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**Assignment 1: Fundamentals**

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# 1 General information

**Date posted:** Thursday 30 September, 2021.

**Date due:** Thursday, 14 October, 2021, by 23:59.

**Weight:** 15% of the overall grade.

## 2 Introduction

You should form a team of **three** members. Each team should designate a leader who will submit the assignment electronically. In case you cannot find a team, please contact me and I will assign you to one. There are **7** problems in this assignment, with a total weight of **100** points. You must prepare all your solutions in L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X and produce a single pdf file. Name the file after the Concordia id of the person who will submit, e.g. 123456.pdf.

## 3 Ground rules

This is an assessment exercise. You may not seek any assistance while expecting to receive credit. **You must work strictly within your team and seek no assistance for this assignment ((e.g. from the teaching assistants, fellow classmates and other teams or external help)).** Please note that you should **not** discuss the assignment during tutorials. I am available to discuss clarifications in case you need any.

**All team members are expected to work relatively equally on each problem.** The team leader has the responsibility to ensure that the team does not violate this rule. **In your submission, you must include only the names of those team members who contributed to the assignment.** Accommodating someone who did not contribute will result in a penalty.

If there is any problem in the team (such as lack of contribution, etc.), the team leader must contact the instructor as soon as the problem appears.

## 4 Problems

### 4.1 Propositional logic (10 pts)

You are shown a set of four cards placed on a table, each of which has a **letter** on one side and a **symbol** on the other side. The visible faces of the cards show the letters **L** and **A**, and the symbols  $\square$ , and  $\diamond$ .

Which card(s) must you turn over in order to test the truth of the proposition that “*If a card has a consonant on one side, then it has the symbol  $\diamond$  on the other side*”? Explain your reasoning in detail by deciding for each card whether it should be turned over and why. In your answers, apply any and all appropriate validating or non-validating patterns where applicable.

#### 4.1.1 Propositional logic answer

We have two statements:

S1: The card has a consonant

S2: The symbol is  $\diamond$

$S1 \rightarrow S2$

Card  $\diamond$ : Implication does not necessarily entail causation. So even if the card is a  $\diamond$  the other side value could be L or A. It is not the card to turn.

Card  $\square$ : This card does not satisfy the second statement that the card is a  $\diamond$ . So we cannot evaluate the second statement. It is not the card to turn.

Card A: Since this card is a vowel, it will not help in satisfying the proposition of S1. It is not the card to turn.

Card L: This card will help answer the question because it satisfies the premise that the card has a consonant. We can check the back to validate S2. This should be the card to turn.

## 4.2 Predicate logic 1 (10 pts)

In the domain of all people, consider the predicate  $disclosed(a, b)$  that is interpreted as “ $a$  has disclosed a secret to  $b$ .”

1. How are the following two expressions translated into plain English? Are the two expressions logically equivalent  $\forall a \exists b asks(a, b)$ , and  $\exists b \forall a asks(a, b)$ .
  - $\forall a \exists b disclosed(a, b)$ .
  - $\exists b \forall a disclosed(a, b)$ .
2. Can we claim that  $\forall a \exists b disclosed(a, b) \rightarrow \exists b \forall a disclosed(a, b)$ ? Discuss in detail.
3. Can we claim that  $\exists b \forall a disclosed(a, b) \rightarrow \forall a \exists b disclosed(a, b)$ ? Discuss in detail.

### 4.2.1 Problem 2 answer

1. translation

$\forall a \exists b disclosed(a, b)$ : For all  $a$ , there exist a  $b$  such that  $a$  has asked  $b$  out on a date.

$\exists b \forall a disclosed(a, b)$ : There exists a  $b$  such that all  $a$  asked  $b$  out on a date.

2. Can we claim that  $\forall a \exists b disclosed(a, b) \rightarrow \exists b \forall a disclosed(a, b)$ ? Discuss in detail.
3. Can we claim that  $\exists b \forall a disclosed(a, b) \rightarrow \forall a \exists b disclosed(a, b)$ ? Discuss in detail.

### 4.3 Predicate logic 2 (10 pts)

Consider the subject “x is a person” and the predicate “x is a mortal”, together with the following list of categorical propositions:

- “No person is immortal.”
- “All people is immortal.”
- “Some people are mortal.”
- “Some people are not mortal.”

1. “Identify each categorical statement with its name (i.e. letter description)”.

answer:

”No person is immortal.”: A Form

”All people are immortal.”: E Form

”Some people are mortal.”: I Form

”Some people are not mortal.”: O Form

2. “Identify universal statements.”

answer:

”No person is immortal.” and ”All people are immortal.”

3. “Identify particular statements.”

answer:

”Some people are mortal.” and ”Some people are not mortal.”

