

# CS70: Discrete Math and Probability.

First (half) week...

Almost Done! Yaay!

I hope you are getting into the flow.

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Waitlist/concurrent enrollment.

Waitlist: in the past have gotten people in.

Can't promise.

Concurrent Enrollment: not always accomodated.

New scheme this year makes it easier.

Keep up, send email to [fa17@eecs.org](mailto:fa17@eecs.org) to get enrolled in gradescope, etc.

# Last Time: The Language of Proofs.

Propositions: Statements that are true or false.

$$3 > 2.$$

Propositional Forms.

$$P \vee Q, P \wedge Q, \neg P, P \implies Q$$

Truth Tables/Logical Equivalence.

$$\neg P \vee Q \equiv P \implies Q.$$

$$\neg Q \implies \neg P \equiv P \implies Q.$$

Predicates:

Statements with free variables whose values determine truth.

$$P(x) = 'x > 2.$$

Quantifiers:

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{N}, x > 2.$$

$$\exists x \in \mathbb{N}, x > 2.$$

Universe:

The milky way. Kidding. Just trying to keep everyone awake.

$$\mathbb{N}, \mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{R}, \dots$$

## Back to: Wason's experiment:1

Theory: "If a person travels to Chicago, he/she flies."

Suppose you see that Alice went to Baltimore, Bob drove, Charlie went to Chicago, and Donna flew.

Which cards do you need to flip to test the theory?

$P(x)$  = "Person  $x$  went to Chicago."     $Q(x)$  = "Person  $x$  flew"

Statement/theory:  $\forall x \in \{A, B, C, D\}, P(x) \implies Q(x)$

$P(A)$  = **False** . Do we care about  $Q(A)$ ?

No.  $P(A) \implies Q(A)$ , when  $P(A)$  is **False** ,  $Q(A)$  can be anything.

$Q(B)$  = **False** . Do we care about  $P(B)$ ?

Yes.  $P(B) \implies Q(B) \equiv \neg Q(B) \implies \neg P(B)$ .

So  $P(\text{Bob})$  must be **False** .

$P(C)$  = **True** . Do we care about  $Q(C)$ ?

Yes.  $P(C) \implies Q(C)$  means  $Q(C)$  must be true.

$Q(D)$  = **True** . Do we care about  $P(D)$ ?

No.  $P(D) \implies Q(D)$  holds whatever  $P(D)$  is when  $Q(D)$  is true.

Only have to turn over cards for Bob and Charlie.

## More for all quantifiers examples.

- ▶ “doubling a number always makes it larger”

$$(\forall x \in \mathbb{N}) (2x > x) \quad \text{False} \quad \text{Consider } x = 0$$

Can fix statement...

$$(\forall x \in \mathbb{N}) (2x \geq x) \quad \text{True}$$

- ▶ “Square of any natural number greater than 5 is greater than 25.”

$$(\forall x \in \mathbb{N})(x > 5 \implies x^2 > 25).$$

Idea alert: Restrict domain using implication.

Note that we may omit universe if clear from context.

## Quantifiers..not commutative.

- ▶ In English: “there is a natural number that is the square of every natural number”.

$$(\exists y \in \mathcal{N}) (\forall x \in \mathcal{N}) (y = x^2) \quad \text{False}$$

- ▶ In English: “the square of every natural number is a natural number.”

$$(\forall x \in \mathcal{N})(\exists y \in \mathcal{N}) (y = x^2) \quad \text{True}$$

# Quantifiers...negation...DeMorgan again.

Consider

$$\neg(\forall x \in S)(P(x)),$$

English: there is an  $x$  in  $S$  where  $P(x)$  does not hold.

That is,

$$\neg(\forall x \in S)(P(x)) \iff \exists(x \in S)(\neg P(x)).$$

What we do in this course! We consider claims.

**Claim:**  $(\forall x) P(x)$  “For all inputs  $x$  the program works.”

For **False**, find  $x$ , where  $\neg P(x)$ .

Counterexample.

Bad input.

Case that illustrates bug.

For **True**: prove claim! What we do in this course!

## Negation of exists.

Consider

$$\neg(\exists x \in S)(P(x))$$

English: means that for all  $x$  in  $S$ ,  $P(x)$  does not hold.

That is,

$$\neg(\exists x \in S)(P(x)) \iff \forall(x \in S)\neg P(x).$$

# Which Theorem?

Theorem:  $(\forall n \in \mathbb{N}) \neg((\exists a, b, c \in \mathbb{N}) (n \geq 3 \implies a^n + b^n = c^n))$

Which Theorem?

Fermat's Last Theorem!

Remember Special Triangles:

for  $n = 2$ , we have 3,4,5 and 5,7, 12 and ...

