

# MATHD022: Discrete Mathematics

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# 1. The Language of Mathematics

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## 1.1 Variables

**Definition** A **variable** is a symbol that is used as a placeholder when:

- The quantity has one of more values, but is not known.
  - For example:  $2x^2 - x = 7$
- The quantity represents **any element** from a given set.
  - For example: The reciporical of any non-zero integer  $n$  is  $\frac{1}{n}$ .

**Writing Sentences using Variables** We can rewrite the following sentences using variables:

- Is there an integer  $n$  that has a remainder of 2 when it is divided by 5?
  - Is there an integer  $n$  such that  $n \% 5 = 2$ ?
- The cube root of any negative real number is negative.
  - For any real number  $s$ , if  $s < 0$ , then  $\sqrt[3]{s} < 0$ .

### Types of Statements

- A **universal statement** is a statement that is true always true.
  - For example: **All** positive numbers are greater than 0.
- A **conditional statement** is a statement that is true if a certain condition is met.
  - For example: **If** 378 is divisible by 18, **then** 378 is divisible by 6.
- A **universal conditional statement** is a statement that is both conditional and universal.
  - For example: **For all** animals  $a$ , if  $a$  is a dog, **then**  $a$  is a mammal.

- As a universal statement: **For all** dogs  $a$ ,  $a$  is a mammal.
- As a conditional statement: **If**  $a$  is a dog, **then**  $a$  is a mammal.
- An **existential statement** gives a property that is true for at least one thing.
  - **There is** a prime number that is even.
- A **universal existential statement** is a statement where the first part is universal and the second part is existential.
  - **Every** real number **has** an additive inverse.
  - **For all** real numbers  $r$ , **there is** an additive inverse  $-r$ .
  - **For all** real numbers  $r$ , **there is** a real number  $s$  such that  $r + s = 0$ .
- An **existential universal statement** is a statement where the first part is existential and the second part is universal.
  - **There is** a positive integer that is less than or equal to **every** positive integer.
  - **There is** a positive integer  $m$  such that **every** positive integer is greater than or equal to  $m$ .
  - **There is** a positive integer  $m$  with the property that **for all** positive integers  $n$ ,  $m \leq n$ .

## 1.2 Sets

**Definition** A **set** is a collection of objects.

**Notation**

- $x \in S$ :  $x$  is an element of  $S$ .
- $x \notin S$ :  $x$  is not an element of  $S$ .
- $S = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ : is **set roster notation**.

**Axon of Extension** A set is determined by what its elements are. Orders of elements or repeated elements can't be determine the set.

For example:  $\{1, 2, 3\} = \{3, 2, 2, 1, 2, 3, 1\}$ . There are 3 elements in both sets.

**Common Sets**

- $\mathbb{R}$ : the set of all real numbers.
- $\mathbb{Z}$ :  $\{\dots, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$  the set of all integers.
- $\mathbb{N}$ :  $\{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$  the set of all natural numbers.
- $\mathbb{Q}$ : the set of all rational numbers.
- $\emptyset = \{\}$ : the empty set, or null set.

The null set is a subset of every set.

**Set Builder Notation** Let  $S$  denote a set and let  $x \in S$  be and element in  $S$ .  $P(x)$  is a property that some elements of  $S$  satisfy.

$$A = \{x \in S | P(x)\}$$

$A$  constains elements in  $S$  such that  $(\text{---}) P(x)$  is true.

## Subsets

**Definition** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be sets.  $A$  is a **subset** ( $\subseteq$ ) of  $B$  if every element of  $A$  is also an element of  $B$ .

**Proper Subsets** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be sets.  $A$  is a **proper subset** ( $\subset$ ) of  $B$  if every element of  $A$  is also an element of  $B$ , **and** there is at least one element in  $B$  that is not in  $A$ .

**Example** Let  $A = \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,  $B = \{n \in \mathbb{Z} | 0 \leq n \leq 100\}$ , and  $C = \{100, 200, 300, 400, 500\}$ .

