

<b>6.0/4.0 VU Formale Methoden der Informatik</b>				
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1.) We provide next a reduction from **Vertex Cover** to **Set Cover**.

**Vertex Cover:**

Instance: An undirected graph  $G = (V, E)$  and integer  $k$ .

Question: Does there exist a vertex cover  $N$  of size  $\leq k$ ? i.e.,  $N \subseteq V$ , s.t. for all  $[i, j] \in E$ , either  $i \in N$  or  $j \in N$ ?

**Set Cover:**

Instance: A finite set  $X$  of elements, a collection of  $n$  subsets  $S_i \subseteq X$ , such that every element of  $X$  belongs to at least one subset  $S_i$ , and an integer  $m$ .

Question: Does there exist a collection  $C$  of at most  $m$  of these subsets, such that the members of  $C$  cover all elements of  $X$ ? i.e.,  $\bigcup_{S \in C} S = X$ .

*Example:* The following **Set Cover** instance:  $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ ,  $S_1 = \{1, 2, 3\}$ ,  $S_2 = \{3, 4\}$ ,  $S_3 = \{1, 2, 5\}$ ,  $S_4 = \{4, 5\}$  and  $m = 2$ , is a yes instance, because there exists a collection  $C$  with two subsets that cover all elements of  $X$ :  $C = \{S_1, S_4\}$ .

**Reduction:** Given an instance of **Vertex Cover** (i.e. a graph  $G = (V, E)$  and an integer  $k$ ), we will construct an instance of the **Set Cover** problem. Let  $X = E$ . We will define  $n$  subsets of  $X$  as follows: label the vertices of  $G$  from 1 to  $n$ , and let  $S_i$  be the set of edges that are incident to vertex  $i$  (i.e., the edges which have vertex  $i$  as an end-point). Note that  $S_i \subseteq X$  for all  $i$ . Furthermore, let  $m = k$ .

*Example:* Suppose that we are given an instance of **Vertex Cover** with  $G = (V, E)$ ,  $V = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ ,  $E = \{e_{12}, e_{13}, e_{14}, e_{15}, e_{34}, e_{45}\}$  ( $e_{ij}$  represents an edge connecting vertices  $i$  and  $j$ ) and  $k = 2$ . By the above reduction we get the following **Set Cover** instance:  $X = \{e_{12}, e_{13}, e_{14}, e_{15}, e_{34}, e_{45}\}$ ,  $m = 2$ ,  $S_1 = \{e_{12}, e_{13}, e_{14}, e_{15}\}$ ,  $S_2 = \{e_{12}\}$ ,  $S_3 = \{e_{13}, e_{34}\}$ ,  $S_4 = \{e_{14}, e_{34}, e_{45}\}$ ,  $S_5 = \{e_{15}, e_{45}\}$ .

**Task:** Prove the “ $\Rightarrow$ ” direction in the proof of correctness of the reduction, i.e. prove the following statement: if a **Vertex Cover** instance is a yes instance then the created **Set Cover** instance is also a yes instance.

**Note:** For any property that you use in your proof, make it perfectly clear why this property holds (e.g., “by the problem reduction”, “by the assumption  $X$ ”, “by the definition  $X$ ”, etc.)

**(15 points)**

2.) (a) Use Ackermann’s reduction and translate

$$\varphi : F(x_1, b) = F(a, x_2) \rightarrow a = b$$

to a validity-equivalent E-formula  $\varphi^E$ .

**(5 points)**

(b) For the following clause set,

$$(a \vee \neg b \vee d) \quad (\neg b \vee \neg c) \quad (\neg c \vee f) \quad (c \vee \neg d)$$

- i. construct the corresponding implication graph with decisions  $a = 0@1$  and  $b = 1@2$  until you reach a conflict.
- ii. find all UIPs in the above implication graph, determine the first UIP.
- iii. learn a new conflict clause using the first-UIP schema.

**(5 points)**

(c) Answer the following questions and *explain* your answers.

