Discrete Mathematics for Computer Science

Lecture 2: Propositional and Predicate Logic

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Question from Students: Precedence of Logical Operators

1. negation $\neg$
2. conjunction $\wedge$
3. disjunction $\vee$
4. implication $\rightarrow$
5. biconditional $\leftrightarrow$

How about exclusive or $\oplus$?

- I did not find the answer.
- People usually do not use operator $\oplus$
- $p \oplus q = (p \vee q) \wedge \neg(p \wedge q)$

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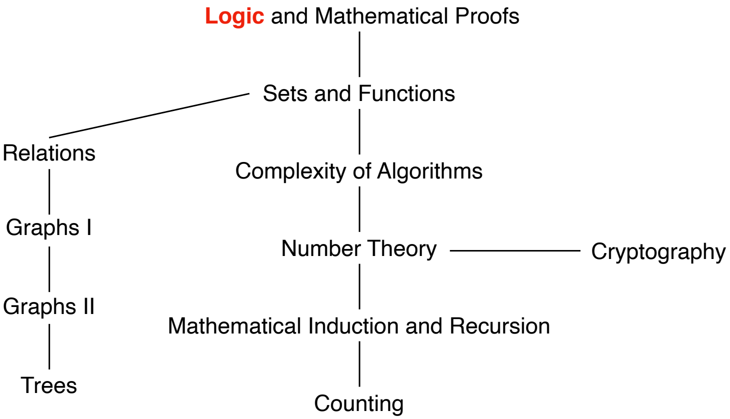

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Tautology and Contradiction

- Tautology: A compound proposition that is always true, no matter what the truth values of the propositional variables that occur in it.
- Contradiction: A compound proposition that is always false.
- Contingency: A compound proposition that is neither a tautology nor a contradiction.

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De Morgan's Laws

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Important 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*
  - $p \vee p \equiv p$
  - $p \wedge p \equiv p$

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- *Double negation laws*
  - $\neg(\neg p) \equiv p$
- *Commutative laws*
  - $p \vee q \equiv q \vee p$
  - $p \wedge q \equiv q \wedge p$
- *Associative laws*
  - $(p \vee q) \vee r \equiv p \vee (q \vee r)$
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- *Distributive laws*
  - $p \vee (q \wedge r) \equiv (p \vee q) \wedge (p \vee r)$
  - $p \wedge (q \vee r) \equiv (p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge r)$
- *De Morgan's laws*
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- *Others*
  - $p \vee (p \wedge q) \equiv p$
  - $p \wedge (p \vee q) \equiv p$

    Absorption laws
  - $p \vee \neg p \equiv T$
  - $p \wedge \neg p \equiv F$

    Negation laws
  - $p \rightarrow q \equiv \neg p \vee q$ *Useful law*

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- Predicates: $P(x)$: $x^2 \geq 0$
- Quantifiers: For all integer x, we have $x^2 \geq 0$.

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Solution: Predicates and Quantifiers

- $P(x)$: Computer x is functioning properly.
- $\forall x P(x)$: $P(x)$ holds for all computer x in Room 101.
- Universal quantifier, existential quantifier

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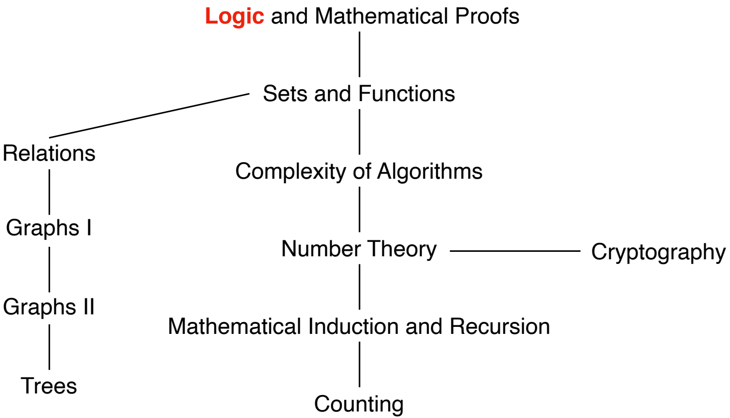

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Example: x is greater than 3

- Variable x
- Predicate P: "is greater than 3"
- Propositional function $P(x)$: the truth value of P at x

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Summary of Quantified Statements

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$\exists x\ P(x)$	There is some x for which P(x) is true.	P(x) is false for all x.

