Monday October 18

Real-life representations are often prone to corruption. Biological codes, like RNA, may mutate naturally¹ and during measurement; cosmic radiation and other ambient noise can flip bits in computer storage². One way to recover from corrupted data is to introduce or exploit redundancy.

Consider the following algorithm to introduce redundancy in a string of 0s and 1s.

Create redundancy by repeating each bit three times

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procedure redun3(a_{k-1}\cdots a_0): a nonempty bitstring)

for i := 0 to k-1

c_{3i} := a_i

c_{3i+1} := a_i

c_{3i+2} := a_i

return c_{3k-1}\cdots c_0
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Decode sequence of bits using majority rule on consecutive three bit sequences

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procedure decode3(c_{3k-1}\cdots c_0): a nonempty bitstring whose length is an integer multiple of 3)

for i:=0 to k-1

if exactly two or three of c_{3i}, c_{3i+1}, c_{3i+2} are set to 1

a_i:=1

else

a_i:=0

return a_{k-1}\cdots a_0
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Give a recursive definition of the set of outputs of the redun3 procedure, Out,

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Consider the message m = 0001 so that the sender calculates redun3(m) = redun3(0001) = 000000000111.
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Introduce ____ errors into the message so that the signal received by the receiver is _____ but the receiver is still able to decode the original message.

Challenge: what is the biggest number of errors you can introduce?

Building a circuit for lines 3-6 in *decode* procedure: given three input bits, we need to determine whether the majority is a 0 or a 1.

c_{3i}	c_{3i+1}	c_{3i+2}	a_i
1	1	1	
1	1	0	
1	0	1	
1	0	0	
0	1	1	
0	1	0	
0	0	1	
0	0	0	

Circuit

¹Mutations of specific RNA codons have been linked to many disorders and cancers.

²This RadioLab podcast episode goes into more detail on bit flips: https://www.wnycstudios.org/story/bit-flip

Definition: The **Cartesian product** of the sets A and B, $A \times B$, is the set of all ordered pairs (a, b), where $a \in A$ and $b \in B$. That is: $A \times B = \{(a, b) \mid (a \in A) \land (b \in B)\}$. The Cartesian product of the sets A_1, A_2, \ldots, A_n , denoted by $A_1 \times A_2 \times \cdots \times A_n$, is the set of ordered n-tuples (a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n) , where a_i belongs to A_i for $i = 1, 2, \ldots, n$. That is,

$$A_1 \times A_2 \times \cdots \times A_n = \{(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \mid a_i \in A_i \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$$

Recall that S is defined as the set of all RNA strands, nonempty strings made of the bases in $B = \{A, U, G, C\}$. We define the functions

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mutation: S \times \mathbb{Z}^+ \times B \to S insertion: S \times \mathbb{Z}^+ \times B \to S deletion: \{s \in S \mid rnalen(s) > 1\} \times \mathbb{Z}^+ \to S with rules
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procedure mutation(b_1 \cdots b_n): a RNA strand, k: a positive integer, b: an element of B)
    for i := 1 to n
       if i = k
3
          c_i := b
       else
5
6
          c_i := b_i
    return c_1 \cdots c_n {The return value is a RNA strand made of the c_i values}
    procedure insertion (b_1 \cdots b_n): a RNA strand, k: a positive integer, b: an element of B)
1
       for i := 1 to n
3
         c_i := b_i
5
       c_{n+1} := b
6
    else
       \mathbf{for} \ i \ := \ 1 \ \mathbf{to} \ k-1
         c_i := b_i
9
       c_k := b
       for i := k+1 to n+1
10
11
         c_i := b_{i-1}
    return c_1 \cdots c_{n+1} {The return value is a RNA strand made of the c_i values}
12
    procedure deletion(b_1 \cdots b_n): a RNA strand with n > 1, k: a positive integer)
1
2
    if k > n
      m := n
       for i := 1 to n
          c_i := b_i
5
    else
6
       m := n - 1
       for i := 1 to k-1
          c_i := b_i
       \mathbf{for} \ i \ := \ k \ \mathbf{to} \ n-1
10
          c_i := b_{i+1}
11
    return c_1 \cdots c_m {The return value is a RNA strand made of the c_i values}
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Trace the pseudocode to find the output of mutation((AUC, 3, G))

Fill in the blanks so that $insertion(\ (AUC, _, _)\) = AUCG$

Fill in the blanks so that $deletion(\ (_,_)\) = {\tt G}$

Review

1.

