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ABSTRACT

Mathematical logic forms a foundational pillar of computer science, providing a rigorous framework for understanding computation, reasoning, and formal systems. It encompasses a range of logical systems and techniques, including propositional logic, predicate logic, modal logic and temporal logic, which are vital for specifying, analyzing, and verifying the behavior of computational systems. The application of mathematical logic is evident in areas such as algorithms, programming languages, artificial intelligence, formal verification, database theory, and automated reasoning.

One of the primary contributions of mathematical logic to computer science is the development of formal languages and grammars that are used to define the syntax and semantics of programming languages. Logical formalisms help ensure that programming constructs behave as intended, enabling compilers and interpreters to correctly translate high- level instructions into machine-executable code. Additionally, logic-based methods are used in software and hardware verification to prove the correctness of systems, reducing the risk of critical error in safety-sensitive applications.

Automated reasoning, a branch of artificial intelligence, heavily relies on logical inference mechanisms. Techniques such as resolution, model checking, and satisfiability solving (SAT) allow computers to derive conclusions from a set of premises automatically. These are used in theorem proves, decision procedures, and intelligent systems to perform logical deductions efficiently. In AI, logic also supports knowledge representation, enabling machines to represent facts, rules and relationship in a structured manner and reason about them.

In database systems, first-order logic underpins query languages like SQL, providing a formal basis for retrieving and manipulating data. Logic-based query processing ensure data consistency, integrity, and optimization. Furthermore, temporal and model logics play a significant role in describing systems that evolve over time or involve uncertainty, such as concurrent or distributed systems.

Formal methods, which are grounded in mathematical logic, have become essential in the specification and verification of complex systems. They allow for the precise modeling of system behavior and provide tools for proving properties such as safety, liveness, and termination.

In summary, mathematical logic is not only a theoretical discipline but also a practical tool that enables the precise design, analysis, and implementation of computational systems. Its integration into computer science continues to advance the field by ensuring correctness, reliability, and efficiency in an increasingly complex technological landscape. As computational systems grow more intricate, the role of mathematical logic in ensuring their robustness and trustworthiness remains indispensable.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Mathematical logic as defined by A. G Hamilton is the study of logical systems and their semantics, including non-classical logics and algebraic logic, with a focus on formalizing and manipulating logical statements using symbols and rules.

Mathematical logic has its origin from the period of Aristotle who is considered to be the God father of mathematical logic. His way of structured reasoning has greatly influenced the area of Mathematical logic that is studied today.

George Boole (father of mathematical logic) was a 19th century British mathematician and philosopher who is considered one of the founders of computer science. His work on symbolic logic, particularly Boolean algebra, laid the foundations for modern digital computers. Boole's 'Laws of Thought' introduced the concept of representing logical statements as algebraic expressions, where variables could be either true or false.

Mathematical logic is a crucial foundation for computer science, providing the tool to formally represent and reason about computation. It

allows us to analyze and verify algorithms, design programming languages, and develop artificial intelligence systems.

Mathematical logic provides a rigorous framework for reasoning and formalizing knowledge and its application extend to various areas of computer science. The study of mathematical logic, with its use of symbolic representations and logic rules, is essential for understanding the foundations of computation and designing reliable software system.

The types of reasoning important in Computer Science are not always the same as those typically seen in Mathematics. This allows us to explore the subject in two ways. We can examine various methods for implementing one specific type of reasoning. We can also look at different ways to formalize the reasoning process itself.

There are many reasons why a computer scientist should study mathematical logic. Historically, it has laid the foundation of computer science. Both Church's and Turing's work was driven by the decision problem for first-order logic. Today, we see that computer science is generating significant interest in logic. There is a growing desire to automate reasoning and a need to prove programs correct. Logic focuses on structuring language and reasoning, while computer science tackles

similar issues. However, computer science adds the challenge of expressing these formalizations. This involves creating mechanisms that adhere to the established rules. This relationship has led to the recent exploration of logic through computer science, allowing for more in-depth investigation than when evaluating logic relied solely on human reasoning. What we aim to demonstrate is that computer science has evolved from logic. It inspires new ideas for logical analysis, and these logical concepts help computer science advance. Each field has contributed to the other's growth, and together they form an exciting and rapidly expanding area of study.

This synopsis will explore the fundamental concepts of propositional and predicate logic, highlighting their relevance to algorithm design, programming language semantics, and database theory. We will examine how truth tables and proof systems are used in logical reasoning, and discuss the importance of model checking and automated reasoning techniques in software verification. The focus will be on practical applications and the role of logic in computer science, providing a solid foundation for further study in this important interdisciplinary field.

This dissertation explores the crucial role of mathematical logic in

computer science, focusing on its theoretical foundations and practical applications. It examines how logic serves as a foundation for reasoning, programming, and the development of automated reasoning systems. The synopsis will delve into the relationship between logic and various areas of computer science, including AI, software engineering, and database theory, and explore the use of logical tools in formal verification and program analysis.

