

**Problem 3.1.** (10 points) Apply the unification algorithm and show the most general unifier of the following formulas:

- (a)  $p(f(x), f(y), y)$  and  $p(y, z, f(x))$ ;  
 (b)  $p(g(x, y), g(y, g(z, b)))$  and  $p(z, g(a, x))$ .

Note:  $x, y, z$  denote variables,  $f, g$  are function symbols,  $p$  is a predicate symbol and  $a, b$  are constants.

**Problem 3.2.** (10 points) Consider an ordering  $\succ$  on ground non-equality atoms that is total and well-founded. We denote the literal ordering induced by  $\succ$  also by  $\succ$ . Let  $C$  and  $D$  be ground clauses without equality literals. Let  $A$  and  $B$  respectively denote the maximal atoms of  $C$  and  $D$  wrt  $\succ$ .

Assume that  $A$  and  $B$  are syntactically the same atoms. Assume also that  $A$  occurs negatively in  $C$  but only positively in  $D$ . Show that  $C \succ_{bag} D$ .

**Problem 3.3.** (10 points) Let  $\Sigma$  be a signature containing only function symbols such that  $\Sigma$  contains at least one constant. Let  $\gg$  be a precedence relation on  $\Sigma$  and  $w : \Sigma \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  be a weight function compatible with  $\gg$ . Consider the (ground) Knuth-Bendix order  $\succ_{KB}$  induced by  $\gg$  and  $w$  on the set of ground terms of  $\Sigma$ . Describe the set of ground terms that have the minimal weight wrt  $\succ_{KB}$ .

**Problem 3.3.** (20 points) Consider the following set  $S$  of clauses:

$$\begin{aligned} &\neg p(z, a) \vee \neg p(z, x) \vee \neg p(x, z) \\ &p(y, a) \vee p(y, f(y)) \\ &p(w, a) \vee p(f(w), w) \end{aligned}$$

where  $p$  is a predicate symbol,  $f$  is a function symbol,  $x, y, z, w$  are variables and  $a$  is a constant.

Give a refutation proof of  $S$  by using the non-ground binary resolution inference system  $\mathbb{BR}$ . For each newly derived clause, label the clauses from which it was derived by which inference rule and indicate most general unifiers.

**Problem 3.4.** (20 points) Consider the KBO ordering  $\succ$  generated by the precedence  $f \gg a \gg b \gg c$  and the weight function that assigns weight 1 to each symbol from  $\{f, a, b, c\}$ . Let  $\sigma$  be a well-behaved selection function w.r.t.  $\succ$ . Consider the set  $S$  of ground formulas:

$$\begin{aligned} &a = b \vee a = c \\ &f(a) \neq f(b) \\ &b = c \end{aligned}$$

Apply saturation on  $S$  using an inference process based on the ground superposition calculus  $\text{Sup}_{\succ, \sigma}$  (including the inference rules of ground binary resolution with selection).

Show that  $S$  is unsatisfiable by finding a refutation of  $S$  such that during saturation only 4 new clauses are generated. Give details on what literals are selected and which terms are maximal.

**Problem 3.5.** (30 points) Consider the group theory axiomatisation used in the lecture. Prove that the group's left identity element  $e$  is also a right identity.

- Formalize the problem in TPTP and solve it using Vampire, by running Vampire with the additional option specification `--avatar off`. Provide your TPTP encoding and Vampire output.
- Explain the superposition reasoning part of the Vampire proof by detailing the superposition inferences, generated clauses and mgu (if any) in the Vampire proof.