COMPUTER SCIENCE TRIPOS Part IB – 2023 – Paper 6

8 Logic and Proof (mj201)

Which of the following formulas is valid? Prove them using resolution or find a counterexample. If a counterexample exists, explain how resolution is blocked from producing a spurious proof.

(a)
$$(\forall x [\neg Q(x, x) \to P(x)]) \to \forall x [P(x) \lor \exists y \ Q(x, y)]$$
 [7 marks]

(b)
$$[\exists x P(x)] \to \exists x P(f(x))$$
 [6 marks]

(c)
$$\exists z \, \forall w \, [(\forall x \, [P(x) \to \exists y \, Q(x, y)]) \to (P(w) \to Q(w, z))]$$
 [7 marks]