- i. How can a SAT solver be used to implement a program correctly answering an NP-complete decision problem? Explain in detail and provide an example!
- ii. Consider the sparse method and the procedure which makes a graph chordal. Explain why the asymptotic upper bound for the number of triangles in a graph with  $n$  vertices is  $O(n^3)$ .
- iii. In an implication graph, let  $v$  be a node with in-degree  $k$  whose edges are labelled with  $c_v$  (i.e., there are  $k$  edges from other nodes to  $v$  via clause  $c_v$ ).
  - What is the length of  $c_v$  if  $v$  is no conflict node?
  - What is the length of  $c_v$  if  $v$  is a conflict node?

(5 points)

- 3.) (a) Extend the programming language introduced in the course by an if-statement without else-branch. Define its syntax, semantics, and a rule for the Hoare calculus. The semantics and the verification rule should not rely on other program statements. (5 points)
- (b) Verify that the following program doubles the value of  $x$ . For which inputs does it terminate? Choose appropriate pre- and postconditions and show that the assertion is totally correct.  
Hint: Use  $y = 2x_0 + x$  as a starting point for the invariant, where  $x_0$  denotes the initial value of  $x$ . You may have to extend the formula to prove termination.

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y ← 3x;
while 2x ≠ y do
  x ← x + 1;
  y ← y + 1;
od

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(10 points)

#### 4.) AP-deterministic Kripke Structures and Bisimulation.

Let  $M_1 = (S_1, I_1, R_1, L_1)$  and  $M_2 = (S_2, I_2, R_2, L_2)$  be two Kripke structures. Remember, a relation  $H' \subseteq S_1 \times S_2$  is a bisimulation relation if for each  $(s, s') \in H'$  holds:

- $L_1(s) = L_2(s')$ ,
- for each  $(s, t) \in R_1$  there is a  $(s', t') \in R_2$  such that  $(t, t') \in H'$ , and
- for each  $(s', t') \in R_2$  there is a  $(s, t) \in R_1$  such that  $(t, t') \in H'$ .

Further remember,  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are bisimilar if there is a bisimulation relation  $H' \subseteq S_1 \times S_2$  such that

- for each initial state  $s \in I_1$  there is an initial state  $s' \in I_2$  with  $(s, s') \in H'$ , and
- for each initial state  $s' \in I_2$  there is an initial state  $s \in I_1$  with  $(s, s') \in H'$ .

In the following, we say that  $H'$  witnesses the bisimilarity of  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  in case  $H'$  is a bisimulation relation between  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  that satisfies the conditions stated above.

A Kripke structure  $M = (S, I, R, L)$  over a set of atomic predicates  $AP$  is called *AP-deterministic*, if

- (a) for all  $A \subseteq AP$  we have  $|I \cap \{s \mid L(s) = A\}| \leq 1$ , and
- (b) for all  $s \in S$  we have that  $(s, t_1) \in R$ ,  $(s, t_2) \in R$  and  $L(t_1) = L(t_2)$  imply  $t_1 = t_2$ .

We define a sequence of relations  $H_n$ , for  $n \geq 0$ :

- $H_0 = \{(s, s') \mid s \in I_1, s' \in I_2, L_1(s) = L_2(s')\}$
- $H_{n+1} = H_n \cup \{(t, t') \mid \exists (s, s') \in H_n. (s, t) \in R_1, (s', t') \in R_2, L_1(t) = L_2(t')\}$

Finally, we define the relation  $H$  as follows:

$$H = \bigcup_{n \geq 0} H_n$$

- (a) Assume that  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are bisimilar and AP-deterministic Kripke structures. Prove that  $H$  is a bisimulation relation. Further prove that  $H$  is the smallest bisimulation relation that witnesses the bisimilarity of  $M_1$  and  $M_2$ .

*Hint:* Let  $H'$  be a bisimulation relation that witnesses the bisimilarity of  $M_1$  and  $M_2$ . Show that, for all  $n \geq 0$ ,  $H_n \subseteq H'$  holds and use this fact to show that  $H$  satisfies the conditions of a bisimulation relation. **(10 points)**

- (b) Assume that  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are bisimilar. Prove that, in general,  $H$  is not a bisimulation relation. **(5 points)**