

# Module #1: **Foundations of Logic**

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~74 slides, ~4-6 lectures

## Module #1: Foundations of Logic (§§1.1-1.3, ~3 lectures)

*Mathematical Logic* is a tool for working with complicated *compound* statements. It includes:

- A language for expressing them.
- A concise notation for writing them.
- A methodology for objectively reasoning about their truth or falsity.
- It is the foundation for expressing formal proofs in all branches of mathematics.

# Foundations of Logic: Overview

- Propositional logic (§1.1-1.2):
  - Basic definitions. (§1.1)
  - Equivalence rules & derivations. (§1.2)
- Predicate logic (§1.3-1.4)
  - Predicates.
  - Quantified predicate expressions.
  - Equivalences & derivations.

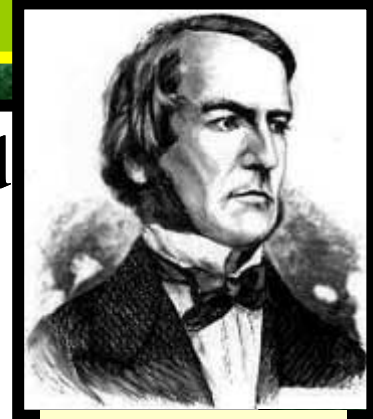


# Propositional Logic (§1.1)

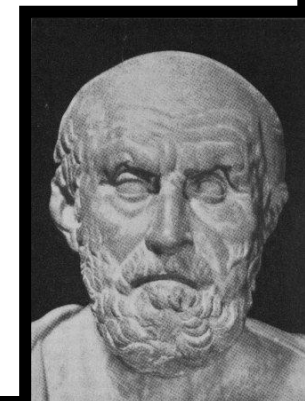
*Propositional Logic* is the logic of compound statements built from simpler statements using so-called *Boolean connectives*.

Some applications in computer science:

- Design of digital electronic circuits.
- Expressing conditions in programs.
- Queries to databases & search engines.



George Boole  
(1815-1864)



Chrysippus of Soli  
(ca. 281 B.C. – 205 B.C.)

## Definition of a *Proposition*

A *proposition* ( $p, q, r, \dots$ ) is simply a *statement* (i.e., a declarative sentence) *with a definite meaning*, having a *truth value* that's either *true* (T) or *false* (F) (**never** both, neither, or somewhere in between).

(However, you might not *know* the actual truth value, and it might be situation-dependent.)

[Later we will study *probability theory*, in which we assign *degrees of certainty* to propositions. But for now: think True/False only!]

# Examples of Propositions

- “It is raining.” (In a given situation.)
- “Beijing is the capital of China.”
- “ $1 + 2 = 3$ ”

But, the following are **NOT** propositions:

- “Who’s there?” (interrogative, question)
- “La la la la la.” (meaningless interjection)
- “Just do it!” (imperative, command)
- “Yeah, I sorta dunno, whatever...” (vague)
- “ $1 + 2$ ” (expression with a non-true/false value)



# Operators / Connectives

An *operator* or *connective* combines one or more *operand* expressions into a larger expression. (E.g., “+” in numeric exprs.)

*Unary* operators take 1 operand (e.g.,  $-3$ );  
*binary* operators take 2 operands (eg  $3 \times 4$ ).

*Propositional* or *Boolean* operators operate on propositions or truth values instead of on numbers.

# Some Popular Boolean Operators

<u>Formal Name</u>	<u>Nickname</u>	<u>Arity</u>	<u>Symbol</u>
Negation operator	NOT	Unary	$\neg$
Conjunction operator	AND	Binary	$\wedge$
Disjunction operator	OR	Binary	$\vee$
Exclusive-OR operator	XOR	Binary	$\oplus$
Implication operator	IMPLIES	Binary	$\rightarrow$
Biconditional operator	IFF	Binary	$\leftrightarrow$



# The Negation Operator

The unary *negation operator* “ $\neg$ ” (*NOT*) transforms a prop. into its logical *negation*.

*E.g.* If  $p =$  “I have brown hair.”

then  $\neg p =$  “I do **not** have brown hair.”

*Truth table* for NOT:

T  $\equiv$  True; F  $\equiv$  False

“ $\equiv$ ” means “is defined as”

$p$	$\neg p$
T	F
F	T

Operand  
column

Result  
column

# The Conjunction Operator

The binary *conjunction operator* “ $\wedge$ ” (*AND*) combines two propositions to form their logical *conjunction*.

$\wedge$ AND

*E.g.* If  $p$  = “I will have salad for lunch.” and  $q$  = “I will have steak for dinner.”, then  $p \wedge q$  = “I will have salad for lunch **and** I will have steak for dinner.”

Remember: “ $\wedge$ ” points up like an “A”, and it means “AND”

# Conjunction Truth Table

- Note that a conjunction  $p_1 \wedge p_2 \wedge \dots \wedge p_n$  of  $n$  propositions will have  $2^n$  rows in its truth table.

Operand columns

$p$	$q$	$p \wedge q$
F	F	F
F	T	F
T	F	F
T	T	T

- Also:  $\neg$  and  $\wedge$  operations together are sufficient to express *any* Boolean truth table!



