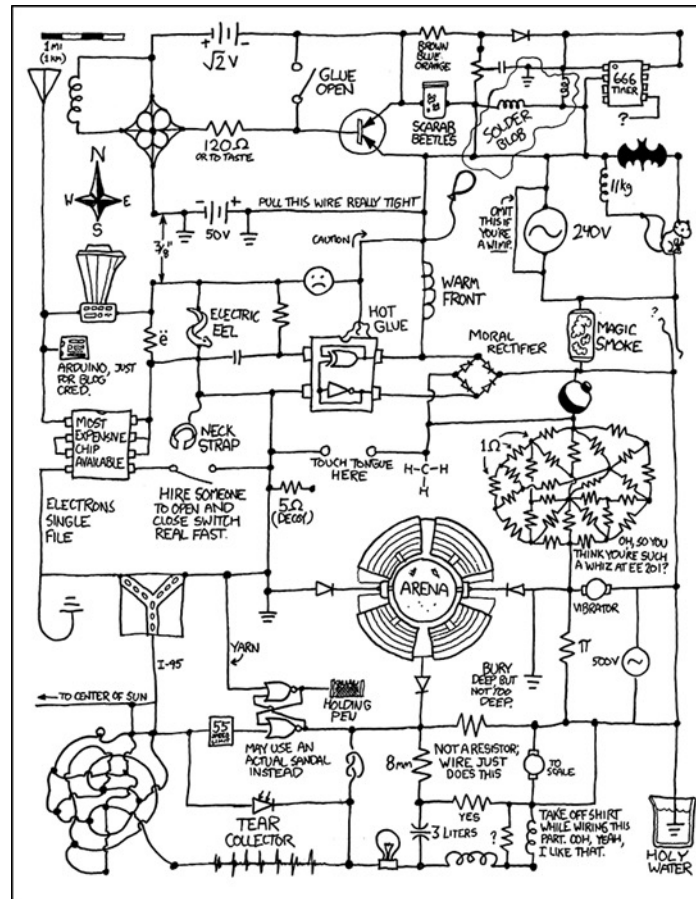


CSE 311: Foundations of Computing

Lecture 5: CNF and Predicate Logic



Recap from last class: DNF

- A propositional logic formula is in **disjunctive normal form (DNF)**, if it is an OR of AND terms of **literals** (i.e. variables or negated variables)
- Example for DNF: $(q \wedge \neg r \wedge s) \vee (\neg q \wedge \neg r) \vee (\neg r \wedge \neg s)$
- Every propositional formula has an equivalent DNF