2. BACKGROUND HISTORY AND BACKGROUND TERMINOLOGY

In the middle of the last century, Boole established the mathematical foundation for computer hardware and propositional logic. However, the logics we will explore really began towards the end of the century with Gottlob Frege's work. Frege was a German mathematician who worked mostly in obscurity. He aimed to derive all of mathematics from logical principles, using pure reason along with some self-evident truths about sets, such as "sets are identical if they have the same members" and "every property determines a set." In doing this, he introduced new notation and language that forms the basis of our study. Before Boole and Frege, logic had remained unchanged since Aristotle. Frege's significant work faced sharp criticism from Bertrand Russell, who found a fundamental flaw in it tied to one of the so-called self-evident truths that the whole project relied on. Nonetheless, Russell expanded on the work by suggesting ways to fix the errors. He also introduced Frege's ideas to English-speaking mathematicians, many of whom did not read German at the time. Russell, who could read German, recognized the work's importance and promoted it. We will explore what is commonly called Mathematical Logic, symbolic Logic, or formal Logic. Essentially, we will use ordinary but careful mathematical methods to study a branch of mathematics known as Logic. Before we delve into what Logic is, let's clarify the context of our study. To make the discussion concrete, we can think about a typical

introductory programming course. Such a course teaches you how to use the language's constructs to achieve your desired outcomes when the program runs. It also distinguishes between the programming language and the meaning of its statements in terms of their effects when executed by a computer. A good course will also teach you how to reason about programs, such as demonstrating that two seemingly different programs are equivalent. Logic is the study of formal (i.e., symbolic) systems of reasoning and how to assign meaning to them. Thus, there are strong parallels between formal computer science and Logic. Both fields involve studying formal systems and ways to impart meaning (semantics) to them. However, Logic encompasses a broader range of formal systems than Computer Science. This breadth is so fundamental that Logic serves not only as a mathematical tool for studying programming but also as a groundwork for mathematics itself. This should raise some concerns since we plan to use mathematics to study Logic, leading to potential circularity. Circular or "self-referential" discussions can be tricky, but self-reference is a key concept in Computer Science and is often embraced rather than avoided. In Logic, we address this issue by separating the logic we study from the logic we use for our study. We achieve this separation through different languages. The logic that is our focus will be expressed in a specific language called the object language. Our analysis of this logic and language will occur in another language known as the observer's language, which can also be referred to as the meta-language. This concept may already be familiar if you have studied foreign or ancient languages. For instance, Latin might serve as the object language while your native

language, used to discuss Latin syntax or meanings, acts as the observer's language. In mathematics, the symbolism of calculus, set theory, and graph theory represents the object language. Your native language, possibly supplemented with specialized mathematical terms, serves as the observer's language. In programming, the object language consists of a programming language like Pascal, Lisp, or Miranda, while the observer's language again includes your native language, along with relevant mathematical and operational concepts.

3. Literature Review

Hashim Habiballa in his work “Mathematical logic and deduction in computer science education” has presented a diverse study of both theoretical and empirical characteristics that includes key role of logic in computer science. The author observes that there is a difference in the way in which a mathematician and computer scientist uses logic. For a mathematician it is used as a means for expressing and proving various theorems of mathematics whereas for a computer scientist mathematical logic acts as a full member of theoretical computer science. The main aim of mathematical logic is to provide formal framework for knowledge representation and deduction.

Roland Wagner Dobler in his work “Science technology coupling: The case of mathematical logic and computer science” focuses on the connection between pure and applied science. Mathematical logic that is considered as one of the most abstract areas of modern mathematics is also one of the most extensive today. The author after rigorous survey that holds connection of mathematical logic in computer science has deduced

that the connection of logic is by far the most engaged in computer science. One of the classic examples to showcase this connection would be the path breaking “Turing Machine” that was Turing’s answer to some important questions that includes the concept of decidability and independence of predicate logic.

Liu, Woodcock and Bowen give a survey on the journey of mathematical logic and computation of human civilization. The work is an extensive one that has different sections comprising of the origin and formalization of logic, the birth of modern computational models, the rise of digital computers and the theory of programming languages etc. Each section focuses on the use of logical based natural languages. It leads to an introduction of Aristotle’s formal logic, including syllogisms. Further, the use of Hilbert’s program and Godel’s incompleteness theorem plays a very significant role in the use of different algorithmic applications. To be specific the introduction to recursive functions highlights Godel’s definition as the “turning point” between logic and computations.

Such type of articles that includes the use of Mathematical logic in Computer science has given us the motivation to understand more on this connection. For our work we have considered the book “Mathematical Logic for computer science” by “Mordechai Ben-Ari” from where we try

to deepen our understanding regarding this connection that includes mathematical logic with computer science. For this we first understand some of the standard terminologies that are more or less used in the field of mathematical logic as well as computer science.

