

Assume  $P, Q, R, S, T$  are atoms (propositions).

## 1 Inference rule

**Problem 1 (written: 15 pts):** Using a truth table, show that the resolution inference rule is valid (if the premises are true, the conclusion is also true, or,  $((P \vee R) \wedge (Q \vee \neg R)) \rightarrow (P \vee Q)$  is valid). Note: valid means “true under all interpretations”.

$$\frac{P \vee R, \quad Q \vee \neg R}{P \vee Q}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} T \rightarrow T \\ F \rightarrow \underline{\quad} \end{array}$$

$P$	$Q$	$R$	$(P \vee R)$	$(Q \vee \neg R)$	$(P \vee R) \wedge (Q \vee \neg R)$	$(P \vee Q)$	$((P \vee R) \wedge (Q \vee \neg R)) \rightarrow (P \vee Q)$
T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
T	T	F	T	T	T	T	T
T	F	T	T	F	F	T	T
T	F	F	T	T	T	T	T
F	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
F	T	F	F	T	F	T	T
F	F	T	T	F	F	F	T
F	F	F	F	T	F	F	T valid.

$$(P \vee R) \wedge (Q \vee \neg R) \rightarrow P \vee Q$$

## 2 Normal forms

In all of the problems in this section, show each step of the derivation and indicate which axioms (or other rules) you used: For example, *distributive law*, *by definition*, etc.

**Problem 2 (written: 5 pts):** Convert  $(\neg P \wedge R) \vee S \vee (Q \wedge R)$  into conjunctive normal form.

distributive

$$((S \vee \neg P) \wedge (S \vee R)) \vee (Q \wedge R)$$

distributive

$$((Q \wedge R) \vee (S \vee \neg P)) \wedge ((Q \wedge R) \vee (S \vee R)) \quad \begin{matrix} 2 \text{ clause} \\ \text{CNF} \end{matrix}$$

associative

$$\underbrace{((Q \wedge R) \vee (S \vee \neg P))}_{C1} \wedge \underbrace{((Q \wedge R) \vee S \vee R)}_{C2}$$

**Problem 3 (written: 5 pts):** Convert  $\neg(P \vee \neg Q) \wedge (S \rightarrow R)$  into disjunctive normal form.

implication

$$\neg(P \vee \neg Q) \wedge (\neg S \vee R)$$

demorgan + double negative Q

$$(\neg P \wedge Q) \wedge (\neg S \vee R)$$

associative

$$\neg P \wedge Q \wedge (\neg S \vee R)$$

distributive

$$\underbrace{(\neg P \wedge Q \wedge \neg S)}_{T1} \vee \underbrace{(\neg P \wedge Q \wedge R)}_{T2} \quad \begin{matrix} 2 \text{ term} \\ \text{DNF} \end{matrix}$$

### 3 Proof by Resolution

Given:

$$1. S \vee \neg P \vee Q$$

$$2. \neg R \vee \neg Q$$

$$3. P \vee T \vee \neg R$$

to prove  $R \rightarrow S \vee T$ , prove  $\neg(R \rightarrow S \vee T)$   
inconsistent

show that  $R \rightarrow (S \vee T)$  is a logical consequence of the above using resolution. Note:  $T$  is an atom (a proposition), not **True**.

Precisely follow the steps below.

**Problem 4 (written: 15 pts):** Transform the above problem into a set of clauses (premises and the conclusion), suitable for resolution-based theorem proving.

- Turn each axiom in the list of premises above into conjunctive normal form.
  - One premise may result in multiple clauses.
  - For example, a premise  $\neg((P \wedge \neg R) \vee S)$  will convert to CNF as  $(\neg P \vee R) \wedge \neg S$ , which results in two clauses:  
 Clause 1:  $\neg P \vee R$   
 Clause 2:  $\neg S$
- Don't forget to negate the conclusion ( $R \rightarrow (S \vee T)$ ), before adding to the clause list. Multiple clauses may (or may not) result from the negated conclusion.

$$\neg(R \rightarrow S \vee T) = R \wedge \neg(S \vee T) = R \wedge \neg S \wedge \neg T = 4. 5. 6.$$

**Problem 5 (written: 20 pts):** With the resulting resolution problem from the above, prove the theorem using resolution. Show every step.

1. $S \vee \neg P \vee Q$	7. (3, 4)	$P \vee T$
2. $\neg R \vee \neg Q$	8. (6, 7)	$P$
3. $P \vee T \vee \neg R$	9. (2, 4)	$\neg Q$
4. $R$	10. (1, 8)	$S \vee Q$
5. $\neg S$	11. (9, 10)	$S$
6. $\neg T$	12. (5, 11)	False