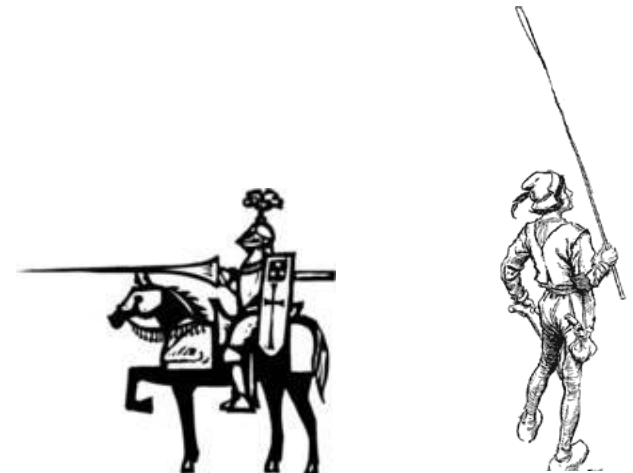


# COMP 1002

## Intro to Logic for Computer Scientists

### Lecture 2





# Language of logic: building blocks

- **Proposition:** A sentence that can be *true* or *false*.
  - A: “It is raining in St. John’s right now”.
  - B: “ $2+2=7$ ”
  - But not “Hi!” or “what is x?”
- **Propositional variables:**
  - A, B, C ( or p, q, r)
  - It is a shorthand to denote propositions:
    - “B is true”, for the B above, means “ $2+2=7$ ” is true.



# Language of logic: connectives

Pronunciation	Notation	Meaning
Not A (negation)	$\neg A$	Opposite of A is true, $\neg A$ is true when A is false
A and B (conjunction)	$A \wedge B$	True if both A and B are true
A or B (disjunction)	$A \vee B$	True if either A or B are true (or both)
If A then B (implication)	$A \rightarrow B$	True whenever if A is true, then B is also true

- Let A be “It is sunny” and B be “it is cold”
  - $\neg A$ : It is not sunny
  - $A \wedge B$ : It is sunny and cold
  - $A \vee B$ : It is either sunny or cold
  - $A \rightarrow B$ : If it is sunny, then it is cold
- Can build longer formulas by combining smaller formulas using connectives.
  - And parentheses: will see later when can remove them.



# Longer formulas



Pronunciation	Notation	True when
A and B	$A \wedge B$	Both A and B must be true
A or B	$A \vee B$	Either A or B must be true (or both)
If A then B	$A \rightarrow B$	if A is true, then B is also true
Not A	$\sim A$	Opposite of A is true

## • Let

- A be “It is sunny”,



- B be “it is cold”,






- C be “It’s snowing”



## ■ What are the translations of:

- $(B \wedge C) \rightarrow (\neg A)$  IF (  AND  ) THEN NOT 
  - If it is cold and snowing, then it is not sunny



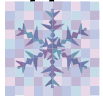
- $B \rightarrow (C \vee A)$  IF  THEN (  OR  )
  - If it is cold, then it is either snowing or sunny

- $((\neg A) \wedge A) \rightarrow C$  IF ( NOT  AND  ) THEN 
  - If it is sunny and not sunny, then it is snowing.



# The truth

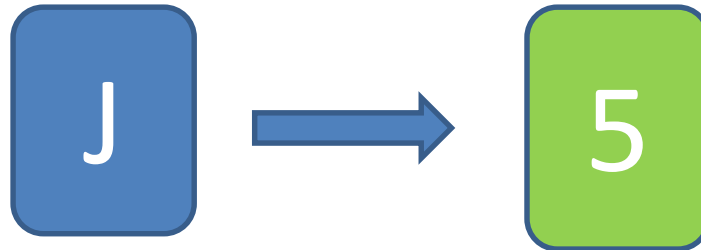


- We talk about a sentence being true or false when the values of the variables are known.
  - If we didn't know whether it is sunny, or whether it is cold, then we would not know whether  $A \wedge B$  is true or false.
- **Truth assignment:** setting values of all propositional variables to true or false.
  - It is sunny, it is not cold, it is snowing
  - $A = \text{true}$  ,  $B = \text{false}$  ,  $C = \text{true}$  
- **Satisfying assignment** for a sentence: assignment that makes it true.
  - (Otherwise, **falsifying** assignment).
  - $A = \text{true}$ ,  $B = \text{true}$  satisfies  $A \wedge B$
  - $A = \text{true}$ ,  $B = \text{false}$  falsifies  $A \wedge B$

# “if ... then” in logic

- Last class’ puzzle has a logical structure:

“if A then B”



- What circumstances make this true?

