

## NON-REDUNDANT IMPLICATIONAL BASE OF MANY-VALUED CONTEXT USING SAT

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**Abstract.** Some attribute implications in an implicational base of a derived context of many-valued context can be inferred from some other attribute implications together with its scales. The scales are interpretation of some values in the many-valued context therefore they are a prior or an existing knowledge. In knowledge discovery, the such attribute implications are redundant and cannot be considered as new knowledge. Therefore the attribute implicational should be eliminated. This paper shows that the redundancy problem exists and formalizes a model to check the redundancy.

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1 INTRODUCTION

Formal context is a simple data structure, which is defined as a triple  $(G, M, I)$  where  $G$  is a set of objects,  $M$  is a set of attributes, and  $I \subseteq G \times M$ . If  $(g, m) \in I$  where  $g \in G$  and  $m \in M$  then  $(g, m)$  is read as “object  $g$  has attribute  $m$ ” [1, 2]. Figure 1 is an example of formal context represented by a cross table. The formal context is about small natural number. In the formal context,

$$G = \{1, 2, \dots, 10\},$$

$$M = \{odd, even, greater\ than\ 2, greater\ than\ 5, prime, square\}.$$

	odd	even	greater than 2	greater than 5	prime	square
1	×					×
2		×			×	
3	×		×		×	
4		×	×			×
5	×		×		×	
6		×	×	×		
7	×		×	×	×	
8		×	×	×		
9	×		×	×		×
10		×	×	×		

Figure 1. Formal context of small natural number

Formal context is also able to represent a data table (relational data). A data table will be represented by many-valued context. By scaling, the many-valued context will be transformed into a one-valued context [1, 2, 3]. The one-valued context is called a derived context. In this form, the many-valued context will be analyzed.

Formal Concept Analysis (FCA) is a study to extract knowledge from the formal context. The study is useful in knowledge discovery of data. Three forms of knowledge discovery offered by FCA are clusters (which are called formal concepts), data dependencies (which are called attribute implications), and visualization of formal concepts by single hierarchical diagram (which is called concept lattice) [4]. Many researches are conducted in application of formal concepts analysis to knowledge discovery [5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11].

An attribute implication of formal context  $(G, M, I)$  is an implication in a form  $A \rightarrow B$  where  $A, B \subseteq M$ . The attribute implication means that all objects which have all attributes in  $A$  also have all attributes in  $B$ . It holds in the formal context  $(G, M, I)$  if it holds in each object  $g \in G$ . These following attribute implications hold in the formal context in Figure 1:

1.  $\{even, square\} \Rightarrow \{greater\ than\ 2\}$ ,
2.  $\{prime, greater\ than\ 2\} \Rightarrow \{odd\}$ ,
3.  $\{prime, greater\ than\ 5\} \Rightarrow \{odd\}$ .

A set of attribute implications is an implicational base of a formal context  $(G, M, I)$  if the attribute implications are sound, complete, and non-redundant with respect to the formal context [2]. There are some algorithms to generate an implicational base.

However, regarding the implicational base, sometimes there are attribute implications which are already known or can be inferred from other attribute implications together with our existing knowledge. We call the existing knowledge as background knowledge. This following simple example illustrates the problem. Recall the formal context in Figure 1. From our knowledge, regarding the formal context we already know that:

1. Every odd number is not even, and every even number is not odd.
2. Every number which is greater than 5 is also greater than 2.

Recall also the three attribute implications holding in the formal context. If we consider the second knowledge, the third attribute implication can be inferred from the first attribute implication together with this knowledge.

An attribute implication could be inferred from other attribute implications with background knowledge considered unimportant knowledge or redundant. Therefore, the attribute implication could be ignored. Ignoring an attribute implication will also reduce the size of knowledge extracted from a formal context to obtain only the important knowledge.

Reducing size of knowledge extracted from a formal context is also a recent issue in this research area because the size is sometime very large. The research in [12] reduced the size by congruent relations whereas in [13] by block relations. A research in [14] summarized this issue and classified all recent techniques in reducing the size of knowledge of concept lattice into 3: redundant information removal, simplification, and selection.

