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CSE 321, Sp '09: Discrete Structures

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Assignments

[HW #1](#)

Lecture: [EEB 037 \(schematic\)](#) MWF 1:30- 2:20
Section A: [EEB 025 \(schematic\)](#) Th 1:30- 2:20
Section B: [EEB 025 \(schematic\)](#) Th 2:30- 3:20

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Catalog Description: Fundamentals of set theory, graph theory, enumeration, and algebraic structures, with applications in computing.

Prerequisite: [CSE 143](#); either MATH 126, MATH 129, or MATH 136.

Credits: 4

Standard Syllabus: [CSE 321 Syllabus](#)

Grading: Homework, Midterm, Final. Overall weights: HW 55%, midterm 15%, final 30%, roughly.

Late Policy: Assignments are due at the start of class on the due date. 20% off per day thereafter (day = business day, e.g., Monday = Friday + 1).

Extra Credit: Assignments may include "extra credit" sections. These will enrich your understanding of the material, but at a low points per hour ratio. Do them for the glory, not the points, and don't start extra credit until the basics are complete.

Collaboration: Homeworks are all individual, not group, exercises. Discussing them with others is fine, even encouraged, but *you must produce your own homework solutions*. Follow the "Gilligan's Island Rule": if you discuss the assignment with someone else, don't keep any notes (paper or electronic) from the discussion, then go watch 30+ minutes of mind-numbing TV (Gilligan's Island reruns especially recommended) before you continue work on the homework by yourself. You may *not* look at other people's written solutions to these problems, not in your friends' notes, not in the dorm files, not on the internet, *ever*. If in any doubt about whether your activities cross allowable boundaries, *tell us before*, not after, you turn in your assignment. See also the UW CSE [Academic Misconduct Policy](#), and the links there.

Textbook: *Discrete Mathematics and Its Applications*, (sixth edition) by Kenneth Rosen, McGraw-Hill, 2006. [Errata](#). (Available from [U Book Store](#), [Amazon](#), etc.)

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The *primary* goal of this course is to develop your ability to do the kind of formal reasoning required in computer science. In particular you will be asked to learn what a proof is, how to organize a proof, how to break a problem into cases, and how to distinguish valid from invalid reasoning.

The *secondary* goal is to learn material about specific domains within discrete mathematics (logic, number theory, combinatorics, graph theory) with applications throughout computer science.

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proposition a statement

T or F

P	is	5 is prime	F
3		$2+2=4$	T
		weather is nice	?

compound propositions
logical connectives

conjunction	$P \wedge Q$	\wedge "and"
disjunction	$P \vee Q$	\vee "or" inclusive
negation	$\neg P$	\neg "not"

A compound proposition is a tautology if it is true for all possible values of constituent propositions

$P \vee \neg P$	}	P	$P \vee \neg P$
$P \oplus \neg P$		$\neg P$	T

$$P \vee (q \wedge \neg q) \vee (r \wedge \neg r)$$

... is a tautology exactly when the last column in truth table is all "T"

... contradiction ... all 'F'

... contingent ... neither

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

$$\neg p \vee q \wedge r$$

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

$$p \oplus q$$

\oplus "exclusive or"

Truth Table

p	q	$\neg p$	$p \vee q$	$p \wedge q$	$p \oplus q$
F	F	T	F	F	F
F	T	T	T	F	T
T	F	F	T	F	T
T	T	F	T	T	F