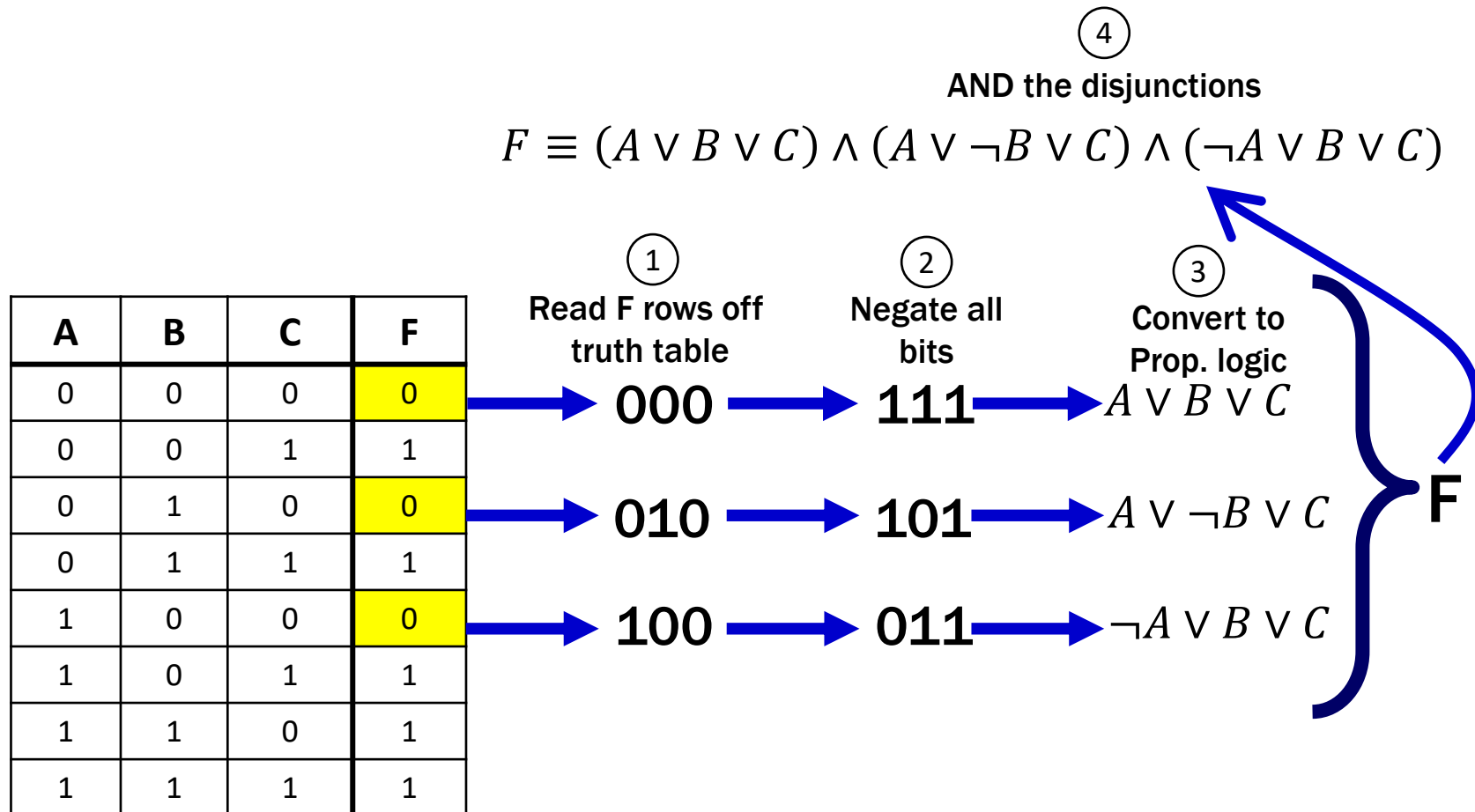
Conjunctive Normal Form

- A propositional logic formula is in **conjunctive normal form (CNF)**, if it is an AND of OR terms of **literals**

Example for CNF: $(q \vee \neg r \vee s) \wedge (\neg q \vee \neg r) \wedge (\neg r \vee \neg s)$

- Every propositional logic formula has an equivalent CNF. Again that CNF is not necessarily unique (but the full CNF is)
- Other names for CNF:
 - **Product-of-Sums Canonical Form**
 - **Maxterm Expansion**

Construction of Conjunctive Normal Form




CNF: Why does this procedure work?

Useful Facts:

- We know $F \equiv \neg(\neg F)$
- We know how to get a **DNF** for $\neg F$

A	B	C	F
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	0
1	0	1	1
1	1	0	1
1	1	1	1


$$\neg F \equiv (\neg A \wedge \neg B \wedge \neg C) \vee (\neg A \wedge B \wedge \neg C) \vee (A \wedge \neg B \wedge \neg C)$$

Taking the complement of both sides...

$$F \equiv \neg((\neg A \wedge \neg B \wedge \neg C) \vee (\neg A \wedge B \wedge \neg C) \vee (A \wedge \neg B \wedge \neg C))$$

And using DeMorgan/Comp....

$$F \equiv \neg(\neg A \wedge \neg B \wedge \neg C) \wedge \neg(\neg A \wedge B \wedge \neg C) \wedge \neg(A \wedge \neg B \wedge \neg C)$$

$$F \equiv (A \vee B \vee C) \wedge (A \vee \neg B \vee \neg C) \wedge (\neg A \vee B \vee C)$$

Predicate Logic

- **Propositional Logic**

“If you take the high road and I take the low road then I’ll arrive in Scotland before you.”

