

## Homework assigned February 06, 2023

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## Problem 1.

Let  $\mathcal{L}$  be a language for first-order logic, including the equality symbol (and any number of other symbols), and  $\mathcal{L}^*$  be  $\mathcal{L}$  without the equality symbol, but with an additional 2-place predicate symbol  $E$ . For any formula  $\alpha$  of  $\mathcal{L}$ , define  $\alpha^*$  to be the formula of  $\mathcal{L}^*$  obtained from  $\alpha$  by replacing every occurrence of  $=$  with  $E$ . If  $\Sigma$  is a set of formulas of  $\mathcal{L}$ , define

$$\Sigma^* = \{\alpha^* \mid \alpha \in \Sigma\}.$$

- (a) This is a short answer problem.

For which logical axiom groups is it true that  $\alpha$  is a logical axiom in that group if and only if  $\alpha^*$  is a logical axiom in that group?

- (b) This is a short answer problem.

Which, if any, of the following are true?

- (i) If  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n$  is a deduction from  $\Sigma$  in the language  $\mathcal{L}$  then  $\alpha_1^*, \alpha_2^*, \dots, \alpha_n^*$  is a deduction from  $\Sigma^*$  in the language  $\mathcal{L}^*$

- (ii) If  $\alpha_1^*, \alpha_2^*, \dots, \alpha_n^*$  is a deduction from  $\Sigma^*$  in the language  $\mathcal{L}^*$  then  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n$  is a deduction from  $\Sigma$  in the language  $\mathcal{L}$

- (c) Show that if  $\Sigma$  is a consistent set of formulas in  $\mathcal{L}$  then  $\Sigma^*$  is a consistent set of formulas in  $\mathcal{L}^*$ .

You may use your answers in (a) and (b).

*Hint:* Recall that  $\Sigma$  is inconsistent if there is some  $\alpha$  such that  $\Sigma \vdash \alpha$  and  $\Sigma \vdash \neg\alpha$ .

- (d) Show by example that it is possible for  $\Sigma$  to be inconsistent but  $\Sigma^*$  to be consistent.

**Problem 2.**

Let  $\mathcal{L}$  have equality, a one-place function symbol  $f$ , and a two-place predicate symbol  $P$ .

Define  $\mathcal{L}^*$  as in problem 1.

Suppose  $\mathfrak{A}$  is a structure for  $\mathcal{L}^*$  with the property that if  $\alpha$  is a logical axiom of  $\mathcal{L}$  in group 5 or group 6 then  $\mathfrak{A}^*$  satisfies  $\alpha^*$ .

You showed in last-week's homework that in this case,  $E^{\mathfrak{A}^*}$  defines an equivalence relation on  $|\mathfrak{A}^*|$ , and  $f^{\mathfrak{A}^*}$  and  $P^{\mathfrak{A}^*}$  induce a well-defined function and a well-defined relation on equivalence classes.

Let  $\mathfrak{B}^*$  be a structure for  $\mathcal{L}^*$  defined by setting

$$|\mathfrak{B}^*| = |\mathfrak{A}| / E^{\mathfrak{A}^*} = \{[a] \mid a \in |\mathfrak{A}^*|\}$$

where  $[a]$  denotes the equivalence class of  $a$  under the equivalence relation  $E^{\mathfrak{A}^*}$ , and letting  $f^{\mathfrak{B}^*}$ ,  $P^{\mathfrak{B}^*}$ , and  $E^{\mathfrak{B}^*}$  be induced by  $f^{\mathfrak{A}^*}$ ,  $P^{\mathfrak{A}^*}$ , and  $E^{\mathfrak{A}^*}$ , such that:

$$\begin{aligned} f^{\mathfrak{B}^*}([a]) &= [f^{\mathfrak{A}^*}(a)] \\ \langle [a], [b] \rangle \in P^{\mathfrak{B}^*} &\iff \langle a, b \rangle \in P^{\mathfrak{A}^*} \\ \langle [a], [b] \rangle \in E^{\mathfrak{B}^*} &\iff \langle a, b \rangle \in E^{\mathfrak{A}^*} \end{aligned}$$

The second and third condition can be rewritten (informally) as:

$$\begin{aligned} [a]P^{\mathfrak{B}^*}[b] &\iff aP^{\mathfrak{A}^*}b \\ [a]E^{\mathfrak{B}^*}[b] &\iff aE^{\mathfrak{A}^*}b \end{aligned}$$

Define a function  $h$  from  $|\mathfrak{A}^*|$  to  $|\mathfrak{B}^*|$  by  $h(a) = [a]$ .

(a) Show that  $h$  is a surjective homomorphism from  $\mathfrak{A}^*$  onto  $\mathfrak{B}^*$ .

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(b) Show that if  $\alpha$  is any formula of  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $s$  is a variable assignment for  $|\mathfrak{A}^*|$ , then

$$\mathfrak{A}^* \models \alpha^*[s] \iff \mathfrak{A}^* \models \alpha^*[h \circ s]$$

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(c) Show that

$$E^{\mathfrak{B}^*} = \{([a], [b]) \in |B^*| \times |B^*| \mid [a] = [b]\}$$

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**Problem 3.**

With the same definitions as in problem (2), let  $\mathfrak{B}$  be the *reduct* of  $\mathfrak{B}^*$  to a structure for  $\mathcal{L}$ . This means that:

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathfrak{B}| &= |\mathfrak{B}^*| \\ f^{\mathfrak{B}} &= f^{\mathfrak{B}^*} \\ P^{\mathfrak{B}} &= P^{\mathfrak{B}^*} \end{aligned}$$

In other words,  $\mathfrak{B}$  translates every parameter  $\mathcal{L}$  in exactly the same way as  $\mathfrak{B}^*$ . It merely has no translation for  $E$ , since  $E$  is not a symbol of  $\mathcal{L}$ . (Of course,  $\mathfrak{B}$  must translate  $=$  as equality).

Because  $\mathfrak{B}^*$  translated  $E$  as equality, we can conclude that for any wff  $\alpha$  of  $\mathcal{L}$  and variable assignment  $\bar{s}$  for  $\mathfrak{B}$ , since  $\alpha^*$  is  $\alpha$  with  $E$  replaced by  $=$ ,

$$\mathfrak{B} \models \alpha[\bar{s}] \iff \mathfrak{B}^* \models \alpha^*[\bar{s}].$$

This makes sense because  $\mathfrak{B}$  and  $\mathfrak{B}^*$  have the same universe, so  $\bar{s}$  is also a variable assignment for  $\mathfrak{B}$ .

By problem (2),

$$\mathfrak{B}^* \models \alpha[h \circ s] \iff \mathfrak{A}^* \models \alpha^*[s],$$

and therefore

$$\mathfrak{B} \models \alpha[h \circ s] \iff \mathfrak{A}^* \models \alpha^*[s].$$

We conclude that if  $\Sigma$  is any set of formulas of  $\mathcal{L}$  including all the logical axioms in groups 5 and 6, and the set  $\Sigma^*$  (obtained by replacing  $=$  with  $E$  in every element of  $\Sigma$ ) is satisfiable by some structure  $\mathfrak{A}^*$  and variable assignment  $s$ , then the original set  $\Sigma$  is also satisfiable by the structure  $\mathfrak{B}$  and variable assignment  $h \circ s$  as defined in problem (2).

Using problem (1) and the further context, show that if every consistent set of sentences in  $\mathcal{L}^*$  is satisfiable then every consistent set of sentences in  $\mathcal{L}$  is satisfiable.