

CSE541 MAKE-UP Midterm 1 SOLUTIONS
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QUESTION 1 Prove that any infinite set contains a countably infinite subset.

Solution We first prove that if A is infinite, then we can define a 1-1 sequence of elements of A . All elements of this sequence form a required countably infinite subset of A . The construction of such sequence was a first STEP in the proof of the Dedekind Theorem.

Let A be infinite, We define a sequence

$$a_1, \dots, a_n, \dots$$

as follows.

1. Observe that $A \neq \emptyset$, because if $A = \emptyset$, A would be finite. contradiction. So there is an element of $a \in A$. We define

$$a_1 = a$$

2. Consider a set $A - \{a_1\} = A_1$. $A_1 \neq \emptyset$ because if $A = \emptyset$, then $A - \{a_1\} = \emptyset$ and A is finite. Contradiction. So there is an element $a_2 \in A - \{a_1\}$ and $a_1 \neq a_2$.

We hence have defined

$$a_1, a_2.$$

Assume now that we have defined

$$a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \quad \text{for} \quad a_1 \neq a_2 \neq \dots \neq a_n.$$

Consider a set $A_n = A - \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$.

The set $A_n \neq \emptyset$ because if $A - \{a_1, \dots, a_n\} = \emptyset$, then A is finite. Contradiction. So there is an element a_{n+1} such that

$$a_{n+1} \in A - \{a_1, \dots, a_n\} \quad \text{and} \quad a_{n+1} \neq a_n \neq \dots \neq a_1.$$

By mathematical induction, the element a_n is defined for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and we have defined a 1-1 sequence

$$a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, \dots$$

elements of A .

The set

$$B = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, \dots\}$$

is a countably infinite subset of A and we have proved its existence.

QUESTION 2 H is the following proof system:

$$H = (\mathcal{L}_{\{\Rightarrow, \neg\}}, \mathcal{F}, AX = \{A1, A2, A3\}, MP)$$

A1 $(A \Rightarrow (B \Rightarrow A))$,

A2 $((A \Rightarrow (B \Rightarrow C)) \Rightarrow ((A \Rightarrow B) \Rightarrow (A \Rightarrow C)))$,

A3 $((\neg B \Rightarrow \neg A) \Rightarrow ((\neg B \Rightarrow A) \Rightarrow B))$

A4 $((A \Rightarrow B) \Rightarrow A)$

MP (Rule of inference)

$$(MP) \frac{A ; (A \Rightarrow B)}{B}$$

1 Justify whether H is complete or not.

Solution Yes, it is a complete proof system. It is SOUND because a new axiom $A4$ added to a sound and complete system H_2 with axioms $A1 - A3$ is SOUND i.e is a classical tautology (must verify!- it is not a basic tautology).

2 Prove that

$$(A \Rightarrow B), (B \Rightarrow C) \vdash_H (A \Rightarrow C)$$

Solution Observe that the Deduction Theorem holds for the system H as it contains $A1, A2$ needed for its proof. Applying Deduction Theorem we get

$$(A \Rightarrow B), (B \Rightarrow C) \vdash_H (A \Rightarrow C) \text{ iff } A \Rightarrow B, (B \Rightarrow C), A \vdash_H C.$$

The following is a proof of C from $A \Rightarrow B, (B \Rightarrow C), A$.

$$B_1 = (A \Rightarrow B), \quad (\text{hyp})$$

$$B_2 = (B \Rightarrow C), \quad (\text{hyp})$$

$$B_3 = A, \quad (\text{hyp})$$

$$B_4 = B, \quad B_1, B_3 \text{ and MP}$$

$$B_5 = C. \quad B_2, B_4 \text{ and MP}$$

3. Here are consecutive steps B_1, \dots, B_5 in a proof of $(B \Rightarrow \neg\neg B)$ in H .

Complete the steps

$$B_1, \dots, B_5$$

of the proof by writing all details in the space provided below each step of the proof.

