



# CS201 DISCRETE MATHEMATICS FOR COMPUTER SCIENCE

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- Lectures:

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- Lecture Notes (in progress)

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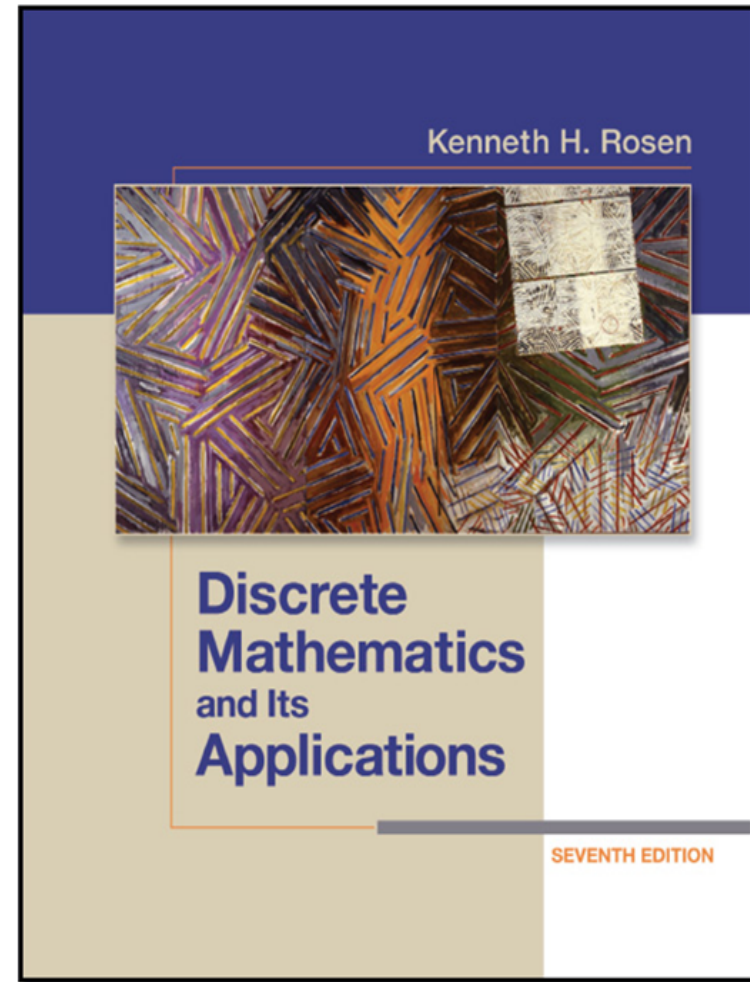
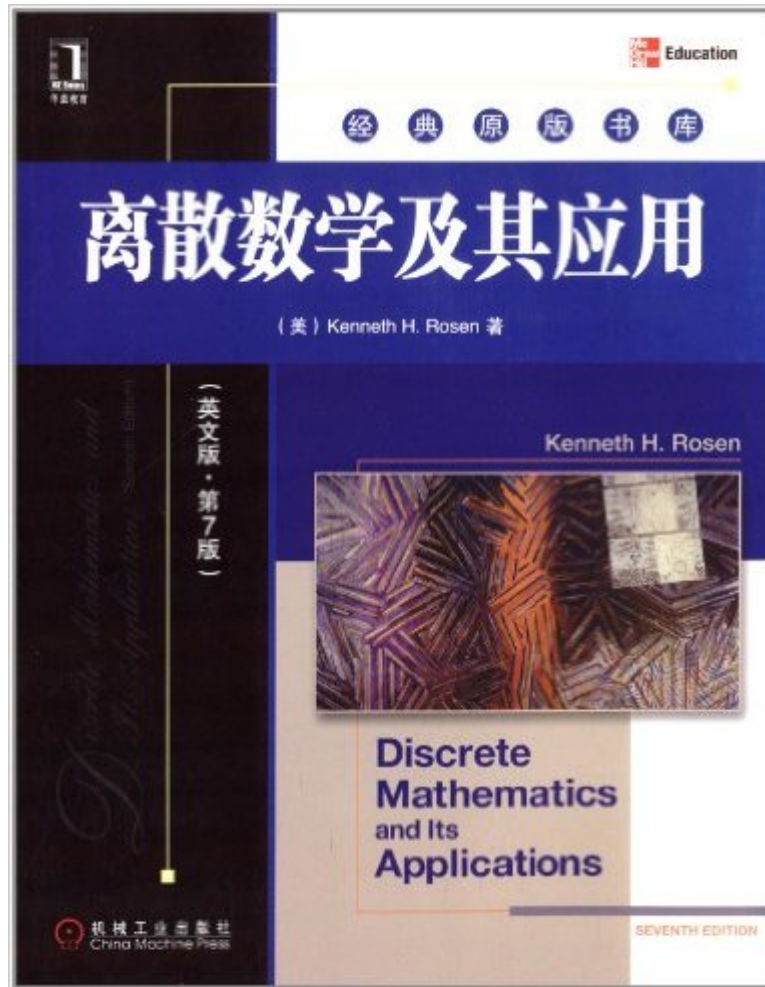
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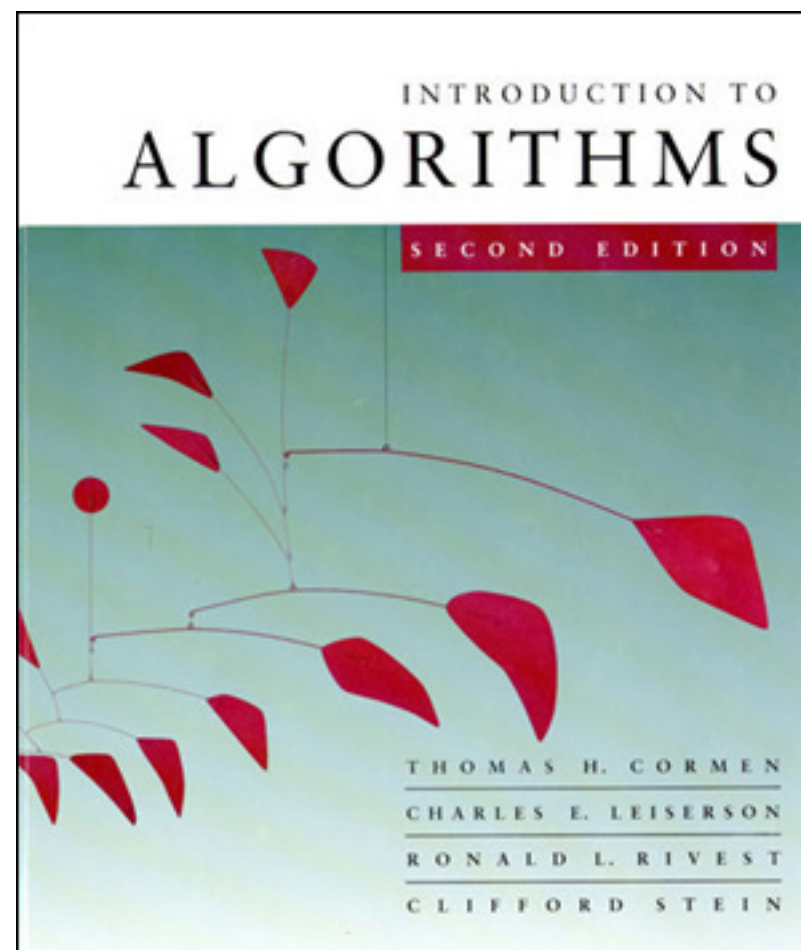
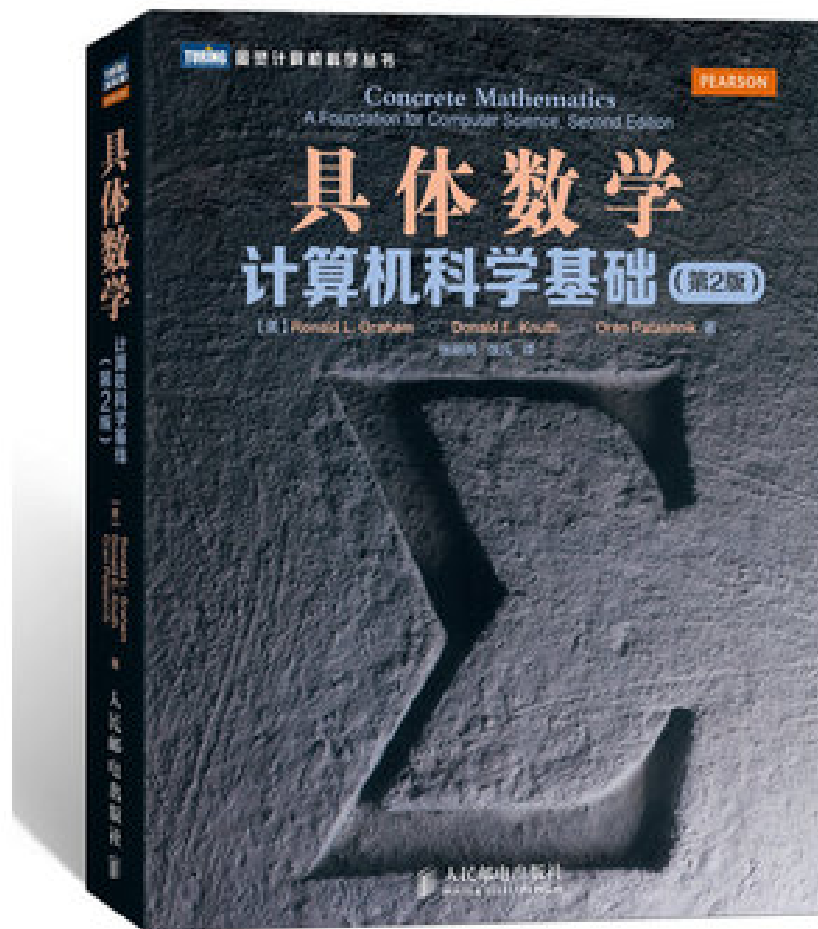
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## ■ Reference Books:



