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## Foundations of Computing

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# Mathematical Reasoning

## Foundations of Logic

*Mathematical Logic* is a tool for working with elaborate *compound* statements. It includes:

- A language for expressing them.
- A concise notation for writing them.
- A methodology for objectively reasoning about their truth or falsity.
- It is the foundation for expressing formal proofs in all branches of mathematics.

## Foundations of Logic: Overview

1. Propositional logic
2. Predicate logic and Quantifiers
3. Quantifiers and Logical Operators
4. Logical Inference
5. Methods of Proof

# Propositional Logic

*Propositional Logic* is the logic of compound statements built from simpler statements using so-called *Boolean connectives*.

Some applications in computer science:

- Design of digital electronic circuits.
- Expressing conditions in programs.
- Queries to databases & search engines.



George Boole  
(1815-1864)

## Definition of a *Proposition*

**Assertion:** Statement

**Proposition:** A *proposition* is an assertion which is either true or false, but not both.

(However, you might not *know* the actual truth value, and it might be situation-dependent.)

[Later in *probability theory* we assign *degrees of certainty* to propositions. But for now: think True/False only!]

## Examples of Propositions

- “It is raining.” (In a given situation.)
- “Beijing is the capital of China.”
- “ $1 + 2 = 3$ ”

But, the following are **NOT** propositions:

- “Who’s there?” (interrogative, question)
- “La la la la la.” (meaningless interjection)
- “Just do it!” (imperative, command)

## A Paradox

- “I am lying”: Is he speaking the truth or lying?  
True or False??
  - Neither True nor False.
  - If the statement is true, then he says he is lying, that is if he says the truth he is lying
  - If the statement is false, then his statement, “I am lying” is false, which means he is telling the truth
  - Thus, although it appears that the statement is a proposition, this is not. As this cannot be assigned a truth value.

## Operators / Connectives

An *operator* or *connective* combines one or more *operand* expressions into a larger expression. (E.g., “+” in numeric exprs.)

*Unary* operators take 1 operand (e.g.,  $-3$ ); *binary* operators take 2 operands (eg  $3 \times 4$ ).

*Propositional* or *Boolean* operators operate on propositions or truth values instead of on numbers.

## Some Popular Boolean Operators

<u>Formal Name</u>	<u>Nickname</u>	<u>Arity</u>	<u>Symbol</u>
Negation operator	NOT	Unary	$\neg$
Conjunction operator	AND	Binary	$\wedge$
Disjunction operator	OR	Binary	$\vee$
Exclusive-OR operator	XOR	Binary	$\oplus$
Implication operator	IMPLIES	Binary	$\Rightarrow$
Biconditional operator	IFF	Binary	$\Leftrightarrow$

## The Negation Operator

The unary *negation operator* “ $\neg$ ” (*NOT*) transforms a prop. into its logical *negation*.

*E.g.* If  $p$  = “I have black hair.”

then  $\neg p$  = “I do **not** have black hair.”

*Truth table* for NOT:

	$p$	$\neg p$
	T	F
	F	T
	Operand column	Result column

T  $\equiv$  True; F  $\equiv$  False  
 “ $\equiv$ ” means “is defined as”

## The Conjunction Operator

The binary *conjunction operator* “ $\wedge$ ” (*AND*) combines two propositions to form their logical *conjunction*.

*E.g.* If  $p$  = “I will have salad for lunch.” and  $q$  = “I will have chicken for dinner.”, then  $p \wedge q$  = “I will have salad for lunch **and** I will have chicken for dinner.”

Remember: “ $\wedge$ ” points up like an “A”, and it means “AND”

## Conjunction Truth Table

- Note that a conjunction  $p_1 \wedge p_2 \wedge \dots \wedge p_n$  of  $n$  propositions will have  $2^n$  rows in its truth table.

Operand columns		
$p$	$q$	$p \wedge q$
F	F	F
F	T	F
T	F	F
T	T	T

- Also:  $\neg$  and  $\wedge$  operations together are sufficient to express *any* Boolean truth table!

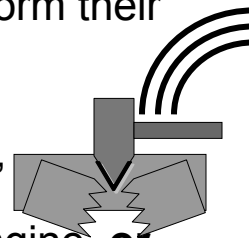
## The Disjunction Operator

The binary *disjunction operator* “ $\vee$ ” (OR) combines two propositions to form their logical *disjunction*.

$p$  = “My car has a bad engine.”

$q$  = “My car has a bad carburetor.”

$p \vee q$  = “Either my car has a bad engine, **or** my car has a bad carburetor.”



Meaning is like “and/or” in English.

After the downward-pointing “axe” of “ $\vee$ ” splits the wood, you can take 1 piece OR the other, or both.

## Disjunction Truth Table

- Note that  $p \vee q$  means that  $p$  is true, or  $q$  is true, **or both** are true!
- So, this operation is also called *inclusive or*, because it **includes** the possibility that both  $p$  and  $q$  are true.
- “ $\neg$ ” and “ $\vee$ ” together are also universal.

