

# Lecture 2: Logic and Proof

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# At the Last Class

## ① Sets, Sequences and Structures

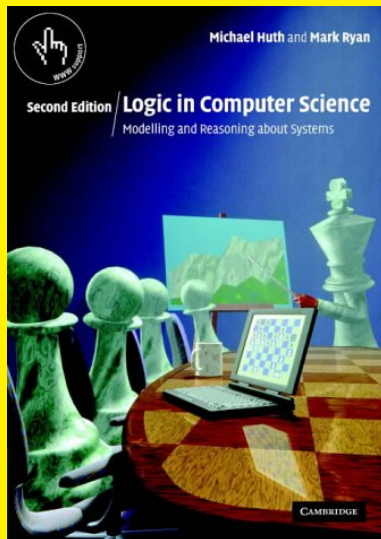
- Sets: fundamental model in mathematics
- Sequences: elements and order
- Structures: sets with operations

## ② Some Useful Tools

- Division, prime and algorithm
- Matrices and operations on them

- 1 Propositional and Predicate Logic
  - Logical operations and truth tables
  - Predicates and Quantifiers
  - Logic statements
- 2 Methods of Proof
  - Rules of inference
  - Indirect method of proof
  - Proof by contradiction
  - Disproving by counterexamples

## Additional Reading:



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# Example: Logic about Award

- Smith, Brown, Jones, Robinson will be granted awards for Math, English, French and Logic, respectively, with each award for one person.
- They guessed which-for-which as following:
  - Smith: Robinson will win the award for Logic.
  - Brown: Jones will win the award for English.
  - Jones: Smith will not win the award for Math.
  - Robinson: Brown will win the award for French.
- It turned out that only winners of Math and Logic Awards made the correct guesses.
- Problem: Can you tell who win what exactly?

# Example: Looking for Solution

- Describe the problem as clearly as possible.  
For example, we use  $P(x)$  denoting a person  $x$  win the award  $P$ .
- List all related useful information and rules. For example:
  - If  $x$  wins  $P$ , other one cannot win the same award.
  - If we can decide  $x$  didn't win any three of the four awards, then he must win the fourth.
  - If  $x$  makes the wrong guess, the negation of the guess must be true.
- **THE approach:** guess + reasoning  
We may begin by guess, but guess what?

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- If we guess JR, that is, “Jones and Robinson win the awards for Math and Logic”. Then we know that **Brown wins the award for French, and Smith wins the award for English.** So what Smith said about Robinson is false, that means **Robinson wins the award for Math. And the award for Logic goes to Jones.** Done!

# Rules of Reasoning

Are there any rules in reasoning, unrelated to the concrete contents?

How can we describe these rules, and how can we make use of them effectively?

# Proposition

**Proposition** (statement): A declarative sentence that is either true or false, but not both.

## Example

- $1 + 1 = 2$
- John is a student.
- Today is Tuesday.

# More examples of Proposition

## Example

- Do you speak English?  
This is a question, not a statement.
- $3 - x = 5$   
 $x$  is a variable, so the truth value of this sentence is open.
- Lets go!  
It is not a statement, but a command.
- The 4-color guess is true.  
We believe that it is true or false, but not both even before it was solved.
- He is a good man.  
What's the meaning of "good man"?

# Propositional Variable

- A propositional variable assumes a value from the set  $\{\mathbf{True}, \mathbf{False}\}$  (or simply  $\{\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{F}\}$ ).
- A propositional variable is often denoted as  $p, q, r$ , etc.
- A statement can be represented by a propositional variable, e.g.
  - $p$ : Today is Tuesday.
  - $q$ :  $2+2=4$

# Logical Connectives

- A simple declarative sentence can be represented by an **atom** proposition.
- More than one atom propositions can be combined into a **compound** statement.
- The combination is achieved using **connectives**. Usually, the connective roughly corresponds some conjunctive in the natural language.
- The connective is defined exactly using **truth table**.

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- A propositional function is called a **predicate**.

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  - E.g., if  $a, b$  are real constants,  $a < b$ , in the domain of real number,  $\exists xP(x)$  is true if  $P(x)$  means “ $a < x < b$ ”.

