

# Lógica en la Informática / Logic in Computer Science

## January 16th, 2019. Time: 2h30min. No books or lecture notes.

**Note on evaluation:**  $\text{eval}(\text{propositional logic}) = \max\{\text{eval}(\text{Problems 1,2,3,4}), \text{eval}(\text{partial exam})\}$ .  
 $\text{eval}(\text{first-order logic}) = \text{eval}(\text{Problems 5,6,7})$ .

**1a)** Let  $F$  and  $G$  be propositional tautologies. Is it true that, for every propositional formula  $H$ , we have  $H \models F \wedge G$ ? Prove it using only the definitions of propositional logic.

**Answer:**

$F$ and $G$ propositional tautologies $\implies$	by definition of tautology
forall $I$ , $I \models F$ and $I \models G \implies$	by definition of $\models$
forall $I$ , $\text{eval}_I(F) = 1$ and $\text{eval}_I(G) = 1 \implies$	by definition of min
forall $I$ , $\min(\text{eval}_I(F), \text{eval}_I(G)) = 1 \implies$	by definition of $\text{eval}_I(\wedge)$
forall $I$ , $\text{eval}_I(F \wedge G) = 1 \implies$	by definition of $\models$
forall $I$ , $I \models F \wedge G \implies$	from the meaning of if-then
forall $I$ , if $I \models H$ then $I \models F \wedge G \implies$	by definition of logical consequence
$H \models F \wedge G$	

**1b)** Is it true that the formula  $p$  is a logical consequence of the set  $S$  of three clauses  $\{ p \vee q \vee r, \neg q \vee r, \neg r \}$ ? Prove it in the simplest and shortest way you know. You may use any well-known property of propositional logic, even without proving that property.

**Answer:** yes. We know that resolution is correct. So if by resolution from  $p \vee q \vee r$  and  $\neg q \vee r$  we obtain the clause  $p \vee r$ , then  $S \models p \vee r$ . In fact, therefore  $S \equiv S \cup \{p \vee r\}$ . Similarly, from  $p \vee r$  and  $\neg r$  we obtain the clause  $p$ .

**2)** Let  $\text{Res}(S)$  denote the closure under resolution of a set  $S$  of propositional two-literal clauses. Which three properties of  $\text{Res}(S)$  do you find essential to prove that 2-SAT is polynomial? Answer in three lines like this:

1. ...
2. ...
3. ...

**Answer:**

1.  $\text{Res}(S)$  only contains 2-literal clauses (cannot get larger clauses by resolution from 2-literal clauses).
2. Only a quadratic number of 2-literal clauses exist, so  $|\text{Res}(S)|$  is quadratic and can be computed in polynomial time.
3.  $S$  insat iff empty clause in  $\text{Res}(S)$ .

**3)** Given a propositional CNF, that is, a set of propositional clauses  $S$ , explain in two lines your best method to decide whether  $S$  is a tautology.

**Answer:**  $S$  is a tautology iff all clauses  $C$  in  $S$  are tautologies. A clause is a tautology iff it contains some predicate symbol  $p$  and its negation  $\neg p$ . So the best method is to check this: linear time.

**4)** Write the clauses needed for expressing  $x_1 + \dots + x_4 \leq 1$  using the ladder encoding. (Please write them in a clean and ordered way; give no explanations.)

**Answer:**

$\neg x_1 \vee a_1$	$\neg a_1 \vee \neg x_2$	$\neg a_1 \vee a_2$
$\neg x_2 \vee a_2$	$\neg a_2 \vee \neg x_3$	$\neg a_2 \vee a_3$
$\neg x_3 \vee a_3$	$\neg a_3 \vee \neg x_4$	

5) Let  $F$  be the following formula of first-order logic with equality:

$\forall x \forall y \forall z f(x, f(y, z)) = f(f(x, y), z) \wedge \forall x f(e, x) = x \wedge \forall x f(i(x), x) = e \wedge \forall x \forall y f(x, y) = f(y, x)$ .  
Any model of  $F$  is called a *commutative group* (where  $e$  is the *neutral element* for  $f$  and  $i$  its *inverse*).

5a) Give a well-known example of a commutative group with *infinite* domain. Please write it as clean and simple as possible; give no explanations.

