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MA EXAMINATION 2005

for Internal Students

SYMBOLIC LOGIC

Candidates should answer THREE of the following questions.

Please avoid overlap in your answers.

1.
 - i. For Σ a set of sentences of Sentential Logic it holds that “if $\Sigma \models \phi$, then there is some finite $\Sigma_0 \subseteq \Sigma$ such that $\Sigma_0 \models \phi$ ”. Use this to prove the compactness theorem.
 - ii. Assume that every finite subset of Σ is satisfiable. Show that, for any propositional sentence α , the same holds for at least one of $\Sigma \cup \{\alpha\}$ and $\Sigma \cup \{\neg\alpha\}$.
 - iii. Let Δ be a set of sentences of Sentential Logic such that every finite subset of Δ is satisfiable and for every sentence ϕ , $\phi \in \Delta$ or $\neg\phi \in \Delta$. Define the truth valuation v by $v(P) = \top$ if $P \in \Delta$ and $v(P) = \perp$ if $P \notin \Delta$ for each propositional variable P . Show that for every sentence ϕ we have: $\bar{v}(\phi) = \top$ iff $\phi \in \Delta$.
2. Suppose ϕ_1, \dots, ϕ_n is a deduction of $B \rightarrow Ax$ from Φ where A is a unary predicate symbol and the variable x does not occur free in Φ or B . Prove that $\Phi \vdash B \rightarrow \forall xAx$ by induction on n (i.e., show that $\Phi \vdash B \Rightarrow \forall x\phi_k$ for all $k, 1 \leq k \leq n$).

In your proof you may use all tautologies plus the axioms

- (i) $\forall x(\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow (\forall x\alpha \rightarrow \forall x\beta)$
- (ii) $\alpha \rightarrow \forall x\alpha$, for x not free in α
- (iii) $\forall x_1\forall x_2\dots\forall x_n\alpha$ for any variables $x_1\dots x_n$ and α any axiom of the Predicate Calculus.

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3. Let Γ be a set of sentences in the language of arithmetic that is maximal w.r.t. the property that $\Gamma \not\vdash \alpha$ for some fixed α (maximality means here that if $\beta \notin \Gamma$ then $\Gamma \cup \{\beta\} \vdash \alpha$).
 - (i) Show that Γ is complete.
 - (ii) Given that $A_E \subseteq \Gamma \subseteq Th(\mathfrak{N})$, outline a proof that Γ is not axiomatizable (where $Th(\mathfrak{N})$ is the set of sentences true on the standard structure of natural number and A_E is a finitely axiomatized theory in the first-order language of arithmetic, such that every recursive relation is representable in A_E).
4. Outline a proof of Tarski's Undefinability Theorem and discuss its connection with Gödel's Incompleteness Theorem.
5. Given that A_E is a finitely axiomatized theory in the first-order language of arithmetic, such that every recursive relation is representable in A_E , prove:
 - i. For any recursive relation R there is a formula that represents R in any theory Σ in the language of arithmetic such that $A_E \cup \Sigma$ is consistent.
 - ii. If Σ is a theory in the language of arithmetic such that $A_E \cup \Sigma$ is consistent, then Σ is not recursively decidable.
6.
 - i. Let Γ be a recursive set of sentences. Argue that the relation $Ded_\Gamma(x, y)$ given by

$$Ded_\Gamma(x, y) \iff x \text{ is the code of a sentence and } y \text{ is the code of sequence-of-formulas that constitutes a deduction of that sentence from } \Gamma,$$
 is recursive.
 - ii. Outline a proof that a relation P is recursively enumerable if and only if it is weakly representable in A_E .