# Marking Scheme

- Quiz in class (10%)
- Homework assignments (20%)
  - ◇ assigned in class and posted on the course webpage
  - ◇ must be submitted **online before** due date
  - ◇ no extension policy with exceptions
- Midterm exam (30%)
  - ◇ To be announced
  - ◇ covers the first half of class material
- Final exam (40%)
  - ◇ covers the entire semester's material
- Project (5%, **optional**)



# Important Messages to Students

- Main ideas will be covered in class but some details might be skipped. You are responsible for **all materials** in assigned sections of book, even if they are not taught in class.
- Homework assignments should be worked on and written up **individually**, though group discussions are allowed.
- Any unintellectual behavior and cheating on exams, homework assignments will be dealt with **severely**.
- If you get the main idea for a solution from someone else or a website, you **must acknowledge** that source in your submission.



# Plagiarism Policy

- \* If an undergraduate assignment is found to be plagiarized, the first time the score of the assignment will be 0.
- \* The second time the score of the course will be 0.

As it may be difficult when two assignments are identical or nearly identical who actually wrote it, the policy will apply to BOTH students, unless one confesses having copied without the knowledge of the other.



# What is OK and what is not OK?

- It's OK to work on an assignment with a friend, and think together about the program structure, share ideas and even the global logic. At the time of actually writing the code, you should write it alone.
- It's OK to use in an assignment a piece of code found on the web, as long as you indicate in a comment where it was found and don't claim it as your own work.
- It's OK to help friends debug their programs (you'll probably learn a lot yourself by doing so).
- It's OK to show your code to friends to explain the logic, as long as the friends write their code on their own later.