Suppose that the elements in the domain can be enumerated as $x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n$ then:

- $\forall x P(x)$ is true whenever $P(x_1) \wedge P(x_2) \wedge \ldots \wedge P(x_n)$ is true.
- $\exists x P(x)$ is true whenever $P(x_1) \vee P(x_2) \vee \ldots \vee P(x_n)$ is true.

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Precedence of Proposition and Quantifiers

Operator	*Precedence*
$\neg$	1
$\wedge$ $\vee$	2 3
$\rightarrow$ $\leftrightarrow$	4 5

- $\neg p \wedge q$ means $(\neg p) \wedge q$ rather than $\neg(p \wedge q)$
- $p \wedge q \vee r$ means $(p \wedge q) \vee r$ rather than $p \wedge (q \vee r)$

The quantifiers $\forall$ and $\exists$ have higher precedence than all the logical operators.

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A.k.a, De Morgan laws for quantifiers

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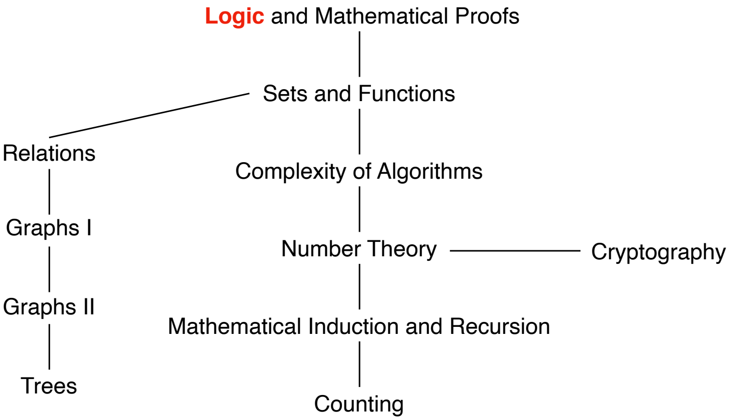

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Nest Quantifier with Two Variables

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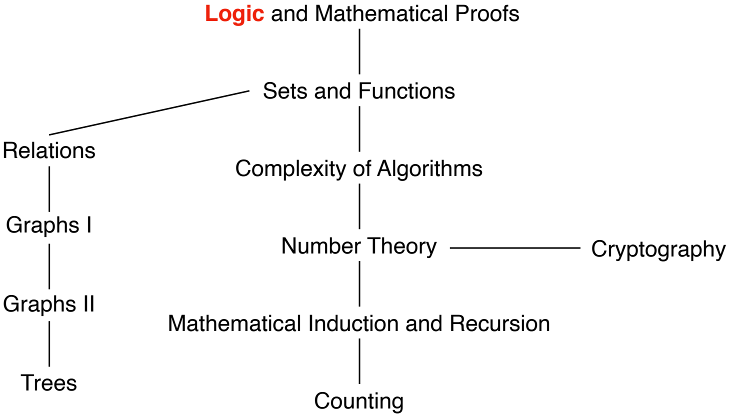

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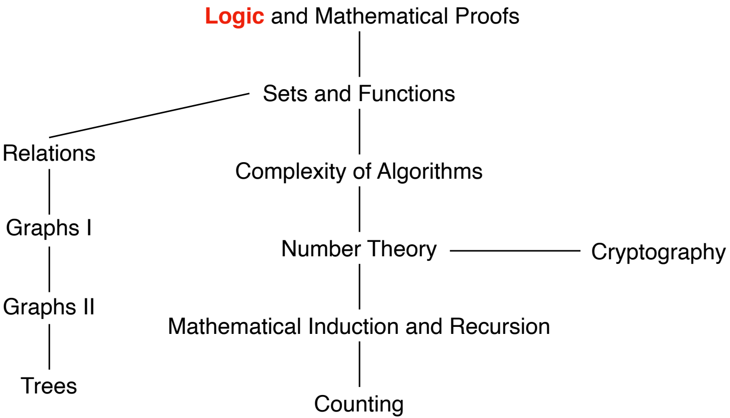

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