$p$	$q$	$p \vee q$
F	F	F
F	T	<b>T</b>
T	F	<b>T</b>
T	T	T

Note difference from AND

## Nested Propositional Expressions

- Use parentheses to *group sub-expressions*:  
 “I just saw my old friend, and either he’s grown or I’ve shrunk.” =  $f \wedge (g \vee s)$ 
  - $(f \wedge g) \vee s$  would mean something different
  - $f \wedge g \vee s$  would be ambiguous
- By convention, “ $\neg$ ” takes *precedence* over both “ $\wedge$ ” and “ $\vee$ ”.
  - $\neg s \wedge f$  means  $(\neg s) \wedge f$ , **not**  $\neg (s \wedge f)$



## A Simple Exercise

Let  $p$  = “It rained last night”,  
 $q$  = “The sprinklers came on last night,”  
 $r$  = “The lawn was wet this morning.”

Translate each of the following into English:

$\neg p$  = “It didn’t rain last night.”  
 $r \wedge \neg p$  = “The lawn was wet this morning, and it didn’t rain last night.”  
 $\neg r \vee p \vee q$  = “Either the lawn wasn’t wet this morning, or it rained last night, or the sprinklers came on last night.”

## The *Exclusive Or* Operator

The binary *exclusive-or operator* “ $\oplus$ ” (*XOR*) combines two propositions to form their logical “exclusive or” (exjunction?).

$p$  = “I will earn an A in this course,”

$q$  = “I will drop this course,”

$p \oplus q$  = “I will either earn an A for this course, or I will drop it (but not both!)”

## Exclusive-Or Truth Table

- Note that  $p \oplus q$  means that  $p$  is true, or  $q$  is true, but **not both!**
- This operation is called *exclusive or*, because it **excludes** the possibility that both  $p$  and  $q$  are true.
- “ $\neg$ ” and “ $\oplus$ ” together are **not** universal.

$p$	$q$	$p \oplus q$
F	F	F
F	T	T
T	F	T
T	T	<b>F</b>

Note difference from OR.

## Natural Language is Ambiguous

Note that English “or” can be ambiguous regarding the “both” case!

	$p$	$q$	$p$ "or" $q$
“Pat is a singer or Pat is a writer.” - $\vee$	F	F	F
	F	T	T
“Pat is a man or Pat is a woman.” - $\oplus$	T	F	T
	T	T	?

Need context to disambiguate the meaning!

For this class, assume “or” means inclusive.

# The *Implication* Operator

The *implication*  $p \Rightarrow q$  states that  $p$  implies  $q$ .  
 antecedent      consequent

*I.e.*, If  $p$  is true, then  $q$  is true; but if  $p$  is not true, then  $q$  could be either true or false.

*E.g.*, let  $p$  = “You study hard.”  
 $q$  = “You will get a good grade.”

$p \Rightarrow q$  = “If you study hard, then you will get a good grade.” (else, it could go either way)

# Implication Truth Table

- $p \rightarrow q$  is **false** only when  $p$  is true but  $q$  is **not** true.

- $p \rightarrow q$  does **not** say that  $p$  causes  $q$ !

- $p \rightarrow q$  does **not** require that  $p$  or  $q$  are ever true!

- E.g.* “ $(1=0) \rightarrow$  pigs can fly” is **TRUE**!

$p$	$q$	$p \rightarrow q$
F	F	T
F	T	T
T	F	<b>F</b>
T	T	T

The only False case!

For simplicity, I shall denote the implication operator by the symbol  $\rightarrow$  and the iff operator by  $\leftrightarrow$

## Examples of Implications

- “If this lecture ends, then the sun will rise tomorrow.” *True* or *False*?
- “If Tuesday is a day of the week, then I am a bird.” *True* or *False*?
- “If  $1+1=6$ , then Bush is president.” *True* or *False*?
- “If the moon is made of green cheese, then I am richer than Bill Gates.” *True* or *False*?

## Why does this seem wrong?

- Consider a sentence like,
  - “If I wear a red shirt tomorrow, then Arnold Schwarzenegger will become governor of California.”
- In logic, we consider the sentence **True** so long as either I don’t wear a red shirt, or Arnold wins.
- But in normal English conversation, if I were to make this claim, you would think I was lying.
  - Why this discrepancy between logic & language?

## Resolving the Discrepancy

- In English, a sentence “if  $p$  then  $q$ ” usually really *implicitly* means something like,
  - “In all possible situations, if  $p$  then  $q$ .”
    - That is, “For  $p$  to be true and  $q$  false is *impossible*.”
    - Or, “I *guarantee* that no matter what, if  $p$ , then  $q$ .”
- This can be expressed in *predicate logic* as:
  - “For all situations  $s$ , if  $p$  is true in situation  $s$ , then  $q$  is also true in situation  $s$ ”
  - Formally, we could write:  $\forall s, P(s) \rightarrow Q(s)$
- *That* sentence is logically **False** in our example, because for me to wear a red shirt and for Arnold to lose is a *possible* (even if not actual) situation.
  - Natural language and logic then agree with each other.

