# Agenda:

• Precise statements: propositions

• Compound propositions: using conjunction

• Predicates: statements about sets

• Quantifiers: restrict the range of predicates

Statements can be ambiguous

i.e. Everyone loves someone.

2+2=4  $2+2=5 \leftarrow$  Precise but false If you study you will get an A in FOCS

#### Propositions

• p: You studied

 $\bullet$  q: You got an A in FOCS

 $\bullet$  r: Kilam is an American

•  $s: y^2$  is even

## Compound Propositions

Conjunction	Symbol	Example
Not	$\neg$	$\neg p$ : You did not study
Ifthen	$\rightarrow$	$p \to q$ : If you studied then you get an A in FOCS.
And	$\wedge$	$p \wedge q$ : You studied and you got an A in FOCS
Or	$\vee$	$p \vee q$ : You studied or you got an A in FOCS

#### Truth Tables

p	q	r	$\neg p$	$q \wedge r$
Τ	Τ	Τ	F	Τ
$\mathbf{T}$	${\rm T}$	$\mathbf{F}$	$\mathbf{F}$	$\mathbf{F}$
$\mathbf{T}$	$\mathbf{F}$	$\mathbf{T}$	$\mathbf{F}$	$\mathbf{F}$
$\mathbf{T}$	$\mathbf{F}$	$\mathbf{F}$	$\mathbf{F}$	$\mathbf{F}$
$\mathbf{F}$	Τ	$\mathbf{T}$	$\mathbf{T}$	${ m T}$
$\mathbf{F}$	Τ	$\mathbf{F}$	$\mathbf{T}$	$\mathbf{F}$
$\mathbf{F}$	F	${\rm T}$	${ m T}$	$\mathbf{F}$
F	F	F	$\mathbf{T}$	F

Truth table for implications

 $p \to q$ : if p then q

if  $p \to q$  and p is T, then q is T. If p is F, then q can be anything

if  $p \to q$  is false and p is T, then q is F

p	q	$p \to q$	$\neg(p \to q)$
Τ	Τ	Τ	F
Τ	$\mathbf{F}$	$\mathbf{F}$	${ m T}$
$\mathbf{F}$	$\mathbf{T}$	Τ	$\mathbf{F}$
F	$\mathbf{F}$	Τ	$\mathbf{F}$

#### Contrapositive

$$p \to q \equiv \neg q \to \neg p$$

Note:

- $p \to q \not\equiv \neg p \to \neg q$
- $p \to q \not\equiv q \to p$  (Converse)

# Algebra for Propositions

- $\bullet \ \neg (\neg p) = p$
- $\bullet \ \neg (p \land q) = \neg p \lor \neg q$
- $\bullet \ \neg (p \lor q) = \neg p \land \neg q$
- $p \to q \equiv \neg p \lor q$
- $\bullet \ \neg(p \to q) = p \land \neg q$

# Example

- $(q \land \neg r) \rightarrow \neg p \equiv (p \land q) \rightarrow r$
- $q \wedge \neg r) \rightarrow \neg p \equiv \neg (q \wedge \neg r) \vee \neg p \text{ (implication)}$ 
  - $\equiv (\neg q \lor r) \lor \neg p \text{ (negation)}$
  - $\equiv \neg q \lor (r \lor \neg p)$  (associativity)
  - etc...

#### Revisit Implications

Suppose  $p \to q$  is true, what can I say about q?

#### Statements about sets

Everyone has some gray hair

Everyone loves someone

Every even integer is a sum of two primes (Goldbach conjecture)

Someone failed FOCS

In every group of 6+ people, there are either three people who are mutual friends, or three people who are mutually not friendly

Predicates: a statement parametrized by an argument

P(x): x studied for FOCS exam  $\exists x \in F : P(x)$  where  $F = \{x | x \text{ is a student in FOCS spring } 2020\}$ 

# Qualifiers

- ∃: "there exists"
- ∀: "for all"
- Q(x): x got an A in FOCS
- $\forall x \in F : P(x) \land Q(x)$

#### Negating Qualified Propositions

- $\neg(\forall x : P(x)) \equiv \exists x : \neg P(x)$
- $\neg(\exists x : Q(x)) \equiv \forall x : \neg Q(x)$
- $\neg(\forall x : P(x) \land Q(x)) \equiv \exists x : \neg(P(x) \land Q(x))$

$$- \equiv \exists x : \neg P(x) \lor \neg Q(x)$$

Clarify "Everyone loves someone"

 $\overline{P(a,b)}$ : a loves b $\exists b : (\forall a : P(a,b))$  $\forall a : (\exists b : P(a,b))$ 

## Falsifying statements

 $\overline{p \to q}$  is false if there exists a person who studied but failed FOCS Likewise, if there is no such case, then  $p \to q$  is always true

## <u>Claims</u>:

1)  $\forall n: 2^{2^n} + 1 \text{ is primes}$ 

2) 
$$\neg \exists (a, b, c) \in \mathbb{N}^3 : a^3 + b^3 = c^3$$

3) 
$$\forall (a, b, c) \in \mathbb{N}^3 : a^3 + b^3 \neq c^3$$

Note: 2) and 3) above are equivalent