– A is true and B is true



– A is true and B is false



– A is false and B is true



– A is false and B is false





# Truth tables

A	B	not A	A and B	A or B	if A then B
<i>True</i>	<i>True</i>	False	True	True	True
<i>True</i>	<i>False</i>	False	False	True	False
<i>False</i>	<i>True</i>	True	False	True	True
<i>False</i>	<i>False</i>	True	False	False	True

A	B
<i>True</i>	<i>True</i>
<i>True</i>	<i>False</i>
<i>False</i>	<i>True</i>
<i>False</i>	<i>False</i>

- Let
  - A be “It is sunny”
  - B be “it is cold”
- When it is true that it is sunny and true that it is cold, it is true that it is either sunny or cold.
  - When A is true, B is true, then  $A \vee B$  is true
- When it is true that it is sunny, but false that it is cold, then “it is both sunny and cold” is false.
  - When A is true, B is false, then  $A \wedge B$  is false.





# Order of precedence

- Combine to make longer formulas

- In arithmetic:

–  $6 + -5 * 7 + 8 = (6 + ((-5) * x)) + 8$

- First negate 5, then multiply -5 and x, then add this to 6, add result to 8.
- Order: unary -, then \*, then +.

- In logic formulas

1. Negation ( $\neg$ ) first: like unary minus
2. then AND ( $\wedge$ ): like times (\*)
3. then OR ( $\vee$ ): like plus (+)
4. Only then "if ... then" ( $\rightarrow$ )
5. Parentheses as in arithmetic formulas

$A \wedge \neg B \vee \neg(C \rightarrow A) \rightarrow A$  is  $\left( (A \wedge (\neg B)) \vee (\neg(C \rightarrow A)) \right) \rightarrow A$

- **Make sure to keep track of parentheses!!!**

- $A \vee B \wedge C$  is not the same as  $(A \vee B) \wedge C$ , just like  $2 + 3 * 4 \neq (2 + 3) * 4$
- Check the scenario when A is true, but both B and C are false.

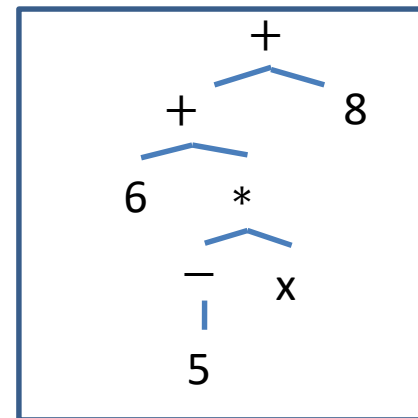
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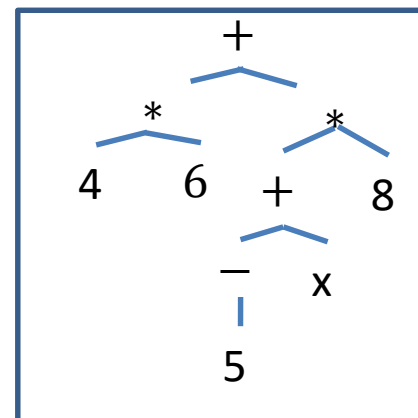


# Parse trees

- Order of precedence in arithmetic:
  - First unary minus (-), then multiplication (\*), then addition (+)
- Parse tree: a way to visualize the order of precedence
  - The last operation on top
  - The numbers/variables on the bottom.
  - Branch points (nodes) marked by arithmetic operations.
  - To compute a value at a branch point (node), compute all values below it.



$$6 + -5 * x + 8 = (6 + ((-5) * x)) + 8$$

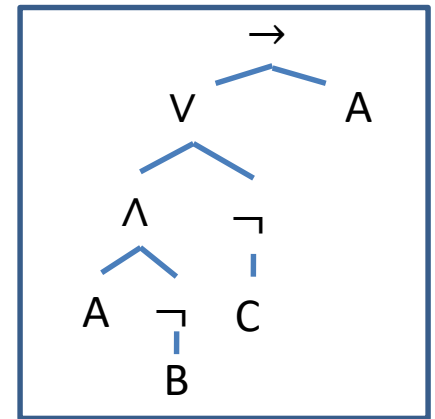


$$4 * 6 + (-5 + x) * 8 = (4 * 6) + (((-5) + x) * 8)$$



# Parse trees in logic formulas

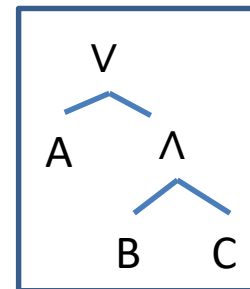
- Precedence:
  - $\neg$  first, then  $\wedge$ , then  $\vee$ ,  $\rightarrow$  last
  - $\neg$  is like a unary minus,  $\wedge$  like  $*$  and  $\vee$  like  $+$
- Parse tree: a way to visualize the order
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  - Branch points marked by connectives.



