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Mathematical and Logical Foundations of Computer Science

Second Class Test 2021/22

This test is designed to be solved in about one hour and is worth 8% of your total grade.

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[4 marks]

Question 2 [SAT & Predicate Logic]

(a) Let p, q, r, s be atoms capturing the states of four cells, which can either be filled or empty: p is true if the cell is filled, and false if the cell is empty, and similarly for the other atoms. Consider the following formula:

> $(p \lor \neg q) \land (p \lor r) \land (p \lor s) \land (q \lor \neg p) \land (q \lor r) \land (q \lor s)$ $\wedge (\neg r \lor \neg p) \land (\neg r \lor \neg q) \land (\neg r \lor s) \land (\neg s \lor \neg p) \land (\neg s \lor \neg q) \land (\neg s \lor r)$

(i) Using DPLL, find a valuation that shows that the above formula is satisfiable. Justify your answer as we did in the SAT lecture. [6 marks] [2 marks]

(ii) Is the formula valid? Justify your answer.

(iii) Explain in one sentence what property about the states of the four cells p, q, r, and s, this formula captures. [2 marks]

- (b) Consider the following signature:
 - Function symbols: zero (arity 0); succ (arity 1)
 - Predicate symbols: < (arity 2)

We will use infix notation for the binary symbol <. Consider the following formulas that capture properties of the above symbols:

- let S_1 be $\forall y.(\exists x.x < y) \rightarrow 0 < y$
- let S_2 be $\forall x.x < \operatorname{succ}(x)$

For simplicity we write 0 for zero, 1 for succ(zero), 2 for succ(succ(zero)), etc.

(i) Provide a constructive Natural Deduction proof of:

$$S_1 \to S_2 \to 0 < 2$$

(Hint: you can prove this formula without $[\forall I]$ and $[\exists E]$.) [6 marks] Explain why the following tree is not a Natural Deduction proof. Justify your (ii) answer.

$$\frac{\overline{S_2}^{1}}{x < \operatorname{succ}(x)} [\forall E] \\ \frac{\overline{\forall y.y < \operatorname{succ}(x)}}{\exists x.\forall y.y < x} [\forall I] \\ \overline{S_2 \to \exists x.\forall y.y < x}^{[\exists I]} 1 [\to I]$$

(Hint: keep in mind that the \forall and \exists rules have side conditions.) [4 marks]