**Answer:**  $D_I$  is the integers,  $f_I(n, m) = n + m$  (the addition of integers),  $i_I(n) = -n$ , and  $e_I = 0$ .

5b) Give an *as simple as possible* example of a commutative group with a *finite* domain. Please write it as clean and simple as possible; give no explanations.

**Answer:**  $D_I = \{a\}$ . Then the functions can only be:  $f_I(a, a) = a$ ,  $i_I(a) = a$ , and  $e_I = a$ .

6) Formalize and prove by resolution that sentence  $D$  is a logical consequence of the other three:

A: Everybody loves his father and his mother.

B: John is stupid.

C: When someone is stupid, at least one of his parents is stupid too.

D: There are stupid people that are loved by someone.

Mandatory: use function symbols  $f(x)$  and  $m(x)$  meaning “father of  $x$ ” and “mother of  $x$ ”.

**Answer:**

A:  $\forall x \text{Loves}(x, f(x)) \wedge \text{Loves}(x, m(x))$

B:  $\text{IsStupid}(\text{John})$

C:  $\forall x \text{IsStupid}(x) \rightarrow (\text{IsStupid}(f(x)) \vee \text{IsStupid}(m(x)))$

$\neg D$ :  $\neg(\exists x \exists y \text{IsStupid}(x) \wedge \text{Loves}(y, x))$

In clausal form, these become:

A1.  $\text{Loves}(x, f(x))$

A2.  $\text{Loves}(x, m(x))$

B.  $\text{IsStupid}(\text{John})$

C.  $\neg \text{IsStupid}(x) \vee \text{IsStupid}(f(x)) \vee \text{IsStupid}(m(x))$

$\neg D$ .  $\neg \text{IsStupid}(x) \vee \neg \text{Loves}(y, x)$

By resolution we obtain:

6.  $\text{IsStupid}(f(\text{John})) \vee \text{IsStupid}(m(\text{John}))$   $B + C$ ,  $\sigma = \{x = \text{John}\}$

7.  $\neg \text{Loves}(y, f(\text{John})) \vee \text{IsStupid}(m(\text{John}))$   $\neg D + 6$ ,  $\sigma = \{x = f(\text{John})\}$

8.  $\neg \text{Loves}(y, f(\text{John})) \vee \neg \text{Loves}(y', m(\text{John}))$   $\neg D + 7$ ,  $\sigma = \{x = m(\text{John})\}$

9.  $\neg \text{Loves}(y', m(\text{John}))$   $A1 + 8$ ,  $\sigma = \{y = \text{John}, x = \text{John}\}$

10. empty clause  $A2 + 9$ ,  $\sigma = \{y' = \text{John}, x = \text{John}\}$

7) Consider a 1-ary function symbol  $f$  and a 3-ary predicate symbol  $P$  and a first-order interpretation  $I$  with a finite domain  $D_I = \{a, b\}$  and the (finite) definition of the functions  $f_I$  and  $P_I$ . Answer in a few words: Is it decidable whether  $I$  satisfies a given formula  $F$  (over  $f$  and  $P$ )? If so, what do you think is the complexity of this? (hint: any relationship with 3-SAT?).

**Answer:**

Yes, this is decidable: evaluating a given  $F$  in a given first order interpretation  $I$  is obviously a finite process if  $D_I$  is finite.

About the complexity: it is NP-hard even for this simple set of symbols. Let  $I$  be the interpretation where  $D_I = \{a, b\}$ ,  $f_I(a) = b$ ,  $f_I(b) = a$ , and  $P_I(x, y, z) = 1$  iff at least one of its arguments is  $a$ . Then we can express 3-SAT as a problem of checking  $I \models F$ , in the following way:

$(\overline{x_7} \vee x_8 \vee \overline{x_2}) \wedge \dots$  is satisfiable IFF  $I \models \exists x_1 \exists x_2 \dots \exists x_n P(f(x_7), x_8, f(x_2)) \wedge \dots$

Hence checking  $I \models F$  cannot be easier than 3-SAT. Here  $a$  and  $b$  act as true and false,  $f_I$  as negation and  $P_I$  says if a clause is true.

Note: in fact checking  $I \models F$  is P-space-complete, i.e., it is believed to be even harder than NP-complete problems.