

## Exercises on Formal Methods in Computer Science

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### Exercise 1 Tseitin Transformation

- (a) For the formula  $\psi = (a \rightarrow (b \rightarrow \neg a))$  use Tseitin to compute a sat-equivalent CNF.

#### **Solution:**

The formula tree and the assigned labels for  $\psi$  are given in Figure 1.

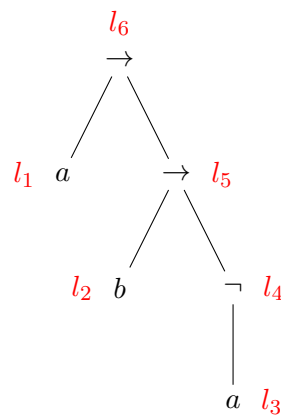


Figure 1: Formula tree for  $\psi$  and assigned labels in red.

The resulting equivalences are:

$$l_1 \leftrightarrow a$$

$$l_2 \leftrightarrow b$$

$$l_3 \leftrightarrow a$$

$$l_4 \leftrightarrow \neg l_3$$

$$l_5 \leftrightarrow (l_2 \rightarrow l_4)$$

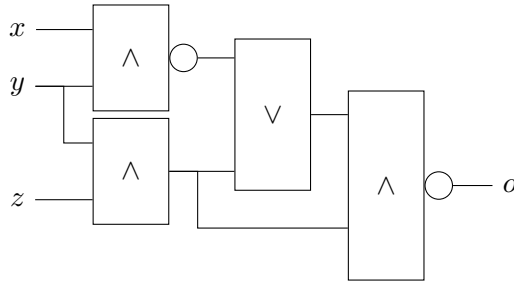
$$l_6 \leftrightarrow (l_1 \rightarrow l_5)$$

Transforming those to CNF yields:

$$\begin{array}{lll}
 \neg l_1 \vee a & l_1 \vee \neg a & \\
 \neg l_2 \vee b & l_2 \vee \neg b & \\
 \neg l_3 \vee a & l_3 \vee \neg a & \\
 \neg l_4 \vee \neg l_3 & l_4 \vee l_3 & \\
 \neg l_5 \vee \neg l_2 \vee l_4 & l_5 \vee l_2 & l_5 \vee \neg l_4 \\
 \neg l_6 \vee \neg l_1 \vee l_5 & l_6 \vee l_1 & l_5 \vee \neg l_5
 \end{array}$$

If we add the single clause  $l_6$  to the above set of clauses, then the resulting set of clauses is sat-equivalent to  $\psi$ .

- (b) Given the circuit below with AND, NAND, and OR gates, use Tseitin to obtain a linear-size CNF.



**Solution:**

We directly label the circuit dag with labels as in Figure 2. Observe that we do not assign labels to input lines here and use NAND-gates directly (instead of decomposing them into AND followed by NOT).

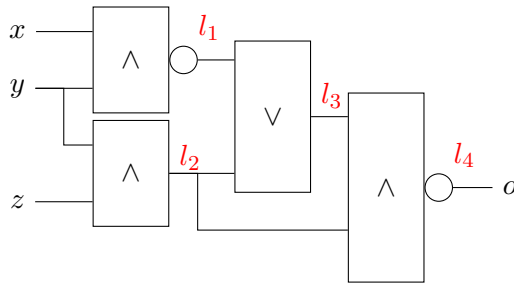


Figure 2: Labelled circuit.

So the corresponding equivalences are (where  $\uparrow$  is the Sheffer stroke, a binary

logical connective that is equivalent to a NAND gate, i.e.,  $x \uparrow y \equiv \neg(x \wedge y)$ ):

$$\begin{aligned} l_1 &\leftrightarrow x \uparrow y \\ l_2 &\leftrightarrow y \wedge z \\ l_3 &\leftrightarrow l_1 \vee l_2 \\ l_4 &\leftrightarrow l_3 \uparrow l_2 \end{aligned}$$

Corresponding to those equivalences are the following clauses:

$$\begin{array}{lll} \neg l_1 \vee \neg x \vee \neg y & l_1 \vee x & l_1 \vee y \\ \neg l_2 \vee y & \neg l_2 \vee z & l_2 \vee \neg y \vee \neg z \\ \neg l_3 \vee l_1 \vee l_2 & l_3 \vee \neg l_1 & l_3 \vee \neg l_2 \\ \neg l_4 \vee \neg l_3 \vee \neg l_2 & l_1 \vee l_3 & l_1 \vee l_2 \end{array}$$

We add the single clause  $l_4$  to the above set and obtain a set of clauses corresponding to the above circuit, whose size is linear in the size of the circuit.