Topic #1.0 – Propositional Logic: Operators

## English Phrases Meaning $p \rightarrow q$

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| • “ $p$ implies $q$ ”                          | • “ <b><math>p</math> only if <math>q</math></b> ”           |
| • “if $p$ , then $q$ ”                         | • “ <b><math>p</math> is sufficient for <math>q</math></b> ” |
| • “ <b>if <math>p</math>, <math>q</math></b> ” | • “ <b><math>q</math> is necessary for <math>p</math></b> ”  |
| • “when $p$ , $q$ ”                            | • “ $q$ follows from $p$ ”                                   |
| • “whenever $p$ , $q$ ”                        | • “ $q$ is implied by $p$ ”                                  |
| • “ $q$ if $p$ ”                               |  |
| • “ $q$ when $p$ ”                             |  |
| • “ $q$ whenever $p$ ”                         |  |

If  **$p$  is true**, that is enough,  **$q$  has to be true** for the implication to hold (sufficiency)

If  **$q$  is false**,  **$p$  cannot be true**; It is necessary that  $q$  be true for  $p$  to be true (necessity)

## Converse, Inverse, Contrapositive

Some terminology, for an implication  $p \rightarrow q$ :

- Its *converse* is:  $q \rightarrow p$ .
- Its *inverse* is:  $\neg p \rightarrow \neg q$ .
- Its *contrapositive*:  $\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$ .
- One of these three has the *same meaning* (same truth table) as  $p \rightarrow q$ . Can you figure out which?

*Contrapositive*

## How do we know for sure?

Proving the equivalence of  $p \rightarrow q$  and its contrapositive using truth tables:

$p$	$q$	$\neg q$	$\neg p$	$p \rightarrow q$	$\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$
F	F	T	T	T	T
F	T	F	T	T	T
T	F	T	F	F	F
T	T	F	F	T	T

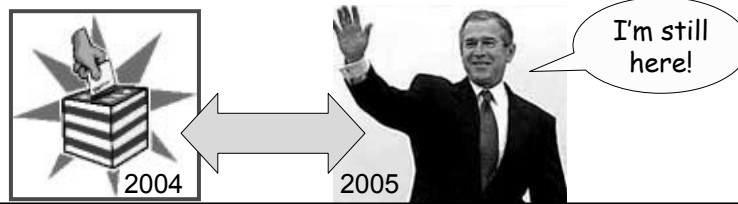
## The *biconditional* operator

The *biconditional*  $p \leftrightarrow q$  states that  $p$  is true *if and only if (IFF)*  $q$  is true.

$p$  = “Bush wins the 2004 election.”

$q$  = “Bush will be president for all of 2005.”

$p \leftrightarrow q$  = “If, and only if, Bush wins the 2004 election, Bush will be president for all of 2005.”



## Biconditional Truth Table

- $p \leftrightarrow q$  means that  $p$  and  $q$  have the **same** truth value.
- Note this truth table is the exact **opposite** of  $\oplus$ 's!  
Thus,  $p \leftrightarrow q$  means  $\neg(p \oplus q)$
- $p \leftrightarrow q$  does **not** imply that  $p$  and  $q$  are true, or cause each other.





$p$	$q$	$p \leftrightarrow q$
F	F	T
F	T	F
T	F	F
T	T	T

## Boolean Operations Summary

- We have seen 1 unary operator (out of the 4 possible) and 5 binary operators (out of the 16 possible). Their truth tables are below.

$p$	$q$	$\neg p$	$p \wedge q$	$p \vee q$	$p \oplus q$	$p \rightarrow q$	$p \leftrightarrow q$
F	F	T	F	F	F	T	T
F	T	T	F	T	T	T	F
T	F	F	F	T	T	F	F
T	T	F	T	T	F	T	T

## Some Alternative Notations

Name:	not	and	or	xor	implies	iff
Propositional logic:	$\neg$	$\wedge$	$\vee$	$\oplus$	$\rightarrow$	$\leftrightarrow$
Boolean algebra:	$\bar{p}$	$pq$	$+$	$\oplus$		
C/C++/Java (wordwise):	<code>!</code>	<code>&amp;&amp;</code>	<code>  </code>	<code>!=</code>		<code>==</code>
C/C++/Java (bitwise):	<code>~</code>	<code>&amp;</code>	<code> </code>	<code>^</code>		
Logic gates:						



## Bits and Bit Operations



John Tukey  
(1915-2000)

- A *bit* is a binary (base 2) digit: 0 or 1.
- Bits may be used to represent truth values.
- By convention:
  - 0 represents “false”; 1 represents “true”.
- *Boolean algebra* is like ordinary algebra except that variables stand for bits, + means “or”, and multiplication means “and”.

## Bit Strings

- A *Bit string* of length  $n$  is an ordered series or sequence of  $n \geq 0$  bits.
  - More on sequences in §3.2.
- By convention, bit strings are written left to right: e.g. the first bit of “1001101010” is 1.
- When a bit string represents a base-2 number, by convention the first bit is the *most significant* bit. Ex.  $1101_2 = 8 + 4 + 1 = 13$ .

## Counting in Binary



- Did you know that you can count to 1,023 just using two hands?
  - How? Count in binary!
    - Each finger (up/down) represents 1 bit.
- To increment: Flip the rightmost (low-order) bit.
  - If it changes 1→0, then also flip the next bit to the left,
    - If that bit changes 1→0, then flip the next one, *etc.*
- 0000000000, 0000000001, 0000000010, ...  
..., 1111111101, 1111111110, 1111111111

## Bitwise Operations

- Boolean operations can be extended to operate on bit strings as well as single bits.
- E.g.:
 

01 1011 0110	
<u>11 0001 1101</u>	
11 1011 1111	Bit-wise OR
01 0001 0100	Bit-wise AND
10 1010 1011	Bit-wise XOR

## Summary

You have learned about:

- Propositions: What they are.
- Propositional logic operators'
  - Symbolic notations.
  - English equivalents.
  - Logical meaning.
  - Truth tables.
- Nested propositions.
- Alternative notations.
- Bits and bit-strings.
- Next section:
  - Propositional equivalences.
  - How to prove them.