4. Preliminaries

Definition 4.1: (Proposition) A proposition is a declarative statement that is either true or false. In Computer science, these might represent conditions, input/output relationships, or the states of a system.

Definition 4.2(Logical Connectives)

4.2.1. Conjunction (AND): Returns true if and only if both propositions are true.

A	B	A ∧ B
T	T	T
F	T	F
T	F	F
F	F	F

4.2.2. Disjunction (OR): Returns true if at least one of the propositions is true.

A	B	A ∨ B
T	T	T
F	T	T
T	F	T
F	F	F

4.2.3. Negation (NOT): Returns the opposite truth value of a proposition.

A	~A
T	F
F	T

4.2.4. Implication (IF...THEN): Returns false only when the first proposition is true and second is false.

A	B	A→B
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	T
F	F	T

4.2.5. (Double Implication (IF AND ONLY IF)): Returns true when the truth value of both propositions are true.

A	B	A↔B
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	F
F	F	T

Definition 4.3(Proofs): A proof is a logical argument that establishes the truth of a proposition. Computer science uses proofs to demonstrate the correctness of algorithms, programs, or systems.

Definition4.4 (Sets): A set is a well-defined collection of distinct objects. Sets are fundamental in computer science for data structures, representing relations, and reasoning about computations.

Definition4.5 (Propositional Logic): A system for reasoning about propositions and their truth values using logical connectives.

Definition4.6 (First-Order Logic): An extension of propositional logic that allows for quantification over objects and relations.

Definition4.7 (Model Theory): Studies the relationship between formal languages and the structures they describe.

Definition4.8 (Proof Theory):Deals with the formal representation and manipulation of proofs.

Definition4.9 (Set Theory): Provides a foundation for many areas of mathematics and computer science, including data structures and algorithms.

Definition4.10 (Boolean Algebra):A mathematical system that deals with binary values (true/false or 0/1) and is used extensively in Computer science.

Definition4.11 (Computability Theory): Studies what problems can be solve by algorithms.

Definition 4.12(Consistency): If it is impossible to prove both a formula and its negation then a logical system is consistent.

Definition 4.13(Independence): If no axioms can be proved from the other then the axioms of a logical system are independent.

Definition 4.14(Soundness): All theorems that can be proved in the logical system are true.

Definition 4.15(Completeness): All true statements can be proved in the logical system.

Definition 4.16(Truth Tables): [1] A truth table is a handy way to show the meaning of a formula. It displays the truth value for every possible interpretation of that formula.

Definition 4.17(Modal and Temporal Logics): [1] A statement need not be absolutely true or false. The statement 'it is raining' is sometimes true and sometimes false. In case of Modal logic the statements are such that there is a need for finer distinctions in the truth values of the statements than just 'true' or 'false'.

In case of temporal logic, 'necessarily' is interpreted as always and 'possibly' is interpreted as eventually.

Definition 4.18(Program verification): [1] One of the main uses of logic in computer science is program verification. Software now manages our most important systems in transportation, medicine, communication, and finance. It's hard to imagine an area where we are not reliant on the proper functioning of a computerized system.

Definition 4.19(Syntax): [1] The syntax defines what strings of symbols constitute legal formulas.

Definition 4.20(Semantics):[1] The semantics defines what legal formulas mean.

Definition 4.21: [1] A formula in propositional logic is a tree defined recursively:

- A formula is a leaf marked by an atomic proposition.
- A formula is a node marked by ¬ that has one child, which is also a formula.
- A formula is a node labeled by one of the binary operators. It has two children, and both of these are formulas.

Definition 4.22: [1] Let $A \in \mathscr{F}$.

- A is satisfiable if $v_{\mathscr{I}}(A) = T$ for some interpretation $\mathscr{I}$. A satisfying interpretation is a model for A.

- A is valid, shown as |= A, if $v_{\mathcal{I}}$(A) = T for all interpretations $\mathcal{I}$. A valid propositional formula is also known as a Tautology.
- A is unsatisfiable if it is not satisfiable. In other words, $v_{\mathcal{I}}$(A) = F for all interpretations $\mathcal{I}$.
- A is falsifiable, written as ⊭A, if it is not valid. This means that $v_{\mathcal{I}}$(A) = F for some interpretation v.

5. Analysis of connection between mathematical logic and computer science

<u>Remark</u>: In this section analytical explanation on the connection between the necessity of Mathematical Logic in Computer science is based mainly from the book "Mathematical Logic for Computer Science" by the author "Mordechai Ben-Ari".