You have to write down **the proper substitutions and formulas** used at each step of the proof.

$$B_1 = ((\neg\neg\neg B \Rightarrow \neg B) \Rightarrow ((\neg\neg\neg B \Rightarrow B) \Rightarrow \neg\neg B)), \quad A3$$

$$B_2 = (\neg\neg\neg B \Rightarrow \neg B)$$

Already proved fact

$$B_3 = ((\neg\neg\neg B \Rightarrow B) \Rightarrow \neg\neg B), \quad B_1, B_2 \text{ and MP}$$

$$B_4 = (B \Rightarrow (\neg\neg\neg B \Rightarrow B)), \quad A1$$

$$B_5 = (B \Rightarrow \neg\neg B)$$

$(A \Rightarrow B), (B \Rightarrow C) \vdash_H (A \Rightarrow C)$ applied to B_4, B_3 .

QUESTION 3 Consider a propositional language $\mathcal{L}_{\{\neg, \cup, \cap, \Rightarrow\}}$ with a set \mathcal{F} of formulas.

Let $\mathbf{T} \subseteq \mathcal{F}$ be the set of all propositional TAUTOLOGIES under the classical semantics.

Let S be a **COMPLETE Hilbert proof system** with for a classical propositional logic with the language $\mathcal{L}_{\{\neg, \cup, \cap, \Rightarrow\}}$, i.e.

$$\mathbf{T} = \{A \in \mathcal{F} : \vdash_S A\}.$$

Prove that for any $A, B \in \mathcal{F}$,

$$Cn(\{A\}) \cap Cn(\{B\}) = Cn(\{(A \cup B)\}),$$

where for any Let $X \subseteq \mathcal{F}$ we define

$$Cn(X) = \{A \in \mathcal{F} : X \vdash_S A\}.$$

Solution

Observe that the system S is Hilbert system i.e. it must have a MP is its rule of inference. It is also complete. We have the following fact.

Fact: Deduction Theorem holds for S .

Proof of the Fact: observe that the two axioms

$$A1 : (A \Rightarrow (B \Rightarrow A)),$$

$$A2 : ((A \Rightarrow (B \Rightarrow C)) \Rightarrow ((A \Rightarrow B) \Rightarrow (A \Rightarrow C)))$$

that are needed to prove Deduction Theorem are classical tautologies, hence by completeness of S , they are provable (by means of MP) in S . Consequently the proof of Deduction Theorem for our system H_1 holds for the system S .

Assume that $C \in Cn(\{A\})$ and $C \in Cn(\{B\})$, we want to prove that $C \in Cn(\{(A \cup B)\})$.

By definition and **Deduction Theorem**, we know (assume) that $\vdash_S(A \Rightarrow C)$ and $\vdash_S(B \Rightarrow C)$, and we want to prove $(A \cup B) \vdash_S C$, i.e. that (by Deduction Theorem) $\vdash_S((A \cup B) \Rightarrow C)$. We know that

$$\models (((A \Rightarrow C) \Rightarrow ((B \Rightarrow C)) \Rightarrow ((A \cup B) \Rightarrow C))).$$

By the fact that S is complete we have that

$$\vdash_S(((A \Rightarrow C) \Rightarrow ((B \Rightarrow C)) \Rightarrow ((A \cup B) \Rightarrow C))).$$

S is a Hilbert system i.e. it has *MP* as a rule of inference. From the the assumptions $\vdash_S(A \Rightarrow C)$, $\vdash_S(B \Rightarrow C)$ and *MP* applied twice to the $\vdash_S(((A \Rightarrow C) \Rightarrow ((B \Rightarrow C)) \Rightarrow ((A \cup B) \Rightarrow C)))$ we get the proof of $((A \cup B) \Rightarrow C)$, what proves that $C \in Cn(\{(A \cup B)\})$.

