



# Foundations of Computing I

# Even and Odd

## Predicate Definitions

$\text{Even}(x) \equiv \exists y (x = 2y)$

$\text{Odd}(x) \equiv \exists y (x = 2y + 1)$

## Domain of Discourse

Integers

**Prove: “The square of every even number is even.”**

**Formal proof of:  $\forall x (\text{Even}(x) \rightarrow \text{Even}(x^2))$**

1. Let  $a$  be arbitrary

Defining a

2.1.  $\text{Even}(a)$

Assumption

2.2.  $\exists y (a = 2y)$

Definition of Even by 2.1

2.3.  $a = 2c$

$\exists$  Elim: 2.2

2.4.  $a^2 = 4c^2 = 2(2c^2)$

Algebra

2.5.  $\exists y (a^2 = 2y)$

$\exists$  Intro: 2.4

2.6.  $\text{Even}(a^2)$

Definition of Even by 2.5

2.  $\forall x (\text{Even}(x) \rightarrow \text{Even}(x^2))$

Direct Proof Rule

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Initialize variables.

[Header/Intro of the proof]

Let  $a$  be an arbitrary even number.

Explain why  $a^2$  is even.

[Body of the proof]

Then,  $a = 2c$  for some  $c$ , by definition of even.

Squaring both sides, we see  $a^2 = 4c^2 = 2(2c^2)$ .

Conclude the sub-proof

[“Return” “Inner Result”]

It follows that  $a^2$  is even by definition of even.

Conclude the proof

[“What have we shown?”]

Since  $a$  was arbitrary, we’ve shown the square of every even number is even.

Now, Prove “The square of every odd number is odd.”

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**Prove: “The square of every odd number is odd.”**

Let  $x$  be an arbitrary odd number.

Then,  $x = 2k+1$  for some integer  $k$  (depending on  $x$ ).

Therefore,  $x^2 = (2k+1)^2 = 4k^2 + 4k + 1 = 2(2k^2 + 2k) + 1$ .

Since  $2k^2+2k$  is an integer,  $x^2$  is odd.

# Counterexamples

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To *disprove*  $\forall x P(x)$  prove  $\neg \forall x P(x)$  :

- $\neg \forall x P(x) \equiv \exists x \neg P(x)$
- To prove the existential, find an  $x$  for which  $P(x)$  is **false**
- This example is called a **counterexample**.

# Counterexample...example

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Disprove “Every non-negative integer has another number smaller than it.”

$$\forall x \exists y (y < x)$$

Tell the reader that we’re about to use a “counterexample”.

We claim  $\forall x \exists y (y < x)$  is false. So, we show the negation,  $\exists x \forall y (y \geq x)$ , is true.

Use  $\exists$  Intro.

Consider  $x = 0$ .

Use  $\forall$  Intro.

Let  $y$  be arbitrary.

Prove the  $\forall$  statement.

Since  $y$  is non-negative,  $y \geq 0$ . So, the claim is true.

Conclude the proof.

Thus, the original claim is false.

# Reminder for HW

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For Elim  $\exists$ ...

**Your “c” has to be new** (e. g. cannot be used previously in the proof)

**You should say what variables your “c” depends on.**

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**The order you use Elim  $\exists$  and Elim  $\forall$  in DOES matter!**

**Reminder:  $\exists x \forall y P(x,y)$  IS DIFFERENT FROM  $\forall y \exists x P(x,y)$**

# Proof by Contrapositive: One Strategy for implications

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If we assume  $\neg q$  and derive  $\neg p$ , then we have proven  $\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$ , which is the same as  $p \rightarrow q$ .

**1.1.  $\neg q$       Assumption**

**...**

**1.3.  $\neg p$**

**1.  $\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$       Direct Proof Rule**

**2.  $p \rightarrow q$       Contrapositive: 1**



# Proof by Contradiction: One way to prove $\neg p$

If we assume  $p$  and derive  $F$  (a contradiction), then we have proven  $\neg p$ .

1.1.  $p$       Assumption

...

1.3.  $F$

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|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. $p \rightarrow F$ | Direct Proof rule     |
| 2. $\neg p \vee F$   | Law of Implication: 4 |
| 3. $\neg p$          | Identity: 5           |

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$$\text{Even}(x) \equiv \exists y (x = 2y)$$

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## Domain of Discourse

Integers

Prove: “No integer is both even and odd.”