**It's NOT OK to take the code of a friend, make a few cosmetic changes (comments, some variable names) and pass it as your own work.**



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Signature:

Date:



# Important Messages to Students

- Please ask questions in class



If you're having trouble understanding something, then at least 50% of the class is also having trouble: they'll *be happy* if you ask for more explanation.

- The lecture slides are still *in progress*



If you find mistakes or just think that something's confusing, please email me. Your classmates and future students will *thank you*.



# Discrete Mathematics

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## ■ Some applications

◇ *Computer science*: algorithms, programming languages, cryptography, artificial intelligence, ...

◇ *Electronic engineering*: digital communications, signal processing, information theory, coding theory, ...



# Topics of This Course

- Propositional and Predicate Logic
- Mathematical Proofs
- Sets
- Functions
- Complexity of Algorithms
- Number Theory
- Groups, Rings, and Fields\*
- Cryptography
- Mathematical Induction
- Recursion
- Counting
- Discrete Probability\*
- Relations
- Graphs
- Trees
- Finite Fields\*





# Lecture Schedule (Tentatively)

- |                               |                              |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 01. Logic                     | 09. Mathematical Induction   |
| 02. Mathematical Proofs       | 10. Recursion                |
| 03. Sets and Functions        | 11. Counting                 |
| 04. Complexity of Algorithms  | 12. Discrete Probability     |
| 05. Number Theory             | 13. Relations                |
| 06. Groups, Rings and Fields* | 14. Graphs I                 |
| 07. Cryptography              | 15. Graphs II                |
| 08. Midterm Exam              | 16. Trees and Review Lecture |



# Learning Objectives

- Be able to read, understand, and construct **mathematical arguments and proofs**
- Understand the formulation of common problems in several areas of discrete mathematics, including *counting, graphs, number theory, cryptography, logic and proof, recursions, probability theory, finite fields*, etc.
- Learn a number of **discrete mathematical** tools
- Apply discrete mathematical tools to solve certain problems in **computer science** and **electronic engineering**



# Acknowledgements

- Some of slides are based on lecture material used in the following institutions:



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**Proof II** (*proof by contrapositive*)

It is *equivalent* to prove that “If  $n$  is even , then  $3n + 2$  is even.” – **Why?**

w.l.o.g. suppose that  $n = 2k$  for some integer  $k$ , then

$$3n + 2 = 6k + 2,$$

which is even.



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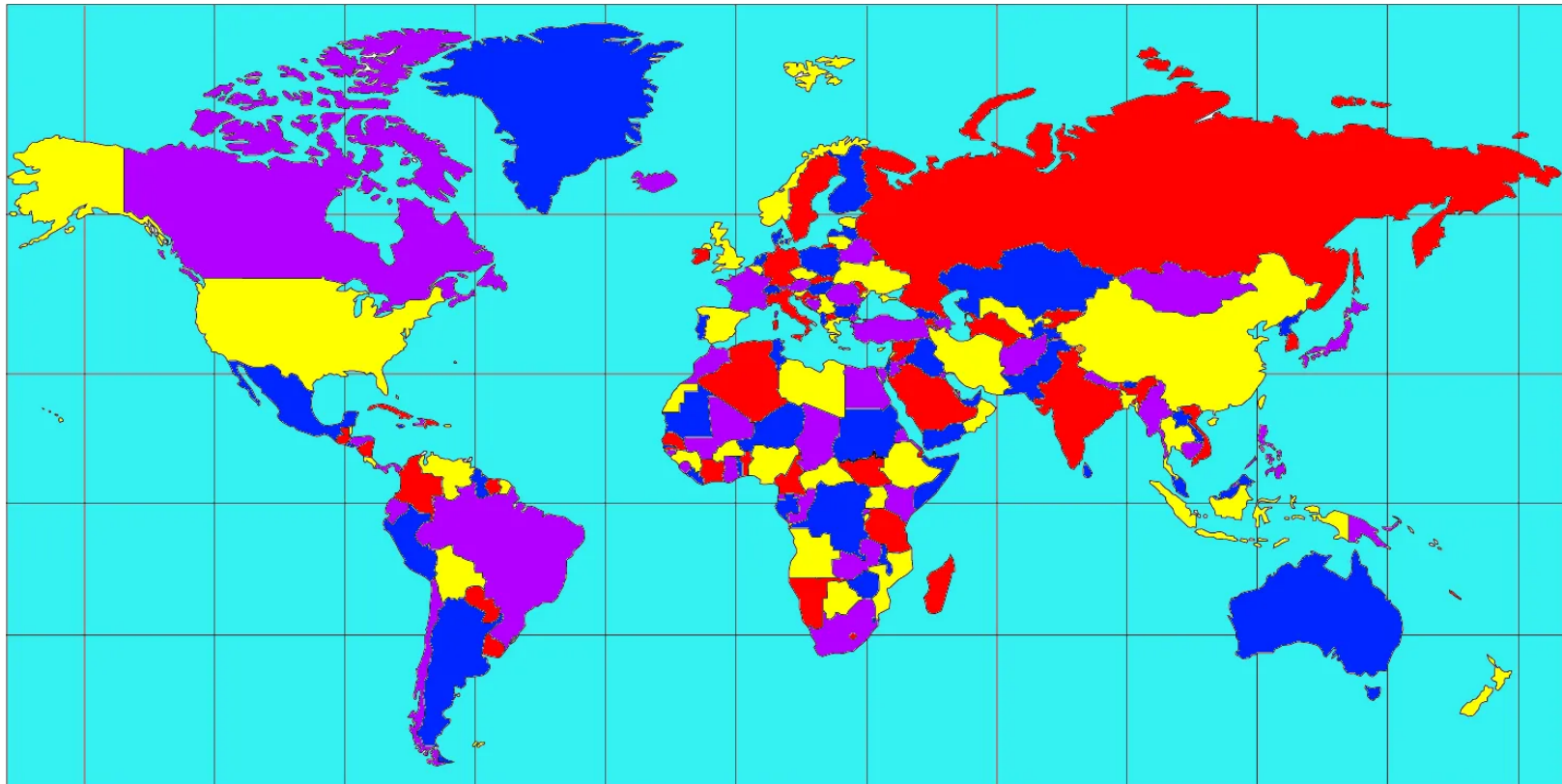
## **Proof III** (*proof by contradiction*)

Assume to **the contrary** that there exists an integer  $n$  such that  $3n + 2$  is odd and  $n$  is even. Since  $n$  is even, so is  $3n$ . Then 2 must be odd, leading to a **contradiction**.



