

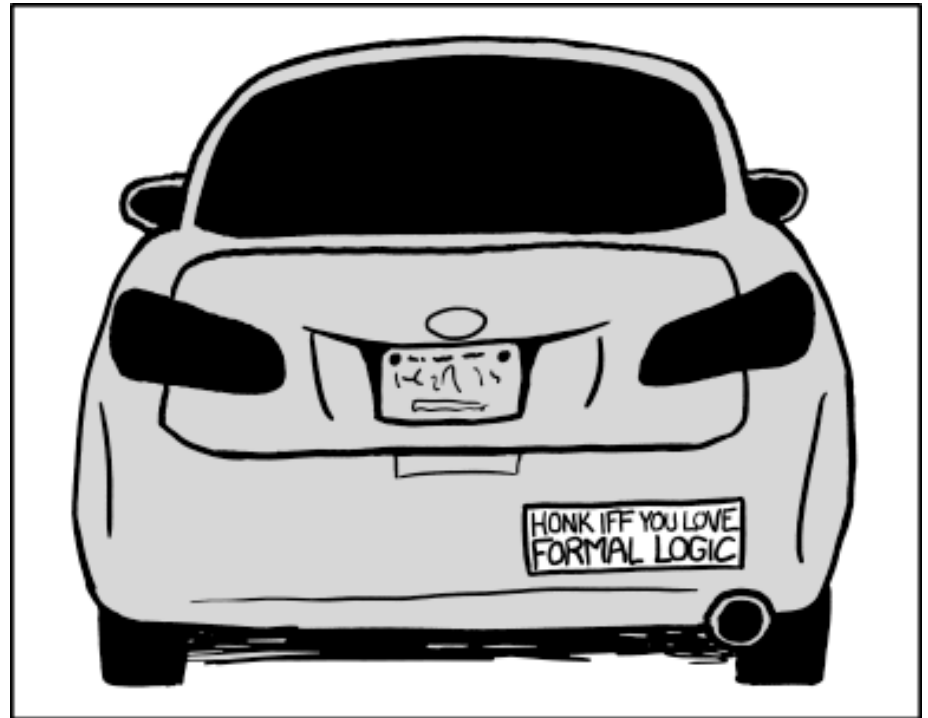
**CSE  
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**Foundations of  
Computing I**

