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KRR: KNOWLEDGE REPRESENTATION AND REASONING

Time allowed: 2 hours

Answer THREE questions.

This is an open notes examination. Candidates may take with them into the examination room their lecture notes, photocopies and handouts, but no text books. Reproduction or simple rephrasing is unlikely to win credit in any question.

Turn over for question 1

Question 1

a) Represent the following sentences using *propositional* logic:

i) On Saturdays and Sundays I go to the park if it is fine. [1 mark]

ii) Janet cannot take both logic and astrophysics unless she does not take maths. [1 mark]

b) $\mathcal{M} = \langle \mathcal{D}, \delta \rangle$ is a model for a first-order language with two binary relations R and S. The domain of $\mathcal{M}$ is the set $\{a, b, c, d, e\}$; and the denotations of the relation R is as follows:

$$\delta(R) \;=\; \{\langle a,b\rangle, \langle b,c\rangle, \langle c,d\rangle, \langle d,a\rangle\}$$

i) Which of the following formulae are satisfied by this model: [2 marks]

F1. $\exists x \forall y[R(x, y)]$
F2. $\forall x \exists y[R(x, y)]$
F3. $\forall xyz[(R(x, y) \wedge R(y, z)) \rightarrow R(x, z)]$
F4. $\forall xyz[(R(x, y) \wedge R(y, z)) \rightarrow \exists w[R(z, w) \wedge R(w, x)]]$

ii) Given that the model satisfies the formula

$$S(x, y) \leftrightarrow (R(x, y) \vee R(y, x) \vee (x = y)) \; ,$$

Specify the denotation of the S relation, $\delta(S)$. [2 marks]

c) Translate the following sentences into first-order predicate logic (using equality where necessary):

i) No sensible cat chases every mouse it sees. [2 marks]

ii) Every beardless man shaves himself unless he is rich. [3 marks]

iii) No student owns more than one car. [3 marks]

d) Using the *Sequent Calculus* (as specified in the KRR course notes), determine whether the following sequent is valid:

$$\forall x[P(x) \rightarrow \forall y[R(x, y)]], \quad P(a) \;\vdash\; \forall x[R(a, x)]$$ [6 marks]

[20 marks total]

Question 2

a) Translate the following sentences into *Propositional Tense Logic*:

- I shall not go out before the baby-sitter arrives. [2 marks]
- Until the earthquake, Leeds was always beautiful, except when it was raining. [2 marks]

b) Consider the following scenario:

A robotic delivery vehicle operates in a town in which a number of plazas (i.e. public open spaces) are connected by straight roads. Each of the plazas has from one to four roads leading from it to one of the other squares. Every road runs either North-South or West-East.

The vehicle starts its operation in a plaza known as 'base', carrying a number of packages, each of which is addressed with the name of one of the other plazas.

The vehicle's goal is to deliver all its packages to the correct plaza (according to its address) and return to base.

In order to achieve this vehicle can perform only three types of action:

- turn 90° clockwise,
- travel forward (in the direction it is facing) along a road to a connected plaza,
- drop a package (if addressed to the plaza where the vehicle is located).

After carrying out any of these actions, the vehicle will always be located at one of the plazas and facing one of the four compass directions (North, South East or West).

This scenario is to be represented in *Situation Calculus.* A background theory of fixed facts describing a very simple town layout has been specified as follows:

$$\mathsf{Connected}(base, plaza1, north) \ \wedge \ \mathsf{Connected}(plaza1, base, south)$$
$$\mathsf{Connected}(base, plaza2, south) \ \wedge \ \mathsf{Connected}(plaza2, base, north)$$
$$\mathsf{Address}(package1, plaza1) \ \wedge \ \mathsf{Address}(package2, plaza2)$$
$$\mathsf{Package}(x) \leftrightarrow ((x = package1) \vee (x = package2))$$

It has also been decided that the theory should be formulated in terms of three *fluents*: $\mathsf{Loc}(l)$, giving the location of the vehicle; $\mathsf{Facing}(d)$, giving the direction the vehicle is facing; and $\mathsf{Delivered}(p)$, which holds when package p has been delivered.

