

## MA 4207 - Mathematical Logic

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Homework due in Week 5; can be presented in Week 6 as well.

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### Homework 5.1

Assume that a company uses only chips which output 0 when all inputs are 0 – as all-0-inputs and outputs are considered as an “error-information” and every useful information is coded by input-vectors which are not everywhere 0. Now a vendor offers to produce the chips as specified using only “exclusive-or-gates” ( $\oplus$ ) and “inclusive-or-gates” ( $\vee$ ) at a very competitive price. The company boss finds it suspicious and asks the company’s technician: Can this work? Provide the correct answer and prove why it can work or why it cannot work.

### Homework 5.2

Which of the following statements are true? Prove your answers.

(a)  $\{\alpha, \beta\} \models c \vee d \Leftrightarrow \{\alpha, \beta\} \models c$  or  $\{\alpha, \beta\} \models d$ .

(b)  $\{\alpha, \beta\} \models c \wedge d \Leftrightarrow \{\alpha, \beta\} \models c$  and  $\{\alpha, \beta\} \models d$ .

(c)  $\{\alpha, \beta\} \models \alpha \oplus \beta \Leftrightarrow \alpha \wedge \beta$  is not satisfiable.

Here a formula  $\alpha$  is satisfiable iff there is a choice of truth-values of the atoms such that  $\alpha$  becomes true.

### Homework 5.3

Which of the following statements are true? Prove your answers.

(a)  $S \models \alpha \Leftrightarrow S \cup \{\alpha\}$  is satisfiable.

(b)  $S \models \alpha \Leftrightarrow S \cup \{\neg\alpha\}$  is not satisfiable.

(c)  $S \models \alpha \rightarrow \beta \Leftrightarrow S \cup \{\neg\alpha\} \models \neg\beta$ .

Here a set  $S$  of formulas is satisfiable iff there is a choice of truth-values of the atoms such that all formulas in  $S$  are true.

### Homework 5.4

Make an infinite set  $S$  of formulas such that every subset of two formulas is satisfiable but no subset of three or more formulas is.

### Homework 5.5

Is the set  $\{\leftrightarrow, \neg, \oplus, 0, 1\}$  of connectives and constants complete? Do the subsets  $\{\leftrightarrow, 1\}$  and  $\{\leftrightarrow, 0\}$  have the same expressive power or less expressive power than  $\{\leftrightarrow, \neg, \oplus, 0, 1\}$ ?

### Homework 5.6

Let  $C_6$  consist of all formulas which are atoms or which are formed from other formulas  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in C_6$  by taking  $maj(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  or  $\neg\alpha$ . Prove by induction that each Boolean function  $B_\alpha^n$  formed from an  $\alpha \in C_6$  satisfies  $B_\alpha^n(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \neg B_\alpha^n(\neg x_1, \dots, \neg x_n)$  for  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in \{0, 1\}$ . Is there expressive power gained by adding  $\neg$  into the connectives permitted in  $C_6$ ?

**Homework 5.7**

How many Boolean functions can be formed by using input variables  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  and the constants and connectives from  $\{0, 1, \wedge\}$ .

**Homework 5.8**

How many Boolean functions can be formed using input variables  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  and the constants and connectives from  $\{0, 1, \neg, \oplus\}$ .

**Homework 5.9**

Use as few of “and” ( $\wedge$ ) and “inclusive or” ( $\vee$ ) as possible in order to make a formula  $\alpha$  with four atoms  $A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4$  such that the following conditions hold:

- If at least three of the atoms  $A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4$  are true then  $\alpha$  is true;
- If at most one of the atoms  $A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4$  are true then  $\alpha$  is false;
- If exactly two of the atoms  $A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4$  are true then there is no constraint on which value  $\alpha$  takes.

Use the last condition in order to optimise the number of connectives in the formula.

**Homework 5.10**

Let  $F$  be the set of all Boolean formulas with input variables  $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4$  which are 0 when at most one input variable is 1 and which are 1 when at least three input variables are 1. So  $F$  contains functions  $B_\alpha^4$  for formulas  $\alpha$  like  $(A_1 \vee A_2) \wedge (A_3 \vee A_4)$ . Which of the following sets of connectives satisfy to generate all formulas in  $F$  (plus some outside  $F$ ):  $\{\wedge, \vee\}$ ,  $\{\wedge, \oplus\}$ ,  $\{\oplus, \leftrightarrow\}$ ?

**Homework 5.11**

Is there an  $n \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  for which the set  $\{maj, B_{A_1 \oplus A_2 \oplus \dots \oplus A_n}^n\}$  complete? For those  $n$  where it is incomplete, can it be made complete by adding the logical constants 0, 1 to the set of connectives? If so, which of these are needed?