# Problem II

- **Four-color theorem** Given any separation of a plane into contiguous regions, producing a figure called a *map*, no more than four colors are required to color the regions of the map so that no two adjacent regions have the same color.





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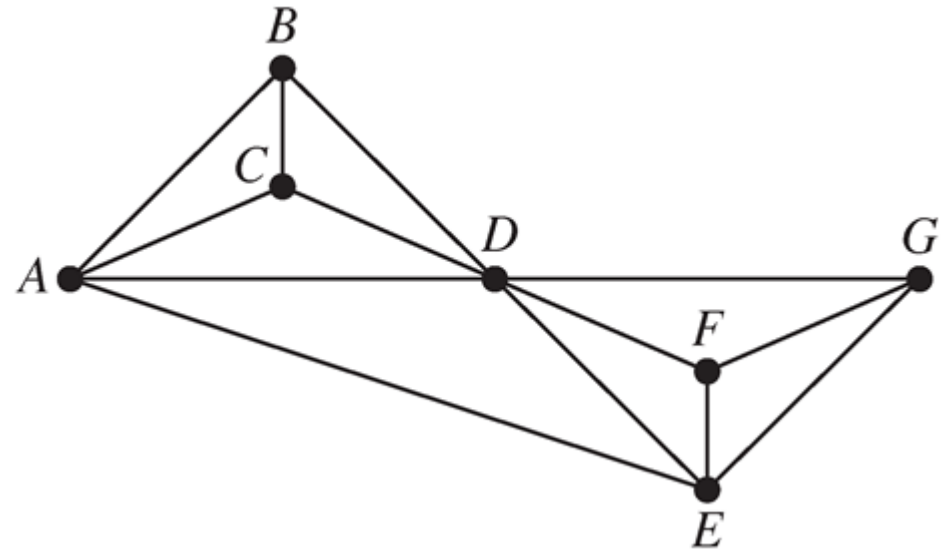
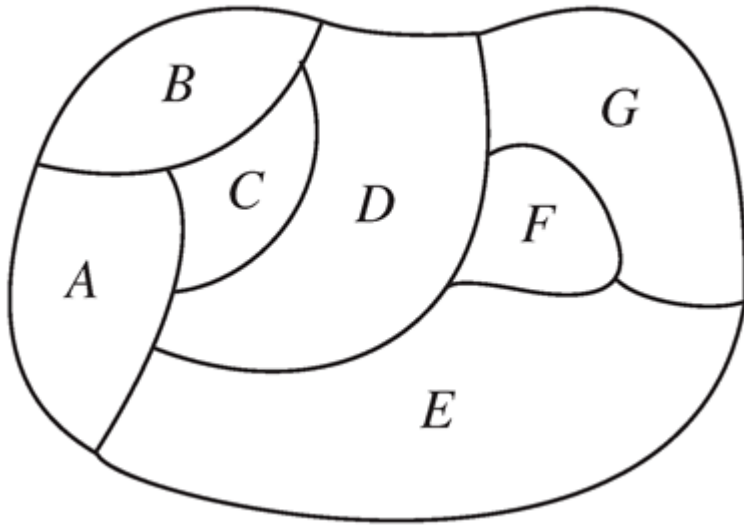
## ■ **Four-color theorem** (for planar graphs)

- ◇ first proposed by Francis Guthrie in 1852
- ◇ his brother Frederick Guthrie told Augustus De Morgan
- ◇ De Morgan wrote to William Hamilton
- ◇ Alfred Kempe proved it **incorrectly** in 1879
- ◇ Percy Heawood found an error in 1890 and proved the *five-color theorem*
- ◇ Finally, Kenneth Appel and Wolfgang Haken proved it with case by case analysis by computer in 1976 (*the first computer-aided proof*)
- ◇ Kempe's incorrect proof serves as a basis