# The Disjunction Operator

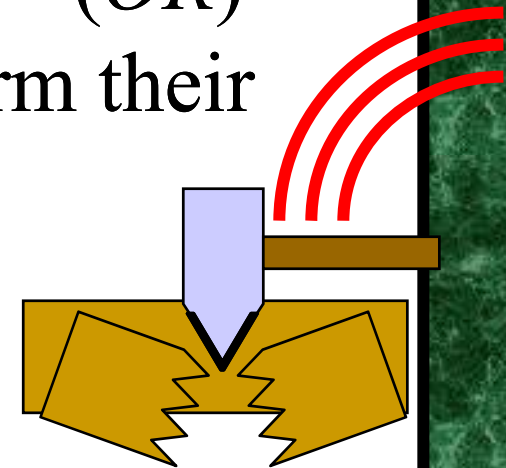
The binary *disjunction operator* “ $\vee$ ” (*OR*) combines two propositions to form their logical *disjunction*.

$p$  = “My car has a bad engine.”

$q$  = “My car has a bad carburetor.”

$p \vee q$  = “Either my car has a bad engine, **or** my car has a bad carburetor.”

Meaning is like “and/or” in English.



After the downward-pointing “axe” of “ $\vee$ ” splits the wood, you can take 1 piece **OR** the other, or both.

# Disjunction Truth Table

- Note that  $p \vee q$  means that  $p$  is true, or  $q$  is true, **or both** are true!
- So, this operation is also called *inclusive or*, because it **includes** the possibility that both  $p$  and  $q$  are true.
- “ $\neg$ ” and “ $\vee$ ” together are also universal.

$p$	$q$	$p \vee q$
F	F	F
F	T	<b>T</b>
T	F	<b>T</b>
T	T	T

Note  
difference  
from AND

# Nested Propositional Expressions

- Use parentheses to *group sub-expressions*:  
“I just saw my old friend, and either he’s grown or I’ve shrunk.” =  $f \wedge (g \vee s)$ 
  - $(f \wedge g) \vee s$  would mean something different
  - $f \wedge g \vee s$  would be ambiguous
- By convention, “ $\neg$ ” takes *precedence* over both “ $\wedge$ ” and “ $\vee$ ”.
  - $\neg s \wedge f$  means  $(\neg s) \wedge f$ , **not**  $\neg (s \wedge f)$



## A Simple Exercise

Let  $p$  = “It rained last night”,

$q$  = “The sprinklers came on last night,”

$r$  = “The lawn was wet this morning.”

Translate each of the following into English:

$\neg p$  = “It didn’t rain last night.”

$r \wedge \neg p$  = “The lawn was wet this morning, and it didn’t rain last night.”

$\neg r \vee p \vee q$  = “Either the lawn wasn’t wet this morning, or it rained last night, or the sprinklers came on last night.”

## The *Exclusive Or* Operator

The binary *exclusive-or operator* “ $\oplus$ ” (*XOR*) combines two propositions to form their logical “exclusive or” (exjunction?).

$p$  = “I will earn an A in this course,”

$q$  = “I will drop this course,”

$p \oplus q$  = “I will either earn an A for this course, or I will drop it (but not both!)”

# Exclusive-Or Truth Table

- Note that  $p \oplus q$  means that  $p$  is true, or  $q$  is true, but **not both!**
- This operation is called *exclusive or*, because it **excludes** the possibility that both  $p$  and  $q$  are true.
- “ $\neg$ ” and “ $\oplus$ ” together are **not** universal.

$p$	$q$	$p \oplus q$
F	F	F
F	T	T
T	F	T
T	T	<b>F</b>

Note  
difference  
from OR.



# Natural Language is Ambiguous

Note that English “or” can be ambiguous regarding the “both” case!

“Pat is a singer or  
Pat is a writer.” -  $\vee$

“Pat is a man or  
Pat is a woman.” -  $\oplus$

$p$	$q$	$p$ "or" $q$
F	F	F
F	T	T
T	F	T
T	T	?

Need context to disambiguate the meaning!

**For this class, assume “or” means inclusive.**

# The *Implication* Operator

antecedent

consequent

The *implication*  $\overset{\text{antecedent}}{p} \rightarrow \overset{\text{consequent}}{q}$  states that  $p$  implies  $q$ .

*I.e.*, If  $p$  is true, then  $q$  is true; but if  $p$  is not true, then  $q$  could be either true or false.

*E.g.*, let  $p =$  “You study hard.”

$q =$  “You will get a good grade.”

$p \rightarrow q =$  “If you study hard, then you will get a good grade.” (else, it could go either way)

# Implication Truth Table

- $p \rightarrow q$  is **false** only when  $p$  is true but  $q$  is **not** true.

- $p \rightarrow q$  does **not** say that  $p$  causes  $q$ !

- $p \rightarrow q$  does **not** require that  $p$  or  $q$  are ever true!

- *E.g.* “ $(1=0) \rightarrow$  pigs can fly” is TRUE!

$p$	$q$	$p \rightarrow q$
F	F	T
F	T	T
T	F	<b>F</b>
T	T	T

The only False case!

## Examples of Implications

- “If this lecture ends, then the sun will rise tomorrow.” *True* or *False*?
- “If Tuesday is a day of the week, then I am a penguin.” *True* or *False*?
- “If  $1+1=6$ , then Bush is president.” *True* or *False*?
- “If the moon is made of green cheese, then I am richer than Bill Gates.” *True* or *False*?