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- If  $P(x, y)$  means “ $y > x$ ” then  $\forall x \exists y P(x, y)$  is true, but  $\exists y \forall x P(x, y)$  is false.

# Implication

“if  $p$  then  $q$ ” can be denoted as  $p \Rightarrow q$

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- However, “ $\Rightarrow$ ” **doesn't exactly** means “if...then...”.
- $p \Rightarrow q$  is true has nothing to do with the connection between  $p$  and  $q$  in common sense.
- In fact, a false hypothesis implies **any** conclusion.

# Equivalence

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# Examples of Quantification

## Example (“All people know China.”)

$\forall x(P(x) \Rightarrow Q(x))$ , where

- $P(x)$ :  $x$  is a person;
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## Example (“Some people know Guatemala.”)

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*Pay attention to the connectives!*

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## Exercise

"There is no largest prime number."

# Contrapositive

$p$	$q$	$p \Rightarrow q$	$\sim q$	$\sim p$	$\sim q \Rightarrow \sim p$	$(p \Rightarrow q) \Leftrightarrow (\sim q \Rightarrow \sim p)$
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$p \Leftrightarrow q$  if and only if  $p \equiv q$

# Tautology, Contradiction and Contingency

- $(p \Rightarrow q) \Leftrightarrow (\sim q \Rightarrow \sim p)$  is a **tautology**.
- $p \wedge \sim p$  is a **contradiction**.
- $(p \Rightarrow q) \wedge (p \vee q)$ :
  - this logical expression is true when:  
 $(p, q) = (\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{T})$  or  $(\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{T})$
  - and is false when:  
 $(p, q) = (\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{F})$  or  $(\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{F})$
  - this is a **contingency**, i.e. neither tautology nor contradiction.

# Properties of Logical Operations

## Theorem (Th.1)

1	$p \vee q \equiv q \vee p$	<i>Commutative Properties</i>
2	$p \wedge q \equiv q \wedge p$	
3	$p \vee (q \vee r) \equiv (p \vee q) \vee r$	<i>Associative Properties</i>
4	$p \wedge (q \wedge r) \equiv (p \wedge q) \wedge r$	
5	$p \vee (q \wedge r) \equiv (p \vee q) \wedge (p \vee r)$	<i>Distributive Properties</i>
6	$p \wedge (q \vee r) \equiv (p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge r)$	
7	$p \vee p \equiv p$	<i>Idempotent Properties</i>
8	$q \wedge q \equiv q$	
9	$\sim \sim p \equiv p$	<i>Properties of Negation</i>
10	$\sim(p \vee q) \equiv \sim p \wedge \sim q$	<i>De Morgan's laws</i>
11	$\sim(p \wedge q) \equiv \sim p \vee \sim q$	

# Substitution of Connectives

## Theorem (Th.2)

- (a)  $(p \Rightarrow q) \equiv ((\sim p \vee q))$
- (b)  $(p \Rightarrow q) \equiv ((\sim q \Rightarrow \sim p))$
- (c)  $(p \Leftrightarrow q) \equiv ((p \Rightarrow q) \wedge (q \Rightarrow p))$
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## Proof of Th.2(d) not using truth table:

$$\begin{aligned}\sim(p \Rightarrow q) &= \sim(\sim p \vee q) \\ &= \sim\sim p \wedge \sim q \\ &= p \wedge \sim q\end{aligned}$$

Formula (a)

De Morgan's law

Double Negtion

# Inference by Logical Equivalence

We know that Bill, Jim and Sam are from Boston, Chicago and Detroit, respectively. Each of following sentence is half right and half wrong:

- ① Bill is from Boston ( $p_1$ ), and Jim is from Chicago ( $p_2$ ).
- ② Sam is from Boston ( $p_3$ ), and Bill is from Chicago ( $p_4$ ).
- ③ Jim is from Boston ( $p_5$ ), and Bill is from Detroit ( $p_6$ ).

Tell the truth about their home town.

