

Discrete Mathematics for Computer Science

Lecture 2: Propositional and Predicate Logic

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Last Lecture

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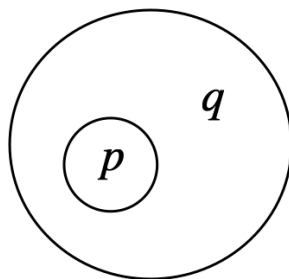
Compound propositions are build using **logical connectives**:

- Negation \neg
- Conjunction \wedge
- Disjunction \vee
- Exclusive or \oplus
- Implication \rightarrow
- Biconditional \leftrightarrow

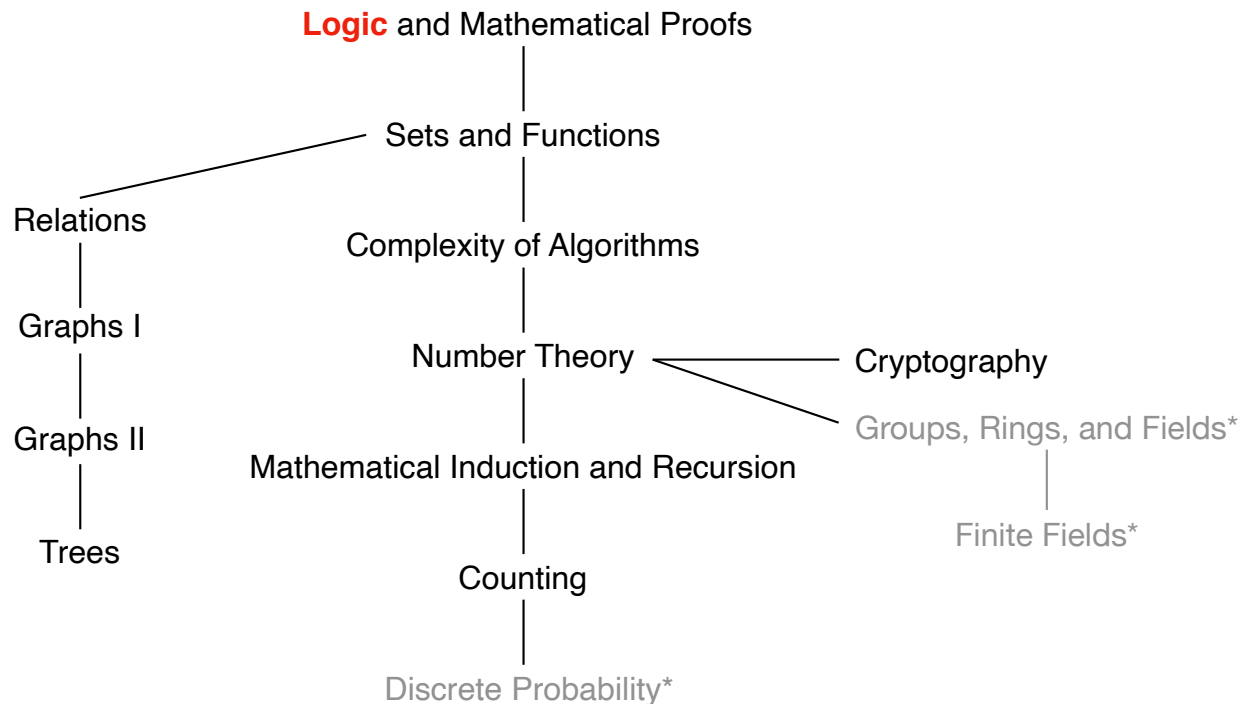
Review: Implication

$p \rightarrow q$ is read in a variety of equivalent ways:

- if p then q
- p implies q
- p is **sufficient** for q
- q is **necessary** for p
- q follows from p
- **q unless $\neg p$**
- **p only if q**



This Lecture



Logic: Propositional logic, applications of propositional logic, propositional equivalence, predicates and quantifiers, nested quantifiers



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Applications of Propositional Logic

- Translation of English sentences to **remove ambiguous**
 - ▶ Use combinations of atomic (elementary) propositions
 - ▶ Sentence to logical expression: determine the true value
- Inference and reasoning
 - ▶ New true propositions are **inferred** from existing ones
 - ▶ Used in Artificial Intelligence
- Design of logic circuit

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(Recall that " p only if q " means "if p , then q ".)

