

# First-order Proofs

**Specifications** section, **Logic** topic, **Lecture 4**



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# Integer Logic Syntax

$$p, q ::= \neg p \mid p \wedge q \mid p \vee q \\ \mid x = y \mid x < y$$

**Boolean Expressions**

$$x, y ::= v \mid n \mid -x \mid x + y \mid x \times y$$

**Integer Expressions**

Equality, comparison?



# Quantifier Semantics

$p, q ::= \dots \mid \forall v, p \mid \exists v, p$

For all integers  $v$ ,  $p$  is true

For some integer  $v$ ,  $p$  is true

$\llbracket v \rrbracket_{\Gamma} = \text{value of } v \text{ in } \Gamma$

$\llbracket x + y \rrbracket_{\Gamma} = \text{sum of } \llbracket x \rrbracket_{\Gamma} \text{ and } \llbracket y \rrbracket_{\Gamma}$

$\llbracket \forall v, p \rrbracket_{\Gamma} = \llbracket p \rrbracket_{\Gamma'}$  for all  $\Gamma'$ , where

$\Gamma'[x] = \Gamma[x]$  for all  $x$  except  $v$

Semantics of  $\forall$



# Theory of Arrays

**Theory:** a set of *sorts, constants, functions, and relations*

Theories are **like programs**, the logic **like an OS**

## Sorts

*Int*

*Array*

## Functions

*$-Int : Int$*

*$Int + Int : Int$*

*$Int \times Int : Int$*

*$Array[ Int ] : Int$*

**len**(*Array*) : *Int*

*$Array[ Int := Int ] : Int$*

## Relations

*$Int = Int$*

*$Int < Int$*

*$Int \in Array$*

## Constants

*$n : Int$*

**Separate the logic** from the data and operations

# Class Progress

Logical  
reasoning

Program  
logics

Static  
analysis

First-order Logic

Decision Procedures

Boolean  
logic

Syntax

Proof

Theory

# First-order Proof

What kind of **evidence** supports truth?

Universal elements and witnesses

**Axioms** to internalize semantic facts

Proving an axiom; using an axiom in a proof

Does proof **work**? Completeness and incompleteness

On the gap between map and territory

# The Big Picture

How is logic related to verification?



# Quicksort

Post: sorted(output)

sorted(l) := l[i] ≤ l[i+1]

def **quicksort**(l):

**pivot** = l[len(l)//2]

Spec: left[i] < right[j]

left, right = **partition**(l, pivot)

left2 = **quicksort**(left) ← sorted(left2)

right2 = **quicksort**(right) ← sorted(right2)

**return** left2 + right2

sorted?



# Using Logic

**Know**

**sorted(left2)**

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$\forall i, \forall j, \mathbf{left2}[i] < \mathbf{right2}[j]$

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**Want**

**sorted(left2 + right2)**

# Using Logic

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$$\forall i, \forall j, \mathbf{left2}[i] < \mathbf{right2}[j]$$

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**Want**

$$\forall i, (\mathbf{left2} + \mathbf{right2})[i] < (\mathbf{left2} + \mathbf{right2})[i + 1] *$$

How do we do this?



# Evidence of Truth

Proofs of first-order logic statements

# Logical Evidence

$$\forall x, \exists y, x = y \times y$$

**No** → Consider  $x = 3$

$$\exists x, \forall y, x = y \times y$$

**No** → Consider  $y = x + 1$

$$\forall y, \exists x, x = y \times y$$

**Yes** → Consider  $x = y \times y$

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**No** → Consider  $x = y \times y + 1$



# Logical Evidence

$$\neg \forall x, \exists y, x = y \times y$$

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# Logical Evidence

$$\exists x, \forall y, x \neq y \times y$$

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**Common:** If  $\exists a$  quantifier, value for  $a$

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**Common:**  $a$  depends on  $b$  only if  $\forall b$  outside  $\exists a$



# Logical Evidence

Two notions: **values** and **dependency**

$[v] p$       Prove  $p$  using variable  $v$

$p[v := e]$       Prove  $p$  with  $v$  replaced by  $e$

Formally state **rules of evidence**

$$x \notin \Gamma \frac{[\Gamma, x] p}{[\Gamma] \forall x, p} \qquad e \text{ from } \Gamma \frac{[\Gamma] p[x := e]}{[\Gamma] \exists x, p}$$

# Logical Evidence

$$x \notin \Gamma \frac{[\Gamma, x] p}{[\Gamma] \forall x, p} \qquad [\Gamma] e \frac{[\Gamma] p[x := e]}{[\Gamma] \exists x, p}$$

What about evidence for **other connectives**?

