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**Tutorials for “Automated Reasoning”  
Solution to the exercise sheet 6**

Compute the standard and optimized clausal normal forms of the following first-order formulas:

1.  $\exists x \forall y (\forall z (P_1(y, z) \vee \neg f(x, y) \approx y) \rightarrow (\forall z (P_2(y, z) \wedge \neg P_3(x, y))))$ ,
2.  $\forall x (\forall y ((\forall z (P(x, w, z)) \rightarrow \exists w (Q(x, y, w))) \rightarrow R(x)) \rightarrow S(y))$ .

*Solution.* The required CNFs can be computed by application of the transformations  $(\Rightarrow_P^* \Rightarrow_S^* \Rightarrow_K^*)$  and  $(\Rightarrow_{NNF}^* \Rightarrow_{MS}^* \Rightarrow_{SK}^* \Rightarrow_P^* \Rightarrow_K^*)$ , respectively.

1.  $F = \exists x \forall y (\forall z (P_1(y, z) \vee \neg f(x, y) \approx y) \rightarrow (\forall z (P_2(y, z) \wedge \neg P_3(x, y))))$ .

Standard CNF:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \exists x \forall y (\forall z (P_1(y, z) \vee \neg f(x, y) \approx y) \rightarrow (\forall z (P_2(y, z) \wedge \neg P_3(x, y)))) \\
 \Rightarrow_P & \exists x \forall y \exists z_1 ((P_1(y, z_1) \vee \neg f(x, y) \approx y) \rightarrow (\forall z (P_2(y, z) \wedge \neg P_3(x, y)))) \\
 \Rightarrow_P & \exists x \forall y \exists z_1 \forall z_2 ((P_1(y, z_1) \vee \neg f(x, y) \approx y) \rightarrow (P_2(y, z_2) \wedge \neg P_3(x, y))) \\
 \Rightarrow_S & \forall y \exists z_1 \forall z_2 ((P_1(y, z_1) \vee \neg f(\text{skf}_x, y) \approx y) \rightarrow (P_2(y, z_2) \wedge \neg P_3(\text{skf}_x, y))) \\
 \Rightarrow_S & \forall y \forall z_2 ((P_1(y, \text{skf}_{z_1}(y)) \vee \neg f(\text{skf}_x, y) \approx y) \rightarrow (P_2(y, z_2) \wedge \neg P_3(\text{skf}_x, y))) \\
 \Rightarrow_K & \forall y \forall z_2 (\neg(P_1(y, \text{skf}_{z_1}(y)) \vee \neg f(\text{skf}_x, y) \approx y) \vee (P_2(y, z_2) \wedge \neg P_3(\text{skf}_x, y))) \\
 \Rightarrow_K & \forall y \forall z_2 ((\neg P_1(y, \text{skf}_{z_1}(y)) \wedge \neg \neg f(\text{skf}_x, y) \approx y) \vee (P_2(y, z_2) \wedge \neg P_3(\text{skf}_x, y))) \\
 \Rightarrow_K & \forall y \forall z_2 ((\neg P_1(y, \text{skf}_{z_1}(y)) \wedge f(\text{skf}_x, y) \approx y) \vee (P_2(y, z_2) \wedge \neg P_3(\text{skf}_x, y))) \\
 \Rightarrow_K^+ & \forall y \forall z_2 ((\neg P_1(y, \text{skf}_{z_1}(y)) \vee P_2(y, z_2)) \wedge (\neg P_1(y, \text{skf}_{z_1}(y)) \vee \neg P_3(\text{skf}_x, y)) \wedge \\
 & \quad \wedge (f(\text{skf}_x, y) \approx y \vee P_2(y, z_2)) \wedge (f(\text{skf}_x, y) \approx y \vee \neg P_3(\text{skf}_x, y))),
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\text{skf}_x(y_1, \dots, y_n)$  stands to denote the skolem function (constant, if  $n = 0$ ) resulting from skolemization of the variable  $x$ .