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

If  $\psi$  is satisfiable then  $\hat{\delta}(\psi)$  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.

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

**Solution:**

Let  $\hat{\delta}(\psi)$  be the set of all clauses from the labelling of  $\psi$  and the additional clause  $(L_\psi)$ .

We have to show: If  $\psi$  is satisfiable then  $\hat{\delta}(\psi)$  is satisfiable. In other words: If there exists  $I \in \text{Mod}(\psi)$  then there exists  $I' \in \text{Mod}(\hat{\delta}(\psi))$ , that is for every  $C \in \hat{\delta}(\psi)$  holds  $I'(C) = 1$ .

To prove this statement, we assume that  $\psi$  is satisfiable. Then we have to show that for some interpretation  $I'$  of  $\hat{\delta}(\psi)$  it holds that all clauses  $C \in \hat{\delta}(\psi)$  evaluate to true, i.e.,  $\forall C \in \hat{\delta}(\psi) : I'(C) = 1$ .

As we assumed  $\psi$  to be satisfiable, there exists a model  $I$  of  $\psi$ . We extend  $I$  to an interpretation  $I'$  for  $\hat{\delta}(\psi)$  as follows:

- i)  $I'(a) = I(a)$  for every propositional variable  $a$  occurring in  $\psi$ .

- ii)  $I'(L_\phi) = I(\phi)$  for every subformula occurrence  $\phi$  of  $\psi$ , i.e.,  $\phi \in \Sigma(\psi)$ , where  $L_\phi$  is the label assigned to  $\phi$ .

It remains to show that  $I'$  is also a model of  $\hat{\delta}(\psi)$ .

For the following proof we assume without further notice that  $\phi$  is a subformula occurrence of  $\psi$ , i.e.,  $\phi \in \Sigma(\psi)$ .

As every clause in  $\hat{\delta}(\psi) \setminus \{(L_\psi)\}$  results from the translation of one subformula occurrence  $\phi$  of  $\psi$ , we first show by structural induction on  $\psi$  that, for all  $C \in \hat{\delta}(\psi) \setminus \{(L_\psi)\}$ , it that holds  $I'(C) = 1$ . The Induction Hypothesis (IH) which we use is as follows:

IH: If  $\phi'$  is a subformula of  $\phi$  with  $\phi' \neq \phi$  then  $I'$  satisfies all clauses in  $\hat{\delta}(\psi) \setminus \{(L_\psi)\}$  that stem from the translation of  $\phi'$ .

- Base case:  $\phi = a$  where  $a$  is propositional variable. The clauses in  $\hat{\delta}(\psi)$  stemming from the translation of  $\phi$  are  $(\neg L_a \vee a)$  and  $(L_a \vee \neg a)$ . To show that they evaluate to true under  $I'$  consider all cases for  $I(a)$ :
  - $I(a) = 1$ : then  $I'(a) = 1$  by i) and  $I'(L_a) = 1$  by ii), thus  $I'(\neg L_a \vee a) = 1$  and  $I'(L_a \vee \neg a)$ .
  - $I(a) = 0$ : then  $I'(a) = 0$  by i) and  $I'(L_a) = 0$  by ii), thus  $I'(\neg L_a \vee a) = 1$  and  $I'(L_a \vee \neg a)$ .

Therefore all clauses for  $\phi = a$  are satisfied by  $I'$ .