The author very lucidly starts with definitions of propositional logic, the meaning of terms, Boolean operators, truth table, negation, proofs, model theory, proof theory etc. It is undeniably inferred that how there is a sync between the use of both these areas, there seems to be a beautiful use of Mathematical logic in the deduction of many of the proofs of computer science. The study of this dissertation brings forth some of the proofs and the definitions used therein to mainly help focus the necessary uses of Mathematical Logic that the author has very beautifully concise in his book. The first two chapters of the book are looked into.

5.1. Propositional Formulas:[1]

In computer science, an expression represents the calculation of a value from other values. For example, 2 * 9 + 5. In propositional logic, we use the term formula instead. The formal definition will be based on trees, as our main proof method, called structural induction, is easy to follow when applied to trees.

5.1.1. Formulas as Tree:[1]

The symbols used to make formulas in propositional logic are:

- An unbounded set of symbols P called atomic propositions. Atoms are represented by lowercase letters from the set {p, q, r,…}, possibly with subscripts.
- Boolean operators: Their names and the symbols used to denote them are:

Negation ¬

Disjunction ∨

Conjunction ∧

Implication →

Equivalence ↔

Exclusive or ⊕

Nor↓

Nand ↑

The negation operator is a unary operator that uses one operand. The other operators are binary operators that use two operands.

5.1.2. Formulas as Strings:[1]

The string associated with a formula is obtained by an `inorder traversal` of the tree.

Algorithm 5.1(Represent a formula by a string) [1]

Input:A formula A of propositional logic.

Output:A string representation of A

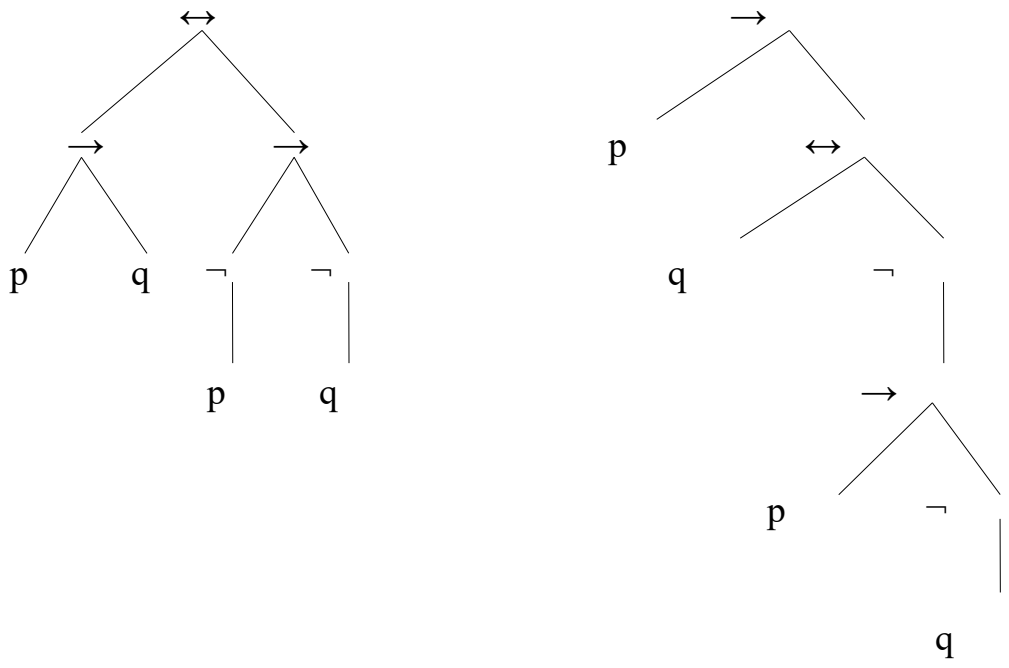


Fig 5.1: Two formula

Call the recursive procedure `Inorder(A)`:

```
Inorder(F)
    if F is a leaf
        write its label
        return
 let F1 and F2 be the left and right subtrees of F
inorder(F1)
    write the label of the root of F
Inorder(F2)
```

If the root of F is labeled by negation, the left sub-tree is seen as empty. Therefore, the step `Inorder(F1)` is skipped.

5.2 Resolving Ambiguity in the string Representation

5.2.1 Parentheses:

The easiest way to avoid confusion is to use parentheses. This helps keep the tree's structure when you build the string.

Algorithm 5.2 (Represent a formula by a string with) [1]

Input: A formula A of propositional logic.

Output: A string representation of A.

Call the recursive procedure `Inorder(A)`:

```
Inorder(F)
       if F is a leaf
          write its label
          return
 let F1 and F2 be the left and right subtrees of F
       write a left parenthesis '('
Inorder(F1)
  write the label of the root of F
Inorder(F2)
       write a right parenthesis ')'
```

If the root of F is labeled by negation, the left sub-tree is considered to be empty and the step `Inorder(F1)` is skipped.

