

**FLOLAC 2011**  
Decision Procedures and Logic Synthesis

**Problem Set**

Due on 2011/7/6 9:10am

**LS 1 (Commutativity between Cofactor and Boolean Operations)** (10%)

Given two Boolean functions  $f$  and  $g$  and a Boolean variable  $v$ , prove or disprove the following equalities:

- (a)  $(\neg f)_v = \neg(f_v)$
- (b)  $(f \vee g)_v = (f_v) \vee (g_v)$

**LS 2 (Functional Decomposition)** (40%)

Given a Boolean function  $f$  over variables  $x_1, \dots, x_6$ , suppose  $f(x_1, \dots, x_6)$  can be expressed as the composition  $h(x_1, x_2, x_3, g(x_4, x_5, x_6))$  of some functions  $g$  and  $h$ .

- (a) What is the necessary and sufficient condition for  $f$  to be expressible with such decomposition? (Hint: Represent  $f$  in a table (similar to bi-decomposition analysis) with rows indexed by the truth assignments of variables  $(x_1, x_2, x_3)$  and columns by  $(x_4, x_5, x_6)$ .)
- (b) Please formulate the above decomposability condition as a satisfiability problem.
- (c) Please formulate the computation of function  $g$  as an interpolation procedure from the above satisfiability formulation.
- (d) How to compute function  $h$ ?

**LS 3 (Quantified Boolean Formula)** (20%)

For Boolean functions  $f$  and  $g$ , show that

- (a)  $\forall x(f(x, y) \wedge g(x, z)) = \forall x f(x, y) \wedge \forall x g(x, z)$
- (b)  $\exists x(f(x, y) \wedge g(x, z)) \neq \exists x f(x, y) \wedge \exists x g(x, z)$
- (c)  $\neg \forall x f(x, y) = \exists x \neg f(x, y)$
- (d)  $\forall x \exists y f(x, y) \neq \exists y \forall x f(x, y)$

**LS 4 (Quantifier Elimination)** (20%, due on 7/7 9:10am)

Given an arbitrary quantified Boolean formula  $\exists z f(x, y, z)$ , suppose we would like to find some function  $g(x, y)$  such that  $f(x, y, g(x, y))$  equals  $\exists z f(x, y, z)$ .

What is the condition for  $g$  in terms of  $f$ ? (What are the smallest onset, smallest offset, and largest don't-care set of  $g$ ?)