**Statement**  $p$       Convert  $p$  into **prefix form**;  $p'$  has no quantifiers



**Statement**  $Qx_1, \dots, Qx_n, p'$       Convert  $p'$  into **conjunctive form**



**Statement**  $Qx_1, \dots, Qx_n, (a_1 \vee a_2 \vee \dots) \wedge (b_1 \vee \dots) \wedge \dots$

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**Statement**  $Qx_1, \dots, Qx_n, (a_1 \vee a_2 \vee \dots) \wedge (b_1 \vee \dots) \wedge \dots$

$$x_k = e_k$$

**Proof by resolution**

Proof **transforms**  $p$  into  $a'_1 \wedge \neg a'_2 \wedge \dots$

Each  $a'_i = a_i[x_k = e_k]_k$  is a relation **from the domain**

# Example

$$\forall x, (\exists y, x = y \times y \wedge y \neq 0) \rightarrow 0 < x$$

↓ **Definition of ( $\rightarrow$ )**

$$\forall x, \neg(\exists y, x = y \times y \wedge y \neq 0) \vee 0 < x$$

↓ **Prefix form**

$$\forall x, \forall y, \neg(x = y \times y \wedge y \neq 0) \vee 0 < x$$

↓ **Conjunctive form**

$$\forall x, \forall y, x \neq y \times y \vee y = 0 \vee 0 < x$$



# Summary

**Quantifiers**

→ Values for  $\exists x$  values

**Boolean logic**

→ Proof by resolution

**+ Relations**

→ ???

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**Statement**

→ **Evidence**

# Axioms

Making the world legible

# Domain Facts

Talked about **evidence of first-order logic** statements

Reduced to simple problem: **evidence of relations**

$$\forall x, x < 0 \vee x = 0 \vee 0 < x$$

Which terms are true **depends on**  $x$

Asked to prove **a basic fact** about the  $<$  relation

**How many** basic facts are there?

# Domain Facts

Basic facts **imply** other facts!

$$x \times 0 = 0$$

$$x < 0 \vee x = 0 \vee 0 < x$$

$$x < 0 \wedge a < b \rightarrow x \times b < x \times a \quad [a := x, b := 0]$$

