

10 Logic and Proof (lp15)

(a) List three significant differences between the DPLL method and resolution. [3 marks]

(b) To what extent is pure literal elimination applicable to (i) resolution theorem proving and (ii) Prolog? [3 marks]

(c) For each of the following sets of clauses, either exhibit a model or show that none exists using resolution. Note: a and b are constants, while x and y are variables.

(i)

$$\begin{array}{cccc} \{P(a)\} & \{\neg P(x), M(x)\} & \{\neg P(x), L(x)\} & \{\neg Q(x), \neg P(x)\} \\ \{\neg L(x), \neg M(x), \neg R(x)\} & \{\neg P(x), Q(x), P(b)\} & \{\neg P(x), Q(x), R(b)\} & \end{array}$$

[7 marks]

(ii)

$$\begin{array}{cc} \{\neg P(x), Q(x, x)\} & \{\neg Q(x, y), \neg Q(y, x), R(x, y)\} \\ \{\neg R(x, y), \neg R(a, x)\} & \{P(a), P(b)\} \end{array}$$

[7 marks]