We have:

$$\begin{array}{lll} & ((p_1 \wedge \sim p_2) \vee (\sim p_1 \wedge p_2)) & (1) \\ \wedge & ((p_3 \wedge \sim p_4) \vee (\sim p_3 \wedge p_4)) & (2) \\ \wedge & ((p_5 \wedge \sim p_6) \vee (\sim p_5 \wedge p_6)) & (3) \end{array}$$

# Inference by Logical Equivalence (cont.)

We have:

$$\begin{aligned} & ((p_1 \wedge \sim p_2) \vee (\sim p_1 \wedge p_2)) \wedge ((p_3 \wedge \sim p_4) \vee (\sim p_3 \wedge p_4)) \\ &= (\sim p_1 \wedge p_2 \wedge p_3 \wedge \sim p_4) \end{aligned}$$

And,

$$\begin{aligned} & (\sim p_1 \wedge p_2 \wedge p_3 \wedge \sim p_4) \wedge ((p_5 \wedge \sim p_6) \vee (\sim p_5 \wedge p_6)) \\ &= (\sim p_1 \wedge p_2 \wedge p_3 \wedge \sim p_4 \wedge \sim p_5 \wedge p_6) \end{aligned}$$

So, Jim is from Chicago, Sam is from Boston, and Bill is from Detroit.



# Properties of Quantifications

## Theorem (Th.3)

$$\sim(\forall xP(x)) \equiv \exists x(\sim P(x)) \quad (a)$$

$$\sim(\exists xP(x)) \equiv \forall x(\sim P(x)) \quad (b)$$

$$\exists x(P(x) \Rightarrow Q(x)) \equiv \forall xP(x) \Rightarrow \exists xQ(x) \quad (c)$$

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$$\forall x(P(x) \wedge Q(x)) \equiv \forall xP(x) \wedge \forall xQ(x) \quad (e)$$

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For quantifications, truth table is invalid, so some axioms are needed for strict proof.

# Logical Inference

Premises:  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_k$

Conclusion:  $B$

**Valid inference:** For any assignment of values of the variables in all  $A_i$  and  $B$ , if the conjunction of all  $A_i$  is true, then  $B$  must be true.

That is, the inference is valid if and only if:

$$(A_1 \wedge A_2 \wedge \dots \wedge A_k) \Rightarrow B$$

is a tautology.

# Modus Ponens

We have  $(p \wedge (p \Rightarrow q)) \Rightarrow q$ , so the rule

$$p, p \Rightarrow q \rightarrow q$$

**Example** (*A classic inference, dating back to ancient Greece*)

$P(x)$ :  $x$  is a man.

$Q(x)$ :  $x$  will die.

$\forall x(P(x) \Rightarrow Q(x))$ : Every man will die.

$P(s)$ : Socrates is a man.

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**Conclusion:** Socrates will die ( $Q(s)$ ).

# Proof

The proof for  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_k \rightarrow B$  is a sequence of statements, in which, each statement is one of the following: (the last one should be  $B$ )

- a tautology, or
- any one of  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_k$ , or
- a new statement obtained by applying logical equivalences on any prior statement
- a new statement obtained by applying modus ponens on one or more prior statements

# Some Important Tautologies

## Theorem (Th.4)

*Propositional Tautologies:*

(a)  $(p \wedge q) \Rightarrow p$

(b)  $(p \wedge q) \Rightarrow q$

(c)  $p \Rightarrow (p \vee q)$

(d)  $q \Rightarrow (p \vee q)$

(e)  $\sim p \Rightarrow (p \Rightarrow q)$

(f)  $\sim(p \Rightarrow q) \Rightarrow p$

(g)  $(p \wedge (p \Rightarrow q)) \Rightarrow q$

(h)  $(\sim p \wedge (p \vee q)) \Rightarrow q$

(i)  $(\sim q \wedge (p \Rightarrow q)) \Rightarrow \sim p$

(j)  $((p \Rightarrow q) \wedge (q \Rightarrow r)) \Rightarrow (p \Rightarrow r)$

*Predicate Tautologies:*

1.  $(\forall x P(x) \vee \forall x Q(x)) \Rightarrow \forall x (P(x) \vee Q(x))$

2.  $\exists x (P(x) \wedge Q(x)) \Rightarrow \exists x P(x) \wedge \exists x Q(x)$

# Rule of Inference

## Tautology and rule of inference

- For each tautology with implication

$$(p_1 \wedge p_2 \wedge \cdots \wedge p_n) \Rightarrow q$$

we get a rule of inference:

$$p_1, p_2, \cdots, p_n \rightarrow q$$

- $p_i$ 's are hypotheses or premises, and  $q$  is called the conclusion.

