

# **Discrete Mathematics–Honors**

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# 1 Logic and Sets

## 1.1 Lecture –August 23, 2022

### 1.1.1 Predicate Logic

There are three basic logical connectives: **and**, **or**, **not** which are denoted by  $\wedge$ ,  $\vee$ , and  $\neg$  respectively. The negation of a proposition  $p$ , written  $\neg p$ , is true if  $p$  is false and false if  $p$  is true.

#### 1 Example

“Less than 80 students are enrolled in CS311H” is a proposition. The negation of this is at least 80 students are in CS311H

Conjunction of two propositions  $p$  and  $q$  is written  $p \wedge q$

#### 2 Example

The conjunction of  $p$  = “It is Tuesday” and  $q$  = “it is morning” is  $p \wedge q$  = “It is Tuesday and it is morning”

- Disjunction is written  $p \vee q$  and the disjunction between  $p \vee q$  for  $p$  = “It is Tuesday” and  $q$  = “it is morning” is  $p \vee q$  = “It is Tuesday or it is morning”
- If your formula has  $n$  variables then your truth table has  $n + 1$  columns because you have  $n$  variables and one column for the truth value of the formula.
- The number of rows is given by the formula  $2^n$
- Other connectives: exclusive or  $\oplus$ , implication  $\rightarrow$ , biconditional  $\leftrightarrow$

## 1.2 Lecture–August 25, 2022

Let  $p$  = “I major in CS”,  $q$  = “I will find a good job”,  $r$  = “I can program”

- “I will not find a good job unless I major in CS or I can program”:  $(\neg p \wedge \neg r) \rightarrow \neg q$
- “I will not find a good job unless I major in CS and I can program”:  $(\neg p \vee \neg r) \rightarrow \neg q$
- The **inverse** of an implication  $p \rightarrow q$  is  $\neg p \rightarrow \neg q$ . Therefore, “If I’m a CS major then I can program” has an inverse of “If I am not a CS Major then I’m not able to program.”
- The **converse** of an implication  $p \rightarrow q$  is  $q \rightarrow p$ .

#### 3 Definition (Contrapositive)

The contrapositive of an implication of  $p \rightarrow q$  is  $\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$

The contrapositive of “if CS major then I can program” is “if I can’t program, then I’m not a CS major”

$p$	$q$	$p \rightarrow q$	$\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$
T	T	T	T
T	F	F	F
F	T	T	T
F	F	T	T

A converse and it's inverse are always the same.

#### 4 Definition (Biconditionals)

$$p \leftrightarrow q = p \rightarrow q \wedge q \rightarrow p = \neg(p \oplus q)$$

#### 5 Example (Operator precedence)

Given a formula  $p \wedge q \vee r$  do we parse this as  $(p \wedge q) \vee r$  or  $p \wedge (q \vee r)$ ?

1. Negation  $\neg$  has the highest precedence
2. Conjunction ( $\wedge$ ) has the next highest precedence
3. Disjunction ( $\vee$ ) has the next highest precedence
4. Implication ( $\rightarrow$ ) has the next highest precedence
5. Biconditional ( $\leftrightarrow$ ) has the lowest precedence
6. Make sure to explicitly use parentheses for  $\oplus$

## 1.2.1 Validity and Satisfiability

Validity and satisfiability

- The truth value depends on truth assignments to variables
- Example:  $\neg p$  evaluates to true under the assignment  $p = F$  and to false under  $p = T$
- Some formulas evaluate to true for all assignments—these are called **tautologies** or **valid formulas**
- Some formulas evaluate to false for all assignments—these are called **contradictions** or **unsatisfiable formulas**

#### 6 Definition (Interpretation)

An interpretation  $I$  for a formula  $F$  is a mapping from each propositional value to exactly one truth value.

$$I : \{p \mapsto \text{true}, q \mapsto \text{false}, \dots\}$$

Each interpretation corresponds to one row in the truth table so there are  $2^n$  interpretations for a formula with  $n$  variables.

If the formula is true under interpretation  $I$  then we write  $I \models F$  and if the formula is false then we write  $I \not\models F$ .

Theorem:  $I \models F$  if and only if  $I \not\models \neg F$ .

