

Propositional Logic

Question: How do we formalize the definitions and reasoning we use in our proofs?

Where We're Going

- ***Propositional Logic*** (Today)
 - Reasoning about Boolean values.
- ***First-Order Logic*** (Wednesday/Friday)
 - Reasoning about properties of multiple objects.

Propositional Logic

A ***proposition*** is a statement that is,
by itself, either true or false.

Some Sample Propositions

- I am not throwing away my shot.
- I'm just like my country.
- I'm young, scrappy, and hungry.
- I'm not throwing away my shot.
- I'm 'a get a scholarship to King's College.
- I prob'ly shouldn't brag, but dag, I amaze and astonish.
- The problem is I got a lot of brains but no polish.

Things That Aren't Propositions



Commands
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- ***Propositional logic*** is a mathematical system for reasoning about propositions and how they relate to one another.
- Every statement in propositional logic consists of ***propositional variables*** combined via ***propositional connectives***.
 - Each variable represents some proposition, such as “You liked it” or “You should have put a ring on it.”
 - Connectives encode how propositions are related, such as “If you liked it, then you should have put a ring on it.”

Propositional Variables

- Each proposition will be represented by a ***propositional variable***.
- Propositional variables are usually represented as lower-case letters, such as p , q , r , s , etc.
- Each variable can take one one of two values: true or false.

Propositional Connectives

- There are seven propositional connectives, many of which will be familiar from programming.
- First, there's the logical "NOT" operation:

$\neg p$

- You'd read this out loud as "not p ."
- The fancy name for this operation is ***logical negation***.

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$$p \vee q$$

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Truth Tables

- A ***truth table*** is a table showing the truth value of a propositional logic formula as a function of its inputs.
- Let's go look at the truth tables for the three connectives we've seen so far:

\neg

\wedge

\vee

Summary of Important Points

- The \vee connective is an *inclusive* “or.” It's true if at least one of the operands is true.
 - Similar to the `||` operator in C, C++, Java, etc. and the `or` operator in Python.
- If we need an exclusive “or” operator, we can build it out of what we already have.

Try it yourself: Combine the \neg , \wedge , and \vee operators together to form an expression that represents the exclusive or of p and q (something that's true if and only if exactly one of p and q are true).

