

CECS228  
Lecture 1

Goal: What is a correct mathematical argument, Tools to construct those arguments. Validate an argument

Rules of logic give a precise meaning to mathematical statements

Propositions

- Basic Building blocks of logic (Statement)
- A (declarative) sentence that declares a fact, could be True 1 or False 0 , not both. (1,0 binary logic)

**Propositional Statements**

- I love Banana
- Toronto is the capital of Canada
- $4 - 7 = 8$

I love Banana

- A. True
- B. False
- C. Don't know
- D. Is not an option
- E. I don't know my alphabet
- F. Give me zero for this question

Toronto is the capital of Canada

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**Non propositional Statements**

- How are you? imperative
- Read chapter 5 interrogative
  - Non declarative statements (question, order)
- $x + y = z$
- The rule is:
  - A none propositional statements are neither true nor false

But....

- Today is Friday

- It is raining in Miami now

We need a fixed time, place, person.... And **we will assume so**

**Propositional variables** Like the Letters represent numerical variables

- We use variables ( $p, q, r, s, \dots$ ) to denote propositions.

**Atomic propositions:** Propositions that cannot be expressed in terms of simpler propositions

**Compound propositions**

We can produce new propositions from what we already have (George Boole)

- Many mathematical statements are constructed by combining one or more propositions using **logical operators** (unary, binary)
- We use truth tables to evaluate our proposition. There is **A row for each possible** truth values of a proposition

Let us assume we have proposition  $p, q$

the **negation of  $p$**  is represented by

$\sim p, \neg p, \bar{p}, !p, p', Np, \text{not } p$  Unary.

**it is not the case that  $p$**  ( $p$  and  $\neg p$  will always have opposite truth value)

- Today is Friday
- It is not the case that today is Friday (Don't keep it like this, write in proper English)
- Today is not Friday

The conjunction of  $p, q$ :

$p$  and  $q, p \wedge q, pq, p.q$

The new proposition is True when both  $p$  and  $q$  are true, false otherwise.

**But**, sometimes is used **instead of and**

- I earned A in the exam, but my I got B in the class.
- Not every and is a conjunction

The disjunction of  $p, q$ :

$p$  or  $q, p \vee q, p + q$

The compound proposition is False when both  $p$  and  $q$  are false, True otherwise.

- Inclusive
  - Prerequisite CECS 174 or CECS 175
- Exclusive  $p \text{ XOR } q, p \oplus q$  True when exactly one of  $p$  and  $q$  is true, false otherwise
  - Soup or salad comes with an entrée
  - I can drive my red or blue car

The Conditional statements- implication.  $p \rightarrow q$

- $p$  hypothesis, premise, antecedent.
- $q$  conclusion, consequent.
- It is false only when  $p$  is true and  $q$  is false, true otherwise. (obligation, contract)

- Asserts the q is true in the condition that p holds..... more about implication next lecture

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**Bidirectional**  $p \leftrightarrow q$ , p iff q

Bi-implication, p if and only if q

- True when p and q have the same truth value, false otherwise  
 $(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow p)$

Bidirectional in English:

- p is necessary and sufficient for q
  - if p then q and conversely
  - p iff q
  - Not always explicit in natural language
    - If you finish your meal, then you can have dessert.
    - Precision is essential in math and logic, we will distinguish between  $p \rightarrow q$  and  $p \leftrightarrow q$

**Other logical operations:**

- NAND ( $|$ ) Sheffer Stroke
- NOR ( $\downarrow$ ) Peirce Arrow
- Breaking assertions into component propositions

**Compound propositions**

- Logical connectives + negation  $\rightarrow$  more complicated compound propositions.
- In truth tables: we use a separate column to find the truth value of each compound expression that occurs in the compound proposition.