English proof:  $\neg \exists x (\text{Even}(x) \wedge \text{Odd}(x))$   
 $\equiv \forall x \neg (\text{Even}(x) \wedge \text{Odd}(x))$

We go by contradiction. Let  $x$  be any integer and suppose that it is both even and odd. Then  $x=2k$  for some integer  $k$  and  $x=2m+1$  for some integer  $m$ . Therefore  $2k=2m+1$  and hence  $k=m+\frac{1}{2}$ .

But two integers cannot differ by  $\frac{1}{2}$  so this is a contradiction. So, no integer is both even and odd.

# Rational Numbers

Domain of Discourse
Real Numbers

- A real number  $x$  is *rational* iff there exist integers  $p$  and  $q$  with  $q \neq 0$  such that  $x = p/q$ .

$$\text{Rational}(x) \equiv \exists p \exists q ((x = p/q) \wedge \text{Integer}(p) \wedge \text{Integer}(q) \wedge q \neq 0)$$

# Rationality

Domain of Discourse

Real Numbers

## Predicate Definitions

$\text{Rational}(x) \equiv \exists p \exists q ((x = \frac{p}{q} \wedge \text{Integer}(p) \wedge \text{Integer}(q) \wedge q \neq 0)$

**Prove: “If x and y are rational then xy is rational.”**

Let x and y be rational numbers. Then,  $x = a/b$  for some integers a, b, where  $b \neq 0$ , and  $y = c/d$  for some integers c, d, where  $d \neq 0$ .

Note that  $xy = (ac)/(bd)$ .

Since b and d are both non-zero, so is bd; furthermore, ac and bd are integers. It follows that xy is rational, by definition of rational.

# Proofs

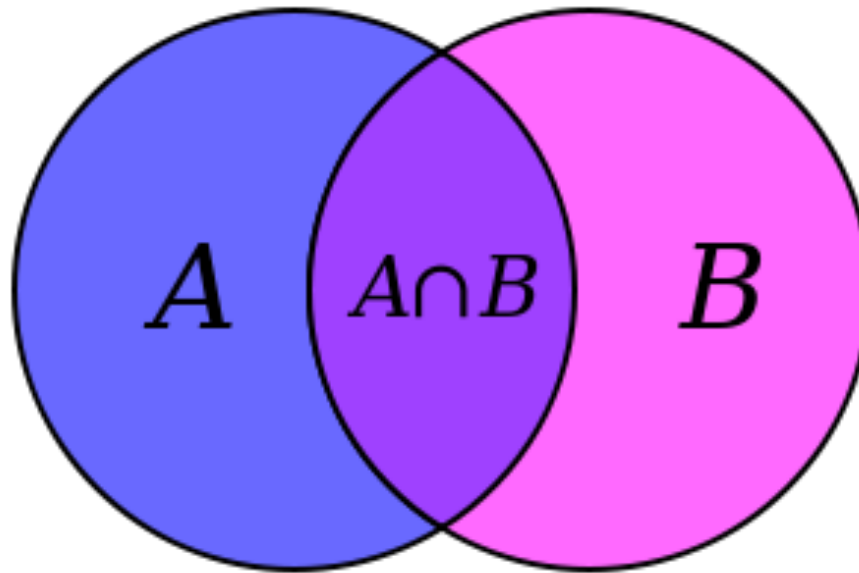
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- **Formal proofs follow simple well-defined rules and should be easy to check**
  - In the same way that code should be easy to execute
- **English proofs correspond to those rules but are designed to be easier for humans to read**
  - Easily checkable in principle
- **Simple proof strategies already do a lot**
  - Later we will cover a specific strategy that applies to loops and recursion (mathematical induction)

# CSE 311: Foundations of Computing

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## Lecture 9: Set Theory



# Sets

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- **Mathematical sets are a lot like Java sets:**
  - `Set<T> s = new HashSet<T>();`
  - **...with the following exceptions:**
    - They are untyped: {"string", 123, 1.2} is a valid set
    - They are immutable: you can't add/remove from them
    - They are built differently
    - They have one fundamental operation:
      - Contains:  $x \in S$

# Some Common Sets

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$\mathbb{N}$  is the set of **Natural Numbers**;  $\mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$

$\mathbb{Z}$  is the set of **Integers**;  $\mathbb{Z} = \{\dots, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$

$\mathbb{Q}$  is the set of **Rational Numbers**; e.g.  $\frac{1}{2}$ , -17,  $\frac{32}{48}$

$\mathbb{R}$  is the set of **Real Numbers**; e.g. 1, -17,  $\frac{32}{48}$ ,  $\pi$

$[n]$  is the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  when  $n$  is a natural number

$\{\} = \emptyset$  is the **empty set**; the *only* set with no elements

**We say  $2 \in E$ ;  $3 \notin E$ .**

## EXAMPLES

Are these sets?