- Induction step: case  $\phi = \phi_1 \wedge \phi_2$ . The clauses are  $(\neg L_\phi \vee L_1)$ ,  $(\neg L_\phi \vee L_2)$ ,  $(L_\phi \vee \neg L_1 \vee \neg L_2)$  where the label for  $\phi_1$  is  $L_1$ , respectively for  $\phi_2$  is  $L_2$ . We consider all cases for  $I(\phi)$ :

- $I(\phi) = 1$  : thus  $I(\phi_1) = I(\phi_2) = 1$  by the semantics of  $\wedge$ , so  $I'(L_1) = I'(L_2) = 1$  by ii) as well as  $I'(L_\phi) = 1$ . Therefore  $I'(\neg L_\phi \vee L_1) = I'(\neg L_\phi \vee L_2) = I'(L_\phi \vee \neg L_1 \vee \neg L_2) = 1$ .
- $I(\phi) = 0$  : thus  $I(\phi_1) = 0$  or  $I(\phi_2) = 0$ . Without loss of generality we assume  $I(\phi_1) = 0$ . Thus  $I'(L_\phi) = I'(L_2) = 0$ . Therefore  $I'(\neg L_\phi \vee L_1) = I'(\neg L_\phi \vee L_2) = I'(L_\phi \vee \neg L_1 \vee \neg L_2) = 1$ .

As all clauses for  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$  are satisfied by  $I'$  according IH, it follows that all clauses for  $\phi = \phi_1 \wedge \phi_2$  are satisfied by  $I'$ .

- Induction step: case  $\phi = \neg\phi_1$ . The clauses are  $(\neg L_\phi \vee \neg L_1)$ ,  $(L_\phi \vee L_1)$  where  $L_1$  is the label for  $\phi_1$ .

We consider all cases for  $I(\phi)$ :

- $I(\phi) = 1$  : thus  $I(\phi_1) = 0$  and by ii) is  $I'(L_\phi) = 1$  and  $I'(L_1) = 0$ . Therefore  $I'(\neg L_\phi \vee \neg L_1) = I'(L_\phi \vee L_1) = 1$ .
- $I(\phi) = 0$  : thus  $I(\phi_1) = 1$  and by ii) is  $I'(L_\phi) = 0$  and  $I'(L_1) = 1$ . Therefore  $I'(\neg L_\phi \vee \neg L_1) = I'(L_\phi \vee L_1) = 1$ .

As all clauses for  $\phi_1$  are satisfied by  $I'$  according to IH, all clauses for  $\phi = \neg\phi_1$  are satisfied by  $I'$ .

The only remaining clause not covered by structural induction is  $(L_\psi)$  where  $L_\psi$  is the label assigned to  $\psi$ . As  $I \in \text{Mod}(\psi)$  holds  $I(\psi) = 1$  and thus by ii) holds  $I'(L_\psi) = 1$ .

Therefore all clauses are satisfied by  $I'$  and we have proven: if  $\psi$  is satisfiable then  $\hat{\delta}(\psi)$  is satisfiable.  $\square$

**Shorter Alternative:** One can show that the clauses for the cases  $\phi = a$  and  $\phi = \neg\phi_1$  evaluate to true in shorter terms. Instead of the case distinction for  $I(\phi)$ , directly use the relationship between  $\phi$  and its assigned label, as shown in the following:

- Case  $\phi = a$ : by ii)  $I'(a) = I'(L_a)$  therefore  $I'(\neg L_a \vee a) = 1 - I'(L_a) + I'(L_a) = 1$  and  $I'(L_a \vee \neg a) = I'(L_a) + 1 - I'(L_a) = 1$ , so all clauses are satisfied.
- Case  $\phi = \neg\phi_1$ : by ii) and the semantics of negation it holds that  $I'(L_\phi) = 1 - I'(L_1)$  therefore  $I'(\neg L_\phi \vee \neg L_1) = 1 - (1 - I'(L_1)) + 1 - I'(L_1) = 1$  and  $I'(L_\phi \vee L_1) = 1 - I'(L_1) + I'(L_1) = 1$ . As the clauses for  $\phi_1$  are satisfied by IH, all clauses for  $\phi$  are satisfied.

Notice: The rest of the proof (assumption  $I$  that is a model, induction hypothesis, etc.) remains the same.

