

# A Logical Approach to Discrete Math

## Definition of an expression

- A constant (e.g.  $231$ ) or variable (e.g.  $x$ ) is an expression.
- If  $E$  is an expression, then  $(E)$  is an expression.
- If  $\circ$  is a unary prefix operator and  $E$  is an expression, then  $\circ E$  is an expression, with operand  $E$ . For example, the negation symbol  $-$  is used as a unary operator, so  $-5$  is an expression.
- If  $\star$  is a binary infix operator and  $D$  and  $E$  are expressions, then  $D \star E$  is an expression, with operands  $D$  and  $E$ . For example, the symbols  $+$  (for addition) and  $\cdot$  (for multiplication or product) are binary operators, so  $1 + 2$  and  $(-5) \cdot (3 + x)$  are expressions.

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## TABLE OF PRECEDENCES

- (a)  $[x := e]$  (textual substitution)      (highest precedence)
- (b)  $.$  (function application)
- (c) unary prefix operators:  $+$   $-$   $\neg$   $\#$   $\sim$   $\mathcal{P}$
- (d)  $**$
- (e)  $\cdot$   $/$   $\div$  **mod** **gcd**
- (f)  $+$   $-$   $\cup$   $\cap$   $\times$   $\circ$   $\bullet$
- (g)  $\downarrow$   $\uparrow$
- (h)  $\#$
- (i)  $\triangleleft$   $\triangleright$   $\wedge$
- (j)  $=$   $<$   $>$   $\in$   $\subset$   $\subseteq$   $\supset$   $\supseteq$   $|$       (conjunctival, see page 29)
- (k)  $\vee$   $\wedge$
- (l)  $\Rightarrow$   $\Leftarrow$
- (m)  $\equiv$

All nonassociative binary infix operators associate from left to right except  $**$ ,  $\triangleleft$ , and  $\Rightarrow$ , which associate from right to left.

**Definition of /:** The operators on lines (j), (l), and (m) may have a slash / through them to denote negation—e.g.  $x \notin T$  is an abbreviation for  $\neg(x \in T)$ .

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## State

A state is a list of variables and their values.

## Example

$(x, 5), (y, 6)$

An expression may be true in some states, but not in other states.

$2x+3y = 7$  is true in the state  $(x, 5), (y, -1)$  but is not true in the state  $(x, 1), (y, 2)$

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TABLE 1.1. EXAMPLES OF TEXTUAL SUBSTITUTION

## Substitution for one variable

$$35[x := 2] = 35$$

$$y[x := 2] = y$$

$$x[x := 2] = 2$$

$$(x \cdot x + y)[x := c + y] = (c + y) \cdot (c + y) + y$$

$$(x^2 + y^2 + x^3)[x := x + y] = (x + y)^2 + y^2 + (x + y)^3$$

## Substitution for several variables

$$(x + y + y)[x, y := z, w] = z + w + w$$

$$(x + y + y)[x, y := 2 \cdot y, x \cdot z] = 2 \cdot y + x \cdot z + x \cdot z$$

$$(x + 2 \cdot y)[x, y := y, x] = y + 2 \cdot x$$

$$(x + 2 \cdot y \cdot z)[x, y, z := z, x, y] = z + 2 \cdot x \cdot y$$

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## A property of textual substitution

Example

$$\begin{aligned} & ((a + b) \cdot c)[b := x][x := b] \\ = & \langle \text{t.s. and r.u.p} \rangle \\ & ((a + x) \cdot c)[x := b] \\ = & \langle \text{t.s. and r.u.p} \rangle \\ & (a + b) \cdot c \end{aligned}$$

Same as original expression

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$$\begin{aligned} & ((a + b) \cdot x)[b := x][x := b] \\ = & \langle \text{t.s. and r.u.p} \rangle \\ & ((a + x) \cdot x)[x := b] \\ = & \langle \text{t.s. and r.u.p} \rangle \\ & (a + b) \cdot b \end{aligned}$$

Not the same as original

If $\neg$ occurs('x', 'E') then $E[y := x][x := y] = E$
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## Proofs

Analogy of computational system:



Given a program, and its input, the program produces the output.

## Axiomatic logic systems



Given the inference rules, and some axioms, the logic system produces theorems.

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## Inference rules

An inference rule has a horizontal line.

The premise, or hypothesis,  
assumed to be true in all states



The conclusion

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## Inference rules

There are four inference rules for logic proofs:

$$\text{Substitution: } \frac{E}{E[z := F]}$$

$$\text{Leibniz: } \frac{X = Y}{E[z := X] = E[z := Y]}$$

$$\text{Equanimity: } \frac{X, \quad X = Y}{Y}$$

$$\text{Transitivity: } \frac{X = Y, \quad Y = Z}{X = Z}$$

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## Assignment 2

### Exercises

1.7 ... Fill in the missing parts and write down what expression  $E$  is.

