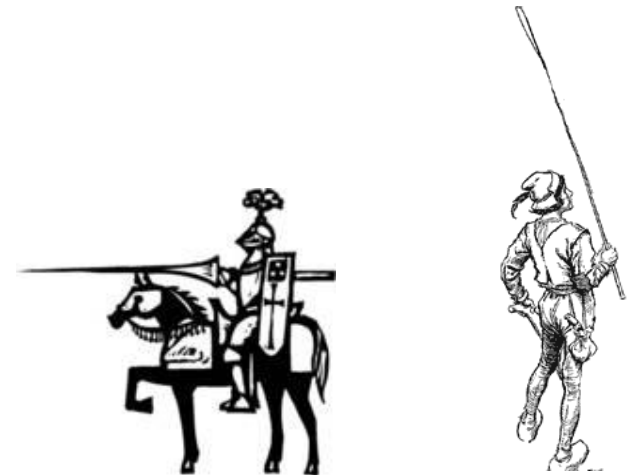


COMP 1002

Intro to Logic for Computer Scientists

Lecture 12



Admin stuff

- Assignment 2 posted. Due Feb 5.
 - Sources are posted in LaTeX, EazyTeX, Markdown and HTML

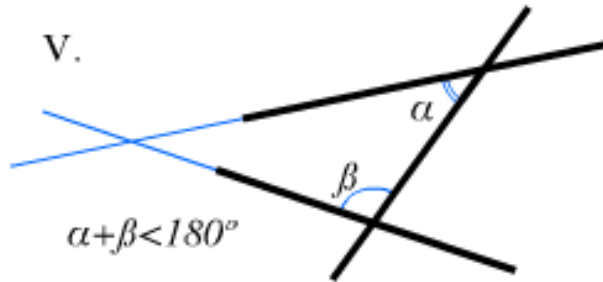
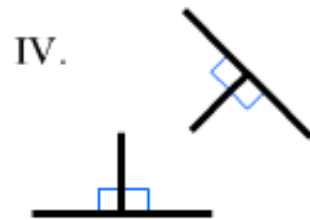
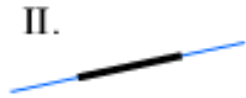


Proofs

- What is a theorem?
 - Lemma, claim, etc
- What is a proof?
 - Where do we start?
 - Where do we stop?
 - What steps do we take?
 - How much detail is needed?



Axioms example: Euclid's postulates



- I. Through 2 points a line segment can be drawn
- II. A line segment can be extended to a straight line indefinitely
- III. Given a line segment, a circle can be drawn with it as a radius and one endpoint as a centre
- IV. All right angles are congruent
- V. Parallel postulate

Some axioms for propositional logic

- For any formulas A, B, C :
 - $A \vee \neg A \equiv \text{True}$ $A \wedge \neg A \equiv \text{False}$
 - $\text{True} \vee A \equiv \text{True}$. $\text{True} \wedge A \equiv A$
 - $\text{False} \vee A \equiv A$. $\text{False} \wedge A \equiv \text{False}$
 - $A \vee A \equiv A \wedge A \equiv A$
- Also, like in arithmetic (with \vee as $+$, \wedge as $*$)
 - $A \vee B \equiv B \vee A$ and $(A \vee B) \vee C \equiv A \vee (B \vee C)$
 - Same holds for \wedge .
 - Also, $(A \vee B) \wedge C \equiv (A \wedge C) \vee (B \wedge C)$
- And unlike arithmetic
 - $(A \wedge B) \vee C \equiv (A \vee C) \wedge (B \vee C)$

Counterexamples

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 $n > 2$

- To disprove a statement, enough to give a counterexample: a scenario where it is false
 - To disprove that $A \rightarrow B \equiv B \rightarrow A$
 - Take $A = \text{true}, B = \text{false}$,
 - Then $A \rightarrow B$ is false, but $B \rightarrow A$ is true.

$$x^n + y^n = z^n$$

Counterexamples

- To disprove that if $\forall x \exists y P(x, y)$, then $\exists y \forall x P(x, y)$,
 - Set the domain of x and y to be $\{0,1\}$
 - Set $P(0,0)$ and $P(1,1)$ to true, and $P(0,1), P(1,0)$ to false.
 - So $P(x,y)$ is $x = y$. This is called an **interpretation** of $P(x,y)$
 - Then $\forall x \exists y P(x, y)$ is true, but $\exists y \forall x P(x, y)$ is false.
 - Because $(P(0,0) \vee P(0,1)) \wedge (P(1,0) \vee P(1,1))$ is true,
 - But $(P(0,0) \wedge P(1,0)) \vee (P(0,1) \wedge P(1,1))$ is false.
 - So the counterexample in this case consists of *domains* for x and y (they don't have to be equal), and an *interpretation* of the predicate $P(x, y)$ over these domains.

Constructive proofs

Fermat's Last theorem

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 x , y , and z for which

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for any integer $n > 2$

- To prove a statement of the form $\exists x$, sometimes can just find that x
 - $\exists x \in \mathbb{N} \text{ Even}(x) \wedge \text{Prime}(x)$
 - Set $x=2$.
 - $\text{Even}(x)$ holds.
 - $\text{Prime}(x)$ holds.
 - Therefore, $\text{Even}(x) \wedge \text{Prime}(x)$ holds.
 - Done.
 - This proof is **constructive**, because we constructed an x which makes the formula $\text{Even}(x) \wedge \text{Prime}(x)$ true.

Proof



- To prove that something of the form $\forall x F(x)$:
 - Make sure it holds in every scenario (method of exhaustion)
 - For all possible values of A and B, $\neg B \rightarrow \neg A$ is equivalent to $A \rightarrow B$, by checking the truth table.
 - But there can be too many scenarios!
 - For any integer, there is a larger integer which is a prime.
 - For any two reals, there is a real between them.
 - Instead, use axioms and rules of inference to derive it.
$$\neg B \rightarrow \neg A \equiv \neg \neg B \vee \neg A \equiv B \vee \neg A \equiv \neg A \vee B \equiv A \rightarrow B$$
 - So $(\neg B \rightarrow \neg A) \leftrightarrow (A \rightarrow B)$ is a tautology.
 - And, therefore, $\forall A, B \in \{True, False\}, \neg B \rightarrow \neg A \equiv A \rightarrow B$

Puzzle 11

Fermat's Last theorem

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for any integer $n > 2$

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

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

