

Module Title: Informatics 1 - Computation and Logic

Exam Diet (Dec/April/Aug): December 2013

Brief notes on answers:

1. (a) For each of the following answers, a correct answer (with or without working) gets 3 marks. An incorrect answer without working gets zero. An incorrect answer with partially correct working gets 1 or 2 marks.
 - (i). Tautology
 - (ii). Contingency
 - (iii). Contradiction
 - (iv). Contingency
 - (v). Tautology
- (b) (i). Suppose Sentence A were true. Then Sentence B would be true. But Sentence B states that Sentence A is false, therefore since Sentence B is true, Sentence A would be false.
Suppose Sentence A is false. Then Sentence B would be false, which would mean Sentence A would be true.
Thus neither case is possible, which creates a logical paradox.
1 mark for the argument based on assumption that Sentence A is true, 1 mark for the argument based on it being false, and 1 mark for explaining why this creates a paradox.
- (ii). The paradox occurs because sentences are permitted to talk about the truth value of sentences.
2 marks for this or for any mention of self-referentiality.
2. 15 marks for a fully correct solution, with either 10 or 5 marks for a partially correct one. See Figure 2 for the figure.
3. (a) The answer is $((\text{not}(a) \text{ or } b) \rightarrow c) \text{ and } (c \rightarrow \text{not}(d)) \text{ and } \text{not}((b \text{ and } \text{not}(a)) \rightarrow (c \text{ and } \text{not}(d)))$. 2 marks for a correct answer, zero for a wrong one.
- (b) The answer is $(c \text{ or } a) \text{ and } (c \text{ or } \text{not}(b)) \text{ and } (\text{not}(c) \text{ or } \text{not}(d)) \text{ and } b \text{ and } \text{not}(a) \text{ and } (\text{not}(c) \text{ or } \text{not}(d))$. 7 marks for a completely correct answer using the logical equivalences; partial credit if the logical equivalences are correctly stated but there is an error in applying them.
- (c) The answer is $[[c, \underline{a}], [c, \neg b], [\neg c, \neg d], [b], [\neg \underline{a}], [\neg c, d]]$. 1 mark for a correct answer, 0 for an incorrect one.
- (d) 10 marks for a correct proof as below, with each resolution step applied correctly, including elimination of duplicates at each stage. 6 marks for a correct resolution proof applied to the wrong formula, i.e., in case of an error in the earlier parts.
 $[[c, \underline{a}], [c, \neg b], [\neg c, \neg d], [b], [\neg \underline{a}], [\neg c, d]]$
 $[[c], [c, \neg \underline{b}], [\neg c, \neg d], [\underline{b}], [\neg c, d]]$
 $[[c], [c], [\neg c, \neg \underline{d}], [\neg c, \underline{d}]]$
 $[[\underline{c}], [\neg \underline{c}]]$
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4. (a) See Figure 4a for a drawing of the finite-state machine. The input alphabet is $\{film1, film2, purchase, 5poundnote, cancel\}$ and the output alphabet is $\{notenoughmoney, printticketfilm1, printticketfilm2\}$. 15 marks for a completely correct answer with correct input and output alphabets and transition function; marks deducted for every error.
- (b) The trace is $[0, film1/, 1, cancel/, 0, film2/, 4, 5poundnote/, 5, 5poundnote/, 6, 5poundnote/, 7, 5poundnote/, 7, purchase/printticketfilm2, 0]$. 5 marks for a correct answer; 2 or 3 marks for a partially correct one.
5. The important thing to note is that a number is odd if and only if its representation in base 4 starts with a 1 (since low order digit is read first), and its representation in base 3 has an odd number of 1s. See Figure 5 for a drawing of the machine. State 2 is the only final state. 5 marks for the characterization of inputs, 5 marks for the finite state machine corresponding to this characterization.
6. (a) One correct answer is $(a|b)^*ab(a|b)^*a(a|b)^*|(a|b)^*a(a|b)^*ab(a|b)^*$. 5 marks for this or any other correct answer, 2 or 3 marks if there are minor errors.
- (b) Use equivalences 3,1,2,4 in that order to transform the first expression to the second one. 10 marks for doing this correctly; 2,5 or 8 marks for a partially correct answer.

