

COMP 681 Formal Methods Spring 2008 Exam 1—Solutions

All questions are equally weighted.

1. Encode the following into the language of propositional logic. Define the prime propositions that you use.

If I-20 is closed, then either I-30 or I-40 is crowded; whenever I-30 is crowded, there are delays in driving to Gotham, but, when I-40 is crowded, we experience such delays only when I-50 is closed.

Answer

Let

$p = I-20$ is closed.

$q = I-30$ is crowded.

$r = I-40$ is crowded.

$s =$ There are delays in driving to Gotham.

$t = I-50$ is closed.

Then

$$(p \Rightarrow q \vee r) \wedge (q \Rightarrow s) \wedge (r \Rightarrow (s \Rightarrow t))$$

2. Prove the following using a transformational proof. Justify each step, but you need not show the substitution used to derive the appropriate instance of the laws. You may assume implicit associativity and commutativity of \wedge and \vee , and you may use generalized forms of the laws.

$$p \wedge \neg q \Rightarrow r \vee \neg s \langle \equiv \rangle \neg r \wedge s \Rightarrow (p \Rightarrow q)$$

Answer

$$p \wedge \neg q \Rightarrow r \vee \neg s$$

$$\langle \equiv \rangle \neg(r \vee \neg s) \Rightarrow \neg(p \wedge \neg q)$$

Contraposition

$$\langle \equiv \rangle \neg r \wedge \neg \neg s \Rightarrow \neg(p \wedge \neg q)$$

De Morgan's 2nd Law

$$\langle \equiv \rangle \neg r \wedge s \Rightarrow \neg(p \wedge \neg q)$$

Law of Negation

$$\langle \equiv \rangle \neg r \wedge s \Rightarrow \neg p \vee \neg \neg q$$

De Morgan's 1st Law

$$\langle \equiv \rangle \neg r \wedge s \Rightarrow \neg p \vee q$$

Law of Negation

$$\langle \equiv \rangle \neg r \wedge s \Rightarrow p \Rightarrow q$$

Law of Implication

3. Convert the following into CNF. Then convert the CNF formula into the normal form with implications but no negations.

$$\neg p \wedge s \vee (p \vee \neg q \Rightarrow r)$$

Answer

$$\neg p \wedge s \vee (p \vee \neg q \Rightarrow r)$$

Step 1: Nothing to do

Step 2:

$$\langle \equiv \rangle \neg p \wedge s \vee \neg (p \vee \neg q) \vee r \quad \text{Law of Implication}$$

Step 3:

$$\langle \equiv \rangle \neg p \wedge s \vee \neg p \wedge \neg \neg q \vee r \quad \text{De Morgan's 2nd Law}$$

$$\langle \equiv \rangle \neg p \wedge s \vee \neg p \wedge q \vee r \quad \text{Law of Negation}$$

Step 4:

$$\langle \equiv \rangle \neg p \wedge (s \vee q) \vee r \quad \text{Distributive Law } (\wedge \text{ over } \vee)$$

$$\langle \equiv \rangle (\neg p \vee r) \wedge (s \vee q \vee r) \quad \text{Distributive Law } (\vee \text{ over } \wedge)$$

Convert the first conjunct into the normal form with implications but no negations:

$$\neg p \vee r$$

$$\langle \equiv \rangle p \Rightarrow r \quad \text{Law of Implication}$$

Convert the second conjunct into the normal form with implications but no negations:

$$s \vee q \vee r$$

$$\langle \equiv \rangle \text{false} \vee s \vee q \vee r \quad \text{Simplification}$$

$$\langle \equiv \rangle \neg \text{true} \vee s \vee q \vee r \quad \text{Since } \text{false} \langle \equiv \rangle \neg \text{true}$$

$$\langle \equiv \rangle \text{true} \Rightarrow s \vee q \vee r \quad \text{Law of Implication}$$

Substituting into the wff in CNF:

$$(p \Rightarrow r) \wedge (\text{true} \Rightarrow s \vee q \vee r)$$

4. Translate the following into the language of predicate logic.

Inventory items consigned to a distributor are kept in warehouses while other items remain in factories.

Use the following predicates.

inventory(x) means *x* is an inventory item.

consigned_to(x, y) means *x* is consigned to *y*.

distributor(x) means *x* is a distributor.

in(x, y) means *x* is in *y*.

warehouse(x) means *x* is a warehouse.

factory(x) means *x* is a factory.

Answer

$$\forall x \bullet \text{inventory}(x) \Rightarrow$$

$$((\exists y \bullet \text{distributor}(y) \wedge \text{consigned_to}(x, y)) \Rightarrow \exists z \bullet \text{warehouse}(z) \wedge \text{in}(x, z))$$

$$\wedge (\neg (\exists y \bullet \text{distributor}(y) \wedge \text{consigned_to}(x, y)) \Rightarrow \exists z \bullet \text{factory}(z) \wedge \text{in}(x, z))$$