

# Discrete Math (Honor) 2022-Fall Homework-4

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## Problem 1. (5 Points)

Provide a predicate formula that is satisfiable for domain of discourse  $D_1 = \{1, 2, 3\}$  but is not satisfiable for domain of discourse  $D_2 = \{1, 2\}$  or  $D_3 = \{2, 3\}$ .

**Answer:** In  $D_2$  or  $D_3$  we can not find three different elements while we can do it in  $D_1$ . Let  $R(x, y) : D \times D \rightarrow \{\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{F}\}$  satisfies that  $R(x, y) = \mathbf{F}$  for  $x = y$  and  $R(x, y) = \mathbf{T}$  for  $x \neq y$ . Consider following predicate formula

$$T(x, y, z) = R(x, y) \wedge R(x, z) \wedge R(y, z)$$

We have  $T(1, 2, 3) = \mathbf{T}$ . But  $T(x, y, z) = \mathbf{F}$  when we consider domain of discourse  $D_2$  or  $D_3$ .

## Problem 2. (16 Points)

Determine if each of the following statements is correct; justify your answer.

1.  $(\forall x)P(x) = \mathbf{F}$ , if and only if, for any  $x_0 \in D$ , we have  $P(x_0) = \mathbf{F}$ .
2.  $(\forall x)(P(x) \wedge Q(x)) = \mathbf{F}$ , if and only if, for any  $x_0 \in D$ , we have  $P(x_0) = \mathbf{F}$  and  $Q(x_0) = \mathbf{F}$ .
3.  $P(a) \rightarrow Q(b) \Rightarrow (\exists x)(P(x) \rightarrow Q(x))$
4.  $P(a) \rightarrow Q(b) \Rightarrow (\exists x)(\exists y)(P(x) \rightarrow Q(y))$

### Answer

1. wrong:  $(\forall x)P(x) = \mathbf{F} \Leftrightarrow \neg(\forall x)P(x) = \mathbf{T} \Leftrightarrow (\exists x)\neg P(x) = \mathbf{T} \Leftrightarrow \text{exists } x_0 \in D \text{ } P(x_0) = \mathbf{F}$ .
2. wrong: Consider  $D = \{1, 2\}$ ,  $P(1) = Q(2) = \mathbf{F}$ ,  $P(2) = Q(1) = \mathbf{T}$ .
3. correct:  $P(a) \rightarrow Q(b) = \neg P(a) \vee Q(b) \Rightarrow (\neg P(a) \vee Q(a)) \vee (\neg P(b) \vee Q(b)) = (P(a) \rightarrow Q(a)) \vee (P(b) \rightarrow Q(b)) \Rightarrow (\exists x)(P(x) \rightarrow Q(x))$
4. correct:  $P(a) \rightarrow Q(b) \Rightarrow (\exists y)(P(a) \rightarrow Q(y)) \Rightarrow (\exists x)(\exists y)(P(x) \rightarrow Q(y))$

## Problem 3. (10 Points)

Prove each of the following equivalences.

1.  $(\forall x)P(x) \rightarrow q = (\exists x)(P(x) \rightarrow q)$
2.  $(\forall y)(\exists x)((P(x) \rightarrow q) \vee S(y)) = ((\forall x)P(x) \rightarrow q) \vee (\forall y)S(y)$

### Answer

1.  $(\forall x)P(x) \rightarrow q$   
 $= \neg(\forall x)P(x) \vee q$   
 $= (\exists x)\neg P(x) \vee q$   
 $= (\exists x)(\neg P(x) \vee q)$   
 $= (\exists x)(P(x) \rightarrow q)$

2.  $(\forall y)(\exists x)((P(x) \rightarrow q) \vee S(y))$   
 $= (\forall y)((\exists x)(P(x) \rightarrow q) \vee S(y))$   
 $= (\exists x)(P(x) \rightarrow q) \vee (\forall y)S(y)$   
 $= (\exists x)(\neg P(x) \vee q) \vee (\forall y)S(y)$   
 $= ((\exists x)(\neg P(x)) \vee q) \vee (\forall y)S(y)$   
 $= (\neg(\forall x)P(x) \vee q) \vee (\forall y)S(y)$   
 $= ((\forall x)P(x) \rightarrow q) \vee (\forall y)S(y)$

**Problem 4.** (8 Points)

Formalize the following inference and prove it.

