

# Lecture 1

## History of mathematical logic in computer science

*Introduction to Logic for Computer Science*

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These slides are minor variants of those made by Prof Worrell and Dr Haase for their logic course at Oxford.

# Agenda

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*"To discover truths is the task of all sciences; it falls to logic to discern the laws of truth. ... I assign to logic the task of discovering the laws of truth, not of assertion or thought."*

*—Gottlob Frege, "Der Gedanke. Eine logische Untersuchung".*



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*Aristotle only gave a compendium of valid arguments.*



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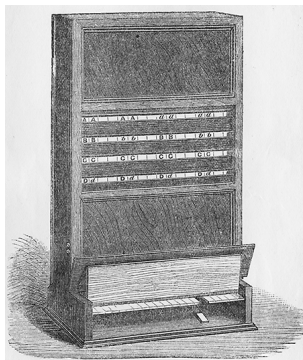
- Envisioned a calculus that allows for testing *any* argument for validity.

*"It is obvious that if we could find characters or signs suited for expressing all our thoughts as clearly and as exactly as arithmetic expresses numbers or geometry expresses lines [...] all investigations which depend on reasoning would be carried out by transposing these characters and by a species of calculus."*



## George Boole (1815–1864)

- Equational rules for *propositional logic* in 1854.
- Built into the logic piano by William Stanley Jevons.



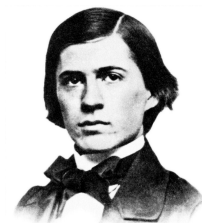
## Gottlob Frege (1848–1925) and Charles Sanders Pierce (1839–1914)

- Generalisation of propositional logic to *predicate logic*.



*“There is just one point where I have encountered a difficulty . . .”*

— Bertrand Russell to Frege, 1902.



*“Beyond doubt . . . he was one of the most original minds of the later nineteenth century, and certainly the greatest American thinker ever.”*

— Bertrand Russell about Pierce, 1959.

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(proves that  $1+1=2$  on page 379)

## Kurt Gödel (1906–1978)

- No sufficiently strong logical system can be both consistent and complete.

*“Kurt Gödel’s achievement in modern logic is singular and monumental - indeed it is more than a monument, it is a landmark which will remain visible far in space and time. [...] The subject of logic has certainly completely changed its nature and possibilities with Gödel’s achievement.”*

— John von Neumann



## Alonso Church (1903–1995) and Alan Turing (1912–1954)

- There is no algorithm that decides whether a given logical argument is valid or not.
- $\lambda$ -calculus and Turing machines lay the foundations for theoretical computer science.

Alonzo Church, A note on the Entscheidungsproblem", *Journal of Symbolic Logic*, 1 (1936), pp 40-41.

Alan Turing, On computable numbers, with an application to the Entscheidungsproblem, *Proceedings of the London Mathematical Society*, Series 2, 42 (1936-7), pp 230-265.





## Claude Shannon (1916–2001) and John Robinson (1930–2016)

Using electrical switches to compute  
Boolean functions:

Claude Shannon. A Symbolic Analysis of  
Relay and Switching Circuits, *MSc  
Thesis*, 1937.



*Resolution* and *unification*: automated  
reasoning and logic programming:

John Robinson. A Machine-Oriented  
Logic Based on the Resolution Principle,  
*Journal of the ACM*, 1965.



## Logic is fundamental to computer science

*When I was a student, even the topologists regarded mathematical logicians as living in outer space. Today the connections between logic and computers are a matter of engineering practice at every level of computer organization.*

*—Martin Davis, “Influences of Mathematical Logic on Computer Science”.*

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- ... we won't be focussing on any of the above. Our focus is on foundations of logic.
- But we study the logic from the computational perspective.

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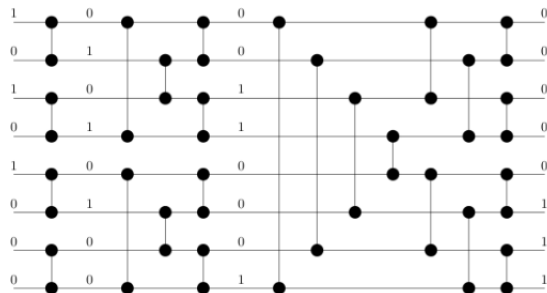
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- First shown to hold when  $\sum_{1 \leq i \leq k} x_{id} \leq 1$  for all  $d, k$  by A.R.D. Mathias in 1993. This implies the case  $C = 1$ .
- Investigated as a Polymath project in 2009-10:  
*“Given how long a finite sequence can be, it seems unlikely that we could answer this question [for  $C = 2$ ] just by a clever search of all possibilities on a computer.”*
- B. Konev and A. Lisitsa solve the case  $C = 2$  in 2014 using SAT solver.
- 13Gb of proof that no sequence of length 1161 with discrepancy 2 exists.
- Conjecture proved for all  $C > 0$  by T. Tao in 2015.

