

## HOMWORK N. 1, MATHEMATICAL LOGIC FOR COMPUTER SCIENCE 2021/2021

**ASSIGNMENT:** DO 3 EXERCISES CHOSEN FROM GROUP 1 AND 3 EXERCISES CHOSEN FROM GROUP 2.

**DEADLINE:** 29 MARCH 2021.

**EVALUATION:** THIS IS A PASS OR FAIL EXAM. YOU WILL GET FULL MARKS IF YOU SUBMIT YOUR SOLUTIONS, WHETHER WRONG OR RIGHT.

### 1. GROUP 1

**Exercise 1** Let  $R$  be a predicate symbol of arity 1. Show that  $\exists x(R(x) \rightarrow \forall yR(y))$  is logically valid.

**Exercise 2** Show that the following sentence is unsatisfiable, where  $S$  is any formula with two free variables:  $\exists x\forall y(S(x, y) \leftrightarrow \neg S(y, y))$ .

**Exercise 3** Prove or disprove: for any formulas  $G$  and  $F$ ,

$$F \models G \text{ if and only if } \models (F \rightarrow G).$$

**Exercise 4** Is the following formula logically valid for any formula  $F$  and any term  $t$ ?

$$\forall x F(x) \rightarrow F(t).$$

If not, give an example of a formula  $F$ , a structure  $\mathfrak{A}$  and an assignment  $\alpha$  witnessing this fact.

**Exercise 5** Is the following implication true for any choice of formulas? Is it true for sentences?

If

$$\text{If } \models G \text{ then } \models F,$$

then

$$\models (G \rightarrow F).$$

Recall that for a formula  $G$ ,  $\models G$  means that for all structures  $\mathfrak{A}$ , for all assignments  $\alpha$  in  $\mathfrak{A}$ ,  $\mathfrak{A} \models G[\alpha]$ .

**Exercise 6** Let  $F$  be a formula with no quantifiers, function symbols, or constants. Prove the following two statements.

- (1) A closed formula of the form  $\forall x_1 \dots \forall x_n \exists y_1 \dots \exists y_m F$  with  $m \geq 0$  and  $n \geq 1$  is valid if and only if it is true in every non-empty structure with  $\leq n$  elements.
- (2) A closed formula (a sentence) of the form  $\exists y_1 \dots \exists y_m F$  is valid if and only if it is true in every structure with 1 element.

Can we draw some conclusion about the decidability of the validity of formulas in item (1)?

**Exercise 7** Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  and  $\mathfrak{B}$  be two structures for the same predicative language with no constant or function symbols. Prove that if  $f$  is a bijection from  $A$  to  $B$  such that, for all atomic formulas  $G$  the following holds

$$\mathfrak{A} \models G(x_1, \dots, x_n) \left[ \binom{x_1, \dots, x_n}{a_1, \dots, a_n} \right] \text{ if and only if } \mathfrak{B} \models G(x_1, \dots, x_n) \left[ \binom{x_1, \dots, x_n}{f(a_1), \dots, f(a_n)} \right],$$

then  $\mathfrak{A}$  and  $\mathfrak{B}$  satisfy the same sentences.

(Hint: Induction of sentences is not a viable option (subformulas of a sentence may not be sentences). So typically one proves a result about formulas. In this case one would prove by induction on formulas the following: For any formula  $F(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ , for any  $(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in A^n$ ,  $\mathfrak{A} \models F(x_1, \dots, x_n)[a_1, \dots, a_n]$  if and only if  $\mathfrak{B} \models F(x_1, \dots, x_n)[f(a_1), \dots, f(a_n)]$ . The result for sentences then follows.)

**Exercise 8** Consider the empty language (only logical symbols, including  $=$ , but no further relation, function or constant symbols).

Can you write a sentence that is true only in finite models? Can you write a sentence that is true only in infinite models? Can you write a set of sentences  $X$  such that all models satisfying  $X$  are infinite?

Does any of the answers change if you use the language  $\{<\}$  (one binary relation symbol)?

**Exercise 9** In the language  $\mathcal{L} = \{<\}$  of **DLO**, write a sentence that distinguishes  $(\mathbb{N}, <)$  from  $(\mathbb{Q}, <)$  i.e., that is true in one structure but not in the other.

**Exercise 10** Assume that the validity of a sentence in a fixed finite model can be algorithmically decided (this is indeed the case). Consider the set  $V$  of logically valid sentences (in a fixed first-order language) and the set  $U$  of all unsatisfiable sentences. Is there a decision algorithm (i.e. a deterministic 0,1 valued procedure) that separates  $V$  from  $U$  in the following sense:  $V$  is a subset of the inputs on which the algorithm  $A$  returns 1 and  $U$  is a subset of the inputs on which the algorithm  $A$  returns 0?

(If your answer is yes, describe (informally) an algorithm that separates the two sets; else if your answer is no give an informal proof.)

**Exercise 11** Let  $T$  be a theory (i.e., a set of sentences) in some relational language  $\mathcal{L}$ . Let  $F(x)$  be a formula in the language  $\mathcal{L}$ . Let  $c$  be a constant symbol not present in the language  $\mathcal{L}$ . Let  $\mathcal{L}'$  be the language  $\mathcal{L} \cup \{c\}$ . Show that

$$T \models \forall x F(x) \text{ if and only if } T \models F(c).$$

Note that in the left-hand side we are dealing with structures adequate for  $\mathcal{L}$  while on the right-hand side we are dealing with structures adequate for  $\mathcal{L}'$ .