Our research could be considered as another technique in redundant information removal. The redundant information means attribute implications which could be inferred from other attribute implications using background knowledge.

Some recent researches in knowledge discovery and data mining had considered background knowledge to ignore or eliminate extracted knowledge which could be inferred using the background knowledge [15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20]. The inferred extracted knowledge is also called redundant knowledge. The redundant knowledge

have to be eliminated since it becomes a handicap and harder for using it in decision making [15, 17, 20, 21].

Regarding to a formal context, the background knowledge relating with formal context exists. A kind of the background knowledge exists in analysis of many-valued context. As stated earlier, a many-value context has to be transformed into a derived context before being analyzed. The transformation process is called scaling. The scaling needs some scales which are one-valued contexts. A scale can be considered as interpretation of attribute values in the many-valued context. Thus, the scales are representations of prior knowledge to the interpretation. Therefore the scales contain some information which can be seen as background knowledge. Interestingly, many sets of data are in the form of many-valued context [8, 9, 10, 11, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29].

Another kind of background knowledge is from our prior knowledge. The kind of background knowledge exists and some researches used it for formal concept analysis [4, 12, 13, 30, 31, 32, 33]. Some of the researches used such background knowledge to remove or reject some extracted knowledges which are incompatible with it [4, 30, 31, 32, 33] where the extracted knowledge is in the form of attribute implications [4, 30] and concepts [31, 32, 33]. The other researches used such background knowledge to reduce the size of extracted knowledge in the form of concept lattice [12, 13].

To know whether an attribute implication of implicational base can be inferred from some other attribute implications using some background knowledge is a hard problem. However, it probably can be solved using SAT approach. The problem will be encoded into SAT Problem and solved by SAT Solver.

SAT Problem (satisfiability problem) is to determine whether a given propositional formula is satisfiable or not. If it is not, we say that the propositional formula is unsatisfiable. A propositional formula is satisfiable if there is an assignment for all propositional variables in that formula where the assignment makes the evaluation of the formula to true value. If there is no such assignment, the formula is unsatisfiable [34, 35, 36].

Some algorithms have been developed to solve the SAT Problem and implemented in SAT Solver software. The algorithm which is implemented in many modern SAT Solvers is DPLL algorithm [37, 38, 39]. The DPLL algorithm is a backtracking-based algorithm for deciding the satisfiability of propositional formula in conjunctive normal form. It was introduced in 1962 by Martin Davis, Hilary Putnam, George Logemann and Donald W. Loveland [38] and is a refinement of the earlier Davis-Putnam algorithm, which is a resolution-based procedure developed by Davis and Putnam in 1960 [37].

The recent SAT Solvers are able to solve a propositional formula in millions number of both clauses and variables in reasonable time. It gives a chance to make SAT applicable in real world. Therefore, the current researches in the SAT area are not only focusing in the algorithm [40, 41] and solver [42, 43, 44, 45, 46] but also application of SAT [47].

This paper introduces non-redundant implicational base using scales as background knowledge in many-valued context, models the problem, and formalizes it in the satisfiability problem.

## 2 FOUNDATIONS

### 2.1 Formal Context

**Definition 1** (Formal Context). A **formal context**  $(G, M, I)$  consists of two non-empty sets  $G$  and  $M$ , and a relation  $I \subseteq G \times M$ . We call the set  $G$  a set of objects, whereas the set  $M$  a set of attributes. For  $g \in G$  and  $m \in M$ ,  $(g, m) \in I$  or  $gIm$  is read as the object  $g$  has the attribute  $m$  [1].

A cross table can represent a formal context. The rows of the cross table represent the objects, and the columns represent the attributes. The headers of the rows are object names, whereas the headers of the columns are attribute names. If an object  $g$  has an attribute  $m$ , then we cross the table in row  $g$  and column  $m$ . Figure 1 is a formal context in the cross table.

**Definition 2** (Derivation Operator). If  $A \subseteq G$  is a set of objects, then we define [1]:

$$A^I = \{m \mid (g, m) \in I \text{ for all } g \in A\}. \quad (1)$$

Reversely, if  $B \subseteq M$  is a set of attributes, then we define:

$$B^I = \{g \mid (g, m) \in I \text{ for all } m \in B\}. \quad (2)$$

Notation  $A^{II}$  refers to  $(A^I)^I$ .

