

# Logica (I&E)

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Semantic tableaux for predicate logic

2.5. Undecidability of predicate logic

2.6. Expressiveness of predicate logic

*Als Italianen één kans krijgen, maken ze er twee.*

*A slide from lecture 13:*

**Voorbeeld 9.6.**

$$\forall y \exists x R(x, y) / \exists x \forall y R(x, y)$$

Valid or not?

Infinite branch,  
which yields counter example with infinite domain.

E.g.  $D \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbb{N}$ ,  $R^{\mathcal{M}} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \prime > \prime$

## 9.3. Een verfijning van de methode

Voorbeeld 9.7.

$$\forall y \exists x R(x, y) / \exists x \forall y R(x, y)$$

## 9.4. Samenvatting en opmerkingen

Possible situations:

1. Tableau closes (and is finite), hence *gevolgtrekking* is valid

2. There is a non-closing branch

2.1 finite

2.2 infinite

describing counter example

## **Adequacy**

A *gevolgtrekking* is valid, if and only if there is a closed tableau.

## **Undecidability**

How to decide that we are on an infinite branch?

## 2.5. Undecidability of predicate logic

Deciding  $\models \phi$  in propositional logic...

Deciding  $\models \phi$  in predicate logic...

**Decision problem:** problem for which the answer is ‘yes’ or ‘no’:

Given . . . , is it true that . . . ?

Given an undirected graph  $G = (V, E)$ ,  
does  $G$  contain a Hamiltonian path?

Given a list of integers  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ ,  
is the list sorted?

Given a state in a chess game,  
will the white player win (assuming both players play optimally) ?

Solution to a decision problem. . .

**Definition.** Validity in predicate logic.

Given a logical formula  $\phi$  in predicate logic,  
does  $\models \phi$  hold ?



# Post correspondence problem = PCP

Instance:

|     |    |     |
|-----|----|-----|
| 1   | 10 | 011 |
| 101 | 00 | 11  |

Solution...

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Solution:

|     |     |    |     |
|-----|-----|----|-----|
| 1   | 011 | 10 | 011 |
| 101 | 11  | 00 | 11  |
| 1   | 3   | 2  | 3   |

Instance:

|    |    |
|----|----|
| 0  | 01 |
| 10 | 1  |

No solution

**Definition.** The Post correspondence problem.

Given a finite sequence of pairs  $(s_1, t_1), (s_2, t_2), \dots, (s_k, t_k)$  such that all  $s_i$  and  $t_i$  are binary strings of positive length, is there a sequence of indices  $i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n$  with  $n \geq 1$  such that the concatenation of strings  $s_{i_1}s_{i_2} \dots s_{i_n}$  equals  $t_{i_1}t_{i_2} \dots t_{i_n}$  ?

$i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n$  need not all be distinct.

## Exercise.

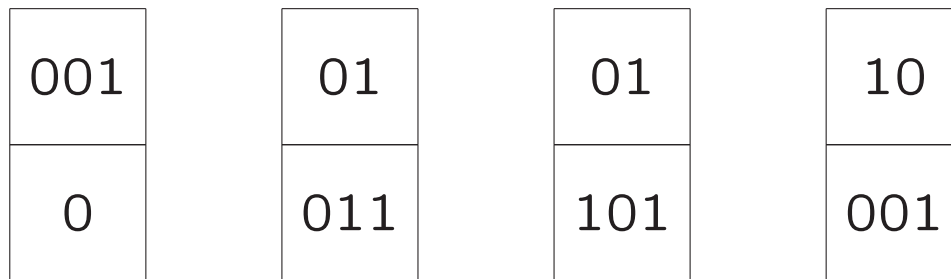
In each case below, either find a match for the instance of PCP or show that none exists.

a.

|     |     |      |
|-----|-----|------|
| 100 | 101 | 110  |
| 10  | 01  | 1010 |

b.

|    |     |     |     |
|----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1  | 01  | 0   | 001 |
| 10 | 101 | 101 | 0   |



<http://jamesvanboxtel.com/projects/pcp-solver>

# Problem reduction

Given: PCP is undecidable

**Theorem 2.22.** (Church, 1936)

The decision problem of validity in predicate logic is undecidable: no program exists which, given any  $\phi$ , decides whether  $\models \phi$ .

Proof:

Assume that Validity *is* decidable.