## Why does this seem wrong?

- Consider a sentence like,
  - “If I wear a red shirt tomorrow, then the U.S. will attack Iraq the same day.”
- In logic, we consider the sentence **True** so long as either I don't wear a red shirt, or the US attacks.
- But in normal English conversation, if I were to make this claim, you would think I was lying.
  - Why this discrepancy between logic & language?

## Resolving the Discrepancy

- In English, a sentence “if  $p$  then  $q$ ” usually really *implicitly* means something like,
  - “In all possible situations, if  $p$  then  $q$ .”
    - That is, “For  $p$  to be true and  $q$  false is *impossible*.”
    - Or, “I *guarantee* that no matter what, if  $p$ , then  $q$ .”
- This can be expressed in *predicate logic* as:
  - “For all situations  $s$ , if  $p$  is true in situation  $s$ , then  $q$  is also true in situation  $s$ ”
  - Formally, we could write:  $\forall s, P(s) \rightarrow Q(s)$
- This sentence is logically *False* in our example, because for me to wear a red shirt and the U.S. *not* to attack Iraq is a *possible* (even if not actual) situation.
  - Natural language and logic then agree with each other.

# English Phrases Meaning $p \rightarrow q$

- “ $p$  implies  $q$ ”
- “if  $p$ , then  $q$ ”
- “if  $p$ ,  $q$ ”
- “when  $p$ ,  $q$ ”
- “whenever  $p$ ,  $q$ ”
- “ $q$  if  $p$ ”
- “ $q$  when  $p$ ”
- “ $q$  whenever  $p$ ”

- “ $p$  only if  $q$ ”
- “ $p$  is sufficient for  $q$ ”
- “ $q$  is necessary for  $p$ ”
- “ $q$  follows from  $p$ ”
- “ $q$  is implied by  $p$ ”

We will see some equivalent logic expressions later.

# Converse, Inverse, Contrapositive

Some terminology, for an implication  $p \rightarrow q$ :

- Its *converse* is:  $q \rightarrow p$ .
- Its *inverse* is:  $\neg p \rightarrow \neg q$ .
- Its *contrapositive*:  $\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$ .
- One of these three has the *same meaning* (same truth table) as  $p \rightarrow q$ . Can you figure out which?

**Contrapositive**



# How do we know for sure?

Proving the equivalence of  $p \rightarrow q$  and its contrapositive using truth tables:

$p$	$q$	$\neg q$	$\neg p$	$p \rightarrow q$	$\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$
F	F	T	T	T	T
F	T	F	T	T	T
<del>T</del>	<del>F</del>	<del>T</del>	<del>F</del>	F	F
T	T	F	F	T	T

# The *biconditional* operator

The *biconditional*  $p \leftrightarrow q$  states that  $p$  is true *if and only if (IFF)*  $q$  is true.

$p$  = “Bush wins the 2004 election.”

$q$  = “Bush will be president for all of 2005.”

$p \leftrightarrow q$  = “If, and only if, Bush wins the 2004 election, Bush will be president for all of 2005.”



2004

1-2003, Michael



2005

I'm still here!

# Biconditional Truth Table

- $p \leftrightarrow q$  means that  $p$  and  $q$  have the **same** truth value.

- Note this truth table is the exact **opposite** of  $\oplus$ 's!

$$- p \leftrightarrow q \text{ means } \neg(p \oplus q)$$

- $p \leftrightarrow q$  does **not** imply  $p$  and  $q$  are true, or cause each other.

$p$	$q$	$p \leftrightarrow q$
F	F	T
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T	F	F
T	T	T

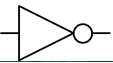
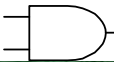
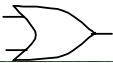

# Boolean Operations Summary

- We have seen 1 unary operator (out of the 4 possible) and 5 binary operators (out of the 16 possible). Their truth tables are below.

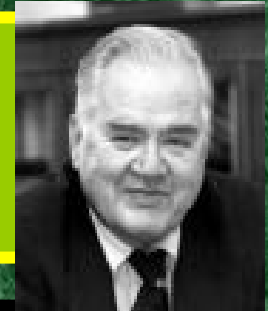
$p$	$q$	$\neg p$	$p \wedge q$	$p \vee q$	$p \oplus q$	$p \rightarrow q$	$p \leftrightarrow q$
F	F	T	F	F	F	T	T
F	T	T	F	T	T	T	F
T	F	F	F	T	T	F	F
T	T	F	T	T	F	T	T



# Some Alternative Notations

Name:	not	and	or	xor	implies	iff
Propositional logic:	$\neg$	$\wedge$	$\vee$	$\oplus$	$\rightarrow$	$\leftrightarrow$
Boolean algebra:	$\bar{p}$	$pq$	$+$	$\oplus$		
C/C++/Java (wordwise):	!	&&		!=		==
C/C++/Java (bitwise):	~	&		^		
Logic gates:						

# Bits and Bit Operations



John Tukey  
(1915-2000)

- A *bit* is a binary (base 2) digit: 0 or 1.
- Bits may be used to represent truth values.
- By convention:
  - 0 represents “false”; 1 represents “true”.
- *Boolean algebra* is like ordinary algebra except that variables stand for bits, + means “or”, and multiplication means “and”.
  - See chapter 10 for more details.