### 2.2 Attribute Implication

Let  $M$  a set of attributes in  $(G, M, I)$ .  $A \Rightarrow B$  where  $A, B \subseteq M$  is an attribute implication over the formal context. The attribute implication holds in the formal context if each object of the formal context respects the attribute implication. An object  $g \in G$  respects the attribute implication iff its attributes set is a model of the implication [2].

**Definition 3** (Model of Attribute Implication). Let  $A, B, T \subseteq M$ .  $T$  is a **model of attribute implication**  $A \Rightarrow B$  iff  $A \not\subseteq T$  or  $B \subseteq T$  [2].

**Definition 4** (Respecting Object). An object  $g \in G$  **respects to**  $A \Rightarrow B$  over  $(G, M, I)$  iff  $\{g\}^I$  is a model of the attribute implication. An object  $g \in G$  **respects to** a set  $\mathcal{L}$  of attribute implications iff  $g$  respects all attribute implications in  $\mathcal{L}$  [2].

**Definition 5** (Holding Attribute Implication). An attribute implication  $A \Rightarrow B$  holds in a formal context  $(G, M, I)$  iff all  $g \in G$  respect the attribute implication.

<p><b>Algorithm:</b> Implicational Base  <b>Input :</b> A formal context (G,M,I)  <b>Output:</b> The implicational base, <math>\mathcal{L}</math></p>
<pre> <b>begin</b>   X ← ∅   L ← ∅   <b>repeat</b>     <b>if</b> (X ≠ X<sup>II</sup>) <b>then</b>       L ← L ∪ {X ⇒ X<sup>II</sup>/X}       X ← Next_Closure(X) from L     <b>until</b> (X = M)   <b>return</b> L <b>end</b>         </pre>

Figure 2. Implicational Base algorithm [1, 2]

A set  $\mathcal{L}$  of attribute implications holds in a formal context  $(G, M, I)$  iff all attribute implications in  $\mathcal{L}$  holds in  $(G, M, I)$  [2].

**Definition 6** (Inference). An implication  $A \Rightarrow B$  can be **inferred** from  $\mathcal{L}$ , denoted by [2]

$$\mathcal{L} \models A \Rightarrow B \tag{3}$$

iff all models of  $\mathcal{L}$  are also models of  $A \Rightarrow B$ .

**Definition 7** (Implicational Base). A set  $\mathcal{L}$  of attribute implications is an **implicational base** of a formal context, if the followings hold [2]:

- **Sound**, if  $\mathcal{L}$  holds in the formal context.
- **Complete**, if the following holds. If there is an attribute implication which holds in the formal context, it can be inferred from  $\mathcal{L}$ .
- **Non-redundant**, if there is no attribute implication in  $\mathcal{L}$  that can be inferred from the others.

Figure 2 shows an algorithm to generate an implicational base of a formal context. **Next\_Closure(X) from  $\mathcal{L}$**  is the lexically smallest model of  $\mathcal{L}$  which is lexically larger than  $X$ . Let  $A, B \subseteq M = \{m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n\}$  and  $m_1 < m_2 < \dots < m_n$ . We define  $A < B$ , which means “ $A$  smaller than  $B$ ” or “ $B$  larger than  $A$ ”, iff  $A <_i B$ , which is defined as follows, there is  $i$  such that

- $i \notin A$  and  $i \in B$ , and
- for all  $j < i$ ,  $j \in A$  iff  $j \in B$ .

**Example 1.** Recall a formal context in Figure 1. The implicational base of the formal context generated by algorithm in Figure 2 contains the following attribute implications:

- $\{greater\ than\ 5\} \Rightarrow \{greater\ than\ 2\}$ ,
- $\{greater\ than\ 2, prime\} \Rightarrow \{odd\}$ ,
- $\{greater\ than\ 2, greater\ than\ 5, square\} \Rightarrow \{odd\}$ ,
- $\{odd, prime\} \Rightarrow \{greater\ than\ 2\}$ ,
- $\{odd, even\} \Rightarrow \{greaterthan\ 2, greaterthan\ 5, prime, square\}$ .

