

# Homework 7

## More Predicate Logic (and some DT stuff)

*Due: 6:00PM on 11/11/09*

### Problem 7.1

A finite probability space,  $(\Omega, P, 2^\Omega)$ <sup>1</sup>, where  $P : 2^\Omega \rightarrow [0, 1]$  has the following properties:

- $P(\emptyset) = 0$
- $P(\Omega) = 1$
- $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B \setminus A)$

Conditional probability is defined as the probability of A given B and written as  $P(A|B) := P(A \cap B)/P(B)$ .

- Let  $P_B(A) = P(A|B)$ . Show that  $(B, P_B, 2^B)$  is a probability space.
- Show that  $P(A|B) = P(B|A) \cdot P(A)/P(B)$ .

*Solution:*

**Part A.**  $P_B$  must satisfy the properties of a probability space enumerated above.

$$\begin{aligned} P_B(\emptyset) &= P(\emptyset|B) \\ &= \frac{P(\emptyset \cap B)}{P(B)} \\ &= \frac{P(\emptyset)}{P(B)} \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

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<sup>1</sup> $2^S$  where  $S$  is a set denotes the power set of  $S$ , which is the set of all subsets of  $S$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_B(\Omega) &= P_B(B) \\
 &= P(B|B) \\
 &= \frac{P(B \cap B)}{P(B)} \\
 &= \frac{P(B)}{P(B)} \\
 &= 1.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_B(A \cup C) &= \frac{P((A \cup C) \cap B)}{P(B)} \\
 &= \frac{P((A \cap B) \cup (C \cap B))}{P(B)} \\
 &= \frac{P(A \cap B) + P((C \cap B) \setminus (A \cap B))}{P(B)} \\
 &= P_B(A) + \frac{P((C \cap B) \setminus (A \cap B))}{P(B)} \\
 &= P_B(A) + \frac{P(((C \cap B) \setminus A) \cup ((C \cap B) \setminus B))}{P(B)} \\
 &= P_B(A) + \frac{P((C \cap B) \setminus A)}{P(B)} \\
 &= P_B(A) + \frac{P((C \setminus A) \cap B)}{P(B)} \\
 &= P_B(A) + P_B(C \setminus A).
 \end{aligned}$$

**Part B.** By definition,

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(AB)}{P(B)}$$

and

$$P(B|A) = \frac{P(BA)}{P(A)} = \frac{P(AB)}{P(A)}.$$

We therefore have that

$$P(AB) = P(B|A) \cdot P(A)$$

and so

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A) \cdot P(A)}{P(B)}.$$

**Problem 7.2**

Given the following axioms representing the group laws:

- a.  $\exists n, \forall a (f(n, a) = a = f(a, n))$
- b.  $\forall a, b, c (f(f(a, b), c) = f(a, f(b, c)))$
- c.  $\forall a \exists b (f(a, b) = n = f(b, a))$

Show that the inverse is unique.

*Solution:* Add the following to our knowledge base:

$$f(A, B_1) = n = f(B_1, A)$$

$$f(A, B_2) = n = f(B_2, A)$$

$$B_1 = B_2$$

For literals  $A, B_1, B_2$ .

Then via unification,

$$B_1 = B_2, a = f(a, n) / [a = B_1] B_1 = f(B_1, n)$$

$$B_1 = f(B_1, n), f(A, B_2) = n / [n = f(A, B_2)] B_1 = f(B_1, f(A, B_2))$$

$$B_1 = f(B_1, f(A, B_2)), f(a, f(b, c)) = f(f(a, b), c) / [a = B_1, b = A, c = B_2] B_1 = f(f(B_1, A), B_2)$$

$$B_1 = f(f(B_1, A), B_2), n = f(B_1, A) / [n = f(B_1, A)] B_1 = f(n, B_2)$$

$$B_1 = f(n, B_2), f(n, a) = a / [a = B_2] B_1 = B_2$$

**Problem 7.3**

Unify the following expressions or state why they cannot be unified.

- a.  $in(X, Y)$  and  $in(Z, office - of(Z))$
- b.  $in(X, X)$  and  $in(Z, office - of(Z))$
- c.  $p(X, b, b)$  and  $p(a, Y, Z)$
- d.  $p(Y, Y, b)$  and  $p(Z, X, Z)$
- e.  $p(f(X, X), a)$  and  $p(f(Y, f(Y, a)), a)$

*Solution:*

- a.  $X = z, Y = office - of(Z)$

b. Occurs check.

c.  $X = a, Y = b, Z = b$

d.  $X = Y, Y = Z, Z = b$

e. Occurs check.