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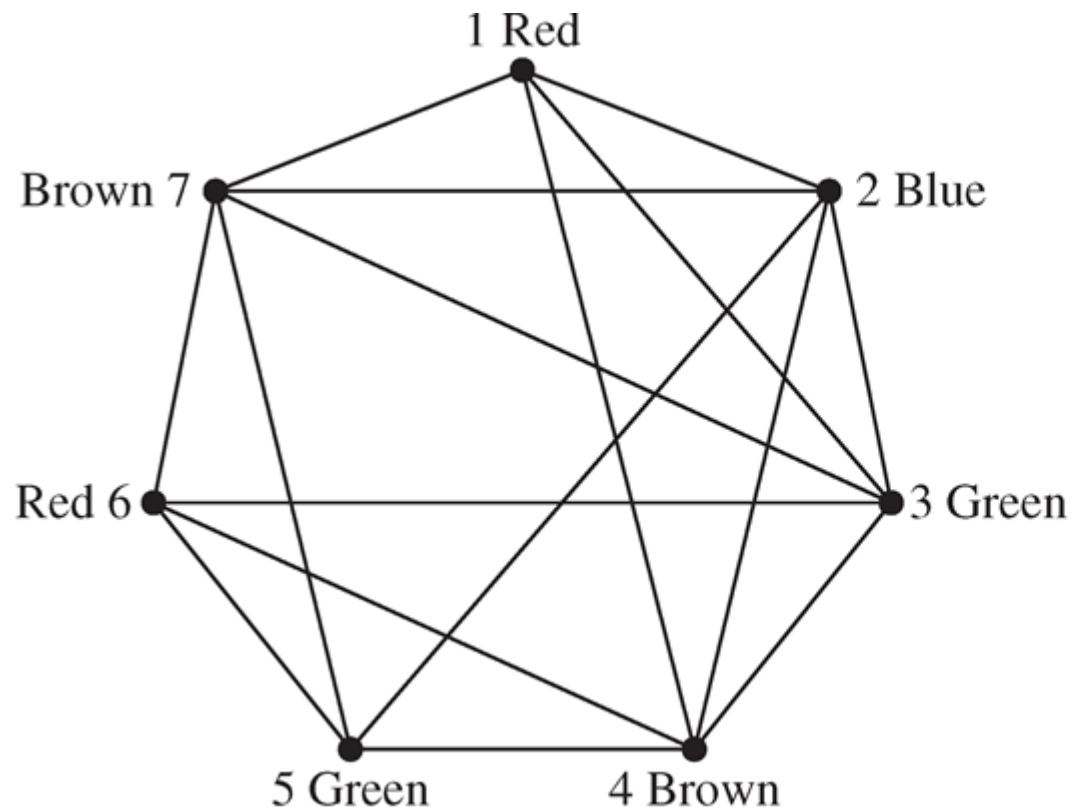


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Time Period

I

II

III

IV

Courses

1, 6

2

3, 5

4, 7



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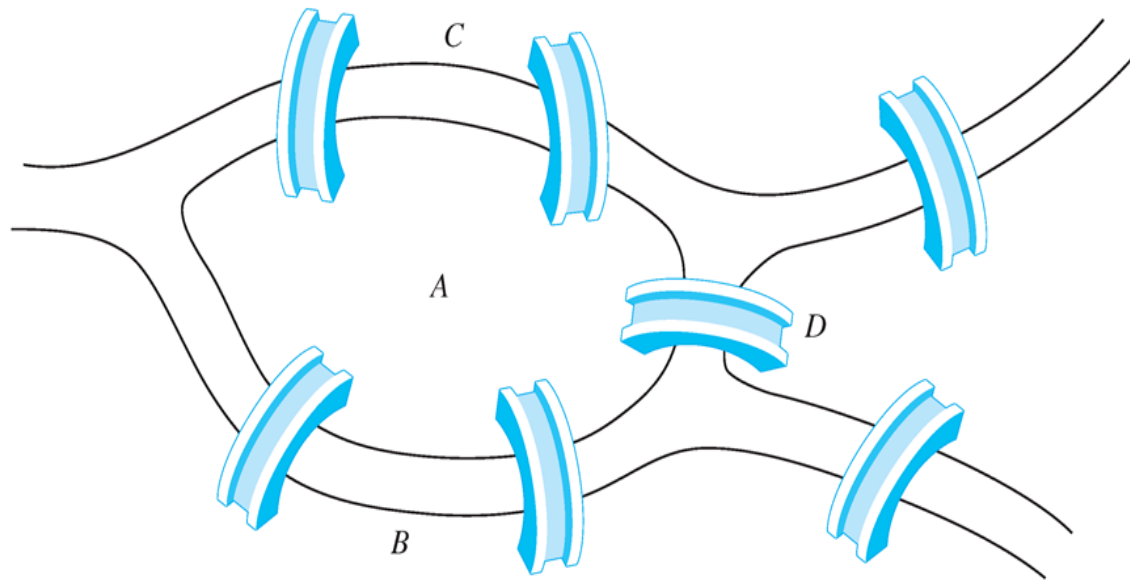
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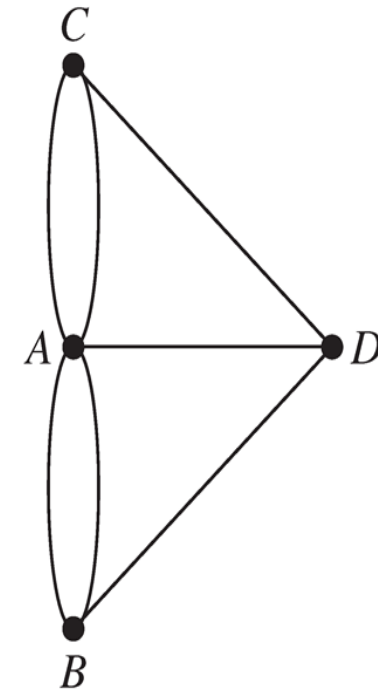
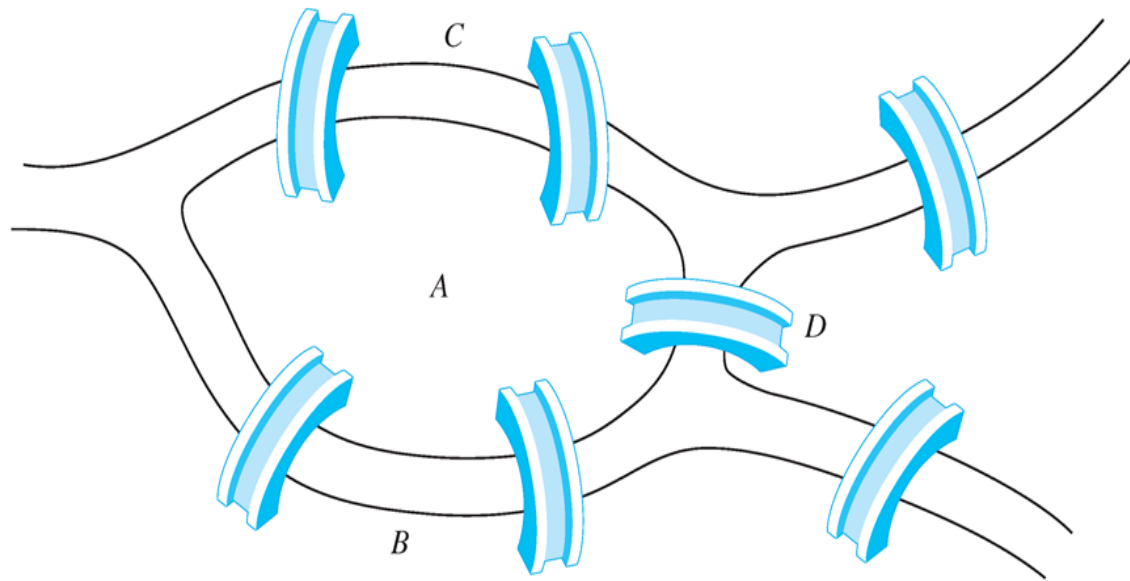
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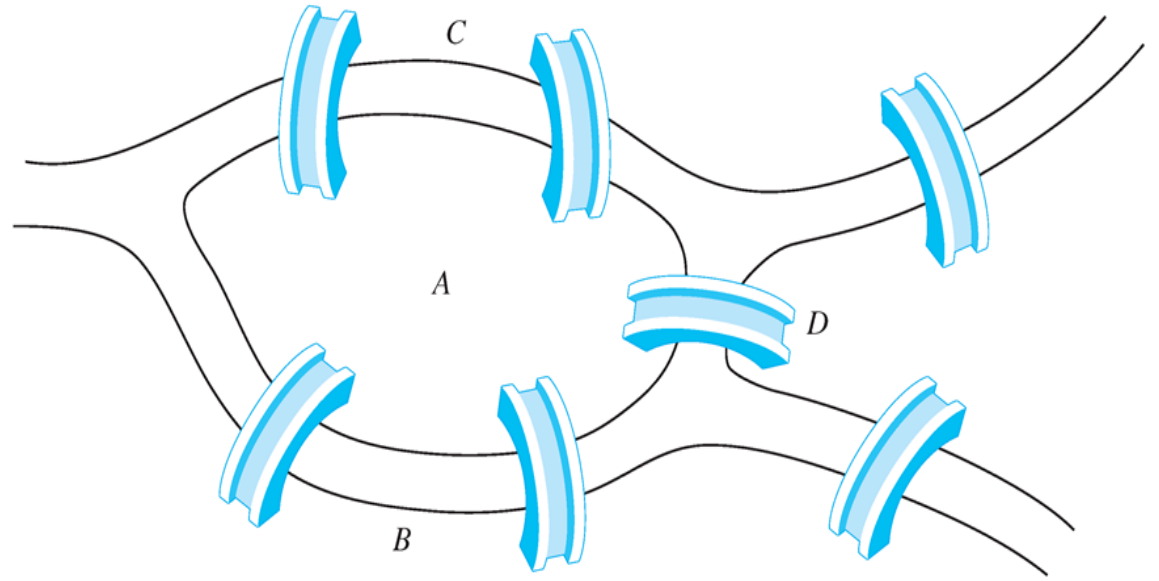


