

# 37181 DISCRETE MATHEMATICS

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Lecture 1: propositional logic

# PLAN

- introduction, subject outline
- truth tables
- logical equivalence
- tautology
- logic circuits

# INTRODUCTION

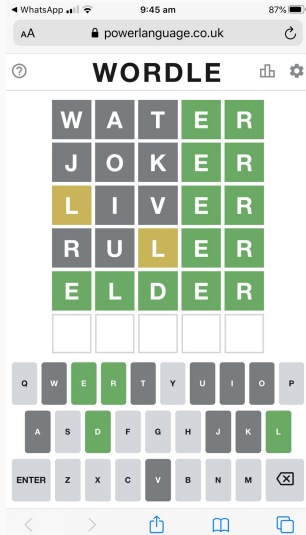
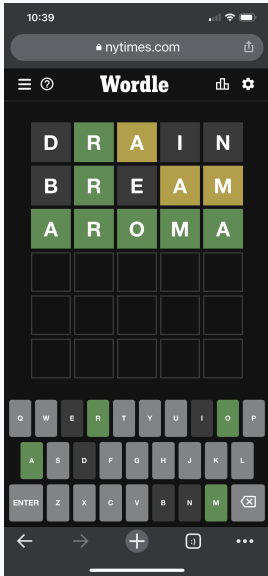
- please read the Subject Outline
- two lectures each week:
  - one live zoom lecture Monday 1pm-2:20pm;
  - second recorded lecture to watch anytime Tuesday.
- tutorial - online for overseas-based students; on-campus for Sydney-based students. Both running as “whiteboard workshops”. Marks for “active participation” each week. Starts **this week**
- Learning Progress Checks (quizzes) (LPCs) online Tuesdays 3pm-8pm starting Week 2. Dates in Subject Outline

# WHITEBOARD WORKSHOPS





# CHEATING



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Eg:

1. Um, like, whatever
2. All positive integers are prime
3. In 2019, all live lectures were recorded at UTS
4. In the year 4000BC, at the location of UTS Building 1, it was raining on the 5th of March at 10am
5. When will this lecture end?



6.

We can build up more complicated statements out of simpler ones using *logical connectives* like *and* and *or*.

Eg:

1. Murray has neat handwriting and Murray has long hair.
2. Murray has neat handwriting or Murray has long hair.
3. Murray does not have neat handwriting and Murray has short hair.

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| $p$ | $q$ | $p \vee q$ |
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Teenager speech is more precise: Eg: “Maths is awesome — NOT”



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Note that this is different to saying  $\neg(p \vee q)$ , since the truth values are not the same

## YOUR TURN

Complete the truth tables for these statements:

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You may think that in English, “*if it is raining then I get wet*” means that the rain *caused* me to get wet. But in mathematics *if-then* has the meaning defined above: if “*I am wet*” is true and “*it is raining*” is false, the implication is still true.

## YOUR TURN

Show that  $p \rightarrow q$  is logically equivalent to  $\neg p \vee q$ .



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Eg:

| $p$ | $q$ | $r$ | $[(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow r)] \rightarrow (p \rightarrow r)$ |
|-----|-----|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
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| 0   | 0   | 1   |                                                                              |
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## YOUR TURN

Decide which of these are tautologies:

1.  $((p \rightarrow q) \wedge \neg q) \rightarrow \neg p$
2.  $((p \rightarrow q) \wedge \neg\neg p) \rightarrow \neg q$

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Ex: show that  $p \leftrightarrow q$  is logically equivalent to  $(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow p)$

## YOUR TURN

Decide which of these are tautologies:

3.  $(p \rightarrow q) \leftrightarrow (q \rightarrow p)$

4.  $(p \rightarrow q) \leftrightarrow (\neg q \rightarrow \neg p)$

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(Modus tollens)

If I am an axe murderer, then I can use an axe.

I cannot use an axe.

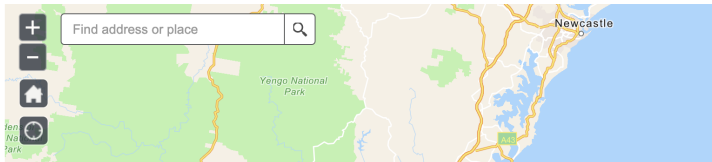
Therefore, I am not an axe murderer.

Which style of argument is this? (Write it in symbols).

## Metropolitan Sydney

If you live or work in the City of Sydney, Waverley, Randwick, Canada Bay, Inner West, Bayside, and Woollahra local government areas, you cannot travel outside metropolitan Sydney.

If you live or work in metropolitan Sydney, other than those local government areas, you may travel anywhere in NSW.



## CONTRADICTION: PREVIEW

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It says, if not  $p$  implies something that is false, then it must be  $p$  (is true). This argument form is known as *proof by contradiction*. We will study this more when we start *proofs*

A *boolean function* is a function from  $\{0, 1\}^n$  to  $\{0, 1\}$ . We will learn more about formal notation for functions in Week 3.

For example, the function  $f$  which sends  $(p, q)$  to  $\neg(p \wedge q)$  is a boolean function.

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Here are three kinds of gates used:

and : 

or: 

not: 

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## EXERCISE

Draw a logic circuit for the boolean function

$$f(p, q) = \neg((p \vee q) \wedge \neg q) \vee \neg p$$

Next lecture (recorded, uploaded to Canvas by Tuesday 9am)

- quantified statements
- negation of quantified statements
- SAT and  $P=?NP$

Please go through Lecture 2 recording with the blank slides, pause and do the problems as you watch.

Make sure you have seen all the content in lectures 1 and 2 before your tutorial class.

Note you are *not* expected to look at the Tutorial worksheet before your class, they are designed for you to work on together on-the-spot with your teammates during the class.

After your tutorial, do the Homework sheet by yourself (or with classmates if you can organise that).