

Discrete Mathematics  
Lecture 1  
Logic of Compound Statements

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# Logic of Statements

- Logical Form and Logical Equivalence
- Conditional Statements
- Valid and Invalid Arguments
- Digital Logic Circuits
- Number Systems & Circuits for Addition

# Logical Form

- Initial terms in logic: sentence, true, false
- Statement (proposition) is a sentence that is true or false but not both
- Compound statement is a statement built out of simple statements using logical operations: negation, conjunction, disjunction

# Logical Form

- Truth table
- Precedence of logical operations
- English words to logic:
  - It is not hot *but* it is sunny
  - It is *neither* hot *nor* sunny
- Statement form (propositional form) is an expression made up of statement variables and logical connectives (operators)
- Exclusive OR: XOR

# Logical Form

- Truth table for  $(\sim p \wedge q) \vee (q \wedge \sim r)$
- Two statements are called logically equivalent if and only if (iff) they have identical truth tables
- Double negation
- Non-equivalence:  $\sim(p \vee q)$  vs  $\sim p \vee \sim q$
- De Morgan's Laws:
  - The negation of an AND statement is logically equivalent to the OR statement in which each component is negated
  - The negation of an OR statement is logically equivalent to the AND statement in which each component is negated

# Logical Form

- Applying De-Morgan's Laws:
  - Write negation for
    - The bus was late or Tom's watch was slow
    - $-1 < x \leq 4$
- Tautology is a statement that is always true regardless of the truth values of the individual logical variables
- Contradiction is a statement that is always false regardless of the truth values of the individual logical variables

# Logical Equivalence

- Commutative laws:  $p \wedge q = q \wedge p$ ,  $p \vee q = q \vee p$
- Associative laws:  $(p \wedge q) \wedge r = p \wedge (q \wedge r)$ ,  $(p \vee q) \vee r = p \vee (q \vee r)$
- Distributive laws:  $p \wedge (q \vee r) = (p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge r)$   
 $p \vee (q \wedge r) = (p \vee q) \wedge (p \vee r)$
- Identity laws:  $p \wedge t = p$ ,  $p \vee c = p$
- Negation laws:  $p \vee \sim p = t$ ,  $p \wedge \sim p = c$
- Double negative law:  $\sim(\sim p) = p$
- Idempotent laws:  $p \wedge p = p$ ,  $p \vee p = p$
- De Morgan's laws:  $\sim(p \wedge q) = \sim p \vee \sim q$ ,  $\sim(p \vee q) = \sim p \wedge \sim q$
- Universal bound laws:  $p \vee t = t$ ,  $p \wedge c = c$
- Absorption laws:  $p \vee (p \wedge q) = p$ ,  $p \wedge (p \vee q) = p$
- Negation of t and c:  $\sim t = c$ ,  $\sim c = t$

# Conditional Statements

- If something, then something:  $p \rightarrow q$ ,  $p$  is called the hypothesis and  $q$  is called the conclusion
- The only combination of circumstances in which a conditional sentence is false is when the hypothesis is true and the conclusion is false
- A conditional statements is called vacuously true or true by default when its hypothesis is false
- Among  $\wedge$ ,  $\vee$ ,  $\sim$  and  $\rightarrow$  operations,  $\rightarrow$  has the lowest priority

# Conditional Statements

- Write truth table for:  $p \wedge q \rightarrow \sim p$
- Show that  $(p \vee q) \rightarrow r = (p \rightarrow r) \wedge (q \rightarrow r)$
- Representation of  $\rightarrow$ :  $p \rightarrow q = \sim p \vee q$
- Re-write using if-else: Either you get in class on time, or you risk missing some material
- Negation of  $\rightarrow$ :  $\sim(p \rightarrow q) = p \wedge \sim q$
- Write negation for: If it is raining, then I cannot go to the beach

# Conditional Statements

- Contrapositive  $p \rightarrow q$  is another conditional statement  $\sim q \rightarrow \sim p$
- A conditional statement is equivalent to its contrapositive
- The converse of  $p \rightarrow q$  is  $q \rightarrow p$
- The inverse of  $p \rightarrow q$  is  $\sim p \rightarrow \sim q$
- Conditional statement and its converse are not equivalent
- Conditional statement and its inverse are not equivalent

# Conditional Statements

- The converse and the inverse of a conditional statement are equivalent to each other
- $p$  only if  $q$  means  $\sim q \rightarrow \sim p$ , or  $p \rightarrow q$
- Biconditional of  $p$  and  $q$  means “ $p$  if and only if  $q$ ” and is denoted as  $p \leftrightarrow q$
- $r$  is a sufficient condition for  $s$  means “if  $r$  then  $s$ ”
- $r$  is a necessary condition for  $s$  means “if not  $r$  then not  $s$ ”

# Exercises

- Write contrapositive, converse and inverse statements for:
  - If  $P$  is a square, then  $P$  is a rectangle
  - If today is Thanksgiving, then tomorrow is Friday
  - If  $c$  is rational, then the decimal expansion of  $r$  is repeating
  - If  $n$  is prime, then  $n$  is odd or  $n$  is 2
  - If  $x$  is nonnegative, then  $x$  is positive or  $x$  is 0
  - If Tom is Ann's father, then Jim is her uncle and Sue is her aunt
  - If  $n$  is divisible by 6, then  $n$  is divisible by 2 and  $n$  is divisible by 3

