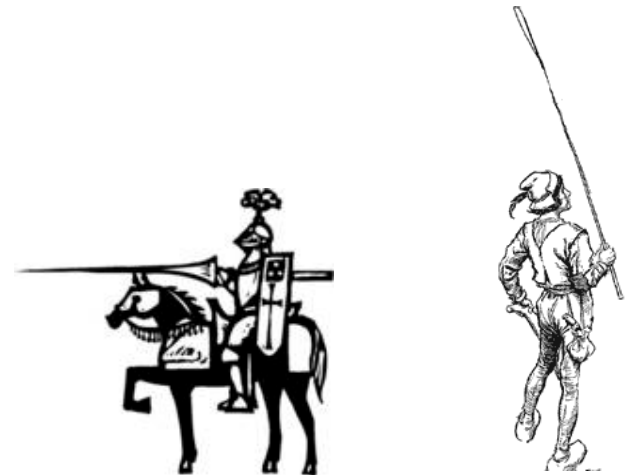


COMP 1002

Intro to Logic for Computer Scientists

Lecture 13



Admin stuff

- Assignments schedule? Split a2 and a3 in two (A2,3,4,5) , 5% each. A2 due Feb 17th.
- Midterm date? March 2nd.
- No office hour on Feb 9th



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 $n > 2$

Puzzle 11

- Let

$$S = \{x \in \mathbb{N} \mid x \text{ is even}\} \cap \{x \in \mathbb{N} \mid x \text{ is odd}\}$$

- Prove or disprove:

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



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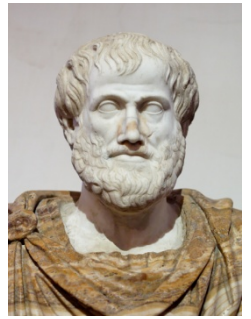
Puzzle 11

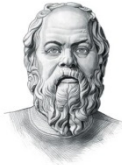
- Let $S = \{x \in \mathbb{N} \mid x \text{ is even}\} \cap \{x \in \mathbb{N} \mid x \text{ is odd}\}$
 - $S = \emptyset$
- Prove or disprove:


$$\forall x \in S, \quad x \text{ does not divide } x^2$$

- Let $P(x) = "x \text{ does not divide } x^2"$
- To disprove, can give a counterexample
 - Find an element in S such that $P(x)$ is true...
 - But there is no such element in S , because there are no elements in S at all!
- To prove, enough to check that it holds for all elements of S .
 - There is none, so it does hold for every element in S .
- Another way: Since S is defined as a subset of natural numbers, can read $\forall x \in S P(x)$ as $\forall x \in \mathbb{N} (x \in S \rightarrow P(x))$.
 - Since " $x \in S$ " is always false, $x \in S \rightarrow P(x)$ is true for every $x \in \mathbb{N}$
- Call a statement $\forall x \in \emptyset P(x)$ **vacuously true**.

Universal Modus Ponens

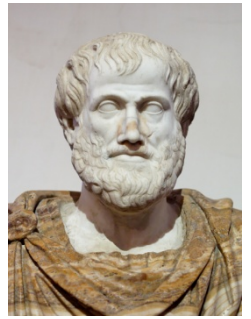


- All men are mortal
- Socrates is a man 
- Therefore, Socrates is mortal

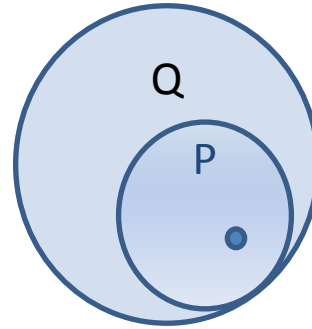
- All cats like fish
- Molly likes fish 
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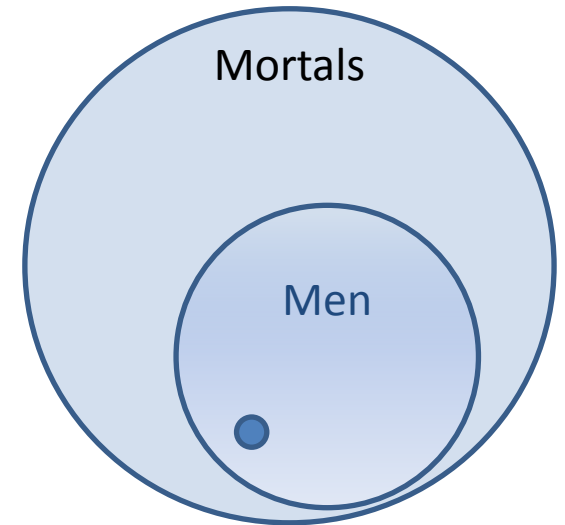
- $\forall x, P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)$
- $P(a)$
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- $Q(a)$



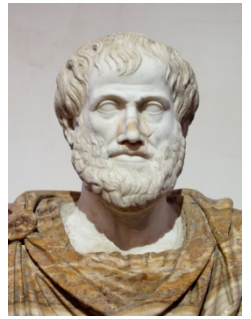
- All men are mortal ($\forall x, Man(x) \rightarrow Mortal(x)$)
- Socrates is a man ($Man(Socrates)$)
- Therefore, Socrates is mortal ($Mortal(Socrates)$)

- All numbers are either odd or even
- 2 is a number
- Therefore, 2 is either odd or even.