**Exercise 2** Implication Graphs

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

- $c_1: (\neg A \vee B)$
- $c_2: (\neg A \vee \neg B \vee C)$
- $c_3: (A \vee B)$
- $c_4: (\neg F \vee \neg B \vee \neg G)$
- $c_5: (G \vee \neg E)$
- $c_6: (G \vee D)$
- $c_7: (C \vee E \vee \neg D)$
- $c_8: (\neg A \vee C)$

- (a) Draw an implication graph for  $\mathcal{C}$ . Use the decision  $C = 0@1$ , and  $F = 1@2$  until you reach a conflict.

**Solution:**

The resulting conflict graph is given in Figure 4.

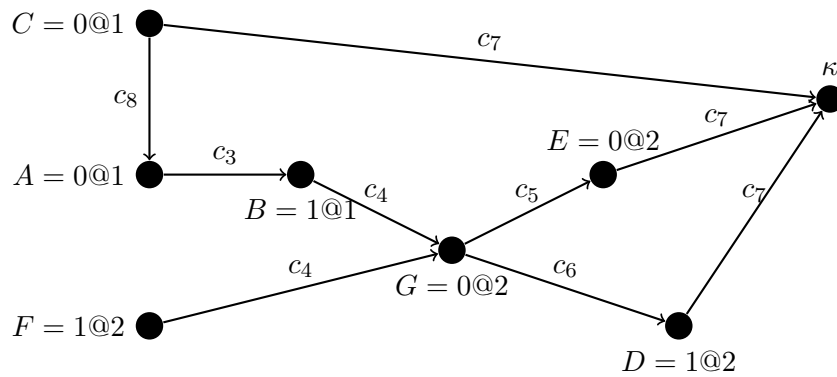


Figure 3: Implication Graph for  $\mathcal{C}$  with decisions  $C = 0@1$  and  $F = 1@2$ .

- (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.

**Solution:**

UIPs (nodes through which all paths from the current decision to the conflict go through) are the nodes  $F = 1@2$  and  $G = 0@2$  where the latter is the first UIP (closest to the conflict).

We resolve  $c_7$ ,  $c_5$ , and  $c_6$  and obtain:

$$r_1 := \text{res}(c_7, c_5, E) = (C \vee G \vee \neg D)$$

$$r_2 := \text{res}(r_1, c_6, D) = (C \vee G \vee G)$$

$$\text{fac}(r_2) = (C \vee G)$$

So the learned clause according to the first UIP scheme is  $c_9: (C \vee G)$ .

- (c) Add the learned clause, apply conflict-driven backtracking and draw the resulting implication graph.

**Solution:**

For conflict-driven backtracking, we backtrack to the second highest DL in the learned clause, i.e., we backtrack to  $DL = 1$ . For this kind of backtracking, we keep all decisions on  $DL = 1$  but delete all others with  $DL > 1$ . After BCP the resulting implication graph is as in Figure 4.

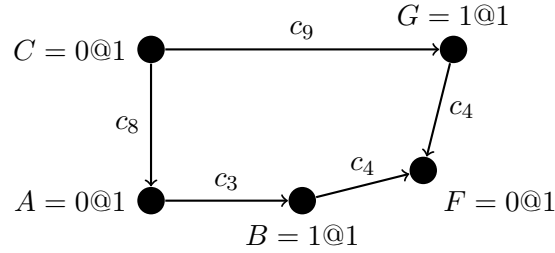


Figure 4: Implication Graph for  $\mathcal{C}$  with learned clause  $c_9$  after conflict-driven backtracking and BCP.

- (d) 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.

**Solution:**

Proof by contradiction: Assume there are two nodes  $v, v'$  where both  $v$  and  $v'$  are first-UIPs. Let  $d$  be the node of the last decision and  $k$  the conflict node.

A UIP is by definition a node where all paths from  $d$  to  $k$  go through. As  $v$  and  $v'$  are first-UIPs, they both are UIPs, so all paths from  $d$  to  $k$  go through  $v$  and also through  $v'$ .

Therefore there either is a path  $d, \dots, v, \dots, v', \dots, k$  from  $v$  to  $v'$  or there is a path from  $v'$  to  $v$ . Without loss of generality, let the path be from  $v$  to  $v'$ . As all paths from  $d$  to  $k$  go through  $v$  and  $v'$ , all paths are of form  $d, \dots, v, \dots, v', \dots, k$ , because the implication graph is acyclic.

