

Artificial Intelligence MSc  
– Exam Sample Answers –

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## Answers 1: Propositional Logic

(a)

A formula is

- *satisfiable* if there is a truth assignment that makes it true;

(1 Point)

- *falsifiable* if there is a truth assignment that makes it false;

(1 Point)

- *unsatisfiable* if every truth assignment makes it false;

(1 Point)

- *valid* if every truth assignment makes it true.

(1 Point)

(b)

(i) Below are the truth tables for the three formulas

1.  $p \wedge \neg q$

$p$	$q$	$\neg q$	$p \wedge \neg q$
F	F	T	F
F	T	F	F
T	F	T	T
T	T	F	F

(1 Point)

2.  $p \wedge \neg p$

$p$	$\neg p$	$p \wedge \neg p$
F	T	F
T	F	F

(1 Point)

3.  $(p \wedge \neg p) \rightarrow (p \vee q)$

$p$	$q$	$p \wedge \neg p$	$p \vee q$	$(p \wedge \neg p) \rightarrow (p \vee q)$
F	F	F	F	T
F	T	F	T	T
T	F	F	T	T
T	T	F	T	T

(1 Point)

(ii) Based on the truth tables, we find that the formulas have the following properties

1.  $p \wedge \neg q$ : satisfiable, falsifiable, not unsatisfiable, not valid

(1 Point)

2.  $p \wedge \neg p$ : not satisfiable, falsifiable, unsatisfiable, not valid

(1 Point)

3.  $(p \wedge \neg p) \rightarrow (p \vee q)$ : satisfiable, not falsifiable, not unsatisfiable, valid

(1 Point)

**(c)**

(i) We let the proposition **s** stand for “the sun shines”, **h** for “we go for a hike”, **m** for “we go to the museum”.

Then we can write the four sentences as follows:

$$S_1: \mathbf{s} \rightarrow \mathbf{h}$$

(1 Point)

$$S_2: \neg \mathbf{h} \rightarrow \mathbf{m}$$

(1 Point)

$$C_1: \neg \mathbf{m} \rightarrow \mathbf{s}$$

(1 Point)

$$C_2: (\mathbf{s} \vee \neg \mathbf{m}) \rightarrow \mathbf{h}$$

(1 Point)

(ii) One can check either one of the following

–  $(S_1 \wedge S_2) \rightarrow C$  is valid

–  $\neg(S_1 \wedge S_2) \wedge \neg C$  is unsatisfiable

(2 Points)

- (iii) We check whether  $F = (S_1 \wedge S_2) \rightarrow C_1$  is valid. To this end, we set up a truth table for

$$F = ((s \rightarrow h) \wedge (\neg h \rightarrow m)) \rightarrow (\neg m \rightarrow s)$$

s	h	m	$s \rightarrow h$	$\neg h \rightarrow m$	$(s \rightarrow h) \wedge (\neg h \rightarrow m)$	$\neg m \rightarrow s$	$F$
F	F	F	T	F	F	F	T
F	F	T	T	T	T	T	T
F	T	F	T	T	T	F	F
F	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
T	F	F	F	F	F	T	T
T	F	T	F	T	F	T	T
T	T	F	T	T	T	T	T
T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T

The third line has the truth value F. Therefore,  $F$  is not valid and  $C_1$  does not follow from  $S_1$  and  $S_2$ .

(4 Points)

- (iv) We check whether  $F = (S_1 \wedge S_2) \rightarrow C_2$  is valid. That is, whether

$$F = ((s \rightarrow h) \wedge (\neg h \rightarrow m)) \rightarrow ((s \vee \neg m) \rightarrow h)$$

is valid.

This can be checked using a truth table. It can also be checked using equivalence transformations if we transform  $F$  into T.

First, we apply  $\neg p \rightarrow q \equiv \neg q \rightarrow p$  to  $\neg h \rightarrow m$ . This yields

$$F \equiv ((s \rightarrow h) \wedge (\neg m \rightarrow h)) \rightarrow ((s \vee \neg m) \rightarrow h)$$

Then we apply  $p \rightarrow q \equiv \neg p \vee q$ , which yields

$$F \equiv ((\neg s \vee h) \wedge (\neg \neg m \vee h)) \rightarrow (\neg(s \vee \neg m) \vee h)$$

Then we apply  $\neg(p \vee q) \equiv \neg p \wedge \neg q$ , which yields

$$F \equiv ((\neg s \vee h) \wedge (\neg \neg m \vee h)) \rightarrow ((\neg s \wedge \neg \neg m) \vee h)$$

