

Logic in Computer Science (COMP118)
Tutorial Problems 1

1. Let

- p_1 denote the proposition: Tom's house is red;
- p_2 denote the proposition: Jim's house is red;
- p_3 denote the proposition: Mary's house is red.

Translate into propositional logic:

- Tom's house is red or Jim's house is red;
- If Jim's house is red, then Tom's house is red and Mary's house is red;
- Tom's house is not red;
- Jim's house is red if, and only if, Tom's house is not red;
- Neither Jim's nor Mary's house is red.

Let P_1, P_2, \dots, P_5 be the translations into propositional logic of the five sentences above. For each P_i , $1 \leq i \leq 5$:

- give an interpretation I such that $I(P_i) = 1$ and
- give an interpretation J such that $J(P_i) = 0$.

2. Give a definition of satisfiable formulas.

3. Which of the following formulas are satisfiable? Check this

(a) using truth tables and

(b) using the tableau algorithm.

- $(\neg\neg p \wedge \neg(p \vee q))$;
- $(\neg(\neg p \vee q) \wedge \neg r)$;
- $((p \rightarrow q) \wedge \neg(q \rightarrow p))$;
- $((p \rightarrow q) \wedge \neg(p \rightarrow q))$;

- $((\neg(p \wedge q) \wedge p) \wedge q)$.

(Hint: We do not have tableau rules for \rightarrow . Thus, \rightarrow has to be replaced by its definition before the tableau rules can be applied.)

4. Call a propositional formula P *positive* if it does not contain the symbol \neg . Give an inductive definition of positive formulas. Show that every positive formula is satisfiable.