

Lecture 1:

~~Def:~~ ~~Syllabus, HW policies, exam dates/ quizzes.~~

Discrete Mathematics: Study of

- Logic
- Sets
- Algorithms
- Functions
- Induction
- Probability
- Counting

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individually separate, distinct. "Opposite of  
Continuous" (studied in calculus)

Fundamental building block:

Def. A proposition is a declarative sentence. It is  
either True or False (discrete outcome)

E.g.

- Urbana is the capital of Illinois
- Springfield is the capital of Illinois
- $1+1=2$

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Non-Eg.

- What time is it?
- Read chapter 1 of Discrete math textbook.

Def<sup>n</sup>: A propositional (or sentential) variable is a letter (p, q, r, s, ... etc) used to denote a proposition.

Looking Forward: Sets are defined in terms of propositions. Sets underly all discrete math (+ more) so we need to study operations on propositions and their effects on truth values.

Def<sup>n</sup>: Let  $p$  be a proposition. The negation of  $p$ , <sup>(3)</sup>  
 $\neg p$ , is the statement  
"it is not the case that  $p$ ".

The proposition  $\neg p$  has the opposite truth value  
a)  $p$ .

E.g. Let  $p$  be "It is raining outside"

$\neg p$  is "it is not the case that it is  
raining outside"

or equivalently: "it is not raining outside"

Just like negation, we can form new propositions ⑤  
from old ones using the logical connectives  
"and" and "or".

Def: Let  $p, q$  be propositions. The conjunction of  $p$   
and  $q$ , denoted  $p \wedge q$ , is the proposition  
"p and q".  $p \wedge q$  is true when both  $p$  and  $q$   
are true and false otherwise.

E.g.  $p$ : "it is raining outside"  
 $q$ : "there's a snake on the grass"

$p \wedge q$ : "it is raining outside and there is a snake  
in the grass"

is true when and only when  $p$  and  $q$  are both true.

Def. The disjunction of  $p, q$ , denoted  $p \vee q$ , is (6)  
the proposition " $p \vee q$ ". The proposition  
 $p \vee q$  is false when both  $p$  and  $q$  are false  
and true otherwise.

E.g.  $p \vee q$  "it is raining outside or there is a snake in  
the grass"

is false when and only when it is not  
raining and there is not a snake in the grass.

## Truth tables for Conjunction, disjunction

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- List all possible truth value combinations of the component propositions.
- Combine using the above rules.

$p$	$q$	$p \wedge q$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	F
F	F	F

$p$	$q$	$p \vee q$
T	T	T
T	F	T
F	T	T
F	F	F

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## Lecture 2:

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Def<sup>n</sup>: The conditional statement,  $P \Rightarrow Q$ , is the proposition "if  $P$  then  $Q$ ". This statement is false when  $P$  is true and  $Q$  is false and true otherwise.

$P$  is called antecedent or hypothesis

$Q$  is called conclusion or consequent.

- If it is raining outside, then there is a snake in the grass.

Note: this is true if it is not raining outside, ~~and~~ <sup>We say</sup> the implication is vacuously true.

E.g.  $P(x)$  "x is greater than 5"

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$P(4)$  is False

$P(5)$  is False

$P(6)$  is true.

Once we substitute a value for the variable, a prop. function becomes a proposition with a truth value.

Want: A way to say that  $P(x)$  is true for all values of  $x$  (of a certain type) or for at least one value of  $x$ .

These are accomplished by using Quantifiers



Ex: "For every real number  $x$ ,  $x^2 > 0$ ."

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Let  $P(x)$  denote the prop. function " $x^2 > 0$ ".

So the above is

"For every real number  $x$ ,  $P(x)$ ".

This is true when  $P(x)$  is true for every real number.

Def<sup>n</sup>: The universal quantification of  $P(x)$  is the statement " $P(x)$  for all values of  $x$  in the domain"

denoted  $\forall x, P(x)$ .

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$\forall x P(x)$  is true when  $P(x)$  is true for every  $x$ .

↳ false when there is an  $x$  for which  $P(x)$  is false.

So to ~~disprove~~ show a universally quantified statement is false, it is enough to find one counterexample.

## Existential quantifier :

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Let  $P(x)$  be a propositional function.

the existential quantification of  $P(x)$  is the  
in a specified domain  
Statement "There exists an element  $x_1$  so that  $P(x_1)$ ".

This statement is true if there is at least one  $x$   
in the domain so that  $P(x)$  is true.

This statement is false if  $P(x)$  is false for  
every  $x$  in the domain. Denoted  $\exists x P(x)$ .

e.g. "There is a <sup>real number</sup>  $x$  so that  $x > 4$ " T  
"There is a real number  $x$  so that  $x = x + 1$ " F.

Recall : - Propositions

• Truth values

• logical connectives:

• not

• and

• or

Truth tables : Recipes for determining truth values of compound propositions made out of logical connectives.

P	$\neg P$
T	F
F	T

P	q	$P \wedge q$	$P \vee q$	$\neg(P \wedge q)$	$\neg(P \vee q)$
T	T	T	T	F	F
T	F	F	T	T	F
F	T	F	T	T	F
F	F	F	F	T	T

## ~~Lecture 2~~: Sets

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Def<sup>n</sup>: A set is an unordered collection of objects, called elements, or members of the set. A set is said to contain its elements. We write  $a \in A$  to indicate that  $a$  is an element of the set  $A$ .

E.g.:  $A =$  The set of all <sup>pos.</sup> whole numbers less than 6 divisible by 2.

$$A = \{0, 2, 4\}$$

$A =$  positive even <sup>whole</sup> numbers less than 6.

