

**Assignment 2 (Deadline: 6:00pm on 14 April 2023)***Prof Hongseok Yang*

Submit your solutions in KLMS. (Reminder: We adopt a very strict policy for handling dishonest behaviours. If a student is found to copy answers from fellow students or other sources in his or her homework submission, she or he will get F.

1. Show that for any CNF formula  $F$  one can compute in polynomial time an equisatisfiable formula  $G_1 \wedge G_2$ , with  $G_1$  a Horn formula and  $G_2$  a 2-CNF formula. Justify your answer.

**(20 points)**

2. A *renamable Horn formula* is a CNF formula that can be turned into a Horn formula by negating (all occurrences of) some of its variables. For example,

$$(P_1 \vee \neg P_2 \vee \neg P_3) \wedge (P_2 \vee P_3) \wedge (\neg P_1)$$

can be turned into a Horn formula by negating  $P_1$  and  $P_2$ .

Given a CNF-formula  $F$ , show how to derive a 2-CNF formula  $G$  such that  $G$  is satisfiable if and only if  $F$  is a renamable Horn formula. Show moreover that one can derive a renaming that turns  $F$  into a Horn formula from a satisfying assignment for  $G$ .

**(20 points)**

3. Using resolution, show that there is a polynomial-time algorithm to decide satisfiability of those CNF formulas  $F$  in which each propositional variable occurs at most twice. Explain why your answer is correct and briefly explain why it meets the required time bound.

**(20 points)**

4. Suppose that  $\mathcal{S} \models F$  for some formula  $F$  and set of formulas  $\mathcal{S}$ . Show that there is a finite set  $\mathcal{S}_0 \subseteq \mathcal{S}$  such that  $\mathcal{S}_0 \models F$ .

**(20 points)**

5. Given an undirected graph  $G = (V, E)$ , a set of vertices  $S \subseteq V$  is a *clique* if every pair of distinct vertices  $u, v \in S$  are connected by an edge and  $S$  is an *independent set* if no pair of distinct vertices  $u, v \in S$  is connected by an edge. Now consider the following two statements:

(A) Every infinite graph either has an infinite clique or an infinite independent set.

(B) For all  $k$  there exists  $n$  such that any graph with  $n$  vertices has a clique of size  $k$  or an independent set of size  $k$ .

The goal of this question is to show that (A) implies (B).<sup>1</sup>

- (a) Carefully formulate the negation of (B).

**(5 points)**

- (b) Assuming the negation of (B), use the Compactness Theorem to prove the negation of (A), i.e., that there is an infinite graph with no infinite clique and no infinite independent set.

**(15 points)**

<sup>1</sup>As an optional exercise, beyond the scope of the course, you can try to prove (A). This result is Theorem 1 in <https://www.dpmms.cam.ac.uk/~par31/notes/ramsey.pdf>. Combining this with 5(b) we obtain a proof of (B).