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Mathematical Implication

Implication

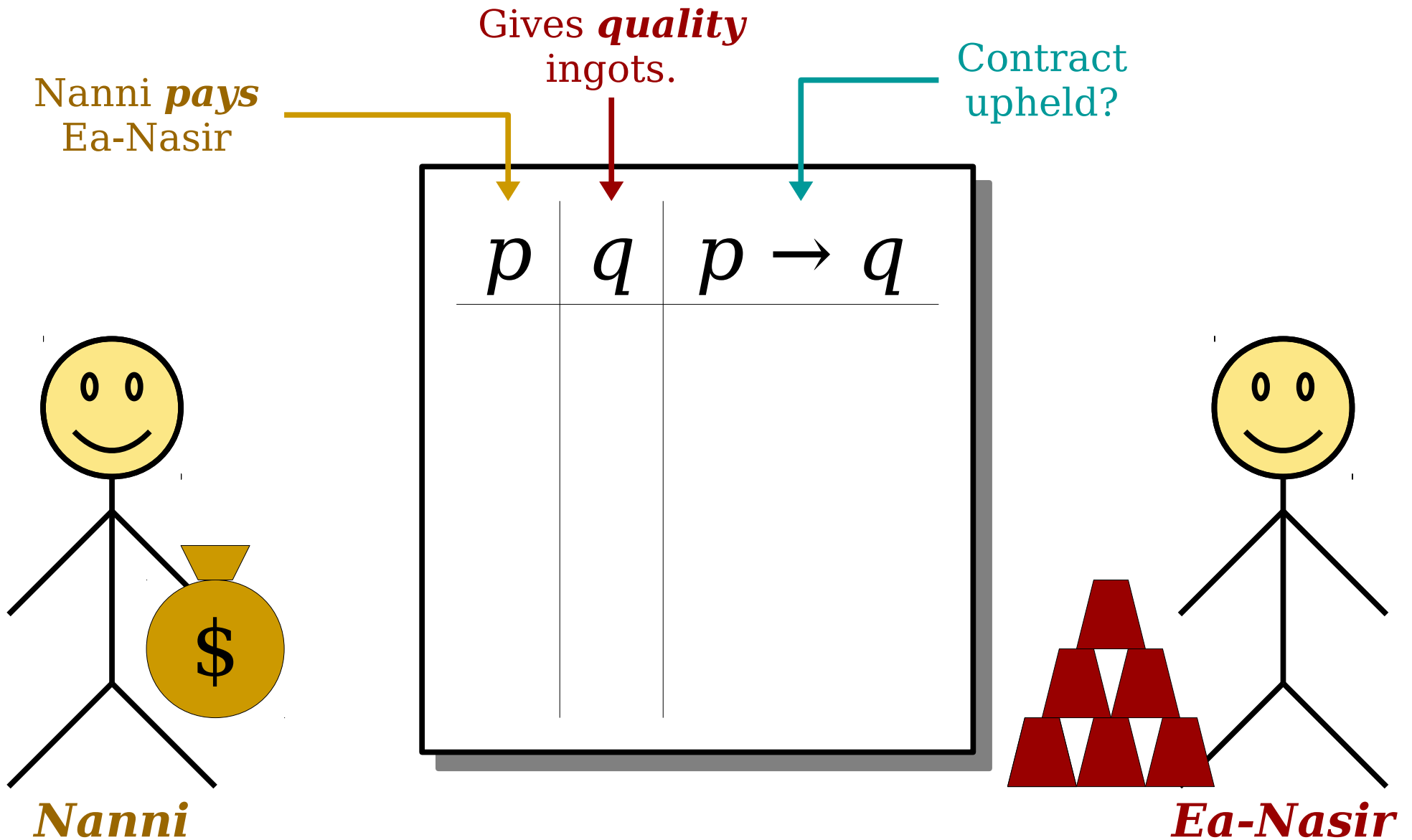
- We can represent implications using this connective:

$$p \rightarrow q$$

- You'd read this out loud as “ p implies q .”
 - The fancy name for this is the ***material conditional***.