Topic #1.1 – Propositional Logic: Equivalences

## Propositional Equivalence

Two *syntactically* (*i.e.*, textually) different compound propositions may be the *semantically* identical (*i.e.*, have the same meaning). We call them *equivalent*.

Learn:

- Various *equivalence rules* or *laws*.
- How to *prove* equivalences using *symbolic derivations*.

## Tautologies and Contradictions

A *tautology* is a compound proposition that is **true** *no matter what* the truth values of its atomic propositions are!

Ex.  $p \vee \neg p$  [What is its truth table?]

A *contradiction* is a compound proposition that is **false** no matter what! Ex.  $p \wedge \neg p$  [Truth table?]

Other compound props. are *contingencies* (which is neither a tautology nor a contradiction)

## Logical Equivalence

Compound proposition  $p$  is *logically equivalent* to compound proposition  $q$ , written  $p \Leftrightarrow q$ , **IFF** the compound proposition  $p \leftrightarrow q$  is a tautology.

Compound propositions  $p$  and  $q$  are logically equivalent to each other **IFF**  $p$  and  $q$  contain the same truth values as each other in all rows of their truth tables.

## Proving Equivalence via Truth Tables

Ex. Prove that  $p \vee q \Leftrightarrow \neg(\neg p \wedge \neg q)$ .

$p$	$q$	$p \vee q$	$\neg p$	$\neg q$	$\neg p \wedge \neg q$	$\neg(\neg p \wedge \neg q)$
F	F	F	T	T	T	F
F	T	T	T	F	F	T
T	F	T	F	T	F	T
T	T	T	F	F	F	T

## Constructing Truth table

Construct a truth table for  $q \wedge \neg p \rightarrow p$ .

$p$	$q$	$\neg p$	$\neg p \wedge q$	$q \wedge \neg p \rightarrow p$
F	F	T	F	T
F	T	T	T	F
T	F	F	F	T
T	T	F	F	T

## Equivalence Laws

- These are similar to the arithmetic identities you may have learned in algebra, but for propositional equivalences instead.
- They provide a pattern or template that can be used to match all or part of a much more complicated proposition and to find an equivalence for it.

## Equivalence Laws - Examples

- *Identity:*  $p \wedge \mathbf{T} \Leftrightarrow p$      $p \vee \mathbf{F} \Leftrightarrow p$
- *Domination:*  $p \vee \mathbf{T} \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{T}$      $p \wedge \mathbf{F} \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{F}$
- *Idempotent:*  $p \vee p \Leftrightarrow p$      $p \wedge p \Leftrightarrow p$
- *Double negation:*  $\neg\neg p \Leftrightarrow p$
- *Commutative:*  $p \vee q \Leftrightarrow q \vee p$      $p \wedge q \Leftrightarrow q \wedge p$
- *Associative:*  $(p \vee q) \vee r \Leftrightarrow p \vee (q \vee r)$   
 $(p \wedge q) \wedge r \Leftrightarrow p \wedge (q \wedge r)$

## More Equivalence Laws

- *Distributive:*  $p \vee (q \wedge r) \Leftrightarrow (p \vee q) \wedge (p \vee r)$   
 $p \wedge (q \vee r) \Leftrightarrow (p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge r)$
- *De Morgan's:*  
 $\neg(p \wedge q) \Leftrightarrow \neg p \vee \neg q$   
 $\neg(p \vee q) \Leftrightarrow \neg p \wedge \neg q$
- *Trivial tautology/contradiction:*  
 $p \vee \neg p \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{T}$        $p \wedge \neg p \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{F}$



Augustus  
De Morgan  
(1806-1871)

## Defining Operators via Equivalences

Using equivalences, we can *define* operators in terms of other operators.

- *Exclusive or:*  $p \oplus q \Leftrightarrow (p \vee q) \wedge \neg(p \wedge q)$   
 $p \oplus q \Leftrightarrow (p \wedge \neg q) \vee (q \wedge \neg p)$
- *Implies:*  $p \rightarrow q \Leftrightarrow \neg p \vee q$
- *Biconditional:*  $p \leftrightarrow q \Leftrightarrow (p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow p)$   
 $p \leftrightarrow q \Leftrightarrow \neg(p \oplus q)$

## An Example Problem

- Check using a symbolic derivation whether  $(p \wedge \neg q) \rightarrow (p \oplus r) \Leftrightarrow \neg p \vee q \vee \neg r$ .

$$(p \wedge \neg q) \Rightarrow (p \oplus r) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\text{[Expand definition of } \rightarrow] \neg(p \wedge \neg q) \vee (p \oplus r)$$

$$\text{[Defn. of } \oplus] \Leftrightarrow \neg(p \wedge \neg q) \vee ((p \vee r) \wedge \neg(p \wedge r))$$

$$\text{[DeMorgan's Law]}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (\neg p \vee q) \vee ((p \vee r) \wedge \neg(p \wedge r))$$