In this question, we will consider how to build a logic circuit with inputs x_0 , y_0 , x_1 , y_1 and output z such that z = 1 exactly when $(x_1x_0)_{2,2} < (y_1y_0)_{2,2}$ and z = 0 exactly when $(x_1x_0)_{2,2} \ge (y_1y_0)_{2,2}$.

- (a) The first step towards designing this logic circuit is to construct its input-output table. How many rows does this table have (not including the header row labelling the columns)?
- (b) What is the output for the row whose input values are $x_0 = 0$, $y_0 = 1$, $x_1 = 1$, $y_1 = 0$?
- (c) What is the output for the row whose input values are $x_0 = 0$, $y_0 = 1$, $x_1 = 0$, $y_1 = 1$?

2.

Recall the procedures redun3 and decode3 from class.

- (a) Give the output of redun3(100).
- (b) If the output of running redun3 is 000000111000111, what was its input?
- (c) Give the output of decode3(100).
- (d) How many distinct possible inputs to decode3 give the output 01?

3.

Recall the procedures *mutation* and *insertion* and *deletion* from class.

- (a) Trace the pseudocode to find the output of mutation ((AUC, 2, U))
- (b) Trace the pseudocode to find the output of $insertion(\ (AUC,1,G)\)$
- (c) Trace the pseudocode to find the output of $\textit{deletion}(\ (\mathtt{AUC},1)\)$

Wednesday October 20

Definition: A **predicate** is a function from a given set (domain) to $\{T, F\}$.

A predicate can be applied, or **evaluated** at, an element of the domain.

Usually, a predicate describes a property that domain elements may or may not have.

Two predicates over the same domain are **equivalent** means they evaluate to the same truth values for all possible assignments of domain elements to the input. In other words, they are equivalent means that they are equal as functions.

To define a predicate, we must specify its domain and its value at each domain element. The rule assigning truth values to domain elements can be specified using a formula, English description, in a table (if the domain is finite), or recursively (if the domain is recursively defined).

Input	Output				
	V(x)	N(x)	Mystery(x)		
x	$V(x)$ $[x]_{2c,3} > 0$	$[x]_{2c,3} < 0$			
000	F		T		
001	T		T		
010	T		T		
011	T		F		
100	F		F		
101	F		T		
110	F		F		
111	F		T		

The domain for each of the predicates V(x), N(x), Mystery(x) is

Fill in the table of values for the predicate N(x) based on the formula given.

Definition: The **truth set** of a predicate is the collection of all elements in its domain where the predicate evaluates to T.

Notice that specifying the domain	and the truth set i	is sufficient for o	defining a predicate.
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The truth set for the predicate V(x) is ______.

The truth set for the predicate N(x) is ______.

The truth set for the predicate Mystery(x) is ______.

The universal quantification of predicate P(x) over domain U is the statement "P(x) for all values of x in the domain U" and is written $\forall x P(x)$ or $\forall x \in U P(x)$. When the domain is finite, universal quantification over the domain is equivalent to iterated *conjunction* (ands).

The existential quantification of predicate P(x) over domain U is the statement "There exists an element x in the domain U such that P(x)" and is written $\exists x P(x)$ for $\exists x \in U \ P(x)$. When the domain is finite, existential quantification over the domain is equivalent to iterated disjunction (ors).

An element for which P(x) = F is called a **counterexample** of $\forall x P(x)$.

An element for which P(x) = T is called a witness of $\exists x P(x)$.

Statements involving predicates and quantifiers are logically equivalent means they have the same truth value no matter which predicates (domains and functions) are substituted in.

Quantifier version of De Morgan's laws: $|\neg \forall x P(x) \equiv \exists x (\neg P(x))|$

$$\boxed{\neg \forall x P(x) \equiv \exists x (\neg P(x))}$$

$$\neg \exists x Q(x) \equiv \forall x (\neg Q(x))$$

Examples of quantifications using V(x), N(x), Mystery(x):

True or **False**: $\exists x \ (V(x) \land N(x))$

True or False: $\forall x \ (V(x) \to N(x))$

True or **False**: $\exists x \ (\ N(x) \leftrightarrow Mystery(x)\)$

Rewrite $\neg \forall x \ (V(x) \oplus Mystery(x))$ into a logical equivalent statement.

