

CompSci 102

Discrete Math for Computer Science

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Announcements

- Read for next time Chap. 1.4-1.6
- Recitation 1 is tomorrow
- Homework will be posted by Friday
- Today more logic

Classwork problem from last time

Each inhabitant of a remote village always tells the truth or always lies. A villager will only give "yes" or "no" response to a question a tourist asks.

Suppose you are a tourist visiting this area and come to a fork in the road. One branch leads to the ruins you want to visit; the other leads deep into the jungle.

A villager is standing at the fork in the road. What one question can you ask the villager to determine which branch to take?

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If p or q then not r .

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

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One Solution: Let a , c , and f represent respectively “You can access the internet from campus,” “You are a computer science major,” and “You are a freshman.”

$$a \rightarrow (c \vee \neg f)$$

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Solution: Let p denote “The diagnostic message is not stored in the buffer.” Let q denote “The diagnostic message is retransmitted” The specification can be written as: $p \vee q, p \rightarrow q, \neg p$. When p is false and q is true all three statements are true. So the specification is consistent.

- What if “The diagnostic message is not retransmitted is added.”

Solution: Now we are adding $\neg q$ and there is no satisfying assignment. So the specification is not consistent.

Logic Puzzles



Raymond
Smullyan
(Born
1919)

- An island has two kinds of inhabitants, *knights*, who always tell the truth, and *knaves*, who always lie.
- You go to the island and meet A and B.
 - A says “The two of us are both knights”
 - B says “A is a Knave.”

Example: What are the types of A and B?

Tautologies, Contradictions, and Contingencies

- A tautology is a proposition which is always true.
 - Example: $p \vee \neg p$
- A *contradiction* is a proposition which is always false.
 - Example: $p \wedge \neg p$
- A *contingency* is a proposition which is neither a tautology nor a contradiction, such as p

p	$\neg p$	$p \vee \neg p$	$p \wedge \neg p$
T	F	T	F
F	T	T	F

Logically Equivalent

- Two compound propositions p and q are logically equivalent if $p \leftrightarrow q$ is a tautology.
- We write this as $p \Leftrightarrow q$ or as $p \equiv q$ where p and q are compound propositions.
- Two compound propositions p and q are equivalent if and only if the columns in a truth table giving their truth values agree.
- This truth table show $\neg p \vee q$ is equivalent to $p \rightarrow q$.

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

De Morgan's Laws



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

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

Augustus De
Morgan 1806-
1871

This truth table shows that De Morgan's Second Law holds.

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

Key Logical Equivalences

- Identity Laws: $p \wedge T \equiv p$ $p \vee F \equiv p$
- Domination Laws: $p \vee T \equiv T$ $p \wedge F \equiv F$
- Idempotent laws: $p \vee p \equiv p$ $p \wedge p \equiv p$
- Double Negation Law: $\neg(\neg p) \equiv p$
- Negation Laws: $p \vee \neg p \equiv T$ $p \wedge \neg p \equiv F$

Key Logical Equivalences (*cont*)

- Commutative Laws: $p \vee q \equiv q \vee p$, $p \wedge q \equiv q \wedge p$
- Associative Laws: $(p \wedge q) \wedge r \equiv p \wedge (q \wedge r)$
 $(p \vee q) \vee r \equiv p \vee (q \vee r)$
- Distributive Laws: $(p \vee (q \wedge r)) \equiv (p \vee q) \wedge (p \vee r)$
 $(p \wedge (q \vee r)) \equiv (p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge r)$
- Absorption Laws: $p \vee (p \wedge q) \equiv p$ $p \wedge (p \vee q) \equiv p$

More Logical Equivalences

TABLE 7 Logical Equivalences Involving Conditional Statements.

$$p \rightarrow q \equiv \neg p \vee q$$

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$$p \vee q \equiv \neg p \rightarrow q$$

$$p \wedge q \equiv \neg(p \rightarrow \neg q)$$

$$\neg(p \rightarrow q) \equiv p \wedge \neg q$$

$$(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (p \rightarrow r) \equiv p \rightarrow (q \wedge r)$$

$$(p \rightarrow r) \wedge (q \rightarrow r) \equiv (p \vee q) \rightarrow r$$

$$(p \rightarrow q) \vee (p \rightarrow r) \equiv p \rightarrow (q \vee r)$$

$$(p \rightarrow r) \vee (q \rightarrow r) \equiv (p \wedge q) \rightarrow r$$

TABLE 8 Logical Equivalences Involving Biconditional Statements.