### 2.3 Attribute Implication of Many-Valued Context

**Definition 8** (Many-valued Context). A **many-valued context**  $(G, M, W, I)$  consists of a set of objects  $G$ , a set of attributes  $M$ , a set of attribute values  $W$ , and a ternary relation  $I \subseteq G \times M \times W$  where  $(g, m, w) \in I$  and  $(g, m, v) \in I$  imply  $w = v$  [2, 3].

In the attribute exploration of a many-valued context, we have to transform the many-valued context into one-valued context. The transformation is called scaling. In the scaling, we need some scales, which are also formal contexts [2].

**Definition 9** (Scale). A **scale** for attribute  $m \in M$  of a many-valued context  $(G, M, W, I)$  is a one-valued context  $S_m = (G_m, M_m, I_m)$  with  $\{w \mid (g, m, w) \in I \text{ and } g \in G\} \subseteq G_m$  [2].

	Final	Written	Practical
1	Pass	Pass	Pass
2	Fail	Pass	Fail
3	Fail	Fail	Pass
4	Fail	Fail	Fail

Figure 3. Many-valued context

	Final:Pass	Final:Fail		Written:Pass	Written:Fail		Practical:Pass	Practical:Fail
Pass	×	×	Pass	×	×	Pass	×	×
Fail			Fail			Fail		

Figure 4. Scales for attributes: Final, Written, and Practical, respectively

**Definition 10** (Derived Context). The **derived context** in scaling of the many-valued context  $(G, M, W, I)$  and scales  $S_m$  for all  $m \in M$  is the context  $(G, N, J)$  where

$$N = \bigcup_{m \in M} M_m \tag{4}$$

and for  $g \in G$  and  $n \in N$ ,  $(g, n) \in J$  iff  $(m, g, w) \in I$  and  $(w, n) \in I_m$  [2].

**Example 2.** Figure 3 is an example of a many-valued context with

$$M = \{Final, Written, Practical\}.$$

The many-valued context shows all possible results of driving test. The driving test consists of two parts which are written and practical part showed by attribute *Written* and *Practical*, respectively. The final result which depends on both test parts is showed by attribute *Final*.

By scaling with a formal context in Figure 4 for all attributes in  $M$ , we obtain a derived context in Figure 5.

	Final:Pass	Final:Fail	Written:Pass	Written:Fail	Practical:Pass	Practical:Fail
1	×		×		×	
2		×	×			×
3		×		×	×	
4		×		×		×

Figure 5. The derived context

### 2.4 SAT Problem

We take some notations from [36, 45] and [48] to formulate the propositional formula and the SAT problem.

A propositional formula is a logical formula based on proposition. An atomic (simple) formula consists of a single propositional variable whereas a complex formula is a composition of connectors and propositional variable(s). The connectors are  $\wedge$  (conjunction),  $\vee$  (disjunction),  $\rightarrow$  (implication),  $\leftrightarrow$ , (biimplication), and  $\neg$  (negation).

**Definition 11** (Propositional Formula). A **propositional formula**  $F$  is recursively defined as follows:

$$F = \begin{cases} p, \\ \neg F', \\ F_1 \circ F_2, \end{cases} \text{ where } \circ \in \{\wedge, \vee, \rightarrow, \leftrightarrow\},$$

where

- $p$  is a propositional variable, possibly with indices,
- $F_1$ ,  $F_2$ , and  $F'$  are propositional formulas.

**Definition 12** (Interpretation). An **interpretation**  $Int$  is a mapping of propositional formulas to truth values  $\{\top, \perp\}$ .

An interpretation  $Int$  will uniquely act on each variable occurring in  $F$ . Let  $p$  a propositional variable.  $Int$  will be either  $Int(p) = \top$  or  $Int(p) = \perp$ . An interpretation  $Int$  will be a model of formula  $F$  if and only if  $Int(F) = \top$ .  $F$  is satisfiable if and only if  $F$  has some models, and  $F$  is unsatisfiable if and only if  $F$  has no models.

Given a propositional formula  $F$ , the goal of the SAT Problem is to determine whether the formula  $F$  is satisfiable or unsatisfiable.