The two formulas in Fig 5.1 are now associated with two different strings and there is no ambiguity:

$$((p \to q) \leftrightarrow ((\neg q \to (\neg p))))$$

$$(p \to (q \leftrightarrow (\neg(p \to (\neg q)))))$$

The issue with parentheses is that they make formulas long-winded and difficult to read and write.

5.2.2 Polish Notation:

There will be no ambiguity if the string representing a formula is created by a `Preorder traversal` of the tree:

Algorithm 5.3 (Represent a formula by a string in Polish notation) [1]

Input: A formula A of propositional logic.

Output:A string representation of A.

Call the recursive procedure `Preorder(A)` **:**

```
 Preorder(F)
   write the label of the root of F
   if F is a leaf
        return
llet F1 and F2 be the left and right subtrees of F
   preorder(F1)
preorder(F2)
```

If the root of F is labeled by negation, the left subtree is treated as empty, and the step `Preorder(F1)` is skipped.

The string associated with two formulas in fig.5.1 are

$$\leftrightarrow(\rightarrow pq)\rightarrow(\neg p\neg q),$$

$$(\rightarrow p\leftrightarrow q\left(\neg(\rightarrow(p\neg q))\right))$$

And there is no longer any ambiguity.

5.3. Structural Induction:

Given an arithmetic expression like a * b + b * c, it is clear that the expression has two terms added together. Each term has two factors that are multiplied. Similarly, any propositional formula can be classified by its top-level operator.

Theorem 5.3.1 (Structural induction)[1]To demonstrate that a property is true for all formulas A $\in F$:

1. Prove that the property holds all atoms p.
2. Assume that the property is true for the formula A. Now prove that the property is also true for ¬A.
3. Assume that the property holds for formulas A_1 and A_2 and prove that the property holds for A_1 or A_2, for each of the binary operators.

Proof: Let A be any formula and assume that (1), (2), and (3) have been proven for a certain property. We will demonstrate that the property is true for A by using numerical induction on 'n', which represents the height of the tree for A. When n = 0, the tree is a leaf and A is an atom p; thus, the property holds according to (1). Now, let n > 0. The sub-tree of A has a height of 'n-1', so by numerical induction, the property is true for these

formulas. The main operator of A is either negation or one of the binary operators, so according to (2) or (3), the property holds for A [2].

5.4 Notation:

Unfortunately, books on Mathematical logic use different symbols for the Boolean operators. Additionally, operators appear in programming languages with symbols that differ from those commonly found in math textbooks. The following table lists some of these alternate symbols:

Operator	Alternates	Java language
¬	~	!
∧	&	&,&,&
∨		|,|,|
→	⊃ ,⇒	
↔	≡ ,⟺	
⊕	≡/	^
↑	|	

5.5 A Formal Grammar for Formulas:

This assumes were familiar with formal grammars. Instead of defining formulas as trees, we can define them as strings produced by a context-free formal grammar.

The productions of the grammar are:

$$Fml ::= p, \text{ for any } p \in P$$

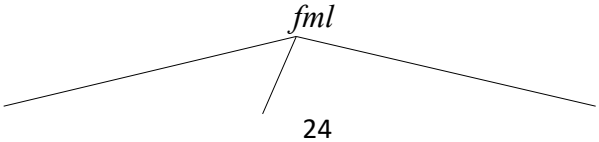
$$Fml ::= \neg Fml$$

$$Fml ::= Fml\ op\ Fml$$

$$op ::= \vee \mid \wedge \mid \rightarrow \mid \leftrightarrow \mid \oplus \mid \uparrow \mid \downarrow$$

A formula is a word that comes from the non-terminal. The group of all formulas that can be derived from the grammar is called F [1].

Example 5.5.1:We now try to observe the derivation of the formula $p \rightarrow q \leftrightarrow \neg p \rightarrow \neg q$ in propositional logic where the tree represents its derivation is shown in Fig.5.2.