$$0 < x \wedge a < b \rightarrow x \times a < x \times b$$

$$a = b \wedge c = d \rightarrow a \times c = b \times d$$

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$$[c := x, d := 0]$$

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# Domain Facts

Basic facts **imply** other facts!     **Abstract block to boolean**

$$x \times 0 = 0$$

$$x = x$$

$$x < 0 \vee x = 0 \vee 0 < x$$

$$x < 0 \wedge x < 0 \rightarrow x \times 0 < x \times x$$

$$[a := x, b := 0]$$

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$$[a := x, b := 0]$$

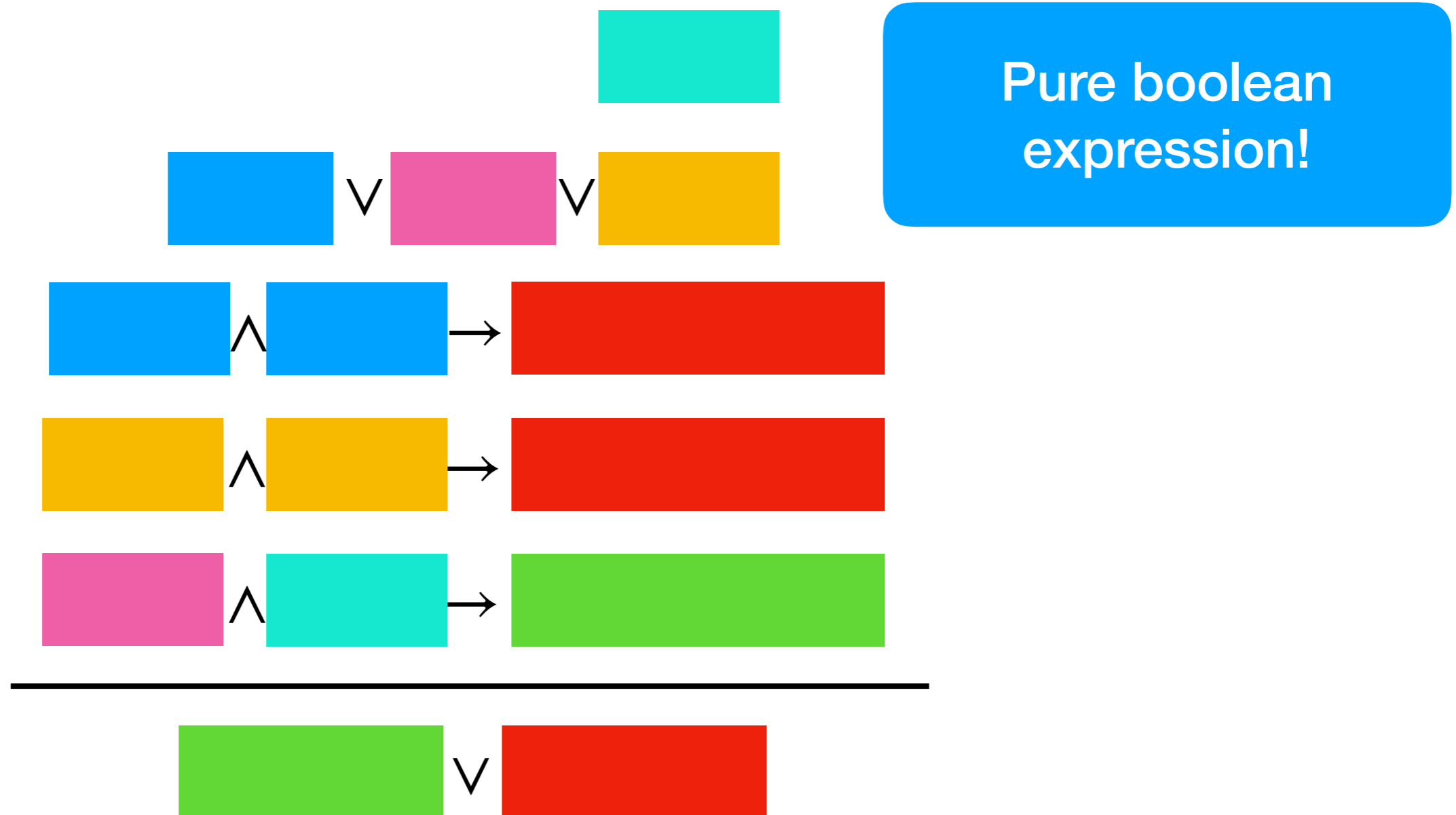
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# Axioms

Set of basic facts you use **to prove other facts**

$$\frac{[\Gamma] a_1, a_2, \dots \vdash p}{\text{Axioms}}$$

Axioms can be **quantified**, with rules:

$$[\Gamma] e \frac{[\Gamma] a[x := e] \vdash p}{[\Gamma] \forall x, a \vdash p} \quad x \notin \Gamma \frac{[\Gamma, x] a \vdash p}{[\Gamma] \exists x, a \vdash p}$$

# Example

$$\frac{}{\neg a \vee a} \quad \text{Resolution}$$

$$\frac{}{[x] \neg P(x) \vee P(x)} \quad \text{Abstract out } P(x)$$

$$\frac{}{[x] P(x) \rightarrow P(x)} \quad \text{Definition of } \rightarrow$$

$$\frac{}{[x] P(x) \vdash P(x)} \quad \text{Definition of } \vdash$$

$$\frac{}{[x] \forall y, P(y) \vdash P(x)} \quad y := x$$

$$\frac{}{[] \forall y, P(y) \vdash \forall x, P(x)} \quad x \notin []$$



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**Axioms**

→ ???

**+ Relations**

→ Implied by axioms

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**Statement**

→ **Evidence**

# Course Updates

Details on Assignment 1

# Survey Comments

I am a little lost about the connection between lecture and software verification.

Pace was a little slow.

It's a little difficult to keep up.

The examples were helpful.

Great if there could be some short exercises.

Would be helpful to have a few practice problems.

# Exercises

Experiment with **exercises** for some lectures

<http://logitext.mit.edu>

Introduces **sequent calculus** for first-order logic

Similar to what was introduced in class

**Interactive proof tool** right in the browser

Textbook, exercises don't **exactly** match lecture

Such variations **improve learning** (make you think)

# Choosing Axioms

Completeness, incompleteness, and the possible

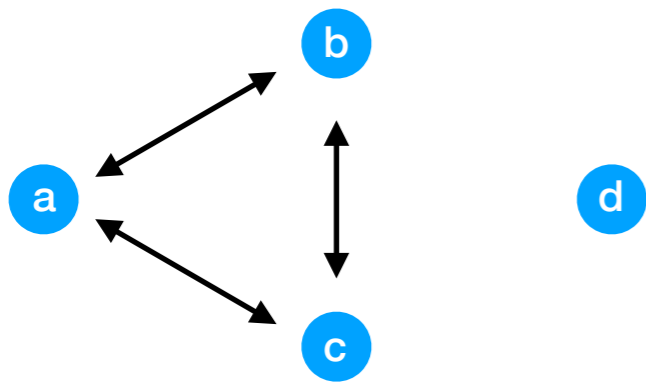


# Example

Reasoning about **nodes** of **this graph**

**Constants:**  $a, b, c, d$

**Relations:**  $\text{edge}(x, y)$



$\text{edge}(a, b)$        $\text{edge}(b, c)$

$\text{edge}(a, c)$        $\neg \text{edge}(b, d)$

$\neg \text{edge}(a, d)$        $\neg \text{edge}(c, d)$

$\forall x, \neg \text{edge}(x, x)$        $\forall x, \forall y, \text{edge}(x, y) \rightarrow \text{edge}(y, x)$

Are they correct?