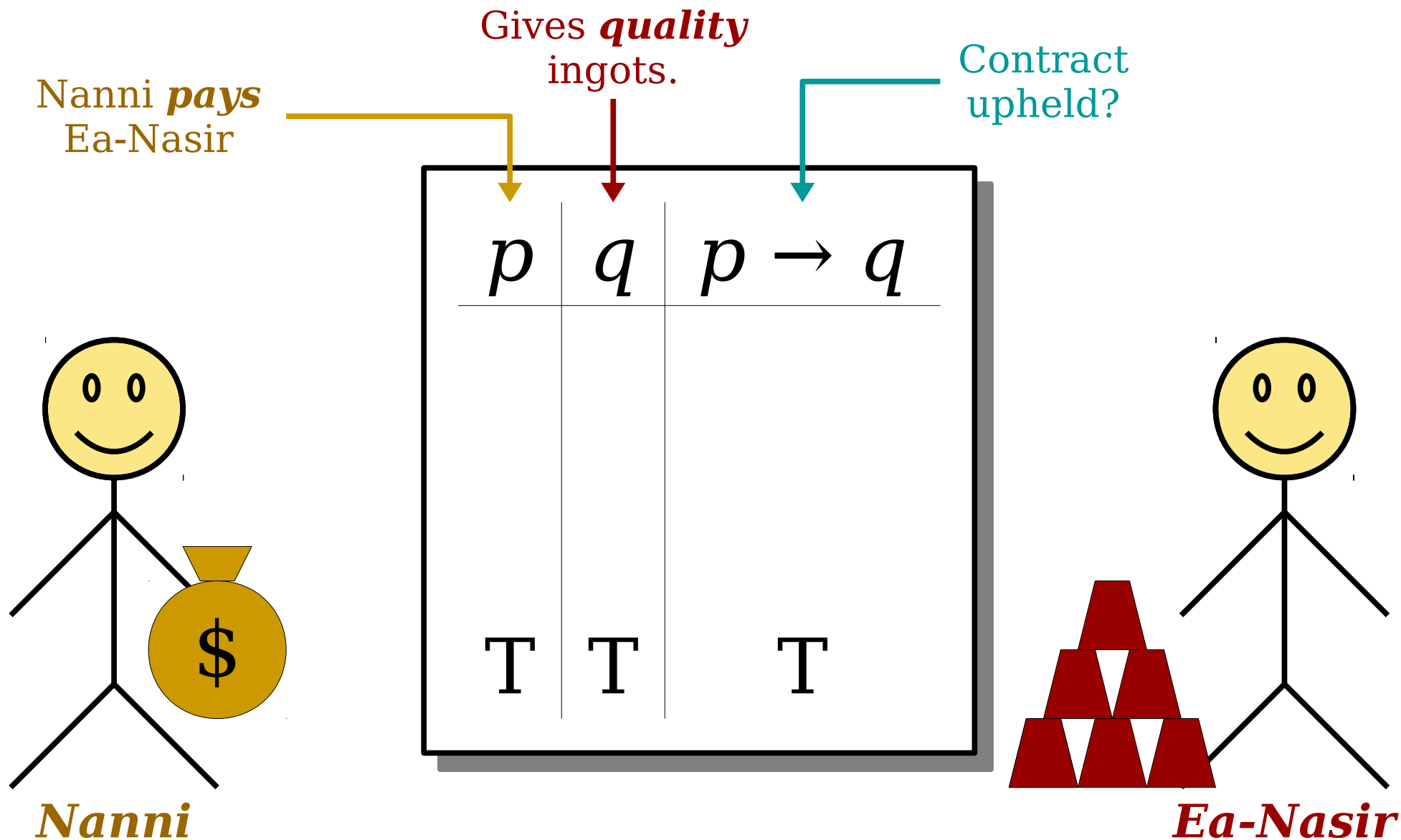
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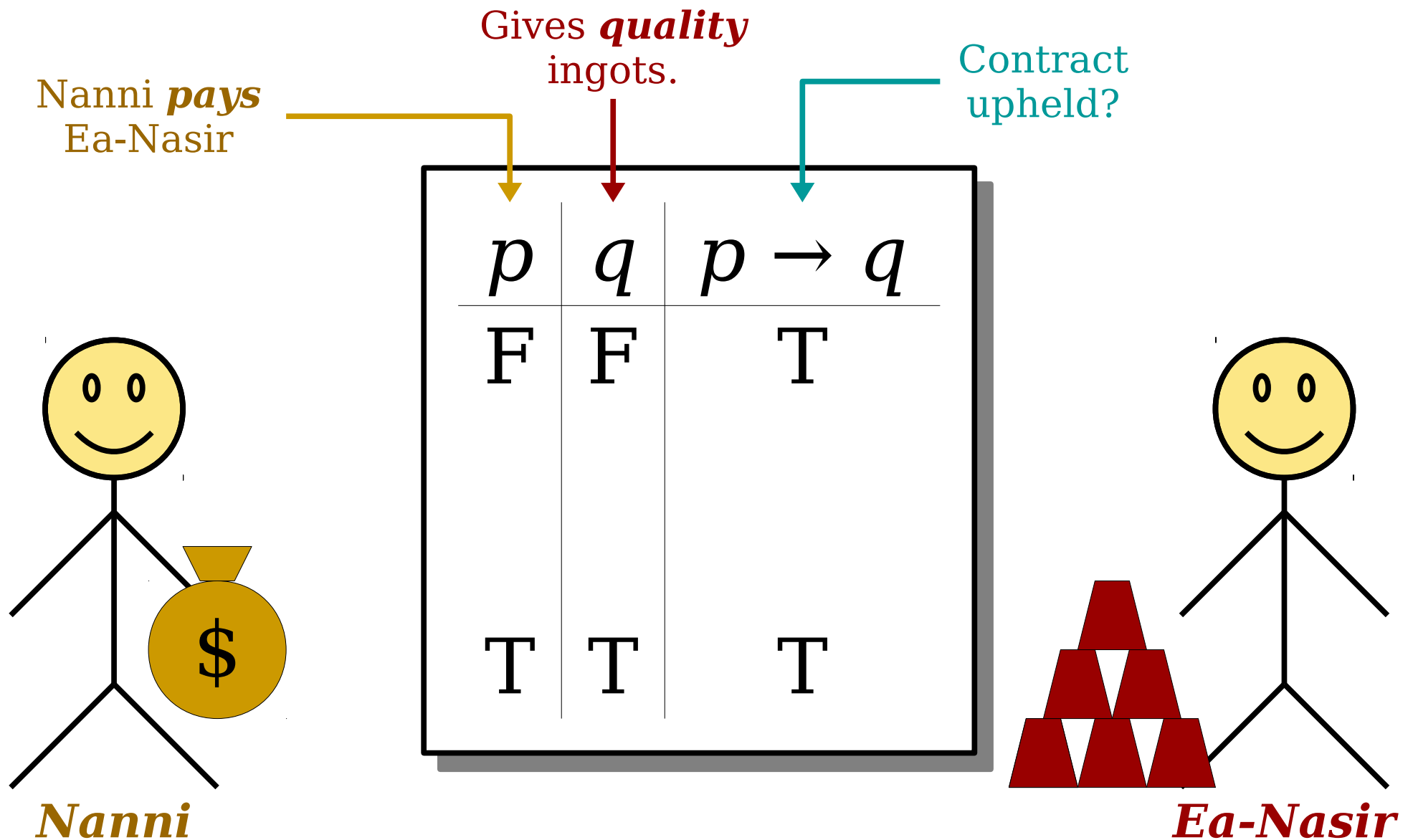