# CSE 311: Foundations of Computing I

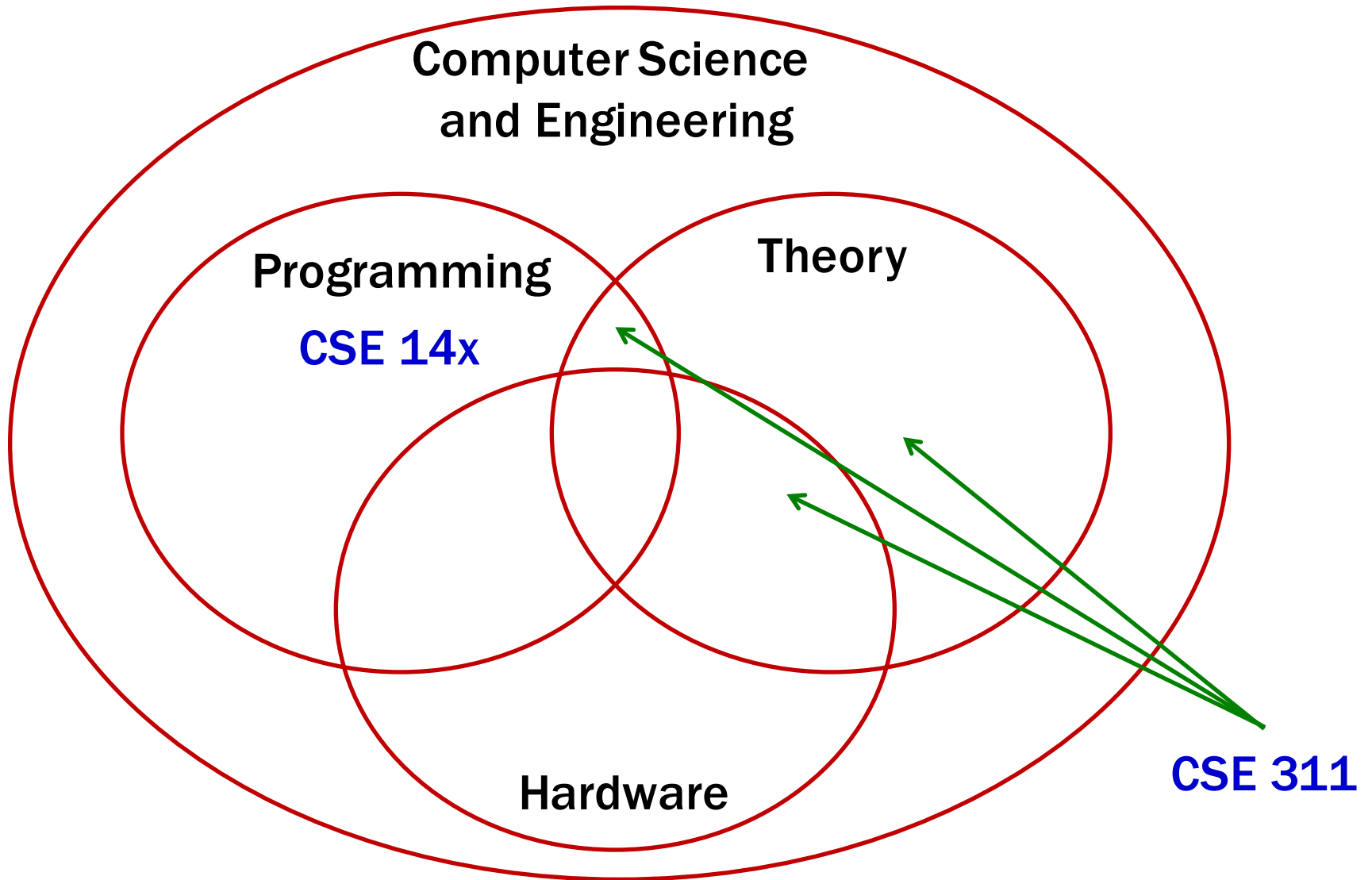
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## Lecture 1: Propositional Logic



# Some Perspective

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# About the Course

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**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?

# About the Course

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## It's about perspective!

- Example: Sudoku
  - Given *one*, solve it by hand
  - Given *most*, solve them with a program
  - Given *any*, solve it with computer science
- Tools for reasoning about difficult problems
- Tools for communicating ideas, methods, objectives...
- Tools for automating difficult problems
- Fundamental structures for computer science

**This is NOT a programming course!**

# Administrivia

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**Homework:**

**Due WED at start of class**

**Write up individually**

**Section:**

**Thursdays**

**(Optional) Books:**

**Rosen, Velleman, MIT Book**

**Don't buy new copies!**

**Grading (roughly):**

**50% Homework**

**20% Midterm**

**30% Final Exam**

**All Course Information @ [cs.uw.edu/311](https://cs.uw.edu/311)**

# Logic: The Language of Reasoning

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## Why not use English?

- Turn right here...

Does “right” mean the direction or now?

- Buffalo buffalo Buffalo buffalo buffalo buffalo  
Buffalo buffalo

This means “Bison from Buffalo, that bison from Buffalo bully, themselves bully bison from Buffalo.

- We saw her duck

Does “duck” mean the animal or crouch down?

## “Language of Reasoning” like Java or English

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

# Why Learn A New Language?

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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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A **proposition** is a statement that

- has a truth value, and
- is “well-formed”

# Are These Propositions?

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**$2 + 2 = 5$**

This is a proposition. It's okay for propositions to be false.

**The home page renders correctly in IE.**

This is a proposition. It's okay for propositions to be false.

**Turn in your homework on Wednesday.**

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.)

**Akjsdf!**

This is not a proposition because it's gibberish.

**Who are you?**

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

**Every positive even integer can be written as the sum of two primes.**

This is a proposition. We don't know if it's true or false, but we know it's one of them!

# Propositions

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A **proposition** is a statement that

- has a truth value, and
- is “well-formed”

We need a way of talking about *arbitrary* ideas...

Propositional Variables:  $p, q, r, s, \dots$

Truth Values:

- **T** for **true**
- **F** for **false**

# A Proposition

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“Roger is an orange elephant who has toenails if he has tusks, and has toenails, tusks, or both.”

We'd like to *understand* what this proposition means.