#### 7 Example

Consider the formula  $F : p \wedge q \rightarrow \neg p \wedge \neg q$

Let  $I_1$  be the interpretation such that  $[p \mapsto \text{true}, q \mapsto \text{true}]$

What does  $F$  evaluate to under  $I_1$ ? Answer: true

#### 8 Example

Let  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  be two propositional formulas. Suppose  $F_1$  is true under  $I$ . Then,  $F_2 \neg F_1$  evaluates to false under  $I$  (the “and” shortcuts and forces the whole equation to be false).

Satisfiability, Validity

- $F$  is **satisfiable** iff there exists interpretation  $I \models F$
- $F$  is **valid** iff for all interpretations  $I, I \models F$
- $F$  is **unsatisfiable** iff for all interpretations  $I, I \not\models F$
- $F$  is **contingent** if it is satisfiable, but not valid.

9 **Example** (Are the following statements true or false?)

- If a formula is valid, then it is also satisfiable? True. All interpretations are satisfiable.
- If a formula is satisfiable, then its negation is unsatisfiable. False.
- If  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  are satisfiable, then  $F_1 \wedge F_2$  is also satisfiable. False.
- If  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  are satisfiable, then  $F_1 \vee F_2$  is also satisfiable. True.

10 **Theorem** (Duality Between Validity and Unsatisfiability)

$F$  is valid iff  $\neg F$  is unsatisfiable.

*Proof.* Definition:  $F$  is valid iff for all interpretations  $I, I \models F$

Theorem:  $I \models F \leftrightarrow I \not\models \neg F$

This is very easy to prove: just map all outputs of  $F$  to true. □

Question: How can we prove that a propositional formula is a tautology is true?

Answer: We can use the **truth table method** and prove that the formula is true for all possible truth assignments.

11 **Example** (Tautology)

$(p \rightarrow q) \leftrightarrow (\neg q \rightarrow \neg p)$  is a tautology.

$(p \wedge q) \vee \neg p$  is not a tautology.

## 1.3 Lecture–August 30, 2022

Implication: Formula  $F_1$  implies  $F_2$  (written  $F_1 \implies F_2$ ) iff  $\forall I, I \models F_1 \rightarrow F_2$

12 **Example** (Implication Removal)

Is  $(p \wedge q) \rightarrow p$  true? False. Let  $p = F, q = T$

$p$	$q$	$p \rightarrow q$	$\neg p \vee q$
$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$
$T$	$F$	$F$	$F$
$F$	$T$	$T$	$T$
$F$	$F$	$T$	$T$

13 **Definition** (Implication Removal)

$p \rightarrow q$  is equivalent to  $\neg p \vee q$

### 1.3.1 Important equivalences

- Law of double negation:  $\neg \neg p \equiv p$

- Identity laws:  $p \wedge T \equiv p, p \vee F \equiv p$
- Domination Laws:  $p \vee T \equiv T, p \wedge F \equiv p$
- Idempotent Laws:  $p \wedge p \equiv p, p \vee p \equiv p$
- Negation Laws:  $p \wedge \neg p \equiv F, p \vee \neg p \equiv T$

#### 14 **Note** (Commutativity and Distributivity Laws)

- Commutative Laws:  $p \vee q \equiv q \vee p, p \wedge q \equiv q \wedge p$
- Distributivity Law 1:  $(p \vee (q \wedge r)) \equiv ((p \vee q) \wedge (p \vee r))$
- Distributivity Law 2:  $(p \wedge (q \vee r)) \equiv ((p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge r))$
- Associativity Laws:

$$p \vee (q \vee r) \equiv (p \vee q) \vee r$$

$$p \wedge (q \wedge r) \equiv (p \wedge q) \wedge r$$

- Absorption 1:  $p \wedge (p \vee q) \equiv p$
- Absorption 2:  $p \vee (p \wedge q) \equiv p$

#### 15 **Definition** (De Morgan's Laws)

Let  $a$  = "John took CS311" and  $b$  = "John took CS312". What does  $\neg(a \wedge b)$  mean? It means "John did not take both CS311 and CS312". Therefore, John didn't take either CS311 or CS312.

