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# Discrete Structures for Computer Science

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# What is Mathematics, really?



It's *not* just about numbers!

Mathematics is *much* more than that:

Mathematics is, most generally, the study of any and all truths about any and all *well-defined* concepts.

But, these concepts can be *about* numbers, symbols, objects, images, sounds, *anything*!



So, what's *this* class (Discrete Structures for Computer Science) about?

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A **set** is an unordered collection of objects called the **elements**.

For example,  $V = \{a, e, i, o, u\}$  is the set of all vowels in the English alphabet.

A **matrix** is a rectangular array of numbers arranged in  $m$  horizontal **rows** and  $n$  vertical **columns**.

Sets, Matrices etc are all called **mathematical objects**.

Collection of mathematical objects with operations defined on them and the accompanying properties form a **mathematical structure or system**.

Example: The collection of sets with the operations of union, intersection, and complement and their accompanying properties is mathematical structure. We denote this structure by  $(\text{sets}, \cap, \cup, ')$ .



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- ✓ What are “discrete structures” anyway?
- ✓ “**Discrete**” ( $\neq$  “discreet”!) - Composed of distinct, separable parts.  
(Opposite of *continuous*.)  
*discrete:continuous :: digital:analog*  
*Example* - integers, people, house
- ✓ “**Discrete Mathematical Structures or Discrete structures**” -  
The abstract mathematical structures used to represent discrete objects and relationships between the objects  
*Example* – graphs, sets, relations
- ✓ “**Discrete Mathematics**” - The mathematical study of discrete objects and structures.





## Why study this course?

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- ✓ Information is stored and manipulated by computers in a discrete fashion. 0101101...
- ✓ Digital computers are based on discrete bits. Therefore, both a computer's
  - structure (circuits) and
  - operations (execution of algorithms)can be described by discrete math.
- ✓ The basis of all of computing is: *Discrete manipulations of discrete structures represented in memory.*
- ✓ Discrete Math is the basic language and conceptual foundation for all of computer science.



# Discrete Math in Computer Science

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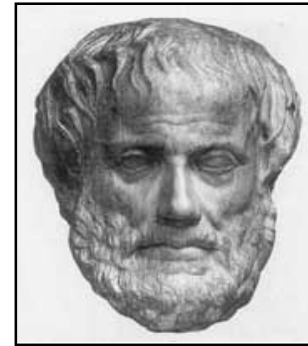
- Networking
- Database
- Image Processing
- Programming
- Languages
- Compilers & Interpreters
- Software Engineering
- Artificial Intelligence
- Computer Architecture
- Operating Systems
- Security & Cryptography
- Data Structures
- Algorithms
- Graphics & Animation

**What else is remaining in computer science?**

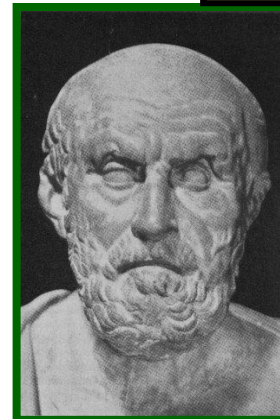
## Quick Overview - Topics

**Logic** is a tool for working with elaborate *compound* statements.

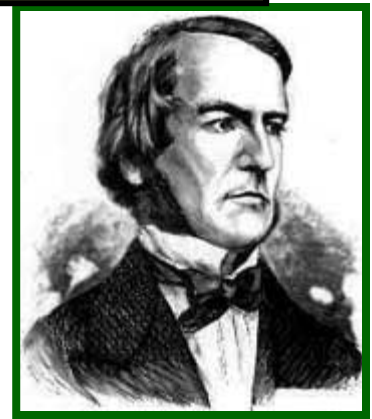
- Propositional Logic
- Predicate Logic
- Equivalences
- Logical Inference



Aristotle  
(ca. 384-322 B.C.)



Chrysippus of Soli  
(ca. 281 B.C. – 205 B.C.)



George Boole  
(1815-1864)





## Quick Overview - Topics

- Methods of proof
  - *Direct* proof: Assume  $p$  is true, and prove  $q$ .
  - *Indirect* proof: Assume  $\neg q$ , and prove  $\neg p$ .
  - *Vacuous* proof: Prove  $\neg p$  by itself.
  - *Trivial* proof: Prove  $q$  by itself.
  - Proof by cases:
  - Proof by Contradiction
  - Proof by Induction
- Fundamental to all mathematical disciplines
- Useful for digital circuits, hardware design



## Quick Overview - Topics

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- ✓ **Sets, Relations & Functions**
  - Sets - Fundamental to all mathematical disciplines
  - Functions are heavily used in analysis of algorithms
  - Relations as concepts are building blocks modern databases
  - Equivalence Relations, Partially Ordered Sets, Lattice Theory
  
- ✓ **Number Theory & Introduction to Cryptography**
  - Get to rediscover the old reliable number theory and find out some surprising facts
  - Very useful in crypto-systems
  
- ✓ **Recurrence Relations**
  - ✓ Problems solved using recurrence



## Quick Overview - Topics

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### ✓ Graph Theory

- Many clever data-structures for organizing information and making programs highly efficient are based on graph theory
- Very useful in describing problems in
  - Databases
  - Operating Systems
  - Networks
  - EVERY CS DISCIPLINE!!!!

### ✓ Counting and Combinatorics

- Compute your odds of winning lottery
- Important for predicting how long certain computer program will take to finish
- Pigeonhole principle

# Books



- ✓ R1. Kolman, Busby, Ross and Rehman, Discrete Mathematical Structures for Computer Science, Pearson Education, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition, 2003.
- ✓ **R2. Kenneth H. Rosen : Discrete Mathematics and its Applications, Tata McGraw Hill, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition, 2004 Seventh Edition**
- ✓ R3. Goodaire & Parmenter : Discrete Mathematics & Graph Theory, Pearson Education, 2000
- ✓ R4. D.S.Malik and M.K.Sen, Discrete Mathematical Structures: Theory and Applications, Thomson, 2004.
- ✓ R5. C.L.Liu, Elements of Discrete Mathematics, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, McGraw Hill, 1986.



# Notations

$\neg p$	$p \wedge q$	$p \oplus q$	$p \rightarrow q$	$p \Leftrightarrow q$	$\forall x P(x)$
$\exists x P(x)$	$\{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$	$\mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{N}, \mathbf{R}$	$\therefore$	$\{x \mid P(x)\}$	$x \notin S$
$\emptyset$	$S \subseteq T$	$ S $	$A \cup B$	$\overline{A}$	$\bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i$
$f : A \rightarrow B$	$f^{-1}(x)$	$f \circ g$	$\lfloor x \rfloor$	$\sum_{\alpha \in S} a_\alpha$	$\prod_{i=1}^n a_i$
$O, \Omega, \Theta$	min, max	$a \nmid b$	gcd, lcm	mod	$a \equiv b \pmod{m}$
$(a_k \cdots a_0)_b$	$[a_{ij}]$	$\mathbf{A}^T$	$\mathbf{A} \odot \mathbf{B}$	$\mathbf{A}^{[n]}$	$\binom{n}{r}$
$C(n; n_1, \dots, n_m)$	$p(E \mid F)$	$R^*$	$\Delta$	$[a]_R$	$\deg^+(v)$



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***Thank You!!***