Assume now that $C \in Cn(\{(A \cup B)\})$, i.e. $\vdash_S((A \cup B) \Rightarrow C)$. We use above and the tautologies

$$(((A \cup B) \Rightarrow C) \Rightarrow (A \Rightarrow C)), ((A \cup B) \Rightarrow C) \Rightarrow (B \Rightarrow C))$$

to get a proofs of $(A \Rightarrow C)$ and $(B \Rightarrow C)$, and hence we get that $C \in Cn(\{A\})$ and $C \in Cn(\{B\})$, what proves that $C \in (Cn(\{A\}) \cap Cn(\{B\}))$.

QUESTION 4 Let S be the proof system from Question 3.

We define **two binary relations** on \mathcal{F} as follows. For any $A, B \in \mathcal{F}$,

$$A \leq_S B \quad \text{if and only if} \quad \vdash_S(A \Rightarrow B) \quad \text{and}$$

$$A \leq_{\mathbf{T}} B \quad \text{if and only if} \quad \models(A \Rightarrow B).$$

1. PROVE that $\leq_S = \leq_{\mathbf{T}}$.

SOLUTION For any $A, B \in \mathcal{F}$, $(A, B) \in \leq_S$ iff (by definition of \leq_S) $\vdash_S(A \Rightarrow B)$ iff (by completeness theorem for S) $\models(A \Rightarrow B)$ iff (by definition of $\leq_{\mathbf{T}}$) $(A, B) \in \leq_{\mathbf{T}}$.

2. Prove that $\leq = \leq_S = \leq_{\mathbf{T}}$ is a quasi order relation (reflexive and transitive).

SOLUTION From PART 1 we have that $\leq_S = \leq_{\mathbf{T}}$, so we can chose to carry the proof for any of the two relations \leq_S or $\leq_{\mathbf{T}}$. I choose here $\leq_{\mathbf{T}}$.

$\leq_{\mathbf{T}}$ is reflexive because $\models(A \Rightarrow A)$, hence by definition, $A \leq_{\mathbf{T}} A$.

If you choose \leq_S , the proof for it goes as follows.

We know that $\models (A \Rightarrow A)$ and S is complete, hence $\vdash_S (A \Rightarrow A)$, i.e. $A \leq_S A$.

Now we are going to prove transitivity of $\leq_{\mathbf{T}}$ only. In order to prove it we need the following Lemma (we will use it later as well).

LEMMA (Modus Ponens for tautologies)

For any $A, B \in \mathcal{F}$,
if $\models A$ and $\models (A \Rightarrow B)$, then $\models B$.

PROOF (by contradiction). Assume that $\models A$ and $\models (A \Rightarrow B)$ and $\not\models B$. It means that there is a truth assignment v , such that $v(B) = F$. $\models A$ means that for all v , $v(A) = T$ and $(v(A) \Rightarrow v(B)) = (T \Rightarrow v(B)) = T$ if and only if $v(B) = T$. Contradiction.

Proof of TRANSITIVITY of $\leq_{\mathbf{T}}$. Assume $A \leq_{\mathbf{T}} B$ and $B \leq_{\mathbf{T}} C$. This means that $\models (A \Rightarrow B)$ and $\models (B \Rightarrow C)$.

BY LEMMA applied to $\models (A \Rightarrow B)$ and $\models ((A \Rightarrow B) \Rightarrow ((B \Rightarrow C) \Rightarrow (A \Rightarrow C)))$ we get that $\models ((B \Rightarrow C) \Rightarrow (A \Rightarrow C))$. Applying again the LEMMA to $\models (B \Rightarrow C)$ and $\models ((B \Rightarrow C) \Rightarrow (A \Rightarrow C))$ we get that $\models (A \Rightarrow C)$, what ends the proof.

Observe that the proof for \leq_S uses the above tautology completeness of S , the above tautology and *MP*.