Your task is to give the rest of the *Situation Calculus* theory. Your axioms should be correct for any town fitting the general scenario description, not just the given set of Connected and Address, relations. Your representation should include the following:

i) Specification of what *fluents* hold in the initial situation (s_0), assuming that the vehicle initially faces north. [2 marks]

ii) Specification of suitable *precondition* axioms for each of the actions. [4 marks]

iii) Specification of suitable *effect* axioms for each of the actions. [4 marks]

iv) Specification of *frame* axioms for each of the fluents. [4 marks]

v) Definition of a predicate $\mathsf{Goal}(s)$ which is true just in case situation s satisfies the goal conditions. The definition should apply to any town layout fitting the general scenario description. [2 marks]

[20 marks total]

Question 3

a) Use *binary resolution* to determine whether the following propositional entailment is valid:

$$(P \rightarrow \neg R),\ ((P \vee Q) \rightarrow (R \vee S)),\ (P \vee \neg T) \ \vdash \ (S \vee \neg T)\ .$$

In order to do this you must:

i) re-formulate the entailment problem as a consistency checking problem; [1 mark]

ii) transform the formulae into clausal (i.e. conjunctive normal) form; [3 marks]

iii) carry out a binary resolution proof to show inconsistency. [4 marks]

b) Consider the following formulae, which assert that the binary relation R is symmetric, transitive and total:

F1. $\forall xy[R(x,y) \rightarrow R(y,x)]$
F2. $\forall xy[(R(x,y) \wedge R(y,z)) \rightarrow R(x,z)]$
F3. $\forall x \exists y[P(x,y)]$

Prove by binary resolution that these formulae entail that R is also reflexive — i.e. prove F4:

F4 $\forall x[R(x,x)]$.

To solve this you will need to:

- put each of the formulae F1–3, together with the negation of F4, into *clausal normal form.* [4 marks]
- Give a binary resolution proof. (This should only require a sequence of four applications of the binary resolution rule; but a slightly longer proof is also acceptable.) [4 marks]

c) Use *Description Logic* to represent the following axioms:

i) The only frogs that are poisonous are blue or yellow. [2 marks]

ii) Every dog with a kind and reliable owner is happy. [2 marks]

[20 marks total]

Question 4

a) Consider the following formulae involving topological relations of the *Region Connection Calculus* (RCC), together with the spatial sum function and the *convex hull* function, conv. The quantifiers range over non-empty spatial regions. For each formula *draw* a configuration of the regions a, b and (where relevant) c, which satisfies the formula:

i) $\neg\mathsf{EQ}(a, \mathsf{conv}(a)) \wedge \mathsf{DC}(a, b) \wedge \mathsf{TPP}(a, \mathsf{conv}(b))$ [2 marks]

ii) $\forall x[\mathsf{C}(x, a) \rightarrow \mathsf{C}(x, b)] \wedge \mathsf{C}(a, \mathsf{compl}(b)) \wedge \exists z[\mathsf{P}(z, b) \wedge \mathsf{P}(z, d)] \wedge \mathsf{DC}(a, d)$ [3 marks]

b) This question concerns reasoning with the relational partition given by the RCC-8 topological relations:

$$\{\mathsf{DC}, \mathsf{EC}, \mathsf{PO}, \mathsf{TPP}, \mathsf{NTPP}, \mathsf{TPPi}, \mathsf{NTPPi}, \mathsf{EQ}\}\ .$$

Regions a, b, c and d are known to be arranged in the following relations:

$$\mathsf{NTPP}(a, b),\ \ \mathsf{NTPP}(a, c),\ \ \mathsf{EC}(b, d),\ \ \mathsf{EC}(c, d)\ .$$

i) Draw a diagram of the relational network corresponding to this situation. [1 marks]

ii) Use compositional reasoning to find the possible topological relations between a and d. [2 marks]

iii) Use compositional reasoning to find the possible topological relations between b and c. Indicate the steps used to obtain this result. [4 marks]

iv) Draw a diagram of a possible 2-dimensional situation satisfying the given relations. [2 marks]

c) An AI system for reasoning about robots implements a default logic inference rule

$$\mathsf{Arm}(x) : \mathsf{Usable}(x), \neg\mathsf{Broken}(x)\ /\ \mathsf{Usable}(x)$$

It also has information that one of the arms of Rob the robot is broken.

To reason about this situation, the system computes default inferences from the following default theory:

$\langle \mathcal{T}, \mathcal{D}\rangle\ =\ \langle\ \{\mathsf{Arm}(\mathsf{rla}),\ \mathsf{Arm}(\mathsf{rra}),\ (\mathsf{Broken}(\mathsf{rla})) \vee \mathsf{Broken}(\mathsf{rra})\},$
$\quad\quad\quad\quad \{\mathsf{Arm}(x) : \mathsf{Usable}(x), \neg\mathsf{Broken}(x)\ /\ \mathsf{Usable}(x)\}\ \rangle,$

where rla and rra refer respectively to the robot's left and right arms.

i) What are the extensions this theory? If there are no extensions explain why. If there are one or more, state how many and write down the set of literals (i.e. atomic facts or their negations) that are true in each extension. [3 marks]

ii) Comment briefly on whether the application of default logic in this case produces intuitively reasonable conclusions. [2 marks]

iii) Give a *classical* axiom involving the $\mathsf{Usable}(x)$ and $\mathsf{Broken}(x)$ predicates that would make the theory more complete. [1 mark]

[20 marks total]