

St. Francis Xavier University
Department of Computer Science
CSCI 544: Computational Logic
Assignment 2
Due March 15, 2024 at 11:30am

Assignment Regulations.

- This assignment may be completed individually or in a group of two people. If you are collaborating on an assignment as a group, your group must submit exactly one joint set of answers.
 - Please include your full name and email address on your submission. For groups, every member must include their full name and email address on the joint submission.
 - You may either handwrite or typeset your submission. If your submission is handwritten, please ensure that the handwriting is neat and legible.
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[8 marks] 1. Consider the formula

$$A = (\forall x \exists z (\neg P(x) \vee Q(y, f(z)))) \Rightarrow (\exists x P(y) \wedge Q(f(x), z)).$$

- (a) Draw the tree representation of A .
- (b) Identify all bound variables and free variables in A . Does there exist any variable in A that has both bound and free occurrences?
- (c) Give the resultant formula after performing the substitution $A[y/f(x)]$. Is $f(x)$ free for y in A ?

[6 marks] 2. Consider the following three mathematical properties, expressed as predicate logic formulas:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Reflexivity:} & \quad \forall x P(x, x) \\ \text{Symmetry:} & \quad \forall x \forall y (P(x, y) \Rightarrow P(y, x)) \\ \text{Transitivity:} & \quad \forall x \forall y \forall z ((P(x, y) \wedge P(y, z)) \Rightarrow P(x, z)) \end{aligned}$$

Give an interpretation (i.e., a domain, a binary relation P , and any necessary constants) where the binary relation is:

- (a) Reflexive and symmetric, but not transitive.
- (b) Reflexive and transitive, but not symmetric.
- (c) Symmetric and transitive, but not reflexive.

[8 marks] 3. Using the method of semantic tableaux, determine whether the following formula is valid:

$$(\forall x (A(x) \Rightarrow B(x))) \Rightarrow (\exists x A(x) \Rightarrow \exists x B(x)).$$

For ease of writing, you can use the list format to prove validity instead of the tree format.

[8 marks] 4. Prove the validity of each of the following sequents using natural deduction.

- (a) $\forall x (P(x) \wedge Q(x)) \vdash \forall x P(x) \wedge \forall x Q(x)$.
- (b) $\forall x \neg P(x) \vdash \neg \exists x P(x)$.