

Math 4680, Topics in Logic and Computation, Winter 2012

Answers to Homework 2

**Problem 1.5 #1** (a)  $G(x, y, z) = (\neg x \wedge \neg y \wedge \neg z) \vee (\neg x \wedge \neg y \wedge z) \vee (\neg x \wedge y \wedge \neg z) \vee (x \wedge \neg y \wedge \neg z)$

(b)  $G(x, y, z) = (y \vee z) \rightarrow (\neg(x \vee (y \wedge z)))$

**Problem 1.5 #4** (a) To show that  $\{M, \perp\}$  is complete, it suffices to show that the Boolean formulas  $A \mapsto \neg A$  and  $(A, B) \mapsto A \wedge B$  can be expressed. We have:

$$\neg A = M(A, A, A)$$

$$A \wedge B = \neg M(A, B, \perp) = M(M(A, B, \perp), M(A, B, \perp), M(A, B, \perp)).$$

(b) To show that  $\{M\}$  is not complete, consider any formula  $\varphi$  constructed from Boolean variables  $x$  and  $y$  by (possibly repeated) application of  $M$ . We prove by induction:  $\varphi$  is logically equivalent to either  $x$  or  $y$  or  $\neg x$  or  $\neg y$ .

Base case: if  $\varphi$  is a variable, then  $\varphi$  is either  $x$  or  $y$ , so the claim trivially holds.

Induction step: suppose  $\varphi = M(\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \varphi_3)$ . By induction hypothesis, each of  $\varphi_1, \varphi_2$ , and  $\varphi_3$  is logically equivalent to one of  $x, y, \neg x$ , or  $\neg y$ . Then we must have either  $\varphi_i \models \varphi_j$  for some  $i \neq j$ , or  $\varphi_i \models \neg \varphi_j$  for some  $i \neq j$ .

Case 1:  $\varphi_i \models \varphi_j$  for some  $i \neq j$ . Without loss of generality,  $\varphi_1 \models \varphi_2$ . In this case:

$$\varphi = M(\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \varphi_3) \models M(\varphi_1, \varphi_1, \varphi_3) \models \neg \varphi_1.$$

Case 2:  $\varphi_i \models \neg \varphi_j$  for some  $i \neq j$ . Without loss of generality,  $\varphi_1 \models \neg \varphi_2$ . In this case:

$$\varphi = M(\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \varphi_3) \models M(\varphi_1, \neg \varphi_1, \varphi_3) \models \neg \varphi_3.$$

In either case, the claim follows by induction hypothesis.

Finally, you may wonder whether one can perhaps construct a formula  $\varphi(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  using *more* than 2 variables, such that  $\varphi(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  is logically equivalent to  $x_1 \wedge x_2$ . However, this is clearly not the case, because then  $\varphi(x_1, x_2, x_2, \dots, x_2)$  is also logically equivalent to  $x_1 \wedge x_2$ , and it uses only 2 variables, so the above argument applies to it.

**Problem 1.7 #12** (a)  $\{A, \neg A\}$ .

(b)  $\{A, B, \neg(A \wedge B)\}$ .

(c)  $\{A, B, C, \neg(A \wedge B \wedge C)\}$ .

**Problem 2.1 #1** Recall the restricted quantifiers:

- For all numbers  $x, \dots: \forall x(N(x) \rightarrow (\dots))$ .
- There is a number  $x$  such that  $\dots: \exists x(N(x) \wedge (\dots))$ .
- There is no number  $x$  such that  $\dots: \neg \exists x(N(x) \wedge (\dots))$ .

Translations:

(a)  $\forall x(N(x) \rightarrow 0 < x)$ .

(b)  $\forall x(N(x) \rightarrow I(x) \rightarrow I(0))$  or equivalently  $(\exists x(N(x) \wedge I(x))) \rightarrow I(0)$ .

(c)  $\neg \exists x.N(x) \wedge x < 0$ .

(d)  $\forall x.[(N(x) \wedge \neg I(x) \wedge (\forall y.[(N(y) \wedge y < x) \rightarrow I(y)])) \rightarrow I(x)]$ .

(e)  $\neg \exists x.[N(x) \wedge \forall y.(N(y) \rightarrow y < x)]$ .

(f)  $\neg \exists x.[N(x) \wedge \neg \exists y.[N(y) \wedge y < x]]$ .

**Problem 2.2 #2** (a) Consider the structure  $\mathfrak{A}$  with  $|\mathfrak{A}| = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $P = \{(a, b), (b, c)\}$ . This satisfies (b) and (c), but not (a).