Hence, the CNF of the input formula  $F$  is

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{CNF}(F) = & \{ \neg P_1(y, \text{skf}_{z_1}(y)) \vee P_2(y, z_2), \\
 & \neg P_1(y, \text{skf}_{z_1}(y)) \vee \neg P_3(\text{skf}_x, y), \\
 & f(\text{skf}_x, y) \approx y \vee P_2(y, z_2), \\
 & f(\text{skf}_x, y) \approx y \vee \neg P_3(\text{skf}_x, y) \}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Optimized CNF:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \exists x \forall y (\forall z (P_1(y, z) \vee \neg f(x, y) \approx y) \rightarrow (\forall z (P_2(y, z) \wedge \neg P_3(x, y)))) \\
\Rightarrow_{NNF} & \exists x \forall y (\neg \forall z (P_1(y, z) \vee \neg f(x, y) \approx y) \vee \forall z (P_2(y, z) \wedge \neg P_3(x, y))) \\
\Rightarrow_{NNF} & \exists x \forall y (\exists z \neg (P_1(y, z) \vee \neg f(x, y) \approx y) \vee \forall z (P_2(y, z) \wedge \neg P_3(x, y))) \\
\Rightarrow_{NNF}^+ & \exists x \forall y (\exists z (\neg P_1(y, z) \wedge f(x, y) \approx y) \vee \forall z (P_2(y, z) \wedge \neg P_3(x, y))) \\
\Rightarrow_{MS} & \exists x \forall y (\exists z (\neg P_1(y, z) \wedge f(x, y) \approx y) \vee (\forall z P_2(y, z) \wedge \neg P_3(x, y))) \\
\Rightarrow_{MS} & \exists x \forall y ((\exists z \neg P_1(y, z) \wedge f(x, y) \approx y) \vee (\forall z P_2(y, z) \wedge \neg P_3(x, y))) \\
& \text{rename variables:} \\
\Rightarrow_{SK} & \exists x_1 \forall y_1 ((\exists z_1 \neg P_1(y_1, z_1) \wedge f(x_1, y_1) \approx y_1) \vee (\forall z_2 P_2(y_1, z_2) \wedge \neg P_3(x_1, y_1))) \\
\Rightarrow_{SK} & \forall y_1 ((\exists z_1 \neg P_1(y_1, z_1) \wedge f(skf_{x_1}, y_1) \approx y_1) \vee (\forall z_2 P_2(y_1, z_2) \wedge \neg P_3(skf_{x_1}, y_1))) \\
\Rightarrow_{SK} & \forall y_1 ((\neg P_1(y_1, skf_{z_1}(y_1)) \wedge f(skf_{x_1}, y_1) \approx y_1) \vee (\forall z_2 P_2(y_1, z_2) \wedge \neg P_3(skf_{x_1}, y_1))) \\
\Rightarrow_P & \forall y_1 ((\neg P_1(y_1, skf_{z_1}(y_1)) \wedge f(skf_{x_1}, y_1) \approx y_1) \vee \forall z_3 (P_2(y_1, z_3) \wedge \neg P_3(skf_{x_1}, y_1))) \\
\Rightarrow_P & \forall y_1 \forall z' ((\neg P_1(y_1, skf_{z_1}(y_1)) \wedge f(skf_{x_1}, y_1) \approx y_1) \vee (P_2(y_1, z') \wedge \neg P_3(skf_{x_1}, y_1))) \\
\Rightarrow_K^+ & \forall y_1 \forall z' ((\neg P_1(y_1, skf_{z_1}(y_1)) \vee P_2(y_1, z')) \wedge (\neg P_1(y_1, skf_{z_1}(y_1)) \vee \neg P_3(skf_{x_1}, y_1))) \wedge \\
& \quad \wedge (f(skf_{x_1}, y_1) \approx y_1 \vee P_2(y_1, z')) \wedge (f(skf_{x_1}, y_1) \approx y_1 \vee \neg P_3(skf_{x_1}, y_1))).
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, the CNF of the input formula  $F$  is

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{CNF}(F) = \{ & \neg P_1(y_1, skf_{z_1}(y_1)) \vee P_2(y_1, z'), \\
& \neg P_1(y_1, skf_{z_1}(y_1)) \vee \neg P_3(skf_{x_1}, y_1), \\
& f(skf_{x_1}, y_1) \approx y_1 \vee P_2(y_1, z'), \\
& f(skf_{x_1}, y_1) \approx y_1 \vee \neg P_3(skf_{x_1}, y_1)\}.
\end{aligned}$$

$$2. F = \forall x (\forall y ((\forall z (P(x, w, z)) \rightarrow \exists w (Q(x, y, w))) \rightarrow R(x)) \rightarrow S(y)).$$

Standard CNF.