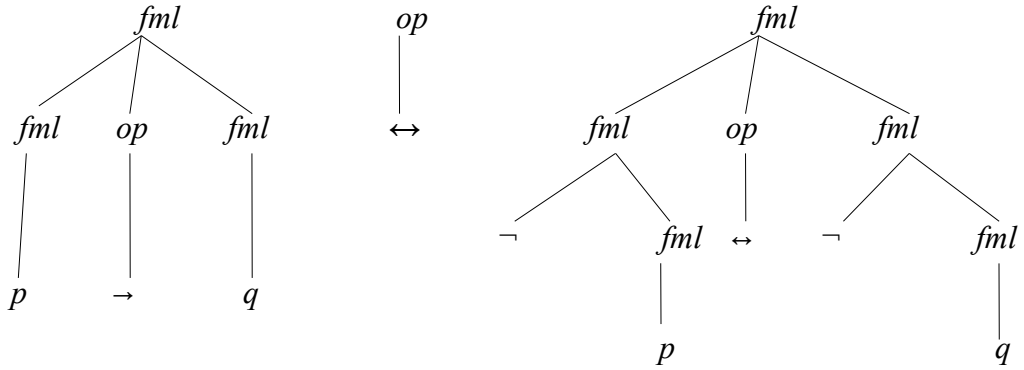


Fig. 5.2 Derivation tree for p → q ↔ ¬p → ¬q

1. *Fml*

2. *Fml op Fml*

3. *Fml* ↔*Fml*

4. *Fml op Fml* ↔*Fml*

5. *Fml* →*Fml* ↔*Fml*

6. *p* → *Fml* ↔ *Fml*

7. *p* → *q* ↔ *Fml*

8. *p* → *q* ↔ *Fml op Fml*

9. *p* → *q* ↔ *Fml* → *Fml*

10. *p* → *q* ↔ ¬*Fml* → *Fml*

11. *p* → *q* ↔ ¬*p* → *Fml*

12. $p \rightarrow q \leftrightarrow \neg p \rightarrow \neg Fml$

13. $p \rightarrow q \leftrightarrow \neg p \rightarrow \neg q$.

5.6 Truth Tables

A truth table is a useful way to show what a formula means. It lists the truth value for each possible interpretation of the formula.

Example 5.6.1: The following is the truth table for the formula p → q:

p	Q	p → q
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	T
F	F	T

Example 5.6.2: Again, we observe the following truth table for the formula (p → q) ↔ (¬q → ¬p):

p	q	p → q	¬p	¬q	¬q → ¬p	(p → q) ↔ (¬q → ¬p)
T	T	T	F	F	T	T
T	F	F	F	T	F	T
F	T	T	T	F	T	T
F	F	T	T	T	T	T

Thus, we see that, (p → q) ↔ (¬q → ¬p) is a Tautology [5].

5.7 Inclusive or vs. Exclusive or [1]

Disjunction $\vee$ is inclusive or. It varies from $\oplus$, which is exclusive or. Consider the compound statement:

At six o'clock 'I will go to the park' or 'I will go to the movies'.

The intended meaning is 'park' plus 'movies'. I can't be in both places at the same time. This is different from the disjunctive operator or, which is true when either or both statements are true: Do you want 'popcorn' or 'candy'? This can be shown as 'popcorn' or 'candy' since it's possible to want both. For or, it only takes one statement being true for the compound statement to be true. Therefore, the following unusual statement is true.

The truth of the first statement alone is enough to make the compound statement true.

'Earth is farther from the sun than Venus' $\vee$ '1 + 1 = 3'.

The difference between $\vee$ and $\oplus$ is seen when both sub-formulas are true:

'Earth is farther from the sun than Venus' $\vee$ '1 + 1 = 2'.

'Earth is farther from the sun than Venus' $\oplus$ '1 + 1 = 2'.

The first statement is true but the second is false [1].

5.8 Inclusive or vs. Exclusive or in Programming Languages [1]

Whenever *or* is used in the context of any programming languages, the meaning is usually inclusive or:

```
if (index < min || index > max) /* There is an error */
```

The truth of one of the two sub-expressions makes the following statements execute. The operator || is not truly a Boolean operator because it uses short-circuit evaluation. If the first sub-expression is true, the second sub-expression does not get evaluated. Its truth values cannot change the decision to execute the following statements. There is an operator | that performs true Boolean evaluation; it is usually used when the operands are bit vectors:

```
mask1 = 0xA0;
mask2 = 0x0A;
mask = mask1 | mask2;
```

Exclusive or, or ^, is used for encoding and decoding in case of error correction and cryptography. The reason for this is that when it is used twice, the original value can be recovered.

Suppose we encode a bit of data with a secret key:

```
codedMessage = data ^ key;
```

The recipient of the message can decode it by computing:

```
clearMessage = codedMessage ^ key;
```

as shown by the following computation:

```
clearMessage == codedMessage ^ key
             == (data ^ key) ^ key
             == data ^ (key ^ key)
             == data ^ false
             == data.
```

5.9 Logically Equivalent formulas:

5.9.1 Absorption of Constants [1]

The presence of a constant in a formula can simplify the formula so that the binary operator is unnecessary. It can even turn a formula into a constant whose truth value does not rely on the non-constant sub-formula.