Are they useful?

# Whose Axioms?

Axioms come with the **theory**, not the problem

Responsibility of **logic designer**, not the prover

## Prover questions

**What're** the axioms?

**Which** to use?

## Logician questions

**Are** they correct?

**Are** they useful?

**No easy answers!**

# Wrong Axioms

What happens if you have a **false axiom**?

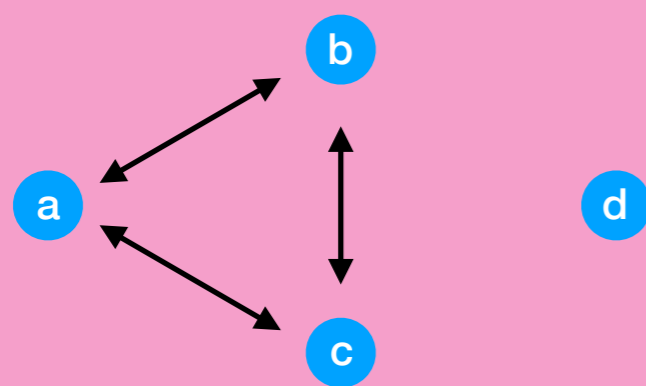
$$\exists x, x \neq x \qquad \forall y, y = y$$

Now you can **prove false things!**

$\frac{}{a \wedge \neg a \rightarrow \perp}$	<b>Resolution</b>
$\frac{}{[x] x \neq x, x = x \vdash \perp}$	<b>Abstract</b> $x = x$
$\frac{}{[x] x \neq x, (\forall y, y = y) \vdash \perp}$	$y := x$
$\frac{}{[] (\exists x, x \neq x), (\forall y, y = y) \vdash \perp}$	$x \notin []$

# Missing Axioms

What happens if you have a **missing axiom**?



**edge**( $a, b$ )      **edge**( $b, c$ )

**edge**( $a, c$ )       $\neg$ **edge**( $b, d$ )

$\neg$ **edge**( $a, d$ )       $\neg$ **edge**( $c, d$ )

$\forall x, \neg$ **edge**( $x, x$ )       $\forall x, \forall y, \mathbf{edge}(x, y) \rightarrow \mathbf{edge}(y, x)$

Now you **can't prove**  $\exists x, \exists y, \neg \mathbf{edge}(x, y)$

# Impossibility

Some things **cannot** be axiomatized well

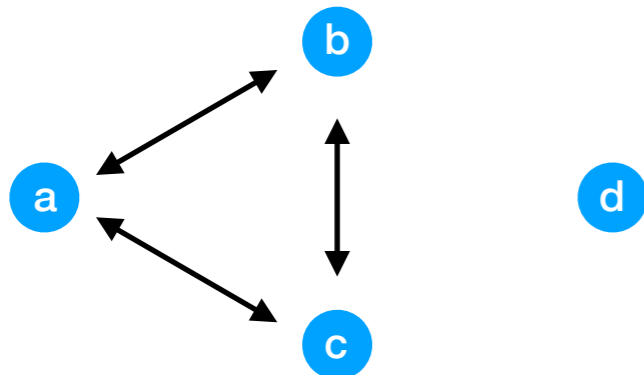
Could you axiomatize **reachability** from graphs?

**Relation:**  $\text{path}(x, y)$

path defined via path

**Axiom:**  $\forall x, \forall y, \text{path}(x, y) \leftrightarrow$

$x = y \vee \exists z, \text{edge}(x, z) \wedge \text{path}(z, y)$



“infinite path” from  $a$  to  $d$

**Prove:**  $\neg \text{path}(a, d)$

# Whence Axioms

Axiomatizing things seems **hard** and **risky**

Hence, **standard theories** known to work well

**Equality**

**Strings**

**Reals**

**Integers**

**Arrays**

**Sets**

**RegEx**

Next time: describe theories & **what can be proven**



Next class:

# First-order Theories

## **To do:**

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IDENTITY

FUNCTION



INTEGERS

INFINITE AXIOMS



ARRAYS

MIXED THEORIES



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