- $B \subseteq A$  is false.
- $C \subset A$  is true.
- $C \subseteq B$  is false.
- $C \subseteq C$  is true.

**Cartesian Product of sets** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be sets. The **Cartesian product** of  $A$  and  $B$ , denoted  $A \times B$ , is the set of all ordered pairs  $(a, b)$  such that  $a \in A$  and  $b \in B$ .

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

**Example** Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$  and  $B = u, v$ .

$$A \times B = \{(1, u), (1, v), (2, u), (2, v), (3, u), (3, v)\}$$

$$A \times A = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (1, 3), (2, 1), (2, 2), (2, 3), (3, 1), (3, 2), (3, 3)\}$$

### 1.3 Relations and Functions

**Relations** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be sets. A **relation** from  $A$  to  $B$  is a subset of the Cartesian product  $A \times B$ .

$$R \subseteq A \times B$$

- If  $(x,y) \in R$ , we say that  $x$  is related to  $y$  by  $R$ , denoted as  $xRy$ .
- **A** is in the **domain** of **R**
- **B** is the **codomain** of **R**

**Example** Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$  and  $B = \{1, 2\}$  and define a relation  $R$  from  $A$  to  $B$  as follows:

$$(x, y) \in R \iff \frac{x+y}{2} \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$R = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (2, 1), (2, 2), (3, 1)\}$$

$$\text{Domain of } R = \{1, 2, 3\}$$

$$\text{Codomain of } R = \{1, 2\}$$

## Functions

**Definition** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two sets. A function  $F$  from  $A$  to  $B$  is a relation with domain  $A$  and co-domain  $B$  that satisfies the following properties:

- For every element  $x \in A$ , there is an element  $y \in B$  such  $(x, y) \in F$
- For every element  $x \in A$ ,

**Example** Let  $A = \{2, 4, 6\}$  and  $B = \{1, 3, 5\}$ . Which of the relations defined below are functions from  $A$  to  $B$ ?

- $R = \{(2, 5), (4, 1), (4, 3), (6, 5)\}$ 
  - Not a function because 4 is related to 1 and 3. This is not a many-to-one relationship.
- For all  $(x, y) \in A \times B, (x, y) \in S \iff y = x + 1$ 
  - $S = \{(2, 3), (4, 5)\}$  is a function from  $A$  to  $B$ .
- $T = \{(2, 5), (4, 1), (6, 1)\}$ 
  - $T$  is a function from  $A$  to  $B$  as  $A$  has a many-to-one relationship with  $B$ .

## Equivalent Functions

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two sets. Two functions  $f$  and  $g$  from  $A$  to  $B$ :

$$f = g \iff f(x) = g(x) \quad \forall \quad x \in A$$



## 2. The Logic of Compound Statements

### 2.1 Logical Form and Equivalence

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#### Arguments

**Definition** An argument is a sequence of statements aimed at demonstrating the truth of an assertion.

- The assertion at the end of the sequence is called the conclusion.
- The statements that support the conclusion are called premises.
- If the premises are true, the conclusion must also be true.

#### Example

- If student A is a math major or student A is a computer science major,
- Then student A will take Discrete Math.

#### Logical Statements

**Definition** A logical statement is a declarative sentence that is either true or false, but not both.

- Not  $p$ :  $\neg p$
- $p$  and/but  $q$ :  $p \wedge q$
- $p$  or  $q$ :  $p \vee q$
- Neither  $p$  nor  $q$ :  $\neg p \wedge \neg q$

**Example**  $h$  = healthy,  $w$  = wealthy,  $s$  = wise

- John is healthy and wealthy but not wise.
  - $(h \wedge w) \wedge \neg s$
- John is neither wealthy nor wise, but he is healthy
  - $(\neg w \wedge \neg s) \wedge h$

## Equivalent Statements

**Definition** Two logical statements are equivalent if they have the same truth tables, denoted:

$$p \equiv q$$

**De Morgan's Laws** The negation ( $\neg$ ) of an and statement is logically equivalent to the or statement of the negations. Similarly, the negation of an or statement is logically equivalent to the and statement of the negations.

