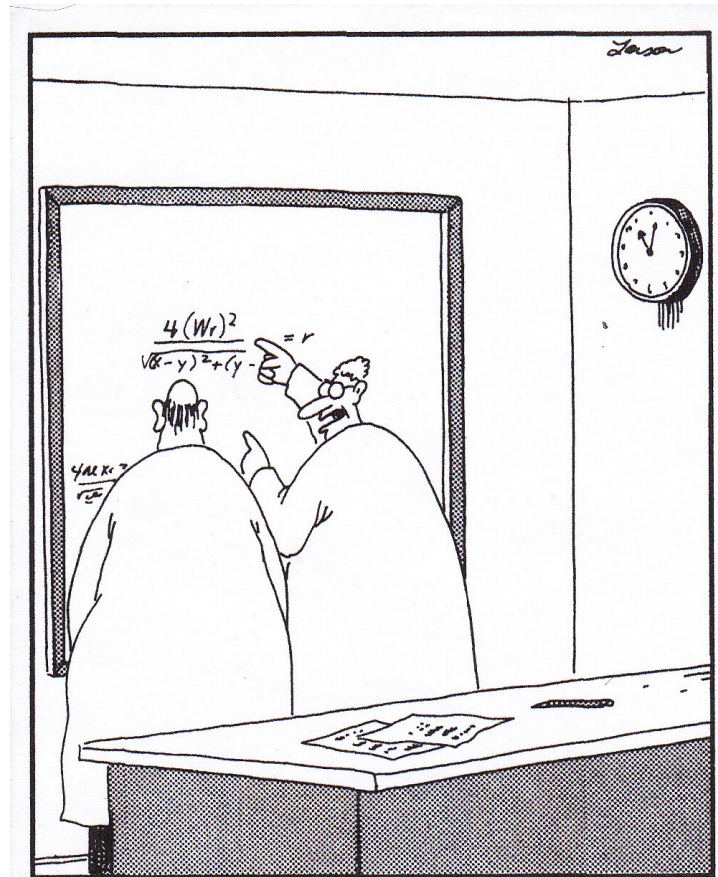


# CSE 311: Foundations of Computing

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## Lecture 9: English Proofs, Strategies & Number Theory



**"Yes, yes, I know that, Sidney... *everybody* knows that!... But look: Four wrongs squared, minus two wrongs to the fourth power, divided by this formula, *do* make a right."**

# Last class: Inference Rules for Quantifiers

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$$\boxed{\text{Intro } \exists} \frac{P(c) \text{ for some } c}{\therefore \exists x P(x)}$$

$$\boxed{\text{Elim } \forall} \frac{\forall x P(x)}{\therefore P(a) \text{ (for any } a)}$$

$$\boxed{\text{Elim } \exists} \frac{\exists x P(x)}{\therefore P(c) \text{ for some } \textit{special}^{**} c}$$

$$\boxed{\text{Intro } \forall} \frac{\text{“Let } a \text{ be arbitrary”}^* \dots P(a)}{\therefore \forall x P(x)}$$

\*\* c is a NEW name.  
List all dependencies for c.

\* in the domain of P. No other  
name in P depends on a.

dependencies:  
other named arbitrary constants in  $\exists x P(x)$

# Last class: Formal & English Proofs: Even and Odd

Prove “The sum of two odd numbers is even.”

Even(x)  $\equiv \exists y (x=2y)$   
Odd(x)  $\equiv \exists y (x=2y+1)$   
Domain: Integers

Let x and y be arbitrary integers.

1. Let **x** be an arbitrary integer
2. Let **y** be an arbitrary integer

Suppose that both are odd.

- 3.1 **Odd(x)  $\wedge$  Odd(y)** Assumption
- 3.2 **Odd(x)** Elim  $\wedge$ : 2.1
- 3.3 **Odd(y)** Elim  $\wedge$ : 2.1

Then, we have  $x = 2a+1$  for some integer a and  $y = 2b+1$  for some integer b.

- 3.4  **$\exists z (x = 2z+1)$**  Def of Odd: 2.2
- 3.5  **$x = 2a+1$**  Elim  $\exists$ : 2.4: **a** depend **x**
- 3.6  **$\exists z (y = 2z+1)$**  Def of Odd: 2.3
- 3.7  **$y = 2b+1$**  Elim  $\exists$ : 2.5: **b** depend **y**

Their sum is  $x+y = \dots = 2(a+b+1)$

- 3.8  **$x+y = 2(a+b+1)$**  Algebra

so  $x+y$  is, by definition, even.

- 3.9  **$\exists z (x+y = 2z)$**  Intro  $\exists$ : 2.4
- 3.10 **Even(x+y)** Def of Even

Since x and y were arbitrary, the sum of two odd integers is even.