$$p \leftrightarrow q \equiv (p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow p)$$

$$p \leftrightarrow q \equiv \neg p \leftrightarrow \neg q$$

$$p \leftrightarrow q \equiv (p \wedge q) \vee (\neg p \wedge \neg q)$$

$$\neg(p \leftrightarrow q) \equiv p \leftrightarrow \neg q$$

Constructing New Logical Equivalences

- We can show that two expressions are logically equivalent by developing a series of logically equivalent statements.
- To prove that $A \equiv B$ we produce a series of equivalences beginning with A and ending with B.

$$\begin{array}{c} A \equiv A_1 \\ \vdots \\ A_n \equiv B \end{array}$$

- Keep in mind that whenever a proposition (represented by a propositional variable) occurs in the equivalences listed earlier, it may be replaced by an arbitrarily complex compound proposition.

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$\neg(p \vee (\neg p \wedge q))$	\equiv	$\neg p \wedge \neg(\neg p \wedge q)$	by the second De Morgan law
	\equiv	$\neg p \wedge [\neg(\neg p) \vee \neg q]$	by the first De Morgan law
	\equiv	$\neg p \wedge (p \vee \neg q)$	by the double negation law
	\equiv	$(\neg p \wedge p) \vee (\neg p \wedge \neg q)$	by the second distributive law
	\equiv	$F \vee (\neg p \wedge \neg q)$	because $\neg p \wedge p \equiv F$
	\equiv	$(\neg p \wedge \neg q) \vee F$	by the commutative law for disjunction
	\equiv	$(\neg p \wedge \neg q)$	by the identity law for F

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$(p \wedge q) \rightarrow (p \vee q)$	\equiv	$\neg(p \wedge q) \vee (p \vee q)$	by truth table for \rightarrow
	\equiv	$(\neg p \vee \neg q) \vee (p \vee q)$	by the first De Morgan law
	\equiv	$(\neg p \vee p) \vee (\neg p \vee \neg q)$	by associative and commutative laws
			laws for disjunction
	\equiv	$T \vee T$	by truth tables
	\equiv	T	by the domination law

Propositional Satisfiability

- A compound proposition is *satisfiable* if there is an assignment of truth values to its variables that make it true. When no such assignments exist, the compound proposition is *unsatisfiable*.
- A compound proposition is unsatisfiable if and only if its negation is a tautology.

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Example: Determine the satisfiability of the following compound propositions:

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

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

Solution: Satisfiable. Assign **T** to p and **F** to q .

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

Solution: Not satisfiable. Check each possible assignment of truth values to the propositional variables and none will make the proposition true.

Satisfiability problem

- First CS problem to be shown NP-Complete
 - Problems that take too much time to solve....
 - Cook 1971
 - Math professor at UC Berkeley – now U Toronto
- Start of the area: Complexity theory
- Many problems now shown NP-Complete

Notation

$\bigvee_{j=1}^n p_j$ is used for $p_1 \vee p_2 \vee \dots \vee p_n$

$\bigwedge_{j=1}^n p_j$ is used for $p_1 \wedge p_2 \wedge \dots \wedge p_n$

Needed for the next
example.

Sudoku

- A **Sudoku puzzle** is represented by a 9×9 grid made up of nine 3×3 subgrids, known as **blocks**. Some of the 81 cells of the puzzle are assigned one of the numbers 1, 2, ..., 9.
- The puzzle is solved by assigning numbers to each blank cell so that every row, column and block contains each of the nine possible numbers.
- Example

	2	9				4		
			5			1		
	4							
				4	2			
6							7	
5								
7			3					5
	1			9				
							6	