- **Predicate Logic**

“All positive integers x , y , and z satisfy $x^3 + y^3 \neq z^3$.”

Predicate Logic

- **Propositional Logic**

- Allows us to analyze complex propositions in terms of their simpler constituent parts (a.k.a. atomic propositions) joined by connectives

- **Predicate Logic**

- Lets us analyze them at a deeper level by expressing how those propositions depend on the objects they are talking about

Predicate Logic

Adds two key notions to propositional logic

– **Predicates**

– **Quantifiers**



Predicates

Predicate

- A function that returns a truth value, e.g.,

$\text{Cat}(x) ::= \text{“}x \text{ is a cat”}$

$\text{Prime}(x) ::= \text{“}x \text{ is prime”}$

$\text{HasTaken}(x, y) ::= \text{“student } x \text{ has taken course } y\text{”}$

$\text{LessThan}(x, y) ::= \text{“}x < y\text{”}$

$\text{Sum}(x, y, z) ::= \text{“}x + y = z\text{”}$

$\text{GreaterThan5}(x) ::= \text{“}x > 5\text{”}$

$\text{HasNChars}(s, n) ::= \text{“string } s \text{ has length } n\text{”}$

Predicates can have varying numbers of arguments and input types.

Domain of Discourse

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(2) “x is prime”, “ $x = 0$ ”, “ $x < 0$ ”, “x is a power of two”

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“mammals” or “sentient beings” or “cats and dogs” or ...

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“numbers” or “integers” or “integers greater than 5” or ...

(3) “student x has taken course y” “x is a pre-req for z”

“students and courses” or “university entities” or ...

Quantifiers

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$\forall x P(x)$

$P(x)$ is true **for every** x in the domain

read as “**for all x , P of x** ”



$\exists x P(x)$

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$\{1, 3, -1, -27\}$	Integers	Odd Integers
True	False	True
True	False	False

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True	True	False

Statements with Quantifiers

Just like with propositional logic, we need to define variables (this time **predicates**) before we do anything else. We must also now define a **domain of discourse** before doing anything else.

Domain of Discourse

Positive Integers

Predicate Definitions

Even(x) ::= "x is even" Greater(x, y) ::= "x > y"

Odd(x) ::= "x is odd" Equal(x, y) ::= "x = y"

Prime(x) ::= "x is prime" Sum(x, y, z) ::= "x + y = z"

Statements with Quantifiers

Domain of Discourse

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Determine the truth values of each of these statements:

$\exists x \text{ Even}(x)$

$\forall x \text{ Odd}(x)$

$\forall x (\text{Even}(x) \vee \text{Odd}(x))$

$\exists x (\text{Even}(x) \wedge \text{Odd}(x))$

$\forall x \text{ Greater}(x+1, x)$

$\exists x (\text{Even}(x) \wedge \text{Prime}(x))$

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- | | | |
|---|----------|--------------------------------------|
| $\exists x \text{ Even}(x)$ | T | e.g. 2, 4, 6, ... |
| $\forall x \text{ Odd}(x)$ | F | e.g. 2, 4, 6, ... |
| $\forall x (\text{Even}(x) \vee \text{Odd}(x))$ | T | every integer is either even or odd |
| $\exists x (\text{Even}(x) \wedge \text{Odd}(x))$ | F | no integer is both even and odd |
| $\forall x \text{ Greater}(x+1, x)$ | T | adding 1 makes a bigger number |
| $\exists x (\text{Even}(x) \wedge \text{Prime}(x))$ | T | Even(2) is true and Prime(2) is true |

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Translate the following statements to English

$\forall x \exists y \text{ Greater}(y, x)$

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$\forall x \exists y (\text{Greater}(y, x) \wedge \text{Prime}(y))$

$\forall x (\text{Prime}(x) \rightarrow (\text{Equal}(x, 2) \vee \text{Odd}(x)))$

$\exists x \exists y (\text{Sum}(x, 2, y) \wedge \text{Prime}(x) \wedge \text{Prime}(y))$

Statements with Quantifiers (Literal Translations)

Domain of Discourse

Positive Integers

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Translate the following statements to English

$\forall x \exists y \text{ Greater}(y, x)$

For every positive integer x, there is a positive integer y, such that $y > x$.