*cont.*

## Example Continued...

$$(\neg p \vee q) \vee ((p \vee r) \wedge \neg(p \wedge r)) \Leftrightarrow \text{[}\vee \text{ commutes]}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (q \vee \neg p) \vee ((p \vee r) \wedge \neg(p \wedge r)) \text{ [}\vee \text{ associative]}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow q \vee (\neg p \vee ((p \vee r) \wedge \neg(p \wedge r))) \text{ [distrib. } \vee \text{ over } \wedge]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow q \vee (((\neg p \vee (p \vee r)) \wedge (\neg p \vee \neg(p \wedge r)))$$

$$\text{[assoc.]} \Leftrightarrow q \vee (((\neg p \vee p) \vee r) \wedge (\neg p \vee \neg(p \wedge r)))$$

$$\text{[trivial taut.]} \Leftrightarrow q \vee ((\mathbf{I} \vee r) \wedge (\neg p \vee \neg(p \wedge r)))$$

$$\text{[domination]} \Leftrightarrow q \vee (\mathbf{I} \wedge (\neg p \vee \neg(p \wedge r)))$$

$$\text{[identity]} \Leftrightarrow q \vee (\neg p \vee \neg(p \wedge r)) \Leftrightarrow \text{cont.}$$



## End of Long Example

$$q \vee (\neg p \vee \neg(p \wedge r))$$

$$\text{[DeMorgan's]} \Leftrightarrow q \vee (\neg p \vee (\neg p \vee \neg r))$$

$$\text{[Assoc.]} \Leftrightarrow q \vee ((\neg p \vee \neg p) \vee \neg r)$$

$$\text{[Idempotent]} \Leftrightarrow q \vee (\neg p \vee \neg r)$$

$$\text{[Assoc.]} \Leftrightarrow (q \vee \neg p) \vee \neg r$$

$$\text{[Commut.]} \Leftrightarrow \neg p \vee q \vee \neg r$$

*Q.E.D. (quod erat demonstrandum)*

(Which was to be shown.)

## Review: Propositional Logic

- Atomic propositions:  $p, q, r, \dots$
- Boolean operators:  $\neg \wedge \vee \oplus \rightarrow \leftrightarrow$
- Compound propositions:  $s := (p \wedge \neg q) \vee r$
- Equivalences:  $p \wedge \neg q \Leftrightarrow \neg(p \rightarrow q)$
- Proving equivalences using:
  - Truth tables.
  - Symbolic derivations.  $p \Leftrightarrow q \Leftrightarrow r \dots$

# Predicate Logic

- Language of propositions not sufficient to make all assertions needed in mathematics
  - $x=3$ ,  $x+y=z$
  - They are not propositions (Why?)
  - However if values are assigned they do
- Consider the assertion:
  - He is tall and dark
  - These assertions are formed using variables, in a template. The template is called the predicate.

## Contd...

- Assertion :  $x$  is tall and dark.
  - $x$  is the variable
  - “is tall and dark” is the predicate

## Applications of Predicate Logic

It is *the* formal notation for writing perfectly clear, concise, and unambiguous mathematical *definitions*, *axioms*, and *theorems* for *any* branch of mathematics.

Predicate logic with function symbols, the “=” operator, and a few proof-building rules is sufficient for defining *any* conceivable mathematical system, and for proving anything that can be proved within that system!

## Other Applications



Kurt Gödel  
1906-1978

- Predicate logic is the foundation of the field of *mathematical logic*, which culminated in *Gödel's incompleteness theorem*, which revealed the ultimate limits of mathematical thought:
  - Given any finitely describable, consistent proof procedure, there will still be *some* true statements that can *never be proven* by that procedure.
- *I.e.*, we can't discover *all* mathematical truths, unless we sometimes resort to making *guesses*.

## Practical Applications

- Basis for clearly expressed formal specifications for any complex system.
- Basis for *automatic theorem provers* and many other Artificial Intelligence systems.

## Subjects and Predicates

- In the sentence “The dog is sleeping”:
  - The phrase “the dog” denotes the *subject* - the *object* or *entity* that the sentence is about.
  - The phrase “is sleeping” denotes the *predicate*- a property that is true **of** the subject.
- In predicate logic, a *predicate* is modeled as a *function*  $P(\cdot)$  from objects to propositions.
  - $P(x)$  = “x is sleeping” (where x is any object).

## More About Predicates

- Convention: Lowercase variables  $x, y, z...$  denote objects/entities; uppercase variables  $P, Q, R...$  denote propositional functions (predicates).
- Keep in mind that the *result of applying* a predicate  $P$  to an object  $x$  is the *proposition*  $P(x)$ . But the predicate  $P$  **itself** (e.g.  $P$ ="is sleeping") is **not** a proposition (not a complete sentence).
  - E.g. if  $P(x)$  = "x is a prime number",  $P(3)$  is the *proposition* "3 is a prime number."

## Propositional Functions

- Predicate logic *generalizes* the grammatical notion of a predicate to also include propositional functions of **any** number of arguments, each of which may take **any** grammatical role that a noun can take.
  - E.g. let  $P(x,y,z)$  = "x gave y the grade z", then if  $x$ ="Mike",  $y$ ="Mary",  $z$ ="A", then  $P(x,y,z)$  = "Mike gave Mary the grade A."