As  $v \neq v'$  the distance  $d(v', k)$  between  $v'$  and  $k$  is smaller than the distance  $d(v, k)$ , i.e.,  $d(v', k) < d(v, k)$ . But this contradicts the assumption that  $v$  is a first-UIP, because  $v'$  is closer to the conflict  $k$  than  $v$ .

Therefore there can be only one first UIP.

As  $d$ , the current decision node, is always a UIP, there always exists a at least one UIP, hence there also exists a UIP closest to the conflict, i.e., there exists a first UIP.

- (e) Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a set of clauses and  $G$  a conflict graph with respect to  $\mathcal{C}$ . Prove: if a clause  $C_l$  is learned following the first-UIP scheme, then  $C_l$  is a consequence of  $\mathcal{C}$ .

**Solution:**

Consider how a new clause is learnt: Find the first-UIP  $u$  and resolve with clauses from the conflict  $k$  to  $u$ . Let  $S \subseteq \mathcal{C}$  denote those clauses that occur as edge-labels in the implication graph  $G$  from the first UIP  $u$  to the conflict node  $k$ .

As  $C_l$  is learnt following the first UIP schema, there is a resolution derivation  $K_1, K_2, \dots, K_n$  of  $C_l$  from  $S$  where  $K_n = C_l$  and for each  $K_\ell$  holds: either  $K_\ell \in S$  or  $K_\ell$  is the resolvent of two  $K_i$  and  $K_j$  with  $i, j < \ell$  and  $1 \leq \ell \leq n$ . As resolution is correct it follows that  $S \models C_l$ .

By monotonicity of propositional logic it then follows that  $F \cup S \models C_l$  for any set of formulas  $F$ , specifically  $\mathcal{C} \cup S \models C_l$ . And as  $S \subseteq \mathcal{C}$  it follows that  $\mathcal{C} \models C_l$ .

**Exercise 3** 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).

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

**Solution:**

In the first step, we transform  $\varphi$  into NNF. We substitute  $\rightarrow$  and apply DeMorgan to obtain  $\varphi^E$ , which now is in NNF:

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

Then, we draw the equality graph  $G^E(\varphi^E)$  of  $\varphi^E$ , given in Figure 5. Dashed lines represent equality edges while solid lines represent disequality edges.

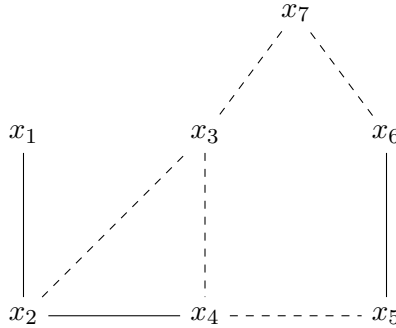


Figure 5: Equality graph  $G^E(\varphi^E)$ , dashed lines represent equality, solid lines disequality.

The edge  $(x_1, x_2)$  is not part of a simple contradictory cycle, therefore we set it to true and obtain  $\varphi_2^E$ :

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

Propositional simplification yields  $\varphi_3^E$ :

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



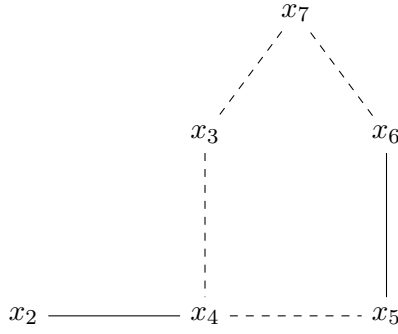


Figure 6: Equality graph  $G^E(\varphi_3^E)$ , dashed lines represent equality, solid lines disequality.

The equality graph  $G^E(\varphi_3^E)$  then is as shown in Figure 6.

Edge  $(x_2, x_4)$  now is not in a simple contradictory cycle, therefore we set it to true and apply propositional simplification to obtain  $\varphi_4^E$ :

$$[(x_3 = x_4 \wedge x_4 = x_5) \vee (x_6 \neq x_5 \wedge x_6 = x_7 \wedge x_7 = x_3)]$$

The equality graph  $G^E(\varphi_4^E)$  is given in Figure 7.