# Bit Strings

- A *Bit string* of length  $n$  is an ordered series or sequence of  $n \geq 0$  bits.
  - More on sequences in §3.2.
- By convention, bit strings are written left to right: *e.g.* the first bit of “1001101010” is 1.
- When a bit string represents a base-2 number, by convention the first bit is the *most significant* bit. *Ex.*  $1101_2 = 8 + 4 + 1 = 13$ .



# Counting in Binary

- Did you know that you can count to 1,023 just using two hands?
  - How? Count in binary!
    - Each finger (up/down) represents 1 bit.
- To increment: Flip the rightmost (low-order) bit.
  - If it changes 1→0, then also flip the next bit to the left,
    - If that bit changes 1→0, then flip the next one, *etc.*
- 0000000000, 0000000001, 0000000010, ...  
..., 1111111101, 1111111110, 1111111111





# Bitwise Operations

- Boolean operations can be extended to operate on bit strings as well as single bits.

- E.g.:

01 1011 0110

11 0001 1101

Bit-wise OR

Bit-wise AND

Bit-wise XOR

## End of §1.1

You have learned about:

- Propositions: What they are.
- Propositional logic operators'
  - Symbolic notations.
  - English equivalents.
  - Logical meaning.
  - Truth tables.
- Atomic vs. compound propositions.
- Alternative notations.
- Bits and bit-strings.
- Next section: §1.2
  - Propositional equivalences.
  - How to prove them.

## Propositional Equivalence (§1.2)

Two *syntactically* (*i.e.*, textually) different compound propositions may be the *semantically* identical (*i.e.*, have the same meaning). We call them *equivalent*. Learn:

- Various *equivalence rules* or *laws*.
- How to *prove* equivalences using *symbolic derivations*.

# Tautologies and Contradictions

A *tautology* is a compound proposition that is **true no matter what** the truth values of its atomic propositions are!

*Ex.*  $p \vee \neg p$  [What is its truth table?]

A *contradiction* is a compound proposition that is **false no matter what!** *Ex.*  $p \wedge \neg p$  [Truth table?]

Other compound props. are *contingencies*.



# Logical Equivalence

Compound proposition  $p$  is *logically equivalent* to compound proposition  $q$ , written  $p \Leftrightarrow q$ , **IFF** the compound proposition  $p \Leftrightarrow q$  is a tautology.

Compound propositions  $p$  and  $q$  are logically equivalent to each other **IFF**  $p$  and  $q$  contain the same truth values as each other in all rows of their truth tables.

# Proving Equivalence via Truth Tables

*Ex.* Prove that  $p \vee q \Leftrightarrow \neg(\neg p \wedge \neg q)$ .

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

# Equivalence Laws

- These are similar to the arithmetic identities you may have learned in algebra, but for propositional equivalences instead.
- They provide a pattern or template that can be used to match all or part of a much more complicated proposition and to find an equivalence for it.

# Equivalence Laws - Examples

- *Identity:*  $p \wedge \mathbf{T} \Leftrightarrow p$      $p \vee \mathbf{F} \Leftrightarrow p$
- *Domination:*  $p \vee \mathbf{T} \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{T}$      $p \wedge \mathbf{F} \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{F}$
- *Idempotent:*  $p \vee p \Leftrightarrow p$      $p \wedge p \Leftrightarrow p$
- *Double negation:*  $\neg\neg p \Leftrightarrow p$
- *Commutative:*  $p \vee q \Leftrightarrow q \vee p$      $p \wedge q \Leftrightarrow q \wedge p$
- *Associative:*  $(p \vee q) \vee r \Leftrightarrow p \vee (q \vee r)$   
 $(p \wedge q) \wedge r \Leftrightarrow p \wedge (q \wedge r)$



# More Equivalence Laws

- *Distributive:*  $p \vee (q \wedge r) \Leftrightarrow (p \vee q) \wedge (p \vee r)$   
 $p \wedge (q \vee r) \Leftrightarrow (p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge r)$
- *De Morgan's:*  
 $\neg(p \wedge q) \Leftrightarrow \neg p \vee \neg q$   
 $\neg(p \vee q) \Leftrightarrow \neg p \wedge \neg q$
- *Trivial tautology/contradiction:*  
 $p \vee \neg p \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{T}$        $p \wedge \neg p \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{F}$



Augustus  
De Morgan  
(1806-1871)

# Defining Operators via Equivalences

Using equivalences, we can *define* operators in terms of other operators.

- Exclusive or:  $p \oplus q \Leftrightarrow (p \vee q) \wedge \neg(p \wedge q)$   
 $p \oplus q \Leftrightarrow (p \wedge \neg q) \vee (q \wedge \neg p)$
- Implies:  $p \rightarrow q \Leftrightarrow \neg p \vee q$
- Biconditional:  $p \leftrightarrow q \Leftrightarrow (p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow p)$   
 $p \leftrightarrow q \Leftrightarrow \neg(p \oplus q)$

## An Example Problem

- Check using a symbolic derivation whether  $(p \wedge \neg q) \rightarrow (p \oplus r) \Leftrightarrow \neg p \vee q \vee \neg r$ .