## Universes of Discourse (U.D.s)

- The power of distinguishing objects from predicates is that it lets you state things about *many* objects at once.
- E.g., let  $P(x) = "x+1 > x"$ . We can then say,  
 “For *any* number  $x$ ,  $P(x)$  is true” instead of  
 $(0+1 > 0) \wedge (1+1 > 1) \wedge (2+1 > 2) \wedge \dots$
- The collection of values that a variable  $x$  can take is called  $x$ 's *universe of discourse*.

## Types of predicates

- Consider a predicate:  $P(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n)$
- **Defn:**
  - **Valid:** Value of  $P$  is true for all choices of the argument
  - **Satisfiable:** Value of  $P$  is true for some value of the argument
  - **Unsatisfiable:** Value of  $P$  is never true for the possible choices of the argument

## Quantifier Expressions

- *Quantifiers* provide a notation that allows us to *quantify* (count) *how many* objects in the univ. of disc. satisfy a given predicate.
- “ $\forall$ ” is the FOR $\forall$ LL or *universal* quantifier.  
 $\forall x P(x)$  means *for all*  $x$  in the u.d.,  $P$  holds.
- “ $\exists$ ” is the  $\exists$ XISTS or *existential* quantifier.  
 $\exists x P(x)$  means there exists an  $x$  in the u.d. (that is, 1 or more) such that  $P(x)$  is true.

## The Universal Quantifier $\forall$

- Example:  
 Let the u.d. of  $x$  be parking spaces at IITKGP.  
 Let  $P(x)$  be the *predicate* “ $x$  is full.”  
 Then the *universal quantification* of  $P(x)$ ,  
 $\forall x P(x)$ , is the *proposition*:
  - “All parking spaces at IITKGP are full.”
  - *i.e.*, “Every parking space at IITKGP is full.”
  - *i.e.*, “For each parking space at IITKGP, that space is full.”

## The Existential Quantifier $\exists$

- Example:  
Let the u.d. of  $x$  be parking spaces at IITKGP.  
Let  $P(x)$  be the *predicate* “ $x$  is full.”  
Then the *existential quantification* of  $P(x)$ ,  $\exists x P(x)$ , is the *proposition*:
  - “Some parking space at IITKGP is full.”
  - “There is a parking space at IITKGP that is full.”
  - “At least one parking space at IITKGP is full.”

## Question

- What is a predicate with zero variables called?



## Free and Bound Variables

- An expression like  $P(x)$  is said to have a *free variable*  $x$  (meaning,  $x$  is undefined).
- A quantifier (either  $\forall$  or  $\exists$ ) *operates* on an expression having one or more free variables, and *binds* one or more of those variables, to produce an expression having one or more *bound variables*.
- Binding converts a predicate to a proposition

## Example of Binding

- $P(x,y)$  has 2 free variables,  $x$  and  $y$ .
- $\forall x P(x,y)$  has 1 free variable, and one bound variable. [Which is which?]
- “ $P(x)$ , where  $x=3$ ” is another way to bind  $x$ .
- An expression with zero free variables is a bona-fide (actual) proposition
- An expression with one or more free variables is still only a predicate:  $\forall x P(x,y)$

## Nesting of Quantifiers

Example: Let the u.d. of  $x$  &  $y$  be people.

Let  $L(x,y)$  = “ $x$  likes  $y$ ” (a predicate w. 2 f.v.’s)

Then  $\exists y L(x,y)$  = “There is someone whom  $x$  likes.” (A predicate w. 1 free variable,  $x$ )

Then  $\forall x (\exists y L(x,y))$  =

“Everyone has someone whom they like.”

(A ~~Proposition~~ with ~~1~~ free variables.)

~~Proposition~~

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## Review: Propositional Logic

- Atomic propositions:  $p, q, r, \dots$
- Boolean operators:  $\neg \wedge \vee \oplus \rightarrow \leftrightarrow$
- Compound propositions:  $s \equiv (p \wedge \neg q) \vee r$
- Equivalences:  $p \wedge \neg q \Leftrightarrow \neg(p \rightarrow q)$
- Proving equivalences using:
  - Truth tables.
  - Symbolic derivations.  $p \Leftrightarrow q \Leftrightarrow r \dots$

## Review: Predicate Logic

- Objects  $x, y, z, \dots$
- Predicates  $P, Q, R, \dots$  are functions mapping objects  $x$  to propositions  $P(x)$ .
- Multi-argument predicates  $P(x, y)$ .
- Quantifiers:  $[\forall x P(x)] \equiv$  "For all  $x$ 's,  $P(x)$ ."  
 $[\exists x P(x)] \equiv$  "There is an  $x$  such that  $P(x)$ ."
- Universes of discourse, bound & free vars.

Topic #3 – Predicate Logic

## Quantifier Exercise

If  $R(x,y)$ ="x relies upon y," express the following in unambiguous English:

$\forall x(\exists y R(x,y))=$	Everyone has <i>someone</i> to rely on.
$\exists y(\forall x R(x,y))=$	There's a poor overburdened soul whom <i>everyone</i> relies upon (including himself)!
$\exists x(\forall y R(x,y))=$	There's some needy person who relies upon <i>everybody</i> (including himself).
$\forall y(\exists x R(x,y))=$	Everyone has <i>someone</i> who relies upon them.
$\forall x(\forall y R(x,y))=$	<i>Everyone</i> relies upon <i>everybody</i> , (including themselves)!