Then an algorithm for PCP would be:

- Given an instance  $(s_1, t_1), (s_2, t_2), \dots, (s_k, t_k)$  of PCP, construct formula  $\phi$  (such that ...)
- Decide whether or not  $\models \phi$



$\phi$  contains:

- constant  $e$   
(‘empty string’)
- unary function symbols  $f_0$  and  $f_1$   
(‘append 0/1 to string’)
- binary predicate symbol  $P$   
(‘ $P(s, t)$ : there is sequence of indices  $i_1, i_2, \dots, i_m$  with  $m \geq 1$ ,  
such that  $s = s_{i_1}s_{i_2} \dots s_{i_m}$  and  $t = t_{i_1}t_{i_2} \dots t_{i_m}$ ’)

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$$\phi \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \phi_1 \wedge \phi_2 \rightarrow \phi_3$$

with

$$\phi_1 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \bigwedge_{i=1}^k P(f_{s_i}(e), f_{t_i}(e))$$

$$\phi_2 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \dots$$

$$\phi_3 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \dots$$

$$\phi \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \phi_1 \wedge \phi_2 \rightarrow \phi_3$$

with

$$\phi_1 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \dots$$

$$\phi_2 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \forall v \forall w \left( P(v, w) \rightarrow \bigwedge_{i=1}^k P(f_{s_i}(v), f_{t_i}(w)) \right)$$

$$\phi_3 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \dots$$

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with

$$\phi_1 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \dots$$

$$\phi_2 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \dots$$

$$\phi_3 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \exists z P(z, z)$$

Suppose that  $\models \phi \dots$

Suppose that  $(s_1, t_1), (s_2, t_2), \dots, (s_k, t_k)$  has some solution  $(i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n) \dots$

**Corollary 1.**

Satisfiability for predicate logic

## **Corollary 2.**

Provability:  $\vdash \phi$



## 2.6. Expressiveness of predicate logic

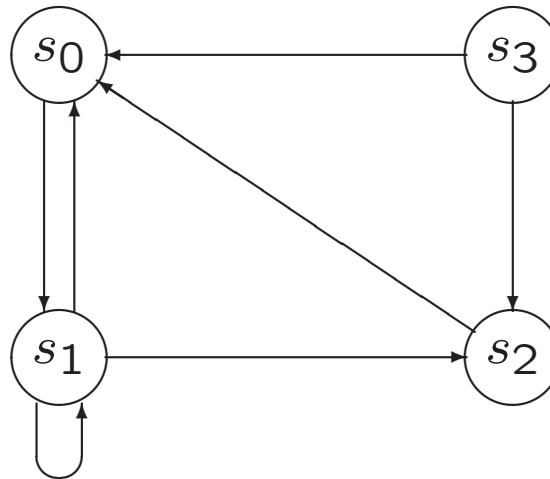
Reachability

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int A[10];

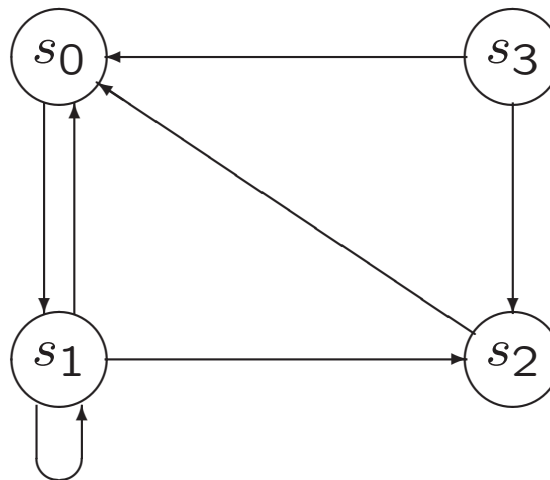
int main ()
{ ...
  A[x*(y-1)] = 42;
  ...
  return 0;
}
```

Good state vs bad state

**Reachability:** Given nodes  $n$  and  $n'$  in a directed graph, is there a finite path of transitions from  $n$  to  $n'$  ?



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**Example 2.23.**

Take  $R^{\mathcal{M}} = \{(s_0, s_1), (s_1, s_0), (s_1, s_1), (s_1, s_2), (s_2, s_0), (s_3, s_0), (s_3, s_2)\}$

## Theorem 2.26.

Reachability is not expressible in predicate logic:

there is no predicate-logic formula  $\phi$  with  $u$  and  $v$  as its only free variables and  $R$  as its only predicate symbol (of arity 2), such that  $\phi$  holds in directed graphs iff there is a path in that graph from the node associated to  $u$  to the node associated to  $v$ .