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# 1 Chapter 1

**Propositional logic:** Logical  $\wedge, \vee, \oplus$  are trivial.

**Conditional statements (implication):**  $p \rightarrow q$ , if  $p$  then  $q \equiv p$  only if  $q \equiv p$  is a sufficient condition for  $q$ .

In other words,  $q$  is a necessary condition for  $p$ .  $p \rightarrow q$  is false then  $p$  is true and  $q$  is false and otherwise true.

$\neg(p \rightarrow q) \equiv p \wedge (\neg q)$ ,  $p \rightarrow q$  is equivalent to its contrapositive  $\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$ , but **not** to its **converse**  $q \rightarrow p$  or its inverse  $\neg p \rightarrow \neg q$ .

**Biconditional statements:**  $p \leftrightarrow q$  or expanded to  $(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow p)$ .

**De Morgan:**  $\neg(p \vee q) \equiv (\neg p) \wedge (\neg q)$ ;  $\neg(p \wedge q) \equiv (\neg p) \vee (\neg q)$  Propositional logic can be represented by gates, creating combinational circuits which can represent **any** logical expression.

**Quantifiers:**

$\forall x(P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)) \equiv$  for all  $x$ , if  $P(x)$  then  $Q(x)$

$\exists x(P(x) \wedge Q(x)) \equiv$  there exists an  $x$  such that  $P(x)$  and  $Q(x)$

$P(x), Q(x)$  are propositional functions and there is always a **domain** or **universe of discourse**, either implicit or explicitly stated, over which the variable ranges.

**Negations of quantified propositions:**  $\neg \forall x P(x) \equiv \exists x \neg P(x)$ ;  $\neg \exists x P(x) \equiv \forall x \neg P(x)$ .

**Theorem:** A proposition that can be proved; **lemma:** a simple theorem, commonly used as part of a greater picture to prove other theorems; **proof:** A demonstration that a proposition is true, **collorary:** A proposition that can be proved as a consequence of a theorem that has just been proved. A collorary can be seen as “Side effects” of the proved theorem.

A **valid** argument is an argument using correct rules of inference based on tautologies (something that will always give the **true** conclusion in **any** given scenario. I. E. a tautology is something that is always true for all possible combinations.)

An **invalid** argument can be referred to as a **fallacy**, such as affirming the conclusion, denying the hypothesis, begging the question or circular reasoning. They can lead to false conclusions.

**Some rules of inference:**

- $[p \wedge (p \rightarrow q)]$  Modus Ponens
- $[\neg q \wedge (p \rightarrow q)]$  Modus Tollens
- $[(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow r)] \rightarrow (p \rightarrow r)$  Hypothetical syllogism (Transitivity)
- $[(p \vee q) \wedge (\neg p)] \rightarrow q$  Disjunctive syllogism
- $\{P(a) \wedge \forall x[P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)]\} \rightarrow Q(a)$  Universal modus ponens
- $\{\neg Q(a) \wedge \forall x[P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)]\} \rightarrow \neg P(a)$  Universal modus tollens
- $(\forall x P(x)) \rightarrow P(c)$  Universal instantiation
- $(P(c) \text{ arbitrary } c) \rightarrow \forall x P(x)$  Universal generalization
- $(\exists x P(x)) \rightarrow (P(c) \text{ for some } c)$  Existential instantiation
- $(P(c) \text{ for some element } c) \rightarrow \exists x P(x)$  Existential generalization.

## a Proofs

**Trivial proof:** A proof that  $p \rightarrow q$  just shows that  $q$  is true without using the hypothesis  $p$ .

**Vacuous proof:** A proof of  $p \rightarrow q$  that just shows that the hypothesis  $p$  is false.

**Direct proof:** A proof of  $p \rightarrow q$  that shows that the assumption of the hypothesis  $p$  implies the conclusion of  $q$ .

**Proof by contraposition:** A proof of  $p \rightarrow q$  that shows that the assumption of the negation of the conclusion  $q$  implies the negation of the hypothesis  $p$  (in other words, proof of contrapositive).

**Proof by contradiction:** A proof of  $p$  that shows that the assumption of the negation of  $p$  leads to a contradiction.

**Proof by cases:** A proof of  $(p_1 \vee p_2 \vee p_3 \dots p_n) \rightarrow q$  that shows that each conditional statement  $p_i \rightarrow q$  is true. Statements of the form  $p \leftrightarrow q$  require that both  $p \rightarrow q$  and  $q \rightarrow p$  be proved. It is sometimes necessary to give the two separate proofs (usually a direct proof or a proof by contraposition); other times a string of equivalences can be constructed starting with  $p$  and ending with  $q$ :  $p \leftrightarrow p_1 \leftrightarrow p_2 \dots \leftrightarrow p_n \leftrightarrow q$ .

To give a **constructive proof** of  $\exists x P(x)$  is to show how to find an element  $x$  that makes  $P(x)$  true. **Non-constructive existence proofs** are also possible, often using **proof by contradiction**.