Inference and Reasoning

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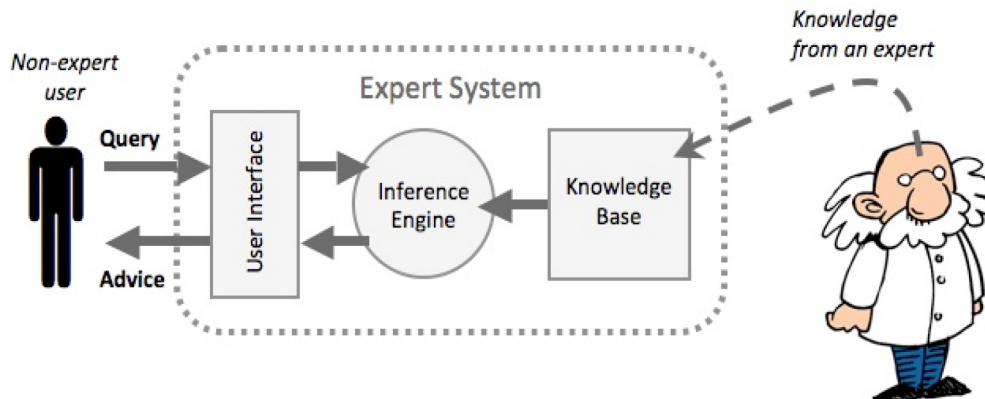
With the help of the logic, we can infer the following statement:

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Inference and Reasoning: Artificial intelligence

Artificial intelligence (AI): builds programs that act intelligently

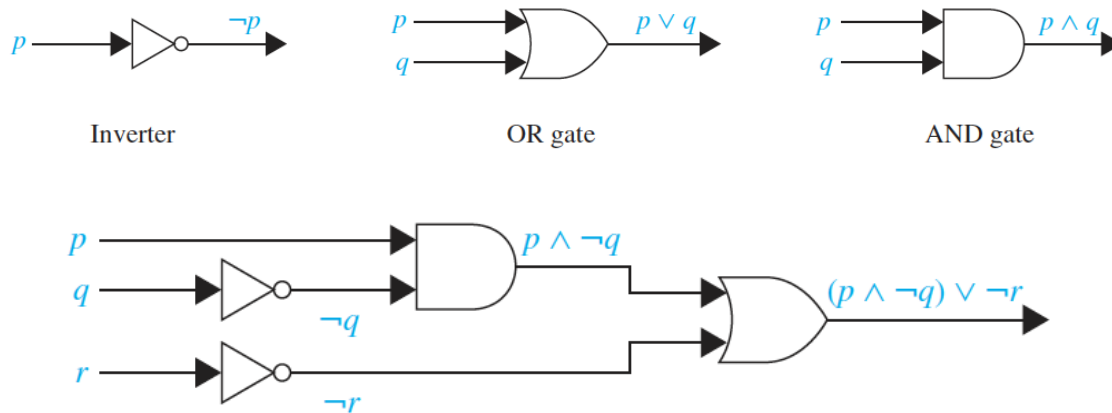
- Expert System



- Automated Theorem Proving

- ▶ Automated reasoning dealing with proving mathematical theorems by computer programs