Then we apply the distributive law  $(p \wedge q) \vee r \equiv (p \vee r) \wedge (q \vee r)$ , which yields

$$F \equiv ((\neg s \vee h) \wedge (\neg \neg m \vee h)) \rightarrow ((\neg s \vee h) \wedge (\neg \neg m \vee h))$$

Then we apply  $p \rightarrow p \equiv T$ , which yields

$$F \equiv T$$

(5 Points)

## Answers 2: Resolution and Prolog

(a)

The steps are

- eliminate implications using the equivalence  $p \rightarrow q \equiv \neg p \vee q$ ;
- push negations downward using De Morgan's laws  $\neg(p \wedge q) \equiv \neg p \vee \neg q$ ,  $\neg(p \vee q) \equiv \neg p \wedge \neg q$  and the double negation law  $\neg\neg p \equiv p$ ;
- push disjunctions downward using the distributive law  $p \vee (q \wedge r) \equiv (p \vee q) \wedge (p \vee r)$  and the identity laws  $p \vee \neg p \equiv \mathbf{T}$  and  $\mathbf{T} \vee p \equiv \mathbf{T}$ .

(3 Points)

(b)

The conjunctive normal forms can be derived as follows:

(i)

$$\begin{aligned} & \neg(a \rightarrow (b \vee c)) \wedge (b \rightarrow (a \wedge c)) \\ \equiv & \neg(\neg a \vee (b \vee c)) \wedge (\neg b \vee (a \wedge c)) \\ \equiv & (\neg\neg a \wedge \neg(b \vee c)) \wedge (\neg b \vee (a \wedge c)) \\ \equiv & (a \wedge (\neg b \wedge \neg c)) \wedge (\neg b \vee (a \wedge c)) \\ \equiv & (a \wedge \neg b \wedge \neg c \wedge (\neg b \vee a) \wedge (\neg b \vee c)) \end{aligned}$$

(3 Points)

(ii)

$$\begin{aligned} & (a \wedge (a \rightarrow b)) \rightarrow b \\ \equiv & \neg(a \wedge (\neg a \vee b)) \vee b \\ \equiv & (\neg a \vee \neg(\neg a \vee b)) \vee b \\ \equiv & (\neg a \vee (\neg\neg a \wedge \neg b)) \vee b \\ \equiv & (\neg a \vee (a \wedge \neg b)) \vee b \\ \equiv & ((\neg a \vee a) \wedge (\neg a \vee \neg b)) \vee b \\ \equiv & ((\neg a \vee a \vee b) \wedge (\neg a \vee \neg b \vee b)) \\ \equiv & ((\mathbf{T} \vee b) \wedge (\neg a \vee \mathbf{T})) \\ \equiv & \mathbf{T} \wedge \mathbf{T} \equiv \mathbf{T} \end{aligned}$$

(5 Points)

(c)

- (i) We let the proposition  $v$  stand for “Joe has made a vacation trip”,  $t$  for “Joe has got a tan”,  $m$  for “Joe was in the mountains”,  $b$  for “Joe was at the beach”.

This information can be captured in the formula:

$$(v \rightarrow b \vee m) \wedge (\neg t \rightarrow \neg b) \wedge (m \rightarrow t) \wedge \neg t$$

(2 Points)

- (ii) The conjunctive normal form of that formula is

$$(\neg v \vee b \vee m) \wedge (t \vee \neg b) \wedge (\neg m \vee t) \wedge \neg t$$

(1 Point)

- (iii) We write the above formula as a collection of clauses and apply resolution:

$$\begin{aligned} & \{ \neg v, b, m \}, \{ t, \neg b \}, \{ \neg m, t \}, \{ \neg t \} \\ \vdash & \{ \neg b \}, \{ \neg m \} \\ \vdash & \{ \neg v, m \} \\ \vdash & \{ \neg v \} \end{aligned}$$

We have derived the clause  $\neg v$ . Hence, Joe has not made a vacation trip.

(2 Points)

- (iv) Since resolution is a sound inference rule, all the clauses we have derived represent logical consequences of our original information.

(1 Point)

(d)

The predicates can be defined as follows

`mother(X) :- female(X), parent(X,Y).`

`brother(X,Y) :- parent(X,Z), parent(Y,Z), male(X).`

`uncle(X,Y) :- brother(X,Z), parent(Z,Y).`

`granddaughter(X,Y) :- parent(Y,Z), parent(Z,X), female(X).`

(8 Points)