

Welcome!

Discrete Mathematics for Computer Science
CompSci 102
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Frequently Asked Questions

- What are the prerequisites?
 - CPS 6 but CPS 100 preferred
 - Math 31 & 32
- How does this course fit into the curricula?
 - Useful foundation for courses like CompSci 130 and 140
 - Solid grounding in mathematical foundations
 - Replaces requirement of Math 135 (probability), Math 124 (Combinatorics) and Math 187 (Logic)
- What is recitation? Is it required?
 - Recitation is a more hands-on section where you will do problems and discuss solutions. Your work there will be graded.
- How do keep up to date?
 - Read web page *regularly*
<http://www.cs.duke.edu/courses/spring06/cps102>
 - Read discussion forum *regularly*
<http://www.cs.duke.edu/phpBB2/index.php?c=75>
 - Read your email

Course goals

- What we want to teach
 - Precise, reliable, powerful thinking
 - The ability to state and prove nontrivial facts, in particular about programs
 - Mathematical foundations and ideas useful throughout CS
 - Correctly read, represent and analyze various types of discrete structures using standard notations.
- What areas
 - Propositions and Proofs
 - Induction
 - Basics of Counting
 - Arithmetic Algorithms
 - Probability
 - Structures

So, what's *this* class about?

What are “discrete structures” anyway?

- “**Discrete**” (≠ “discreet”!) - Composed of distinct, separable parts. (Opposite of *continuous*.)
discrete:continuous :: digital:analog
- “**Structures**” - Objects built up from simpler objects according to some definite pattern.
- “**Discrete Mathematics**” - The study of discrete, mathematical objects and structures.

What is Mathematics, really?

- It's *not* just about numbers!
- Mathematics is *much* more than that:

Mathematics is, most generally, the study of any and all *absolutely certain* truths about any and all *perfectly well-defined* concepts.

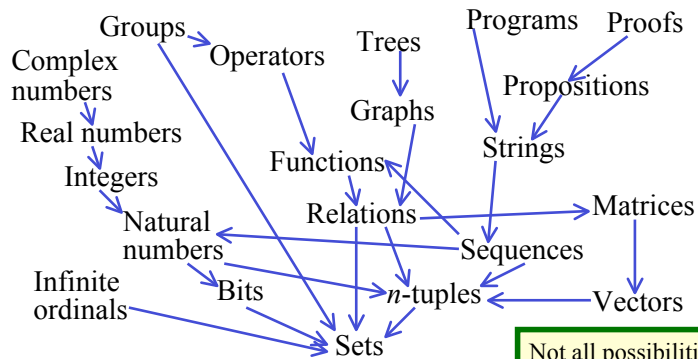
- But, these concepts can be *about* numbers, symbols, objects, images, sounds, *anything!*

Discrete Structures We'll Study

- Propositions
- Predicates
- Proofs
- Sets
- Functions
- Integers
- Summations
- Sequences
- Strings
- Permutations
- Combinations
- Relations
- Graphs

Relationships Between Structures

- “ \rightarrow ” :^{def} “Can be defined in terms of”



Not all possibilities are shown here.

Some Notations We'll Learn

$\neg p$	$p \wedge q$	$p \oplus q$	$p \rightarrow q$	$p \Leftrightarrow q$	$\forall x P(x)$
$\exists x P(x)$	$\{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$	$\mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{N}, \mathbf{R}$	\therefore	$\{x \mid P(x)\}$	$x \notin S$
\emptyset	$S \subseteq T$	$ S $	$A \cup B$	\bar{A}	$\bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i$
$f : A \rightarrow B$	$f^{-1}(x)$	$f \circ g$	$[x]$	$\sum_{\alpha \in S} a_\alpha$	$\prod_{i=1}^n a_i$
O, Ω, Θ	min, max	$a \nmid b$	gcd, lcm	mod	$a \equiv b \pmod{m}$
$(a_k \dots a_0)_b$	$[a_{ij}]$	\mathbf{A}^T	$\mathbf{A} \bar{\cdot} \mathbf{B}$	$\mathbf{A}^{[n]}$	$\binom{n}{r}$
$C(n; n_1, \dots, n_m)$	$p(E \mid F)$	R^*	Δ	$[a]_R$	$\deg^+(v)$

Why Study Discrete Math?