$P \vee true \equiv true$ $\quad$ $P \wedge true \equiv P$

$P \vee false \equiv P$ $\quad$ $P \wedge false \equiv false$

$P \rightarrow true \equiv true$ $\quad$ $true \rightarrow P \equiv P$

$P \rightarrow false \equiv \neg P$ $\quad$ $false \rightarrow P \equiv true$

$P \leftrightarrow true \equiv P$ $\quad$ $P \oplus true \equiv \neg P$

$P \leftrightarrow false \equiv \neg P$ $\quad$ $P \oplus false \equiv P$

5.9.2 Identical Operands[1]

Whenever both operands of an operator are identical or one of them is the negation of the other then collapsing can happen.

$$P \equiv \neg\neg P \qquad P \equiv P \wedge P$$

$$P \equiv P \vee P \qquad P \vee \neg P \equiv true$$

$$P \wedge \neg P \equiv false \qquad P \rightarrow P \equiv true$$

$$P \leftrightarrow P \equiv true \qquad P \oplus P \equiv false$$

$$\neg P \equiv P \uparrow P \qquad \neg P \equiv P \downarrow P$$

5.9.3 Commutativity, Associativity and Distributivity[1]

Except in the case of implication, it is seen that the binary Boolean operators are commutative.

$$P \vee Q \equiv Q \vee P \qquad P \wedge Q \equiv Q \wedge P$$

$$P \leftrightarrow Q \equiv Q \leftrightarrow P \qquad P \oplus Q \equiv Q \oplus P$$

$$P \uparrow Q \equiv Q \uparrow P \qquad P \downarrow Q \equiv Q \downarrow P$$

There will be a reverse in the direction of an implication when negations are added.

$$P \rightarrow Q \equiv \neg Q \rightarrow \neg P$$

We see that, $\neg Q \rightarrow \neg P$is contrapositive of $P \rightarrow Q$.

Also, it is observed that disjunction, conjunction, equivalence and non-equivalence are associative.

$$P \vee (Q \vee R) \equiv (P \vee Q) \vee R \qquad P \wedge (Q \wedge R) \equiv (P \wedge Q) \wedge R$$

$$P \leftrightarrow (Q \leftrightarrow R) \equiv (P \leftrightarrow Q) \leftrightarrow R \qquad P \oplus (Q \oplus R) \equiv (P \oplus Q) \oplus R$$

On the other hand, implication, nor and nand are not associative.

Also, disjunction and conjunction distribute over each other.

$$P \vee (Q \wedge R) \equiv (P \vee Q) \wedge (P \vee R)$$

$$P \wedge (Q \vee R) \equiv (P \wedge Q) \vee (P \wedge R).$$

5.10. Sets of Boolean Operators:[1]

The author observes that from our earliest days in school, we have learnt the four basic operators in arithmetic: addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. Later on we were introduced with operators like modulo and absolute value. But it is also clear that multiplication and division are defined using addition and subtraction and in this sense it is theoretically redundant.

5.10.1 Unary and Binary Boolean Operators [1]

Since T and F are the only two truth values in case of Boolean operators so the number of possible n-place operators is 2^{2^n},the reason for this being that for each of the n arguments we can choose either of the two truth values T and F and for the remaining each of these 2^n n-tuples of arguments we can

again choose the value of the operator to be either T or F. We will restrict ourselves to one-place and two-place operators.

The following table shows the $2^{2^1} = 4$ possible one-place operators (fig 5.3), where the first column gives the value of the operand x and the other columns give the value of the nth operator $o_n(x)$:

X	o_1	o_2	o_3	o_4
T	T	T	F	F
F	T	F	T	F

Fig. 5.3 One-place Boolean Operators

x_1	x_2	o_1	o_2	o_3	o_4	o_5	o_6	o_7	o_8
T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
T	F	T	T	T	T	F	F	F	F
F	T	T	T	F	F	T	T	F	F
F	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F

x_1	x_2	o_9	o_{10}	o_{11}	o_{12}	o_{13}	o_{14}	o_{15}	o_{16}
T	T	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F
T	F	T	T	T	T	F	F	F	F
F	T	T	T	F	F	T	T	F	F
F	F	T	F	T	F	T	T	T	F

Fig. 5.4 Two-place Boolean Operators

It is observed that out of the four one-place operators, three are trivial: o_1 and$o_4$are the constant operators and o_2 is the identity operator which simply maps the operand to itself. o_3 is the only operator that is non-trivial and one-place that is a negation.

There are $2^{2^2} = 16$ two-place operators (fig. 5.4). Most of the operators are trivial: o_1 and $o_{16}$are constants, o_4 and$o_6$is projection operators meaning that their value depends on just one of operands that is o_{11} and o_{13} that are negations of the projection operators.

The table below shows the relationship between the operators we defined and those in the table. The operators in the right-hand column are the negations of those in the left-hand column.

op	Name	Symbol	Op	Name	Symbol
o_2	Disjunction	∨	o_{15}	Nor	↓
o_8	Conjunction	∧	o_9	Nand	↑
o_5	Implication	⟶			
o_7	Equivalence	⟷	o_{10}	Exclusive or	⊕

The operator $o_{12}$is the negation of implication is not used. Reverse implication, o_3,is used in logic programmimg; its negation, o_{14}, is not used[6].

