

# Lecture 4 - Discrete Mathematics

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## 1 Quantifiers

**Definition:** Phrases which can be symbolically represented in proofs and those are symbols called quantifiers.

$\exists$  "there exists" ... this is an existential quantifier

$\forall$  "for all" ... this is a universal quantifier

$\exists!$  "there exists a unique"

$\neg$  "not" ... negating quantifier

$:$  "such that"

### 1.1 Proving Existential Statements:

- To prove that  $\exists x \in A$ , assertions about  $x$ .
  - Let  $x$  be *give an explicit example ... here we use a definition of being odd, even, or composite* then show that  $x$  satisfies all assertions.
  - Therefore,  $x$  satisfies the required assertions.

### 1.2 Proving Universal Statements:

- prove  $\forall x \in A$ , assertions about  $x$ 
  - Let  $x$  be any element of  $A$ , show that  $x$  satisfies the assertions using only the fact that  $x \in A$  and no further assumptions.
  - Therefore  $x$  satisfies the required assertions

### 1.3 Negating Quantified Statements:

- $\neg(\forall x \in \mathbb{Z} x \text{ is prime}) \rightarrow$  "Not all integers are prime"
- $\neg(\exists x \in A, \text{ assertions about } x) \rightarrow$  "None of the elements of  $A$  satisfies the assertions about  $x$ ."
- $\neg(\forall x \in A, \text{ assertions about } x) \rightarrow$  "Not all of the elements of  $A$  satisfies the assertions about  $x$ ."

### 1.4 Examples:

(1)  $\exists x \in \mathbb{N} : 2|x$

(2)  $\forall x \in \mathbb{Z} : x$  is a prime number.

(3) (1.1)  $\exists x \in \mathbb{Z} : x$  is even and prime.

- Let  $x = 2$ , which is even and prime  $\square$

(4) (1.2) Let  $A = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : 6|x\}$ . Prove the statement that  $\forall x \in A, x$  is even.

- Let  $x \in A$ . Then  $\exists y \in \mathbb{Z} : x = 6y = (2 \cdot 3)y = 2(3y)$  where  $2|x$ , therefore  $x$  is even  $\square$

(5)  $\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}, \exists y \in \mathbb{Z} : x + y = 0$ . True

**Proof:** Let  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Consider  $y \in \mathbb{Z} : y = -x$ .

- Then  $x + y = x + (-x) = 0 \square$

(6)  $\exists y \in \mathbb{Z} : \forall x \in \mathbb{Z}, x + y = 0$  False.

**Proof:** Let  $y \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Consider  $x_1 \in$

(7)  $\exists! y \in \mathbb{Z} : \forall x \in \mathbb{Z}, x + y = x$ . True.

**Proof:** Lets assume that there are  $y = 0$ .  $y \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $y^* \in \mathbb{Z} : \forall x \in \mathbb{Z}, x + y = x$  and  $x + y^* = x$ .

- Since  $x + y = x + y^*$ ,  $y = y^*$

(8)  $\forall x \in \mathbb{Z} : x$  is odd.

- $\exists x \in \mathbb{Z} : \neg(x \text{ is odd})$

(9)  $\exists x \in \mathbb{Z} : x = x + 1$

- $\forall x \in \mathbb{Z} : x \neq x + 1$

### 1.5 More Examples:

True/False Statements:

(1)  $\forall x, \forall y, x + y = 0$  F

(2)  $\forall x, \exists y, x + y = 0$  T

(3)  $\exists x, \forall y, x + y = 0$  F

(4)  $\exists x, \exists y, x + y = 0$  T

(5)  $\forall x, \forall y, xy = 0$  F

T (6)  $\forall x, \exists y, xy = 0$

T (7)  $\exists x, \forall y, xy = 0$

T (8)  $\exists x, \exists y, xy = 0$ .

True or False?

$$(1) \exists! x \in \mathbb{N} : x^2 = 4 \quad \text{T}$$

$$(2) \exists! x \in \mathbb{Z} : x^2 = 4 \quad \text{F}$$

x can be 2 and x can be  
-2, therefore false

$$(3) \exists! x \in \mathbb{R} : x^2 = 3 \quad \text{F}$$

It is not unique because it can  
be  $x = \pm \sqrt{3}$

$$(4) \exists! x \in \mathbb{Z}, \forall y \in \mathbb{Z} : xy = x \quad \text{T}$$

Negate the following:

$$(3) \exists x \in \mathbb{N} : x > 0$$

- $\forall x \in \mathbb{N}, x \neq 0$

$$(4) \forall x \in \mathbb{N} : x + x = 2x.$$

- $\exists x \in \mathbb{N} : x + x \neq 0$

$$(5) \exists x \in \mathbb{Z}, \forall y \in \mathbb{Z}, x > y$$

- $\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}, \forall y \in \mathbb{Z}, x \not> y$

## 2 Operations

" $\cup$ " The "Union", so  $x \in A \cup B$  can either be in set  $A$  or set  $B$ , and this holds true.

" $\cap$ " The "Intersection", so  $x \in A$  and  $x \in B$ .

"-" **Set Difference:** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be sets. The set difference  $A - B$ , is the set of all elements of  $A$  that are not in  $B$ .

$$- A - B = \{x : x \in A \text{ and } x \notin B\}$$

" $\Delta$ " The "Symmetric difference" of  $A$  and  $B$  is the set of all elements in  $A$ , but not in  $B$ , or vice versa.

**Disjoint:** If their intersection is an empty set, so  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ . If  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_k$  is a collection of  $k$  sets, then these sets are called pairwise disjoint if intersections of any two sets are empty sets.  $A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset, \forall A_i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ , and  $A_j = 1, 2, \dots, k$ .

### 2.1 Examples:

(1) **Base:** Suppose  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  and  $B = \{3, 4, 5, 6\}$ .

(a)  $A \cup B = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

(b)  $A \cap B = \{3, 4\}$

(c)  $A - B = \{1, 2\}$

(d)  $B - A = \{5, 6\}$

(e)  $A \Delta B = \{1, 2, 5, 6\}$

(2) Let  $A, B$ , and  $C$  be sets. Then:

(a)  $A \cup B = B \cup A$  and  $A \cap B = B \cap A$ .

- **Proof:**  $A \cup B \subseteq B \cup A$

- Let  $x \in A \cup B$ . Then  $(x \in A) \vee (x \in B) = (x \in B) \vee (x \in A)$

- Let  $x \in B \cup A$ . Then  $(x \in B) \vee (x \in A) = (x \in A) \vee (x \in B)$

(b)  $(A \cup B) \cup C = A \cup (B \cup C)$  and  $(A \cap B) \cap C = A \cap (B \cap C)$

(3)  $A \cup \emptyset = A$  and  $A \cap \emptyset = \emptyset$

- **Proof:**  $A \cup \emptyset = A$

- Then  $(x \in A) \vee (x \in \emptyset)$ . However,  $x \notin \emptyset$  since by the definition,  $\emptyset$  has no elements in it, so  $x \in A$  only.

- Let  $x \in A$ , so  $(x \in A) \vee (x \in \emptyset)$ , so  $x \in A \cup \emptyset$ . Thus,  $A \subseteq A \cup \emptyset$ , therefore  $A = A \cup \emptyset \square$

(4)  $A \cap (B \cap C) = (A \cap B) \cap C$  and  $A \cap (B \cup C) =$

**REVISIT**  $A \Delta B = (A \cup B) - (A \cap B)$

- **Proof:** Let  $x \in A \Delta B$ .

- Then,  $x \in (A - B) \cup (B - A)$ .

- This means that  $x \in A - B$  or  $x \in B - A$ .

(a) Let  $x \in A - B$ , so  $x \in A$  and  $x \notin B$ . Since  $x \in A$ , we have  $x \in A \cup B$ . Since  $x \notin B$  so  $x \notin A \cap B$ . Therefore,  $x \in (A \cup B) - (A \cap B)$

(a) If  $x \in B - A$ , so  $x \in B$  and  $x \notin A$ . Since  $x \in B$ , we have  $x \in B \cup A$ . Since  $x \notin A$  so  $x \notin B \cap A$ . Therefore,  $x \in (B \cup A) - (B \cap A)$ , and  $A \Delta B \subseteq (A \cup B) - (A \cap B)$

- Let  $x \in (A \cup B) - (A \cap B)$ . Then  $x \in A \cup B$  and  $x \notin A \cap B$ .

Therefore,  $x$  is in  $A$ , or  $x$  is in  $B$ , but not in both. Thus,  $x$  is either in  $B - A$  OR  $x$  is in  $A - B$ , so  $x \in (B - A) \cup (A - B)$

Therefore,  $x \in B \Delta A$ , so  $(A \cup B) - (A \cap B) \subseteq A \Delta B$

**Remark:** De'Morgan's Law:

- Let  $A, B, C$  be sets.

Then  $A - (B \cup C) = (A - B) \cap (A - C)$  and  $A - (B \cap C) = (A - B) \cup (A - C)$

### 3 Cartesian Product:

**Definition:** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be sets. The Cartesian product of  $A$  and  $B$  is the set of ordered pairs  $A \times B = \{(a, b) : a \in A \text{ and } b \in B\}$   $A \times B \neq B \times A$

#### 3.1 Examples:

1. Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$  and  $B = \{3, 4, 5\}$

- $A \times B = \{(1, 3), (1, 4), (1, 5), \dots, (3, 4), (3, 5)\}$
- $B \times A = \{(3, 1), (3, 2), \dots, (5, 2), (5, 3)\}$