One can **disprove** a universally quantified proposition  $\forall x P(x)$  simply by giving a **counter example**, i.e. an object  $x$  such that  $P(x)$  is **false**. One can, however, not prove it with such an example.

**Fermat's last theorem:** There are no positive integer solutions of  $x^n + y^n = z^n$  if  $n > 2$ .

An integer is **even** if it can be written as  $2k$  for some integer  $k$ ; an integer is **odd** if it can be written as  $2k + 1$  for some integer  $k$ . Every number is even or odd but not both. A number is **rational**, if it can be written as  $p/q$  with  $p$  being an integer and  $q$  strictly a non-zero integer.

## 2 Chapter 2

### a Sets

**Empty set:** A set with no elements, commonly denoted as  $\emptyset$ . Do not confuse this with the set only containing the empty set. The difference is that the empty itself is empty, whereas the set containing the empty set has a single element.

**Subset:**  $A \subseteq B \equiv \forall x(x \in A \rightarrow x \in B)$ , whereas a proper subset is  $A \subset B \equiv (A \subseteq B) \wedge (A \neq B)$ , in other words,  $B$  has at least one element different from the set  $A$ .

**Equality of sets:**  $A = B \equiv (A \subseteq B \wedge B \subseteq A) \equiv \forall x(x \in A \leftrightarrow x \in B)$ .

**Power set:**  $\mathcal{P}(A) = \{B | B \subseteq A\}$ , the set of all subsets of  $A$ . A set with  $n$  elements has  $2^n$  subsets.

**Cardinality:**  $|S|$ , the number of elements in  $S$ .

Some specific sets in regards to cardinality:  $\mathbb{R}$  is the set of real numbers, represented by either finite or infinite decimals;

$\mathbb{N}$  is the set of all natural numbers (eg.  $\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, \dots\}$ ),  $\mathbb{Z}$  is the set of integers  $\{\dots - 2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$  and can also be denoted with only the positive or negative subset.  $\mathbb{Q}$  is the set of rational numbers, where  $\{p/q | p, q \in \mathbb{Z} \wedge q \neq 0\}$ ,  $\mathbb{Q}^+$  is the set of positive rational numbers and a subset of  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

**Set operations:**  $A \times B = \{(a, b) | a \in A \wedge b \in B\}$  (**Cartesian Product**);  $\bar{A}$  is the set of elements in the universe which are **not** in  $A$  (**complement**);  $A \cap B = \{x | x \in A \wedge x \in B\}$  (**intersection**);  $A \cup B = \{x | x \in A \vee x \in B\}$  (**union**);  $A - B = A \cap \bar{B}$  (**difference**);  $A \oplus B = (A - B) \cup (B - A)$ , (**symmetric difference/xor**)

**Inclusion-exclusion (simple case):**  $|A \cup B| = |A| + |B| - |A \cap B|$

**De Morgan's laws for sets:**  $\overline{A \cap B} = \bar{A} \cup \bar{B}$ ;  $\overline{A \cup B} = \bar{A} \cap \bar{B}$

A **function**  $f$  from  $A$  (**the domain**) to  $B$  (**the co-domain**) is an assignment of a unique element of  $B$  to each element of  $A$ . Write  $f : A \rightarrow B$ . Write  $f(a) = b$  if  $b$  is assigned to  $a$ . **Range** of  $f$  is  $\{f(a) | a \in A\}$ ;  $f$  is **onto/surjective**  $\equiv \text{range}(f) = B$ ;  $f$  is **one-to-one/injective**  $\equiv \forall a_1 \forall a_2 [f(a_1) = f(a_2) \rightarrow a_1 = a_2]$

If  $f$  is one-to-one **and** onto, it is **bijective** and the **inverse** function  $f^{-1} : B \rightarrow A$  is defined by  $f^{-1}(y) = x \equiv f(x) = y$ .

If  $f : B \rightarrow C$  and  $g : A \rightarrow B$ , then the **composition**  $f \circ g$  is the function from  $A$  to  $C$  defined by  $f \circ g(x) = f(g(x))$ .

**Rounding functions:**  $\lfloor x \rfloor$  is the largest integer less than or equal to  $x$  **floor function**;  $\lceil x \rceil$  is the smallest integer greater than or equal to  $x$  **the ceiling function**.

**Summation notation:**

$$\sum_{n=1}^n a_i = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_n$$

**Sum of first  $n$  positive integers:**

$$\sum_{j=1}^n j = 1 + 2 + \dots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

**Sum of squares of first  $n$  positive integers:**

$$\sum_{j=1}^n j^2 = 1^2 + 2^2 + \dots + n^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$$

**Sum of geometric progression: (I don't think we did this in the course)**

Two sets are said to have the **same cardinality** if there is a **bijection** between them. We can say that  $|A| \leq |B|$  if there is a one-to-one function from  $A$  to  $B$ .

