

Lgica en la Informtica / Logic in Computer Science

June 20th, 2017. Time: 2h30min. No books or lecture notes.

Note on evaluation:

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

1 Consider the at-most-one (AMO) constraint, expressing that at most one of the propositional variables $x_1 \dots x_n$ is true, also written $x_1 + \dots + x_n \leq 1$. Consider:

- 1) the encoding for AMO you know that needs the smallest (in terms of n) number of clauses, and
- 2) the encoding that needs the smallest number of auxiliary variables.

For each case, write **giving no further explanations**: a) the name of the encoding, b) which, and how many, auxiliary variables it uses, c) which, and how many, clauses (always expressing how many in terms of n).

2 My friend John says that he has found a new way to speed up SAT solving. Before starting his SAT solver, he removes from the set of clauses S some clauses he calls “unnecessary”:

A: if there is some variable x that appears only in positive literals of clauses of S , then he removes from S all clauses containing x

B: similarly, if some variable y appears in S only in negative literals then he removes from S all clauses containing y .

Note that after eliminating some “unnecessary” clauses, step A or B may be (or become) applicable for other variables, so John continues doing this until no more variables of type A or B exist and then launches his solver on a (hopefully) much smaller set of clauses. Is John’s idea correct? Explain why, **in very few words**.

3A: What is the complexity of 2-SAT? (just answer, no explanations needed).

3B: Any set of propositional *positive clauses*, that is, clauses with only positive literals (no negations), is of course satisfiable, because the interpretation making all variables true is a model. What is the complexity of deciding the satisfiability of a given “2-or-positive” set of clauses S , that is, such that every clause in S is either positive or two-literal (or both)? Explain why, **in very few words**.

Hint: with two-literal clauses we can express that one variable is the negation of another variable.

4: Consider the following Prolog program and its well-known behaviour:

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brother(joan,pere).
father(enric,joan).
uncle(N,U):- father(N,F), brother(F,U).

?- uncle(X,Y).
X = enric,
Y = pere.
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Express the program as a set of first-order clauses P and prove that $\exists x \exists y \text{uncle}(x,y)$ is a logical consequence of P . Which values did the variables x and y get (by unification) in your proof? **Only write the steps and values. No explanations.**

5: For each statement, say whether it is true or false and show why **in an as simple and short as possible way**:

5A: The formula $\forall x \exists y (p(x, f(y)) \wedge \neg p(x, y))$ is satisfiable.

5B: $\forall x \forall y \exists z q(x, z, y) \models \forall x \exists z \forall y q(x, z, y)$.

6: My good old friend John says that he has written a C++ program P that takes as input an arbitrary first-order formula F , and such that, if F is a tautology, P always outputs “yes” after a finite amount of time, and if F is not a tautology, P outputs “no” or it does not terminate.

Is this possible? If this is not possible, explain why. If it is possible, explain how P would work. **A very short answer suffices.**