- $\neg(p \wedge q) \equiv \neg p \vee \neg q$
- $\neg(p \vee q) \equiv \neg p \wedge \neg q$

## Tautological and Contradictory Statements

- A tautological statement is a statement that is always true.
- A contradictory statement is a statement that is always false.

## 2.2 Conditional Statements

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**Definition** A Conditional statement is in the form "If  $p$ , then  $q$ " and is denoted as  $p \implies q$ . This is read as  $p$  implies  $q$ .

- $p$  is the **hypothesis** of the statement.
- $q$  is the **conclusion** of the statement.

### Order of Operations

- $()$ : parentheses
- $\neg$ : negation
- $\wedge/\vee$ : conjunction/disjunction
- $\implies$ : implication

### Equivalent of Conditional Statements

$$\begin{aligned} p \implies q &\equiv \neg p \vee q \\ \neg(p \implies q) &\equiv p \wedge \neg q \end{aligned}$$

**Example** Find the negation of the following statement: "If my car is in the repair shop then I cannot go to class".

- Hypothesis ( $p$ ): "My car is in the repair shop"
- Conclusion ( $q$ ): "I cannot go to class"
- Convert:  $p \implies q \equiv \neg p \vee q$
- Negation:  $\neg(p \implies q) \equiv \neg(\neg p \vee q) \equiv p \wedge \neg q$
- Convert back: "My car is in the repair shop and I can go to class"

**Negation vs Inverse** The negation of a statement is NOT the same as the inverse of the statement.

- Negation:  $\neg(p \implies q)$
- Inverse:  $\neg p \implies \neg q$

**Example** If  $p$  is a square, then  $p$  is a rectangle.

- Hypothesis ( $p$ ): "p is a square"
- Conclusion ( $q$ ): "p is a rectangle"
- Negation:  $\neg(p \implies q) \equiv p \wedge \neg q$
- Convert back: "p is a square and p is not a rectangle"
- Inverse:  $\neg p \implies \neg q \equiv p \vee \neg q$
- Convert: "If p is not a square, then p is not a rectangle"

**More statement types**

- Contrapositive of  $p \implies q \equiv \neg q \implies \neg p$
- Converse of  $p \implies q \equiv q \implies p$
- Inverse of  $p \implies q \equiv \neg p \implies \neg q$

**Example** If today is Easter then tomorrow is Monday.

- Hypothesis ( $p$ ): "Today is Easter"
- Conclusion ( $q$ ): "Tomorrow is Monday"
- Convert:  $p \implies q$
- Contrapositive:  $\neg q \implies \neg p \equiv$  If tomorrow is not Monday, then today is not Easter
- Converse:  $q \implies p \equiv$  If tomorrow is Monday, then today is Easter
- Inverse:  $\neg p \implies \neg q \equiv$  If today is not Easter, then tomorrow is not Monday

**Biconditional Statements** A biconditional statement is in the form "p if and only if q" and is denoted as  $p \iff q$ . This is read as  $p$  if and only if  $q$ .

$$p \iff q \equiv (p \implies q) \wedge (q \implies p) \quad (1)$$

**Sufficient and Necessary Conditions** If  $r$  and  $s$  are statements:

- $r$  is a **sufficient condition** for  $s$  if  $r \implies s$ .
- $r$  is a **necessary condition** for  $s$  if  $s \implies r$  or  $s \implies r$ .
- $r$  is a **necessary and sufficient condition** for  $s$  if  $r \iff s$ .

## 2.3 Valid and Invalid Arguments

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**Definition** An **argument** is a sequence of statements, and an **argument form** is a sequence of statement form.