(a)

$$\frac{x = x + 2}{4 \cdot x + y = ?}$$

1.8 ... For each of the expressions  $E[z := X]$  and hints  $X = Y$  below, write the resulting expression  $E[z := Y]$ .

$$\frac{E[z := X] \quad \text{hint } X = Y}{(a) \quad x + y + w \quad x = b + c}$$

1.9 ... For each of the following pair of expressions  $E[z := X]$  and  $E[z := Y]$ , identify a hint  $X = Y$  that would show them to be equal and indicate what  $E$  is.

$$\frac{E[z := X] \quad E[z := Y]}{(a) \quad (x + y) \cdot (x + y) \quad (x + y) \cdot (y + x)}$$

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## The four laws of equality

(1.2) **Reflexivity:**  $x = x$

(1.3) **Symmetry** :  $(x = y) = (y = x)$

(1.4) **Transitivity:** 
$$\frac{X = Y, Y = Z}{X = Z}$$

(1.5) **Leibniz:** 
$$\frac{X = Y}{E[z := X] = E[z := Y]}$$

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## Example proof

Assuming these axioms

$$(1) x \cdot y = y \cdot x$$

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$$(3) x = x$$

prove that

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**Substitution:**

$$\frac{E}{E[z := F]} \quad \frac{x \cdot y = y \cdot x}{(x \cdot y = y \cdot x)[x, y := b, a]}$$

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**Leibniz:**

$$\frac{X = Y}{E[z := X] = E[z := Y]}$$

$$b \cdot a = a \cdot b$$

$$(a \cdot z = a^2 \cdot b)[z := b \cdot a] = (a \cdot z = a^2 \cdot b)[z := a \cdot b]$$

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## General proof step

Leibniz:

$$\frac{X = Y}{E[z := X] = E[z := Y]}$$

Proof step:

$$\begin{aligned} & E[z := X] \\ = & \langle X = Y \rangle \\ & E[z := Y] \end{aligned}$$

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## The assignment statement

Uses the same symbol as textual substitution  $:=$

The effect is to change the state.

### Example

Initial state:  $(x, 3), (y, 2), (z, 6)$

Assignment:  $y := z + 1$

Final state:  $(x, 3), (y, 7), (z, 6)$

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## The assignment statement

Notation

Operation	Formal methods	Java, C++
Equals	=	==
Assignment	:=	=

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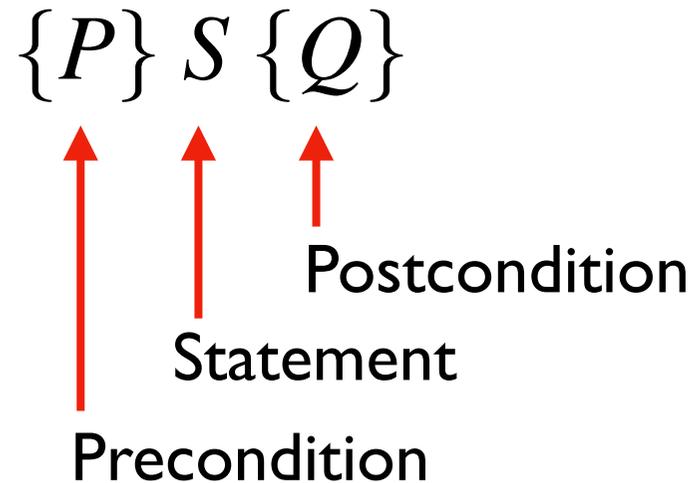
TABLE 1.2. EXAMPLES OF MULTIPLE ASSIGNMENTS

$x, y := y, x$	Swap $x$ and $y$
$x, i := 0, 0$	Store 0 in $x$ and $i$
$i, x := i + 1, x + i$	Add 1 to $i$ and $i$ to $x$
$x, i := x + i, i + 1$	Add 1 to $i$ and $i$ to $x$

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## The Hoare triple

Definition: An expression is valid if it is true in all states.



Interpretation: If the precondition is true, and you execute the statement, then the statement terminates, and the postcondition is guaranteed to be true.

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## The Hoare triple

$$\{P\} S \{Q\}$$

### Examples

$\{x = 0\} x := x + 1 \{x > 0\}$	valid
$\{x > 5\} x := x + 1 \{x > 0\}$	valid
$\{x + 1 > 0\} x := x \cdot 2 \{x > 0\}$	not valid
$\{x > -2\} x := x + 1 \{x > 0\}$	not valid

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## The definition of assignment

$$\{R[x := E]\} x := E \{R\}$$



Textual substitution



Assignment

You calculate the precondition from the statement and the postcondition.

$$\{x + 1 > 4\} \quad x := x + 1 \quad \{x > 4\}$$

$$\{x \cdot 6 > 0\} \quad y := 6 \quad \{x \cdot y > 0\}$$

$$\{x \cdot 2 = 10\} \quad x := x \cdot 2 \quad \{x = 10\}$$

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