

**Tutorials for Program Verification**  
**Exercise sheet 6**

**Definition (propositional core)** Let  $\mathbf{qfForm}_{\mathcal{V}}$  be the set of quantifier-free formulas over the vocabulary  $\mathcal{V}$ . For a quantifier-free FOL formula  $\phi$  the propositional core, denoted  $propCore(\phi)$ , is obtained by replacing each atomic formula of the form  $P(t_1, \dots, t_{ar(P)})$  by a propositional variable  $X_{P(t_1, \dots, t_{ar(P)})}$ .

We formally define the mapping  $propCore(\phi) : \mathbf{qfForm}_{\mathcal{V}} \rightarrow \mathbf{Prop}$  recursively:

$$\begin{aligned} propCore(\perp) &= \perp \\ propCore(P(t_1, \dots, t_{ar(P)})) &= X_{P(t_1, \dots, t_{ar(P)})} \\ propCore(\neg\phi) &= \neg propCore(\phi) \\ propCore(\phi \odot \psi) &= propCore(\phi) \odot propCore(\psi) \end{aligned}$$

where  $\odot \in \{\wedge, \vee, \rightarrow\}$ .

**Exercise 1: Propositional Core**

2+1 points

- (a) Prove that the following holds for each theory  $\mathcal{T}$  and each quantifier-free formula  $\phi$ .

If  $propCore(\phi)$  is not satisfiable, then  $\phi$  is not  $\mathcal{T}$ -satisfiable.

(Hint: Define an appropriate valuation  $\rho$  and prove by induction over the structure of quantifier-free formulas that for each  $\mathcal{T}$ -structure  $\mathcal{M}$  and each assignment  $\alpha$  the following proposition holds:  $\mathcal{M}, \alpha \models \phi$  iff  $\rho \models propCore(\phi)$  )

- (b) Does the opposite direction also hold? Prove or give a counterexample for the following proposition.

If  $\phi$  is not  $\mathcal{T}$ -satisfiable then  $propCore(\phi)$  is not satisfiable.

**Definition (minimal unsatisfiable core)** Let  $\Gamma$  be a finite set of formulas such that the conjunction  $\bigwedge_{\phi \in \Gamma} \phi$  is unsatisfiable. A subset  $\Gamma' \subseteq \Gamma$  is called *unsatisfiable core* of  $\Gamma$  if

$\bigwedge_{\phi \in \Gamma'} \phi$  is also unsatisfiable. An unsatisfiable core  $\Gamma'$  is called *minimal unsatisfiable core* if for each proper subset  $\Gamma''$  of  $\Gamma'$  the conjunction  $\bigwedge_{\phi \in \Gamma''} \phi$  is satisfiable.

**Exercise 2: Minimal Unsatisfiable Core**

1+1 points

- (a) Give a minimal unsatisfiable core for the following set of formulas.

$$\{ \neg(X \rightarrow \neg Z), \quad Y \rightarrow \neg U, \quad X \rightarrow Y, \quad X, \quad Z \rightarrow U \}$$

- (b) Is the minimal unsatisfiable core of set of formulas unique? (Are there sets of formulas  $\Gamma, \Gamma_1, \Gamma_2$  such that  $\Gamma_1 \neq \Gamma_2$  but both  $\Gamma_1$  and  $\Gamma_2$  are minimal unsatisfiable cores of  $\Gamma$ ?)

Lets assume we have two tools. The first tool can decide satisfiability of propositional logic formulas. The second tool can decide  $\mathcal{T}$ -satisfiability for a conjunction of literals<sup>1</sup> and return a minimal unsatisfiable core if the conjunction is unsatisfiable. Then we can construct a third tool that can decide  $\mathcal{T}$ -satisfiability of quantifier free formulas by implementing the following algorithm.

