

## Exercises on Formal Methods in Computer Science

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This exercise sheet is divided into two parts: first algorithms and techniques, second proofs and properties. Note that the questions of Block 2 in the final exam are going to have a strong emphasis on understanding and proofs. All exercises are relevant for the final exam. We strongly recommend solving *at least* the following exercises until the presentation of the solutions: Exercise 2 (a), Exercise 3 (a), (b), Exercise 6, Exercise 7 (b), Exercise 8 (a), (c), and Exercise 9 (a).

### 1 Algorithms and Techniques

#### Exercise 1 First-Order Theories

To get an intuition, what a formula means, it often helps to visualize an example instantiation of the occurring relations. That is, one visualizes a model (or interpretation) of the formula by drawing the respective relations. Binary relations can be visualized very easily as directed graphs: let  $R \subseteq U \times U$  be a relation on the universe (domain)  $U$ , then the corresponding directed graph  $G$  is  $G = (U, R)$ . So, whenever two elements  $u_1$  and  $u_2$  of the universe of an interpretation are related by  $R$ , then the corresponding graph contains an edge between  $u_1$  and  $u_2$ .

Consider the formula  $\forall x \forall y \forall z : xRy \wedge yRz \rightarrow xRz$  and an interpretation  $I$  on the universe  $U = \{u, v, w, t\}$  such that  $I(R) = \{(u, v), (v, w), (u, w), (v, t), (u, t)\}$ . Now  $I(R)$  can be seen as a directed graph over  $U$  and this graph is shown in Figure 1. Since  $I$  is a model of the above formula, the shown graph is a visualization of this model.

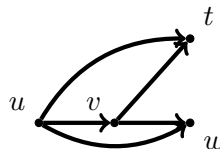
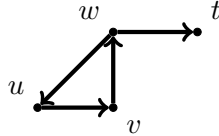


Figure 1: A graph visualizing a model of the formula  $\forall x \forall y \forall z : xRy \wedge yRz \rightarrow xRz$ .

- (a) Let  $T_1$  be a theory consisting of the following fomulae:

$$\begin{aligned} \forall x : xRx \\ \forall x \forall y : xRy \rightarrow yRx \end{aligned}$$

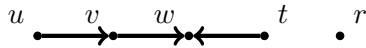
- i) Pick a domain of size at least 5, pick any model of  $T_1$  based on your chosen domain, and visualize  $R$ .
- ii) Consider the following graph, and extend it such that it corresponds to a model of  $T_1$ .



- iii) Visualize a relation, which violates  $T_1$ .
- (b) Visualize the theory  $T_2$ , which consists of the formula:

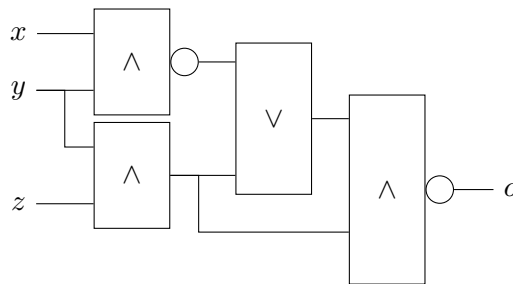
$$\forall x \exists y : xRy$$

- i) Pick a domain of size at least 5 and visualize a chosen model of  $T_2$ .
- ii) Consider the following graph, and extend it such that it corresponds to a model of  $T_2$ .



## **Exercise 2** Tseitin Transformation

- (a) For the formula  $\psi = (a \rightarrow (b \rightarrow \neg a))$  use Tseitin translation to compute a sat-equivalent CNF.
- (b) Given the circuit below with AND, NAND, and OR gates, use Tseitin translation to obtain a linear-size (and sat-equivalent) CNF.



**Exercise 3** Implication Graphs

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a clause set consisting of the following clauses:

$$\begin{aligned}
 c_1: & \quad (\neg A \vee B) \\
 c_2: & \quad (\neg A \vee \neg B \vee C) \\
 c_3: & \quad (A \vee B) \\
 c_4: & \quad (\neg F \vee \neg B \vee \neg G) \\
 c_5: & \quad (G \vee \neg E) \\
 c_6: & \quad (G \vee D) \\
 c_7: & \quad (C \vee E \vee \neg D) \\
 c_8: & \quad (\neg A \vee C)
 \end{aligned}$$

- (a) Draw an implication graph for  $\mathcal{C}$ . Use the decision  $C = 0@1$ , and  $F = 1@2$  until you reach a conflict.
- (b) Determine all UIPs in the implication graph, find the first UIP and use resolution to learn a conflict clause corresponding to the first UIP.
- (c) Add the learned clause, apply conflict-driven backtracking and draw the resulting implication graph.

