

COMP 1002

Intro to Logic for Computer Scientists

Lecture 10







Puzzle 9



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- 2. works in a bookstore and takes yoga classes
- 3. an active feminist
- 4. a psychiatric social worker
- 5. a member of an outdoors club
- 6. a bank teller
- 7. an insurance salesperson
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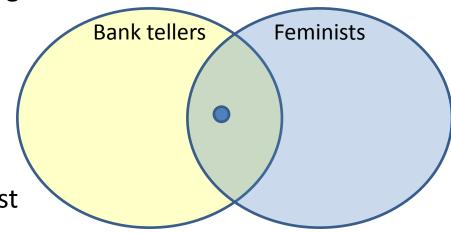
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Scenarios and sets



- Want to reason about more general scenarios
- Rather than just true/false, vary over objects:
 - even numbers, integers, primes
 - people that are and are not bank tellers,
 - pairs of animals in the same ecosystem...
- Want multiple properties of these objects:
 - an even number that is divisible by 4 and > 10,
 - a person that is also a bank teller...



Sets



- A set is a collection of objects.
 - $-S_1 = \{1, 2, 3\}, S_2 = \{Cathy, Alaa, Keiko, Daniela\}$
 - $-S_3 = [-1, 2]$ (real numbers from -1 to 2, inclusive)
 - PEOPLE = {x | x is a person living on Earth now}
 - {x | such that x ... } is called **set builder notation**
 - $-S_4 = \{ (x,y) \mid x \text{ and } y \text{ are people, and } x \text{ is a parent of } y \}$
 - BANKTELLERS = { x | x is a person who is a bank teller}
- The order of elements does not matter.
- There are no duplicates.



Special sets



- Notation for some special sets (much of which you are likely to have seen):
 - Empty set Ø
 - Natural numbers $\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, ...\}$ (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 ${\mathbb C}$



Set elements



- a ∈ S means that an element a is in a set S, and a ∉ S that a is not in S. That is, a ∈ S ≡ ¬ (a ∉ S)
 - − Susan \in PEOPLE. Susan \notin BANKTELLERS
 - $-0.23 \in [-1, 2]$. $3.54 \notin [-1, 2]$
- Also, write $x \in S$ for a variable x. - BANKTELLERS = { $x \in PEOPLE$ | x is a bank teller}
- How do we generalize sentences like "x is a bank teller", where x is an element of some set?

Bank

tellers

Feminists

Predicates



- A predicate $P(x_1, ..., x_n)$ is a "proposition with variables", where values of the variables $x_1, ..., x_n$ come from some sets $S_1, ..., S_n$, called their **domains** or **universes**.
 - P(x) is true for some values of $x \in S$, and false for the rest.
 - Even(x) for $x \in \mathbb{Z}$, Feminist(y) for $y \in PEOPLE$...
 - Here, domain of x is \mathbb{Z} , and domain of y is *PEOPLE*
 - Even(y) is not defined for $y \in PEOPLE$, only for elements of \mathbb{Z} .
 - A predicate can have several variables:
 - x > y, for $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$
 - 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.
 - "Even(3)" is false. "Feminist(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:
 - $Even(x) \lor Divides(3, x) \rightarrow \neg Prime(x)$
 - $Feminist(x) \land Bankteller(x)$
 - 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.





- Theorems often look like this: "For all x, the following is true", and then a formula with x as a free variable.
 - For all $x \in \mathbb{Z}$, $Divides(6, x) \rightarrow Divides(3, x)$

- For all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, n > 4, $2^n > n^2$

We write this in predicate logic using a universal quantifier (written as ∀):

 $-\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}, Divides(6, x) \rightarrow Divides(3, x)$

 $- \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, n > 4 \rightarrow 2^n > n^2$





- In general, for every formula F of predicate logic with a free variable x, we can write $\forall x \in S, F(x)$
 - The formula " $\forall x \in S$, F(x)" is true if and only if F(a) is true for every $a \in S$.
 - That is, if $a_1, a_2, ..., a_n, ...$ is a list of all elements of S, then $\forall x \in S$, F(x) is true if and only if $F(a_1) \wedge F(a_2) \wedge \cdots \wedge F(a_n) \wedge \cdots$ is true.
 - If there are no more free variables or quantifiers in F, then $\forall x \in S$, F(x) is true if and only if $F(a_1) \wedge F(a_2) \wedge \cdots \wedge F(a_n) \wedge \cdots$ is a tautology.

Negating the universal

- What is the negation of "All"? When would a statement "∀x ∈ 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).





- To prove that something is not always true, we give a counterexample. In predicate logic, use existential quantifier ∃.
- $\exists x \in S, F(x)$ 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 $F(a_1) \lor F(a_2) \lor \cdots \lor F(a_n) \lor \ldots$ is true.
 - $\exists t \in TIMESLOTS, Scheduled(COMP1002, t) \land Scheduled(COMP1000, t)$

 $- \exists x \in \mathbb{N}, Even(x) \land Prime(x).$

- $\neg \forall x \in S, F(x) \equiv \exists x \in S, \neg F(x)$
- Once a variable is quantified, it is no longer free.
 - -x is free in $Even(x) \wedge Prime(x)$,
 - − But $\exists x \in \mathbb{N}$, $Even(x) \land Prime(x)$ 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"



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- "Any" can mean "every":
 - Any student in our class knows logic 😁
 - Every student in our class knows logic. 😊
- 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?