$$\neg(a \wedge b) \equiv \neg a \vee \neg b$$

#### 16 **Example** (Prove $\neg(p \wedge (\neg p \wedge q)) \equiv \neg p \wedge \neg q$ )

$p$	$\neg p$	$q$	$p \wedge (\neg p \wedge q)$	$\neg(p \wedge (\neg p \wedge q))$
$T$	$F$	$T$	$T$	$F$
$T$	$F$	$F$	$F$	$T$
$F$	$T$	$T$	$F$	$T$
$F$	$T$	$F$	$F$	$T$

#### 17 **Example**

If Jill carries an umbrella, it is raining. Jill is not carrying an umbrella. Therefore, it is not raining.

$$((u \rightarrow r) \wedge (\neg u)) \rightarrow \neg r$$

This can be counter-modeled with  $r = \text{true}, u = \text{false}$ .

## 1.3.2 First Order Logic

- The building blocks of propositional logic were propositions
- In first-order logic there are three kinds of basic building blocks: constants, variables, predicates.
- Constants: refer to specific objects
- Examples: George, 6, Austin, CS311, ...
- If a universe of discourse is cities in Texas,  $x$  can represent Houston, Houston, etc.
- **Predicates** describe properties of objects or relationships between objects.
- A predicate  $P(c)$  is true or false depending on whether property  $P$  holds for  $c$ .
- The truth value of  $\text{even}(2) = \text{true}$

- Another example: Suppose  $Q(x, y)$  denotes  $x = y + 3$  what is the value of  $Q(3, 0)$ ? true

## 1.4 Lecture–September 1, 2022

- In propositional logic, the truth value depends on a truth assignment
- In FOL, truth depends on interpretation over some domain  $D$
- Universe of discourse (domain) + what elements in the domain the variables map to

### 18 Example (Semantics of First-Order Logic)

Consider a FOL formula  $\neg P(x)$

$$D = \{A, B\}, P(A) = \text{true}, P(B) = \text{false}, x = A$$

This is a falsifying interpretation

### 19 Example

Consider  $I$  over domain  $D = \{1, 2\}$

- $P(1, 1) = P(1, 2) = \text{true}, P(2, 1) = P(2, 2) = \text{false}$
- $Q(1) = \text{false}, Q(2) = \text{true}$
- $x = 1, y = 2$
- What is  $P(x, y) \wedge Q(y)$  under  $I$ ? True.
- What is truth value of  $P(y, x) \rightarrow Q(y)$  under  $I$ ? True.
- What is truth value of  $P(x, y) \rightarrow Q(x)$  under  $I$ ? False.

### 1.4.1 Quantifiers

- Real power of first-order logic over propositional logic: quantifiers.
- There are two quantifiers in first-order logic:
  1. Universal quantifier (for **all** objects):  $\forall x P(x)$
  2. Existential quantifier (for **some** object):  $\exists x P(x)$

### 20 Example

Let  $D = \{a, b\}, P(a) = \text{true}, P(b) = \text{false}$  then  $\forall x.P(x)$  is false.

### 21 Example

Consider  $D = \mathbb{R}$  and  $P(x) = x^2 \geq x$  then  $\forall x.P(x)$  is false.

- In first-order logic, domain is required to be **non-empty**.

### 22 Example

Consider the domain of reals and predicate  $P(x)$  with interpretation  $x < 0$ . Then,  $\exists x.P(x)$  is true.

- $\forall x.P(x)$  is true iff  $P(o_1) \wedge P(o_2) \wedge \dots \wedge P(o_n)$  is true
- $\exists x.P(x)$  is true iff  $P(o_1) \vee P(o_2) \vee \dots \vee P(o_n)$  is true

$\exists x.(\text{even}(x) \wedge \text{gt}(x, 100))$  is a valid formula in FOL.

23 **Example** (What is the truth value of the following formulas?)

- $\forall x.(\text{even}(x) \rightarrow \text{div4}(x))$  False.  $x = 2$  is a counter-model.
- $\exists x.(\neg \text{div4}(x) \wedge \text{even}(x))$  True.
- $\exists x.(\neg \text{div4}(x) \rightarrow \text{even}(x))$  True.