# Arguments

- An argument is a sequence of statements. All statements except the final one are called premises (or assumptions or hypotheses). The final statement is called the conclusion.
- An argument is considered valid if from the truth of all premises, the conclusion must also be true.
- The conclusion is said to be inferred or deduced from the truth of the premises

# Arguments

- Test to determine the validity of the argument:
  - Identify the premises and conclusion of the argument
  - Construct the truth table for all premises and the conclusion
  - Find critical rows in which all the premises are true
  - If the conclusion is true in all critical rows then the argument is valid, otherwise it is invalid
- Example of valid argument form:
  - Premises:  $p \vee (q \vee r)$  and  $\sim r$ , conclusion:  $p \vee q$
- Example of invalid argument form:
  - Premises:  $p \rightarrow q \vee \sim r$  and  $q \rightarrow p \wedge r$ , conclusion:  $p \rightarrow r$

# Valid Argument-Forms

- Modus ponens (method of affirming):
  - Premises:  $p \rightarrow q$  and  $p$ , conclusion:  $q$
- Modus tollens (method of denying):
  - Premises:  $p \rightarrow q$  and  $\sim q$ , conclusion:  $\sim p$
- Disjunctive addition:
  - Premises:  $p$ , conclusion:  $p \mid q$
  - Premises:  $q$ , conclusion:  $p \mid q$
- Conjunctive simplification:
  - Premises:  $p \& q$ , conclusion:  $p, q$

# Valid Argument-Forms

- Disjunctive Syllogism:
  - Premises:  $p \mid q$  and  $\sim q$ , conclusion:  $p$
  - Premises:  $p \mid q$  and  $\sim p$ , conclusion:  $q$
- Hypothetical Syllogism
  - Premises:  $p \rightarrow q$  and  $q \rightarrow r$ , conclusion:  $p \rightarrow r$
- Dilemma: proof by division into cases:
  - Premises:  $p \mid q$  and  $p \rightarrow r$  and  $q \rightarrow r$ ,  
conclusion:  $r$

# Complex Deduction

- Premises:
  - If my glasses are on the kitchen table, then I saw them at breakfast
  - I was reading the newspaper in the living room or I was reading the newspaper in the kitchen
  - If I was reading the newspaper in the living room, then my glasses are on the coffee table
  - I did not see my glasses at breakfast
  - If I was reading my book in bed, then my glasses are on the bed table
  - If I was reading the newspaper in the kitchen, then my glasses are on the kitchen table
- Where are the glasses?

# Fallacies

- A fallacy is an error in reasoning that results in an invalid argument
- Three common fallacies:
  - Vague or ambiguous premises
  - Begging the question (assuming what is to be proved)
  - Jumping to conclusions without adequate grounds
- Converse Error:
  - Premises:  $p \rightarrow q$  and  $q$ , conclusion:  $p$
- Inverse Error:
  - Premises:  $p \rightarrow q$  and  $\sim p$ , conclusion:  $\sim q$

# Fallacies

- It is possible for a valid argument to have false conclusion and for an invalid argument to have a true conclusion:
  - Premises: if John Lennon was a rock star, then John Lennon had red hair, John Lennon was a rock star;  
Conclusion: John Lennon had red hair
  - Premises: If New York is a big city, then New York has tall buildings, New York has tall buildings; Conclusion:  
New York is a big city

# Contradiction

- Contradiction rule: if one can show that the supposition that a statement  $p$  is false leads to a contradiction, then  $p$  is true.
- Knight is a person who always says truth, knave is a person who always lies:
  - A says: B is a knight
  - B says: A and I are of opposite typesWhat are A and B?

# Digital Logic Circuits

- Digital Logic Circuit is a basic electronic component of a digital system
- Values of digital signals are 0 or 1 (bits)
- Black Box is specified by the signal input/output table
- Three gates: NOT-gate, AND-gate, OR-gate
- Combinational circuit is a combination of logical gates
- Combinational circuit always correspond to some boolean expression, such that input/output table of a table and a truth table of the expression are identical

# Digital Logic Circuits

- A recognizer is a circuit that outputs 1 for exactly one particular combination of input signals and outputs 0's for all other combinations
- Multiple-input AND and OR gates
- Finding a circuit that corresponds to a given input/output table:
  - Construct equivalent boolean expression using disjunctive normal form: for all outputs of 1 construct a conjunctive form based on the truth table row. All conjunctive forms are united using disjunction
  - Construct a digital logic circuit equivalent to the boolean expression

# Digital Logic Circuits

- Design a circuit for the following output: (0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0)
- Two digital logic circuits are equivalent iff their input/output tables are identical
- Simplification of circuits
- Scheffer stroke (NAND)
- Peirce arrow (NOR)

# Number Systems

- Decimal number system
- Binary number system
- Conversion between decimal and binary numbers
- Binary addition and subtraction

# Digital Circuits for Addition

- Half Adder – addition of two bits
- Full Adder – addition of two bits and a carry
- Parallel Adder – addition of multi-bit numbers

# Negative Numbers

- Two's complement of a positive integer  $a$  relative to a fixed bit length  $n$  is the binary representation of  $2^n - a$
- To find an 8-bit complement:
  - Write 8-bit binary representation of the number
  - Flip all bits (one's complement)
  - Add 1 to the obtained binary
- Addition of negative numbers

# Hexadecimal Numbers

- Hexadecimal notation is a number system with base 16
- Digits of hexadecimal number system
- Conversion between hexadecimal and binary and hexadecimal and decimal systems