Encoding as a Satisfiability Problem

- Let $p(i,j,n)$ denote the proposition that is true when the number n is in the cell in the i th row and the j th column.
- There are $9 \times 9 \times 9 = 729$ such propositions.
- In the sample puzzle $p(5,1,6)$ is true, but $p(5,j,6)$ is false for $j = 2,3,\dots,9$

Encoding (cont)

- For each cell with a given value, assert $p(d,j,n)$, when the cell in row i and column j has the given value.
- Assert that every row contains every number.

$$\bigwedge_{i=1}^9 \bigwedge_{n=1}^9 \bigvee_{j=1}^9 p(i, j, n)$$

- Assert that every column contains every number.

$$\bigwedge_{j=1}^9 \bigwedge_{n=1}^9 \bigvee_{i=1}^9 p(i, j, n)$$

Encoding (cont)

- Assert that each of the 3 x 3 blocks contain every number. $\bigwedge_{r=0}^2 \bigwedge_{s=0}^2 \bigwedge_{n=1}^9 \bigwedge_{i=1}^3 \bigvee_{j=1}^3 p(3r + i, 3s + j, n)$
- Assert that no cell contains more than one number. Take the conjunction over all values of n, n', i , and j , where each variable ranges from 1 to 9 and $n \neq n'$,
of $p(i, j, n) \rightarrow \neg p(i, j, n')$

Solving Satisfiability Problems

- To solve a Sudoku puzzle, we need to find an assignment of truth values to the 729 variables of the form $p(i,j,n)$ that makes the conjunction of the assertions true. Those variables that are assigned T yield a solution to the puzzle.
- A truth table can always be used to determine the satisfiability of a compound proposition. But this is too complex even for modern computers for large problems.
- There has been much work on developing efficient methods for solving satisfiability problems as many practical problems can be translated into satisfiability problems.

Propositional Logic Not Enough

- If we have:
 - “All men are mortal.”
 - “Socrates is a man.”
- Does it follow that “Socrates is mortal?”
- Can’t be represented in propositional logic.
Need a language that talks about objects, their properties, and their relations.
- Later we’ll see how to draw inferences.

Introducing Predicate Logic

- Predicate logic uses the following new features:
 - Variables: x, y, z
 - Predicates: $P(x), M(x)$
 - Quantifiers (*to be covered in a few slides*):
- *Propositional functions* are a generalization of propositions.
 - They contain variables and a predicate, e.g., $P(x)$
 - Variables can be replaced by elements from their *domain*.

Propositional Functions

- Propositional functions become propositions (and have truth values) when their variables are each replaced by a value from the *domain* (or *bound* by a quantifier, as we will see later).
- The statement $P(x)$ is said to be the value of the propositional function P at x .
- For example, let $P(x)$ denote “ $x > 0$ ” and the domain be the integers. Then:
 - $P(-3)$ is false.
 - $P(0)$ is false.
 - $P(3)$ is true.
- Often the domain is denoted by U . So in this example U is the integers.

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- Let “ $x + y = z$ ” be denoted by $R(x, y, z)$ and U (for all three variables) be the integers. Find these truth values:

$R(2, -1, 5)$

$R(3, 4, 7)$

$R(x, 3, z)$

- Now let “ $x - y = z$ ” be denoted by $Q(x, y, z)$, with U as the integers. Find these truth values:

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- Connectives from propositional logic carry over to predicate logic.
- If $P(x)$ denotes “ $x > 0$,” find these truth values:
 $P(3) \vee P(-1)$
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Quantifiers



Charles Peirce (1839-1914)

- We need *quantifiers* to express the meaning of English words including *all* and *some*:
 - “All men are Mortal.”
 - “Some cats do not have fur.”
- The two most important quantifiers are:
 - *Universal Quantifier*, “For all,” symbol: \forall
 - *Existential Quantifier*, “There exists,” symbol: \exists
- We write as in $\forall x P(x)$ and $\exists x P(x)$.
- $\forall x P(x)$ asserts $P(x)$ is true for every x in the *domain*.
- $\exists x P(x)$ asserts $P(x)$ is true for some x in the *domain*.
- The quantifiers are said to bind the variable x in these expressions.

