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- 1. [2+2 = 4 marks] A student wishes to find a satisfying assignment for the propositional logic formula  $\phi = \phi_1 \wedge \phi_2$ , where  $\phi_1$  is a Horn formula and  $\phi_2$  is a CNF formula that is not a Horn formula. Formulae  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$  have some common propositional variables between them. The student proposes to proceed in two different ways to solve this problem:
  - (a) A satisfying assignment for  $\phi_1$  is obtained using the method for satisfiability checking of Horn formulae discussed in class (i.e., determine which propositional variables must be set to *true* because of implications, and then set all the remaining variables to *false*). Formula  $\phi_2$  is then simplified using the variable assignments thus found, and the assignments for remaining variables, if any, are obtained by applying the DPLL procedure on the simplified formula.
  - (b) A satisfying assignment for  $\phi_2$  is obtained by applying the DPLL procedure. Formula  $\phi_1$  is then simplified using the variable assignments thus found. The assignments for remaining variables, if any, are obtained by applying the method for satisfiability checking of Horn formulae discussed in class on the simplified formula.

For each of the above approaches, determine whether it is guaranteed to give a satisfying assignment for  $\phi$  for arbitrary Horn formula  $\phi_1$  and non-Horn CNF formula  $\phi_2$ . If you think a particular approach will always lead to the correct answer, you must give justification (reasons) for the same. Else, you must give a counterexample to show that the approach may not lead to the correct answer.