(b) Consider the structure  $\mathfrak{B}$  with  $|\mathfrak{B}| = \{a, b\}$  and with the predicate  $P = \{(a, a), (a, b), (b, a), (b, b)\}$ . This satisfies (a) and (c) but not (b).

(c) Consider the structure  $\mathfrak{C}$  with  $|\mathfrak{C}| = \{a, b\}$  and with  $P = \{(a, a), (b, b)\}$ . This satisfies (a) and (b) but not (c).

**Problem 2.2 #8** “ $\Rightarrow$ ”: We prove the contrapositive. Assume  $\Sigma \not\models \tau$ . By assumption, we have  $\Sigma \models \neg \tau$ . Since  $\mathfrak{A}$  is a model of  $\Sigma$ , it follows by definition of logical consequence that  $\models_{\mathfrak{A}} \neg \tau$ , hence  $\not\models_{\mathfrak{A}} \tau$ , as desired.

“ $\Leftarrow$ ”: Assume  $\Sigma \models \tau$ . Since  $\mathfrak{A}$  is a model of  $\Sigma$ , it follows by definition of logical consequence that  $\models_{\mathfrak{A}} \tau$ , as desired.

**Problem 2.2 #11** For greater clarity, we write “ $\equiv$ ” for equality in the metalanguage and “ $=$ ” for equality in the object language.

(a)  $\varphi_a(x) \equiv \forall y(x + y = y)$ .

(b)  $\varphi_b(x) \equiv \forall y(x \cdot y = y)$ .

(c)  $\varphi_c(x, y) \equiv \exists z(\varphi_b(z) \wedge x + z = y)$ .

(d)  $\varphi_d(x, y) \equiv \neg x = y \wedge \exists z(x + z = y)$ .

**Problem 2.2 #15** Let  $p_1, p_2, p_3, \dots = 2, 3, 5, 7, \dots$  be the list of all prime numbers. Recall that every natural number  $n > 0$  has a unique factorization into primes:  $n = p_1^{k_1} \cdot p_2^{k_2} \cdot p_3^{k_3} \cdot \dots$ , where all but finitely many of  $k_1, k_2, k_3, \dots$  are 0. Define the following function  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} f(0) &= 0, \\ f(p_1^{k_1} \cdot p_2^{k_2} \cdot p_3^{k_3} \cdot \dots) &= p_1^{k_2} \cdot p_2^{k_1} \cdot p_3^{k_3} \cdot \dots \end{aligned}$$

Note how  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  have been swapped on the right-hand side. Then it is easy to see that for all  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $f(n \cdot m) = f(n) \cdot f(m)$ . Indeed, if  $n$  or  $m$  is 0, then this is a triviality. If they are both non-zero, they have prime factorizations  $n = p_1^{k_1} \cdot p_2^{k_2} \cdot p_3^{k_3} \cdot \dots$  and  $m = p_1^{l_1} \cdot p_2^{l_2} \cdot p_3^{l_3} \cdot \dots$ , and we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(nm) &= f(p_1^{k_1+l_1} \cdot p_2^{k_2+l_2} \cdot p_3^{k_3+l_3} \cdot \dots) \\ &= p_1^{k_2+l_2} \cdot p_2^{k_1+l_1} \cdot p_3^{k_3+l_3} \cdot \dots \\ &= f(n)f(m). \end{aligned}$$

It follows that  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  is an automorphism of  $(\mathbb{N}; \cdot)$ . By the homomorphism theorem, it follows that any formula  $\varphi$  satisfies

$$\models_{\mathbb{N}} \varphi[s] \iff \models_{\mathbb{N}} \varphi[f \circ s]. \quad (1)$$

Suppose now that  $\varphi(x, y, z)$  were a formula defining addition, i.e.,

$$\models_{\mathbb{N}} \varphi(x, y, z)[s] \iff s(x) + s(y) = s(z). \quad (2)$$

Putting (1) and (2) together, we have

$$s(x) + s(y) = s(z) \iff f(s(x)) + f(s(y)) = f(s(z)). \quad (3)$$

Now choose  $s$  so that  $s(x) = 2$ ,  $s(y) = 5$ , and  $s(z) = 7$ . From (3), we have

$$2 + 5 = 7 \iff f(2) + f(5) = f(7). \quad (4)$$

However,  $f(2) = 3$ ,  $f(5) = 5$ , and  $f(7) = 7$ , so the right-hand side is false whereas the left-hand side is true. This is a contradiction; hence addition is not definable by any formula  $\varphi(x, y, z)$  in the language with only multiplication.