24 **Example** (Translating English into formulas)

Assuming  $\text{freshman}(x)$  means “ $x$  is a freshman” and  $\text{inCS311}(x)$  to be  $x$  is taking CS311, then “someone in CS311 is a freshman” is  $\exists x.(\text{freshman}(x) \wedge \text{inCS311}(x))$ .

No one in CS311 is a freshman:  $\forall x.(\text{freshman}(x) \rightarrow \neg \text{inCS311}(x))$

Everyone taking CS311 are freshmen:  $\forall x.(\text{inCS311}(x) \rightarrow \text{freshman}(x))$

All freshmen take CS311:  $\forall x.(\text{freshman}(x) \rightarrow \text{inCS311}(x))$

## 1.4.2 DeMorgan’s Laws for Propositional Logic

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

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

$$\neg \forall x.P(x) \equiv \exists x.\neg P(x)$$

$$\neg \exists x.P(x) \equiv \forall x.\neg P(x)$$

25 **Example**

We can change  $\neg \exists x.(\text{inCS311}(x) \wedge \text{freshman}(x))$  to  $\forall x.(\neg \text{inCS311}(x) \vee \neg \text{freshman}(x))$  which is equivalent to  $\forall x.(\text{inCS311}(x) \rightarrow \neg \text{freshman}(x))$ .

## 1.4.3 Nested Quantifiers

- Sometimes may be necessary to use multiple quantifiers
- For example, can’t express “Everybody loves someone” using a single quantifier.
- Suppose predicate  $L(x, y)$  means “ $x$  loves  $y$ ”.
- What does  $\forall x.\exists y.L(x, y)$  mean? “Everybody loves someone”
- What does  $\exists y.\forall x.L(x, y)$  mean? “There is someone who is loved by everybody”

26 **Example** (More Nested Quantifier Examples)

- “Someone loves everyone”  $\exists x.\forall y.L(x, y)$
- “There is someone who doesn’t love anyone”  $\exists x.\forall y.\neg L(x, y)$
- “There is someone who is not loved by anyone”  $\exists x.\forall y.\neg L(y, x)$
- “Everyone loves everyone”  $\forall x.\forall y.L(x, y)$
- “Someone doesn’t love themselves”:  $\exists x.\neg L(x, x)$



## 1.5 Lecture–September 6, 2022

### 27 Example

- Every UT student has a friend:  $\forall x.(atUT(x) \wedge student(x) \rightarrow \exists y.friends(x, y))$
- $\exists x.(atUT(x) \wedge student(x)) \wedge \forall y.\neg friends(x, y)$
- $\forall x\forall y(atUT(x) \wedge student(x) \wedge atUT(y) \wedge student(y)) \rightarrow friends(x, y)$

### 1.5.1 Satisfiability and validity in FOL

- The concepts of satisfiability validity also important in FOL
- FOL  $F$  is satisfiable if there exists some domain and some interpretation such that  $F$  is true.
- Example: Prove that  $\forall x.(P(x) \rightarrow Q(x))$  is satisfiable. Solution: Let  $P(x)$  be false. Let the domain  $D = \{x\}$
- Example: Prove that  $\forall x.(P(x) \rightarrow Q(x))$  is satisfiable. Solution: Let  $P(x)$  be true, let  $Q(x)$  be false. Let the domain  $D = \{x\}$

### 1.5.2 Equivalence

- Two formulas  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  are equivalent iff  $F_1 \leftrightarrow F_2$  is valid.
- We could prove equivalence using truth tables but not possible in FOL.
- However, we can still use known equivalences to rewrite one as the other.

### 28 Example

Prove that

$$\neg(\forall x.(P(x) \rightarrow Q(x))) \equiv \exists x.(P(x) \wedge \neg Q(x))$$

### 1.5.3 Rules of Inference

- We can prove validity in FOL by using **proof rules**
- Proof rules are written as **rules of inference**
- An example inference rule:

$$\frac{F_1 \quad F_2}{\therefore F_1 \wedge F_2}$$

#### Modus Ponens

The most basic inference rule is modus ponens:

$$\frac{F_1 \quad F_1 \rightarrow F_2}{\therefore F_2}$$

- Modus ponens applicable to both propositional logic and first-order logic.

