

# Propositional and Predicate Logic - Seminar 1

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1. Recall basic definitions from the first lecture with more examples whenever needed.
  - (a) Show that for every tree  $T$  (following the definition from the lecture) for every two nodes  $x, y$  with  $x <_T y$  there exists an *immediate successor* (a son) of  $x$  between  $x$  and  $y$ .
  - (b) Give an example of a tree in which some node (except the root) has no immediate predecessor (a father).
  - (c) Show that every finitely branching tree in which every node (except the root) has a father is countable.
2. Consider a finite game of two alternating players. Assume the game ends after  $n$  rounds by win of one of the players, denoted by  $X, Y$  where  $X$  begins. The game is given by formula  $\varphi(x_1, y_1, x_2, y_2, \dots, x_n, y_n)$  expressing that the game with moves  $x_1, y_1, x_2, y_2, \dots, x_n, y_n$  ends by a win of  $X$ . Find a formula (with use of quantifiers) that expresses
  - (a) “ $X$  cannot lose”, “ $Y$  cannot lose”,
  - (b) “ $X$  has a winning strategy”,
  - (c) “ $Y$  has a winning strategy”.
3. Assume we are given an (undirected) graph  $G$  and two vertices  $u, v$ . Find a propositional formula that is satisfiable if and only if
  - (a)  $G$  is bipartite,
  - (b)  $G$  has a perfect matching,
  - (c) there is a path between  $u$  and  $v$  in  $G$ .
4. Find first-order formulae (in the language of graph theory) expressing about a graph that
  - (a) “ $u$  and  $v$  have at most one common neighbor”,
  - (b) “there are at least three mutually independent edges”,
  - (c) “there is a path of length  $n$  between  $u$  and  $v$ , where given  $n > 0$  is fixed.
5. Find second-order formulae (in the language of graph theory) expressing about a graph that
  - (a) “there exists a bipartition”,
  - (b) “there exists a perfect matching”,
  - (c) “there exists a path between  $u$  and  $v$ ”.
6. Find first-order formulae (with the symbol  $\leq$ ) expressing about a partially ordered set
  - (a) “ $x$  is the smallest element”, “ $x$  is a minimal element”,
  - (b) “ $x$  has an immediate successor”,
  - (c) “every two elements have the least common predecessor”.
7. Find first order formulae (with use of equality) expressing for a fixed  $n > 0$  that
  - (a) “there exist at least  $n$  elements”,
  - (b) “there exist at most  $n$  elements”,
  - (c) “there exist exactly  $n$  elements”

Is it possible to express with use of (possibly infinite) set of formulae that “there are infinitely many elements”?

8. Find a second-order formula expressing “there exist finitely many elements”. Hint:
- (a) Find first-order formulae (with a symbol  $f$  for a function) expressing “ $f$  is injective”, “ $f$  is surjective”.
  - (b) Find a second-order formula expressing “every function that is surjective is also injective”.