Notice that these are examples where the predicates have *finite* domain. How would we evaluate quantifications where the domain may be infinite?

Example predicates on S, the set of RNA strands (an infinite set)

 $H: S \to \{T, F\}$ where H(s) = T for all s.

Truth set of H is _____

 $F_{\mathtt{A}}:S\to\{T,F\}$ defined recursively by:

Basis step: $F_A(A) = T$, $F_A(C) = F_A(G) = F_A(U) = F$

Recursive step: If $s \in S$ and $b \in B$, then $F_{A}(sb) = F_{A}(s)$.

Example where $F_{\mathbf{A}}$ evaluates to T is ______

Example where $F_{\mathbb{A}}$ evaluates to F is _____

Review

1.

Recall the predicates V(x), N(x), and Mystery(x) on domain $\{000, 001, 010, 011, 100, 101, 110, 111\}$ from class. Which of the following is true? (Select all and only that apply.)

- (a) $(\forall x \ V(x)) \lor (\forall x \ N(x))$
- (b) $(\exists x \ V(x)) \land (\exists x \ N(x)) \land (\exists x \ Mystery(x))$
- (c) $\exists x \ (V(x) \land N(x) \land Mystery(x))$
- (d) $\forall x \ (V(x) \oplus N(x))$
- (e) $\forall x \ (Mystery(x) \rightarrow V(x))$

2.

Consider the following predicates, each of which has as its domain the set of all bitstrings whose leftmost bit is 1

- E(x) is T exactly when $(x)_2$ is even, and is F otherwise
- L(x) is T exactly when $(x)_2 < 3$, and is F otherwise
- M(x) is T exactly when $(x)_2 > 256$ and is F otherwise.
- (a) What is E(110)?
- (b) Why is L(00) undefined?
 - i. Because the domain of L is infinite
 - ii. Because 00 does not have 1 in the leftmost position
 - iii. Because 00 has length 2, not length 3
 - iv. Because $(00)_{2,2} = 0$ which is less than 3
- (c) Is there a bitstring of width (where width is the number of bits) 6 at which M(x) evaluates to T?

3.

For this question, we will use the following predicate.

 $F_{\mathtt{A}}$ with domain S is defined recursively by:

Basis step:
$$F_A(A) = T$$
, $F_A(C) = F_A(G) = F_A(U) = F$

Recursive step: If $s \in S$ and $b \in B$, then $F_{A}(sb) = F_{A}(s)$

Which of the following is true? (Select all and only that apply.)

- (a) $F_{A}(AA)$
- (b) $F_{A}(AC)$
- (c) $F_{\rm A}({\rm AG})$
- (d) $F_{A}(AU)$

- (e) $F_{\mathtt{A}}(\mathtt{CA})$
- (f) $F_{\mathtt{A}}(\mathtt{CC})$
- (g) $F_{\rm A}({\rm CG})$
- (h) $F_{\rm A}({
 m CU})$

Friday October 22

Recall the definitions: The set of RNA strands S is defined (recursively) by:

Basis Step: $A \in S, C \in S, U \in S, G \in S$

Recursive Step: If $s \in S$ and $b \in B$, then $sb \in S$

where sb is string concatenation.

The function rnalen that computes the length of RNA strands in S is defined recursively by:

Basis Step: If $b \in B$ then $rnalen(S) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^+$

Recursive Step: If $s \in S$ and $b \in B$, then rnalen(sb) = 1 + rnalen(s)

The function basecount that computes the number of a given base b appearing in a RNA strand s is defined recursively by:

Using functions to define predicates:

L with domain $S \times \mathbb{Z}^+$ is defined by, for $s \in S$ and $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$,

$$L(\ (s,n)\) = \begin{cases} T & \text{if } rnalen(s) = n \\ F & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

In other words, $L(\ (s,n)\)$ means rnalen(s)=n

BC with domain $S \times B \times \mathbb{N}$ is defined by, for $s \in S$ and $b \in B$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$BC((s, b, n)) = \begin{cases} T & \text{if } basecount((s, b)) = n \\ F & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

In other words, BC((s, b, n)) means basecount((s, b)) = n

Example where L evaluates to T: _____ Why?

Example where BC evaluates to T: Why?

Example where L evaluates to F: Why?