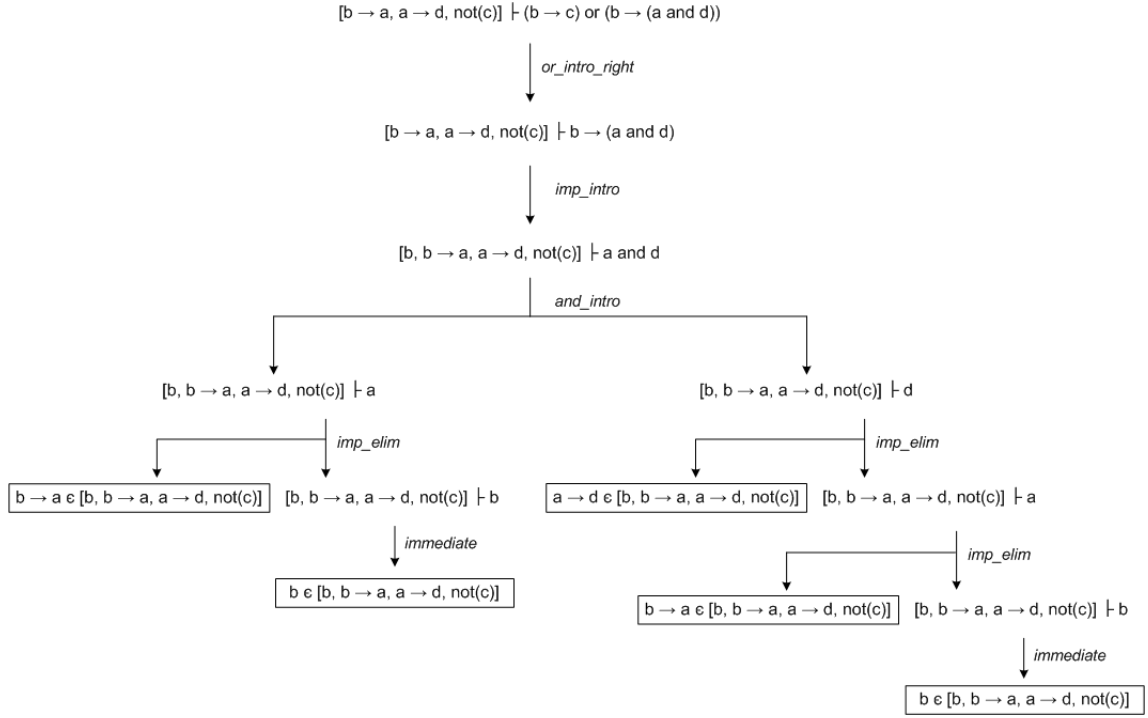


Figure 1: The Proof Tree in Sequent Calculus

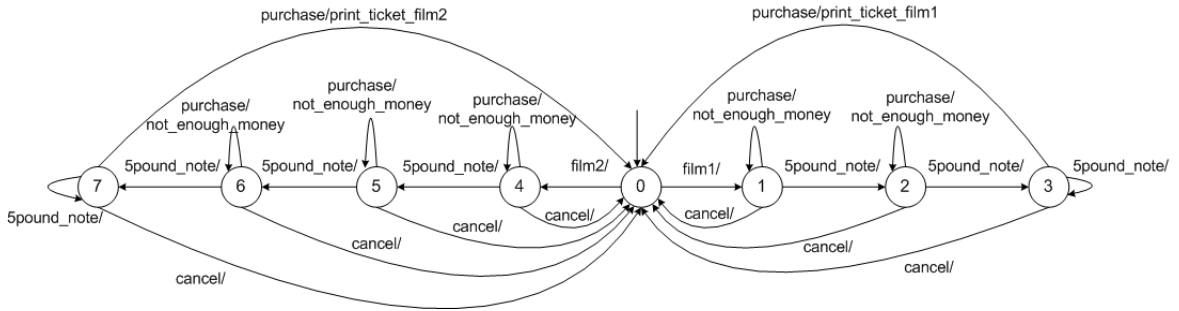


Figure 2: A Finite State Machine for the Ticket Vending Problem

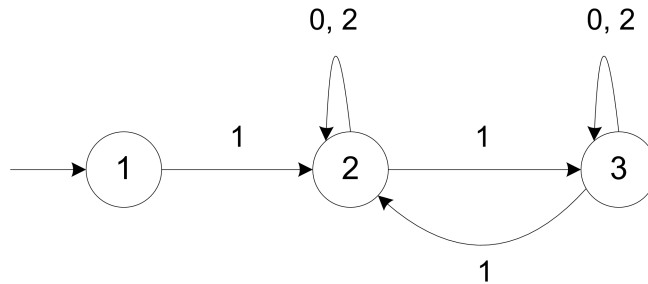


Figure 3: The Finite State Machine for the Odd Number Problem