Design of Logic Circuits



Other Applications



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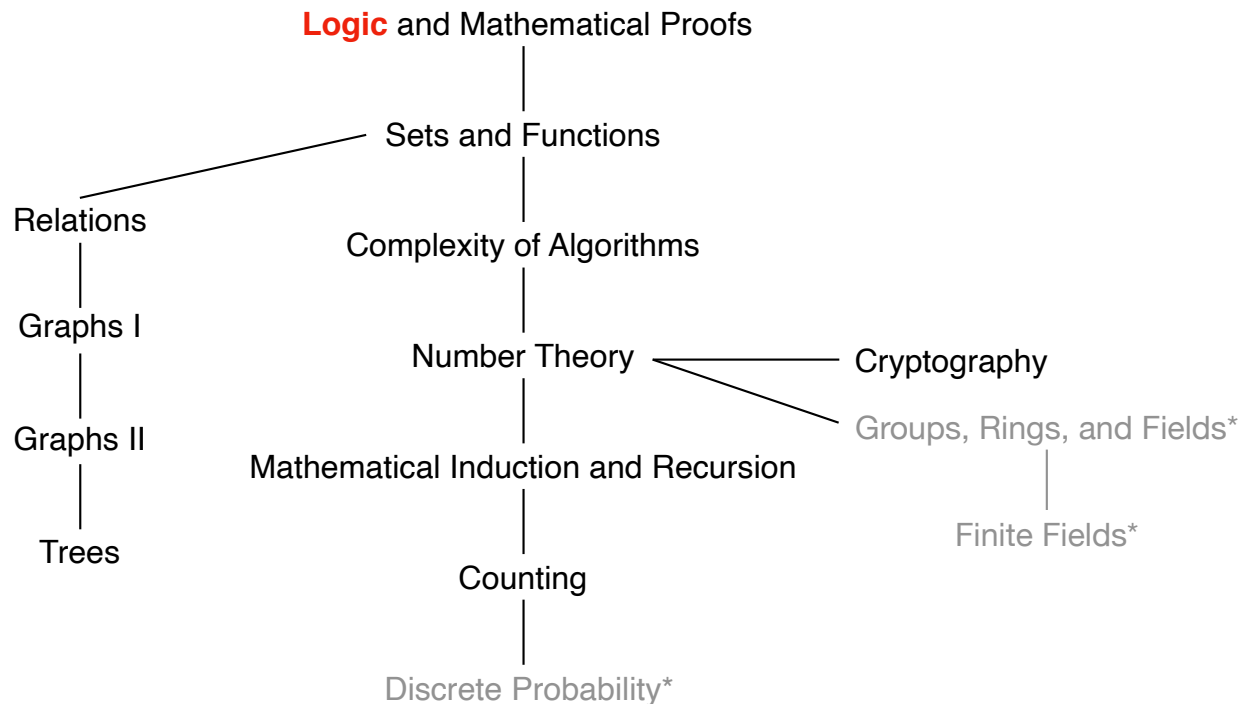
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Tautology and Contradiction

- **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.

p	$\neg p$	$p \vee \neg p$	$p \wedge \neg p$
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Consider the two pieces of codes taken from two different versions of Mergesort. Do they do the same thing?

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$$(1) \quad w \wedge (u \vee v)$$

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$$(1') \quad (w \wedge u) \vee (w \wedge v)$$

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- make a logical argument
- infer new propositions

Example: $p \rightarrow q \equiv \neg q \rightarrow \neg p$

De Morgan's Laws

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

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Important Logical Equivalences