$$(p \wedge \neg q) \Rightarrow (p \oplus r) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$[\text{Expand definition of } \rightarrow] \neg(p \wedge \neg q) \vee (p \oplus r)$$

$$[\text{Defn. of } \oplus] \Leftrightarrow \neg(p \wedge \neg q) \vee ((p \vee r) \wedge \neg(p \wedge r))$$

$$[\text{DeMorgan's Law}]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (\neg p \vee q) \vee ((p \vee r) \wedge \neg(p \wedge r))$$

$$\Leftrightarrow [\text{associative law}] \text{ cont.}$$

## Example Continued...

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (\neg p \vee q) \vee ((p \vee r) \wedge \neg(p \wedge r)) \Leftrightarrow [\vee \text{ commutes}] \\
 & \Leftrightarrow \underline{(q \vee \neg p)} \vee ((p \vee r) \wedge \neg(p \wedge r)) \quad [\vee \text{ associative}] \\
 & \Leftrightarrow q \vee \underline{(\neg p \vee ((p \vee r) \wedge \neg(p \wedge r)))} \quad [\text{distrib. } \vee \text{ over } \wedge] \\
 & \Leftrightarrow q \vee (((\underline{\neg p} \vee (p \vee r)) \wedge (\underline{\neg p} \vee \neg(p \wedge r))) \\
 & [\text{assoc.}] \Leftrightarrow q \vee (((\underline{\neg p} \vee p) \vee r) \wedge (\neg p \vee \neg(p \wedge r))) \\
 & [\text{trivial taut.}] \Leftrightarrow q \vee ((\underline{\mathbf{T}} \vee r) \wedge (\neg p \vee \neg(p \wedge r))) \\
 & [\text{domination}] \Leftrightarrow q \vee (\underline{\mathbf{T}} \wedge (\neg p \vee \neg(p \wedge r))) \\
 & [\text{identity}] \quad \Leftrightarrow q \vee (\neg p \vee \neg(p \wedge r)) \Leftrightarrow \textit{cont.}
 \end{aligned}$$



# End of Long Example

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

$$[\text{DeMorgan's}] \Leftrightarrow q \vee (\neg p \vee (\neg p \vee \neg r))$$

$$[\text{Assoc.}] \Leftrightarrow q \vee ((\neg p \vee \neg p) \vee \neg r)$$

$$[\text{Idempotent}] \Leftrightarrow q \vee (\neg p \vee \neg r)$$

$$[\text{Assoc.}] \Leftrightarrow (q \vee \neg p) \vee \neg r$$

$$[\text{Commut.}] \Leftrightarrow \neg p \vee q \vee \neg r$$

*Q.E.D. (quod erat demonstrandum)*

(Which was to be shown.)

## Review: Propositional Logic (§§ 1.1-1.2)

- Atomic propositions:  $p, q, r, \dots$
- Boolean operators:  $\neg \wedge \vee \oplus \rightarrow \leftrightarrow$
- Compound propositions:  $s ::= (p \wedge \neg q) \vee r$
- Equivalences:  $p \wedge \neg q \Leftrightarrow \neg(p \rightarrow q)$
- Proving equivalences using:
  - Truth tables.
  - Symbolic derivations.  $p \Leftrightarrow q \Leftrightarrow r \dots$

## Predicate Logic (§1.3)

- *Predicate logic* is an extension of propositional logic that permits concisely reasoning about whole *classes* of entities.
- Propositional logic (recall) treats simple *propositions* (sentences) as atomic entities.
- In contrast, *predicate* logic distinguishes the *subject* of a sentence from its *predicate*.
  - Remember these English grammar terms?

# Applications of Predicate Logic

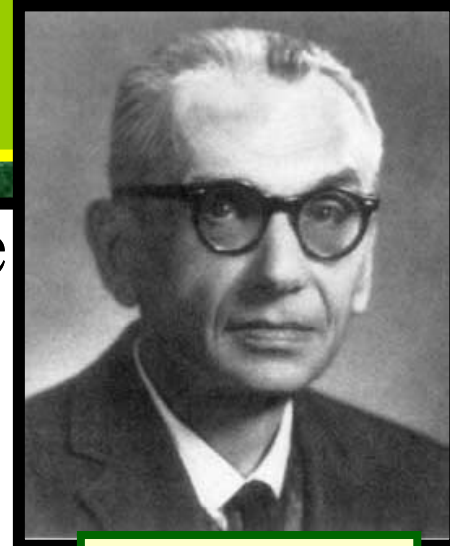
It is *the* formal notation for writing perfectly clear, concise, and unambiguous mathematical *definitions*, *axioms*, and *theorems* (more on these in chapter 3) for *any* branch of mathematics.

Predicate logic with function symbols, the “=” operator, and a few proof-building rules is sufficient for defining *any* conceivable mathematical system, and for proving anything that can be proved within that system!



## Other Applications

- Predicate logic is the foundation of the field of *mathematical logic*, which culminated in *Gödel's incompleteness theorem*, which revealed the ultimate limits of mathematical thought:
  - Given any finitely describable, consistent proof procedure, there will still be *some* true statements that can *never be proven* by that procedure.
- *I.e.*, we can't discover *all* mathematical truths, unless we sometimes resort to making *guesses*.



Kurt Gödel  
1906-1978

# Practical Applications

- Basis for clearly expressed formal specifications for any complex system.
- Basis for *automatic theorem provers* and many other Artificial Intelligence systems.
- Supported by some of the more sophisticated *database query engines* and *container class libraries* (these are types of programming tools).