### 3 BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE IN MANY-VALUED CONTEXT

#### 3.1 Background-Infering Problem

Given an attribute implication which holds in a derived context, the question is whether the attribute implication can be implied by the other attribute implications, which also hold in the derived context, together with information in its scales.

**Definition 13** (Background-infering Problem). Scales can be considered as interpretations of values in a many-valued context. Those are already some existing knowledges which are used to derive the many-valued context to obtained a derived one-valued context. The implicational base algorithm in Figure 2 does not considered the existing knowledge. The following shows that an attribute implication probably can be inferred from some others attribute implications in the impliational base together with the knowledge in those scales.

Let  $\mathcal{L}$  a set of attributes implications which hold in the derived context from a many-valued context  $(G, M, W, I)$  and scales  $S_m$  for all  $m \in M$ ,  $\mathcal{H}$  knowledge represents the scales, and  $A \Rightarrow B$  an attribute implication which also holds in the derived context. The **background-infering problem** is whether:

$$(\mathcal{L} \cup \mathcal{H}) \text{ implies } A \Rightarrow B. \tag{5}$$

It means that all models of  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $\mathcal{H}$  are also models of  $A \Rightarrow B$ . Since a scale  $S_m = (G_m, M_m, I_m)$  consists of all possible combination values of attributes in  $M_m$ , a model  $T$  of  $\mathcal{L}$  is also a model of  $\mathcal{H}$  iff for each  $S_m$ ,  $T$  is compatible with  $S_m$ .  $T$  is compatible with  $S_m$  iff there is  $g \in G_m$  such that  $\{g\}^{I_m} \subseteq T$  [30].

**Example 3.** These attribute implications hold in the derived context showed in Figure 5:

- $\{\text{Practical:Fail}\} \Rightarrow \{\text{Final:Fail}\}$ ,
- $\{\text{Written:Fail}\} \Rightarrow \{\text{Final:Fail}\}$ ,
- $\{\text{Written:Pass, Practical:Pass}\} \Rightarrow \{\text{Final:Pass}\}$ ,
- $\{\text{Final:Fail, Practical:Pass}\} \Rightarrow \{\text{Written:Fail}\}$ .

Let  $\mathcal{L}$  consist of the three first-attribute-implications and  $\mathcal{H}$  represent information from scales in Figure 4. All models of  $\mathcal{L}$  containing  $\{\text{Final:Fail, Practical:Pass}\}$  are

- $\{\text{Final:Fail, Final:Pass, Practical:Pass, Written:Pass}\}$ , and
- $\{\text{Final:Fail, Practical:Pass, Written:Fail}\}$ .

Because of the scale of attribute Practical (Figure 4), the first model is not the model of  $\mathcal{H}$ . Thus, only the second model is the model of  $(\mathcal{L} \cup \mathcal{H})$ . It is also a model of

- $\{\text{Final:Fail, Practical:Pass}\} \Rightarrow \{\text{Written:Fail}\}$ .

Therefore,  $(\mathcal{L} \cup \mathcal{H})$  implies the attribute implication.

For the next examples, we will use the natural numbers 1, 2, ... to refer attribute names Final:Pass, Final:Fail, ..., respectively.

#### 4 BACKGROUND-INFERRING PROBLEM IN SAT

The followings are some corresponding notations between formal context and propositional formula in this encoding:

- An attribute  $m \in M$  corresponds to a propositional variable  $p_m$ .
- $T \subseteq M$  corresponds to an interpretation  $Int_T$ .  $m \in T$  iff  $Int_T(p_m) = \top$ .

**Proposition 1.** Let  $T, A, B \subseteq M$ .  $T$  is a model of  $A \Rightarrow B$  iff

$$Int_T \left( \bigwedge_{b \in B} \left( \left( \bigwedge_{a \in A} p_a \right) \rightarrow p_b \right) \right) = \top.$$

**Proof.**

1.  $T$  is a model of  $A \Rightarrow B$ . There are two possibilities:

- (a)  $A \not\subseteq T$   
 $\hookrightarrow$  there is  $c \in A$ , but  $c \notin T$   
 $\hookrightarrow \text{Int}_T(p_c) = \perp$   
 $\hookrightarrow \text{Int}_T(\bigwedge_{a \in A} p_a) = \perp$   
 $\hookrightarrow$  For all  $b \in B$ ,  $\text{Int}_T((\bigwedge_{a \in A} p_a) \rightarrow p_b) = \top$   
 $\hookrightarrow \text{Int}_T(\bigwedge_{b \in B} ((\bigwedge_{a \in A} p_a) \rightarrow p_b)) = \top$
- (b)  $B \subseteq T$   
 $\hookrightarrow$  For all  $b \in B$ ,  $\text{Int}_T(p_b) = \top$   
 $\hookrightarrow$  For all  $b \in B$ ,  $\text{Int}_T((\bigwedge_{a \in A} p_a) \rightarrow p_b) = \top$   
 $\hookrightarrow \text{Int}_T(\bigwedge_{b \in B} ((\bigwedge_{a \in A} p_a) \rightarrow p_b)) = \top$

2.  $\text{Int}_T(\bigwedge_{b \in B} ((\bigwedge_{a \in A} p_a) \rightarrow p_b)) = \top$   
 $\hookrightarrow$  For all  $b \in B$ ,  $\text{Int}_T((\bigwedge_{a \in A} p_a) \rightarrow p_b) = \top$   
 $\hookrightarrow$  There are also two possibilities:

- (a) For all  $b \in B$ ,  $\text{Int}_T(p_b) = \top$   
 $\hookrightarrow B \subseteq T$   
 $\hookrightarrow T$  is a model of  $A \Rightarrow B$
- (b)  $\text{Int}_T(\bigwedge_{a \in A} p_a) = \perp$   
 $\hookrightarrow$  There is  $c \in A$ , such that  $\text{Int}_T(p_c) = \perp$   
 $\hookrightarrow$  There is  $c \in A$ , but  $c \notin T$   
 $\hookrightarrow A \not\subseteq T$   
 $\hookrightarrow T$  is a model of  $A \Rightarrow B$ .

□

From Proposition 1,  $A \Rightarrow B$  corresponds to a propositional formula:

$$\bigwedge_{b \in B} \left( \left( \bigwedge_{a \in A} p_a \right) \rightarrow p_b \right).$$

We will use  $F_{A \Rightarrow B}$  to refer the formula.

**Example 4.** Recall Example 3. We have the following correspond formulas, respectively:

- $p_6 \rightarrow p_2$ ,
- $p_4 \rightarrow p_2$ ,
- $(p_3 \wedge p_5) \rightarrow p_1$ ,
- $(p_2 \wedge p_5) \rightarrow p_4$ .

**Proposition 2.** Let  $S_m = (G_m, M_m, I_m)$  a scale to obtain a derived context  $(G, N, J)$  and  $T \subseteq N$ .  $T$  is compatible with  $S_m$  iff

$$Int_T \left( \bigvee_{g \in G_m} \left( \bigwedge_{a \in \{g\}^{I_m}} p_a \wedge \bigwedge_{a \in M_m / \{g\}^{I_m}} \neg p_a \right) \right) = \top.$$

**Proof.**

1.  $T$  is compatible with  $S_m = (G_m, M_m, I_m)$ 
  - $\Leftrightarrow$  There is  $g_c \in G_m$ , such that  $\{g_c\}^{I_m} \subseteq T$
  - $\Leftrightarrow Int_T(\bigwedge_{a \in \{g_c\}^{I_m}} p_a \wedge \bigwedge_{a \in M_m / \{g_c\}^{I_m}} \neg p_a) = \top$
  - $\Leftrightarrow Int_T \left( \bigvee_{g \in G_m} (\bigwedge_{a \in \{g\}^{I_m}} p_a \wedge \bigwedge_{a \in M_m / \{g\}^{I_m}} \neg p_a) \right) = \top$
2.  $Int_T \left( \bigvee_{g \in G_m} (\bigwedge_{a \in \{g\}^{I_m}} p_a \wedge \bigwedge_{a \in M_m / \{g\}^{I_m}} \neg p_a) \right) = \top$ 
  - $\Leftrightarrow$  There is  $g_c \in G_m$ , such that  $Int_T(\bigwedge_{a \in \{g_c\}^{I_m}} p_a \wedge \bigwedge_{a \in M_m / \{g_c\}^{I_m}} \neg p_a) = \top$
  - $\Leftrightarrow \{g_c\}^{I_m} \subseteq T$
  - $\Leftrightarrow T$  is compatible with  $S_m = (G_m, M_m, I_m)$ .