Universal Quantifier

$\forall x P(x)$ is read as “For all x , $P(x)$ ” or “For every x , $P(x)$ ”

Examples:

- 1) If $P(x)$ denotes “ $x > 0$ ” and U is the integers, then $\forall x P(x)$ is false.
- 2) If $P(x)$ denotes “ $x > 0$ ” and U is the positive integers, then $\forall x P(x)$ is true.
- 3) If $P(x)$ denotes “ x is even” and U is the integers, then $\forall x P(x)$ is false.

Existential Quantifier

- $\exists x P(x)$ is read as “For some x , $P(x)$ ”, or as “There is an x such that $P(x)$,” or “For at least one x , $P(x)$.”

Examples:

1. If $P(x)$ denotes “ $x > 0$ ” and U is the integers, then $\exists x P(x)$ is true. It is also true if U is the positive integers.
2. If $P(x)$ denotes “ $x < 0$ ” and U is the positive integers, then $\exists x P(x)$ is false.
3. If $P(x)$ denotes “ x is even” and U is the integers, then $\exists x P(x)$ is true.

Uniqueness Quantifier

- $\exists!x P(x)$ means that $P(x)$ is true for one and only one x in the universe of discourse.
- This is commonly expressed in English in the following equivalent ways:
 - “There is a unique x such that $P(x)$.”
 - “There is one and only one x such that $P(x)$ ”
- Examples:
 1. If $P(x)$ denotes “ $x + 1 = 0$ ” and U is the integers, then $\exists!x P(x)$ is true.
 2. But if $P(x)$ denotes “ $x > 0$,” then $\exists!x P(x)$ is false.
- The uniqueness quantifier is not really needed as the restriction that there is a unique x such that $P(x)$ can be expressed as:

$$\exists x (P(x) \wedge \forall y (P(y) \rightarrow y=x))$$

Thinking about Quantifiers

- When the domain of discourse is finite, we can think of quantification as looping through the elements of the domain.
- To evaluate $\forall x P(x)$ loop through all x in the domain.
 - If at every step $P(x)$ is true, then $\forall x P(x)$ is true.
 - If at a step $P(x)$ is false, then $\forall x P(x)$ is false and the loop terminates.
- To evaluate $\exists x P(x)$ loop through all x in the domain.
 - If at some step, $P(x)$ is true, then $\exists x P(x)$ is true and the loop terminates.
 - If the loop ends without finding an x for which $P(x)$ is true, then $\exists x P(x)$ is false.
- Even if the domains are infinite, we can still think of the quantifiers this fashion, but the loops will not terminate in some cases.

Properties of Quantifiers

- The truth value of $\exists x P(x)$ and $\forall x P(x)$ depend on both the propositional function $P(x)$ and on the domain U .
- **Examples:**
 1. If U is the positive integers and $P(x)$ is the statement “ $x < 2$ ”, then $\exists x P(x)$ is true, but $\forall x P(x)$ is false.
 2. If U is the negative integers and $P(x)$ is the statement “ $x < 2$ ”, then both $\exists x P(x)$ and $\forall x P(x)$ are true.
 3. If U consists of 3, 4, and 5, and $P(x)$ is the statement “ $x > 2$ ”, then both $\exists x P(x)$ and $\forall x P(x)$ are true.
But if $P(x)$ is the statement “ $x < 2$ ”, then both $\exists x P(x)$ and $\forall x P(x)$ are false.

Precedence of Quantifiers

- The quantifiers \forall and \exists have higher precedence than all the logical operators.
- For example, $\forall x P(x) \vee Q(x)$ means $(\forall x P(x)) \vee Q(x)$
- $\forall x (P(x) \vee Q(x))$ means something different.
- Unfortunately, often people write $\forall x P(x) \vee Q(x)$ when they mean $\forall x (P(x) \vee Q(x))$.

Translating from English to Logic

Example 1: Translate the following sentence into predicate logic: “Every student in this class has taken a course in Java.”

Solution:

First decide on the domain U .

Solution 1: If U is all students in this class, define a propositional function $J(x)$ denoting “ x has taken a course in Java” and translate as $\forall x J(x)$.

Solution 2: But if U is all people, also define a propositional function $S(x)$ denoting “ x is a student in this class” and translate as $\forall x (S(x) \rightarrow J(x))$.

