

CSC236H, Winter 2016

Assignment 2

Sample Solutions

1. Let T be a set of rooted trees such that for each $t \in T$:

- nodes are labeled with positive integers. That is, each node v is labeled with an integer a_v ;
- if w is a child of v , then $a_w < a_v$.

Prove that for all $t \in T$, the root of t has the largest label of all nodes in the tree.

Solution: We will prove the claim by using induction over the structure of the trees in T .

$P(t)$: The root node of t has the largest label in t .

Base Case: Let t be a single node.

Then t is the root node and has the largest label. So, $P(t)$.

Induction Step: Let $t \in T$. Let r be the root of a tree t .

Assume that for each sub-tree t' of t , $P(t')$, i.e., the root node of t' has the largest label in t' . [IH]

WTP: $P(t)$, i.e., the root of t has the largest label in t .

Let r be the root node of t .

If r has no children, then $t = r$ and we're done by the base case. Otherwise, let r_1, \dots, r_n be all the children of r , and t_1, \dots, t_n be the sub-trees of t with roots r_1, \dots, r_n .

By IH, a_{r_i} is the largest label in t_i , for all $1 \leq i \leq n$.

By the definition of T , $a_{r_i} < a_r$, for all $1 \leq i \leq n$.

Therefore, a_r is the largest label in t , and so $P(t)$ holds.

2. Let $M \subseteq \mathbb{Z}^2$ be a set defined as follows:

- $(3, 2) \in M$,
- for all $(x, y) \in M$, $(3x - 2y, x) \in M$,
- nothing else belongs to M .

Use structural induction to prove that for all $(x, y) \in M$, there exists $k \in \mathbb{N}$, such that

$$(x, y) = (2^{k+1} + 1, 2^k + 1).$$

Solution: $P((x, y))$: there exists $k \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $(x, y) = (2^{k+1} + 1, 2^k + 1)$.

The goal is to prove for all $(x, y) \in M$, $P((x, y))$.

Base Case: Let $(x, y) = (3, 2)$.

Let $k = 0$.

Then $2^{k+1} + 1 = 2^1 + 1 = 3$ and $2^k + 1 = 2^0 + 1 = 2$.

Then there exists $k \in \mathbb{N}$, such that $(x, y) = (2^{k+1} + 1, 2^k + 1)$ and so $P((x, y))$.

Induction Step: Let $(x, y) \in M$. By definition, M includes $(3x - 2y, x)$.

Suppose $P((x, y))$, i.e., there exists $k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $(x, y) = (2^{k+1} + 1, 2^k + 1)$. **[IH]**

WTP: $P((3x - 2y, x))$, i.e., there exists $k' \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $(3x - 2y, x) = (2^{k'+1} + 1, 2^{k'} + 1)$.

$$\begin{aligned} 3x - 2y &= 3(2^{k+1} + 1) - 2(2^k + 1) && \# \text{ By IH} \\ &= 3 * 2^{k+1} + 3 - 2^{k+1} - 2 \\ &= 2 * 2^{k+1} + 1 \\ &= 2^{k+2} + 1 \end{aligned}$$

Let $k' = k + 1$. Then $k' \in \mathbb{N}$.

Then $3x - 2y = 2^{k'+1} + 1$.

Also, by IH, $x = 2^{k'+1} + 1$. So, $x = 2^{k'} + 1$.

Then, there exists $k' \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $(3x - 2y, x) = (2^{k'+1} + 1, 2^{k'} + 1)$.

Thus $P((3x - 2y, x))$.

3. Let G be a set defined as follows:

- if x is a propositional variable, then $x \in G$;
- if $f_1, f_2 \in G$, then $\neg f_1 \in G$, and $(f_1 \wedge f_2) \in G$;
- nothing else belongs to G .

For a formula $f \in G$, let $c_{not}(f)$ be the number of occurrences of \neg in f , and $c_{and}(f)$ be the number of occurrences of \wedge in f . Let $H = \{f \in G : c_{not}(f) = c_{and}(f)\}$. That is, H is the set of formulas in G with equal number of \neg 's and \wedge 's.

Prove that for any formula $f \in G$, there is a formula f' such that $f' \in H$ and f' and f are logically equivalent.

Solution: $P(f)$: There exists f' such that $f' \in H$ and f' and f are logically equivalent.

We use structural induction (on G) to prove that for all $f \in G$, $P(f)$ holds.

Base Case: For $f = x$, where x is a propositional variable, let $f' = x$.

Then f' uses no connectives at all. So $f' \in G$ and $c_{not}(f') = 0 = c_{and}(f')$. Thus $f' \in H$.

Also, f' and f are logically equivalent. Therefore $P(f)$ holds.

Induction Step: Assume $f_1, f_2 \in G$. By definition, $\neg f_1 \in G$, and $(f_1 \wedge f_2) \in G$.

Suppose $P(f_1)$ and $P(f_2)$, i.e., there exist f'_1, f'_2 such that $f'_1, f'_2 \in H$ and f'_1 is logically equivalent to f_1 , and f'_2 is logically equivalent to f_2 . **IH**

WTP: $P(f)$ holds for (A) $f = \neg f_1$ and (B) $f = (f_1 \wedge f_2)$.

Case (A): For $f = \neg f_1$, let $f' = \neg(f'_1 \wedge f'_1)$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} c_{not}(f') &= 1 + 2 * c_{not}(f'_1) \\ &= 1 + 2 * c_{and}(f'_1) && \# \text{ By IH, } c_{not}(f'_1) = c_{and}(f'_1) \\ &= c_{and}(f'). \end{aligned}$$

By the IH, $f'_1 \in G$, and so, considering the inductive rules, $\neg(f'_1 \wedge f'_1) \in G$.

By the IH, $\neg(f'_1 \wedge f'_1)$ is logically equivalent to $\neg(f_1 \wedge f_1)$, which is logically equivalent to $\neg f_1$, which by assumption is f .

Therefore $P(f)$.

Case (B): For $f = (f_1 \wedge f_2)$, let $f' = (\neg\neg f'_1 \wedge (f'_2 \wedge f'_2))$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} c_{not}(f') &= 2 + c_{not}(f'_1) + 2 * c_{not}(f'_2) \\ &= 2 + c_{and}(f'_1) + 2 * c_{and}(f'_2) \quad \# \text{ By IH, } c_{not}(f'_1) = c_{and}(f'_1) \text{ and } c_{not}(f'_2) = c_{and}(f'_2) \\ &= c_{and}(f'). \end{aligned}$$

By the IH, $f'_1, f'_2 \in G$, and so, considering the inductive rules, $(\neg\neg f'_1 \wedge (f'_2 \wedge f'_2)) \in G$.

By the IH, $(\neg\neg f'_1 \wedge (f'_2 \wedge f'_2))$ is logically equivalent to $(\neg\neg f_1 \wedge (f_2 \wedge f_2))$, which is logically equivalent to $(f_1 \wedge (f_2 \wedge f_2))$, which is logically equivalent to $(f_1 \wedge f_2)$, which by assumption is f .

Therefore $P(f)$.