Example where BC evaluates to F:

$$\exists t \ BC(t)$$
 $\exists (s, b, n) \in S \times B \times \mathbb{N} \ (basecount(\ (s, b)\) = n)$

In English:

Witness that proves this existential quantification is true:

$$\forall t \ BC(t) \qquad \forall (s, b, n) \in S \times B \times \mathbb{N} \ (basecount(\ (s, b)\) = n)$$

In English:

Counterexample that proves this universal quantification is false:

New predicates from old

1. Define the **new** predicate with domain $S \times B$ and rule

$$basecount((s,b)) = 3$$

Example domain element where predicate is T:

2. Define the **new** predicate with domain $S \times \mathbb{N}$ and rule

$$basecount((s, A)) = n$$

Example domain element where predicate is T:

3. Define the **new** predicate with domain $S \times B$ and rule

$$\exists n \in \mathbb{N} \ (basecount(\ (s,b)\) = n)$$

Example domain element where predicate is T:

4. Define the **new** predicate with domain S and rule

$$\forall b \in B \ (basecount(\ (s,b)\)=1)$$

Example domain element where predicate is T:

Notation: for a predicate P with domain $X_1 \times \cdots \times X_n$ and a n-tuple (x_1, \ldots, x_n) with each $x_i \in X$, we can write $P(x_1, \ldots, x_n)$ to mean $P((x_1, \ldots, x_n))$.

Nested quantifiers

$$\forall s \in S \ \forall b \in B \ \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \ (basecount(\ (s,b)\) = n)$$

In English:

Counterexample that proves this universal quantification is false:

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N} \ \forall s \in S \ \forall b \in B \ (basecount(\ (s,b)\) = n)$$

In English:

Counterexample that proves this universal quantification is false:

Alternating nested quantifiers

$$\forall s \in S \ \exists b \in B \ (basecount((s,b)) = 3)$$

In English: For each RNA strand there is a base that occurs 3 times in this strand.

Write the negation and use De Morgan's law to find a logically equivalent version where the negation is applied only to the BC predicate (not next to a quantifier).

Is the original statement **True** or **False**?

$$\exists s \in S \ \forall b \in B \ \exists n \in \mathbb{N} \ (basecount((s,b)) = n)$$

In English: There is an RNA strand so that for each base there is some nonnegative integer that counts the number of occurrences of that base in this strand.

Write the negation and use De Morgan's law to find a logically equivalent version where the negation is applied only to the BC predicate (not next to a quantifier).

Is the original statement **True** or **False**?

Review

1.

Recall the predicate L with domain $S \times \mathbb{Z}^+$ from class, L((s,n)) means rnalen(s) = n. Which of the following is true? (Select all and only that apply.)

- (a) $\exists s \in S \ \exists n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \ L((s,n))$
- (b) $\exists s \in S \ \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \ L(\ (s,n)\)$
- (c) $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \exists s \in S \ L((s,n))$
- (d) $\forall s \in S \ \exists n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \ L((s,n))$
- (e) $\exists n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \ \forall s \in S \ L((s,n))$

2.

Recall the predicate BC with domain $S \times B \times \mathbb{N}$ from class, BC((s, b, n)) means basecount((s, b)) = n. Match each sentence to its English translation, or select none of the above.

- (a) $\forall s \in S \ \exists n \in \mathbb{N} \ \forall b \in B \ basecount((s,b)) = n$
- (b) $\forall s \in S \ \forall b \in B \ \exists n \in \mathbb{N} \ basecount((s,b)) = n$
- (c) $\forall s \in S \ \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \ \exists b \in B \ basecount(\ (s,b)\) = n$
- (d) $\forall b \in B \ \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \ \exists s \in S \ basecount(\ (s,b)\) = n$
- (e) $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} \ \forall b \in B \ \exists s \in S \ basecount(\ (s,b)\) = n$
- i. For each RNA strand and each possible base, the number of that base in that strand is a nonnegative integer.
- ii. For each RNA strand and each nonnegative integer, there is a base that occurs this many times in this strand.
- iii. Every RNA strand has the same number of each base, and that number is a nonnegative integer.
- iv. For every given nonnegative integer, there is a strand where each possible base appears the given number of times.
- v. For every given base and nonnegative integer, there is an RNA strand that has this base occurring this many times.

Challenge: Express symbolically

There are (at least) two different RNA strands that have the same number of As.