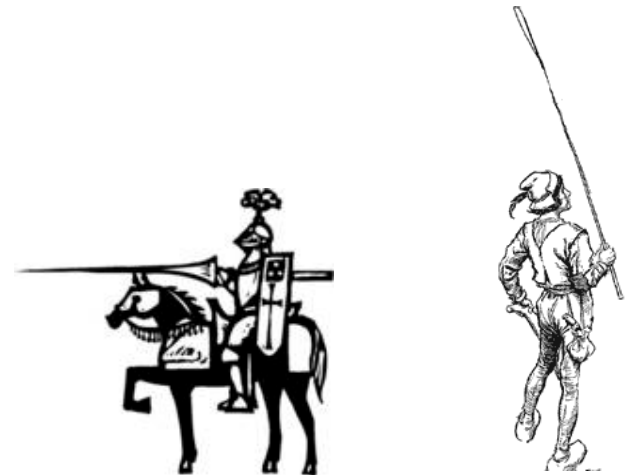


COMP 1002

Intro to Logic for Computer Scientists

Lecture 10



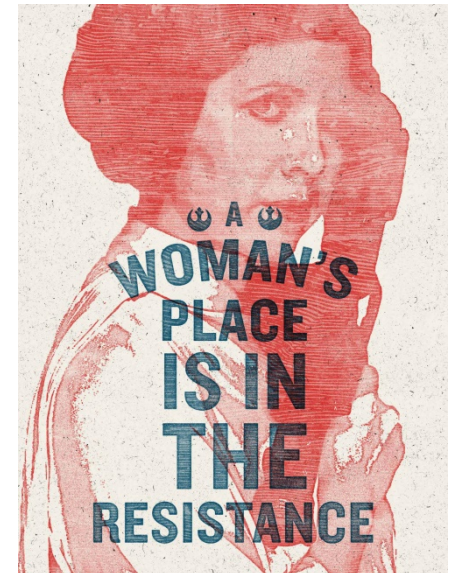
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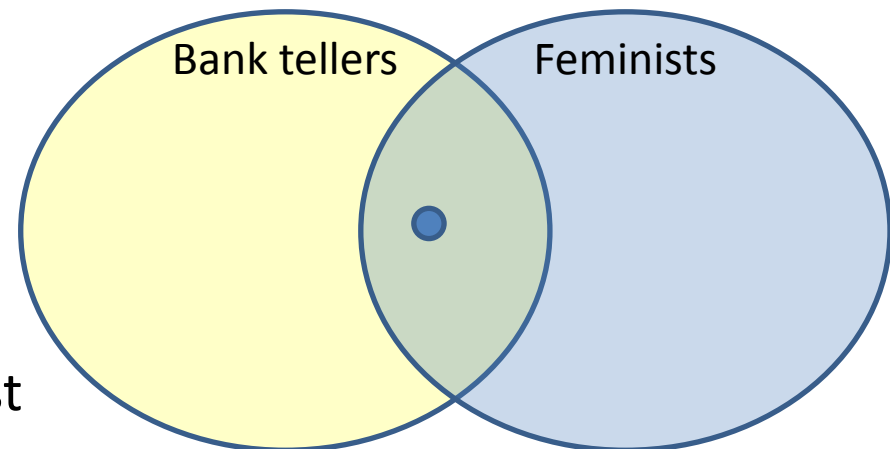
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Special sets



- Notation for some special sets (much of which you are likely to have seen):
 - Empty set \emptyset
 - Natural numbers $\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ (sometimes with 0)
 - Integers $\mathbb{Z} = \{\dots - 2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$
 - Rational numbers $\mathbb{Q} = \left\{ \frac{m}{n} \mid m, n \text{ in } \mathbb{Z}, n \neq 0 \right\}$
 - Real numbers \mathbb{R}
 - complex numbers \mathbb{C}



Predicates

- A **predicate** $P(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ is a “proposition with variables”, where values of the variables x_1, \dots, x_n come from some sets S_1, \dots, S_n , called their **domains** or **universes**.
 - $P(x)$ is true for some values of $x \in S$, and false for the rest.
 - $\text{Even}(x)$ for $x \in \mathbb{Z}$, $\text{Feminist}(y)$ for $y \in \text{PEOPLE} \dots$
 - Here, domain of x is \mathbb{Z} , and domain of y is PEOPLE
 - $\text{Even}(y)$ is not defined for $y \in \text{PEOPLE}$, only for elements of \mathbb{Z} .
 - A predicate can have several variables:
 - $x > y$, for $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$
 - $\text{Divides}(x, y)$, which is true for $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that x divides y .
- When all variables in a predicate are replaced with specific elements (**instantiated**), the predicate becomes a proposition.
 - “ $\text{Even}(3)$ ” is false. “ $\text{Feminist}(\text{Susan})$ ” is true.

Predicates



- We can make formulas out of predicates the same way as we did for propositions, but now our formulas have **free variables**:
 - $Even(x) \vee Divides(3, x) \rightarrow \neg Prime(x)$
 - $Feminist(x) \wedge Bankteller(x)$
 - Now scenarios can correspond to values of x .
 - The first formula is false for $x=2$, because $Even(2) = true$, but $\neg Prime(2) = false$.
- This is called **predicate logic (or first-order logic)**, as opposed to propositional logic we did so far.

Negating the universal

- What is the negation of “All”? When would a statement “ $\forall x \in S, F(x)$ ” be false?
 - All girls hate math.
 - No!
 - All girls love math?
 - Some girls do not hate math!
 - Everybody in O’Brian family is tall
 - No, Jenny is O’Brian and she is quite short.
 - It is foggy all the time, every day in St. John’s
 - No, sometimes it is not foggy (like today).



Quantifiers: existential (\exists)



- To prove that something is not always true, we give a counterexample. In predicate logic, use **existential quantifier** \exists .
- $\exists x \in S, F(x)$ is true if and only if there exist some $a \in S$ such that $F(a)$ is true (and we don't care for the rest). That is, when $F(a_1) \vee F(a_2) \vee \dots \vee F(a_n) \vee \dots$ is true.
 - $\exists t \in \text{TIMESLOTS}, \text{Scheduled}(\text{COMP1002}, t) \wedge \text{Scheduled}(\text{COMP1000}, t)$
 - $\exists x \in \mathbb{N}, \text{Even}(x) \wedge \text{Prime}(x)$.
- $\neg \forall x \in S, F(x) \equiv \exists x \in S, \neg F(x)$
- Once a variable is quantified, it is no longer free.
 - x is free in $\text{Even}(x) \wedge \text{Prime}(x)$,
 - But $\exists x \in \mathbb{N}, \text{Even}(x) \wedge \text{Prime}(x)$ has no free variables.

Quantifiers in English



- Universal quantifier: usually “every”, “all”, “each”, “any”.
– Every day it is foggy. Each number is divisible by 1.
- Existential quantifier: “some”, “a”, “exists”
– Some students got 100% on both labs.
– There exists a prime number greater than 100.
- The word “any” can mean either!



Quantifiers in English: “any”



- “Any” can mean “every”:



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- But “any” can also mean “some”!

– I will be happy if I do well on every quiz. 😊

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- The first formulation of the famous liar's paradox, attributed to a Cretan philosopher Epimenides, stated

“All Cretans are liars”.

Is this really a paradox?