# Proof of Implication

If  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n \rightarrow q$ , then:

- $(p_1 \Rightarrow (p_2 \Rightarrow (\dots \Rightarrow (p_n \Rightarrow q))))$  is a tautology.
- $(p_1 \wedge p_2 \wedge \dots \wedge p_n) \Rightarrow q$  is a tautology.

Example ( Prove  $((p \Rightarrow q) \wedge (\sim q)) \Rightarrow (\sim p)$  )

①	$(p \Rightarrow q) \wedge (\sim q)$	Premis
②	$p \Rightarrow q$	Th.4(a)
③	$\sim q$	Th.4(b)
④	$\sim p \vee q$	Th.2(a),2
<i>Partially or wholly substituted with logically equivalent expressions</i>		
⑤	$q \vee \sim p$	Th.1(1),4
⑥	$\sim \sim q \vee \sim p$	Th.1(9),5
⑦	$\sim q \Rightarrow \sim p$	Th.2(a),6
⑧	$\sim p$ (conclusion)	Th.4(g),3,7 (modus ponens)



# Basic Rules about Quantification

$$\text{US: } \forall xP(x) \rightarrow P(x)$$

$$\text{UG: } P(x) \rightarrow \forall xP(x)$$

$$\text{ES: } \exists xP(x) \rightarrow P(c)$$

$$\text{EG: } P(c) \rightarrow \exists xP(x)$$

$$\forall x(\sim P(x) \Rightarrow Q(x)) \Rightarrow (\forall x(\sim Q(x)) \Rightarrow \exists x P(x))$$

- |   |   |                    |
|---|---|--------------------|
| ① | $\forall x(\sim P(x) \Rightarrow Q(x))$ | Premise            |
| ② | $\forall x(\sim Q(x))$                  | Premise            |
| ③ | $\sim P(x) \Rightarrow Q(x)$            | US, 1              |
| ④ | $\sim Q(x)$                             | US, 2              |
| ⑤ | $\sim\sim P(x)$                         | Th.4(i), 4, 3      |
| ⑥ | $P(x)$                                  | Double negation, 5 |
| ⑦ | $\exists x P(x)$                        | EG, 6              |

## Example (Somebody don't want to walk)

Premises:

- ① Those who like walking don't want to take bus.
- ② Everyone either likes taking bus or likes riding bike.
- ③ Someone don't want to ride bike.

Conclusion: There are someone who don't want to walk.

Let  $W(x)$  be “ $x$  likes walking”,  $B(x)$  “ $x$  likes taking bus”, and  $K(x)$  “ $x$  likes riding bike”.

Premises:

- ①  $\forall x(W(x) \Rightarrow \sim B(x))$
- ②  $\forall x(B(x) \vee K(x))$
- ③  $\exists x(\sim K(x))$

Conclusion:  $\exists x(\sim W(x))$

## Example (Somebody don't want to walk (cont.))

①	$\forall x(W(x) \Rightarrow \sim B(x))$	Premises
②	$\forall x(B(x) \vee K(x))$	Premises
③	$\exists x(\sim K(x))$	Premises
④	$\sim K(c)$	ES, 3
⑤	$W(c) \Rightarrow \sim B(c)$	US, 1
⑥	$B(c) \vee K(c)$	US, 2
⑦	$\sim\sim B(c) \vee K(c)$	Double negation, 6
⑧	$\sim B(c) \Rightarrow K(c)$	Th.2(a), 7
⑨	$\sim\sim B(c)$	Th.4(i), 4, 8
⑩	$\sim W(c)$	Th.4(i), 9, 5
⑪	$\exists x(\sim W(x))$	EG, 10

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Somebody proves the expression:

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# Indirect Proof – Using Contraposition

Example (Prove that if  $n^2$  is odd, then  $n$  is odd.)

