travel from one square  $s = (s_1, s_2)$  to another  $t = (t_1, t_2)$  over a series of moves. However, other white pieces (which do not move) are already placed on specified squares of the chessboard - the white knight cannot move to these squares. Assuming standard knight movement in chess, define a CNF formula  $\mathcal{F}(C,s,t)$ which is satisfiable iff the knight can eventually reach t from s on C.
- 6. A subset  $S \subseteq C$  of a standard 52-card deck of playing cards is 'orderable' if the cards can be arranged from left to right, such that adjacent cards have either the same number or suit.
  - (a) What is the size of the largest non-orderable subset S?
  - (b) Define a CNF formula which is satisfiable if and only if a subset of cards is orderable.

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# First Order Logic

- 1. Determine whether the following statements are true or false, justifying your answer.
  - (a)  $P(x) \to P(x)$  is valid.
  - (b) If |D| < 3, then any predicate P(x, y, z) is false.
  - (c) There exists a model under which  $\forall x (P(x,y) \land \neg P(x,y))$  is true.
  - (d) There exists a model with |D| = 1 in which P(x, y) is satisfiable, but not true.
- 2. Let  $\phi$  be the formula

$$\forall x (P(x,y) \to \exists z (P(x,z) \land P(z,y)))$$

- (a) Give a model with  $|D| = \infty$  under which  $\phi$  is true.
- (b) Give a model with  $|D| = \infty$  under which  $\phi$  is satisfiable, but not true.
- (c) Is there a model with  $|D| = \infty$  under which  $\phi$  is false? Justify your answer.
- 3. (a) Prove the following tautologies using tableau, resolution, and natural deduction.
  - i.  $\exists x \forall y P(x,y) \rightarrow \forall y \exists x P(x,y)$
  - ii.  $(\forall x (Q(x) \to R(x)) \land \exists x (P(x) \land Q(x))) \to \exists x (P(x) \land R(x))$
  - iii.  $\{ \forall x \forall y (P(x,y) \rightarrow \neg \neg Q(y,x)), \forall y \forall z (\neg Q(y,z) \lor P(y,z)) \} \vdash \forall x \forall z (P(x,z) \equiv Q(x,z)) \}$
  - (b) Which of the above tautologies are sentences?

### Verification

- 1. Prove the following Hoare triples:
  - (a) [z > 1] y = 0; x = z; while  $(x > 0) \{x = x 1; y = y + 2\} [y = 2z]$
  - (b)

$$[\top] \text{ if } (y>z) \text{ then } \{y=z\} \text{ else } \{z=y\}; \text{ if } (x>y) \text{ then } \{x=y\} \text{ else } \{\} \ [(x\leq y) \land (x\leq z)] \}$$

(c) 
$$[(a \ge 0) \land (b > 0)] d = a; c = 0; \text{ while } (d \ge b) \{d = d - b; c = c + 1\} \left[c = \left\lfloor \frac{a}{b} \right\rfloor\right]$$

Which of the above programs does not have the weakest pre-condition for its post-condition?

# **Prolog**

1. Consider the following Prolog program:

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s(X, X):- X < 10.

s(X, Y):- A is X // 10, B is X mod 10, s(A, C), Y is B+C.

d(X, 0):- X < 10.

d(X, Y):- s(X, Z), d(Z, A), Y is A+1.
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(a) What is the first result of each of the following queries?

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i. ?- s(-2, Y)
ii. ?- s(13, X)
iii. ?- s(123456789, A)
iv. ?- d(13.4, Y)
v. ?- d(199, Z)
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- (b) What does the predicate d/2 compute? The first argument is a positive integer we consider the input, and the second argument is an integer we consider the output.
- 2. Consider the following Prolog program:

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fun([], [], 0).
fun([X|Xs], [], Y):- fun(Xs, [], Z), Y is X+Z.
fun([], [X|Xs], Y):- fun([], Xs, Z), Y is X+Z.
fun([X|Xs], [Y|Ys], Z):- fun(Xs, [Y|Ys], A), fun([X|Xs], Ys, B), Z is A+B.
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- (a) Draw the Prolog search tree for running the query fun([1, 2], [3, 4], X).
- (b) When the query fun([11, 5, 5], [7, 1, 14], Z). is run, how many additional calls to fun/3 are made in the process?
- 3. Write a Prolog predicate standardise/2, which takes a list of numbers as input, transforming them such that they collectively have a mean of 0 and standard deviation of 1 as output. In other words, replace each of the n elements  $x_i$  with  $\hat{x}_i$ , where:

$$\hat{x}_i = \frac{x_i - \mu}{\sigma}$$

 $\mu = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} x_j$  is the mean of the data, and  $\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} (x_i - \mu)^2}$  the standard deviation. You may use standard arithmetic functions and sqrt/2, but no other built-in predicates.

Hint: Break the problem down into multiple predicates.