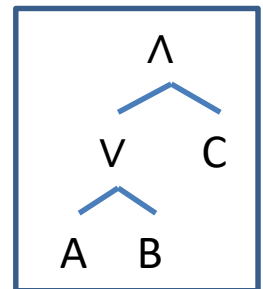
$$A \wedge \neg B \vee \neg C \rightarrow A$$

- $A \wedge \neg B \vee \neg C \rightarrow A$ 
  - Which is  $((A \wedge (\neg B)) \vee (\neg C)) \rightarrow A$

- $A \vee B \wedge C$  is  $A \vee (B \wedge C)$ 
  - which is different from  $(A \vee B) \wedge C$



$$A \vee (B \wedge C)$$



$$(A \vee B) \wedge C$$



# Evaluating logic formulas

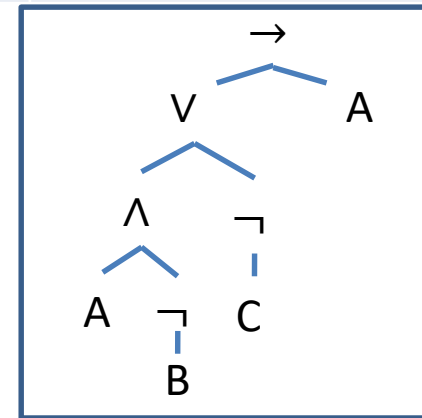
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- Like in arithmetic:

- evaluate bottom-up,
- Start with variables, then go up the tree computing the value of each node.



- Example:

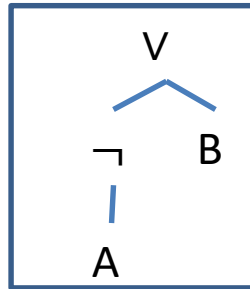
- Let A be false, B be true and C be false.
- Evaluate  $A \wedge \neg B \vee \neg C \rightarrow A$ 
  - (which is  $((A \wedge (\neg B)) \vee (\neg C)) \rightarrow A$ )

1.  $\neg B$  is false
  - Negation of true is false
2.  $A \wedge (\neg B)$  is false
  - False and true is false
3.  $\neg C$  is true
4.  $(A \wedge (\neg B)) \vee (\neg C)$  is true
  - “False or true” is true
5.  $(A \wedge (\neg B)) \vee (\neg C) \rightarrow A$  is false
  - “If G then H” is false when G is true and H is false



# Truth tables for longer formulas

- Longer formulas
  - List all possible combinations of assigning TRUE/FALSE to all variables.
  - For each of them, find the value of the whole formula by evaluating bottom-up like in arithmetic
    - Use the parse tree.



- Example:  $(\neg A) \vee B$ 
  - Notice: its truth table's last column is the same as for  $A \rightarrow B$
  - So  $(\neg A) \vee B$  and  $A \rightarrow B$
  - are **equivalent**.

A	B	Not A	(Not A) or B
<i>True</i>	<i>True</i>	<i>False</i>	<i>True</i>
<i>True</i>	<i>False</i>	<i>False</i>	<i>False</i>
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# Knights and knaves

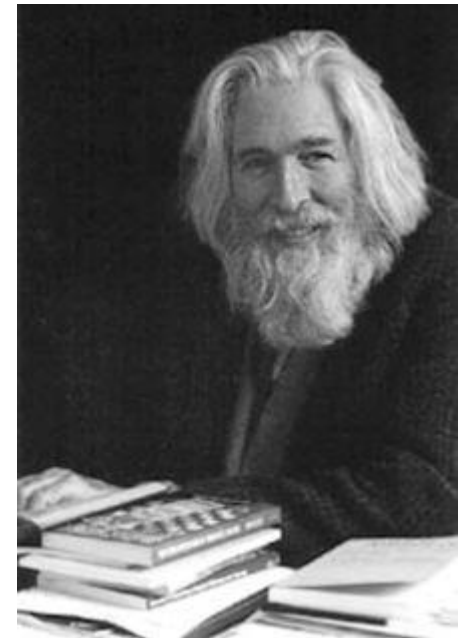


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Knights always tell the truth.

- Knaves always lie.



Raymond Smullyan



# Knights and knaves



- On a mystical island, there are two kinds of people: knights and knaves. Knights always tell the truth. Knaves always lie.
- Puzzle 1: You meet two people on the island, Arnold and Bob. Arnold says “Either I am a knave, or Bob is a knight”.
  - Is Arnold a knight or a knave?
  - What about Bob?