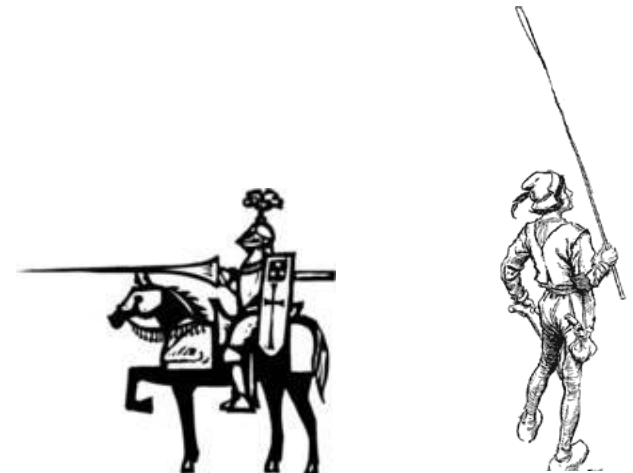


# COMP 1002

## Intro to Logic for Computer Scientists

### Lecture 10



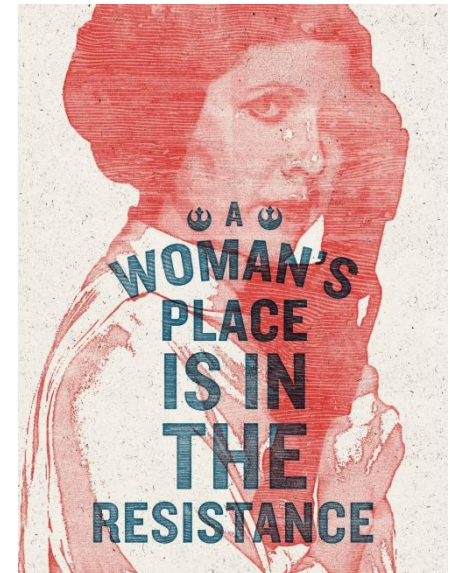
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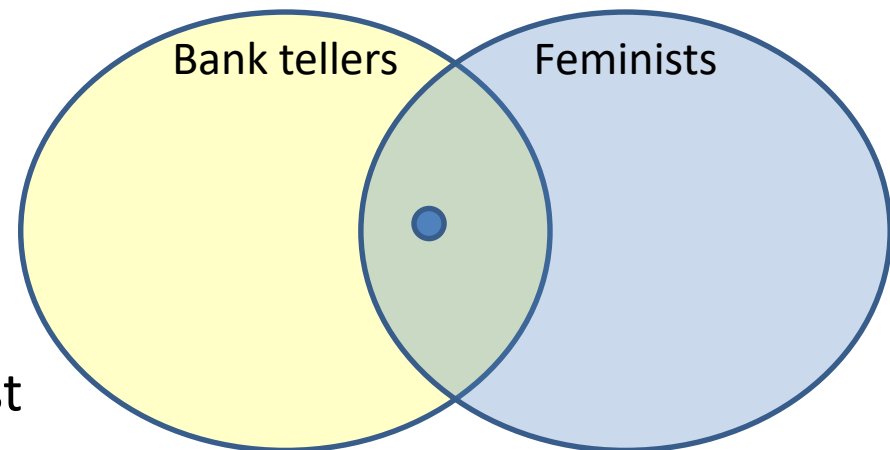
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# Scenarios and sets



- 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.
  - $S_1 = \{1, 2, 3\}$ ,  $S_2 = \{\text{Cathy, Alaa, Keiko, Daniela}\}$
  - $S_3 = [-1, 2]$  (real numbers from -1 to 2, inclusive)
  - $\text{PEOPLE} = \{x \mid x \text{ is a person living on Earth now}\}$ 
    - $\{x \mid \text{such that } x \dots \}$  is called **set builder notation**
  - $S_4 = \{(x,y) \mid x \text{ and } y \text{ are people, and } x \text{ is a parent of } y\}$
  - $\text{BANKTELLERS} = \{x \mid x \text{ is a person who is a bank teller}\}$
- 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  $\emptyset$
  - 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  $\text{PEOPLE}$
    - $\text{Even}(y)$  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.



# Quantifiers: universal ( $\forall$ )



- 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  $\forall$ ):
  - $\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $Divides(6, x) \rightarrow Divides(3, x)$
  - $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n > 4 \rightarrow 2^n > n^2$



# Quantifiers: universal ( $\forall$ )



- 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  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, \dots$  is a list of all elements of  $S$ , then  $\forall x \in S, F(x)$  is true if and only if  $F(a_1) \wedge F(a_2) \wedge \dots \wedge F(a_n) \wedge \dots$  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  $F(a_1) \wedge F(a_2) \wedge \dots \wedge F(a_n) \wedge \dots$  is a tautology.

# 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”:



– Any student in our class knows logic 😊

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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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# Puzzle 10



- 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?*