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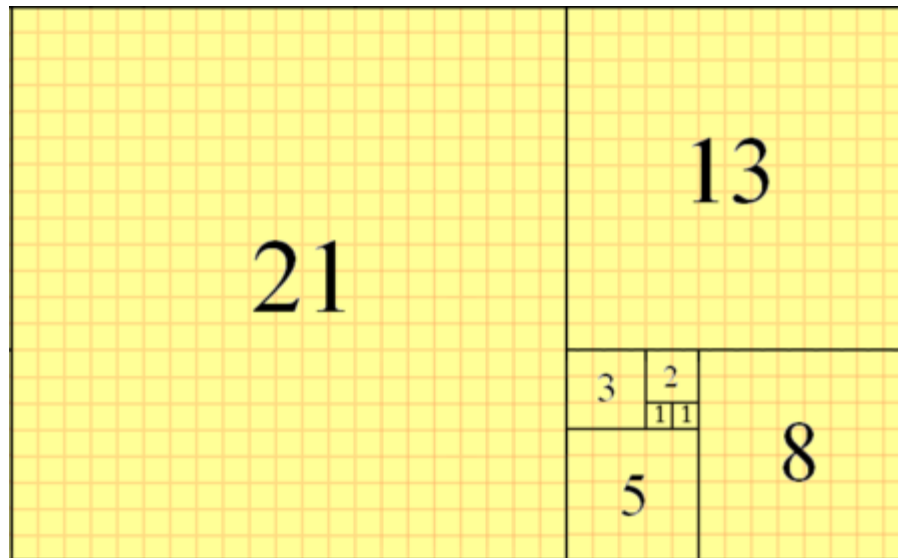
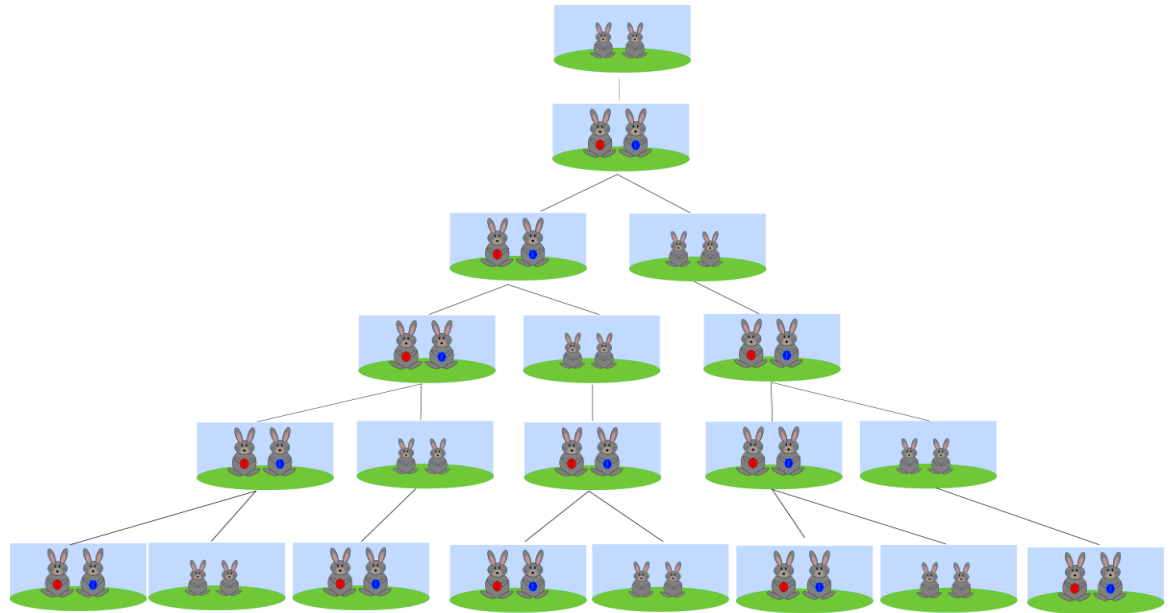


