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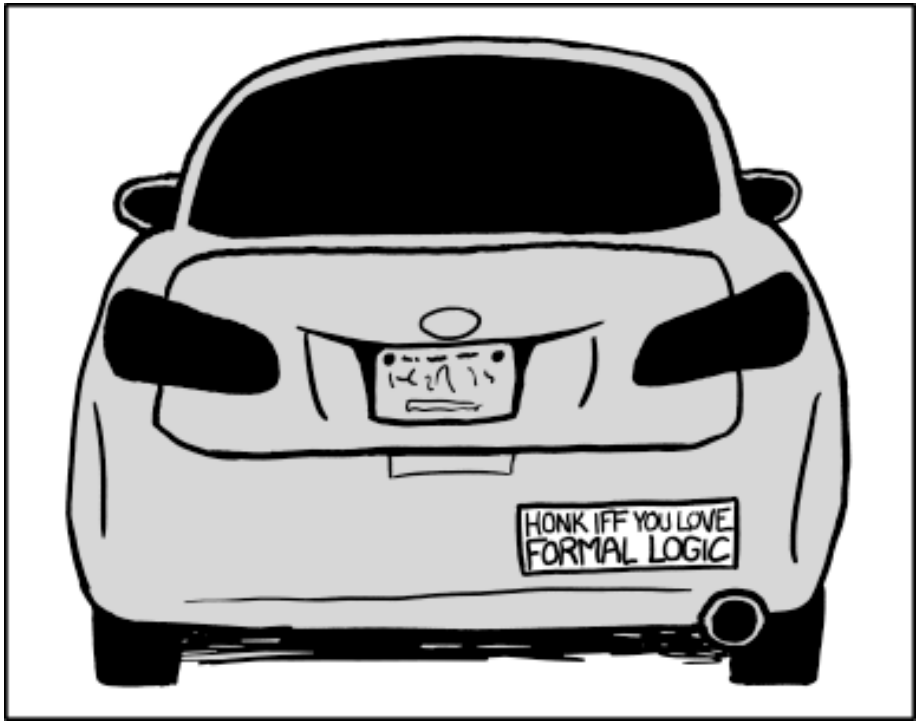
Lecture 1: Propositional Logic



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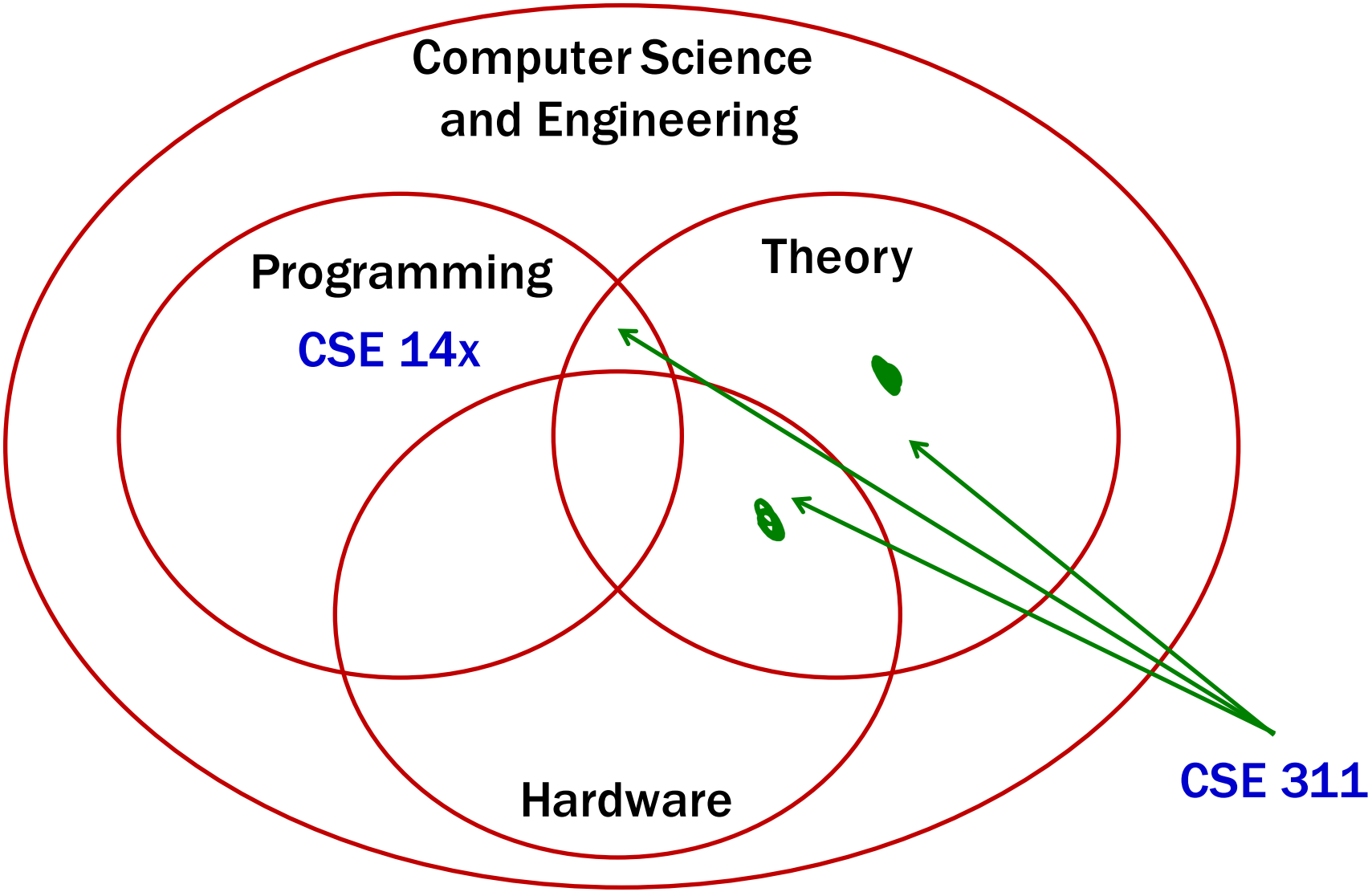

