

Boolean Algebra Much like
the usual $+$, \times say over \mathbb{Z} .

$$\text{AND} \equiv \times$$

$$\text{OR} \equiv +$$

Note: distributive law & such works!

$$X \text{ AND } (Y \text{ OR } Z)$$

$$X (Y + Z) = XY + XZ$$

$$\stackrel{!!!}{(X \text{ AND } Y) \text{ OR } (X \text{ AND } Z)}$$

Can actually embed Boolean algebra in \mathbb{Z} :

Suppose $X, Y \in \{0, 1\} \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$.

$$X \text{ AND } Y \equiv XY$$

$$\text{NOT } X \equiv 1 - X$$

$$X \text{ OR } Y \equiv !(!X \text{ AND } !Y) \quad (\text{De Morgan})$$

$$\equiv 1 - (1 - X)(1 - Y)$$

Algebra of program structure

$$X; Y; \equiv \text{AND.} \equiv \times.$$

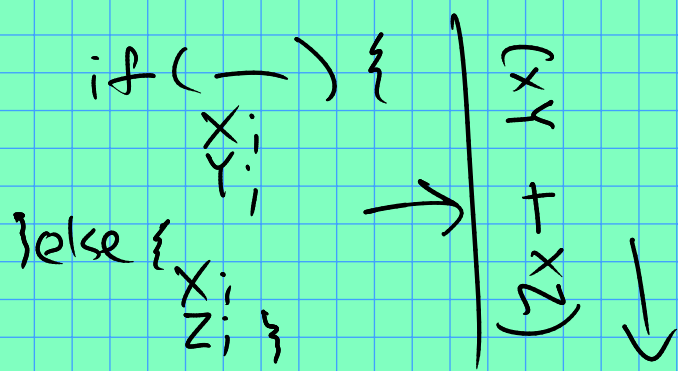
if (—)

$X;$

else

$Y;$

$$\equiv \text{OR} \equiv +$$



x_i
 if (—)
 y_i
 else
 z_i

$\left(\begin{array}{c} x \\ y \\ + \\ z \end{array} \right)$

↓

More complicated stuff works too.

Exercise: try FOIL

Continuing the analogy:

$$\text{for } (i=1; i \leq n; i++) \quad X_i \quad \equiv \quad \prod_{i=1}^n X_i$$

Switch (w/ exclusive cases)

or an array of function pointers $\equiv \sum X_i$

Programming Pattern: "Reduce"

(aka "fold", "catamorphism"):

Setup: you have an array of values x_1, \dots, x_n

& a function that takes 2 values to 1:

$f: V \times V \rightarrow V$. To "fold" the

x_i via f is to compute

$$f \dots f(f(f(x_1, x_2), x_3), x_4) \dots) \in V$$

Example: sum: $f(x, y) = x + y$.

How to program it?

$r = x_1;$

for ($i=2; i \leq n; i++$)

$r = f(r, x_i);$ ←

return $r;$

More examples: Computing max or min, or product.

Even your prime test can be seen as a reduce:

x_i are booleans, defined as

$$x_i \equiv n \bmod i \neq 0$$

Being prime means that for $i=2, \dots, n-1$,

x_i must be true:

$$\text{prime} \equiv x_2 \text{ AND } x_3 \text{ AND } \dots \text{ AND } x_{n-1}$$

(The folding function f is just AND).