- The final statement or statement form is called the **conclusion**. The symbol  $\therefore$  (therefore) is used to denote the conclusion.
- All the preceding statements or statement forms are called **premises**, or assumptions or hypotheses.
- An argument form is **valid** means if all premises are true, then the conclusion must also be true.

**Example** Determine whether the following argument form is valid or invalid:

$$\begin{aligned}p &\implies q \vee \neg r \\q &\implies p \wedge r \\ \therefore p &\implies r\end{aligned}$$

$p$	$q$	$r$	$p \implies (q \vee \neg r)$	$q \implies (p \wedge r)$	$p \implies r$	Valid?
T	T	T	T	T	T	Valid
T	T	F	F	T	F	Invalid
T	F	T	T	F	T	Invalid
T	F	F	F	F	F	Invalid
F	T	T	T	F	T	Invalid
F	T	F	T	F	T	Invalid
F	F	T	T	F	T	Invalid
F	F	F	T	F	T	Invalid

Therefore the argument form is invalid.

## Syllogisms

**Definition** An argument form with two premises are called syllogism. The first and second premises are called the major premise and minor premise respectively.

**Modus Ponens** Modus Ponens is a valid argument form that can be expressed as:

$$\begin{array}{l} p \implies q \\ p \\ \therefore q \end{array}$$

This means that if  $p \implies q$  (if  $p$  then  $q$ ) is true, and  $p$  is true, then we can conclude that  $q$  must also be true.

**Example** If there are more pigeons than there are pigeonholes, then at least two pigeons roost in the same hole.

There are more pigeons than there are pigeonholes.

$\therefore$  At least two pigeons roost in the same hole.

**Modus Tollens** Modus Tollens is a valid argument form that can be expressed as:

$$\begin{array}{l} p \implies q \\ \neg q \\ \therefore \neg p \end{array}$$

This means that if  $p \implies q$  (if  $p$  then  $q$ ) is true, and  $q$  is false, then we can conclude that  $p$  must also be false.

**Rules of Inference** A rule of inference is a form of argument that is valid. Both modus ponens and modus tollens are rules of inference. The following are additional examples of rules of inference:

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Modus Ponens	$p \rightarrow q$ $p$ $\therefore q$	Elimination	a. $p \vee q$ $\sim q$ $\therefore p$ b. $p \vee q$ $\sim p$ $\therefore q$
Modus Tollens	$p \rightarrow q$ $\sim q$ $\therefore \sim p$	Transitivity	$p \rightarrow q$ $q \rightarrow r$ $\therefore p \rightarrow r$
Generalization	a. $p$ $\therefore p \vee q$ b. $q$ $\therefore p \vee q$	Proof by Division into Cases	$p \vee q$ $p \rightarrow r$ $q \rightarrow r$ $\therefore r$
Specialization	a. $p \wedge q$ $\therefore p$ b. $p \wedge q$ $\therefore q$		
Conjunction	$p$ $q$ $\therefore p \wedge q$	Contradiction Rule	$\sim p \rightarrow c$ (contradiction) $\therefore p$

Prove by Detachment  
Prove by contrapositive  
Disjunctive of syllogism  
Law of Syllogism

## Contradictions

**Definition** A contradiction is a statement that is always false.

$$\neg p \implies c$$

$$\therefore p$$



**2 column rule** The 2 column rule is a way to prove by contradiction. For example with knights and knaves. Knights always tell the truth and knaves always lie:

- A says B is a knight
- B says A and I are of opposite types

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Suppose A is a knight:

What A says must be true	By the definition of a knight
B is a knight	by given (what A says)
What B says must be true	By the definition of a knight
A and B are of opposite types	by given (what B says)
Contradiction	A is not a knight or A is a knave
The supposition is false	by rule of contradiction
A is not a knight or A is a knave	by negation of supposition.

## 3. Chapter 3

### 3.1 Predicates and Quantified Statements

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#### Predicates

**Definition** A predicate is a sentence that contains a finite number of variables and becomes a statement when specific values are substituted for the variables.