

In-class Exercises to the Lecture Logics  
Sheet 5

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**Exercise 5.1** [Formulae in predicate logic]

- a) Let  $A \equiv \forall x \exists y p(x, y)$  and  $B \equiv \exists y \forall x p(x, y)$ . Which of these formulas is deducible from the other? Are they equivalent?
- b) Is the formula  $\forall x p(x) \rightarrow \exists x p(x)$  a tautology?

**Exercise 5.2** [Tautologies]

Suppose  $A'$  is formula in predicate logic that is obtained from a formula  $A$  in propositional logic by replacing each variable with an atomic formula in predicate logic. Here, all occurrences of a given variable should be replaced by the same atomic formula. *Example:* If  $A = (p \wedge q) \rightarrow (p \vee q)$ , then  $A'$  could be  $(r(a, b) \wedge s(c)) \rightarrow (r(a, b) \vee s(c))$ .

Prove: If  $A$  is a tautology in propositional logic, then  $A'$  is a tautology in predicate logic.

**Exercise 5.3** [Elimination of “=”]

We write  $\text{FO}^\neq(S)$  for the set of formulae in predicate logic over the signature  $S$  in which the symbol “=” does not occur.

- a) Devise a method that transforms a formula  $A \in \text{FO}(S)$  into an equisatisfiable formula  $A' \in \text{FO}^\neq(S)$ .
- b) Describe how, given a model for  $A'$ , one can construct a model for  $A$ .

**Exercise 5.4** [Skolem normal form]

- a) Suppose  $A \equiv \forall y_1 \cdots \forall y_n \exists z B$ . Furthermore, let  $f/n \in \text{Sko}$  be a Skolem symbol not occurring in  $B$ . Show that

$$\forall y_1 \cdots \forall y_n B\{z/f(y_1, \dots, y_n)\}$$

is equisatisfiable with  $A$ .

- b) Conclude that the algorithm in Definition 3.26 yields an equisatisfiable formula.
- c) Show that Skolemization can yield a formula that is not necessarily equivalent to the input formula. Consider, for example, the formula  $\forall x \exists y p(x, y)$ .