

מתמטיקה בדידה Discrete Math

Lecture 2

Last Week: Propositions

Definition: A proposition is a statement that is either **TRUE** or **FALSE**.

We can combine propositions using logical (Boolean) operators:

$\wedge$:= AND

$\vee$:= OR

$\neg$:= NOT

$\rightarrow$:= IMPLIES (if... then)

Last Week: Truth Tables

Indicate the true/false value of a proposition for each possible setting of its variables

Example:

P	Q	P implies Q
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	T
F	F	T

An implication is true exactly when:

1. the if-part is false **or**
2. the then-part is true

$$\neg P \vee Q$$

Last Week: Equivalence

$(P \rightarrow Q)$ and $(\neg P \vee Q)$ are logically equivalent.

$$(P \rightarrow Q) \equiv (\neg P \vee Q)$$

Definition: Two propositional formulas are equivalent if and only if they have the same truth value for all assignments of their variables

Assignment

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Equivalent

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Example: Logical Distributive Law

Proposition: $P \wedge (Q \vee R) \equiv (P \wedge Q) \vee (P \wedge R)$

(Just like $x(y + z) = xy + xz$.)

Distributive law

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Proof: Logical Distributive Law

$$P \wedge (Q \vee R) \equiv (P \wedge Q) \vee (P \wedge R)$$

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The diagram illustrates the construction of a truth table for a logical expression using the distributive law. It shows three tables:

- Table 1 (Variables):** Columns are P , Q , and R . Rows show all possible combinations of truth values (T for True, F for False).
- Table 2 (Intermediate Expressions):** Columns are $Q \vee R$, $P \wedge Q$, and $P \wedge R$. The values are derived from Table 1.
- Table 3 (Final Expressions):** Columns are $P \wedge (Q \vee R)$ and $(P \wedge Q) \vee (P \wedge R)$. The values are derived from Table 2.

Red ovals highlight the correspondence between rows in the tables, demonstrating how the distributive law is applied. Green ovals highlight the final expressions. A blue bracket and the notation 2^n indicate the total number of rows in the truth table.

Logical Deduction

Modus Ponens (sound):

$(P \rightarrow Q), P$

Q

P	Q	P implies Q
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	T
F	F	T

Contrapositive (sound):

$(\neg Q \rightarrow \neg P)$

$(P \rightarrow Q)$

Converse (not sound):

$(P \rightarrow Q)$

$(Q \rightarrow P)$

בחנו את עצמכם

Claim: Let $x \in \mathbb{Z}$, and suppose that x^2 is even (that is, $x^2=2y$ for some $y \in \mathbb{Z}$). Then x is **even**.

Hint: Assume that $x=2z+1$ for some $z \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Proof: On the board.

Another Sound Rule

$$(\neg P \rightarrow F) \equiv (T \rightarrow P)$$

P

Q	P	Q implies P
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	T
F	F	T

Proof by Contradiction

To prove proposition P:

1. Prove that “(not P) implies F.”
2. Write, “Assume not P.”
3. Show that F logically follows.

Contradiction

Proof by contradiction

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Example: Proof by Contradiction

Theorem: $\sqrt{2}$ is irrational

Proof: By contradiction. On the board.

Summary: Proof Methods

Last week

1. Proving implication
 - a) Direct proof
 - b) Contrapositive
2. If and only if
3. By comparing truth tables

Today

1. By contradiction

Predicate Logic

Predicates

Predicates are **propositions** with **variables**.

Examples:

$P(n) := \text{"n is a square"}$

$n = 4: P(4) = \text{T}$

$n = 5: P(5) = \text{F}$

$P(x,y) := [x+2 = y]$

$x=1 \text{ and } y=3: P(1,3) = \text{T}$

$x=1 \text{ and } y=4: P(1,4) = \text{F}$

$\neg P(1,4) = \text{T}$

$P(x,y) := \text{"x}^y \text{ is rational"}$

$x=2/3 \text{ and } y=2: P(2/3,2) = \text{T}$

$x=\sqrt{2} \text{ and } y=1: P(\sqrt{2},1) = \text{F}$

Predicates

Some predicates are **sometimes** true and some predicates are **always** true.

For example:

The predicate $P(x) := [x^2 \geq 0]$ is **always** true
(when x is a real number).