Proof

- Let  $p$ :  $n^2$  is odd, and  $q$ :  $n$  is odd.
- What is to be proved is:  $p \Rightarrow q$ .
- Easy to see that:
  - Dealing with even number ( $n = 2k$ ) is easier than dealing with odd ( $n = 2k - 1$ )
  - Dealing with square ( $n$  to  $n^2$ ) is easier than dealing with square root ( $n^2$  to  $n$ )
- So, we prove “if  $n$  is even, then  $n^2$  is even, which is “ $\sim q \Rightarrow \sim p$ ” and is equivalent to  $p \Rightarrow q$ .

# Proof by Contradiction

The tautology:

$$((p \Rightarrow q) \wedge (\sim q)) \Rightarrow (\sim p)$$

The rule:

$$p \Rightarrow q, \sim q \rightarrow \sim p$$

The method:

Goal:  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n \rightarrow q$

Extra hypothesis:  $\sim q$

Process:  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n, \sim q \rightarrow$  an absurdity

Conclusion: there must be at least one false in  $\{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n, \sim q\}$ , that must be  $\sim q$ , so,  $q$  is true.



## Example (Proof by Contradiction – I)

There is no rational number whose square is 2.

Proof:

- Extra hypothesis:  $(\frac{p}{q})^2 = 2$ , and  $p, q$  are integers which have no common factors except for 1.
- Then,

$$p^2 = 2q^2 \rightarrow p^2 \text{ is even}$$

$\rightarrow p$  is even

$\rightarrow p^2$  is multiple of 4

$\rightarrow q^2$  is even

$\rightarrow q$  is even

$\rightarrow p, q$  have 2 as common factor

$\rightarrow$  **contradiction**

## Example (Proof by Contradiction – II)

If  $d = \text{GCD}(a, b)$ , then, existing integer  $s$  and  $t$ , satisfying  $d = sa + tb$ .

Proof: Let  $x$  be the smallest positive integer that can be written as  $sa + tb$  for some  $s$  and  $t$ . If  $c|a, c|b$  then  $c|x$ .

- ① Proof of  $x|a$ : Let  $a = qx + r (0 \leq r < x)$ , then  $r = a - qx = a - q(sa + tb) = (1 - as)a - qtb$ , then  $r$  is of the form of  $s'a + t'b$ .

Since  $r < x$ ,  $r$  must be 0, otherwise  $x$  would not be the smallest positive integer that can be written as  $sa + tb$ . So  $x|a$ .

- ② Same with  $x|b$ .

# Dealing with Disjunction

## Example

Prove:  $n^2 = m^2$  **if and only if**  $m = n$  or  $m = -n$ , where  $m, n$  are integers.

Proof: Let:  $p : n^2 = m^2$ ,  $q : m = n$ , and  $r : m = -n$ .

Then, what is to be proved is:  $p \Leftrightarrow (q \vee r)$

← (premise is a disjunction)

$(q \vee r) \Rightarrow p$  is true when both  $q \Rightarrow p$  and  $r \Rightarrow p$ .

$q \Rightarrow p: m = n \rightarrow n^2 = m^2$ ,

$r \Rightarrow p: m = -n \rightarrow n^2 = m^2$

# Dealing with Disjunction (cont.)

## Example

→ (conclusion is a disjunction)

$p \Rightarrow (q \vee r) \equiv p \Rightarrow (\sim q \Rightarrow r)$ , which can be proved by

$$p, \sim q \rightarrow r$$

that is:  $n^2 = m^2, m \neq n \rightarrow m = -n$

Proof:

$$n^2 = m^2 \rightarrow n^2 - m^2 = 0 \rightarrow (n + m)(n - m) = 0$$

since  $m \neq n$ , we have  $n - m \neq 0$ , so,  $n + m = 0$

So,  $m = -n$

# Negating a Statement Using Counterexample

Prove or disprove:

$$\exists x(A(x) \wedge B(x)) \Leftrightarrow \exists xA(x) \wedge \exists xB(x)$$

Assume that:

- The domain is the set of all natural number
- $A(x)$ :  $x$  is odd
- $B(x)$ :  $x$  is even

Then,  $\exists xA(x) \wedge \exists xB(x) = \mathbf{T}$ , and  $\exists x(A(x) \wedge B(x)) = \mathbf{F}$ . So the above equivalence is disproved.