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$\forall x \exists y (\text{Greater}(y, x) \wedge \text{Prime}(y))$

For every positive integer x, there is a pos. int. y such that $y > x$ and y is prime.

$\forall x (\text{Prime}(x) \rightarrow (\text{Equal}(x, 2) \vee \text{Odd}(x)))$

For each positive integer x, if x is prime, then $x = 2$ or x is odd.

$\exists x \exists y (\text{Sum}(x, 2, y) \wedge \text{Prime}(x) \wedge \text{Prime}(y))$

There exist positive integers x and y such that $x + 2 = y$ and x and y are prime.

Statements with Quantifiers (Natural Translations)

Domain of Discourse

Positive Integers

Predicate Definitions

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Translate the following statements to English

$\forall x \exists y \text{ Greater}(y, x)$

There is no greatest positive integer.

$\forall x \exists y \text{ Greater}(x, y)$

There is no least positive integer.

$\forall x \exists y (\text{Greater}(y, x) \wedge \text{Prime}(y))$

For every positive integer there is a larger number that is prime.

$\forall x (\text{Prime}(x) \rightarrow (\text{Equal}(x, 2) \vee \text{Odd}(x)))$

Every prime number is either 2 or odd.

$\exists x \exists y (\text{Sum}(x, 2, y) \wedge \text{Prime}(x) \wedge \text{Prime}(y))$

There exist prime numbers that differ by two."

Lecture 5 Activity

- You will be assigned to **breakout rooms**. Please:
- Introduce yourself
- Choose someone to share screen, showing this PDF
- What is the English language translation of
$$\exists x (Odd(x) \wedge LessThan(x, 5))$$

Fill out a poll everywhere for **Activity Credit!**

Go to pollev.com/philipmg and login with your UW identity

Domain of Discourse
Positive Integers

Predicate Definitions

$Odd(x) ::=$ “x is odd” $LessThan(x, y) ::=$ “x < y”

English to Predicate Logic

Domain of Discourse

Mammals

Predicate Definitions

$\text{Cat}(x) ::= \text{"x is a cat"}$

$\text{Red}(x) ::= \text{"x is red"}$

$\text{LikesTofu}(x) ::= \text{"x likes tofu"}$

"Red cats like tofu"

"Some red cats don't like tofu"

English to Predicate Logic

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$\forall x ((\text{Red}(x) \wedge \text{Cat}(x)) \rightarrow \text{LikesTofu}(x))$

“Some red cats don’t like tofu”

$\exists y ((\text{Red}(y) \wedge \text{Cat}(y)) \wedge \neg \text{LikesTofu}(y))$

English to Predicate Logic

Domain of Discourse
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When putting two predicates together like this, we use an "and".

"Red cats like tofu"

When restricting to a smaller domain in a "for all" we use **implication**.

When there's no leading quantification, it means "for all".

"Some red cats don't like tofu"

When restricting to a smaller domain in an "exists" we use **and**.

"Some" means "there exists".

Negations of Quantifiers

Predicate Definitions

PurpleFruit(x) ::= “x is a purple fruit”

(*) $\forall x$ PurpleFruit(x) (“All fruits are purple”)

What is the negation of (*)?

- (a) “there exists a purple fruit”
- (b) “there exists a non-purple fruit”
- (c) “all fruits are not purple”

Try your intuition! Which one “feels” right?

Key Idea: In **every** domain, **exactly one** of a statement and its negation should be true.

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Domain of Discourse

{plum}

Domain of Discourse

{apple}

Domain of Discourse

{plum, apple}

The only choice that ensures exactly one of the statement and its negation is (b).