**Theorem** A connected multigraph with at least two vertices has an *Euler circuit* if and only if each of its vertices has **even** degree.



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Consider  $x^n = x^{n-1} + x^{n-2}$ , with  $x \neq 0$ . There are two different roots

$$\phi = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}, \quad \psi = \frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

Then  $F_n$  can be the form of  $a\phi^n + b\psi^n$ . By  $F_0 = 0$  and  $F_1 = 1$ , we have  $a + b = 0$  and  $\phi a + \psi b = 1$ , leading to  $a = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$ ,  $b = -a$ . Therefore,

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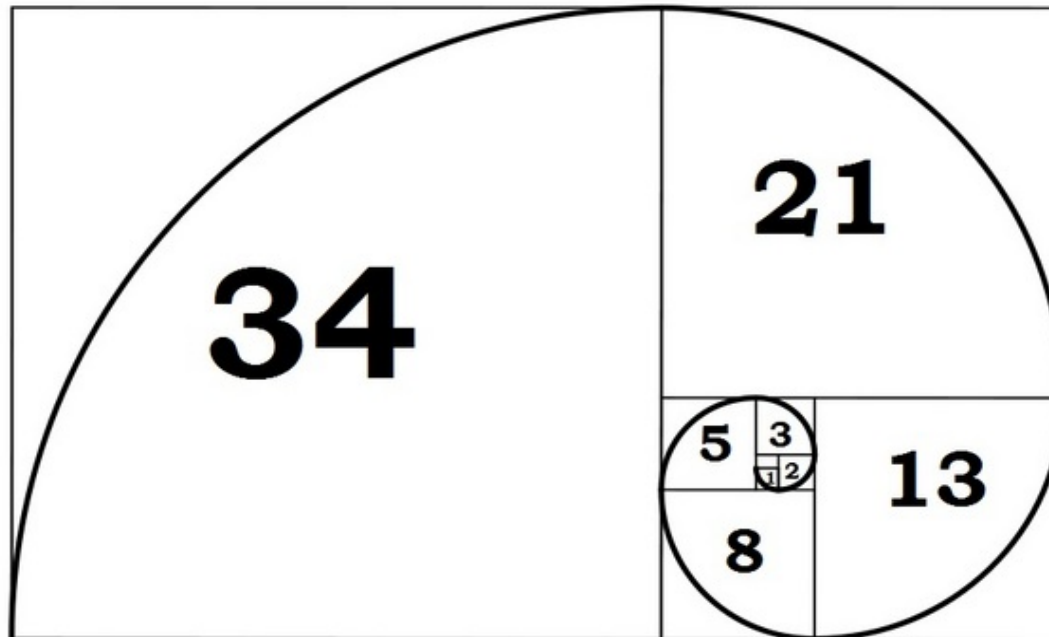
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# Let's start!

“All you need is a cool head, a large sheet of paper, and a fairly decent handwriting.”