# Subjects and Predicates

- In the sentence “The dog is sleeping”:
  - The phrase “the dog” denotes the *subject* - the *object* or *entity* that the sentence is about.
  - The phrase “is sleeping” denotes the *predicate* - a property that is true **of** the subject.
- In predicate logic, a *predicate* is modeled as a *function*  $P(\cdot)$  from objects to propositions.
  - $P(x) = \text{“}x \text{ is sleeping”}$  (where  $x$  is any object).



## More About Predicates

- Convention: Lowercase variables  $x, y, z...$  denote objects/entities; uppercase variables  $P, Q, R...$  denote propositional functions (predicates).
- Keep in mind that the *result of applying* a predicate  $P$  to an object  $x$  is the *proposition*  $P(x)$ . But the predicate  $P$  **itself** (e.g.  $P$ ="is sleeping") is **not** a proposition (not a complete sentence).
  - E.g. if  $P(x) =$  "x is a prime number",  
 $P(3)$  is the *proposition* "3 is a prime number."



# Propositional Functions

- Predicate logic *generalizes* the grammatical notion of a predicate to also include propositional functions of **any** number of arguments, each of which may take **any** grammatical role that a noun can take.
  - *E.g.* let  $P(x,y,z) = \text{“}x \text{ gave } y \text{ the grade } z\text{”}$ , then if  $x = \text{“Mike”}$ ,  $y = \text{“Mary”}$ ,  $z = \text{“A”}$ , then  $P(x,y,z) = \text{“Mike gave Mary the grade A.”}$

## Universes of Discourse (U.D.s)

- The power of distinguishing objects from predicates is that it lets you state things about *many* objects at once.
- E.g., let  $P(x) = "x+1 > x"$ . We can then say, "For *any* number  $x$ ,  $P(x)$  is true" instead of  $(0+1 > 0) \wedge (1+1 > 1) \wedge (2+1 > 2) \wedge \dots$
- The collection of values that a variable  $x$  can take is called  $x$ 's *universe of discourse*.

# Quantifier Expressions

- *Quantifiers* provide a notation that allows us to *quantify* (count) *how many* objects in the univ. of disc. satisfy a given predicate.
- “ $\forall$ ” is the FOR $\forall$ LL or *universal* quantifier.  $\forall x P(x)$  means *for all*  $x$  in the u.d.,  $P$  holds.
- “ $\exists$ ” is the  $\exists$ XISTS or *existential* quantifier.  $\exists x P(x)$  means there exists an  $x$  in the u.d. (that is, 1 or more) such that  $P(x)$  is true.



# The Universal Quantifier $\forall$

- Example:  
Let the u.d. of  $x$  be parking spaces at UF.  
Let  $P(x)$  be the *predicate* “ $x$  is full.”  
Then the *universal quantification* of  $P(x)$ ,  
 $\forall x P(x)$ , is the *proposition*:
  - “All parking spaces at UF are full.”
  - *i.e.*, “Every parking space at UF is full.”
  - *i.e.*, “For each parking space at UF, that space is full.”



# The Existential Quantifier $\exists$

- Example:  
Let the u.d. of  $x$  be parking spaces at UF.  
Let  $P(x)$  be the *predicate* “ $x$  is full.”  
Then the *existential quantification* of  $P(x)$ ,  
 $\exists x P(x)$ , is the *proposition*:
  - “Some parking space at UF is full.”
  - “There is a parking space at UF that is full.”
  - “At least one parking space at UF is full.”

# Free and Bound Variables

- An expression like  $P(x)$  is said to have a *free variable*  $x$  (meaning,  $x$  is undefined).
- A quantifier (either  $\forall$  or  $\exists$ ) *operates* on an expression having one or more free variables, and *binds* one or more of those variables, to produce an expression having one or more *bound variables*.

## Example of Binding

- $P(x,y)$  has 2 free variables,  $x$  and  $y$ .
- $\forall x P(x,y)$  has 1 free variable and one bound variable. Which is which?
- “ $P(x)$ , where  $x=3$ ” is another way to bind  $x$ .
- An expression with zero free variables is a bona-fide (actual) proposition.
- An expression with one or more free variables is still only a predicate:  $\forall x P(x,y)$

# Nesting of Quantifiers

Example: Let the u.d. of  $x$  &  $y$  be people.

Let  $L(x,y)$  = “ $x$  likes  $y$ ” (a predicate w. 2 f.v.’s)

Then  $\exists y L(x,y)$  = “There is someone whom  $x$  likes.” (A predicate w. 1 free variable,  $x$ )

Then  $\forall x (\exists y L(x,y))$  =

“Everyone has someone whom they like.”

(A Proposition with 0 free variables.)



## Review: Propositional Logic (§§ 1.1-1.2)

- Atomic propositions:  $p, q, r, \dots$
- Boolean operators:  $\neg \wedge \vee \oplus \rightarrow \leftrightarrow$
- Compound propositions:  $s \equiv (p \wedge \neg q) \vee r$
- Equivalences:  $p \wedge \neg q \Leftrightarrow \neg(p \rightarrow q)$
- Proving equivalences using:
  - Truth tables.
  - Symbolic derivations.  $p \Leftrightarrow q \Leftrightarrow r \dots$

## Review: Predicate Logic (§1.3)

- Objects  $x, y, z, \dots$
- Predicates  $P, Q, R, \dots$  are functions mapping objects  $x$  to propositions  $P(x)$ .
- Multi-argument predicates  $P(x, y)$ .
- Quantifiers:  $[\forall x P(x)] \equiv$  “For all  $x$ ’s,  $P(x)$ .”  
 $[\exists x P(x)] \equiv$  “There is an  $x$  such that  $P(x)$ .”
- Universes of discourse, bound & free vars.