4. “Identify affirmative statements”

answer:

”No person is immortal.” and ”Some people are mortal.”

5. "Identify negative statements."

answer:

"All people are immortal." and "Some people are not mortal."

6. "Identify statements with opposite truth values"

answer:

7. "Identify statements that cannot both be true, but could both be false."

answer:

8. "Identify statements that cannot both be false but could both be true."

answer:

9. "Identify pairs of super-subaltern statements."

answer:

## 4.4 Ordered structures (10 pts)

Consider a list  $\Lambda = \langle w, x, y, z \rangle$ , deployed to implement a stack Abstract Data Type.

1. Let the head of  $\Lambda$  correspond to the topmost position of the Stack. Implement the body of operations `push(el,  $\Lambda$ )` and `pop( $\Lambda$ )` (let return element be held in variable `topmost`) using list construction operations. In both cases a) we assume that appropriate preconditions exist, and b) we can refer to  $\Lambda'$  as the state of the list upon successful termination of one of its operations.

answer:

`push(el,  $\Lambda$ )` can be written as  $\Lambda' = cons(el, \Lambda) = \langle el, w, x, y, z \rangle$ .

`pop( $\Lambda$ )` can be written as  $head(\Lambda) = element = w$  and  $\Lambda' = tail(\Lambda) = \langle x, y, z \rangle$ ,

2. Let the last element of  $\Lambda$  correspond to the topmost position of the Stack. Implement the body of both operations as above. When applicable, use control flow statements in your answer.



#### 4.5 Unordered structures and type declarations (10 pts)

#### 4.6 Relational calculus 1 (25 pts)

## 4.7 Relational calculus 2 (25 pts)

1. Given the above Relation,

a) Domain: Model

b) Range: Brand

2. Given the following expression:

$\{\text{galaxyA01}, \text{galaxyJ2Core}, \text{redmi8}\} \triangleleft \text{cellphones}$

a)  $\triangleleft$  is a domain restriction, it selects pairs according to the first element

b)

$\{\text{galaxyA01}, \text{galaxyJ2Core}, \text{redmi8}\} \triangleleft \text{cellphones} = \{$   
galaxyA01  $\mapsto$  samsung,  
galaxyJ2Core  $\mapsto$  samsung,  
redmi8  $\mapsto$  xiaomi  
 $\}$

c) This operator is used in database queries

3. Given the following expression:

4. Given the following expression:

$\{\text{mate10pro}, \text{iphoneSE}, \text{galaxyJ2Core}\} \triangleleft \text{cellphones}$

a)  $\triangleleft$  is a domain subtraction, it removes all specified element from the domain of the definition

b)

$\text{cellphones}' = \{\text{mate10pro}, \text{iphoneSE}, \text{galaxyJ2Core}\} \triangleleft \text{cellphones} = \{$   
galaxyA21s  $\mapsto$  samsung  
mate10  $\mapsto$  huawei  
galaxyA01  $\mapsto$  samsung  
iphone12ProMax  $\mapsto$  apple  
redmi6A  $\mapsto$  xiaomi

redmi8  $\mapsto$  xiaomi  
}

c) This operator would be deployed when we want to delete elements from the database.

5. Given the following expression:

6. Given the following expression:

cellphones  $\oplus$  {galaxyA51  $\mapsto$  samsung, mate9  $\mapsto$  huawei}

a)  $\oplus$  is a relational override

b)

cellphones  $\oplus$  {galaxyA51  $\mapsto$  samsung, mate9  $\mapsto$  huawei} = {  
galaxyA21s  $\mapsto$  samsung  
mate10  $\mapsto$  huawei  
mate10pro  $\mapsto$  huawei  
galaxyA01  $\mapsto$  samsung  
iphone12ProMax  $\mapsto$  apple  
iphoneSE  $\mapsto$  apple  
galaxyJ2Core  $\mapsto$  samsung  
redmi6A  $\mapsto$  xiaomi  
redmi8  $\mapsto$  xiaomi  
galaxyA51  $\mapsto$  samsung  
mate9  $\mapsto$  huawei  
}

c) This operator would be used in the event that we want to add or modify elements in the database.

d) The expression doesn't have a permanent effect. If we want to have a permanent effect, we would need to have an assignment operation as such:

cellphones' = cellphones  $\oplus$  {galaxyA51  $\mapsto$  samsung, mate9  $\mapsto$  huawei}

We need to assign the value of the expression to cellphone to have permanent effect.

## 5 What to submit

Please submit your pdf file at the Electronic Assignment Submission portal

(<https://fis.encs.concordia.ca/eas>)

under **Theory Assignment 1**.