

Predicate and Propositional Logic - Tutorial 5

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1. Let \mathcal{S} be a countable nonempty family of nonempty finite sets. We say that \mathcal{S} has a *selector* if there exists an injective $f: \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \bigcup \mathcal{S}$ such that $f(S) \in S$ for every $S \in \mathcal{S}$. Prove that \mathcal{S} has a selector if and only if every nonempty finite part of \mathcal{S} has a selector.
2. Let φ be the proposition $\neg(p \vee q) \rightarrow (\neg p \wedge \neg q)$.
 - (a) Transform $\neg\varphi$ into CNF and into set representation (clausal form).
 - (b) Find a resolution refutation of $\neg\varphi$; that is, a proof of φ .
3. Find resolution closures $\mathcal{R}(S)$ of the following formulas S .
 - (a) $\{\{p, q\}, \{\neg p, \neg q\}, \{\neg p, q\}\}$
 - (b) $\{\{p, q\}, \{p, \neg q\}, \{p, \neg q\}\}$
 - (c) $\{\{p, \neg q, r\}, \{q, r\}, \{\neg p, r\}, \{q, \neg r\}, \{\neg q\}\}$
4. Find resolution refutations of the following propositions.
 - (a) $(p \leftrightarrow (q \rightarrow r)) \wedge ((p \leftrightarrow q) \wedge (p \leftrightarrow \neg r))$
 - (b) $\neg(((p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow \neg q) \rightarrow \neg q)$
5. Prove by resolution that s is valid in a theory $T = \{\neg p \rightarrow \neg q, \neg q \rightarrow \neg r, (r \rightarrow p) \rightarrow s\}$.
6. Show that if $S = \{C_1, C_2\}$ is satisfiable and C is a resolvent of C_1 and C_2 , then C is satisfiable as well.
7. Find the *tree of reductions* of a formula $S = \{\{p, r\}, \{q, \neg r\}, \{\neg q\}, \{\neg p, t\}, \{\neg s\}, \{s, \neg t\}\}$.
8. Assume that we have available MgO, H₂, O₂, C and we can perform the following chemical reactions.
 - (1) $\text{MgO} + \text{H}_2 \rightarrow \text{Mg} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$
 - (2) $\text{C} + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{CO}_2$
 - (3) $\text{CO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{CO}_3$
 - (a) Represent the state of affairs as a proposition in a suitable language and transform it into a set representation.
 - (b) Prove by (linear input) resolution that we can produce H₂CO₃.
9. Show that in Hilbert's calculus the following is provable for every formulas φ, ψ, χ .
 - (a) $\vdash_H \varphi \rightarrow \varphi$
 - (b) $T \vdash_H \varphi \rightarrow \chi$ where $T = \{\varphi \rightarrow \psi, \psi \rightarrow \chi\}$
 - (c) $T \vdash_H \psi \rightarrow \chi$ where $T = \{\varphi, \psi \rightarrow (\varphi \rightarrow \chi)\}$

Example questions for the midterm test.

1. In the presidential elections we have two candidates, Mr. A and Mr. B.

- (i) Mr. A says: “I will be elected or Mr. B lies.”
- (ii) Mr. B says: “Mr. A will not be elected or I lie.”
- (iii) Exactly one candidate will be elected.

Let the propositional atoms e_A, e_B represent that Mr. A (resp. Mr. B) will be elected and let t_A, t_B represent that Mr. A (resp. Mr. B) speaks the truth. Let us denote $\mathbb{P} = \{e_A, e_B, t_A, t_B\}$.

- (a) Write propositions φ_1, φ_2 in the form of equivalence and a proposition φ_3 in CNF expressing (in this order) (i), (ii), (iii), all over the language \mathbb{P} . (20p)
 - (b) Let $T = \{\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \varphi_3\}$. Prove by tableau method that $T \models e_B$. (40p).
 - (c) Give an example of a proposition over \mathbb{P} that is independent in theory T , or show that such proposition does not exist. (20p).
 - (d) Find a theory S over $\{e_A, e_B\}$ such that T is a conservative extension of S . (20p)
2. (Pigeonhole principle). Let $n \geq 2$ be a fixed natural number. Assume that we have n pigeons and $n - 1$ pigeonholes. We want to show (by resolution) that the following two statements cannot both be true:

- (i) Every pigeon sits in some pigeonhole,
- (ii) there is no pigeonhole with more than one pigeon sitting in it.

Let $\mathbb{P} = \{p_j^i \mid 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq n - 1\}$ be a set of propositional variables, where p_j^i represents that “the i -th pigeon sits in the j -th pigeonhole”.

- (a) Write propositions φ_i and ψ_j over \mathbb{P} expressing that “the i -th pigeon sits in some pigeonhole” and “in the j -th pigeonhole sits not more than one pigeon”, respectively, where $1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq n - 1$. Using the propositions φ_i and ψ_j construct a theory T_n expressing (i) and (ii). (20p)
 - (b) Now let $n = 3$ and $T' = T_3 \cup \{p_1^1\}$, that is, we additionally assume that “the 1st pigeon sits in the 1st pigeonhole”. Convert T' to set representation. (20p)
 - (c) Show that $T' \vdash_R \square$. Draw the resolution refutation in the form of a resolution tree. (40p)
 - (d) Let $T^* = T' \setminus \{\psi_2\}$ be a theory over \mathbb{P} . Is the theory T' a conservative extension of the theory T^* ? Justify your answer. (20p)
3. Let $T = \{(\neg p \wedge q) \rightarrow r, (q \rightarrow r) \leftrightarrow p\}$ be a theory over the language $\mathbb{P} = \{p, q, r\}$.

- (a) Use the tableau method to find all models of the theory T . (40p)
- (b) Axiomatize $M^{\mathbb{P}}(T)$ by a proposition in DNF and also by a proposition in CNF. (20p)
- (c) Is T an extension of the theory $S = \{q \rightarrow p\}$ over the language $\{p, q\}$? Is T a conservative extension of S ? Justify your answers. (20p)
- (d) Determine the number of mutually inequivalent propositions over \mathbb{P} that are independent in both S and T . Justify your answer. (20p)