

**Due: Tuesday, October 11, 11:59pm**

1. (12 points) In class, we discussed the DLL procedure for finding Resolution refutations. This procedure was inherently bottom-up in that we started at the root, and worked our way to the leaves (initial clauses). Another procedure for finding Resolution refutations is top-down and is called the Davis-Putnam (DP) procedure. The procedure is as follows. First, order the variables  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ . Let  $C_0$  be the original set of clauses. Apply all possible resolution steps to the initial clauses where we resolve only on the variable  $x_1$ . Let  $C_1$  be all clauses obtained so far (including the original clauses) and not containing the literals  $x_1$  or  $\neg x_1$ . Now apply all possible resolution steps to clauses in  $C_1$  where now we resolve only on the variable  $x_2$ , and let  $C_2$  be the resulting set of all clauses obtained from  $C_1$  (including clauses in  $C_1$ ) and not containing the literals  $x_2$  or  $\neg x_2$ . Continue in this fashion until we have either derived the empty clause, or until we have used up all of our variables. Note that the clauses in  $C_i$  will involve only the variables  $x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n$ .

- (a) Use the above DP procedure to obtain a refutation of the following formula.

$$(x_1 \vee x_2 \vee x_3) \wedge (\neg x_1 \vee x_2 \vee x_3) \wedge (\neg x_2 \vee x_3) \wedge (\neg x_3 \vee x_2) \wedge (\neg x_2 \vee \neg x_3)$$

- (b) Show that the DP procedure, when applied to 2CNF formulas always terminates in polynomial time.
  - (c) Prove completeness of the DP procedure. That is, show that for every unsatisfiable CNF formula  $f$ , there exists a DP refutation of  $f$ .
2. (10 points) Recall that a tree-like Resolution refutation of an unsatisfiable CNF formula  $f$  is a Resolution refutation where each derived clause is used at most once. Prove that tree-like Resolution refutations are closed under restrictions. Let  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  be an unsatisfiable CNF formula. Let  $S$  be a subset of the underlying variables, and let  $\rho$  be a partial truth assignment that sets each variable in  $S$  to either 0 or 1. Prove that if  $T$  is tree-like Resolution refutation of  $F$  of size  $s$ , then we can apply the restriction  $\rho$  to  $T$  to obtain a tree-like Resolution refutation of  $F|_\rho$  of size at most  $s$ .
  3. (5 points) Let  $A$  and  $B$  be propositional formulas, and let  $S$  be the set of propositional variables/atoms that occur in both  $A$  and  $B$ . Prove that if  $A \rightarrow B$  is valid, then there is a formula  $C$  involving on the variables from  $S$  such that  $A \rightarrow C$  and  $C \rightarrow B$ .
  4. (10 points) Exercise 14, page 17 of notes on propositional calculus.

5. (5 points) Exercise 5, page 25 of notes. (Show that  $\forall x(gfx = x)$  is not a logical consequence of  $\forall x(fgx = x)$ .)
6. (5 points) Let  $\Phi = \{A_1, A_2, \dots\}$  be an infinite set of sentences. Suppose that for all  $n$ ,  $A_{n+1}$  is not a logical consequence of  $\{A_1, \dots, A_n\}$ . Now let  $B$  be any sentence such that  $\Phi \models B$ . Prove that there exists  $n$  such that  $A_n$  is not a logical consequence of  $B$ .
7. (5 points) Exercise 10, page 25 of notes on Predicate Calculus
8. (**Extra Credit**) The pigeonhole principle,  $PHP_n^{n+1}$  asserts that  $n + 1$  pigeons cannot be mapped in a one-to-one way to  $n$  holes. The negation of the propositional principle,  $\neg PHP_n^{n+1}$  is a CNF formula with underlying variables  $P_{i,j}$  for  $i \leq n + 1$  and  $j \leq n$ .  $P_{i,j}$  is intended to represent whether or not pigeon  $i$  is mapped to hole  $j$ . The clauses of  $\neg PHP_n^{n+1}$  are of two types: First, for every  $i \leq n + 1$  there are pigeon clauses  $\mathcal{P}_i$ :  $(P_{i,1} \vee P_{i,2} \vee \dots \vee P_{i,n})$  stating that each pigeon goes to at least one hole. Secondly, for every  $i_1, i_2 \leq n + 1$ ,  $i_1 \neq i_2$  and  $j \leq n$ , there are hole clauses  $\mathcal{H}_{i_1, i_2, j}$ :  $(\neg P_{i_1, j} \vee \neg P_{i_2, j})$  stating that each hole has at most one pigeon mapped to it.
- (a) Prove that for  $n$  sufficiently large, any DPLL refutation of  $\neg PHP_n^{n+1}$  requires size  $2^{O(n)}$ .
- Hint:** Recall the proof of completeness for Resolution discussed in class. In the proof, we showed that a tree-like Resolution refutation of a CNF formula  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  can be viewed as a decision tree that queries the variables  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  of  $f$ , and such that each leaf node  $l$  of the decision tree is labelled with a clause from  $f$  that is falsified by the partial assignment to that leaf node.
- (b) Prove the stronger lower bound of  $2^{\Omega(n \log n)}$  on the size of any tree-like Resolution refutation of  $PHP_n^{n+1}$ .