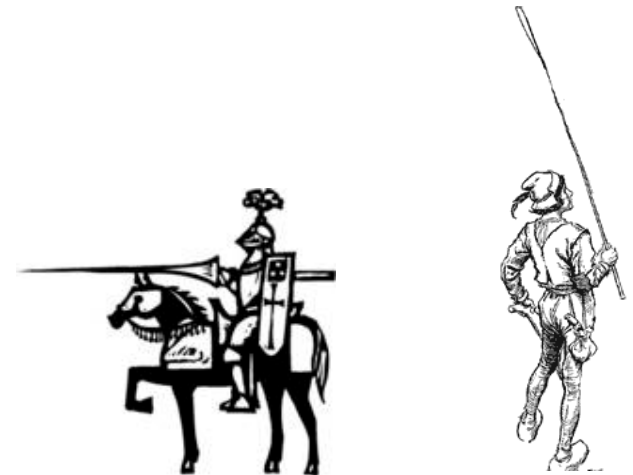


# COMP 1002

## Intro to Logic for Computer Scientists

### Lecture 12



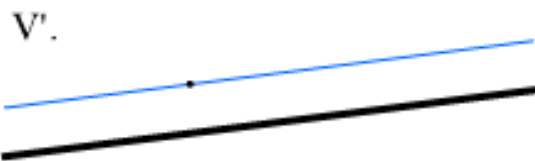
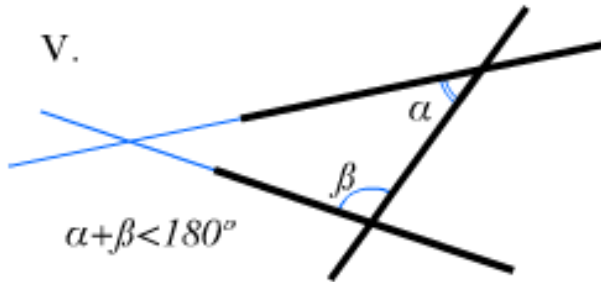
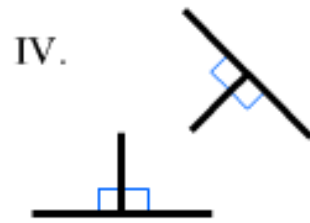
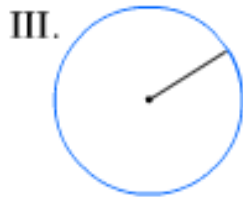
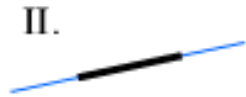
# Proofs

- What is a theorem?
  - Lemma, claim, etc
- What is a proof?
  - Where do we start?
  - Where do we stop?
  - What steps do we take?
  - How much detail is needed?





# Axioms example: Euclid's postulates



- I. Through 2 points a line segment can be drawn
- II. A line segment can be extended to a straight line indefinitely
- III. Given a line segment, a circle can be drawn with it as a radius and one endpoint as a centre
- IV. All right angles are congruent
- V. Parallel postulate

# Some axioms for propositional logic

- For any formulas  $A, B, C$ :
  - $A \vee \neg A \equiv \text{True}$                        $A \wedge \neg A \equiv \text{False}$
  - $\text{True} \vee A \equiv \text{True}$ .                       $\text{True} \wedge A \equiv A$
  - $\text{False} \vee A \equiv A$ .                       $\text{False} \wedge A \equiv \text{False}$
  - $A \vee A \equiv A \wedge A \equiv A$
- Also, like in arithmetic (with  $\vee$  as  $+$ ,  $\wedge$  as  $*$ )
  - $A \vee B \equiv B \vee A$     and     $(A \vee B) \vee C \equiv A \vee (B \vee C)$
  - Same holds for  $\wedge$ .
  - Also,  $(A \vee B) \wedge C \equiv (A \wedge C) \vee (B \wedge C)$
- And unlike arithmetic
  - $(A \wedge B) \vee C \equiv (A \vee C) \wedge (B \vee C)$

$$x^n + y^n = z^n$$

# Counterexamples

- To disprove a statement, enough to give a counterexample: a scenario where it is false
  - To disprove that  $A \rightarrow B \equiv B \rightarrow A$ 
    - Take  $A = \text{true}, B = \text{false}$ ,
    - Then  $A \rightarrow B$  is false, but  $B \rightarrow A$  is true.
  - To disprove that if  $\forall x \exists y P(x, y)$ , then  $\exists y \forall x P(x, y)$ ,
    - Set the domain of  $x$  and  $y$  to be  $\{0,1\}$
    - Set  $P(0,0)$  and  $P(1,1)$  to true, and  $P(0,1), P(1,0)$  to false.
    - Then  $\forall x \exists y P(x, y)$  is true, but  $\exists y \forall x P(x, y)$  is false.
      - Because  $(P(0,0) \vee P(1,0)) \wedge (P(0,1) \vee P(1,1))$  is true,
      - But  $(P(0,0) \wedge P(1,0)) \vee (P(0,1) \wedge P(1,1))$  is false.

## Fermat's Last theorem

There are no three positive integers  
 $x, y,$  and  $z$  for which

$$x^n + y^n = z^n$$

for any integer  $n > 2$

# Constructive proofs

- To prove a statement of the form  $\exists x$ , sometimes can just find that  $x$ 
  - $\exists x \in \mathbb{N} \text{ Even}(x) \wedge \text{Prime}(x)$ 
    - Set  $x=2$ .
    - $\text{Even}(x)$  holds.
    - $\text{Prime}(x)$  holds.
    - Therefore,  $\text{Even}(x) \wedge \text{Prime}(x)$  holds.
    - Done.
  - This proof is **constructive**, because we constructed an  $x$  which makes the formula  $\text{Even}(x) \wedge \text{Prime}(x)$  true.





# Puzzle 11

## Fermat's Last theorem

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- Let  $S = \{x \in \mathbb{N} \mid x \text{ is even} \wedge x \text{ is odd}\}$
- Prove or disprove:

$\forall x \in S,$        $x$  does not divide  $x^2$

