



COMP 1002

Intro to Logic for Computer Scientists

Lecture 1







Admin stuff

- Lectures: Mon, Tue and Thu, 1pm.
- Labs: Wed 9am. First lab Jan 18th.
- Course website: follow the link from <u>www.cs.mun.ca/~kol</u>

- Questions:
 - Office hours? M/R 2pm
 - Comp 1000?
 - Tophat?
 - Word processing?



Marking scheme

• Lab quizzes: 25%

– on D2L. Within the last hour of the lab.

- Assignments: 3 x 10%
 - Last assignment might be due during last week or two of classes.
- Midterm: 15%
- Final exam: 30%



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- Which cards do you need to turn to check that if a card has a J on it then it has a 5 on the other side?
 - All cards where J is visible.
 - Plus all cards with a number other than 5 visible.

"if ... then" in logic

• This puzzle has a logical structure:

"if A then B"



- What circumstances make this true?
 - A is true and B is true
 - A is true and B is false
 - A is false and B is true
 - A is false and B is false



If A then B



- We make logical conclusions all the time
- But do we always make them "logically"?
- Sometimes people think that "if ... then" goes both ways...
 - If you live in NL, you must pay HST. John lives in BC. Does he pay HST?
 - If today it Tuesday, then there is a COMP2000 lecture. Today is Thursday. Is there a lecture?

Natural vs. Logic language



- Natural languages are ambiguous.
- For example, the word "any" can have different meanings depending on the context:
- Any = some
 - She will be happy if she can solve any question.
 - She will be happy if she can solve every question.
- Any = all
 - Any student knows this.
 - Every student knows this.



Twins puzzle



- There are two identical twin brothers, Dave and Jim.
- One of them always lies; another always tells the truth.
- Suppose you see one of them and you want to find out his name.
- How can you learn if you met Dave or Jim by asking just one short yes-no question? You don't know which one of them is the liar.