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Returning to the Socrates Example

- Introduce the propositional functions $Man(x)$ denoting “ x is a man” and $Mortal(x)$ denoting “ x is mortal.” Specify the domain as all people.
- The two premises are: $\forall x Man(x) \rightarrow Mortal(x)$
 $Man(Socrates)$
- The conclusion is: $Mortal(Socrates)$

Equivalences in Predicate Logic

- Statements involving predicates and quantifiers are *logically equivalent* if and only if they have the same truth value
 - for every predicate substituted into these statements and
 - for every domain of discourse used for the variables in the expressions.
- The notation $S \equiv T$ indicates that S and T are logically equivalent.
- **Example:** $\forall x \neg \neg S(x) \equiv \forall x S(x)$

Thinking about Quantifiers as Conjunctions and Disjunctions

- If the domain is finite, a universally quantified proposition is equivalent to a conjunction of propositions without quantifiers and an existentially quantified proposition is equivalent to a disjunction of propositions without quantifiers.
- If U consists of the integers 1,2, and 3:

$$\forall x P(x) \equiv P(1) \wedge P(2) \wedge P(3)$$

$$\exists x P(x) \equiv P(1) \vee P(2) \vee P(3)$$

- Even if the domains are infinite, you can still think of the quantifiers in this fashion, but the equivalent expressions without quantifiers will be infinitely long.

Negating Quantified Expressions

- Consider $\forall x J(x)$
“Every student in your class has taken a course in Java.”
Here $J(x)$ is “x has taken a course in calculus” and
the domain is students in your class.
- Negating the original statement gives “It is not the
case that every student in your class has taken Java.”
This implies that “There is a student in your class
who has not taken calculus.”
Symbolically $\neg \forall x J(x)$ and $\exists x \neg J(x)$ are
equivalent

Negating Quantified Expressions (*continued*)

- Now Consider $\exists x J(x)$
“There is a student in this class who has taken a course in Java.”
Where $J(x)$ is “x has taken a course in Java.”
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De Morgan's Laws for Quantifiers

- The rules for negating quantifiers are:

TABLE 2 De Morgan's Laws for Quantifiers.			
<i>Negation</i>	<i>Equivalent Statement</i>	<i>When Is Negation True?</i>	<i>When False?</i>
$\neg \exists x P(x)$	$\forall x \neg P(x)$	For every x , $P(x)$ is false.	There is an x for which $P(x)$ is true.
$\neg \forall x P(x)$	$\exists x \neg P(x)$	There is an x for which $P(x)$ is false.	$P(x)$ is true for every x .

- The reasoning in the table shows that:

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

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

- These are important. You will use these.

Some Fun with Translating from English into Logical Expressions

- $U = \{\text{fleegles, snurds, thingamabobs}\}$

$F(x)$: x is a fleegle

$S(x)$: x is a snurd

$T(x)$: x is a thingamabob

Translate “Everything is a fleegle”

Solution: $\forall x F(x)$

Translation (cont)

- $U = \{\text{fleegles, snurds, thingamabobs}\}$

$F(x)$: x is a fleegle

$S(x)$: x is a snurd

$T(x)$: x is a thingamabob

“Nothing is a snurd.”

Solution: $\neg \exists x S(x)$ What is this equivalent to?

Solution: $\forall x \neg S(x)$

Translation (cont)

- $U = \{\text{fleegles, snurds, thingamabobs}\}$

$F(x)$: x is a fleegle

$S(x)$: x is a snurd

$T(x)$: x is a thingamabob

“All fleegles are snurds.”

Solution: $\forall x (F(x) \rightarrow S(x))$

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“Some fleegles are thingamabobs.”

Solution: $\exists x (F(x) \wedge T(x))$

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“No snurd is a thingamabob.”

Solution: $\neg \exists x (S(x) \wedge T(x))$ What is this equivalent to?

Solution: $\forall x (\neg S(x) \vee \neg T(x))$

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“If any fleegle is a snurd then it is also a thingamabob.”

Solution: $\forall x ((F(x) \wedge S(x)) \rightarrow T(x))$