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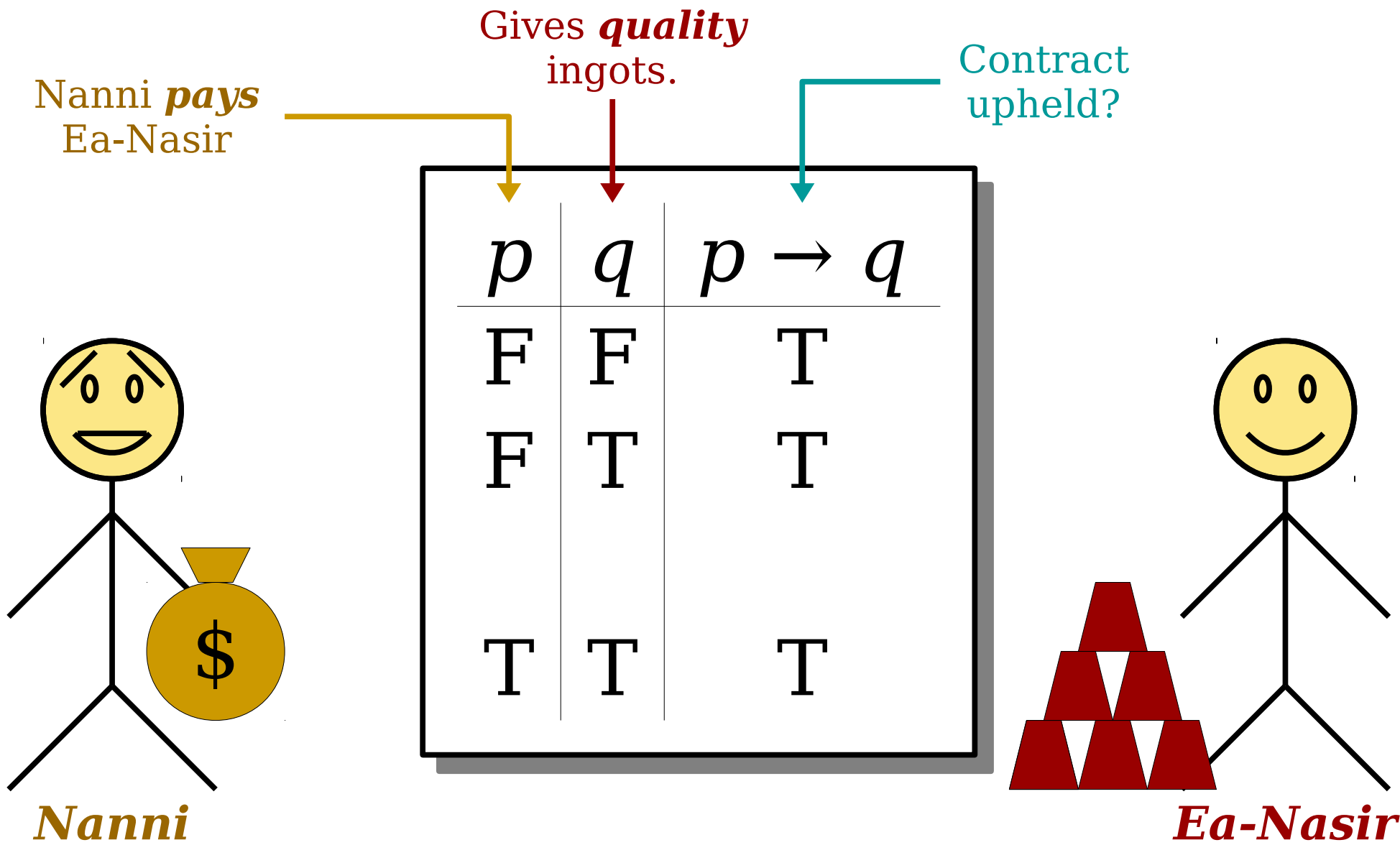
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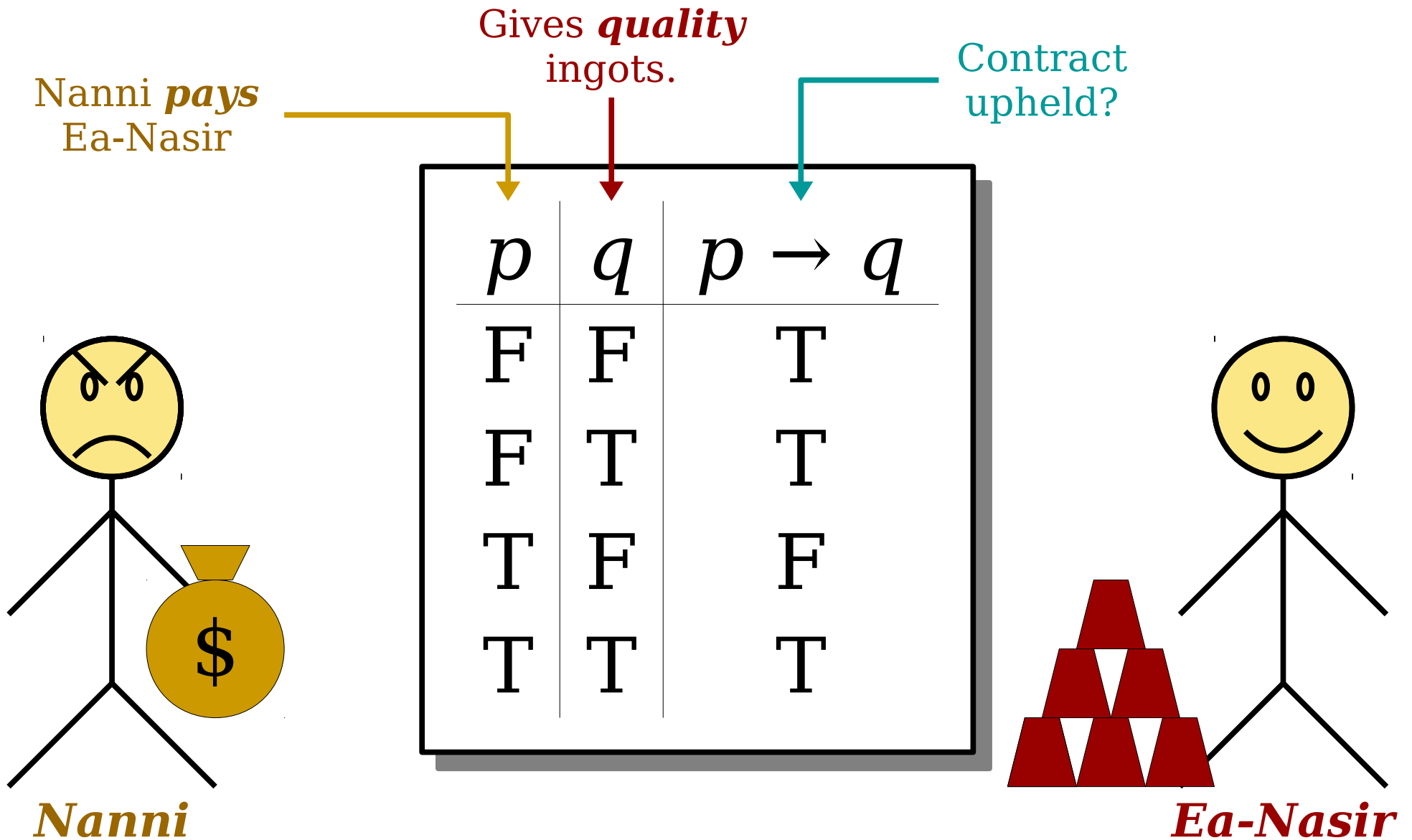
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An implication is false only when the antecedent is true and the consequent is false.