The predicate $P(x) := [5x^2 - 7 = 0]$ is **sometimes** true
(only when $x = \pm\sqrt{7/5}$)

Quantifiers in English

Always true

For all x , $P(x)$ is true
 $P(x)$ is true for every x

For all x , $x^2 \geq 0$
 $x^2 \geq 0$ for every x

Sometimes true

There exists an x s.t. $P(x)$ is true
 $P(x)$ is true for some x
 $P(x)$ is true for at least one x

There exists an x s.t. $5x^2 - 7 = 0$
 $5x^2 - 7 = 0$ for some x
 $5x^2 - 7 = 0$ for at least one x

Quantifier

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Quantifiers

$\forall x$ for ALL x .

A predicate P is true for all values x in some set D :

$$\forall x \in D, P(x)$$

$\exists y$ there EXISTS some y

A predicate P is true for at least one value of y in D :

$$\exists y \in D, P(y)$$

For all

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There exists

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Domain

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Mixing Quantifiers

Example:

Goldbach's conjecture: Every even integer greater than 2 is the sum of two primes.

For every integer n greater than 2, there exist primes p and q such that $n=p+q$.

Evens – even numbers greater than 2.

Primes – Prime numbers.

$$\forall n \in \text{Evens} \exists p, q \in \text{Primes}, n=p+q.$$

Mixing Quantifiers

x, y range over *domain of discourse*

$$\forall x \exists y, x < y$$

Domain

Integers $\mathbb{Z}$

Positive integers $\mathbb{Z}^+$

Negative integers $\mathbb{Z}^-$

Negative rationals $\mathbb{Q}^-$

Truth value

True

True

False

True

Swapping Quantifiers

Swapping quantifier may totally change the meaning of a proposition:

$$\forall n \in \text{Evens} \quad \exists p, q \in \text{Primes}, n = p + q.$$

$$\exists p, q \in \text{Primes} \quad \forall n \in \text{Evens}, n = p + q.$$

The second proposition is clearly **false**!

Small Question

If we raise an irrational number to an irrational number can the result be irrational?

Write corresponding proposition in logic notation.

Rationals – Rational numbers.

Irrationals – Irrational Numbers.

Proposition:

$\exists x, y \in \text{Irrationals}, x^y \in \text{Rationals}$

True or False?

$\forall x \in \text{Irrationals} \exists y \in \text{Rationals},$
 $x^y \in \text{Irrationals}$

$\forall \exists$ **versus** $\exists \forall$

$\forall a \in \text{ATTACK} \exists d \in \text{DEFENSE}$

d protects against a

For every attack, I have a defense:

Against MYDOOM,

use Defender

Against ILOVEYOU,

use Norton

Against BABLAS,

use ZoneAlarm...

$\forall \exists$ is expensive!

$\exists \forall$

$\exists d \in \text{DEFENSE} \quad \forall a \in \text{ATTACK}$

d protects against a

It's more efficient to have *one* defense
that is good against *every* attack

Negating Quantifiers

“It is not the case that everyone likes to snowboard”

“There exists someone who does not like to snowboard”

$\neg \forall x, P(x)$ is equivalent to $\exists x, \neg P(x)$

“There does not exist anyone who likes skiing over magma”

“Everyone dislikes skiing over magma”

$\neg \exists x, Q(x) \equiv \forall x, \neg Q(x)$

Principle: moving a “not” across a quantifier changes the kind of quantifier.

Sets and Sequences

What is a Set?

Informally: A **set** is a collection of objects,
which are called the **elements** of the set.

Elements can be anything:

1. numbers
2. names
3. other sets

Set

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Element

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Some Sets

Set	Symbol	Elements
Natural numbers	$\mathbb{N}$	$\{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$
Integers	$\mathbb{Z}$	$\{\dots, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$
Rational numbers	$\mathbb{Q}$	$1/2, -5/3, 16, \text{etc.}$
Real numbers	$\mathbb{R}$	$\pi, e, -9, \sqrt{2} \text{ etc.}$
Complex numbers	$\mathbb{C}$	$i, \frac{19}{2}, \sqrt{2} - 2i \text{ etc.}$
Empty set	$\emptyset$	None

Empty set

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Some More Sets

$A = \{\text{Alice, Charlie, Bob, Eve}\}$ people

$B = \{\text{red, blue, yellow}\}$ colors

$C = \{\{a,b\}, \{a,c\}, \{b,c\}\}$ a set of sets

$D = \{1, 2, 4, 8, 16, \dots\}$ the powers of 2

$E = \{7, \text{"Alon R."}, \pi/2, T\}$ a set with 4 elements:
two numbers, a string, and a Boolean value.