## Natural language is ambiguous!

- “Everybody likes somebody.”
  - For everybody, there is somebody they like,
    - $\forall x \exists y Likes(x,y)$  [Probably more likely.]
  - or, there is somebody (a popular person) whom everyone likes?
    - $\exists y \forall x Likes(x,y)$
- “Somebody likes everybody.”
  - Same problem: Depends on context, emphasis.

## Game Theoretic Semantics

- Thinking in terms of a competitive game can help you tell whether a proposition with nested quantifiers is true.
- The game has two players, both with the same knowledge:
  - Verifier: Wants to demonstrate that the proposition is true.
  - Falsifier: Wants to demonstrate that the proposition is false.
- The Rules of the Game “Verify or Falsify”:
  - Read the quantifiers from left to right, picking values of variables.
  - When you see “ $\forall$ ”, the falsifier gets to select the value.
  - When you see “ $\exists$ ”, the verifier gets to select the value.
- If the verifier can always win, then the proposition is true.
- If the falsifier can always win, then it is false.

## Let's Play, "Verify or Falsify!"

Let  $B(x,y) \equiv$  "x's month of birthday is the same as that of y"

Suppose I claim that among you:

$$\forall x \exists y B(x,y)$$

Your turn, as falsifier:  
You pick any  $x \rightarrow$  (so-and-so)

$$\exists y B(\text{so-and-so},y)$$

My turn, as verifier:  
I pick any  $y \rightarrow$  (such-and-such)

$$B(\text{so-and-so},\text{such-and-such})$$

- Let's play it in class.
- Who wins this game?
- What if I switched the quantifiers, and I claimed that  $\exists y \forall x B(x,y)$ ?  
Who wins in that case?

## Still More Conventions

- Sometimes the universe of discourse is restricted within the quantification, e.g.,
  - $\forall x > 0 P(x)$  is shorthand for  
"For all  $x$  that are greater than zero,  $P(x)$ ."  
 $= \forall x (x > 0 \rightarrow P(x))$
  - $\exists x > 0 P(x)$  is shorthand for  
"There is an  $x$  greater than zero such that  $P(x)$ ."  
 $= \exists x (x > 0 \wedge P(x))$

## More to Know About Binding

- $\forall x \exists x P(x)$  -  $x$  is not a free variable in  $\exists x P(x)$ , therefore the  $\forall x$  binding isn't used
- $(\forall x P(x)) \wedge Q(x)$  - The variable  $x$  is outside of the *scope* of the  $\forall x$  quantifier, and is therefore free. Not a complete proposition!
- $(\forall x P(x)) \wedge (\exists x Q(x))$  – This is legal, because there are 2 different  $x$ 's!

## Commutativity of Quantifiers

- $\forall x \exists y P(x,y) \neq \exists y \forall x P(x,y)$
- $\forall x \forall y P(x,y) = \forall y \forall x P(x,y)$
- $\exists x \exists y P(x,y) = \exists y \exists x P(x,y)$

**It is easy to disprove (give a counter-example)  
Prove or disprove the above statements**

## Quantifier Equivalence Laws

- Definitions of quantifiers: If u.d.=a,b,c,...

$$\forall x P(x) \Leftrightarrow P(a) \wedge P(b) \wedge P(c) \wedge \dots$$

$$\exists x P(x) \Leftrightarrow P(a) \vee P(b) \vee P(c) \vee \dots$$

- From those, we can prove the laws:

$$\forall x P(x) \Leftrightarrow \neg \exists x \neg P(x) \quad \text{DeMorgan's}$$

$$\exists x P(x) \Leftrightarrow \neg \forall x \neg P(x)$$

- Which *propositional* equivalence laws can be used to prove this?

## More Equivalence Laws

- $\forall x \forall y P(x,y) \Leftrightarrow \forall y \forall x P(x,y)$   
 $\exists x \exists y P(x,y) \Leftrightarrow \exists y \exists x P(x,y)$
- $\forall x (P(x) \wedge Q(x)) \Leftrightarrow (\forall x P(x)) \wedge (\forall x Q(x))$   
 $\exists x (P(x) \vee Q(x)) \Leftrightarrow (\exists x P(x)) \vee (\exists x Q(x))$
- Exercise:  
 See if you can prove these yourself.  
 – What propositional equivalences did you use?

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- Quantifiers:  $(\forall x P(x))$  = “For all  $x$ ’s,  $P(x)$ .”  
 $(\exists x P(x))$  = “There is an  $x$  such that  $P(x)$ .”