$A = \{1, 1\}$

$B = \{1, 3, 2\}$

$C = \{\square, 1\}$

$D = \{\{\}, 17\}$

$E = \{1, 2, 7, \text{cat}, \text{dog}, \emptyset, \alpha\}$

**They're all sets.**

**Note  $\{1\} = \{1, 1\}$ .**



# Definition: Equality

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A and B are *equal* if they have the same elements

$$A = B \equiv \forall x (x \in A \leftrightarrow x \in B)$$

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boolean equal(Set A, Set B) {  
    boolean result = true;  
    for (x : A) {  
        if (x ∉ B) { result = false; }  
    }  
    for (x : B) {  
        if (x ∉ A) { result = false; }  
    }  
    return result;  
}
```

A = {4, 3, 3}  
B = {3, 4, 3}  
C = {3, 4}

Are any of  
A, B, C  
equal?

They all are!  
(dups, order don't matter!)

# Definition: Subset

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***A is a subset of B*** if every element of A is also in B

$$A \subseteq B \equiv \forall x (x \in A \rightarrow x \in B)$$

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boolean subset(Set A, Set B) {  
    boolean result = true;  
    for (x : A) {  
        if (x ∉ B) { result = false; }  
    }  
    return result;  
}
```

A = {1, 2, 3}  
B = {3, 4, 5}  
C = {3, 4}

## QUESTIONS

$\emptyset \subseteq A$ ? Yes. In fact,  $\emptyset \subseteq X$  for any set X.

$A \subseteq B$ ? No.  $3 \in A$ , but that's not true for B.

$C \subseteq B$ ? Yes,  $3 \in B$ ,  $4 \in B$ .

# Definitions

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- ***A* and *B* are *equal* if they have the same elements**

$$A = B \equiv \forall x (x \in A \leftrightarrow x \in B)$$

- ***A* is a *subset* of *B* if every element of *A* is also in *B***

$$A \subseteq B \equiv \forall x (x \in A \rightarrow x \in B)$$

- **Note:  $(A = B) \equiv (A \subseteq B) \wedge (B \subseteq A)$**

# Building Sets from Predicates

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- The following says “S is the set of all x’s where P(x) is true.

$$S = \{x : P(x)\}$$

- The following says “those elements of A for which P(x) is true.”

$$S = \{x \in A : P(x)\}$$

- “All the real numbers less than one.”
  - $\{x \in \mathbb{R} : x < 1\}$
- “All the powers of two that happen to be odd.”
  - $\{x \in \mathbb{N} : \exists k (x = 2^{k+1}) \wedge \exists j (x = 2^j)\}$
- “All natural numbers between 1 and n” (“brackets n”)
  - $[n] = \{x \in \mathbb{N} : 1 \leq x \leq n\}$

# Set Operations

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$$A \cup B = \{ x : (x \in A) \vee (x \in B) \}$$
 Union

$$A \cap B = \{ x : (x \in A) \wedge (x \in B) \}$$
 Intersection

$$A \setminus B = \{ x : (x \in A) \wedge (x \notin B) \}$$
 Set Difference

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \{1, 2, 3\} \\ B &= \{4, 5, 6\} \\ C &= \{3, 4\} \end{aligned}$$

## QUESTIONS

Using A, B, C and set operations, make...

$$\{6\} = A \cup B = A \cup B \cup C$$

$$\{3\} = C \setminus B = A \setminus B = A \cap B$$

$$\{1,2\} = A \setminus C = (A \cup B) \setminus C$$

# More Set Operations

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$$A \oplus B = \{ x : (x \in A) \oplus (x \in B) \}$$

Symmetric  
Difference

$$\bar{A} = \{ x : x \notin A \}$$

(with respect to universe U)

Complement

$$A = \{1, 2, 3\}$$

$$B = \{1, 4, 2, 6\}$$

$$C = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$$

## QUESTIONS

Let  $S = \{1, 2\}$ .

If the universe is A, then  $\bar{S}$  is...

$$A \setminus S = \{3\}$$

If the universe is B, then  $\bar{S}$  is...

$$B \setminus S = \{4, 6\}$$

If the universe is C, then  $\bar{S}$  is...

$$C \setminus S = \{3, 4\}$$