

Exercises to the lecture Logics  
Sheet 1

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**Exercise 1.1** [Structural Induction]

The *depth*  $t(A)$  of a formula  $A$  is defined as follows.

- If  $A$  is atomic, then  $t(A) = 0$ .
- If  $A \equiv (B * C)$  for a binary connective  $*$ , then

$$t(A) = \max\{t(B), t(C)\} + 1.$$

- If  $A \equiv \neg(B)$ , then  $t(A) = t(B) + 1$ .

Furthermore, let  $|A|$  be the length of the formula  $A$ , i.e., the number of symbols in  $A$  (including parentheses and connectives).

Prove by structural induction that in every correctly bracketed formula

- a) the number of opening and the number of closing parentheses coincide.
- b)  $|A| \leq 5k + 1$ , where  $k$  is the number of occurrences of connectives in  $A$ .
- c)  $|A| \leq 4 \cdot 2^{t(A)} - 3$ .

**Exercise 1.2** [Semantics of formulae]

- a) Let  $\varphi$  be a valuation with  $\varphi(p) = 1$  and  $\varphi(q) = \varphi(r) = 0$ . Calculate

$$\varphi(\neg(p \wedge q) \rightarrow r)$$

step-by-step using the definition of the evaluation of valuations.

- b) Prove or disprove that  $q \rightarrow (r \rightarrow (p \vee q))$  is a tautology.
- c) Prove or disprove  $q \rightarrow p \models p \rightarrow q$ .
- d) Prove or disprove  $\neg p \vee \neg q \models \neg(p \wedge q)$ .

**Exercise 1.3** [Deduction theorem]

- a) Let  $A_1, \dots, A_n, B$  be formulae in propositional logic. Show that  $A_1 \wedge \dots \wedge A_n \models B$  if and only if  $\models (A_1 \rightarrow (A_2 \rightarrow (\dots (A_{n-1} \rightarrow (A_n \rightarrow B)) \dots)))$ .
- b) Let  $\Sigma$  be a set of formulae and  $B$  a formula in propositional logic. Show that  $\Sigma \models B$  if and only if  $\Sigma \cup \{\neg B\}$  is unsatisfiable.

**Exercise 1.4** [Paths in rooted trees]

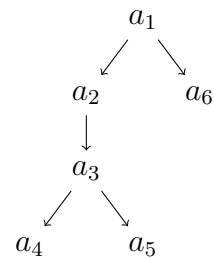
A *rooted tree* is a tree in which one node is chosen as the *root* and the edges are directed such that their source is closer to the root than their target. A *rooted path* is a path that starts in the root (but does not necessarily end in a leaf). For each rooted path  $P$ , we write  $\hat{P}$  for the set of nodes it meets. A subset of nodes is called *rooted path set* if it is of the form  $\hat{P}$  for some rooted path  $P$ .

Let  $V = \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$  be the nodes of a rooted tree and let  $p_1, \dots, p_n$  be atomic formulae. The subsets of  $V$  and the valuations on  $p_1, \dots, p_n$  are in one-to-one correspondence, where the set  $S \subseteq V$  corresponds to the valuation  $\varphi$  for which

$$\varphi(p_i) = 1 \text{ if and only if } a_i \in S$$

for each  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ .

- a) For the rooted tree on the right, present a formula  $A$  for which  $\varphi(A) = 1$  if and only if  $\varphi$  corresponds to a rooted path set.
- b) Devise a general method that, given a rooted tree  $T$ , constructs a formula  $A$  such that  $\varphi(A) = 1$  if and only if  $\varphi$  corresponds to a rooted path set in  $T$ .



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