

# COMP4418: Knowledge Representation and Reasoning—Exercise Set 1

## Propositional Logic

1. Translate the following sentences into propositional logic.
  - (i) If Jane and John are not in town we will play tennis
  - (ii) It will either rain today or it will be dry today
  - (iii) You will not pass this course unless you study
  - (iv) I always drink bubble tea or soft drink after eating dinner.
  - (v) If 80% of adults get fully vaccinated and COVID-19 cases begin to drop, lockdown restrictions will ease but international flights will not immediately resume.

To do the translation you will need to

- (a) Identify a scheme of abbreviation
  - (b) Identify logical connectives
2. Convert the following formulae into Conjunctive Normal Form (CNF)
  - (i)  $P \rightarrow Q$
  - (ii)  $(P \rightarrow \neg Q) \rightarrow R$
  - (iii)  $\neg(P \wedge \neg Q) \rightarrow (\neg R \vee \neg Q)$
  - (iv)  $(\neg P \rightarrow Q) \rightarrow (Q \rightarrow \neg R)$
  - (v)  $\neg(\neg P \vee Q) \vee (R \rightarrow \neg S)$
3. Show using the truth table method that the following inferences are valid
  - (i)  $P \rightarrow Q, \neg Q \models \neg P$
  - (ii)  $P \rightarrow Q \models \neg Q \rightarrow \neg P$
  - (iii)  $P \rightarrow Q, Q \rightarrow R \models P \rightarrow R$
  - (iv)  $P \rightarrow Q, P \rightarrow R \models P \rightarrow (Q \wedge R)$
  - (v)  $P \rightarrow (Q \rightarrow R) \models (P \wedge Q) \rightarrow R$
4. Repeat Question 3 using resolution. In this case we want to show:
  - (i)  $P \rightarrow Q, \neg Q \vdash \neg P$
  - (ii)  $P \rightarrow Q \vdash \neg Q \rightarrow \neg P$
  - (iii)  $P \rightarrow Q, Q \rightarrow R \vdash P \rightarrow R$
  - (iv)  $P \rightarrow Q, P \rightarrow R \vdash P \rightarrow (Q \wedge R)$
  - (v)  $P \rightarrow (Q \rightarrow R) \vdash (P \wedge Q) \rightarrow R$

5. Determine whether the following sentences valid (i.e., tautologies) using truth tables

- (i)  $((P \vee Q) \wedge \neg P) \rightarrow Q$
- (ii)  $((P \rightarrow Q) \wedge \neg(P \rightarrow R)) \rightarrow (P \rightarrow Q)$
- (iii)  $\neg(\neg P \wedge P) \wedge P$
- (iv)  $(P \vee Q) \rightarrow \neg(\neg P \wedge \neg Q)$
- (v)  $(P \vee Q) \wedge \neg(P \wedge Q)$

6. Repeat Question 5 using resolution. In this case we want to show:

- (i)  $\vdash ((P \vee Q) \wedge \neg P) \rightarrow Q$
- (ii)  $\vdash ((P \rightarrow Q) \wedge \neg(P \rightarrow R)) \rightarrow (P \rightarrow Q)$
- (iii)  $\vdash \neg(\neg P \wedge P) \wedge P$
- (iv)  $\vdash (P \vee Q) \rightarrow \neg(\neg P \wedge \neg Q)$
- (v)  $\vdash (P \vee Q) \wedge \neg(P \wedge Q)$

7. Translate the following sentences to propositional logic, and use a truth table and/or resolution to determine whether the inference is valid.

I will listen to the album “SOUR” by Olivia Rodrigo or I will watch another episode of The Queen’s Gambit.

I will not watch another episode of The Queen’s Gambit.

Therefore I will not listen to the album “SOUR” by Olivia Rodrigo.

8. Translate the following sentence to propositional logic, and use a truth table and/or resolution to determine whether it is valid (i.e. tautology).

I will either drink too much bubble tea if I feel sick, or I will feel sick if I drink too much bubble tea.