About the Course

We will study the *theory* needed for CSE:

Logic:

How can we describe ideas *precisely*?

Formal Proofs:

How can we be *positive* we're correct?

Number Theory:

How do we keep data *secure?*

Relations/Relational Algebra:

How do we store information?

Finite State Machines:

How do we design hardware and software?

Turing Machines:

Are there problems computers *can't* solve?

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This is NOT a programming course!

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(Optional) Books:

- Rosen, Velleman, MIT Book
- Don't buy new copies!

Homework:

- Due WED at start of class
- Write up individually

Section:

- Thursdays

Grading (roughly):

- 50% Homework
- 20% Midterm
- 30% Final Exam

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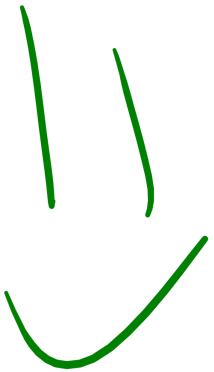

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"Language of Reasoning" like Java or English

- Words, sentences, paragraphs, arguments…
- Today is about **words** and **sentences**

Why Learn A New Language?

Logic, as the “language of reasoning”, will help us…

- Be more **precise**
- Be more **concise**
- Figure out what a statement means more **quickly**

Propositions

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- has a truth value, and
- is "well-formed"

and hello wff.

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This is a "command" which means it doesn't have a truth value.

This statement is false.

This statement does not have a truth value! (If it's true, it's false, and vice versa.)

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This is not a proposition because it's gibberish.

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- T for true
- F for false

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This is where logic comes in. There are pieces that appear multiple times in the phrase (e.g., "Roger has tusks").

These are called **atomic propositions**. Let's list them:

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This is the general idea, but now, let's define our *formal language.*

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*The only **lie** is when:*

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(b) I don't have my umbrella

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The fact that these are unrelated doesn't make the statement false! "2 + 2 = 4" is true; "earth is a planet" is true. T→T is true. So, the statement is true.

$2 + 2 = 5 \rightarrow$ *26 is prime*

Again, these statements may or may not be related. "2 + 2 = 5" is false; so, the implication is true. (Whether 26 is prime or not is irrelevant).

Implication is not a causal relationship!