

LOGIC for CS: Assignment I

- Let \mathcal{A} be an axiom set over variable set V . Let α, β, γ etc. be formulas over V . Prove the following:
 - $\mathcal{A} \models \alpha \vee \beta$ if and only if $\mathcal{A} \cup \{\neg\alpha\} \models \beta$.
 - $\mathcal{A} \models \alpha \rightarrow \beta$ if and only if $\mathcal{A} \cup \{\alpha \wedge \neg\beta\}$ is inconsistent.
 - \mathcal{A} is categorical if and only if it is complete and consistent.
 - \mathcal{A} is inconsistent if and only if it is complete and not categorical.
- Let $\mathcal{A} = \{p_1 \rightarrow \neg p_2, (p_1 \wedge p_2) \rightarrow \neg p_3, (p_1 \wedge p_2 \wedge p_3) \rightarrow \neg p_4, \dots\}$. As in the proof of the compactness theorem assume \mathcal{A}_n is the restriction of \mathcal{A} to formulas with only variables p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n . Consider the truth assignments $\tau_1 = TF, \tau_2 = FTF, \tau_3 = TFTF, \tau_4 = FTFTF, \dots$
 - Does $\tau_n \models \mathcal{A}_n$ for each n ?
 - If so, follow the steps of the compactness theorem to find a truth assignment that satisfies \mathcal{A} .
 - Is \mathcal{A} categorical? if not, find another truth assignment that satisfies \mathcal{A} , different from the one you derived above.
- Let \mathcal{A} be an infinite collection of boolean formulas involving variables $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n, \dots$ and let \mathcal{A}_n be defined in the standard way. Can we conclude from the compactness theorem that if \mathcal{A} is inconsistent, some \mathcal{A}_n is inconsistent?
- Translate the following argument into a set of formulas in propositional logic and determine whether the conclusion is valid: if 2 is prime, then it is the least prime. If 1 is prime, then 2 is not the least prime. 1 is not prime.
 - Is the conclusion “2 is the least prime” a valid consequence of the premises? (Note: One must not go out of propositional logic!).
 - Are the premises consistent? Complete? categorical?
 - Is it possible to find a formula (using the variables of the system) that is independent of the premises?
- Apply Resolution to prove that $(p \vee \neg q \vee r) \wedge (q \vee r) \wedge (\neg p \vee r) \wedge (q \vee \neg r) \wedge (\neg q)$ is inconsistent.
- Let A and B be finite sets with $|B| \geq |A|$. Let $R \subseteq A \times B$ be a relation. For each subset X of A , define $Neighbour(X) = \{y \in B : (x, y) \in R\}$. The Hall’s theorem states that if for every finite subset X of A , the number of elements in $Neighbour(X)$ is at least as many as the number of elements in X , then there exists an injective map from A to B . Use the compactness theorem to prove that this theorem holds even if A and B are (countably) infinite sets.
- (For students who have taken a course in topology earlier): In this question, we will develop a more general proof for the Compactness Theorem. Let \mathcal{A} be a set of formulas over $\{p_0, p_1, p_2, \dots\}$. Consider the space $\{T, F\}$ with the discrete topology. By Tichonoff theorem, $\{T, F\}^{\mathbb{N}}$ is Compact with respect to the product topology, where $\mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$. (Why?) Now, for any finite subset \mathcal{F} of \mathcal{A} , the set of truth assignments $\tau_{\mathcal{F}}$ that satisfy \mathcal{F} in $\{T, F\}^{\mathbb{N}}$ is a closed subset of the product topology (Prove!). Show that any truth assignment in the intersection of every $\tau_{\mathcal{F}}$ for finite subsets \mathcal{F} of \mathcal{A} satisfies every formula in \mathcal{A} . Prove that the intersection is non-empty. (This proof explains the name compactness Theorem). Note that the proof generalizes to uncountable collection of formulas over uncountable collection of variables as well.