Order doesn't matter: $A = \{\text{Alice, Charlie, Bob, Eve}\}$ is
the same as $A = \{\text{Eve, Alice, Bob, Charlie}\}$.

Membership

Notation: $x \in A$

Terminology: x is an element of A

x belongs to A

x is in A

Examples:

$$\pi/2 \in \{7, \text{"Alon R."}, \pi/2, T\}$$

$$\pi/3 \notin \{7, \text{"Alon R."}, \pi/2, T\}$$

$$14/2 \in \{7, \text{"Alon R."}, \pi/2, T\}$$

$$\text{"14/2"} \notin \{\text{"7"}, \text{"Alon R."}, \pi/2, T\}$$

$$2/3 \notin \mathbb{Z}$$

Membership

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In or not In?

An element is in or not in a set:

$\{7, \pi/2, 7\}$ is the same as $\{7, \pi/2\}$.

A set must be **well defined**. It should be totally clear what is an element in the set and what is not an element in the set.

Well defined

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Quick Question

Does the following make sense?

$$\forall \mathbf{x} \in \neg \mathbb{Q}$$

NO! $\mathbb{Q}$ is a set!

Should write:

$$\forall \mathbf{x} \notin \mathbb{Q}$$

Containment (הכללה)

Definition 1: A is contained in B if and only if every element of A is also an element of B.

That is, $\forall x, x \in A \rightarrow x \in B$

Containment II

Notation: $A \subseteq B$

Terminology: A is a subset of B
A is contained in B

Examples:

$$\{\{a,b\},\{a,c\}\} \subseteq \{\{a,b\},\{a,c\},\{b,c\}\}$$

$$\mathbb{R} \not\subseteq \mathbb{Q}$$

$$A \subseteq A$$

$$\mathbb{Z} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$$

$$\mathbb{R} \subseteq \mathbb{C}$$

$$\mathbb{C} \not\subseteq \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\{3\} \subseteq \{5,7,3\}$$

$\emptyset \subseteq$ every set

subset

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Strict Containment (הכלה ממש)

Definition 2: A is strictly contained in B iff:

1. every element of A is also an element of B,
2. there exists an element of B that is not an element of A.

That is:

1. $\forall x, x \in A \rightarrow x \in B$
2. $\exists x \in B, x \notin A$

Strict Containment II

Notation: $A \subset B$, $A \not\supset B$

Terminology: A is a strict subset of B

A is strictly contained in B

Examples: $\{1,2\} \subset \{1,2,3\}$

$\mathbb{Q} \subset \mathbb{R}$

$\emptyset \subset \{1\}$

Containment vs. Membership

Be careful **not to confuse** containment ($A \subseteq B$) with membership ($a \in A$).

Examples:

Evens **is a subset of** $\mathbb{N}$.

Evens **is not a member of** $\mathbb{N}$!

Jews $\subseteq$ Humans

"היהודים הם בני אדם"

Jews $\in$ People

"היהודים הם עם ככל העמים"

Equality (שוויון)

Definition: Set A is equal to set B if and only if they have the same elements.

That is, $(A \subseteq B) \text{ AND } (B \subseteq A)$

Notation: $A=B$

Complement of a Set

Definition 3: The **complement** of A is the set of all elements not in A .

Assumption: $A \subseteq \mathcal{U}$, where $\mathcal{U}$ is some **universal set**.

Notation: $\overline{A}$, A^c

Example:

$$\overline{\mathbb{R}^+} = \mathbb{R}^- \cup \{0\}$$

complement
universal set

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The Empty Set

Definition 4: A set that does not have any elements is called empty.

There is a unique empty set, which we denote by $\emptyset$.

(Uniqueness of $\emptyset$ follows from the fact that $A=B$ if and only if A and B have the same elements.)

Power Set

Definition 5: The **power set** of a set A is the collection of all the subsets $S \subseteq A$.

Notation: $P(A)$

If A has n elements then $P(A)$ has 2^n elements.

Power set

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Power Set: examples

- The elements of $P(\{1,2\})$ are $\Phi, \{1\}, \{2\}$. And $\{1,2\}$
- $P(\{a,b\}) = \{\{a,b\}, \{a\}, \{b\}, \Phi\}$.

Question: What is $P(\Phi)$?

Answer: $\{\Phi\}$

Question: What is $P(P(\Phi))$?

Answer: $\{\{\Phi\}, \Phi\}$