- The basis of all of digital information processing is: Discrete manipulations of discrete structures represented in memory.
- Useful for solving the following calendar
 - Scheduling cab drivers for the Olympics
 - Akamai
 - Formal specification of XML
- Discrete math concepts are also widely used throughout math, science, engineering, economics, biology, etc., ...
- A generally useful tool for rational thought!

Uses for Discrete Math in Computer Science

- Advanced algorithms & data structures
- Programming language compilers & interpreters.
- Computer networks
- Operating systems
- Computer architecture
- Database management systems
- Cryptography
- Error correction codes
- Graphics & animation algorithms, game engines, etc....
- I.e., the whole field!

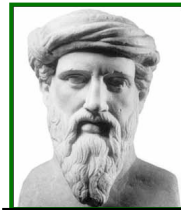
Course Outline (as per Rosen)

1. Logic (§1.1-4)
2. Proof methods (§1.5)
3. Set theory (§1.6-7)
4. Functions (§1.8)
5. Number theory (§2.4-5)
6. Number theory apps. (§2.6)
7. Proof strategy (§3.1)
8. Sequences (§3.2)
9. Summations (§3.2)
10. Countability (§3.2)
11. Inductive Proofs (§3.3)
12. Recursion (§3.4-5)
13. Program verification (§3.6)
14. Combinatorics (§4.1-4.4,4.6)
15. Probability (ch. 5)
16. Graph Theory (ch. 8)

Topics Not Covered

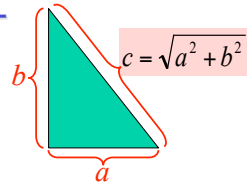
1. Algorithms!
 - See CompSci 130
2. Boolean circuits (ch. 10)
 - See CompSci 104 and EE 151
3. Models of computing (ch. 11)
 - See CompSci 140
4. Linear algebra & Matrices
 - See Math 104
5. Abstract algebra (not in Rosen)
 - Groups, rings, fields, vector spaces, algebras, etc.
 - See Math 121

A Proof Example



Pythagoras of Samos
(ca. 569-475 B.C.)

- **Theorem:** (*Pythagorean Theorem of Euclidean geometry*) For any real numbers a , b , and c , if a and b are the base-length and height of a right triangle, and c is the length of its hypotenuse, then $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$.



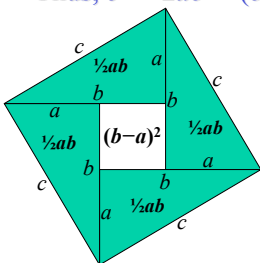
- **Proof?**

Propositions

- Statement that is either true or false
- Examples
 - “This encryption system cannot be broken”
 - “My program works efficiently in all cases”
 - “There are no circumstances under which I would lie to Congress”
 - “It is inconceivable that our legal system would execute an innocent person”
- A *theorem* is a proposition that is guaranteed by a proof