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:

RElephant: “Roger is an orange elephant”

RTusks: “Roger has tusks”

RToenails: “Roger has toenails”

# Putting Them Together

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**“Roger is an orange elephant who has toenails if he has tusks, and has toenails, tusks, or both.”**

RElephant: “Roger is an orange elephant”

RTusks: “Roger has tusks”

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**Now, we put these together to make the sentence:**

RElephant and (RToenails if RTusks) and (RToenails or RTusks or (RToenails and RTusks))

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

# Logical Connectives

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Negation (not)	$\neg p$
Conjunction (and)	$p \wedge q$
Disjunction (or)	$p \vee q$
Exclusive Or	$p \oplus q$
Implication	$p \rightarrow q$
Biconditional	$p \leftrightarrow q$

RElephant:

“Roger is an orange elephant”

RTusks:

“Roger has tusks”

RToenails:

“Roger has toenails”

“Roger is an orange elephant who has toenails if he has tusks, and has toenails, tusks, or both.”



RElephant and (RToenails if RTusks) and (RToenails or RTusks or (RToenails and RTusks))



$RElephant \wedge (RToenails \text{ if } RTusks) \wedge (RToenails \vee RTusks \vee (RToenails \wedge RTusks))$

# Some Truth Tables

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$p$	$\neg p$
T	F
F	T

$p$	$q$	$p \wedge q$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	F
F	F	F

$p$	$q$	$p \vee q$
T	T	T
T	F	T
F	T	T
F	F	F

$p$	$q$	$p \oplus q$
T	T	F
T	F	T
F	T	T
F	F	F

# Implication

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*“If it’s raining, then I have my umbrella”*

*It’s useful to think of implications as promises. That is “Did I lie?”*

$p$	$q$	$p \rightarrow q$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	T
F	F	T

	It’s raining	It’s not raining
I have my umbrella	No	No
I do not have my umbrella	<b>Yes</b>	No

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

***(a) It’s raining AND***

***(b) I don’t have my umbrella***



# Implication

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*“If it’s raining, then I have my umbrella”*

$p$	$q$	$p \rightarrow q$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	T
F	F	T

*Are these true?*

$2 + 2 = 4 \rightarrow$  *earth is a planet*

The fact that these are unrelated doesn’t make the statement false! “ $2 + 2 = 4$ ” is true; “earth is a planet” is true.  $T \rightarrow T$  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!*

$$p \rightarrow q$$

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*“I have collected all 151 Pokémon only if I am a Pokémon master”*

First, let's figure out what this actually means:

“Only a Pokémon master can collect all 151 Pokémon.”

To re-phrase as if  $p$ , then  $q$ , we think about how this statement could be a lie:

(a) I am a Pokémon master

(b) I don't have all 151 Pokémon

So, the implication is

**If I have collected all 151 Pokémon, then I am a Pokémon master.**

$$p \rightarrow q$$

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## Implication:

- $p$  implies  $q$
- whenever  $p$  is true  $q$  must be true
- if  $p$  then  $q$
- $q$  if  $p$
- $p$  is sufficient for  $q$
- $p$  only if  $q$

$p$	$q$	$p \rightarrow q$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	T
F	F	T

# Converse, Contrapositive, Inverse

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**Implication:**

$$p \rightarrow q$$

**Converse:**

$$q \rightarrow p$$

**Contrapositive:**

$$\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$$

**Inverse:**

$$\neg p \rightarrow \neg q$$

**How do these relate to each other?**

Consider

**$p$ :  $x$  is divisible by 2**

**$q$ :  $x$  is divisible by 4**

	Divisible By 2	Not Divisible By 2
Divisible By 4	4	Nothing Here!
Not Divisible By 4	2	3

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Consider

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$q$ :  $x$  is divisible by 4

$p \rightarrow q$	F
$q \rightarrow p$	T
$\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$	F
$\neg p \rightarrow \neg q$	T

Contrapositive:

$$\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$$

Inverse:

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An **implication** and its **contrapositive** have the same truth value!

# Back to Roger's Sentence

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“Roger is an orange elephant who has toenails if he has tusks, and has toenails, tusks, or both.”



$\text{RElephant} \wedge (\text{RToenails} \text{if} \text{RTusks}) \wedge (\text{RToenails} \vee \text{RTusks} \vee (\text{RToenails} \wedge \text{RTusks}))$

Define shorthand ...