**Exercise 4** Sparse Method

Apply the Sparse Method including preprocessing on the formula  $\varphi$  below to obtain a propositional formula. Note that  $\varphi$  is not yet in NNF (Negation Normal Form).

$$(x_1 = x_2 \rightarrow x_2 = x_3) \wedge [\neg(x_2 = x_4 \vee x_3 \neq x_4 \vee x_4 \neq x_5) \vee (x_6 \neq x_5 \wedge x_6 = x_7 \wedge x_7 = x_3)]$$

**Exercise 5** Ackermann's Reduction

Apply Ackermann's reduction on the following EUF-formula  $\varphi$  to obtain an E-formula:

$$F(F(x_1)) \neq F(x_1) \wedge G(x_1, x_2) = F(x_2) \wedge F(G(x_2, F(x_2))) \neq F(F(x_1))$$

## 2 Proofs and Properties

### Exercise 6 First-Order Theories

In the lecture, we discussed reasoning under different theories. Here we are concerned with LISP-like lists and the theory  $\mathcal{T}_{cons}^E = \mathcal{T}_{cons} \cup \mathcal{T}_E$ . In a verification attempt of some program, we have to prove the following:

*For non-atomic lists  $\ell_1, \ell_2$ , if the “car” of both lists are equal and the “cdr” of both lists are equal, then  $\ell_1$  is equal to  $\ell_2$ .*

We formalize the above statement as follows:

$$\varphi: \quad [\neg atom(\ell_1) \wedge \neg atom(\ell_2) \wedge car(\ell_1) \doteq car(\ell_2) \wedge cdr(\ell_1) \doteq cdr(\ell_2)] \rightarrow \ell_1 \doteq \ell_2$$

Prove the statement  $\mathcal{T}_{cons}^E$ -valid, i.e., show that  $\mathcal{T}_{cons}^E \models \varphi$ .

Hint: Besides the equality axioms reflexivity, symmetry and transitivity, the following axioms from  $\mathcal{T}_{cons}^E$  are sufficient for a proof:

- (1) Substitution axioms (functional congruence) for *cons*:

$$\forall x_1 \forall x_2 \forall y_1 \forall y_2 [(x_1 \doteq x_2 \wedge y_1 \doteq y_2) \rightarrow cons(x_1, y_1) \doteq cons(x_2, y_2)]$$

- (2) Construction:

$$\forall x [\neg atom(x) \rightarrow cons(car(x), cdr(x)) \doteq x]$$

### Exercise 7 Tseitin Transformation

In the first part of this exercise, we consider a restriction of the Tseitin transformation where the input formula is only composed of propositional variables, negation, and conjunction. In the second part, we consider a simplified transformation whose output is not in CNF.

- (a) Let  $\psi$  be a propositional formula and let  $\delta(\psi)$  be the set of clauses resulting from Tseitin’s transformation on  $\psi$ . Prove that the following holds:

If  $\psi$  is satisfiable then  $\delta(\psi)$  is satisfiable.

You only need to prove this for the connectives  $\wedge$  and  $\neg$ . Use the below clause schemes, which introduce a new label for every boolean variable.

$$\begin{array}{llll} L_a \leftrightarrow a & (\neg L_a \vee a) & (L_a \vee \neg a) & \\ L_\phi \leftrightarrow (L_1 \wedge L_2) & (\neg L_\phi \vee L_1) & (\neg L_\phi \vee L_2) & (L_\phi \vee \neg L_1 \vee \neg L_2) \\ L_\phi \leftrightarrow \neg L_1 & (\neg L_\phi \vee \neg L_1) & (L_\phi \vee L_1) & \end{array}$$

- (b) Consider a simplified variant of Tseitin's transformation: let  $\varphi$  be a propositional formula, let  $\Sigma(\varphi)$  be the set of all subformulas of  $\varphi$ , and let  $\ell_\varphi$  be the label for  $\varphi$ . Then, the result of simplified Tseitin's transformation is the formula:

$$\lambda = \left( \bigwedge_{\psi \in \Sigma(\varphi)} (\ell_\psi \leftrightarrow \psi) \right) \rightarrow \ell_\varphi$$

**Prove:**  $\lambda$  is valid if and only if  $\varphi$  is valid.

### **Exercise 8** Implication Graphs

- (a) Show that in a conflict graph the first UIP is uniquely defined, i.e., there is exactly one node in the implication graph which is a first UIP.
- (b) Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a set of clauses and  $G$  a conflict graph with respect to  $\mathcal{C}$ . Prove: if  $C_l$  is the first clause that is learned following the first-UIP scheme, then  $C_l$  is a consequence of  $\mathcal{C}$ .

Bonus questions: how can this statement be used to show that all clauses that are learned (following the first-UIP scheme) are a consequence of  $\mathcal{C}$ ?

- (c) Prove: *During the run of a SAT solver, the implication graph  $G_k$  at step  $k$  is acyclic.*

Hints:

- 1) Perform a proof by induction over  $k$ .
- 2) Consider the following events that can occur:
  - (i) making a decision,
  - (ii) unit propagation (one step of BCP),
  - (iii) a clause is unsatisfiable,
  - (iv) backtracking.

### **Exercise 9** Ackermann's Reduction

- (a) The removal of Boolean variables from an E-formula is defined as follows:

**Definition.** Let  $\varphi^E$  be any E-formula with Boolean variables  $b_1, \dots, b_n$ . Construct an E-formula  $\psi^E$  without any Boolean variable by replacing each  $b_i$  by  $v_{b_i,1} \doteq v_{b_i,2}$  where  $v_{b_i,1}, v_{b_i,2}$  are two new term variables (identifiers).

Prove that  $\varphi^E$  is E-satisfiable iff  $\psi^E$  is E-satisfiable.

- (b) Transform the EUF-formula  $\varphi^{EUF}$  below to an E-formula  $\varphi^E$  using Ackermann's reduction. Note that  $\varphi^{EUF}$  contains an uninterpreted predicate, which requires special treatment first.

$$\varphi^{EUF} : F(F(x_1)) \doteq G(x_2, G(x_1, x_3, x_4), F(x_2)) \rightarrow p(x_1, y).$$