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7. (i) Show that there are no sets y and z such $\forall x[x \in y \leftrightarrow x \notin z]$.
- (ii) Show that for any sets x and y there is a set whose members are exactly the ordered pairs whose first member is in x and whose second is in y .
- (iii) Show that for any sets x and y there is a set of all functions from x to y .
- (iv) Define $xRy \leftrightarrow [x = y \ \& \ \theta(y)]$, where $\theta(y)$ is any formula in the language of set theory with only y occurring free. Show that, for any set s there is a set t such that $\forall y[y \in t \leftrightarrow \exists x(x \in s \ \& \ xRy)]$. Use this to show that the Axiom Schema of Separation is deducible from the Axiom Schema of Replacement.
8. (i) Show that there is a set N , a function s from N to N , and a member e of N such that the following three conditions hold: (a) $e \notin \text{ran}(s)$, (b) s is injective, (c) for any subset A of N , if $e \in A$ and $s(x) \in A$ whenever $x \in A$, then $A = N$.
- (ii) State the theorem that legitimates definition by recursion on ω . Use it to define binary functions on ω for addition and multiplication in ω .
- (iii) Give a set theoretic definition of the set I of binary expansions of real numbers r such that $0 \leq r \leq 1$. Show that $|I| = |P\omega|$, i.e. that the cardinality of I is the cardinality of the power set of ω .
- (iv) Show that $|P\omega| = 2^{|\omega|}$ and that $2^{|\omega|} > |\omega|$.
9. (i) State the theorem that legitimates definition by (transfinite) recursion. Prove that the axiom of choice entails the well-ordering theorem: for every set A there is a well-ordering on A .
- (ii) Deduce from the well-ordering theorem cardinal comparability: for any sets A, B , $|A| \leq |B|$ or $|B| \leq |A|$.
- (iii) Show that the well-ordering theorem entails the axiom of choice.

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10. (i) Specify the systems of sentential modal logic (SML) known as T, Br, S4, S5. For any two systems of SML X and Y , let ' $X < Y$ ' mean that every theorem of X is a theorem of Y but not every theorem of Y is a theorem of X . Show the following:
 T < S4 < S5. (b) T < Br < S5.
- (ii) Give Kripke semantics for the language of SML. (a) Show that there is a condition C_1 on the accessibility relation R of a Kripke interpretation such that every T-theorem, but not every S4-theorem, is true under any Kripke interpretation in which R satisfies C_1 . (b) Show that there is a condition C_2 on the accessibility relation R such that every S4-theorem, but not every S5-theorem, is true under any Kripke interpretation in which R satisfies C_2 . (c) Show that there is a condition C_3 on the accessibility relation R such that every S5-theorem is true under any under any Kripke interpretation in which R satisfies C_3 .
- (iii) (a) Show that there is a condition C_4 distinct from the conditions C_i that you have so far specified such that $(P \rightarrow \Box \Diamond P)$ is true under any Kripke interpretation in which the accessibility relation R satisfies C_4 . (b) Is the formula $(P \rightarrow \Box \Diamond P)$ a theorem of S4? Verify your answer.
11. What is a 'possible worlds' model for quantified modal logic that allows domains to vary over worlds? With respect to such models specify the semantic rules (i.e. clauses in the truth-definition) for atomic sentences, quantified sentences, and modal sentences. Let @ be the actual world. Let ' $\mathbf{A}P$ ' (for 'Actually P ') be interpreted according to the rule: $\mathbf{A}P$ is true at w in model M if and only if P is true at @ in M .
- (i) Let a one-place predicate $E^*(x)$ be defined thus: $E^*(x) \leftrightarrow \exists y(y = x)$. Describe a model in which $\exists x \Diamond \neg E^*(x)$ is true at @. Justify your answer.
- (ii) Show that there is a model M for quantified modal logic with the same domain at every world, such that for some world w other than @ the value of $\iota x P x$ at w in M differs from the value of $\iota x \mathbf{A} P x$ at w in M .

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- (iii) Consider models for quantified modal logic with the same domain at every world, such that $\exists x(Px \ \& \ \forall y(Py \supset y = x))$ is true at every world. Answer with justification the following: (a) Is $\Box(\iota xPx = \iota xPx)$ true at @ in every such model? (b) Is $\Box(\iota xPx = \iota x\mathbf{A}Px)$ true at @ in every such model? (c) Under what circumstance is ιxPx a rigid designator in such a model? If ιxPx is a rigid designator in such a model, is $\Box(\iota xPx = \iota x\mathbf{A}Px)$ true at @ in that model?
- (iv) Formalise the following in the language of quantified modal logic with the ‘actually’ operator: (a) There could have been a giraffe taller than the actual tallest giraffe. (b) The Eiffel Tower could have been taller than it actually is.
- (v) Use the resources of quantified modal logic to respond to the following:

Mathematicians may conceivably be said to be necessarily rational and not necessarily two-legged; and cyclists necessarily two-legged and not necessarily rational. But what of an individual who counts among his eccentricities both mathematics and cycling? Is this concrete individual necessarily rational and contingently two-legged, or vice versa? Just insofar as we are talking referentially of the object . . . there is no semblance of sense in rating some of his attributes as necessary and others as contingent.

From Quine, *Word and Object*.

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