□

From Proposition 2, we know that the information related with a scale  $S_m = (G_m, M_m, I_m)$  corresponds to a propositional formula:

$$\bigvee_{g \in G_m} \left( \bigwedge_{a \in \{g\}^{I_m}} p_a \wedge \bigwedge_{a \in M_m / \{g\}^{I_m}} \neg p_a \right).$$

We will use  $H_m$  to refer the propositional formula which a scale  $S_m$  corresponds to.

**Example 5.** Recall Example 3. From scale of attribute Final, Written, and Practical in Figure 4, we have the following formulas:

- $(p_1 \wedge \neg p_2) \vee (\neg p_1 \wedge p_2)$ ,
- $(p_3 \wedge \neg p_4) \vee (\neg p_3 \wedge p_4)$ ,
- $(p_5 \wedge \neg p_6) \vee (\neg p_5 \wedge p_6)$ .

**Proposition 3.**  $T$  is a model of a set of attribute implications  $\mathcal{L}$ , iff

$$Int_T \left( \bigwedge_{A \Rightarrow B \in \mathcal{L}} F_{A \Rightarrow B} \right) = \top. \tag{6}$$

**Proof.**  $T$  is a model of  $\mathcal{L}$

iff For all  $A \Rightarrow B \in \mathcal{L}$ ,  $T$  is also a model of  $A \Rightarrow B$

iff For all  $A \Rightarrow B \in \mathcal{L}$ ,  $Int_T(F_{A \Rightarrow B}) = \top$  {from Proposition 1}

iff  $Int_T(\bigwedge_{A \Rightarrow B \in \mathcal{L}} F_{A \Rightarrow B}) = \top$ . □

**Proposition 4.**  $T$  is a model of  $\mathcal{H}$ , which is information representing scales  $S_m = (G_m, M_m, I_m)$  for all  $m \in M$ , iff

$$Int_T \left( \bigwedge_{m \in M} H_m \right) = \top. \quad (7)$$

**Proof.**  $T$  is a model of  $\mathcal{H}$

iff For all  $m \in M$ ,  $T$  is compatible with  $S_m = (G_m, M_m, I_m)$

iff For all  $m \in M$ ,  $Int_T(H_m) = \top$  {from Proposition 2}

iff  $Int_T \left( \bigwedge_{m \in M} H_m \right) = \top$ . □

Let  $F_{\mathcal{L}} = \bigwedge_{A \Rightarrow B \in \mathcal{L}} F_{A \Rightarrow B}$  and  $F_{\mathcal{H}} = \bigwedge_{m \in M} H_m$ .  $\mathcal{L}$  corresponds to  $F_{\mathcal{L}}$ , whereas  $\mathcal{H}$  corresponds to  $F_{\mathcal{H}}$ .

**Proposition 5.**  $T$  is a model of  $(\mathcal{L} \cup \mathcal{H})$  iff  $Int_T(F_{\mathcal{L}} \wedge F_{\mathcal{H}}) = \top$ .

**Proof.**  $T$  is a model of  $(\mathcal{L} \cup \mathcal{H})$

iff  $T$  is a model of both  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $\mathcal{H}$

iff  $Int_T(F_{\mathcal{L}}) = \top$  and  $Int_T(F_{\mathcal{H}}) = \top$  {from Proposition 3 and Proposition 4}

iff  $Int_T(F_{\mathcal{L}} \wedge F_{\mathcal{H}}) = \top$ . □

**Proposition 6.**  $(\mathcal{L} \cup \mathcal{H})$  does not imply  $A \Rightarrow B$ , iff  $F_{\mathcal{L}} \wedge F_{\mathcal{H}} \wedge \neg F_{A \Rightarrow B}$  is satisfiable.