$p$  : RElephant

$q$  : RTusks

$r$  : RToenails



$(p \wedge (q \rightarrow r) \wedge (r \vee q \vee (r \wedge q)))$

# Roger's Sentence with a Truth Table

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$p$	$q$	$r$	$q \rightarrow r$	$p \wedge (q \rightarrow r)$	$r \vee q$	$r \wedge q$	$(r \vee q) \vee (r \wedge q)$	$p \wedge (q \rightarrow r) \wedge (r \vee q) \vee (r \wedge q)$
T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
T	T	F	F	F	T	F	T	F
T	F	T	T	T	T	F	T	T
T	F	F	T	T	F	F	F	F
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F	T	F	F	F	T	F	T	F
F	F	T	T	F	T	F	T	F
F	F	F	T	F	F	F	F	F

# Biconditional: $p \leftrightarrow q$

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- $p$  iff  $q$
- $p$  is equivalent to  $q$
- $p$  implies  $q$  and  $q$  implies  $p$

$p$	$q$	$p \leftrightarrow q$
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# Solving Mazes

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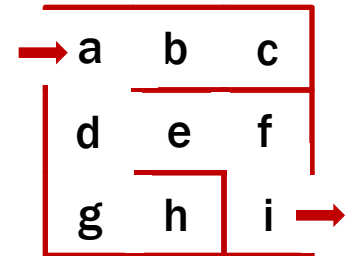
“Every cell in the solution of a maze has *two* cells next to it in the solution. Also, “a” is in the solution. Also, “i” is in the solution.”

a: “The cell a is in the solution”

b: “The cell b is in the solution”

....

i: “The cell i is in the solution”



$a \wedge i \wedge (a \rightarrow (b \wedge d)) \wedge$   
 $(b \rightarrow (a \wedge c)) \wedge$   
 $(c \rightarrow F) \wedge$   
 $(d \rightarrow (??)) \wedge$   
 $(e \rightarrow (d \wedge f)) \wedge$   
 $(f \rightarrow (e \wedge i)) \wedge$   
 $(g \rightarrow (d \wedge h)) \wedge$   
 $(h \rightarrow F) \wedge$   
 $(i \rightarrow F)$

Let's fill in the “???”

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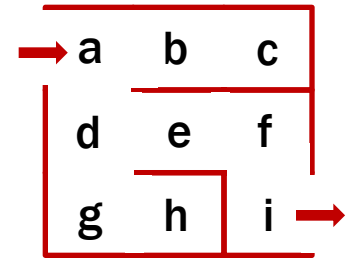
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$$\begin{aligned} &a \wedge i \wedge (a \rightarrow (b \wedge d)) \wedge \\ &\quad (b \rightarrow (a \wedge c)) \wedge \\ &\quad (c \rightarrow F) \wedge \\ &\quad (d \rightarrow ((a \wedge e) \vee (a \wedge g) \vee (e \wedge g))) \wedge \\ &\quad (e \rightarrow (d \wedge f)) \wedge \\ &\quad (f \rightarrow (e \wedge i)) \wedge \\ &\quad (g \rightarrow (d \wedge h)) \wedge \\ &\quad (h \rightarrow F) \wedge \\ &\quad (i \rightarrow F) \end{aligned}$$

**There’s something wrong here. Look at i.**

# Solving Mazes

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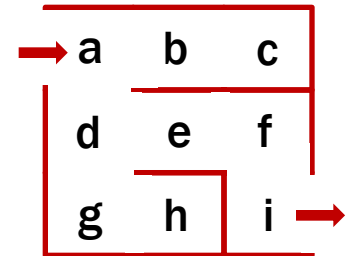
“Every cell in the solution of a maze has *two* cells next to it in the solution **except “a”/“i” which need one**. Also, “a” is in the solution. Also, “i” is in the solution.”

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b: “The cell b is in the solution”

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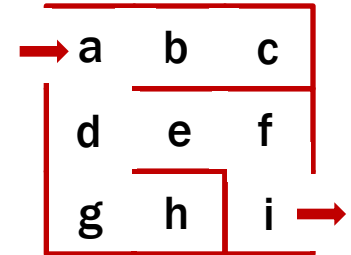
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 $(i \rightarrow f)$



Truth Table Time?

Let's not...this looks horrible!

This is what computers are for.