

LOGICS EXERCISE

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**Exercise 6.1. [Decidable Theories]**

Let  $S$  be a set of sentences (= closed formulas) such that  $S$  is closed under consequence: if  $S \models F$  and  $F$  is closed, then  $F \in S$ . Additionally, assume that  $S$  is finitely axiomatizable and complete, i.e.  $F \in S$  or  $\neg F \in S$  for any sentence  $F$ .

1. Give a procedure for deciding whether  $S \models F$  for a sentence  $F$ .
2. Can you obtain a similar result when the assumption is that the axiom system is only *recursively enumerable*?

**Exercise 6.2. [Models of the  $\exists^*\forall^*$  Class]**

Consider the  $\exists^*\forall^*$  class, i.e. formulas of the form

$$\exists x_1 \dots \exists x_n \forall y_1 \dots \forall y_m F$$

where  $F$  is quantifier-free and contains no function symbols. Show that such a formula has a model iff it has a model of size  $n$  (assuming  $n \geq 1$ ). What happens if we allow equality in  $F$ ?

**Exercise 6.3. [Ackermann Reduction]**

Consider the fragment of (closed) formulas of the form  $\forall x_1 \dots \forall x_n F$  where  $F$  involves no predicates besides equality but arbitrary function symbols. We want to study the *Ackermann reduction*, which yields a decision procedure for this class of formulas. For instance, let

$$F = (x_1 = x_2 \rightarrow f(f(x_1)) = f(g(x_2)))$$

We index the occurrences of each function symbol from the inside out

$$x_1 = x_2 \rightarrow \underbrace{f}_{f_1}(\underbrace{f}_{f_2}(x_1)) = \underbrace{f}_{f_1}(\underbrace{g}_{g_1}(x_2))$$

and introduce a fresh variable for each instance. We add constraints which capture the congruence properties for all function symbols involved, and replace terms in the original formula by variables. This yields:

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

1. Explain how this construction can be used to obtain a procedure for deciding *validity* of formulas from the given fragment.
2. Give a formal description of the reduction.
3. Prove correctness of the Ackermann reduction step in your decision procedure.

**Homework 6.1.** [Monadic FOL] (5 points)

Show that deciding unsatisfiability of monadic FOL formulas can be reduced to deciding unsatisfiability of formulas from the  $\exists^*\forall^*$  fragment. Use miniscoping!

**Homework 6.2.** [ $\exists^*\forall^*$  With Equality] (5 points)

Show that unsatisfiability of formulas from the  $\exists^*\forall^*$  fragment with equality is decidable. Hint: Reduce it to the  $\exists^*\forall^*$ -fragment without equality.

**Homework 6.3.** [ $\exists^*\forall^2\exists^*$ ] (5 points)

Show how to reduce deciding unsatisfiability of formulas from the  $\exists^*\forall^2\exists^*$ -fragment to deciding unsatisfiability of formulas from the  $\forall^2\exists^*$ -fragment.

**Homework 6.4.** [Universal Closure] (5 points)

Let  $F$  be a formula, and  $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  the free variables in  $F$ . We define the *universal closure* of  $F$  by  $\forall F := \forall x_1 \dots \forall x_n F$ .

Let  $S$  be a set of closed formulas, and  $F$  be a formula. Show that  $S \models F$  iff  $S \models \forall F$ .

Is it also true that  $S \models F$  iff  $S \models \exists F$ , where  $\exists F$  is defined analogously to  $\forall F$ . Proof or counterexample!