# Quantifier Exercise

If  $R(x,y)$  = “ $x$  relies upon  $y$ ,” express the following in unambiguous English:

$$\forall x(\exists y R(x,y)) =$$

Everyone has *someone* to rely on.

$$\exists y(\forall x R(x,y)) =$$

There’s a poor overburdened soul whom *everyone* relies upon (including himself)!

$$\exists x(\forall y R(x,y)) =$$

There’s some needy person who relies upon *everybody* (including himself).

$$\forall y(\exists x R(x,y)) =$$

Everyone has *someone* who relies upon them.

$$\forall x(\forall y R(x,y)) =$$

*Everyone* relies upon *everybody*, (including themselves)!

# Natural language is ambiguous!

- “Everybody likes somebody.”
  - For everybody, there is somebody they like,
    - $\forall x \exists y \text{ Likes}(x,y)$  [Probably more likely.]
  - or, there is somebody (a popular person) whom everyone likes?
    - $\exists y \forall x \text{ Likes}(x,y)$
- “Somebody likes everybody.”
  - Same problem: Depends on context, emphasis.



# Game Theoretic Semantics

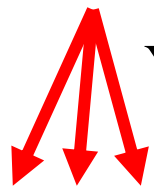
- Thinking in terms of a competitive game can help you tell whether a proposition with nested quantifiers is true.
- The game has two players, both with the same knowledge:
  - Verifier: Wants to demonstrate that the proposition is true.
  - Falsifier: Wants to demonstrate that the proposition is false.
- The Rules of the Game “Verify or Falsify”:
  - Read the quantifiers from left to right, picking values of variables.
  - When you see “ $\forall$ ”, the falsifier gets to select the value.
  - When you see “ $\exists$ ”, the verifier gets to select the value.
- If the verifier can always win, then the proposition is true.
- If the falsifier can always win, then it is false.

# Let's Play, "Verify or Falsify!"

Let  $B(x,y) \equiv$  "x's birthday is followed within 7 days  
by y's birthday."

Suppose I claim that among you:

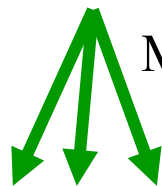
$$\forall x \exists y B(x,y)$$



Your turn, as falsifier:

You pick any  $x \rightarrow$  (*so-and-so*)

$$\exists y B(\text{so-and-so}, y)$$



My turn, as verifier:

I pick any  $y \rightarrow$  (*such-and-such*)

$$B(\text{so-and-so}, \text{such-and-such})$$

by y's birthday."

- Let's play it in class.
- Who wins this game?
- What if I switched the quantifiers, and I claimed that

$$\exists y \forall x B(x,y)?$$

Who wins in that case?

## Still More Conventions

- Sometimes the universe of discourse is restricted within the quantification, *e.g.*,
  - $\forall x > 0 P(x)$  is shorthand for  
“For all  $x$  that are greater than zero,  $P(x)$ .”  
 $= \forall x (x > 0 \rightarrow P(x))$
  - $\exists x > 0 P(x)$  is shorthand for  
“There is an  $x$  greater than zero such that  $P(x)$ .”  
 $= \exists x (x > 0 \wedge P(x))$



## More to Know About Binding

- $\forall x \exists x P(x)$  -  $x$  is not a free variable in  $\exists x P(x)$ , therefore the  $\forall x$  binding isn't used.
- $(\forall x P(x)) \wedge Q(x)$  - The variable  $x$  is outside of the *scope* of the  $\forall x$  quantifier, and is therefore free. Not a proposition!
- $(\forall x P(x)) \wedge (\exists x Q(x))$  – This is legal, because there are 2 different  $x$ 's!



# Quantifier Equivalence Laws

- Definitions of quantifiers: If u.d.=a,b,c,...  
 $\forall x P(x) \Leftrightarrow P(a) \wedge P(b) \wedge P(c) \wedge \dots$   
 $\exists x P(x) \Leftrightarrow P(a) \vee P(b) \vee P(c) \vee \dots$
- From those, we can prove the laws:  
 $\forall x P(x) \Leftrightarrow \neg \exists x \neg P(x)$   
 $\exists x P(x) \Leftrightarrow \neg \forall x \neg P(x)$
- Which *propositional* equivalence laws can be used to prove this? **DeMorgan's**

## More Equivalence Laws

- $\forall x \forall y P(x,y) \Leftrightarrow \forall y \forall x P(x,y)$   
 $\exists x \exists y P(x,y) \Leftrightarrow \exists y \exists x P(x,y)$
- $\forall x (P(x) \wedge Q(x)) \Leftrightarrow (\forall x P(x)) \wedge (\forall x Q(x))$   
 $\exists x (P(x) \vee Q(x)) \Leftrightarrow (\exists x P(x)) \vee (\exists x Q(x))$
- Exercise:  
See if you can prove these yourself.  
– What propositional equivalences did you use?