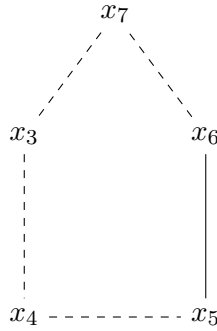


Figure 7: Equality graph  $G^E(\varphi_4^E)$ , dashed lines represent equality, solid lines disequality.

All edges of  $G^E(\varphi_4^E)$  are part of a simple contradictory cycle, so we stop with preprocessing and build the propositional skeleton  $e(\varphi_4^E)$ :

$$(e_{3,4} \wedge e_{4,5}) \vee (\neg e_{5,6} \wedge e_{6,7} \wedge e_{3,7})$$

For transitivity constraints  $B_t$  we make the nonpolar equality graph  $G_{NP}^E(\varphi_4^E)$  chordal as shown in Figure 8. Observe that edges  $(x_4, x_7)$  and  $(x_5, x_7)$  are introduced.

The according transitivity constraints  $B_t$  are then:

$$\begin{aligned} & (e_{3,4} \wedge e_{4,7} \rightarrow e_{3,7}) \wedge (e_{4,7} \wedge e_{3,7} \rightarrow e_{3,4}) \wedge (e_{3,7} \wedge e_{3,4} \rightarrow e_{4,7}) \wedge \\ & (e_{4,5} \wedge e_{5,7} \rightarrow e_{4,7}) \wedge (e_{5,7} \wedge e_{4,7} \rightarrow e_{4,5}) \wedge (e_{4,7} \wedge e_{4,5} \rightarrow e_{5,7}) \wedge \\ & (e_{5,6} \wedge e_{6,7} \rightarrow e_{5,7}) \wedge (e_{6,7} \wedge e_{5,7} \rightarrow e_{5,6}) \wedge (e_{5,7} \wedge e_{5,6} \rightarrow e_{6,7}) \end{aligned}$$

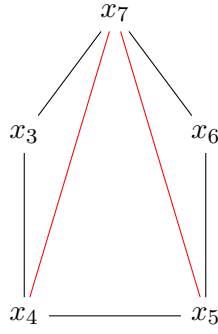


Figure 8: Nonpolar equality graph  $G_{NP}^E(\varphi_4^E)$ , made chordal by additional edges (in red).

The resulting formula in propositional logic then is  $e(\varphi_4^E) \wedge B_t$ .

**Exercise 4** Ackermann's Reduction

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

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

**Solution:**

We first number the instances of the UFs inwards-to-outwards, left-to-right:

$$F_2(F_1(x_1)) \neq F_1(x_1) \wedge G_1(x_1, x_2) = F_3(x_2) \wedge F_4(G_2(x_2, F_3(x_2))) \neq F_2(F_1(x_1))$$

This already gives  $\mathcal{T}$  for the numbered instances. For example:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{T}(F_1(x_1)) &= f_1 \\ \mathcal{T}(F_2(F_1(x_1))) &= f_2 \\ \mathcal{T}(F_3(x_2)) &= f_3 \\ \mathcal{T}(F_4(G_2(x_2, F_3(x_2)))) &= f_4 \\ \mathcal{T}(G_1(x_1, x_2)) &= g_1 \\ \mathcal{T}(G_2(x_2, F_3(x_2))) &= g_2 \end{aligned}$$

So  $flat^E := f_2 \neq f_1 \wedge g_1 = f_3 \wedge f_4 \neq f_2$ .

Based on  $\mathcal{T}$  we construct  $FC^E :=$

$$\begin{aligned} &(x_1 = f_1 \rightarrow f_1 = f_2) \wedge \\ &(x_1 = x_2 \rightarrow f_1 = f_3) \wedge \\ &(x_1 = g_2 \rightarrow f_1 = f_4) \wedge \\ &(f_1 = x_2 \rightarrow f_2 = f_3) \wedge \\ &(f_1 = g_2 \rightarrow f_2 = f_4) \wedge \\ &(x_2 = g_2 \rightarrow f_3 = f_4) \wedge \\ &((x_1 = x_2 \wedge x_2 = f_3) \rightarrow g_1 = g_2) \end{aligned}$$

Finally  $\varphi^E := FC^E \rightarrow flat^E$ .