■ *Identity laws*

$$\diamond p \wedge T \equiv p$$

$$\diamond p \vee F \equiv p$$

■ *Domination laws*

$$\diamond p \vee T \equiv T$$

$$\diamond p \wedge F \equiv F$$

■ *Idempotent laws*

$$\diamond p \vee p \equiv p$$

$$\diamond p \wedge p \equiv p$$

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■ *Double negation laws*

$$\diamond \neg(\neg p) \equiv p$$

■ *Commutative laws*

$$\diamond p \vee q \equiv q \vee p$$

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■ *Associative laws*

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

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■ *Others*

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

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Absorption laws

$$\diamond p \vee \neg p \equiv T$$

$$\diamond p \wedge \neg p \equiv F$$

Negation laws

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

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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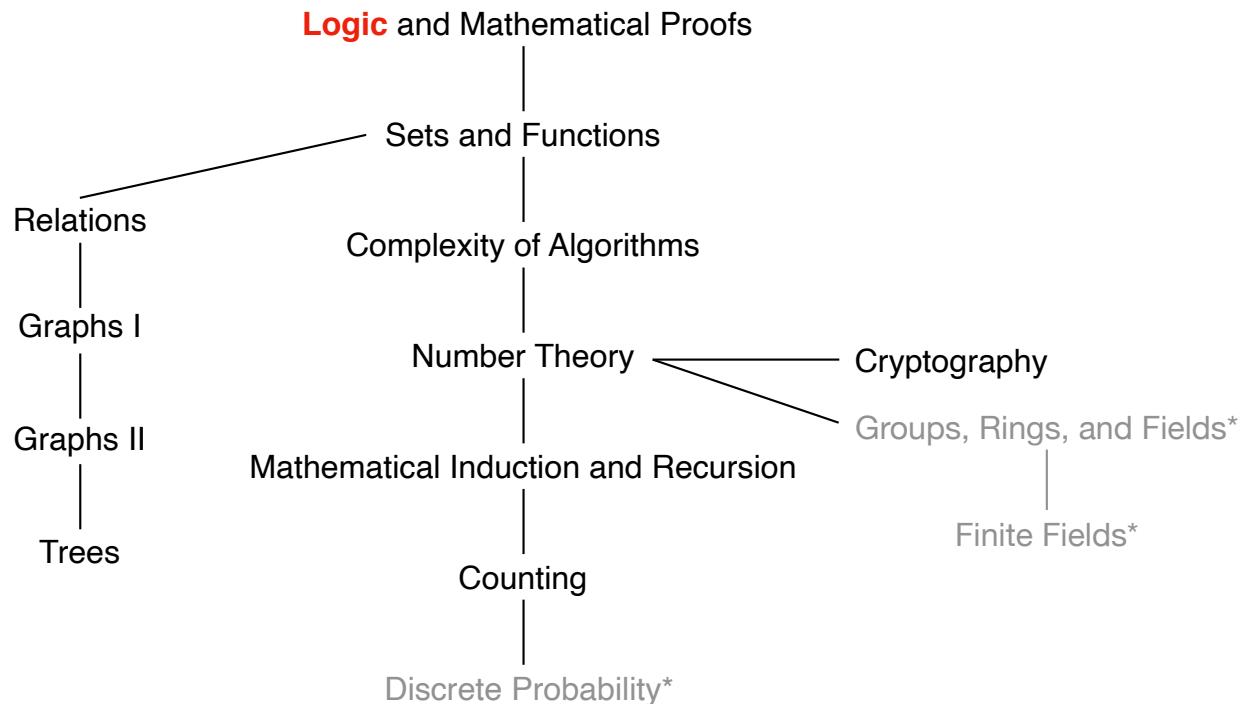
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Solution: Predicates and Quantifiers

- $P(x)$: 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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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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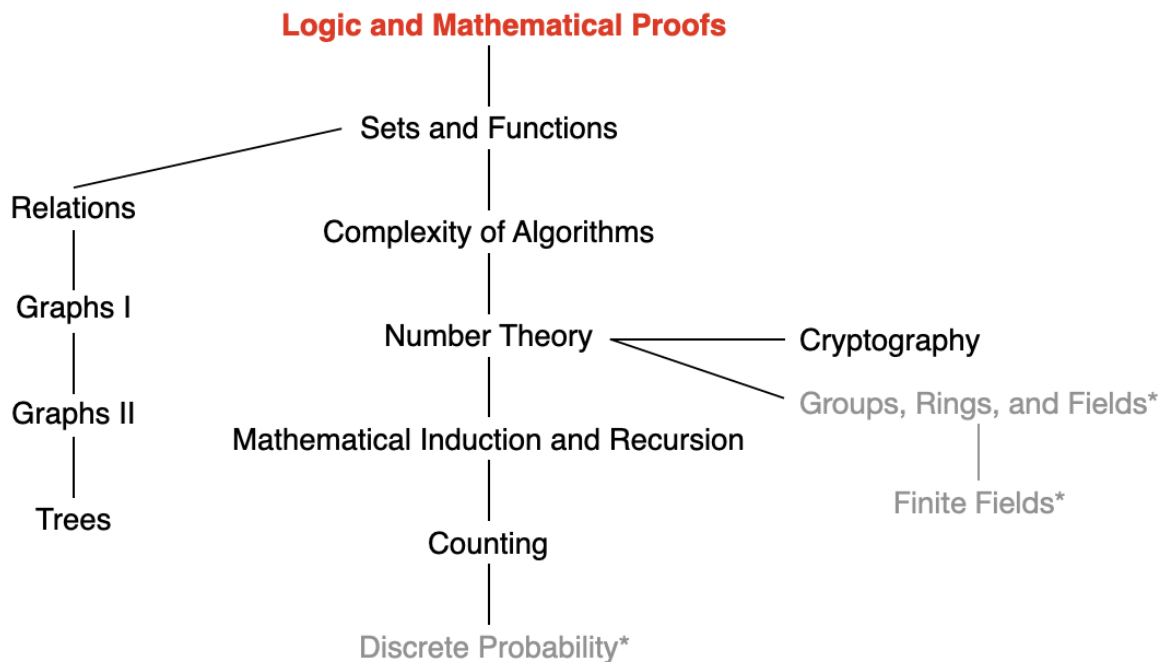
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A.k.a, De Morgan laws for quantifiers

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