

TP PCFOL (Propositional Calculus and First Order Logic)

Techniques of AI [INFO-H-410]

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Representation and Interpretation of Boolean Functions

Symbol	Name
0	FALSE
1	TRUE
$\neg A$ / $\neg A$	NOT A
$A \wedge B$	A AND B
$A \vee B$	A OR B
$A \oplus B$	A XOR B

Propositional Calculus

Question 1. Use truth tables to prove the following equivalences:

- a) $P \wedge (Q \vee R) \equiv (P \wedge Q) \vee (P \wedge R)$
- b) $P \vee (Q \wedge R) \equiv (P \vee Q) \wedge (P \vee R)$
- c) $\neg(P \wedge Q) \equiv \neg P \vee \neg Q$
- d) $\neg(P \vee Q) \equiv \neg P \wedge \neg Q$
- e) $P \Rightarrow Q \equiv \neg P \vee Q$

Question 2. Formulate the following expressions as propositional sentences:

- a) If the unicorn is magical, then it is immortal.
- b) If the unicorn is not magical, then it is a mortal mammal.
- c) If the unicorn is either immortal or a mammal, then it is horned.

Using truth tables, can you prove whether the unicorn is magical? Immortal? Horned?

First Order propositions

Question 3. Convert those expressions to first order logic expressions.

- a) All roads lead to Rome.
- b) All that glitters is not gold.
- c) The enemy of my enemy is my friend.
- d) A dog is a man's best friend.

Resolution

Question 4. Prove the following using resolution (negate conclusion, convert to CNF, prove contradiction)

- a) Given $KB = \{P \wedge Q\}$, prove that $KB \models P \vee Q$.
- b) Given $KB = \{P \vee Q, Q \Rightarrow (R \wedge S), (P \vee R) \Rightarrow U\}$, prove that $KB \models U$.

Question 5. On the island of Knights and Knaves, everything a Knight says is true and everything a Knave says is false. You meet two people, Alice and Bob:

- Alice says "Neither Bob nor I are Knaves"
- Bob says "Alice is a Knave"

Using the proposition A to represent "Alice is a Knight" ($\neg A$ means "Alice is a Knave") and B to represent "Bob is a Knight".

- a) Formulate what Alice and Bob said.
- b) Formulate that what they said is true if and only if they are knights.
- c) Put those into CNF form.
- d) Use resolution to prove who is what.

Question 6. From "Sheep are animals", it follows that "The head of a sheep is the head of an animal." Demonstrate that this inference is valid by carrying out the following steps:

- a) Translate the premise and the conclusion into the language of first-order logic. Use three predicates: $H(h, x)$ (meaning "h is the head of x"), $S(x)$ (*Sheep*(x)), and $A(x)$ (*Animal*(x)).
- b) Negate the conclusion, and convert the premise and the negated conclusion into conjunctive normal form.
- c) Conclude.