Aalto University, Department of Information and Computer Science T-79.5105 Answer Set Programming Examination, December 20, 2010

## Assignment 1 (Max. 10p)

(a) Define/explain the following terms/mathematical concepts in detail (2p each):

the least model, a planning problem, and brave reasoning.

(b) Which of the following claim are true and which false? Justify your answers precisely! (2p each)

Claim 1: For any normal programs P, Q, and R: if  $P \equiv_s Q$ , then  $P \cup R \equiv_s Q \cup R$ . Claim 2: For any normal programs P and Q: if  $P \equiv Q$ , then SuppM(P) = SuppM(Q).

Assignment 2 (Max. 10p) Consider a normal logic program P consisting of the following rules.

$$a \leftarrow \sim d, \sim c, \quad b \leftarrow \sim c, \quad c \leftarrow \sim b, \quad d \leftarrow a, c, \quad d \leftarrow b, \sim e, \quad e \leftarrow \sim a, \quad e \leftarrow d, \sim b.$$

Determine the following (sets of) models for *P*:

- (a) WFM(P), (3p)
- (b) SM(P) using the branch&bound algorithm and approximations, and (4p)
- (c) SuppM(P) using the completion Comp(P). (3p)

Assignment 3 (Max. 8p) Consider the following primitives for answer set programming:

- (a) Make b true if and only if exactly two atoms among  $a_1, \ldots, a_n$  are true.
- (b) Make an even number of atoms amongst  $a_1, \ldots, a_n$  true.

How would you express these primitives using

- rule types available in the smodels system and
- basic/normal rules only?

Assignments 4–5 are given on the reverse side of this sheet!!!

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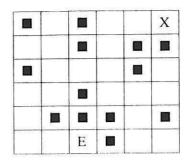


Figure 1: An Example of a valid maze of size 6

**Assignment 4** (Max. 12p) Consider the problem of designing an  $n \times n$  maze based on an  $n \times n$  grid such as the one illustrated in Figure 1 when n = 6. In general, the requirements for a *valid* maze are:

- 1. Each cell in the grid can be either empty or contain a wall, denoted by "\| " in the figure.
- 2. There are two special *empty* cells which are the entrance and the exit of the maze, respectively denoted by "E" and "X" in the figure.
- 3. The entrance and the exit of the maze must be along the *borders* of the grid, i.e., they are not supposed to be inner cells in the grid.
- 4. Each empty cell C must be *reachable* from the entrance E via empty cells, i.e., there is a sequence of empty cells  $C_1, \ldots, C_n$  where  $C_1 = E$ ,  $C_n = C$ , and  $C_i$  is adjacent to  $C_{i-1}$  for every  $1 < i \le n$ .
- 5. The exit must be similarly reachable from every empty cell via empty cells.
- 6. There should be at least k cells containing a wall.

Formalize the requirements for a valid maze by writing a logic program in the syntax of lparse. The parameters n and k should be constants in your program—to be specified when the grounder is called. Moreover, use output predicates  $Wall(\cdot,\cdot)$ ,  $Enter(\cdot,\cdot)$ , and  $Exit(\cdot,\cdot)$  to represent valid solutions.

**Assignment 5** (Max. 10p) Consider the following normal program *P*:

$$\begin{array}{lll} a \leftarrow d. & a \leftarrow \sim e. & b \leftarrow e, \sim a. \\ c \leftarrow b. & d \leftarrow a. & e \leftarrow c, \sim a. & e \leftarrow \sim d. \end{array}$$

- (a) Form the positive dependency graph  $DG^+(P)$  of P and determine strongly connected components. (2p)
- (b) Split the program in two *non-trivial* modules  $\mathbb{P}_1$  and  $\mathbb{P}_2$  such that  $\mathbb{P}_1 \sqcup \mathbb{P}_2$  is justifiably defined. Provide interface specifications for the modules  $\mathbb{P}_1$  and  $\mathbb{P}_2$ , and calculate the composition  $\mathbb{P}_1 \oplus \mathbb{P}_2$  (4p).
- (c) Apply the *module theorem* in order to calculate  $SM(\mathbb{P}_1 \sqcup \mathbb{P}_2)$  using  $SM(\mathbb{P}_1)$  and  $SM(\mathbb{P}_2)$ . (4p)

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