

The assignments marked with \* must be correctly completed in order to pass the course.

1\*. In this assignment you will prove the completeness theorem for propositional logic. Let the smallest building blocks of the propositional language, called *atomic sentences*, or *propositional variables*, be the symbols  $P_n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $F$  be the set of sentences that can be built from the atomic sentences and the connectives  $\wedge$ ,  $\vee$  and  $\neg$ . (We skip the connectives  $\rightarrow$  and  $\leftrightarrow$  in order to have fewer cases to deal with in some assignments below.)

We assume that we have a formal proof system and, as usual, if  $T \subseteq F$  and  $A \in F$ , then ' $T \vdash A$ ' means that there is a formal proof  $\Pi$  such that  $A$  is the conclusion of  $\Pi$  and  $\Pi$  uses only assumptions from  $T$ .

By ' $T \models A$ ' we mean that every truth assignment  $\sigma : \{P_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\} \rightarrow \{t, f\}$  to the atomic sentences which makes all sentences in  $T$  true also makes  $A$  true (in other words,  $A$  cannot be false if all sentences in  $T$  are true). We say that  $T$  is *satisfiable* if there is some truth assignment which makes all sentences in  $T$  true.

We also assume the following about the formal proof system:

### Assumptions

- (1) The formal proof system is sound, that is, if  $T \vdash A$  then  $T \models A$ .
- (2)  $A \in T \implies T \vdash A$ .
- (3)  $T \vdash A$  and  $T' \vdash B \implies T \cup T' \vdash A \wedge B$ .
- (4)  $T \vdash A \wedge B \implies T \vdash A$  and  $T \vdash B$ .
- (5)  $T \vdash \neg\neg A \implies T \vdash A$ .
- (6)  $T \cup \{A\} \vdash B \wedge \neg B \implies T \vdash \neg A$ .
- (7)  $T \vdash A \wedge \neg A \implies T \vdash B$  for every  $B \in F$ .
- (8)  $T \vdash A \implies T \vdash A \vee B$  and  $T \vdash B \vee A$ .
- (9)  $T \cup \{A\} \vdash C$  and  $T \cup \{B\} \vdash C \implies T \cup \{A \vee B\} \vdash C$ .

### Definitions

- (i) A subset  $T \subseteq F$  is also called a *theory*.
- (ii) A theory  $T \subseteq F$  is *inconsistent* if for some  $A \in F$ ,  $T \vdash A \wedge \neg A$ .
- (iii) A theory  $T \subseteq F$  is *consistent* if it is not inconsistent.
- (iv) A theory  $T \subseteq F$  is *maximal consistent* if it is consistent and for every  $A \in F - T$ ,  $T \cup \{A\}$  is inconsistent.

Let  $T \subseteq F$  be a theory and let  $A, B \in F$ .

- (a) Prove that  $T \cup \{A\}$  is inconsistent  $\iff T \vdash \neg A$ .
- (b) Prove that  $T \cup \{\neg A\}$  is inconsistent  $\iff T \vdash A$ .
- (c) Prove that if  $T$  is *maximal consistent*, then:

$$(c_1) \quad T \vdash A \iff A \in T,$$

$$(c_2) \quad T \vdash \neg A \iff A \notin T,$$

$$(c_3) \quad T \vdash A \wedge B \iff \{A, B\} \subseteq T,$$

$$(c_4) \quad T \vdash A \vee B \iff A \in T \text{ or } B \in T.$$

- (d) Prove that if  $T \subseteq F$  is consistent, then there is  $T' \subseteq F$  such that  $T \subseteq T'$  and  $T'$  is maximal consistent.
- (e) Prove that if  $T \subseteq F$  is maximal consistent then  $T$  is satisfiable. (Use induction on the complexity of formulas and part (c).)

- (f) Prove that if  $T \subseteq F$ , then:  $T$  is satisfiable  $\iff T$  is consistent.
- (g) Prove the completeness theorem:  $T \models A \implies T \vdash A$ .

2. In this assignment we use the same notation and terminology as in the previous assignment. Describe an algorithm which, given a finite sequence of sentences  $A_1, \dots, A_n, B \in F$ , finds a formal proof with conclusion  $B$  and assumptions  $A_1, \dots, A_n$ , if such proof exists, and otherwise the algorithm replies that no such proof exists.

3. In this assignment we work with first-order logic. Let  $V$  be some vocabulary,  $F_V$  the set of all first-order formulas that can be built up from  $V$ , and let  $T \subseteq F_V$  be a theory (i.e. a set of sentences). Suppose that  $\varphi \in F_V$  is a sentence which is true in every infinite model of  $T$ . Prove that there is  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that whenever  $\mathcal{M}$  is a finite model of  $T$  with at least  $n$  elements in its universe, then  $\mathcal{M} \models \varphi$ ; in other words,  $\varphi$  is true in every sufficiently large finite model of  $T$ . (Observe that the statement is (trivially) true if  $T$  has no finite model.)

Hint: use the compactness theorem.