A set is *countable* if it is finite or there is a **bijection** from the positive integers to the set. **In other words**, if the elements of the set can be listed (e.g.  $a_1, a_2, \dots$ ). Sets of the latter type are called *countably infinite* and the **cardinality of these sets are denoted with  $\aleph_0$** . The empty set, the integers and the rational numbers **are countable**. The union of a countable number of countable sets is countable.

**Schroder-Bernstein theorem:** If  $|A| \leq |B|$  and  $|B| \leq |A|$  then it must be that  $|A| = |B|$ . This can be explained as if there is a one-to-one function from  $A$  to  $B$  and a one-to-one function from  $B$  to  $A$ , then there is a one-to-one and onto function from  $A$  to  $B$ .

**Matrix Multiplication:** The  $(i, j)^{th}$  entry of  $\mathbf{AB}$  is  $\sum_{t=1}^k a_{it}b_{tj}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq m$  and  $1 \leq j \leq n$ , where  $\mathbf{A}$  is an  $m \times k$  matrix and  $\mathbf{B}$  is a  $k \times n$  matrix.

**Identity matrix**  $I_n$  with 1's on the main diagonal and 0's elsewhere is the multiplicative identity.

Cardinality arguments can be used to show that some functions are **uncomputable**.

Matrix addition (+), Boolean meet ( $\wedge$ ) and join ( $\vee$ ) are done entry-wise; Boolean matrix product ( $\odot$ ) is like matrix multiplication using boolean operators.

**Transpose:**  $\mathbf{A}^t$  is the matrix whose  $(i, j)^{th}$  entry is  $a_{ij}$  (the  $(j, i)^{th}$  entry of  $\mathbf{A}$ );

$\mathbf{A}$  is **symmetric** if  $\mathbf{A}^t = \mathbf{A}$ ;

### 3 Chapter 3

**Algorithm** are commonly expressed in **pseudo-code** when not directly implemented in a domain specific area.

**Keywords for algorithms:** {input, output, definiteness, correctness, finiteness, effectiveness, generality}.

**Greedy algorithms:** Will examine and pick the best choice at a given step. Not always the best.

**Brute forcing:** Specifically in discrete mathematics, this refers to examining the entire space of solutions and then determine the best one (very inefficient, sometimes necessary). Not explained in this course: **dynamic programming, probabilistic algorithms, divide-and-conquer.**

**Halting problem:** The unsolvable computing problem whether a program will halt given input. (Alan Turing for reference...)

**Big-O:** Half of inf102 is just this:

$f(x) = O(g(x))$  means  $\exists C \exists k \forall x (x > k \rightarrow |f(x)| \leq C|g(x)|)$ . Big-O of a sum is the largest (fastest growing) of the functions in the sum. Big-O of a product is the product of the big-O's of the factors. If  $f$  is  $O(g)$ , the  $g$  is  $\Omega(f)$  "big-omega". If  $f$  is both big-O and big-Omega of  $g$ , then  $f$  is  $\theta(g)$  "big-theta".

**Little-O:** We say that  $f(x)$  is  $o(g(x))$  if  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x)/g(x) = 0$ .

**Powers grow faster than logs:**  $(\log n)^c$  is  $O(n^d)$  but not the other way around, where  $c$  and  $d$  are positive numbers. If  $f_1(x)$  is  $O(g_1(x))$  and  $f_2(x)$  is  $O(g_2(x))$ , then  $(f_1 + f_2)(x)$  is  $O(\max(g_1(x), g_2(x)))$  and  $(f_1 f_2)(x)$  is  $O(g_1(x) g_2(x))$ .  $\log n!$  is  $O(n \log n)$ .

**Time complexity:** Binary search =  $O(\log n)$  (cut half of possibilities at each step), linear search  $O(n)$  (all input is examined exactly once), both have **space complexity (in terms of computer memory)  $O(1)$**  without taking the input into account. Bubble sort and insertion sort have  $O(n^2)$ .

Matrix multiplication has standard algorithm time complexity of  $O(m_1 m_2 m_3)$  if the matrices have dimensions  $m_1 \times m_2$  and  $m_2 \times m_3$ .

Efficient algorithms can reduce the complexity of multiplying two  $n \times x$  matrices from  $O(n^3)$  to  $O(n^{\sqrt{7}})$  Important complexity classes include polynomials  $n^b$ , exponential ( $b^n$  for  $b > 1$ ) and factorial ( $n!$ ).

A problem that can be solved by an algorithm with polynomial worst-case time complexity is called **tractable**; otherwise **intractable**.

**P=NP problem:** The class **P** is the class of tractable problems. The class **NP** consists of the problems for which it is possible to check solutions (**not FIND solutions**) in polynomial time. This means that  $P \subseteq NP$  yet the **P=NP** problem is unsolved because it has not been shown whether **P=NP**.