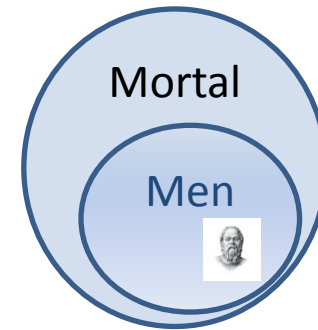
- All trees drop leaves
- Pine does not drop leaves
- Therefore, pine is not a tree



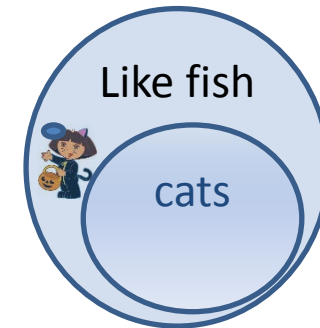
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Instantiation/generalization



- In general, if $\forall x \in S F(x)$ is true for some formula $F(x)$, if you take any specific element $a \in S$, then $F(a)$ must be true.
 - This is called the **universal instantiation** rule.
 - $\forall x \in \mathbb{N} (x > -1)$
 - $\therefore 5 > -1$
- If you prove $F(a)$ without any assumptions about a other than $a \in S$, then $\forall x \in S, F(x)$
 - This is called **universal generalization**.

Instantiation/generalization



- If you can find an element $a \in S$ such that $F(a)$, then $\exists x \in S, F(x)$
 - This is called **existential generalization**.
- Alternatively, if $\exists x \in S F(x)$ is true, then you can give that element of S for which $F(x)$ is true a name, as long as that name has not been used elsewhere.
 - This is called the **existential instantiation** rule.
 - $\exists x \in \mathbb{N} (x - 5 = 0)$
 - $\therefore k = 0 + 5$

Existential instantiation



- If $\exists x \in S \ F(x)$ is true, then you can give that element of S for which $F(x)$ is true a name, as long as that name has not been used elsewhere.
 - “Let n be an even number. Then $n=2k$ for some k ”.
 - $\forall x \in \mathbb{N} \ \text{Even}(x) \rightarrow \exists y \in \mathbb{N} \ (x = 2 * y)$
 - Important to have a new name!
 - “Let n and m be two even numbers. Then $n=2k$ and $m=2k$ ” is wrong!
 - $\forall x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{N} \ \text{Even}(x_1) \wedge \text{Even}(x_2) \rightarrow$
 $\exists y_1, y_2 \in \mathbb{N} \ (x_1 = 2 * y_1) \wedge (x_2 = 2 * y_2)$
 - “Let n and m be two even numbers. Then $n=2k$ and $m=2\ell$ ”

Other inference rules



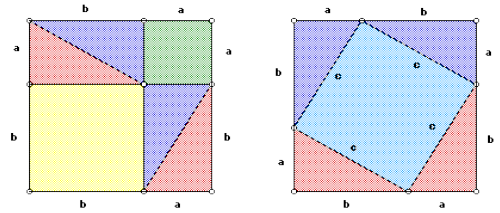
- Combining universal instantiation with tautologies, get other types of arguments:

$p \rightarrow q$ • $\forall x P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)$ For any x , if $x > 3$, then $x > 2$
 $q \rightarrow r$ • $\forall x Q(x) \rightarrow R(x)$ For any x , if $x > 2$, then $x \neq 1$

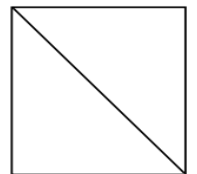
$\therefore p \rightarrow r$ $\therefore \forall x P(x) \rightarrow R(x)$ \therefore For any x , if $x > 3$, then $x \neq 1$

- (This particular rule is called “transitivity”)

Types of proofs



- Direct proof of $\forall x F(x)$
 - Show that $F(x)$ holds for arbitrary x , then use universal generalization.
 - Often, $F(x)$ is of the form $G(x) \rightarrow H(x)$
 - Example: A sum of two even numbers is even.
- Proof by cases
 - If can write $\forall x F(x)$ as $\forall x(G_1(x) \vee G_2(x) \vee \dots \vee G_k(x)) \rightarrow H(x)$, prove $(G_1(x) \rightarrow H(x)) \wedge (G_2(x) \rightarrow H(x)) \wedge \dots \wedge (G_k(x) \rightarrow H(x))$
 - Example: triangle inequality ($|x + y| \leq |x| + |y|$)
- Proof by contraposition
 - To prove $\forall x G(x) \rightarrow H(x)$, prove $\forall x \neg H(x) \rightarrow \neg G(x)$
 - Example: If square of an integer is even, then this integer is even.
- Proof by contradiction
 - To prove $\forall x F(x)$, prove $\forall x \neg F(x) \rightarrow FALSE$
 - Example: $\sqrt{2}$ is not a rational number.
 - Example: There are infinitely many primes.





Puzzle: better than nothing

- Nothing is better than eternal bliss
- A burger is better than nothing



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- Therefore, a burger is better than eternal bliss.



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Is there anything wrong with this argument?