*Students in Discrete Math class either like studying or like playing games. Bob does not like playing games. Therefore, if Bob is a student in Discrete Math class, then he likes studying.*

**Answer** Formalize:

$S(x)$ : x is a student

$DM(x)$ : x is in Discrete Math class

$LS(x)$ : x likes studying

$LPG(x)$ : x likes playing games

$b$ : Bob

Conclusion:

$(\forall x)((S(x) \wedge DM(x)) \rightarrow (LS(x) \oplus LPG(x))) \wedge \neg LPG(b) \wedge S(b) \wedge DM(b) \vdash LS(b)$

- $(\forall x)((S(x) \wedge DM(x)) \rightarrow (LS(x) \oplus LPG(x)))$
- $(S(x) \wedge DM(x)) \rightarrow (LS(x) \oplus LPG(x))$
- $S(b)$
- $DM(b)$
- $S(b) \wedge DM(b)$
- $LS(b) \oplus LPG(b)$
- $(LS(b) \wedge \neg LPG(b)) \vee (\neg LS(b) \wedge LPG(b))$
- $\neg LPG(b)$
- $(LS(b) \wedge \neg LPG(b))$
- $LS(b)$

**Problem 5.** (15 Points)

Put the correct relation in “(?)” and briefly explains why.

1.  $(\exists x)(\forall y)(\forall z)P(x, y, z)$  (?)  $(\forall y)(\exists x)(\exists z)P(x, y, z)$   $(\Rightarrow / \Leftarrow / \Leftrightarrow / \text{None})$
2.  $(\exists x)(\forall y)(\forall z)P(x, y, z)$  (?)  $(\exists y)(\forall x)(\exists z)P(x, y, z)$   $(\Rightarrow / \Leftarrow / \Leftrightarrow / \text{None})$
3.  $(\exists x)(\forall y)(\forall z)P(x, y, z)$  (?)  $(\forall z)(\exists y)(\forall x)P(x, y, z)$   $(\Rightarrow / \Leftarrow / \Leftrightarrow / \text{None})$
4.  $(\forall x)(\exists y)(\forall z)P(x, y, z)$  (?)  $(\forall z)(\exists y)(\forall x)P(x, y, z)$   $(\Rightarrow / \Leftarrow / \Leftrightarrow / \text{None})$
5.  $(\exists y)(\forall x)(\exists z)P(x, y, z)$  (?)  $(\exists z)(\exists y)(\forall x)P(x, y, z)$   $(\Rightarrow / \Leftarrow / \Leftrightarrow / \text{None})$

**Answer**

1.  $(\exists x)(\forall y)(\forall z)P(x, y, z) \Rightarrow (\forall y)(\exists x)(\exists z)P(x, y, z).$

2.  $(\exists x)(\forall y)(\forall z)P(x, y, z)$  (None)  $(\exists y)(\forall x)(\exists z)P(x, y, z)$
3.  $(\exists x)(\forall y)(\forall z)P(x, y, z)$  (None)  $(\forall z)(\exists y)(\forall x)P(x, y, z)$
4.  $(\forall x)(\exists y)(\forall z)P(x, y, z)$  (None)  $(\forall z)(\exists y)(\forall x)P(x, y, z)$
5.  $(\exists y)(\forall x)(\exists z)P(x, y, z) \Leftarrow (\exists z)(\exists y)(\forall x)P(x, y, z)$

**Explain**

1.  $(\exists x)(\forall y)(\forall z)P(x, y, z) \Rightarrow (\forall y)(\forall z)P(a, y, z) \Rightarrow (\forall y)P(a, y, b) \Rightarrow (\forall y)(\exists x)(\exists z)P(x, y, z)$
2. Let  $P(x, y, z) = \mathbf{T}$  only when  $x = a$ , then  $(\exists y)(\forall x)(\exists z)P(x, y, z) = \mathbf{F}$ . Conversely, Let  $P(x, y, z) = \mathbf{T}$  only when  $y = b, z = c$ , then  $(\exists x)(\forall y)(\forall z)P(x, y, z) = \mathbf{F}$
3. Like prove in (2), we know that  $(\exists x)(\forall y)(\forall z)P(x, y, z) \Rightarrow (\forall z)(\exists y)(\forall x)P(x, y, z)$  is wrong. Conversely, for  $D = \{a, b\}$ , let  $P(x, a, b) = P(x, b, a) = \mathbf{T}$  and  $P(x, y, z) = \mathbf{F}$  otherwise. Then  $(\forall z)(\exists y)(\forall x)P(x, y, z) = \mathbf{T}$  and  $(\exists x)(\forall y)(\forall z)P(x, y, z) = \mathbf{F}$
4. For  $D = \{a, b\}$ , let  $P(a, a, z) = P(b, b, z) = \mathbf{T}$  and  $P(x, y, z) = \mathbf{F}$  otherwise. Then  $(\forall x)(\exists y)(\forall z)P(x, y, z) = \mathbf{T}$  and  $(\forall z)(\exists y)(\forall x)P(x, y, z) = \mathbf{F}$ . Two formulas are equal if we change the position of  $x$  and  $z$ . Therefore, we put None in (?)
5.  $(\exists z)(\exists y)(\forall x)P(x, y, z) = (\exists y)(\exists z)(\forall x)P(x, y, z)$ . Since  $(\exists z)(\forall x)P(x, y, z) \Rightarrow (\forall x)(\exists z)P(x, y, z)$ , the correct relation is  $\Leftarrow$