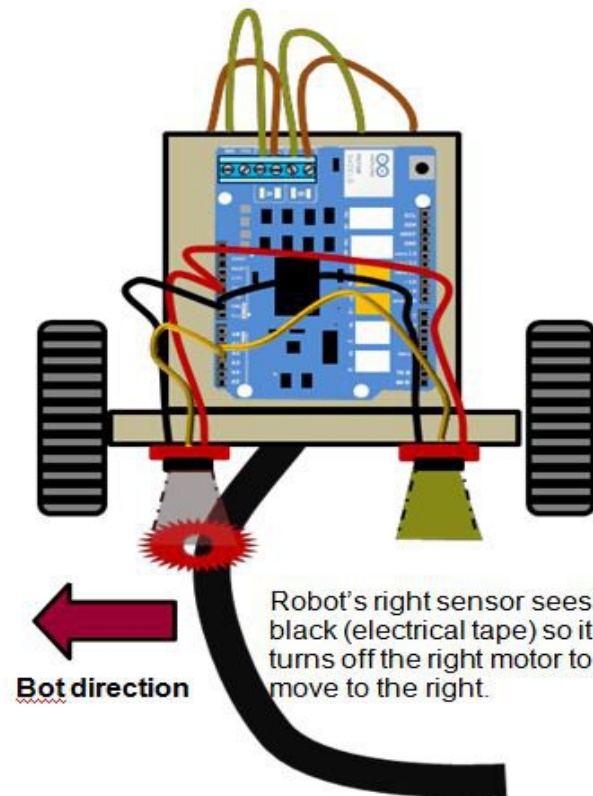
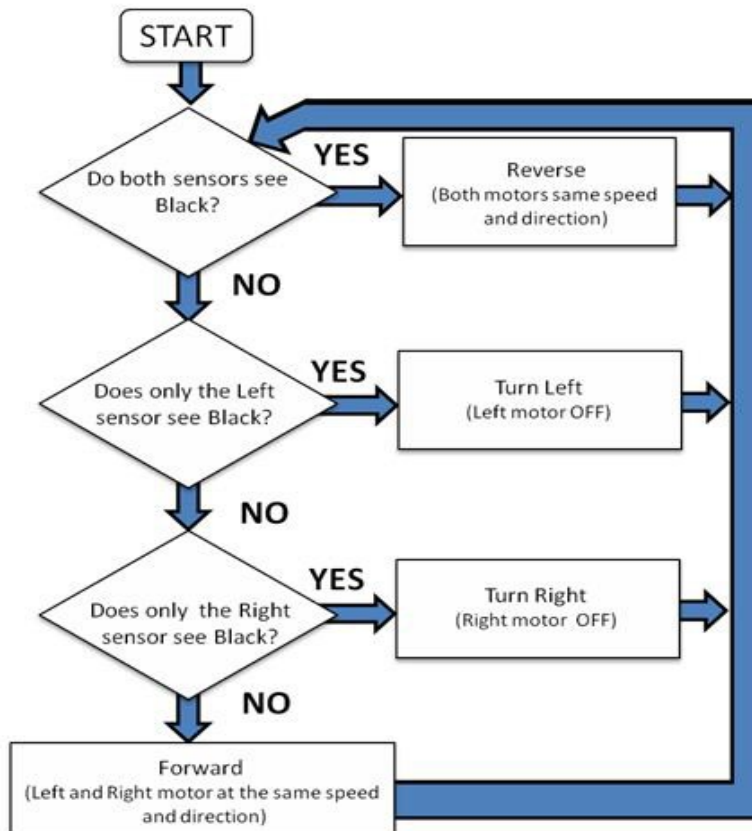
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- ◇ No parking.
- ◇ How old are you?
- ◇  $x + 2 = 5$
- ◇ She is very talented.



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- Usually, a proposition is **condition-based**.
  - ◇ If you would donate 1 billion, you will become the president.



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- ◇ Proposition *A*: **It rains outside**.
- ◇ Proposition *B*: **We will watch a movie**.
- ◇ A new proposition: If **it rains outside** then **we will watch a movie**.





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- **Logical connectives:**
  - ◇ *Negation*
  - ◇ *Conjunction*
  - ◇ *Disjunction*
  - ◇ *Exclusive or*
  - ◇ *Implication*
  - ◇ *Biconditional*



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- ◇  $5 + 2 \neq 8$
- ◇ 10 is not a prime number.
- ◇ It is not the case that classes begin at 8:00am.



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# Truth Tables

## ■ Conjunction and disjunction

| $p$ | $q$ | $p \wedge q$ | $p \vee q$ |
|-----|-----|--------------|------------|
| T   | T   | T            | T          |
| T   | F   | F            | T          |
| F   | T   | F            | T          |
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**Rows:** all possible values of elementary propositions ( $2^n$ ).



# Exclusive or

- Let  $p$  and  $q$  be propositions. The *exclusive or* of  $p$  and  $q$ , denoted by  $p \oplus q$ , is *true* when *exactly one* of  $p$  and  $q$  is true and is *false* otherwise.

| $p$ | $q$ | $p \oplus q$ |
|-----|-----|--------------|
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| F   | T   | T                 |
| F   | F   | T                 |





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- $p \rightarrow q$  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  $p$
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|----------|----------|----------|----------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| T        | T        | T        | F                          | T                            | F   |
| T        | T        | F        | T                          | T                            | T   |
| T        | F        | T        | F                          | T                            | F   |
| T        | F        | F        | T                          | T                            | T   |
| F        | T        | T        | F                          | T                            | F   |
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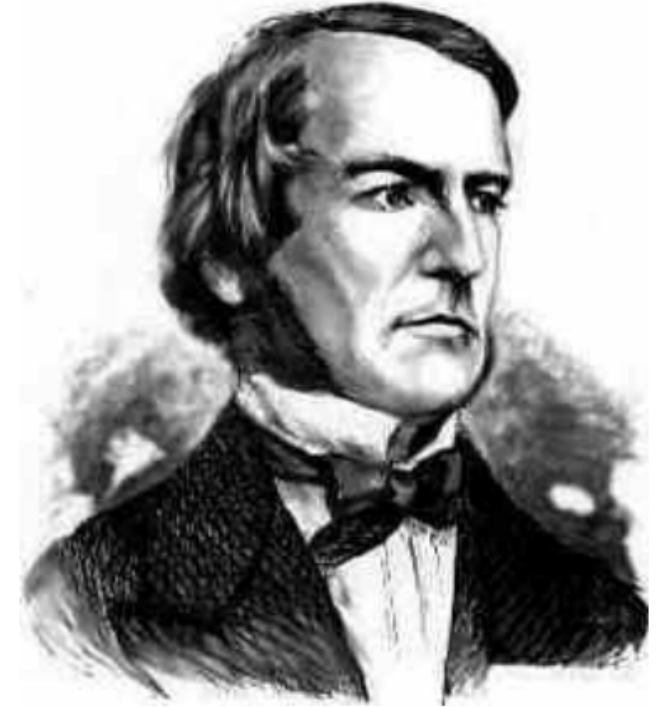
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# George Boole

- British mathematician (b. 1815, d. 1864)
  - ◇ The inventor of Boolean algebra
  - ◇ Truth tables are an example of B.A.



- ◇ Although Boole's work was not originally perceived as particularly interesting, even by other mathematicians, he is now seen as one of the founders of the field of Computer Science.



# Next Lecture

- applications of propositional logic, predicate logic, ...