## Lecture 3

Recall: A set is an unordered collection of distinct objects, called elements or members.

If  $A$  is a set, we write  $a \in A$  to indicate  $a$  is an element of the set  $A$ .

Multiple ways to describe sets:

(Roster notation) 1. List all elements btwn curly braces  
e.g.  $A = \{a, b, c, d\} = \{d, a, b, c\} = \{d, d, a, a, b, c\}$   
 $\uparrow$  unordered  $\uparrow$  distinct.

$$V = \{a, e, i, o, u\}$$

2. Set builder notation: Characterize all elements of a set by stating a property or properties of the members.

$$\{x \mid x \text{ has property } P\}.$$

e.g.  $A = \{x \mid x \text{ is an odd positive integer less than } 10\}$

$$E = \{x \mid x \text{ is a vowel}\}.$$

$$B = \{x \mid x \text{ is a real number and } 1 \leq x \leq 2\}.$$

## Special Sets:

$$\mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\} \quad \text{set of natural numbers} \quad (15)$$

$$\mathbb{Z} = \{\dots, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots\} \quad \text{set of integers}$$

$$\mathbb{Z}^+ = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\} \quad \text{set of all positive integers}$$

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listing their elements. —

$$\mathbb{Q} = \left\{ \frac{p}{q} \mid p \in \mathbb{Z}, q \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } q \neq 0 \right\}.$$

$$E = \{x \in \mathbb{N} \mid x = 2k \text{ for some } k \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{x \in \mathbb{N} \mid \exists k : P(x)\}$$

$$O = \{x \in \mathbb{N} \mid x = 2k+1 \text{ for some } k \in \mathbb{Z}\}.$$

$$\mathbb{R} = \text{the set of real numbers (continuum)}$$



## Intervals ( subsets of $\mathbb{R}$ )

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Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $a < b$ .

Then define  $[a, b]$ ,  $(a, b]$ ,  $[a, b)$ ,  $(a, b)$ .

Similar to logical equivalence of propositions, we have

Def<sup>n</sup>: Two sets  $A, B$  are equal if they have the same elements.

$$\bullet \forall x \left( (x \in A \Rightarrow x \in B) \text{ and } (x \in B \Rightarrow x \in A) \right)$$

We write  $A=B$  to mean two sets are equal.

Note: Order of elements in a set doesn't matter

$$\{1, 3, 7\} = \{7, 1, 3\}.$$

Further, repetitions are ignored:  $\{1, 1, 1, 1, 3\} = \{1, 3\}.$

## Venn Diagrams + representing sets

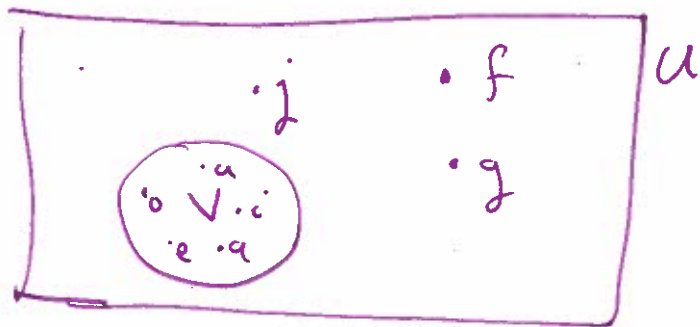
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A Venn diagram is a picture of a set.

E.g. Let  $U = 26$  letters of English alphabet

$V = \text{Vowels} = \{a, e, i, o, u\}$

$V \subseteq U$



Note: the bubble for  $V$  is completely inside the bubble for  $U$ .

Def<sup>n</sup>: A set  $A$  is a subset of a set  $B$  if

$\forall x \in A, x \in B$  aka if  $x \in A$  then  $x \in B$ .

(in words every element of  $A$  is an element of  $B$ )

We write  $A \subseteq B$ .

Note: To show that  $A$  is a subset of  $B$  we need to show that the proposition

$$\forall x (x \in A \Rightarrow x \in B) \text{ is true.}$$

To show  $A$  is not a subset of  $B$  we need to <sup>only</sup> find one element of  $A$  that is not element of  $B$ .

Facts:

1.  $\emptyset \subseteq S$  for any set  $S$ .
2.  $S \subseteq S$  for any set  $S$ .

Try to verify 1. (recall truth table for  $\Rightarrow$ )  
conditional

## The Empty set:

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Def<sup>n</sup> The empty set is a set w/ no elements.

Denoted  $\emptyset = \{\}$ .

Note:  $\emptyset$  and  $\{\emptyset\}$  are different sets  
one has no elements, the other has one  
element (the empty set itself).

## Operations on Sets:

$$\mathcal{P}(A) = \{B \mid B \subseteq A\}$$

$$A \times B = \{(a, b) \mid a \in A, b \in B\}$$

$$A \cap B = \{x \mid x \in A \text{ and } x \in B\}$$

$$A \cup B = \{x \mid x \in A \text{ or } x \in B\}.$$

$$A \setminus B = \{x \mid x \in A \text{ and } x \notin B\}.$$

Examples:  $A = \{a, b, c\}$   $B = \{b, c, d\}$   $C = \{e, f, g\}$

1.  $A \cap B = \{b, c\}$

2.  $A \cup B = \{a, b, c, d\}$

3.  $A \cap C = \emptyset$

4.  $A \cup C = \{a, b, c, e, f, g\}$

5.  $A \times B = \{(a, b), (a, c), (a, d),$   
 $(b, b), (b, c), (b, d)$   
 $(c, b), (c, c), (c, d)\}.$

6.  $P(A) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$