

# LOGICS EXERCISE

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**Submission of homework:** Before tutorial on 19.06.2018. Until further notice, homework has to be submitted in groups of two students.

## Exercise 10.1. $[\exists^*\forall^*$ 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.

### Solution:

Applying the reduction of equality to non-equality from the lecture only inserts some (isolated)  $\forall$ -quantifiers, thus preserving the  $\exists^*\forall^*$ -fragment.

## Exercise 10.2. $[\exists^*\forall^2\exists^*]$

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.

### Solution:

Using skolemization for the outer existential quantifiers preserves satisfiability, and replaces variables by skolem constants, i.e., introduces no function symbols of arity  $> 0$ . The resulting formula is obviously in the  $\forall^2\exists^*$ -fragment.

## Exercise 10.3. [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.

### Solution:

Run the following routines in parallel:

1. Resolution (to check unsatisfiability).
2. Enumerate all finite models with universes  $\{1, \dots, n\}$  (to check satisfiability).

If the formula  $F$  is unsatisfiable, resolution will terminate. The result of the decision procedure is “unsatisfiable”. If it is satisfiable, resolution might not terminate, but because of the finite model property,  $F$  will have a finite model (that is isomorphic to a model with universe  $\{1, \dots, n\}$ ) that will be enumerated eventually. The result is “satisfiable”.

**Exercise 10.4.** [Sequent Calculus]

Prove the following formulas in sequent calculus:

1.  $\neg\exists xP(x) \rightarrow \forall x\neg P(x)$
2.  $(\forall x(P \vee Q(x))) \rightarrow (P \vee \forall xQ(x))$

**Solution:**

1.

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{P(y) \Rightarrow \exists xP(x), P(y)}{\Rightarrow P(y), \exists xP(x), \neg P(y)} \neg R}{\Rightarrow \exists xP(x), \neg P(y)} \exists R}{\Rightarrow \exists xP(x), \forall x\neg P(x)} \forall R}{\neg\exists xP(x) \Rightarrow \forall x\neg P(x)} \neg L}{\neg\exists xP(x) \rightarrow \forall x\neg P(x)} \rightarrow R$$

2.

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{(\forall x(P \vee Q(x))), P \Rightarrow P, Q(x)}{Ax}}{(\forall x(P \vee Q(x))), Q(x) \Rightarrow P, Q(x)}{Ax}}{(\forall x(P \vee Q(x))), (P \vee Q(x)) \Rightarrow P, Q(x)} \forall L}{\forall x(P \vee Q(x)) \Rightarrow P, Q(x)} \forall L}{\forall x(P \vee Q(x)) \Rightarrow P, \forall xQ(x)} \forall R}{\forall x(P \vee Q(x)) \Rightarrow P \vee \forall xQ(x)} \forall R}{\Rightarrow (\forall x(P \vee Q(x))) \rightarrow (P \vee \forall xQ(x))} \Rightarrow R$$

**Exercise 10.5.** [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.

**Solution:**

We prove by induction on the structure of the formula that after miniscoping, for each subformula of the form  $\forall xF$  resp.  $\exists xF$ ,  $F$  is a disjunction resp. conjunction of literals, each literal containing  $x$  free.

The only interesting cases are the quantifier cases. Assume we have a formula of the form  $\exists xF$ , such that no miniscoping rules are applicable, and by induction hypothesis, below quantifiers in  $F$  there are only disjunctions/conjunctions of literals containing the bound variable.

As no miniscoping rules are applicable,  $F$  must be a conjunction of literals and quantified formulas, such that each conjunct contains  $x$  free. So assume  $F$  contains a quantified formula, i.e.,  $F = \dots \wedge Qy.F' \wedge \dots$ . By induction hypothesis,  $F'$  is a disjunction/conjunction of literals, each literal containing  $y$  free. However, as we are in the monadic fragment, a literal can contain at most one free variable. Thus,  $F'$  cannot contain  $x$  free, which is a contradiction to  $F$  containing quantifiers. Thus,  $F$  only contains literals, and thus has the desired shape.

The case for  $\forall xF$  is similar.

**Homework 10.1. [FOL without Function Symbols]** (8 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 10.2. [Sequent Calculus]** (6 points)

Prove the following statements using sequent calculus if they are valid, or give a countermodel otherwise.

1.  $\neg\forall x\exists y\forall z(\neg P(x, z) \wedge P(z, y))$
2.  $\forall x\forall y\forall z(P(x, x) \wedge (P(x, y) \wedge P(y, z) \rightarrow P(x, z)))$

*Note:* While you are free to carry out the sequent calculus proofs in Logitext, application of  $\forall L$  and  $\exists R$  delete the principal formula. You have to select “Contract” first before instantiating the principal formula.

**Homework 10.3. [A Strange Island]** (6 points)

You are visiting an island. It is inhabited by two kinds of people: *knight*s and *knave*s. Knights always tell the truth and knaves always lie.

You interview all inhabitants. Every inhabitant tells you “we are all of one kind”.

1. Model this situation as a formula in first-order logic.
2. Give a model that corroborates the story, or alternatively explain why it is contradictory. Use any calculus from the lecture for that (e.g. resolution).