3. (**Odd(x)  $\wedge$  Odd(y)**)  $\rightarrow$  **Even(x+y)** DPR
4.  **$\forall y ((\text{Odd}(x) \wedge \text{Odd}(y)) \rightarrow \text{Even}(x+y))$**  Intro  $\forall$
5.  **$\forall x \forall y ((\text{Odd}(x) \wedge \text{Odd}(y)) \rightarrow \text{Even}(x+y))$**  Intro  $\forall$

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## Domain of Discourse

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Suppose that both are odd. Then, we have  $x = 2a+1$  for some integer  $a$  and  $y = 2b+1$  for some integer  $b$ . Their sum is  $x+y = (2a+1) + (2b+1) = 2a+2b+2 = 2(a+b+1)$ , so  $x+y$  is, by definition, even.

Since  $x$  and  $y$  were arbitrary, the sum of any two odd integers is even. ■

$$\forall x \forall y ((\text{Odd}(x) \wedge \text{Odd}(y)) \rightarrow \text{Even}(x+y))$$

# Rational Numbers

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Domain of Discourse
Real Numbers

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

$\text{Rational}(x) := \exists a \exists b (((\text{Integer}(a) \wedge \text{Integer}(b)) \wedge (x = a/b)) \wedge b \neq 0)$

# Rationality

Domain of Discourse

Real Numbers

## Predicate Definitions

$\text{Rational}(x) := \exists a \exists b (\text{Integer}(a) \wedge \text{Integer}(b) \wedge (x = a/b) \wedge (b \neq 0))$

**Prove: “The product of two rationals is rational.”**

**Formally, prove  $\forall x \forall y ((\text{Rational}(x) \wedge \text{Rational}(y)) \rightarrow \text{Rational}(xy))$**

Let  $x$  and  $y$  be arbitrary real numbers.

Suppose  $x$  and  $y$  are rational

Thus  $xy$  is rational

Since  $x$  and  $y$  were arb., we have shown

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$$xy = (a/b)(c/d) = (ac)/(bd)$$

Thus,  $xy$  is rational.

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Multiplying, we get that  $xy = (a/b)(c/d) = (ac)/(bd)$ .

$ac$  and  $bd$  are integers. Also, since  $b \neq 0$  and  $d \neq 0$  we have  $bd \neq 0$ . By definition, then,  $xy$  is rational.

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# English Proofs

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- **High-level language lets us work more quickly**
  - should not be necessary to spill out every detail
  - **examples so far**
    - skipping Intro  $\wedge$  and Elim  $\wedge$  (and hence, Commutativity and Associativity)
    - skipping Double Negation
    - not stating existence claims (immediately apply Elim  $\exists$  to name the object)
    - not stating that the implication has been proven (“Suppose X... Thus, Y.” says it already)
  - **(list will grow over time)**
- **English proof is correct if the reader is convinced they could translate it into a formal proof**
  - the reader is the “compiler” for English proofs

# Proof Strategies

# Proof Strategies: Counterexamples

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To prove  $\neg \forall x P(x)$ , prove  $\exists x \neg P(x)$ :

- Equivalent by De Morgan's Law
- All we need to do that is find an  $x$  where  $P(x)$  is false
- This example is called a counterexample to  $\forall x P(x)$ .

e.g. Prove “Not every prime number is odd”

**Proof:** 2 is a prime that is not odd — a counterexample to the claim that every prime number is odd. ■

An English proof does not need to cite De Morgan's law.

# Proof Strategies: Proof by Contrapositive

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...

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

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|----|------------------------|-----------------------|
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|    | ...                    |                       |
|    | 1.3. $F$               |                       |
| 1. | $\neg p \rightarrow F$ | Direct Proof          |
| 2. | $\neg \neg p \vee F$   | Law of Implication: 1 |
| 3. | $p \vee F$             | Double Negation: 2    |
| 4. | $p$                    | Identity: 3           |

# Proof Strategies: Proof by Contradiction

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...

This is a contradiction.

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...

1.3. **F**

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Direct Proof

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Double Negation: 2

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Often, we will infer  $\neg R$ , where **R** is a prior fact.

Putting these together, we have  $R \wedge \neg R \equiv F$

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## Domain of Discourse

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Suppose that  $x$  is an integer that is both even and odd. Then,  $x=2a$  for some integer  $a$ , and  $x=2b+1$  for some integer  $b$ . This means  $2a=x=2b+1$  and hence  $2a-2b=1$  and so  $a-b=1/2$ . But  $a-b$  is an integer while  $1/2$  is not, so they cannot be equal. This is a contradiction. ■

Formally, we've shown  $\text{Integer}(1/2) \wedge \neg \text{Integer}(1/2) \equiv F$ .

# Proof by Cases

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On Homework 3, Task 1 you are asked to show:

- Given  $p \rightarrow r$  and  $\neg p \rightarrow r$  derive  $r$
- Given  $\underline{p \vee q}$ ,  $p \rightarrow r$  and  $q \rightarrow r$  derive  $r$

This will mean that...

If we prove  $p \rightarrow r$  and  $\neg p \rightarrow r$  then we have proven  $r$ .

If we prove  $p \vee q$ ,  $p \rightarrow r$  and  $q \rightarrow r$  then we have proven  $r$ .



