

LOGICS EXERCISE

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Submission of homework: Before tutorial on 13.06.2017. You have to do the homework yourself; no teamwork allowed.

Exercise 6.1. [Unused Bound Variables]

For this exercise, we first define an alternative way to evaluate a formula in a structure, based on arithmetic and set operations.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{A}(\neg F) &= 1 - \mathcal{A}(F) \\ \mathcal{A}(F \vee G) &= \max(\mathcal{A}(F), \mathcal{A}(G)) \\ \mathcal{A}(F \wedge G) &= \min(\mathcal{A}(F), \mathcal{A}(G)) \\ \mathcal{A}(\exists x F) &= \max\{\mathcal{A}[d/x](F) \mid d \in U_{\mathcal{A}}\} \\ \mathcal{A}(\forall x F) &= \min\{\mathcal{A}[d/x](F) \mid d \in U_{\mathcal{A}}\}\end{aligned}$$

The evaluation for predicates and terms remain unchanged.

Equipped with this definition, prove the equivalence $\exists x F \equiv F$ where x does not occur in F .

Hint: Adapt the coincidence lemma for propositional logic (exercise 1.1) to predicate logic.

Solution:

Reminder: The coincidence lemma for propositional logic states that, assuming that for all atomic formulas A_i in F , $\mathcal{A}(A_i) = \mathcal{A}'(A_i)$, the statements $\mathcal{A} \models F$ and $\mathcal{A}' \models F$ are equivalent.

We formulate the coincidence lemma for predicate logic. Let $FV(t)$ denote the variables occurring in a term and $FV(f)$ the free variables occurring in a formula.

Let t be a term. Assume that two structures \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{A}' have identical interpretations for function and predicate symbols. Additionally, assume that for all variables $x \in FV(t)$, $x^{\mathcal{A}} = x^{\mathcal{A}'}$. Then, $\mathcal{A}(t) = \mathcal{A}'(t)$.

Proof: Simple, via induction over t .

Similarly, this can be applied to a formula F , i.e., $\mathcal{A}(F) = \mathcal{A}'(F)$ if \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{A}' coincide on $FV(F)$.

Finally, we can prove the equivalence stated in the exercise. Let \mathcal{A} be an arbitrary structure suitable for F . We know that $FV(\exists x F) = FV(F)$, because x does not occur in F . Hence, \mathcal{A} is also suitable for $\exists x F$.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{A} \models \exists x F &\text{ iff } \max\{\mathcal{A}[d/x](F) \mid d \in U_{\mathcal{A}}\} = 1 \\ &\text{ iff } \max\{\mathcal{A}(F) \mid d \in U_{\mathcal{A}}\} = 1 \quad (\text{by coincidence: } x \notin FV(F)) \\ &\text{ iff } \max\{\mathcal{A}(F)\} = 1 \\ &\text{ iff } \mathcal{A} \models F\end{aligned}$$

Exercise 6.2. [Substitution Lemma]

Consider the following statement: “If $F \equiv F'$, then $F[t/x] \equiv F'[t/x]$.” Proof or counterexample.

Solution:

We can easily construct a counterexample because our definition of substitution does not take bound variables into account properly. Hence, we can “capture” bound variables during a substitution.

Counterexample:

$$\begin{aligned} F &= \forall z P(x) \\ F' &= \forall y P(x) \\ F[y/x] &= \forall z P(y) \\ F'[y/x] &= \forall y P(y) \end{aligned}$$

Clearly, $\forall x P(x) \not\equiv \forall y P(x)$. To fix this, we can forbid substitution of terms with free variables or rename bound variables during substitution.

Exercise 6.3. [Skolem Form]

Convert the following formula into – in order – a rectified formula, RPF and Skolem form.

$$P(x) \wedge \forall x (Q(x) \wedge \forall x \exists y P(f(x, y)))$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} &P(x) \wedge \forall x (Q(x) \wedge \forall x \exists y P(f(x, y))) \\ \rightsquigarrow &P(x) \wedge \forall x_1 (Q(x_1) \wedge \forall x_2 \exists y P(f(x_2, y))) && \text{rectified} \\ \rightsquigarrow &\exists x P(x) \wedge \forall x_1 (Q(x_1) \wedge \forall x_2 \exists y P(f(x_2, y))) && \text{rectified and closed} \\ \rightsquigarrow &\exists x \forall x_1 \forall x_2 \exists y (P(x) \wedge (Q(x_1) \wedge P(f(x_2, y)))) && \text{RPF} \\ \rightsquigarrow &\forall x_1 \forall x_2 (P(g) \wedge (Q(x_1) \wedge P(f(x_2, h(x_1, x_2)))))) && \text{Skolem form} \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 6.4. [Herbrand Models]

Given the formula

$$F = \forall x \forall y (P(f(x), g(y)) \wedge \neg P(g(x), f(y)))$$

1. Specify a Herbrand model for F .
2. Specify a Herbrand structure suitable for F , which is not a model of F .

Solution:

We define $U_{\mathcal{A}} = D(F)$, i.e., the Herbrand universe for F . Note that we have a constant $a \in D(F)$. We define $f^{\mathcal{A}}$ and $g^{\mathcal{A}}$ to be the Herbrand-interpretations.

1. We define $P^{\mathcal{A}} = \{(f(t_1), g(t_2)) \mid t_1, t_2 \in D(F)\}$.
2. We define $P^{\mathcal{A}} = \{(g(t_1), f(t_2)) \mid t_1, t_2 \in D(F)\}$.

Homework 6.1. [Skolem Form]

(6 points)

Convert the following formulas into – in order – a rectified formula, RPF and Skolem form.

1. $\forall x \exists y \forall z \exists w (\neg P(a, w) \vee Q(f(x), y))$

2. $\forall z \exists y (P(x, g(y), z) \vee \neg \forall x Q(x))$

Homework 6.2. [Invalid Herbrand Models]

(8 points)

Recall the fundamental theorem from the lecture: “Let F be a closed formula in Skolem form. Then F is satisfiable iff it has a Herbrand model”.

Explain “what goes wrong” if the precondition is violated: when F is not closed or not in Skolem form. Describe both cases.

Homework 6.3. [Proof of the Fundamental Theorem]

(6 points)

Recall the proof of the fundamental theorem from the lecture. Give the omitted proof for the base case (slide 6, $\mathcal{A}(G) = \mathcal{T}(G)$).