## Defining New Quantifiers

**As per their name, quantifiers can be used to express that a predicate is true of any given *quantity* (number) of objects.**

**Define  $\exists!x P(x)$  to mean “ $P(x)$  is true of *exactly one*  $x$  in the universe of discourse.”**

**$\exists!x P(x) \Leftrightarrow \exists x (P(x) \wedge \neg \exists y (P(y) \wedge y \neq x))$**   
**“There is an  $x$  such that  $P(x)$ , where there is no  $y$  such that  $P(y)$  and  $y$  is other than  $x$ .”**



## More about Quantifiers

- State True or False with reasons:
  - $\forall$  distributes over  $\wedge$
  - $\forall$  distributes over  $\vee$
  - $\exists$  distributes over  $\wedge$
  - $\exists$  distributes over  $\vee$
  - $\exists x[P(x) \wedge Q(x)] \rightarrow \exists xP(x) \wedge \exists xQ(x)$
  - $\forall x[P(x) \vee Q(x)] \rightarrow \forall xP(x) \vee \forall xQ(x)$

Prove or disprove:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \exists x[P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)] \Leftrightarrow [\exists xP(x) \rightarrow \exists xQ(x)] \\
 & \exists x[P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)] \Leftrightarrow \exists x[\neg P(x) \vee Q(x)] \\
 & \Leftrightarrow \exists x[\neg P(x)] \vee \exists xQ(x) \Leftrightarrow \neg \forall xP(x) \vee \exists xQ(x) \\
 & \Leftrightarrow \forall xP(x) \rightarrow \exists xQ(x)
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence we are to check:

$$[\forall xP(x) \rightarrow \exists xQ(x)] \Leftrightarrow [\exists xP(x) \rightarrow \exists xQ(x)]$$

## Truth Table

$\forall xP(x)$	$\exists xP(x)$	$\exists xQ(x)$	$\forall xP(x) \rightarrow \exists xQ(x)$	$\exists xP(x) \rightarrow \exists xQ(x)$
0	0	0	1	1
0	0	1	1	1
0	1	0	1	0
0	1	1	1	1
1	0	0	n.a	n.a
1	0	1	n.a	n.a
1	1	0	0	0
1	1	1	1	1

## Building Counter-example

- Build the counter-example, so that we satisfy the line of the truth-table which makes the difference:
  - Here,  $\forall xP(x)=0$ ,  $\exists xP(x)=1$ ,  $\exists xQ(x)=0$
  - Example:  $P(x)$  is satisfiable and  $Q(x)$  is unsatisfiable
  - $P(x)$ :  $x=0$ ,  $Q(x)$ :  $x \neq x$ .

## Some Number Theory Examples

- Let u.d. = the *natural numbers* 0, 1, 2, ...
- “A number  $x$  is *even*,  $E(x)$ , if and only if it is equal to 2 times some other number.”  

$$\forall x (E(x) \leftrightarrow (\exists y \ x=2y))$$
- “A number is *prime*,  $P(x)$ , iff it's greater than 1 and it isn't the product of two non-unity numbers.”  

$$\forall x (P(x) \leftrightarrow (x>1 \wedge \neg \exists yz \ x=yz \wedge y \neq 1 \wedge z \neq 1))$$

## Goldbach's Conjecture (unproven)

Using  $E(x)$  and  $P(x)$  from previous slide,

$$\forall E(x>2): \exists P(p), P(q): p+q = x$$

or, with more explicit notation:

$$\forall x [x>2 \wedge E(x)] \rightarrow$$

$$\exists p \exists q P(p) \wedge P(q) \wedge p+q = x.$$

“Every even number greater than 2 is the sum of two primes.”

## Deduction Example

- Definitions:
  - $s$   $\equiv$  Socrates (ancient Greek philosopher);
  - $H(x)$   $\equiv$  “x is human”;
  - $M(x)$   $\equiv$  “x is mortal”.
- Premises:
  - $H(s)$  *Socrates is human.*
  - $\forall x H(x) \rightarrow M(x)$  *All humans are mortal.*

**Prove, Socrates is mortal!!**

## Deduction Example Continued

Some valid conclusions you can draw:

- $H(s) \rightarrow M(s)$  **[Instantiate universal.]** *If Socrates is human then he is mortal.*
- $\neg H(s) \vee M(s)$  *Socrates is inhuman or mortal.*
- $H(s) \wedge (\neg H(s) \vee M(s))$  *Socrates is human, and also either inhuman or mortal.*
- $(H(s) \wedge \neg H(s)) \vee (H(s) \wedge M(s))$  **[Apply distributive law.]**
- $\mathbf{F} \vee (H(s) \wedge M(s))$  **[Trivial contradiction.]**
- $H(s) \wedge M(s)$  **[Use identity law.]**
- $M(s)$  *Socrates is mortal.*

## Another Example

- Definitions:  $H(x) \equiv$  “ $x$  is human”;  
 $M(x) \equiv$  “ $x$  is mortal”;  $G(x) \equiv$  “ $x$  is a god”
- Premises:
  - $\forall x H(x) \rightarrow M(x)$  (“Humans are mortal”) and
  - $\forall x G(x) \rightarrow \neg M(x)$  (“Gods are immortal”).
- Show that  $\neg \exists x (H(x) \wedge G(x))$   
 (“No human is a god.”)

## Summary

- From these sections you should have learned:
  - Predicate logic notation & conventions
  - Conversions: predicate logic  $\leftrightarrow$  clear English
  - Meaning of quantifiers, equivalences
  - Simple reasoning with quantifiers
- Upcoming topics:
  - Introduction to proof-writing.
  - Then: Set theory –
    - a language for talking about collections of objects.