## BASIC SMT SOLVING ALGORITHM

**Input:** quantifier-free formula  $\phi_{\text{input}}$

**Output:** Is  $\phi_{\text{input}}$  satisfiable? Yes/No

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0:  $\phi := \phi_{\text{input}}$ 
1: while(true) do {
2:   if  $\text{propCore}(\phi)$  is unsatisfiable return No,  $\phi_{\text{input}}$  is unsatisfiable
3:   Let  $\rho$  be a valuation such that  $\mathcal{M}_\rho \models \text{propCore}(\phi)$ 
4:   Let  $\{\psi_1, \dots, \psi_n\}$  be the set of atomic formulas that are subformulas of  $\phi$ .
5:   Let  $\{\psi_1^\rho, \dots, \psi_n^\rho\}$  be the set of formulas such that  $\psi_i^\rho = \begin{cases} \psi_i & \text{if } \text{propCore}(\psi_i) \in \mathcal{M}_\rho \\ \neg\psi_i & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ 
6:   if  $\psi_1^\rho \wedge \dots \wedge \psi_n^\rho$  is satisfiable return Yes,  $\phi_{\text{input}}$  is satisfiable
7:   Let  $\Gamma$  be a minimal unsatisfiable core of  $\{\psi_1^\rho, \dots, \psi_n^\rho\}$ 
8:    $\phi := \phi \wedge \neg(\bigwedge_{\psi \in \Gamma} \psi)$ 
9: }

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### Exercise 3: Basic SMT Solving Algorithm

3 points

Use the BASIC SMT SOLVING ALGORITHM to determine  $\mathcal{T}_E$ -satisfiability<sup>2</sup> of the following formula.

$$x = y \quad \wedge \quad y = z \quad \wedge \quad (f(x) \neq f(z) \vee (P(x) \wedge \neg P(z)))$$

Denote all your steps.

- If a propositional logical formula is satisfiable, give a satisfying valuation. If a propositional logical formula is unsatisfiable you may write down your proof, but you don't have to.

<sup>1</sup>A literal is an atomic formulas or a negated atomic formula

<sup>2</sup> $\mathcal{T}_E$  denotes the theory of equality

- If a conjunction of atomic FOL formulas is satisfiable, give a satisfying assignment. If a conjunction of atomic FOL formulas is unsatisfiable, you may write down your proof, but an explanation is also sufficient.

#### Exercise 4: Inductive Invariants

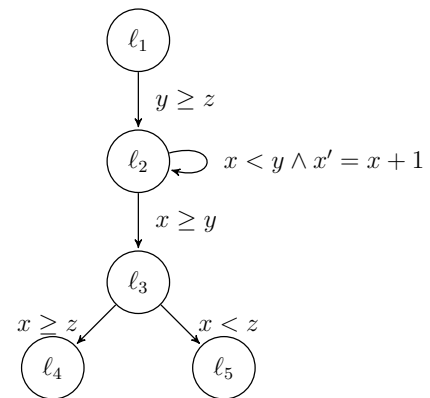
1+2 points

Consider the following program

$$Prog = (V, pc, \varphi_{init}, \mathcal{R}, \varphi_{err})$$

where the tuple of program variables  $V$  is  $(pc, x, y, z)$ , the initial condition  $\varphi_{init}$  is  $pc = \ell_1$ , the error condition  $\varphi_{err}$  is  $pc = \ell_5$ , and the set of transition relations  $\mathcal{R}$  contains the following transitions.

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_1 &= (move(\ell_1, \ell_2) \wedge y \geq z \wedge skip(x, y, z)) \\ \rho_2 &= (move(\ell_2, \ell_2) \wedge x + 1 \leq y \wedge x' = x + 1 \wedge skip(y, z)) \\ \rho_3 &= (move(\ell_2, \ell_3) \wedge x \geq y \wedge skip(x, y, z)) \\ \rho_4 &= (move(\ell_3, \ell_4) \wedge x \geq z \wedge skip(x, y, z)) \\ \rho_5 &= (move(\ell_3, \ell_5) \wedge x + 1 \leq z \wedge skip(x, y, z)) \end{aligned}$$



- Is the complement of  $\rho_5$  an inductive invariant<sup>3</sup>? If not, state a counterexample.
- What is the weakest<sup>4</sup> inductive invariant that is contained in the complement of  $\varphi_{err}$  (i.e., disjoint from  $\varphi_{err}$ )?

#### Exercise 5: Construction of Weakest Inductive Invariant

2 bonus points

Define a (possibly non-terminating) algorithm to construct the weakest inductive invariant that is contained in the complement of  $\varphi_{err}$ .

(Idea: eliminate states that can reach an error state.)

<sup>3</sup>Note that here, the term inductive invariant refers to the inductive invariant of a program (defined in the lecture on 28th November), not to the inductive invariant of a while loop (defined in the lecture on 8th November).

<sup>4</sup>We say that the formula  $\phi$  is weaker than the formula  $\psi$  if  $\psi$  implies  $\phi$ . An inductive invariant  $\phi$  is the weakest inductive invariant if  $\phi$  is implied by all other inductive invariants.