

## SFWR ENG 2F04 Assignment 2: Propositional Syntax

Due: 1230 Thursday October 14, 1999

All of your PVS work for this assignment should be done in a single file called `A2.pvs`. You will submit your PVS work electronically. Written work will be handed in separately at the *start* of class on the due date. NOTE: For the latest decree on how to submit your PVS work to your friendly neighbourhood Ruling Despot<sup>TM</sup> and his Minions,<sup>TM1</sup> please check out the URL:

<http://www.cas.mcmaster.ca/~lawford/2F04/e-submissions.html>

1. Consider Rubin p. 33 E and F.
  - a) Do Rubin p. 33 E 3, 4, 5, 6 by hand.
  - b) Do Rubin p. 33 F 3, 4, 5, 6 by hand.
  - c) Check that your semantic evaluation of the arguments and syntactic manipulations agree. Why should this be the case?
  - d) Create PVS formulas to check the validity of each of the arguments in E 3, 4, 5, 6. Name them P33E3, P33E4, P33E5 and P33E6, respectively. Use the PVS syntactic manipulation commands (FLATTEN) and (SPLIT *x*) - here *x* is the formula number to split - to attempt proof of P33E3 and P33E4. Use the PVS semantic evaluation command (BDDSIMP) to attempt proofs of P33E5 and P33E6. Check that the results agree with your previous work. In the case where unprovable sequents result, verify that the counter example used in part (b) above falsifies at least one of the characteristic equations associated with the unprovable sequents.
2. Derive (i.e. formally prove) the “Rule of Exportation-Importation” (Rubin p.31 #21) using the Rule of Adjunction, the Rule for Biconditional and the Deduction Theorem (aka Rule CP).
3. Consider Rubin p. 48 B.
  - a) Do Rubin p. 48 B 4, 5, 7, 15 by hand.
  - b) Create PVS PROPOSITIONS for problems 7 and 15 above with titles P48B7 and P48B15, respectively. Use syntactic manipulation (i.e. (FLATTEN) and (SPLIT)) on 7 and semantic evaluation (i.e. (BDDSIMP)) on 15.
4. Understanding PVS (25 marks total)
  - a) In file `A2.pvs`, write down a PVS theorem called `C1` that you would attempt to prove to demonstrate the inconsistency of the set of premises:

$$\Gamma_1 := \{P \rightarrow Q, \neg(Q \wedge \neg R), \neg R, P\}$$

- b) Invoke the PVS prover on theorem you stated in part (a), apply the (FLATTEN) command. You should obtain the sequent:

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{-1}      (P IMPLIES Q)
{-2}      P
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{1}      (Q & NOT R)
{2}      R
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Rule?

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Show the step-by-step sequent transformations done by the (FLATTEN) command to transform your original theorem statement into the current sequent. Justify each step using tautologies, the deduction theorem and properties of sequents.

- c) The PVS command (SPLIT) is applied to the first equation in the premises of the sequent in (b). What sequents result and why is one of them trivially true?
- d) Make a copy of theorem C1 and rename it C2. Modify C2 to check the inconsistency of the set of premises:

$$\Gamma_2 := \{P \rightarrow Q, \neg(Q \wedge \neg S), \neg R, P\}$$

Attempting to prove C2 should result in an unprovable sequent. Write down the characteristic equation for this unprovable sequent and find a counter example that makes the equation false.

- e) Write down and prove a theorem called C3 that demonstrates that the counter example from (d) satisfies all of the premises. What do you conclude about the set of premises  $\Gamma_2$ ?