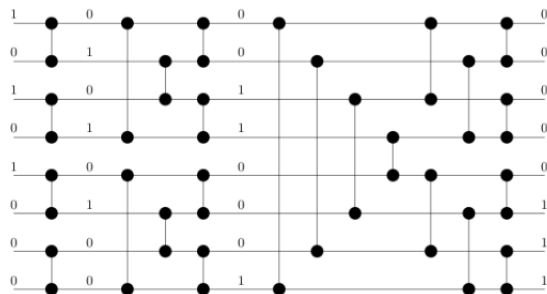
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- Leibniz's "algebra of concepts" formalised in the theorem prover Isabelle/HOL by Bentert, Benz Müller, Streit and Paleo in 2016.
  - Showed validity and invalidity of Leibniz's proof in the algebra of concepts depending on the interpretation of some informal statements.

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## Focus

- Foundations.
- Computational aspects in particular.
- Computability and algorithms for satisfiability/validity problems.
- Based on the course by Prof Worrell and Dr Haase at Oxford.

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## Course Materials and Information

- The following webpage and KLMS are the main sources:

`https://github.com/hongseok-yang/logic21`

Check them regularly.

- Lecture notes, slides, homework sheets, and recorded lectures all at the webpage.
- Announcements and Q&A at KLMS.

## Baby Edu4.0

- Each week students have to watch recorded videos from the last year. The course webpage contains information about which videos to watch in each week and how to access those videos.
- Realtime ZOOM Q&A sessions on Wednesdays. Ask questions at KLMS as replies under appropriate discussion topics in a KLMS forum by the midnight of Mondays.
- Four ZOOM oral tests on Mondays (03/29, 04/19, 05/17, 06/14).

## Teaching staffs

- Lecturer: Prof Hongseok Yang (email: hongseok00@gmail.com).
- TA1: Mr Hyoungjin Lim (email: lmkmkr@kaist.ac.kr).
- TA2: Mr Jungmin Park (email: qkrclrl701@kaist.ac.kr).
- Yang's online office hours: 6pm - 7pm on Mon. ZOOM id and password can be found at KLMS.
- TAs' office hours: To be announced.

## Evaluation

- Homework (40%) – 4 problem sheets.
- Four ZOOM oral tests (30%) – 03/29, 04/19, 05/17, 06/14, all on Mondays.
- Programming project and report (20%) – SAT solver based on DPLL with clause learning.
- Critical survey on MaxSAT (10%).

## Oral tests

- Four in-class randomised oral tests from 9:00 - 10:15 or 9:00 - 10:30.
- Held at ZOOM on 03/29, 04/19, 05/17, and 06/14 (Mondays).
- Students should answer questions using microphones. They will also be asked to turn on cameras.
- Attendance check at 9:30. But if a student is asked a question before the check and is not present, the student is regarded as having missed the test and gets 0.
- The detailed information found at the course webpage.

## Critical survey

- On MaxSAT solvers.
- At most 3 pages excluding bibliography.
- Submission deadline: 23:59 of 3 May 2021 (Monday).
- Submit it in KLMS.
- All quoted sentences from existing literature should be marked so explicitly with pointers to their sources. If not, zero mark.



## Honour code

- We adopt a very strict policy for handling the violation of the standard honour code.
- If a student is found to cheat in a test or copy answers or code from friends' or other sources, the student will get F.

## Recommended Textbook

- Lecture notes in the course webpage.
- *'The Calculus of Computation: Decision Procedures with Applications to Verification'*, A. Bradley and Z. Manna.
- *'Logic in Computer Science: Modelling and Reasoning about Systems'*, M. Huth and M. Ryan.

## Further Literature

- *'Logicomix: An Epic Search for Truth'*, A. Doxiadis and C. Papadimitriou.
- *'Handbook of Practical Logic and Automated Reasoning'*, J. Harrison.
- *'Mathematical Logic for Computer Science'*, M. Ben-Ari.
- *'Logic for Computer Scientists'*, U. Schöning.
- *'Gödel, Escher, Bach: an Eternal Golden Braid'*, D. Hofstadter.

## Questions to check your background knowledge

- Let  $X$  be a non-negative real-valued random variable, and  $c > 0$  be a positive real number. Prove that

$$P(X > c) \leq \frac{\mathbb{E}(X)}{c}.$$

- What is the time complexity of solving a system of linear equations  $Ax = b$  using Gaussian elimination?
- Explain the following notions: NP, NP-complete, regular, recursive, and recursively enumerable.
- Consider a subset  $L \subseteq \Sigma^*$  over a finite  $\Sigma$ . Show that if both  $L$  and  $L^c$  are recursively enumerable, then  $L$  is recursive.
- Assume that  $L, L' \subseteq \Sigma^*$  over a finite  $\Sigma$  are regular. Let  $f : \Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma'$  be a map to a finite  $\Sigma'$ . Show that  $L \cap L'$  is regular. Also, prove that  $f(L) = \{f(x_1) \dots f(x_n) \mid x_1 \dots x_n \in L\}$  is regular.
- Prove: the program `(y=1; while (x>0) y=y*x; x=x-1;)` computes the factorial of  $x$ .