1637: Proof doesn't fit in the margins.

1993: Wiles ...(based in part on Ribet's Theorem)

Movie – “Nova: The Proof.”

DeMorgan Restatement:

Theorem:  $\neg(\exists n \in \mathbb{N}) (\exists a, b, c \in \mathbb{N}) (n \geq 3 \implies a^n + b^n = c^n)$



## Summary.

Propositions are statements that are true or false.

Propositional forms use  $\wedge, \vee, \neg$ .

Propositional forms correspond to truth tables.

Logical equivalence of forms means same truth tables.

Implication:  $P \implies Q \iff \neg P \vee Q$ .

Contrapositive:  $\neg Q \implies \neg P$

Converse:  $Q \implies P$

Predicates: Statements with “free” variables.

Quantifiers:  $\forall x P(x), \exists y Q(y)$

Now can state theorems! And disprove false ones!

DeMorgans Laws: “Flip and Distribute negation”

$$\neg(P \vee Q) \iff (\neg P \wedge \neg Q)$$

$$\neg \forall x P(x) \iff \exists x \neg P(x).$$

A bit dry...

Why?

From the language of Proofs...

to  
Proofs.

# Yaay!

And now: Proofs!!!

1. By Example.
2. Direct. (Prove  $P \implies Q$ .)
3. by Contraposition (Prove  $P \implies Q$ )
4. by Contradiction (Prove  $P$ .)
5. by Cases

## Quick Background and Notation.

Integers closed under addition.

$$a, b \in \mathbb{Z} \implies a + b \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$a|b$  means “a divides b”.

2|4? Yes! Since for  $q = 2$ ,  $4 = (2)2$ .

7|23? No! No  $q$  where true.

4|2? No!

Formally:  $a|b \iff \exists q \in \mathbb{Z}$  where  $b = aq$ .

3|15 since for  $q = 5$ ,  $15 = 3(5)$ .

A natural number  $p > 1$ , is **prime** if it is divisible only by 1 and itself.

# Direct Proof.

**Theorem:** For any  $a, b, c \in Z$ , if  $a|b$  and  $a|c$  then  $a|(b - c)$ .

**Proof:** Assume  $a|b$  and  $a|c$

$$b = aq \text{ and } c = aq' \text{ where } q, q' \in Z$$

$$b - c = aq - aq' = a(q - q') \text{ Done?}$$

$(b - c) = a(q - q')$  and  $(q - q')$  is an integer so

$$a|(b - c)$$



Works for  $\forall a, b, c$ ?

Argument applies to *every*  $a, b, c \in Z$ .

Direct Proof Form:

Goal:  $P \implies Q$

Assume  $P$ .

...

Therefore  $Q$ .

## Another direct proof.

Let  $D_3$  be the 3 digit natural numbers.

Theorem: For  $n \in D_3$ , if the alternating sum of digits of  $n$  is divisible by 11, than  $11|n$ .

$$\forall n \in D_3, (11 | \text{alt. sum of digits of } n) \implies 11 | n$$

Examples:

$n = 121$  Alt Sum:  $1 - 2 + 1 = 0$ . Divis. by 11. As is 121.

$n = 605$  Alt Sum:  $6 - 0 + 5 = 11$  Divis. by 11. As is  $605 = 11(55)$

**Proof:** For  $n \in D_3$ ,  $n = 100a + 10b + c$ , for some  $a, b, c$ .

Assume: Alt. sum:  $a - b + c = 11k$  for some integer  $k$ .

Add  $99a + 11b$  to both sides.

$$100a + 10b + c = 11k + 99a + 11b = 11(k + 9a + b)$$

Left hand side is  $n$ ,  $k + 9a + b$  is integer.  $\implies 11|n$ . □

Direct proof of  $P \implies Q$ :

Assumed  $P$ :  $11|a - b + c$ . Proved  $Q$ :  $11|n$ .

# The Converse

Thm:  $\forall n \in D_3, (11 | \text{alt. sum of digits of } n) \implies 11 | n$

Is converse a theorem?

$\forall n \in D_3, (11 | n) \implies (11 | \text{alt. sum of digits of } n)$

Yes? No?

## Another Direct Proof.

Theorem:  $\forall n \in D_3, (11|n) \implies (11|\text{alt. sum of digits of } n)$

**Proof:** Assume  $11|n$ .

$$n = 100a + 10b + c = 11k \implies$$

$$99a + 11b + (a - b + c) = 11k \implies$$

$$a - b + c = 11k - 99a - 11b \implies$$

$$a - b + c = 11(k - 9a - b) \implies$$

$$a - b + c = 11\ell \text{ where } \ell = (k - 9a - b) \in \mathbb{Z}$$

That is  $11|\text{alternating sum of digits}$ . □

Note: similar proof to other. In this case every  $\implies$  is  $\iff$

Often works with arithmetic properties ...