**Proof.**  $(\mathcal{L} \cup \mathcal{H})$  does not imply  $A \Rightarrow B$

iff There is  $T \in M$ ,  $T$  is a model of  $(\mathcal{L} \cup \mathcal{H})$ , but  $T$  is not a model of  $A \Rightarrow B$

iff There is  $T \in M$ ,  $Int_T(F_{\mathcal{L}} \wedge F_{\mathcal{H}}) = \top$  (Proposition 5) and  $Int_T(F_{A \Rightarrow B}) = \perp$  (Proposition 1)

iff There is  $T \in M$ ,  $Int_T(F_{\mathcal{L}} \wedge F_{\mathcal{H}} \wedge \neg F_{A \Rightarrow B}) = \top$

iff  $F_{\mathcal{L}} \wedge F_{\mathcal{H}} \wedge \neg F_{A \Rightarrow B}$  is satisfiable. □

**Example 6.** Recall Example 3, 4, and 5. Let  $\mathcal{L} = \{\{6\} \Rightarrow \{2\}, \{4\} \Rightarrow \{2\}, \{3, 5\} \Rightarrow \{1\}\}$  and  $\mathcal{H}$  information from scales in Figure 4. We want to check whether  $(\mathcal{L} \cup \mathcal{H})$  does not imply  $\{2, 5\} \Rightarrow \{4\}$ . Then, we obtain the following propositional formula:

1.  $p_6 \rightarrow p_2$ ,
2.  $\wedge p_4 \rightarrow p_2$ ,
3.  $\wedge(p_3 \wedge p_5) \rightarrow p_1$ ,
4.  $\wedge((p_1 \wedge \neg p_2) \vee (\neg p_1 \wedge p_2))$ ,
5.  $\wedge((p_3 \wedge \neg p_4) \vee (\neg p_3 \wedge p_4))$ ,
6.  $\wedge((p_5 \wedge \neg p_6) \vee (\neg p_5 \wedge p_6))$ ,
7.  $\wedge \neg((p_2 \wedge p_5) \rightarrow p_4)$ .

Let  $F$  be the propositional formula. If we consider the conjunct 4 then we only have two possible interpretations e.g.  $Int_{T_1}$  and  $Int_{T_2}$ , where:

- $Int_{T_1}(p_1) = \top$  and  $Int_{T_1}(p_2) = \perp$ ,
- $Int_{T_2}(p_1) = \perp$  and  $Int_{T_2}(p_2) = \top$ .

$Int_{T_1}(F) = \perp$  since  $Int_{T_1}(\neg((p_2 \wedge p_5) \rightarrow p_4)) = \perp$  (conjunct 7).

Whereas  $Int_{T_2}$  will be a model of  $F$ , if  $Int_{T_2}(p_3) = \perp$  or  $Int_{T_2}(p_5) = \perp$  because of conjunct 3. Suppose  $Int_{T_2}(p_3) = \perp$ . Because of conjunct 5,  $Int_{T_2}(p_4) = \top$ . It makes  $Int_{T_2}$  over conjunct 7 be  $\perp$ . Thus,  $Int_{T_2}(F) = \perp$ .

Also  $Int_{T_2}$  over conjunct 7 will be  $\perp$  if  $Int_{T_2}(p_5) = \perp$ .

We can conclude that neither  $Int_{T_1}$  nor  $Int_{T_2}$  will be a model of  $F$ . Thus,  $F$  is unsatisfiable. Therefore,  $(\mathcal{L} \cup \mathcal{H})$  implies  $\{2, 5\} \Rightarrow \{4\}$ . It is the same conclusion obtained in Example 3.

## 5 CONCLUSION

We showed that some attribute implications in an implicational base of derived context of many-valued context can be inferred from the many-valued context's scales. Even though, the scales are interpretation of some values in the many-valued context, therefore the scales are an existing knowledge. Some literatures proposed that knowledge in knowledge discovery from data, an implicational base in case of a formal context, which can be inferred from existing or background knowledge should be eliminated. They will be redundant knowledge.

We also formalized a model to check the redundancy in SAT Problem. The formulation has also been proven.

In the next research we will develop an algorithm to obtain non-redundant implicational base of many-valued context using scales as background knowledge based on the proposed model. Some experiments with real data also will be conducted using the algorithm.

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