

# LOGICS EXERCISE

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**Submission of homework:** Before tutorial on 04.07.2017. You have to do the homework yourself; no teamwork allowed.

**Exercise 9.1. [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 9.2. [Miniscoping]**

In the lecture, we proved that deciding unsatisfiability of monadic FOL formulas can be reduced to deciding unsatisfiability of formulas from the  $\exists^*\forall^*$  fragment by using miniscoping.

Prove the lemma that after miniscoping, no nested quantifiers remain.

**Exercise 9.3. [ $\exists^*\forall^*$  with Equality]**

Show that unsatisfiability of formulas from the  $\exists^*\forall^*$  fragment with equality is decidable.

*Hint:* Reduce it to the  $\exists^*\forall^*$ -fragment without equality.

**Exercise 9.4. [ $\exists^*\forall^2\exists^*$ ]**

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.

**Exercise 9.5. [Finite Model Property]**

A set of formulas  $\mathcal{F}$  is said to have the *finite model property* if for all  $F \in \mathcal{F}$ , the following two statements are equivalent:

1.  $F$  is satisfiable.
2.  $F$  has a finite model.

Give a decision procedure for satisfiability of any such set of formulas.

**Homework 9.1. [Reduction]** (8 points)

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 a 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:

$$x_1 = x_2 \rightarrow \underbrace{f}_{f_1}(\underbrace{f}_{f_2}(x_1)) = \underbrace{f}_{g_1}(\underbrace{g}_{f_3}(x_2))$$

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 reduction step in your decision procedure.

**Homework 9.2. [FOL without Function Symbols]** (6 points)

Describe an algorithm that transforms any formula (in FOL with equality) into an equisatisfiable formula (in FOL with equality) that does not use function symbols.

*Hints:* Functions can be modelled as relations satisfying some additional properties. Don't forget to deal with constants, i.e., functions with arity 0. A similar transformation as in the previous exercise might be helpful.

**Homework 9.3. [Football]** (6 points)

The 2018 football world cup is approaching. Germany's coach is explaining the tactics and the sentiments in the team:

- Every forward player will be in the starting lineup.
- All players in the starting lineup have nothing against each other.
- Every player has something against some other player.

Formalize the above facts as a formula in first-order logic.

1. Is the formula satisfiable? Give a model or a resolution proof.
2. A journalist inferred that every forward player has something against some non-forward player. Is this inference correct? Proof or counterexample!

*Hint:* The set of players in the starting lineup is a subset of the set of players.