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 $(\exists x P(x))$  = “There is an  $x$  such that  $P(x)$ .”

## More Notational Conventions

- Quantifiers bind as loosely as needed:  
parenthesize  $\forall x (P(x) \wedge Q(x))$
- Consecutive quantifiers of the same type can be combined:  $\forall x \forall y \forall z P(x,y,z) \Leftrightarrow \forall x,y,z P(x,y,z)$  or even  $\forall xyz P(x,y,z)$
- All quantified expressions can be reduced to the canonical *alternating* form  
 $\forall x_1 \exists x_2 \forall x_3 \exists x_4 \dots P(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, \dots)$



## Defining New Quantifiers

As per their name, quantifiers can be used to express that a predicate is true of any given *quantity* (number) of objects.

Define  $\exists!x P(x)$  to mean “ $P(x)$  is true of *exactly one*  $x$  in the universe of discourse.”

$$\exists!x P(x) \Leftrightarrow \exists x (P(x) \wedge \neg \exists y (P(y) \wedge y \neq x))$$

“There is an  $x$  such that  $P(x)$ , where there is no  $y$  such that  $P(y)$  and  $y$  is other than  $x$ .”

# Some Number Theory Examples

- Let u.d. = the *natural numbers* 0, 1, 2, ...
- “A number  $x$  is *even*,  $E(x)$ , if and only if it is equal to 2 times some other number.”  
$$\forall x (E(x) \leftrightarrow (\exists y \ x=2y))$$
- “A number is *prime*,  $P(x)$ , iff it's greater than 1 and it isn't the product of two non-unity numbers.”  
$$\forall x (P(x) \leftrightarrow (x>1 \wedge \neg\exists yz \ x=yz \wedge y\neq 1 \wedge z\neq 1))$$

## Goldbach's Conjecture (unproven)

Using  $E(x)$  and  $P(x)$  from previous slide,

$$\forall E(x>2): \exists P(p), P(q): p+q = x$$

or, with more explicit notation:

$$\forall x [x>2 \wedge E(x)] \rightarrow$$

$$\exists p \exists q P(p) \wedge P(q) \wedge p+q = x.$$

“Every even number greater than 2  
is the sum of two primes.”

# Calculus Example

- One way of precisely defining the calculus concept of a *limit*, using quantifiers:

$$\left( \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L \right) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\left( \forall \varepsilon > 0 : \exists \delta > 0 : \forall x : \left( |x - a| < \delta \right) \rightarrow \left( |f(x) - L| < \varepsilon \right) \right)$$



# Deduction Example

- Definitions:

$s$   $:\equiv$  Socrates (ancient Greek philosopher);

$H(x)$   $:\equiv$  “ $x$  is human”;

$M(x)$   $:\equiv$  “ $x$  is mortal”.

- Premises:

$H(s)$                       *Socrates is human.*

$\forall x H(x) \rightarrow M(x)$       *All humans are mortal.*

# Deduction Example Continued

## Some valid conclusions you can draw:

$H(s) \rightarrow M(s)$     **[Instantiate universal.]** *If Socrates is human then he is mortal.*

$\neg H(s) \vee M(s)$     *Socrates is inhuman or mortal.*

$H(s) \wedge (\neg H(s) \vee M(s))$   
*Socrates is human, and also either inhuman or mortal.*

$(H(s) \wedge \neg H(s)) \vee (H(s) \wedge M(s))$     **[Apply distributive law.]**

$\mathbf{F} \vee (H(s) \wedge M(s))$     **[Trivial contradiction.]**

$H(s) \wedge M(s)$     **[Use identity law.]**

$M(s)$     *Socrates is mortal.*

## Another Example

- Definitions:  $H(x) ::=$  “ $x$  is human”;  
 $M(x) ::=$  “ $x$  is mortal”;  $G(x) ::=$  “ $x$  is a god”
- Premises:
  - $\forall x H(x) \rightarrow M(x)$  (“Humans are mortal”) and
  - $\forall x G(x) \rightarrow \neg M(x)$  (“Gods are immortal”).
- Show that  $\neg \exists x (H(x) \wedge G(x))$   
 (“No human is a god.”)

# The Derivation

- $\forall x H(x) \rightarrow M(x)$  and  $\forall x G(x) \rightarrow \neg M(x)$ .
- $\forall x \neg M(x) \rightarrow \neg H(x)$  [**Contrapositive.**]
- $\forall x [G(x) \rightarrow \neg M(x)] \wedge [\neg M(x) \rightarrow \neg H(x)]$
- $\forall x G(x) \rightarrow \neg H(x)$  [**Transitivity of  $\rightarrow$ .**]
- $\forall x \neg G(x) \vee \neg H(x)$  [**Definition of  $\rightarrow$ .**]
- $\forall x \neg(G(x) \wedge H(x))$  [**DeMorgan's law.**]
- $\neg \exists x G(x) \wedge H(x)$  [**An equivalence law.**]



# End of § 1.3-1.4, Predicate Logic

- From these sections you should have learned:
  - Predicate logic notation & conventions
  - Conversions: predicate logic  $\leftrightarrow$  clear English
  - Meaning of quantifiers, equivalences
  - Simple reasoning with quantifiers
- Upcoming topics:
  - Introduction to proof-writing.
  - Then: Set theory –
    - a language for talking about collections of objects.