Proof of Pythagorean Theorem

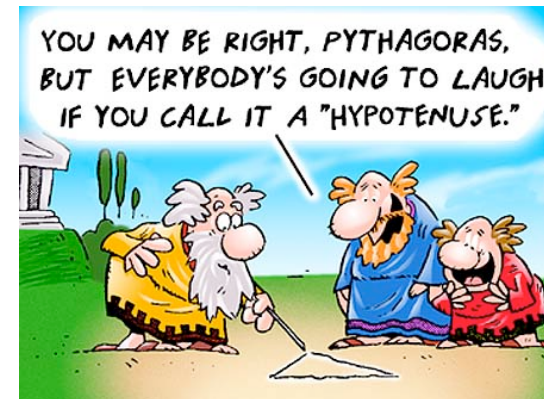
- **Proof.** Consider the below diagram:
 - Exterior square area = c^2 , the sum of the following regions:
 - The area of the 4 triangles = $4(\frac{1}{2}ab) = 2ab$
 - The area of the small interior square = $(b-a)^2 = b^2 - 2ab + a^2$.
 - Thus, $c^2 = 2ab + (b^2 - 2ab + a^2) = a^2 + b^2$. ■



Note: It is easy to show that the exterior and interior quadrilaterals in this construction are indeed squares, and that the side length of the internal square is indeed $b-a$ (where b is defined as the length of the longer of the two perpendicular sides of the triangle). These steps would also need to be included in a more complete proof.

Areas in this diagram are in boldface; lengths are in a normal font weight.

Finally: Have Fun!

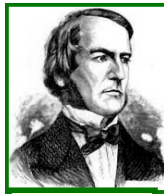


Propositional Logic (§1.1)

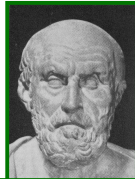
Propositional Logic is the logic of compound statements built from simpler statements using so-called *Boolean connectives*.

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

Definition: A *proposition* (denoted p, q, r, \dots) is simply:

- a *statement* (i.e., a declarative sentence)
 - with some definite meaning, (not vague or ambiguous)
- having a *truth value* that's either *true* (T) or *false* (F)
 - it is **never** both, neither, or somewhere “in between!”
 - However, you might not *know* the actual truth value,
 - and, the truth value might *depend* on the situation or context.
- Later, we will study *probability theory*, in which we assign *degrees of certainty* (“between” T and F) to propositions.

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But for now, think True/False only!

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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 3×4).
- *Propositional* or *Boolean* operators operate on propositions (or their truth values) instead of on numbers.

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Some Popular Boolean Operators

Formal Name	Nickname	Arity	Symbol
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.”

The *truth table* for NOT:

p	$\neg p$
T	F
F	T

T \equiv True; F \equiv False
 “ \equiv ” means “is defined as”

Operand column Result column

The Conjunction Operator

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

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

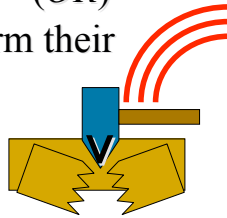
The binary *disjunction operator* “ \vee ” (OR) combines two propositions to form their logical *disjunction*.

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!

p	q	$p \vee q$
F	F	F
F	T	T
T	F	T
T	T	T

Note difference from AND

- 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.

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 in 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!**

p	q	$p \oplus q$
F	F	F
F	T	T
T	F	T
T	T	F

- This operation is called *exclusive or*, because it **excludes** the possibility that both p and q are true.

Note difference from OR.

- “ \neg ” and “ \oplus ” together are **not** universal.

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

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	F
T	T	T

The only False case!

Examples of Implications

- “If this lecture ever 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 I will win the lottery!”
- In logic, we consider the sentence **True** so long as either I don’t wear a red shirt, or I win the lottery.
- But, in normal English conversation, if I were to make this claim, you would think that 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: $\forall s, P(s) \rightarrow Q(s)$
- That sentence is logically **False** in our example, because for me to wear a red shirt and for me to not win the lottery 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?

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
T	F	T	F	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.

When we say **P if and only if q**, we are saying that P says the same thing as Q .

Examples?

Truth table?

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!
Thus, $p \leftrightarrow q$ means $\neg(p \oplus q)$
- $p \leftrightarrow q$ does **not** imply that p and q are true, or that either of them causes the other, or that they have a common cause.

p	q	$p \leftrightarrow q$
F	F	T
F	T	F
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):	\sim	$\&$	$ $	\wedge		
Logic gates:	