De Morgan's Laws for Quantifiers

$$\neg \forall x P(x) \equiv \exists x \neg P(x)$$

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$$\neg \forall x P(x) \equiv \exists x \neg P(x)$$

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“There is no largest integer”

$$\neg \exists x \forall y (x \geq y)$$

$$\equiv \forall x \neg \forall y (x \geq y)$$

$$\equiv \forall x \exists y \neg (x \geq y)$$

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

“For every integer there is a larger integer”

Scope of Quantifiers

$\exists x (P(x) \wedge Q(x))$ **vs.** $\exists x P(x) \wedge \exists x Q(x)$

Scope of Quantifiers

$$\exists x (P(x) \wedge Q(x)) \quad \text{vs.} \quad \exists x P(x) \wedge \exists x Q(x)$$

This one asserts P
and Q of the *same* x.

This one asserts P and Q
of potentially different x's.

Scope of Quantifiers

Example: $\text{NotLargest}(x) \equiv \exists y \text{ Greater}(y, x)$
 $\equiv \exists z \text{ Greater}(z, x)$

truth value:

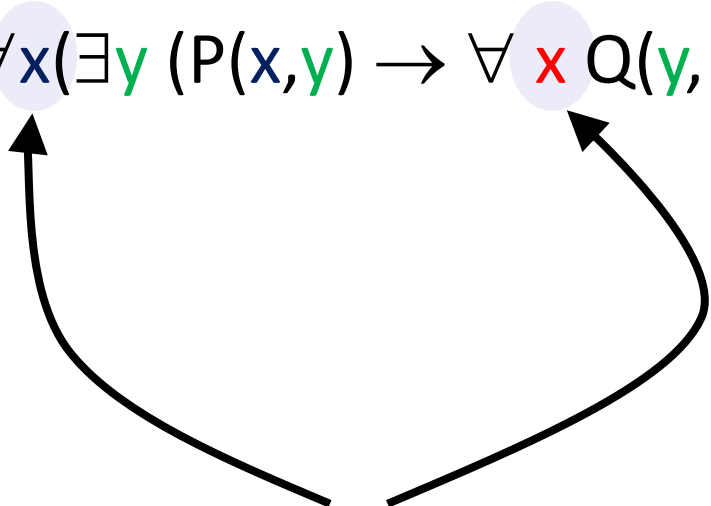
doesn't depend on y or z “**bound** variables”

does depend on x “**free** variable”

quantifiers only act on free variables of the formula
they quantify

$$\forall x (\exists y (P(x, y) \rightarrow \forall x Q(y, x)))$$

Quantifier “Style”

$$\forall x(\exists y(P(x,y) \rightarrow \forall x Q(y,x)))$$


This isn't “wrong”, it's just horrible style.

Don't confuse your reader by using the same variable multiple times...there are a lot of letters...

Nested Quantifiers

- **Bound variable names don't matter**

$$\forall x \exists y P(x, y) \equiv \forall a \exists b P(a, b)$$

- **Positions of quantifiers can sometimes change**

$$\forall x (Q(x) \wedge \exists y P(x, y)) \equiv \forall x \exists y (Q(x) \wedge P(x, y))$$

- **But: order is important...**

Quantifier Order Can Matter

Domain of Discourse

Integers
OR
{1, 2, 3, 4}

Predicate Definitions

GreaterEq(x, y) ::= "x ≥ y"

“There is a number greater than or equal to all numbers.”

$\exists x \forall y \text{ GreaterEq}(x, y)$

“Every number has a number greater than or equal to it.”

$\forall y \exists x \text{ GreaterEq}(x, y)$

	1	2	3	4
1	T	F	F	F
2	T	T	F	F
3	T	T	T	F
4	T	T	T	T

The purple statement requires an entire row to be true.

The red statement requires one entry in each column to be true.

Quantification with Two Variables

expression	when true	when false
$\forall x \forall y P(x, y)$	Every pair is true.	At least one pair is false.
$\exists x \exists y P(x, y)$	At least one pair is true.	All pairs are false.
$\forall x \exists y P(x, y)$	We can find a specific y for each x . $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), (x_3, y_3)$	Some x doesn't have a corresponding y .
$\exists y \forall x P(x, y)$	We can find ONE y that works no matter what x is. $(x_1, y), (x_2, y), (x_3, y)$	For any candidate y , there is an x that it doesn't work for.