Every formula is either true or false, so these other entries have to be true.

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Important observation:

The statement $p \rightarrow q$ is true whenever $p \wedge \neg q$ is false.

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An implication with a false antecedent is called ***vacuously true***.

An implication with a true consequent is called ***trivially true***.

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Please commit this table to memory. We're going to need it, extensively, over the next couple of weeks.

Fun Fact: The Contrapositive Revisited

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- On Friday, we saw that “ p if and only if q ” means both that $p \rightarrow q$ and $q \rightarrow p$.
- We can write this in propositional logic using the ***biconditional*** connective:

$$p \leftrightarrow q$$

- This connective’s truth table has the same meaning as “ p implies q and q implies p .”

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One interpretation of \leftrightarrow is to think of it as equality: the two propositions must have equal truth values.

True and False

- There are two more “connectives” to speak of: true and false.
 - The symbol \top is a value that is always true.
 - The symbol \perp is value that is always false.
- These are often called connectives, though they don't connect anything.
 - (Or rather, they connect zero things.)

Proof by Contradiction

- Suppose you want to prove p is true using a proof by contradiction.
- The setup looks like this:
 - Assume p is false.
 - Derive something that we know is false.
 - Conclude that p is true.
- In propositional logic:

$$(\neg p \rightarrow \perp) \rightarrow p$$

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- How do we parse this statement?

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Operator Precedence

- The main points to remember:
 - \neg binds to whatever immediately follows it.
 - \wedge and \vee bind more tightly than \rightarrow .
- We will commonly write expressions like $p \wedge q \rightarrow r$ without adding parentheses.
- For more complex expressions, we'll try to add parentheses.
- Confused? ***Please ask!***

The Big Table

Connective	Read Aloud As	C++ Version	Fancy Name
\neg	“not”	!	Negation
\wedge	“and”	&&	Conjunction
\vee	“or”		Disjunction
\rightarrow	“implies”	<i>see PS2!</i>	Implication
\leftrightarrow	“if and only if”	<i>see PS2!</i>	Biconditional
\top	“true”	true	Truth
\perp	“false”	false	Falsity

Time-Out for Announcements!

Office Hours

- Office hours start today. Think of them as “drop-in help hours” where you can ask questions on problem sets, lecture topics, etc.
 - Check the Guide to Office Hours on the course website for the schedule.
- Most office hours are held in person in the Huang basement. A few are purely online.
- Once you arrive, sign up on QueueStatus so that we can help people in the order they arrived:
<https://queuestatus.com/queues/2367>
- Office hours are much less crowded earlier in the week than later.