$$\begin{aligned}
& \forall x (\forall y ((\forall z (P(x, w, z)) \rightarrow \exists w (Q(x, y, w))) \rightarrow R(x)) \rightarrow S(y)) \\
\Rightarrow_P & \forall x (\forall y (\exists z_1 (P(x, w, z_1) \rightarrow \exists w (Q(x, y, w))) \rightarrow R(x)) \rightarrow S(y)) \\
\Rightarrow_P & \forall x (\forall y (\exists z_1 \exists w_1 (P(x, w, z_1) \rightarrow Q(x, y, w_1)) \rightarrow R(x)) \rightarrow S(y)) \\
\Rightarrow_P & \forall x (\forall y \forall z_2 (\exists w_1 (P(x, w, z_2) \rightarrow Q(x, y, w_1)) \rightarrow R(x)) \rightarrow S(y)) \\
\Rightarrow_P & \forall x (\forall y \forall z_2 \forall w_2 ((P(x, w, z_2) \rightarrow Q(x, y, w_2)) \rightarrow R(x)) \rightarrow S(y)) \\
\Rightarrow_P & \forall x \exists y' (\forall z_2 \forall w_2 ((P(x, w, z_2) \rightarrow Q(x, y', w_2)) \rightarrow R(x)) \rightarrow S(y)) \\
\Rightarrow_P^+ & \forall x \exists y' \exists z' \exists w' (((P(x, w, z') \rightarrow Q(x, y', w')) \rightarrow R(x)) \rightarrow S(y)) \\
\Rightarrow_S & \forall x \exists z' \exists w' (((P(x, w, z') \rightarrow Q(x, skf_{y'}(x, y, w), w')) \rightarrow R(x)) \rightarrow S(y)) \\
\Rightarrow_S^+ & \forall x (((P(x, w, skf_{z'}(x, y, w)) \rightarrow Q(x, skf_{y'}(x, y, w), skf_{w'}(x, y, w))) \rightarrow R(x)) \rightarrow S(y)) \\
\Rightarrow_S^+ & \forall x (((P(x, w, skf_{z'}(x, y, w)) \rightarrow Q(x, skf_{y'}(x, y, w), skf_{w'}(x, y, w))) \rightarrow R(x)) \rightarrow S(y)) \\
\Rightarrow_K & \forall x (((\neg P(x, w, skf_{z'}(x, y, w)) \vee Q(x, skf_{y'}(x, y, w), skf_{w'}(x, y, w))) \rightarrow R(x)) \rightarrow S(y)) \\
\Rightarrow_K^+ & \forall x (\neg(\neg(\neg P(x, w, skf_{z'}(x, y, w)) \vee Q(x, skf_{y'}(x, y, w), skf_{w'}(x, y, w))) \vee R(x)) \vee S(y)) \\
\Rightarrow_K & \forall x (\neg(\neg(\neg P(x, w, skf_{z'}(x, y, w)) \wedge \neg Q(x, skf_{y'}(x, y, w), skf_{w'}(x, y, w))) \vee R(x)) \vee S(y)) \\
\Rightarrow_K & \forall x (\neg(\neg(\neg P(x, w, skf_{z'}(x, y, w)) \wedge \neg Q(x, skf_{y'}(x, y, w), skf_{w'}(x, y, w))) \wedge \neg R(x)) \vee S(y)) \\
\Rightarrow_K & \forall x (\neg\neg\neg P(x, w, skf_{z'}(x, y, w)) \vee \neg\neg Q(x, skf_{y'}(x, y, w), skf_{w'}(x, y, w))) \wedge \neg R(x) \vee S(y)) \\
\Rightarrow_K & \forall x (\neg P(x, w, skf_{z'}(x, y, w)) \vee Q(x, skf_{y'}(x, y, w), skf_{w'}(x, y, w))) \wedge \neg R(x) \vee S(y)) \\
\Rightarrow_K & \forall x ((\neg P(x, w, skf_{z'}(x, y, w)) \vee Q(x, skf_{y'}(x, y, w), skf_{w'}(x, y, w)) \vee S(y)) \wedge (\neg R(x) \vee S(y))).
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, the CNF of the input formula  $F$  is

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{CNF}(F) = \{ & \neg P(x, w, skf_{z'}(x, y, w)) \vee Q(x, skf_{y'}(x, y, w), skf_{w'}(x, y, w)) \vee S(y), \\
& \neg R(x) \vee S(y)\}.
\end{aligned}$$

Optimized CNF.