...**not** when multiplying by 0.

We have.

Theorem:  $\forall n \in N', (11|\text{alt. sum of digits of } n) \iff (11|n)$



# Proof by Contraposition

Thm: For  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  and  $d|n$ . If  $n$  is odd then  $d$  is odd.

$n = 2k + 1$  what do we know about  $d$ ?

What to do? Is it **even** true?

Hey, that rhymes ...and there is a pun ... colored blue.  
Anyway, what to do?

Goal: Prove  $P \implies Q$ .

Assume  $\neg Q$

...and prove  $\neg P$ .

Conclusion:  $\neg Q \implies \neg P$  equivalent to  $P \implies Q$ .

**Proof:** Assume  $\neg Q$ :  $d$  is even.  $d = 2k$ .

$d|n$  so we have

$$n = qd = q(2k) = 2(kq)$$

$n$  is even.  $\neg P$



## Another Contraposition...

**Lemma:** For every  $n$  in  $N$ ,  $n^2$  is even  $\implies n$  is even. ( $P \implies Q$ )

$n^2$  is even,  $n^2 = 2k$ , ...  $\sqrt{2k}$  even?

**Proof by contraposition:** ( $P \implies Q$ )  $\equiv$  ( $\neg Q \implies \neg P$ )

$P =$  ' $n^2$  is even.' .....  $\neg P =$  ' $n^2$  is odd'

$Q =$  ' $n$  is even' .....  $\neg Q =$  ' $n$  is odd'

Prove  $\neg Q \implies \neg P$ :  $n$  is odd  $\implies n^2$  is odd.

$$n = 2k + 1$$

$$n^2 = 4k^2 + 4k + 1 = 2(2k^2 + 2k) + 1.$$

$n^2 = 2l + 1$  where  $l$  is a natural number..

... and  $n^2$  is odd!

$\neg Q \implies \neg P$  so  $P \implies Q$  and ...



## Proof by contradiction: form

**Theorem:**  $\sqrt{2}$  is irrational.

Must show: For every  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $(\frac{a}{b})^2 \neq 2$ .

A simple property (equality) should always “not” hold.

Proof by contradiction:

**Theorem:**  $P$ .

$$\neg P \implies P_1 \cdots \implies R$$

$$\neg P \implies Q_1 \cdots \implies \neg R$$

$$\neg P \implies R \wedge \neg R \equiv \text{False}$$

$$\neg P \implies \text{False}$$

Contrapositive: **True**  $\implies P$ . Theorem  $P$  is proven.



# Contradiction

**Theorem:**  $\sqrt{2}$  is irrational.

Assume  $\neg P$ :  $\sqrt{2} = a/b$  for  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Reduced form:  **$a$  and  $b$  have no common factors.**

$$\sqrt{2}b = a$$

$$2b^2 = a^2 = 4k^2$$

$a^2$  is even  $\implies a$  is even.

$a = 2k$  for some integer  $k$

$$b^2 = 2k^2$$

$b^2$  is even  $\implies b$  is even.

**$a$  and  $b$  have a common factor.** Contradiction.



## Proof by contradiction: example

**Theorem:** There are infinitely many primes.

**Proof:**

- ▶ Assume finitely many primes:  $p_1, \dots, p_k$ .
- ▶ Consider number

$$q = (p_1 \times p_2 \times \dots \times p_k) + 1.$$

- ▶  $q$  cannot be one of the primes as it is larger than any  $p_i$ .
- ▶  $q$  has prime divisor  $p$  (" $p > 1$ " =  $\mathbb{R}$ ) which is one of  $p_i$ .
- ▶  $p$  divides both  $x = p_1 \cdot p_2 \cdot \dots \cdot p_k$  and  $q$ , and divides  $x - q$ ,
- ▶  $\implies p|x - q \implies p \leq x - q = 1$ . or  $p|1$ .
- ▶ so  $p \leq 1$ . (**Contradicts  $\mathbb{R}$ .**)

The original assumption that "the theorem is false" is false, thus the theorem is proven.



## Product of first $k$ primes..

Did we prove?

- ▶ “The product of the first  $k$  primes plus 1 is prime.”
- ▶ No.
- ▶ The chain of reasoning started with a false statement.

Consider example..

- ▶  $2 \times 3 \times 5 \times 7 \times 11 \times 13 + 1 = 30031 = 59 \times 509$
- ▶ There is a prime *in between* 13 and  $q = 30031$  that divides  $q$ .
- ▶ Proof assumed no primes *in between*  $p_k$  and  $q$ .

And...

Happy Friday!

Enjoy your weekend...

...and take care.