

Homework #2

Chapter 14

1. Put the following predicate calculus expression in clause form:

$$\forall (X) (p(X) \rightarrow \{ \forall (Y) [p(Y) \rightarrow p(f(X, Y))] \wedge \neg \forall (Y) [q(X, Y) \rightarrow p(Y)] \})$$

Solution:

1. Eliminate conditionals ($\rightarrow$) using: $a \rightarrow b \equiv \neg a \vee b$

$$\forall (X) (\neg p(X) \vee \{ \forall (Y) [\neg p(Y) \vee p(f(X, Y))] \wedge \neg \forall (Y) [\neg q(X, Y) \vee p(Y)] \})$$

2. When possible, eliminate negations or reduce their scope using

$$\begin{aligned} \neg (\neg a) &\equiv a \\ \neg (a \vee b) &\equiv \neg a \wedge \neg b & \neg (\exists X) a(X) &\equiv (\forall X) \neg a(X) \\ \neg (a \wedge b) &\equiv \neg a \vee \neg b & \neg (\forall X) a(X) &\equiv (\exists X) \neg a(X) \end{aligned}$$

$$\forall (X) (\neg p(X) \vee \{ \forall (Y) [\neg p(Y) \vee p(f(X, Y))] \wedge \exists (Z) [q(X, Z) \wedge \neg p(Z)] \})$$

3. Standardize variables (each quantifier has unique variable name)

$$\forall (X) (\neg p(X) \vee \{ \forall (Y) [\neg p(Y) \vee p(f(X, Y))] \wedge \exists (Z) [q(X, Z) \wedge \neg p(Z)] \})$$

4. Move all $\forall$ to the front without changing their order

$$\forall (X) \forall (Y) (\neg p(X) \vee \{ [\neg p(Y) \vee p(f(X, Y))] \wedge \exists (Z) [q(X, Z) \wedge \neg p(Z)] \})$$

5. Eliminate existential quantifiers using Skolem functions

Since the existential quantified Z is within the scope of universal quantified X (not Y), we replace Z with a skolem function g(X):

$$\forall (X) \forall (Y) (\neg p(X) \vee \{ [\neg p(Y) \vee p(f(X, Y))] \wedge [q(X, g(X)) \wedge \neg p(g(X))] \})$$

6. Drop the universal quantifiers as necessary

$$\neg p(X) \vee \{ [\neg p(Y) \vee p(f(X, Y))] \wedge [q(X, g(X)) \wedge \neg p(g(X))] \}$$

7. Convert the expression to conjunctive normal form using: $p \vee (q \wedge r) = (p \vee q) \wedge (p \vee r)$

$$\Rightarrow \neg p(X) \vee \{ [\neg p(Y) \vee p(f(X, Y))] \wedge [q(X, g(X)) \wedge \neg p(g(X))] \}$$

$$\Rightarrow \{ \neg p(X) \vee [\neg p(Y) \vee p(f(X, Y))] \} \wedge \{ \neg p(X) \vee [q(X, g(X)) \wedge \neg p(g(X))] \}$$

$$\Rightarrow [\neg p(X) \vee \neg p(Y) \vee p(f(X, Y))] \wedge \{ [\neg p(X) \vee q(X, g(X))] \wedge [\neg p(X) \vee \neg p(g(X))] \}$$

$$\Rightarrow [\neg p(X) \vee \neg p(Y) \vee p(f(X, Y))] \wedge [\neg p(X) \vee q(X, g(X))] \wedge [\neg p(X) \vee \neg p(g(X))]$$

8. Eliminate $\wedge$ signs by writing the expression as a set of clauses

$$\neg p(X) \vee \neg p(Y) \vee p(f(X, Y))$$

$$\neg p(X) \vee q(X, g(X))$$

$$\neg p(X) \vee \neg p(g(X))$$

9. Rename variables in clauses so that each clause has unique variable name

$$\neg p(X) \vee \neg p(Y) \vee p(f(X, Y))$$

$$\neg p(U) \vee q(U, g(U))$$

$$\neg p(V) \vee \neg p(g(V))$$

2. Prove the following using resolution refutation method. Draw an inversed binary tree to show the resolution process.

Fact: $\neg d(f) \vee [b(f) \wedge c(f)]$

Rules: $\neg d(X) \rightarrow \neg a(X)$

$b(Y) \rightarrow e(Y)$

$g(W) \rightarrow c(W)$

Prove: $\neg a(Z) \vee e(Z)$

Solution:

First rewrite the above logical expressions in clause form:

Fact: $\neg d(f) \vee b(f)$

$\neg d(f) \vee c(f)$

Rules: $d(X) \vee \neg a(X)$

$\neg b(Y) \vee e(Y)$

$\neg g(W) \vee c(W)$

Negated Goal: $a(Z)$

$\neg e(Z)$

The following binary tree shows the proof process:

