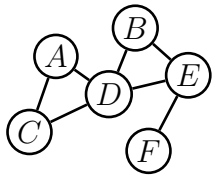
Foundations of Computer Science
Lecture 3

Making Precise Statements

Propositions
Compound Propositions and Truth Tables
Predicates and Quantifiers

Last Time

1. Sets, $\{3, 5, 11\}$
2. Sequences, 100111001
3. Graphs, 

4. Examples of basic proofs.
   - In 4 rounds of group dating, no one meets more than 12 people.
   - x^2 is even "is the same as" x is even.
   - In *any* group of 6 people there is an orgy of 3 mutual friends or a war of 3 mutual enemies.
   - **Axiom:** The Well-Ordering Principle
   - $\sqrt{2}$ is not rational.

Today: Making Precise Statements

1. Making a precise statement: the proposition
2. Complicated precise statements: the compound proposition
   - Truth tables
3. Claims about many things
   - Predicates
   - Quantifiers
   - Proofs with quantifiers

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Propositions are T or F

We use the letters $p, q, r, s, \ldots$ to represent propositions.

p:	Porky the pig can fly.	F
q:	You got an A.	T?
r:	Kilam is an American.	T?
s:	4^2 is even.	T

To get complex statements, combine basic propositions using logical connectors.

Compound Propositions

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So,

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Pop Quiz: "You can have cake" OR "You can have ice-cream." Can you have both?

Truth Tables

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T	

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The truth table defines the "meaning" of these logical connectors.

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What can you conclude? Did it rain last night? Is the grass wet?

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This is a *falsifying scenario*.

IF (it rains) THEN (the grass is wet) ← not T

$p \to q$ is F *only* when p is T and q is F. In all other cases $p \to q$ is T.

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The grass is wet if it rained last night.	q IF p
The grass is wet whenever it rains.	q WHENEVER p

Truth Tables:

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$(p \vee q) \rightarrow r$ where

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3.	F	T	F	
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Claim 2. $\exists (a, b, c) \in \mathbb{N}^3 : a^2 + b^2 = c^2$. ($(a, b, c) \in \mathbb{N}^3$ means triples of natural numbers)

Claim 3. $\neg\exists (a, b, c) \in \mathbb{N}^3 : a^3 + b^3 = c^3$.

Claim 4. $\forall (a, b, c) \in \mathbb{N}^3 : a^3 + b^3 \neq c^3$.

Think about what it would take to prove these claims.