$$\begin{aligned}
& \forall x (\forall y ((\forall z P(x, w, z) \rightarrow \exists w Q(x, y, w)) \rightarrow R(x)) \rightarrow S(y)) \\
\Rightarrow_{NNF} & \forall x (\neg(\forall y ((\forall z P(x, w, z) \rightarrow \exists w Q(x, y, w)) \rightarrow R(x))) \vee S(y)) \\
\Rightarrow_{NNF} & \forall x (\neg(\forall y (\neg(\forall z P(x, w, z) \rightarrow \exists w Q(x, y, w)) \vee R(x))) \vee S(y)) \\
\Rightarrow_{NNF} & \forall x (\neg(\forall y (\neg(\neg(\forall z P(x, w, z)) \vee \exists w Q(x, y, w)) \vee R(x))) \vee S(y)) \\
\Rightarrow_{NNF} & \forall x (\exists y \neg(\neg(\neg(\forall z P(x, w, z)) \vee \exists w Q(x, y, w)) \vee R(x)) \vee S(y)) \\
\Rightarrow_{NNF} & \forall x (\exists y (\neg(\neg(\neg(\forall z P(x, w, z)) \vee \exists w Q(x, y, w)) \wedge \neg R(x)) \vee S(y)) \\
\Rightarrow_{NNF} & \forall x (\exists y ((\neg(\forall z P(x, w, z)) \vee \exists w Q(x, y, w)) \wedge \neg R(x)) \vee S(y)) \\
\Rightarrow_{NNF} & \forall x (\exists y ((\exists z \neg P(x, w, z) \vee \exists w Q(x, y, w)) \wedge \neg R(x)) \vee S(y)) \\
\Rightarrow_{MS} & \forall x ((\exists y (\exists z \neg P(x, w, z) \vee \exists w Q(x, y, w)) \wedge \neg R(x)) \vee S(y)) \\
\Rightarrow_{MS} & \forall x (((\exists z \neg P(x, w, z) \vee \exists y \exists w Q(x, y, w)) \wedge \neg R(x)) \vee S(y)) \\
\Rightarrow_{MS} & \forall x ((\exists z \neg P(x, w, z) \vee \exists y \exists w Q(x, y, w)) \wedge \neg R(x)) \vee S(y) \\
\Rightarrow_{MS} & (\forall x (\exists z \neg P(x, w, z) \vee \exists y \exists w Q(x, y, w)) \wedge \forall x \neg R(x)) \vee S(y) \\
& \text{rename variables:} \\
\Rightarrow_{MS} & (\forall x_1 (\exists z_1 \neg P(x_1, w, z_1) \vee \exists y_1 \exists w_1 Q(x_1, y_1, w_1)) \wedge \forall x_2 \neg R(x_2)) \vee S(y) \\
\Rightarrow_{SK} & (\forall x_1 (\neg P(x_1, w, skf_{z_1}(x_1, y, w)) \vee \exists y_1 \exists w_1 Q(x_1, y_1, w_1)) \wedge \forall x_2 \neg R(x_2)) \vee S(y) \\
\Rightarrow_{SK} & (\forall x_1 (\neg P(x_1, w, skf_{z_1}(x_1, y, w)) \vee \exists w_1 Q(x_1, skf_{y_1}(x_1, y, w), w_1)) \wedge \forall x_2 \neg R(x_2)) \vee S(y) \\
\Rightarrow_{SK} & (\forall x_1 (\neg P(x_1, w, skf_{z_1}(x_1, y, w)) \vee Q(x_1, skf_{y_1}(x_1, y, w), skf_{w_1}(x_1, y, w))) \wedge \forall x_2 \neg R(x_2)) \vee S(y) \\
\Rightarrow_P^+ & \forall x'_1 (((\neg P(x'_1, w, skf_{z_1}(x'_1, y, w)) \vee Q(x'_1, skf_{y_1}(x'_1, y, w), skf_{w_1}(x'_1, y, w))) \wedge \forall x_2 \neg R(x_2)) \vee S(y)) \\
\Rightarrow_P^+ & \forall x'_1 \forall x'_2 (((\neg P(x'_1, w, skf_{z_1}(x'_1, y, w)) \vee Q(x'_1, skf_{y_1}(x'_1, y, w), skf_{w_1}(x'_1, y, w))) \wedge \neg R(x'_2)) \vee S(y)) \\
\Rightarrow_K & \forall x'_1 \forall x'_2 ((\neg P(x'_1, w, skf_{z_1}(x'_1, y, w)) \vee Q(x'_1, skf_{y_1}(x'_1, y, w), skf_{w_1}(x'_1, y, w)) \vee S(y)) \wedge \\
& \wedge (\neg R(x'_2) \vee S(y)))
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, the CNF of the input formula  $F$  is

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{CNF}(F) = & \{ \neg P(x'_1, w, skf_{z_1}(x'_1, y, w)) \vee Q(x'_1, skf_{y_1}(x'_1, y, w), skf_{w_1}(x'_1, y, w)) \vee S(y), \\
& \neg R(x'_2) \vee S(y) \}.
\end{aligned}$$