3. Define a non-classical logic semantics M for $\mathcal{L}_{\{\neg, \cup, \cap, \Rightarrow\}}$ such that the binary relation \leq_M on \mathcal{F} defined as

$$A \leq_M B \quad \text{if and only if} \quad \models_M (A \Rightarrow B)$$

is NOT a quasi order.

$\models_M A$ reads: a formula A is a tautology under semantics M .

SOLUTION For example, let M be any 2 valued semantics such that its implication is defined by the table below.

\Rightarrow	F	T
F	T	T
T	T	F

Obviously, $\not\models (A \Rightarrow A)$.

There are, of course many other two or many valued semantics with the same property.

EXTRA CREDIT Let $\leq = \leq_S = \leq_{\mathbf{T}}$, we define a binary relation \approx on \mathcal{F} as follows.

$$A \approx B \quad \text{iff} \quad A \leq B \text{ and } B \leq A.$$

1. PROVE that \approx is an equivalence relation (reflexive, symmetric and transitive).

SOLUTION Reflexivity follows from $\models (A \Rightarrow A)$. Symmetry follows directly from the definition of \approx . Transitivity follows simply from transitivity of \leq proved in Question 4.

2. Find $[(a \cup \neg a)]$, $[(a \cap \neg a)]$ and $[a]$, where $[A]$ denotes an equivalence class of \approx with a representant A .

$$\begin{aligned} [(a \cup \neg a)] &= \{B : \models ((a \cup \neg a) \Rightarrow B) \text{ and } \models (B \Rightarrow (a \cup \neg a))\} \\ &= \{B : \models ((a \cup \neg a) \Rightarrow B)\} \cap \{B : \models (B \Rightarrow (a \cup \neg a))\}. \end{aligned}$$

Observe that $\models ((a \cup \neg a) \Rightarrow B)$ iff $\models B$ and $\models (B \Rightarrow (a \cup \neg a))$ for any formula B .

Hence we get

$$\begin{aligned} [(a \cup \neg a)] &= \{B : \models ((a \cup \neg a) \Rightarrow B)\} \cap \{B : \models (B \Rightarrow (a \cup \neg a))\} \\ &= \{B : \models B\} \cap \mathcal{F} = \mathbf{T} \cap \mathcal{F} = \mathbf{T}. \end{aligned}$$

By definition,

$$[(a \cap \neg a)] = \{B : \models ((a \cap \neg a) \Rightarrow B)\} \cap \{B : \models (B \Rightarrow (a \cap \neg a))\}.$$

Observe that $\models ((a \cap \neg a) \Rightarrow B)$ iff $(F \Rightarrow B) = T$ for all v , what is true for all $B \in \mathcal{F}$.

Similarly, $\models (B \Rightarrow (a \cap \neg a))$ iff $(B \Rightarrow F) = T$ for all v iff $v(B) = F$ for all v iff B is a **CONTRADICTION**, i.e. $B \in \mathbf{CONTR}$.

Now we evaluate

$$\begin{aligned} [(a \cap \neg a)] &= \{B : \models ((a \cap \neg a) \Rightarrow B)\} \cap \{B : \models (B \Rightarrow (a \cap \neg a))\} \\ &= \mathcal{F} \cap \mathbf{CONTR} = \mathbf{CONTR}. \end{aligned}$$

Observe that

$$\models (A \Leftrightarrow B) \quad \text{iff} \quad \models (A \Rightarrow B) \text{ and } \models (B \Rightarrow A)$$

and hence

$$A \approx B \quad \text{iff} \quad (A \Leftrightarrow B) \quad \text{iff} \quad A \equiv B.$$

We evaluate

$$[a] = \{B \in \mathcal{F} : a \equiv B\} = \{a, \neg a, (a \cap a), (a \cup a), \neg\neg\neg(a \cap a), \dots\}.$$

We can also use the above to obtain simpler solution for previous equivalence classes, as well for description of $[A]$ for any formula A .