# Strategies

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- **Simple proof strategies already do a lot**
  - counter examples
  - proof by contrapositive
  - proof by contradiction
  - proof by cases
- **Later we will cover a specific strategy that applies to loops and recursion (mathematical induction)**

# Applications of Predicate Logic

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- Remainder of the course will use predicate logic to prove important properties of interesting objects
  - start with math objects that are widely used in CS
  - eventually more CS-specific objects
- Encode domain knowledge in predicate definitions
- Then apply predicate logic to infer useful results



Domain of Discourse
Integers

Predicate Definitions
Even(x) $\equiv \exists y (x = 2 \cdot y)$
Odd(x) $\equiv \exists y (x = 2 \cdot y + 1)$

# Number Theory

# Number Theory (and applications to computing)

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- **Branch of Mathematics with direct relevance to computing**
- **Many significant applications**
  - **Cryptography & Security**
  - **Data Structures**
  - **Distributed Systems**
- **Important toolkit**

# Modular Arithmetic

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- **Arithmetic over a finite domain**
- **Almost all computation is over a finite domain**

# I'm ALIVE!

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```
public class Test {  
    final static int SEC_IN_YEAR = 364365*24*60*60*100;  
    public static void main(String args[]) {  
        System.out.println(  
            "I will be alive for at least " +  
            SEC_IN_YEAR * 100100 + " seconds."  
        );  
    }  
}
```

# I'm ALIVE!

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    final static int SEC_IN_YEAR = 364*24*60*60*100;
    public static void main(String args[]) {
        System.out.println(
            "I will be alive for at least " +
            SEC_IN_YEAR * 101 + " seconds."
        );
    }
}
```

```
----jGRASP exec: java Test
I will be alive for at least -186619904 seconds.
----jGRASP: operation complete.
```

# Divisibility

Domain of Discourse

Integers

## Definition: "b divides a"

For  $a, b$  with  $b \neq 0$ :

$$b \mid a \leftrightarrow \exists q (a = qb)$$

Check Your Understanding. Which of the following are true?

$5 \mid 1$  X

$25 \mid 5$  X

$5 \mid 0$  ✓

$3 \mid 2$  X

$1 \mid 5$  ✓

$5 \mid 25$  ✓  
5 · 5 = 25

$0 \mid 5$  X

$2 \mid 3$  X



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$$5 \mid 1 \text{ iff } 1 = 5k$$

$$25 \mid 5$$

$$25 \mid 5 \text{ iff } 5 = 25k$$

$$5 \mid 0$$

$$5 \mid 0 \text{ iff } 0 = 5k$$

$$3 \mid 2$$

$$3 \mid 2 \text{ iff } 2 = 3k$$

$$1 \mid 5$$

$$1 \mid 5 \text{ iff } 5 = 1k$$

$$5 \mid 25$$

$$5 \mid 25 \text{ iff } 25 = 5k$$

$$0 \mid 5$$

$$0 \mid 5 \text{ iff } 5 = 0k$$

$$2 \mid 3$$

$$2 \mid 3 \text{ iff } 3 = 2k$$

# Recall: Elementary School Division

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For  $a, b$  with  $b > 0$ , we can divide  $b$  into  $a$ .

If  $b \mid a$ , then, by definition, we have  $a = qb$  for some  $q$ .

The number  $q$  is called the *quotient*.

Dividing both sides by  $b$ , we can write this as

$$\frac{a}{b} = q$$

(We want to stick to integers, though, so we'll write  $a = qb$ .)

# Recall: Elementary School Division

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For  $a, b$  with  $b > 0$ , we can divide  $b$  into  $a$ .

If  $b \nmid a$ , then we end up with a *remainder*  $r$  with  $0 < r < b$ .

Now,

instead of  $\frac{a}{b} = q$  we have  $\frac{a}{b} = q + \frac{r}{b}$

Multiplying both sides by  $b$  gives us  
(A bit nicer since it has no fractions.)

$$a = qb + r$$

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If  $b \mid a$ , then we have  $a = qb$  for some  $q$ .

If  $b \nmid a$ , then we have  $a = qb + r$  for some  $q, r$  with  $0 < r < b$ .

In general, we have  $a = qb + r$  for some  $q, r$  with  $0 \leq r < b$ , where  $r = 0$  iff  $b \mid a$ .

# Division Theorem

Domain of Discourse

Integers

## Division Theorem

For  $a, b$  with  $b > 0$

there exist unique integers  $q, r$  with  $0 \leq r < b$   
such that  $a = qb + r$ .

To put it another way, if we divide  $b$  into  $a$ , we get a  
unique quotient  $q = a \text{ div } b$   
and non-negative remainder  $r = a \text{ mod } b$

$a/b$   
 $a \% b$

Note:  $r \geq 0$  even if  $a < 0$ .  
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```
public class Test2 {
    public static void main(String args[]) {
        int a = -5;
        int b = 2;
        System.out.println(a % b);
    }
}
```

$\rightarrow 5/2 = -2$

```
----jGRASP exec: java Test2
-1
----jGRASP: operation complete.
```

Note:  $r \geq 0$  even if  $a < 0$ .  
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# div and mod

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$$x = 7 \cdot (x \text{ div } 7) + (x \text{ mod } 7)$$