## 2. GROUP 2

**Definition**  $\mathfrak{B}$  is a **substructure** of  $\mathfrak{A}$  if:  $B \subseteq A$ ; for every constant symbol  $c$ ,  $c^{\mathfrak{A}} = c^{\mathfrak{B}}$ , every relation  $R^{\mathfrak{B}}$  (resp. function  $f^{\mathfrak{B}}$ ) is the restriction of  $R^{\mathfrak{A}}$  (resp.  $f^{\mathfrak{A}}$ ) to  $B$ .

**Exercise 1** Prove the following two points.

- (1) If  $\mathfrak{B}$  is a substructure of  $\mathfrak{A}$ , then for any atomic formula  $F(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ , for all  $b_1, \dots, b_n$  in  $B$ ,  $\mathfrak{B} \models F[b_1, \dots, b_n]$  iff  $\mathfrak{A} \models F[b_1, \dots, b_n]$ .
- (2) Let  $T$  be a set of purely universal sentences (i.e. sentences starting with universal quantifiers followed by an atomic formula). If  $\mathfrak{B}$  is a substructure of  $\mathfrak{A}$  and  $\mathfrak{A} \models T$  then also  $\mathfrak{B} \models T$ .

**Definition**  $\mathfrak{B}$  substructure of  $\mathfrak{A}$  is called **elementary** if for all formulas  $F(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  for all  $b_1, \dots, b_n$  in  $B$ ,  $\mathfrak{A} \models F[b_1, \dots, b_n]$  iff  $\mathfrak{B} \models F[b_1, \dots, b_n]$ . That is,  $\mathfrak{A}$  and  $\mathfrak{B}$  agree on elements of  $B$ .

**Exercise 2** Let  $\mathfrak{A}_1 = (\mathbb{N}, +, 0)$  and  $\mathfrak{A}_2 = (2\mathbb{N}, +, 0)$  be two structures for the language  $\mathcal{L} = \{f, c\}$  where  $f$  is a function symbol of arity 2 and  $c$  is a constant symbol and  $2\mathbb{N}$  denotes the set of even natural numbers.  $\mathfrak{A}_1$  and  $\mathfrak{A}_2$  interpret  $f$  as the sum on their domains and  $c$  as 0. Indicate whether the following are true or false, giving a short justification of your answer.

- (1)  $\mathfrak{A}_2$  is a substructure of  $\mathfrak{A}_1$ .
- (2)  $\mathfrak{A}_1$  e  $\mathfrak{A}_2$  are isomorphic.
- (3)  $\mathfrak{A}_1$  e  $\mathfrak{A}_2$  satisfy the same sentences in  $\mathcal{L}$ .
- (4) If  $\mathfrak{A}_1 \models \exists x F(x)[\alpha]$  for an assignment  $\alpha$  in  $A_2$ , then there exists  $a \in A_2$  such that  $\mathfrak{A}_2 \models F(x)[\alpha(a)]$ .
- (5) If  $E$  is a sentence of the form  $\forall x F(x)$  with  $F(x)$  a quantifier-free formula then:  
If  $\mathfrak{A}_1 \models E$  then  $\mathfrak{A}_2 \models E$ .
- (6) If  $E$  is a sentence of the form  $\exists x F(x)$  with  $F(x)$  a quantifier-free formula then:  
If  $\mathfrak{A}_1 \models E$  then  $\mathfrak{A}_2 \models E$ .

**Exercise 3** Is the structure  $\mathcal{Q} = (\mathbb{Q}, +, \times, 0, 1)$  a substructure of the structure  $\mathcal{R} = (\mathbb{R}, +, \times, 0, 1)$ ? is it an elementary substructure?

**Exercise 4** Prove that the following structures are not isomorphic:

- (1)  $(\mathbb{N}, +, \times, 0, 1, <)$  and  $(\mathbb{Q}, +, \times, 0, 1, <)$
- (2)  $(\mathbb{N}, <)$  and  $(\mathbb{Z}, <)$
- (3)  $(\mathbb{Q}, <)$  and  $(\mathbb{R}, <)$ .

(Hint: in some case you can use the fact that if  $\mathfrak{A}$  and  $\mathfrak{B}$  are isomorphic then they satisfy the same sentences).

**Exercise 5** A theory  $T$  has property  $M$  if the following holds: For  $\mathfrak{A}$  and  $\mathfrak{B}$  models of  $T$ , if  $\mathfrak{A}$  is a substructure of  $\mathfrak{B}$  then  $\mathfrak{A}$  is also an elementary substructure of  $\mathfrak{B}$ . Prove that if a theory  $T$  admits Quantifier Elimination (i.e., every formula is  $T$ -equivalent to a quantifier-free formula with no extra free variables) then the theory  $T$  has property  $M$ .

**Exercise 6** Apply the Quantifier Elimination procedure for the theory **DLO** to the following sentence  $E$ :

$$\exists x \exists y \exists z \forall u (x < y \wedge x < z \wedge z < y \wedge (u = z \vee u < y \vee u = x)).$$

Decide if **DLO**  $\models E$  or **DLO**  $\models \neg E$ .