#### Modus Tollens

- Second important inference rule is **modus tollens**:

$$\frac{F_1 \rightarrow F_2 \quad \neg F_2}{\therefore \neg F_1}$$

## Hypothetical Syllogism

Implication is transitive.

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} F_1 \rightarrow F_2 \\ F_2 \rightarrow F_3 \end{array}}{\therefore F_1 \rightarrow F_3}$$

## Or Introduction

$$\frac{F_1}{\therefore F_1 \vee F_2}$$

## Or Elimination

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} F_1 \vee F_2 \\ \neg F_2 \end{array}}{\therefore F_1}$$

## And Introduction

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} F_1 \\ F_2 \end{array}}{\therefore F_1 \wedge F_2}$$

## Resolution

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} F_1 \vee F_2 \\ \neg F_1 \vee \neg F_3 \end{array}}{\therefore F_2 \vee \neg F_3}$$

Proof:  $\phi_1$  must be either true or false. If  $\phi_1$  is true, then  $\phi_3$  must be true. If  $\phi_1$  is false then  $\phi_2$  must be true. Therefore either  $\phi_2$  or  $\phi_3$  must be true.

### 29 Example

Assume the following:

$S, C, L, H$

$$\begin{array}{c} \neg S \wedge C \\ L \rightarrow S \\ \neg L \rightarrow H \\ H \rightarrow \text{back} \end{array}$$

We know that  $\neg S$  is true, so  $S$  is false. Therefore, for  $L \rightarrow S$  to be true,  $L$  must be false. In order for  $\neg L \rightarrow H$  to be true,  $H$  must be true. Since  $H$  is true we know we must be back by sunset because that's the only way to make the last expression true.

## 1.6 Lecture–September 8, 2022

- Generalization and the other one is called instantiation

### 1.6.1 Universal Instantiation

- If we know that something is true for all members of a group we can conclude is also true for a specific member of this group.
- This idea is called **universal instantiation**

$$\frac{\forall x.(F(x))}{F(a)}$$

**Example**

Consider predicates  $man(X)$  and  $mortal(x)$  and the hypotheses:

- All men are mortal:  $\forall x.(man(x) \rightarrow mortal(x))$
- Socrates is a man:  $man(socrates)$
- Prove mortal(Socrates)
- 

$$man(socrates) \rightarrow mortal(socrates)$$

$$mortal(socrates) (2, 3, \text{modus ponens})$$

## 1.6.2 Universal Generalization

- Prove a claim for an **arbitrary** element in the domain.
- Since we've made no assumptions proof should apply to all elements in the domain.
- The correct reasoning is captured by **universal generalization**
- “arbitrary” means an objects introduced through universal instantiation.

$$\frac{P(c) \text{ for arbitrary } c}{\forall x.P(x)}$$

**Example**

Prove  $\forall x.Q(x)$  from the hypothesis:

1.  $\forall x.(P(x) \rightarrow Q(x))$
2.  $\forall x.P(x)$
3.  $P(a)$  (2, U-inst)
4.  $P(a) \rightarrow Q(a)$  (1, U-inst)
5.  $Q(a)$  (3, 4, MP)
6.  $\forall x.Q(x)$  (5, U-gen)

### Caveats about universal generalization

- When using universal generalization need to ensure that  $c$  is truly arbitrary
- If you prove something about a specific person Mary, you cannot make generalizations about all people.

## 1.6.3 Existential Instantiation

- Consider formula  $\exists x.P(x)$
- We know there is an element  $c$  in the domain for which  $P(c)$  is true.
- This is called **existential instantiation**

$$\frac{\exists x.P(x)}{P(c)}$$

- Here  $c$  is a **fresh** name (i.e. not used in the original formula)

**Example**

Prove  $\exists x.P(x) \wedge \forall x.\neg P(x)$  is unsatisfiable.

1.  $\exists x.P(x)$  (and elimination)
2.  $\forall x.\neg P(x)$  (and elimination)
3.  $P(a)$
4.  $\neg P(a)$
5. False

**1.6.4 Existential Generalization**

- Suppose we know  $P(c)$  is true for someone constant  $c$
- Then there exists an element for which  $P$  is true.
- Thus we can conclude  $\exists x.P(x)$
- This inference rule is called **existential generalization**

$$\frac{P(c)}{\exists x.P(x)}$$