## Foundation of Computer Science 1

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**Problem 1.** Consider an information system  $X = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5\}$  with 5 messages  $x_1, \ldots, x_5$ . The probabilities of transmitting the messages  $x_1, \ldots, x_5$  are, respectively,  $p_1 = 0.5$ ,  $p_2 = 0.25$ ,  $p_3 = 0.125$ ,  $p_4 = 0.0625$ , and  $p_5 = 0.0625$ .

What is the minimal length of a word code in a binary encoding of X?

**Problem 2.** Let p, q and r be propositional formulas.

- **2.1** By computing truth tables, show that  $p \land q \land (\neg p \lor \neg q)$  and  $\neg p \land \neg q \land (p \lor q)$  are logically equivalent.
- **2.2** Prove that  $(p \implies r) \land (q \implies r)$  and  $(p \lor q) \implies r$  are logically equivalent. Your proof should rely on using equivalent transformations rules.
- 2.3 Consider the propositional formula

$$(p \lor q) \land (\neg p \lor r) \implies (q \lor r).$$

By using those simplification rules which you consider appropriate, show that it is a tautology.

2.4 Consider the propositional formula

$$(p \lor q \lor \neg r) \land (p \lor \neg q \lor \neg r)$$

Is this formula satisfiable? Is it a tautology? Is it a contradiction?

**Problem 3.** Let x denote a variable, and P, Q and R be predicate formulas such that the variable x does not occur as a free variable in Q. Assume that the domain of variables is nonempty.

**3.1** Prove using equivalent transformation rules the following formula:

$$((\exists x :: P(x)) \implies Q) \implies ((\forall x :: P(x)) \implies Q)$$

**3.2** Establish the logical equivalence:

$$\forall x :: (P(x) \implies Q) \Leftrightarrow (\exists x :: P(x)) \implies Q$$

- **3.3** Suppose that the domain of x consists of -4, -2, 4, and 8. Express the statements below without using quantifiers, instead using only negations, conjunctions and disjunctions.
  - (a)  $\forall x :: P(x);$ (b)  $\exists x :: (\neg P(x)) \land \forall x :: ((x \neq 2) \implies P(x))$
- **3.4** What is the truth value of the formula (Anz x :: P(x)) = 1  $\implies \exists x :: P(x)$ ?
- **3.5** Determine whether  $\forall x :: (P(x) \implies R(x))$  and  $\forall x :: P(x) \implies \forall x :: R(x)$  are logically equivalent. Justify your answer!