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**FUNCTION** SQ( $A$ )

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This is a loop, the body of which (statements a and b) will be executed repeatedly until  $D = A$ .

$C$  and  $D$  assume new values at the beginning of each new cycle of the loop. Let the value of  $C, D$  be  $C_n$  and  $D_n$  just after the  $n$ th cycle, with initial values of  $C_0$  and  $D_0$ . Then the relation  $C_n = A \times D_n$  will be invariate all the time.

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**END OF FUNCTION**

It is easy to prove that the loop will terminate after exactly  $A$  cycles, which means that  $D = A$  at the end, so  $C = A^2$  for any positive input  $A$ .

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# Exact Cover Problem

Definition of exact cover of a set:

Given a set  $A$  and a finite number of subsets of  $A : A_1, A_2, \dots, A_k$ , a exact cover of  $A$  with respect to the  $A_i$ 's is a set

$S \subseteq \{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_k\}$ , satisfying:

- Any two sets in  $S$  are disjoint, and
- $\bigcup S = A$

Mathematically, we call  $S$  a **partition** of  $A$ .

## Example

$A = \{a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j\}$ ;

$A_1 = \{a, c, d\}$ ,  $A_2 = \{a, b, e, f\}$ ,  $A_3 = \{b, f, g\}$ ,  $A_4 = \{d, h, i\}$ ,

$A_5 = \{a, h, j\}$ ,  $A_6 = \{e, h\}$ ,  $A_7 = \{c, i, j\}$ ,  $A_8 = \{i, j\}$

The exact cover is  $\{A_1, A_3, A_6, A_8\}$ .

# Representation Using Matrix

Let  $|A| = n$ , and there are  $m$  subsets for  $A_i$ 's, we represent the input of exact cover problem as a  $m \times n$  matrix, with each row for a  $A_i$ .

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution: Find a collection of rows of  $\mathbf{M}$  :  $r_1, r_2, \dots, r_k$ , satisfying:  
 $r_i \wedge r_j = \mathbf{0}$  for  $1 \leq i < j \leq k$ , and  $r_1 \vee r_2 \vee \dots \vee r_k = \mathbf{1}$  where  
 $\mathbf{0} = [0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0]$ ,  $\mathbf{1} = [1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1]$  and,  $\wedge$  is boolean product,  $\vee$  is boolean sum.

# Algorithm X for Exact Cover

- Input: matrix **A**
- Initialization: label the rows of **A**; let

$$\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{A}; L = \{\}$$

- (1) If there is a column of 0's in **M**, return “No solution”
- (2) Otherwise:
  - Choose the column **c** with the fewest 1's;
  - Choose a row **r** with a 1 in column **c**,  $L = L \cup \{\mathbf{r}\}$ ;
  - Eliminate any row **r<sub>i</sub>** having the property:  $\mathbf{r} \wedge \mathbf{r}_i \neq \mathbf{0}$ ;
  - Eliminate all columns in which **r** has a 1;
  - Eliminate row **r**;
  - If no row and column left, then output **L**, otherwise repeat (1) and (2) on resulted **M**;

# Solving Sudoku by Covering

Describe the problem in suitable form

- 9 constraints for cells
- 9 constraints for columns
- 9 constraints for rows

1	2	3
2	3	1
3	1	2

Construct the matrix of covering

- 27 columns for constraints
- 27 rows for “moves”

Why can the algorithm X solve the  $3 \times 3$  pseudo-Sudoku using the matrix constructed as above?

# Home Assignments

To be checked

pp.55- 12, 15-16, 18, 28, 30, 32, 35

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# The End