
Logic in Computer Science, November 2nd, 2022. Time: 1h30min. No books or lecture notes allowed.

-Insert your answers on the dotted lines ... below, and only there.
-Do NOT modify the problems or the @nota lines.
-When finished, upload this file with the same name: exam.txt
-Use the text symbols: & v - -> |= A E
 AND OR NOT IMPLIES "SATISFIES" FORALL EXISTS etc.,
like in:
 I |= p & (q v -r) (the interpretation I satisfies the formula p & (q v -r)).
 You can write subindices using "_". For example write x_i to denote x-sub-i.

Problem 1. (3 points).

@n@nota1:

1a) Given two propositional formulas F and G, is it true that F -> G is tautology and F satisfiable, then G is satisfiable?
Prove it using only the formal definitions of propositional logic.

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1b) Give an example of formulas F1, F2, and F3 such that F1 & F2 & F3 is unsatisfiable and any conjunction of two of them is satisfiable.

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Problem 2. (2.5 points).

@n@nota2:

We define the problem NEG-SAT as follows:
given a propositional formula F, to determine whether there exists I such that I |= -F.

a) Describe a linear-time algorithm for NEG-SAT when the input formula is in CNF. Justify its correctness and its cost.

Hint: you can assume that, given a clause C, detecting if C contains contradictory literals, i.e., p and -p for some variable p, can be done in linear time.

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b) Let us call CNF-NEG-SAT the linear-time algorithm of the previous exercise for NEG-SAT when the input formula is in CNF:

Algorithm CNF-NEG-SAT

Input: propositional formula F in CNF

Output:

YES if there exists I such that I |= -F,
NO otherwise

Consider now the following algorithm for solving the SAT problem for arbitrary formulas:

Algorithm MY-SAT

Input: propositional formula F

Output:

YES if there exists I such that $I \models F$,
NO otherwise

Step 1. $G := \text{Tseitin_transformation_of}(-F)$

Step 2. return CNF-NEG-SAT(G)

The algorithm MY-SAT is NOT correct. Prove it giving a counterexample.

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Problem 3. (2.5 points).

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3) Given S a set of clauses (CNF) over n propositional symbols,
and Resolution the deductive rule:

$$\frac{p \vee C \quad \neg p \vee D}{C \vee D} \quad \text{for some symbol } p$$

3a) Given n propositional symbols, how many different clauses are there (seen as sets of literals)?

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3c) Is Resolution a correct deductive rule: $(p \vee C) \ \& \ (\neg p \vee D) \models C \vee D$ for any p, C, D?
Prove it.

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3c) Can Resolution be used to decide SAT? Briefly explain why or why not?

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Problem 4. (2 points).

@n@nota4:

4) Consider the cardinality constraint $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 + x_5 \geq 2$ (expressing that at least 2 of the propositional symbols $\{x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5\}$ are true).

4a) Write the clauses needed to encode this constraint using no auxiliary variables.

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4b) In general, in terms of n and k, how many clauses are needed to encode a cardinality constraint $x_1 + \dots + x_n \geq k$ using no auxiliary variables? (give no explanations here).

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4c) Write at least two names of any other encoding you know for cardinality constraints, encodings that do use auxiliary variables.

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