5.11 Satisfiability, Validity and Consequence

Theorem 5.11.1 Let $A \in \mathscr{F}$. A is valid iff¬A is unsatisfiable. A is satisfiable iff¬A is falsifiable [1].

Proof: Suppose an arbitrary interpretation $\mathscr{I}$ is defined. It is seen that $v_{\mathscr{I}}(A) = T$ if and only if $v_{\mathscr{I}}(\neg A) = F$. So, by the definition of the truth value of a negation it is inferred thatsince $\mathscr{I}$ was arbitrary, A is truein all interpretations iff ¬A is false in all interpretations, that is, iff¬A is unsatisfiable. Again, if A is satisfiablefor some interpretation $\mathscr{I}$, $v_{\mathscr{I}}(A) = T$. So, by definition of the truth value of a negation, $v_{\mathscr{I}}(\neg A) = F$ so that ¬A is falsifiable. Conversely, if $v_{\mathscr{I}}(\neg A) = F$ then $v_{\mathscr{I}}(A) = T$ [5] .

Example 5.11.2 Show that the formula $(p \vee q) \wedge \neg p \wedge \neg q$ is unsatisfiable.

Solution:

P	q	$(p \vee q)$	$\neg p$	$\neg q$	$(p \vee q) \wedge \neg p \wedge \neg q$
T	T	T	F	F	F
T	F	T	F	T	F
F	T	T	T	F	F

F	F	F	T	T	F

Hence, the formula $(p \vee q) \wedge \neg p \wedge \neg q$ is unsatisfiable because all lines of its truth table evaluate to F [5].

Theorem 5.11.3A set of literals is satisfiable if and only if it does not contain a complementary pair of literals [1].

Proof: Suppose L is chosen as a set of literals that has no complementary pair. Here, the interpretation $\mathcal{I}$is defined by: $\mathcal{I}(p) = T$ if $p \in L$, $\mathcal{I}(p) = F$ if $\neg p \in L$.As there is no complementary pair of literals in L, thus it could be inferred that the interpretation is well-defined as there is only one value assigned to each atom in L. Since each literal in L evaluates to T as a result,

L is satisfiable.

Conversely, if $\{p,\neg p\} \subseteq L$, then for any interpretation $\mathcal{I}$

for the atoms in L, either $v_{\mathcal{I}}(p) = F$ or $v_{\mathcal{I}}(\neg p) = F$, so L is not satisfiable [1].

The aforesaid theorems, examples, and definitions that are included here gives a brief insight into the algorithmic ways in which the various concepts of Mathematical logic are present in each and every step of deduction whether it be in the use of coding or while writing different algorithms. It seems to have a very clear indication that Mathematical logic is involved in the deduction process of various programming outcomes. The word logical programming seems to fit completely with the ideation of what the author has in his mind. The concepts of satisfiability, validity, consequence, unary and binary Boolean operators etc. are the varied ways in which it could be observed that there is a deep insightful meaning that also has a practical use of the same and it leads to the involvement of more abstract part of Mathematical logic but in a lucid way.

6. Conclusion and Future Scope

In conclusion, mathematical logic and computer science are deeply intertwined, with logic providing the foundational framework for many aspects of computer science, particularly in areas like algorithm design, software verification, and artificial intelligence. The future scope of these fields includes further advancements in quantum computing, big data analysis, AI, and smart city technologies, all of which rely heavily on mathematical principles and logical reasoning.

Mathematical logic provides the theoretical underpinnings for many core concepts in computer science. It allows for precise definition and analysis of computational processes, enabling the development of robust and reliable software and hardware. Key areas where mathematical logic plays a crucial role include:

Formal Verification: Ensuring the correctness of software and hardware designs through logical proofs.

Artificial Intelligence: Providing the basis for knowledge representation, reasoning, and automated problem-solving.

Databases: Enabling efficient query processing and data management through logical query languages.

Programming Languages: Defining the semantics of programming languages and enabling the construction of correct and efficient compilers and interpreters.

Future Scope: The future of Mathematical logic in computer science is bright, with several promising directions:

Advanced AI: Further development of logical frameworks for complex reasoning, including probabilistic and non-monotonic logic, will be crucial for building truly intelligent systems.

Cyber security: Logic-based techniques will be increasingly important for developing secure systems, privacy-preserving algorithms, and formal verification of security protocols.

Quantum Computing: New logical systems and proof techniques will be needed to explore the potential of quantum computation and develop algorithms for quantum computers.

Explainable AI: Research into logical representations that can provide insight into the reasoning processes of AI systems is needed to enhance trust and transparency.

Integration with Emerging Technologies: Mathematical logic will integrated with areas like the Internet of Things (IOT), block chain technology, and edge computing to ensure their reliability and security.

In essence, mathematical logic will continue to be a vital tool for computer scientists, driving innovation and ensuring the reliability of future technologies. The interplay between internal developments in logic and its applications in computer science will continue to shape the field.

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