

# CMSC 277: Homework #3

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1. For each  $\varphi \in \text{Form}_{\mathbf{P}}$  give a deduction showing that  $\varphi \vdash \neg\neg\varphi$ .

$$\begin{array}{lll} \{\varphi, \neg\varphi\} \vdash \varphi & (\text{Assumption}) & (1) \\ \{\varphi, \neg\varphi\} \vdash \neg\varphi & (\text{Assumption}) & (2) \\ \varphi \vdash \neg\neg\varphi & (\text{Contr on (1) and (2)}) & (3) \end{array}$$

2. (a) For each  $\varphi, \psi \in \text{Form}_{\mathbf{P}}$  give a deduction showing that  $\neg\varphi \vdash \neg(\varphi \wedge \psi)$ .

$$\begin{array}{lll} \{\neg\varphi, \varphi \wedge \psi\} \vdash \neg\varphi & (\text{Assumption}) & (1) \\ \{\neg\varphi, \varphi \wedge \psi\} \vdash \varphi \wedge \psi & (\text{Assumption}) & (2) \\ \{\neg\varphi, \varphi \wedge \psi\} \vdash \varphi & (\wedge EL \text{ on (2)}) & (3) \\ \neg\varphi \vdash \neg(\varphi \wedge \psi) & (\text{Contr on (1) and (3)}) & (4) \end{array}$$

- (b) For each  $\varphi, \psi \in \text{Form}_{\mathbf{P}}$  give a deduction showing that  $\neg(\varphi \wedge \psi) \vdash (\neg\varphi) \vee (\neg\psi)$ .

$$\begin{array}{lll} \{\neg(\varphi \wedge \psi), \varphi, \psi\} \vdash \varphi & (\text{Assumption}) & (1) \\ \{\neg(\varphi \wedge \psi), \varphi, \psi\} \vdash \psi & (\text{Assumption}) & (2) \\ \{\neg(\varphi \wedge \psi), \varphi, \psi\} \vdash \varphi \wedge \psi & (\wedge I \text{ on (1) and (2)}) & (3) \\ \{\neg(\varphi \wedge \psi), \varphi, \psi\} \vdash \neg(\varphi \wedge \psi) & (\text{Assumption}) & (4) \\ \{\neg(\varphi \wedge \psi), \varphi\} \vdash \neg\psi & (\text{Contr on (3) and (4)}) & (5) \\ \{\neg(\varphi \wedge \psi), \varphi\} \vdash (\neg\varphi) \vee (\neg\psi) & (\vee IR \text{ on (5)}) & (6) \\ \{\neg(\varphi \wedge \psi), \neg\varphi\} \vdash \neg\varphi & (\text{Assumption}) & (7) \\ \{\neg(\varphi \wedge \psi), \neg\varphi\} \vdash (\neg\varphi) \vee (\neg\psi) & (\vee IL \text{ on (7)}) & (8) \\ \neg(\varphi \wedge \psi) \vdash (\neg\varphi) \vee (\neg\psi) & (\neg PC \text{ on (6) and (8)}) & (9) \end{array}$$

3. (a) Show that if  $\Gamma \vdash \varphi$  then  $\Gamma \models \varphi$ .

Let  $\varphi \in \text{Form}_{\mathbf{P}}$  be such that  $\Gamma \vdash \varphi$  but  $\Gamma \not\models \varphi$ . Then there exists a truth assignment  $v : P \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  such that  $\bar{v}(\Gamma) = \{1\}$  and  $\bar{v}(\varphi) = 0$ . Hence  $\Gamma$  is satisfiable. Moreover,  $\Gamma \cup \{\neg\varphi\}$  is also satisfiable since  $\bar{v}(\neg\varphi) = 1$ . Therefore by soundness both  $\Gamma$  and  $\Gamma \cup \{\neg\varphi\}$  are consistent. However, as  $\Gamma \cup \{\neg\varphi\} \vdash \varphi$  by Proposition 3.53 and  $\Gamma \cup \{\neg\varphi\} \vdash \neg\varphi$  by assumption, it follows that  $\Gamma \cup \{\neg\varphi\}$  is inconsistent – a contradiction.

- (b) Show that every consistent set of formulas is satisfiable.

Assume  $\Gamma$  is consistent and that for every truth assignment  $v : P \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  there exists some  $\varphi \in \Gamma$  such that  $\bar{v}(\varphi) = 0$ . Then  $\Gamma \models \psi$  for all  $\psi \in \text{Form}_{\mathbf{P}}$ , vacuously. In particular  $\Gamma \models \varphi$  and  $\Gamma \models \neg\varphi$ . But then  $\Gamma \vdash \varphi$  and  $\Gamma \vdash \neg\varphi$  by completeness, so that  $\Gamma$  is inconsistent – a contradiction.

4. Suppose that  $\theta \vdash \gamma$  and  $\gamma \vdash \theta$ . Show that if  $\Gamma \vdash \varphi$  then  $\Gamma \vdash \text{Subst}_{\theta, \gamma}(\varphi)$ .

Since  $\theta$  and  $\gamma$  are syntactically equivalent, by soundness and completeness they are also semantically equivalent and hence for any truth assignment  $v : P \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  we have that  $\bar{v}(\theta) = \text{barv}(\gamma)$ . If  $\Gamma \vdash \varphi$  then by soundness  $\Gamma \models \varphi$ . From the first problem on the previous homework it follows that  $\bar{v}(\varphi) = \text{Subst}_{\theta, \gamma}(\varphi)$ . Hence  $\Gamma \models \text{Subst}_{\theta, \gamma}(\varphi)$  and by completeness  $\Gamma \vdash \text{Subst}_{\theta, \gamma}(\varphi)$ .

5. Suppose we eliminate the  $\rightarrow E$  rule, the  $\neg PC$  rule and the *Contr* rule. Show that the completeness theorem no longer holds.
6. Fix  $k \in \mathbb{N}^+$ . Let  $P$  be a poset such that every finite subset of  $P$  is the union of  $k$  chains. Show that  $P$  itself is the union of  $k$  chains.

Fix  $k \in \mathbb{N}^+$  and define

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma = & \{C_{a,1} \vee \dots \vee C_{a,k} \mid a \in P\} \\ & \cup \{\neg(C_{a,i} \wedge C_{b,i}) \mid a \text{ and } b \text{ are incomparable}\} \end{aligned}$$

Intuitively each  $C_{a,i}$  corresponds to the element  $a$  being in one of  $k$  chains but incomparable elements being in different chains. We include the possibility of there only being “one” chain, e.g., a one element subset is the union of  $k$  chains, viz., itself  $k$  times. Let  $\Gamma_0 \subset \Gamma$  be a finite subset and let  $A = \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$  be the set of all  $a \in P$  such that  $C_{a,i}$  occurs in some element of  $\Gamma_0$  for some  $i \in \{1, \dots, k\}$ . By hypothesis we can write  $A$  as the union of  $k$  chains which corresponds to a truth assignment witnessing that  $\Gamma_0$  is satisfiable.

Since every such  $\Gamma_0$  is satisfiable it follows from compactness that  $\Gamma$  itself is satisfiable, and hence  $P$  can be written as the union of  $k$  chains.