Back to CS103!

Recap So Far

- A ***propositional variable*** is a variable that is either true or false.
- The ***propositional connectives*** are
 - Negation: $\neg p$
 - Conjunction: $p \wedge q$
 - Disjunction: $p \vee q$
 - Implication: $p \rightarrow q$
 - Biconditional: $p \leftrightarrow q$
 - True: \top
 - False: \perp

Translating into Propositional Logic

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"I won't see a total solar eclipse if I'm not in the path of totality."

Question: How would you express this statement in propositional logic?

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“*p* if *q*”

translates to

$$q \rightarrow p$$

It does *not* translate to

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"If I will be in the path of totality,
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The Takeaway Point

- When translating into or out of propositional logic, be very careful not to get tripped up by nuances of the English language.
 - In fact, this is one of the reasons we have a symbolic notation in the first place!
- Many prepositional phrases lead to counterintuitive translations; make sure to double-check yourself!

Propositional Equivalences

Quick Question:

What would I have to show you to convince you that the statement $p \wedge q$ is false?

Quick Question:

What would I have to show you to convince you that the statement $p \vee q$ is false?

de Morgan's Laws

- Using truth tables, we concluded that

$$\neg(p \wedge q)$$

is equivalent to

$$\neg p \vee \neg q$$

- We also saw that

$$\neg(p \vee q)$$

is equivalent to

$$\neg p \wedge \neg q$$

- These two equivalences are called ***De Morgan's Laws***.

de Morgan's Laws in Code

- ***Pro tip:*** Don't write this:

```
    if (!(p() && q())) {  
        /* ... */  
    }
```

- Write this instead:

```
    if (!p() || !q()) {  
        /* ... */  
    }
```

- (This even short-circuits correctly!)

An Important Equivalence

- Earlier, we talked about the truth table for $p \rightarrow q$. We chose it so that

$p \rightarrow q$ is equivalent to $\neg(p \wedge \neg q)$

- Later on, this equivalence will be incredibly useful:

$\neg(p \rightarrow q)$ is equivalent to $p \wedge \neg q$

Another Important Equivalence

- Here's a useful equivalence. Start with

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- By de Morgan's laws:

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If p is false, then $\neg p \vee q$ is true. If p is true, then q has to be true for the whole expression to be true.

- Thus $p \rightarrow q$ is equivalent to $\neg p \vee q$

Proofwriting Workshop

An Incorrect Set Theory Proof

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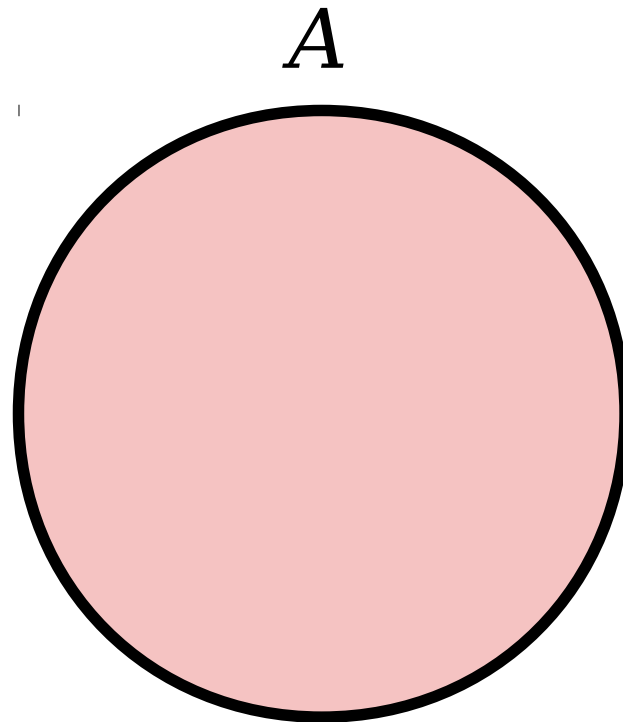
While this claim is true, it does not imply the theorem is true. In fact, this theorem is actually **false**.

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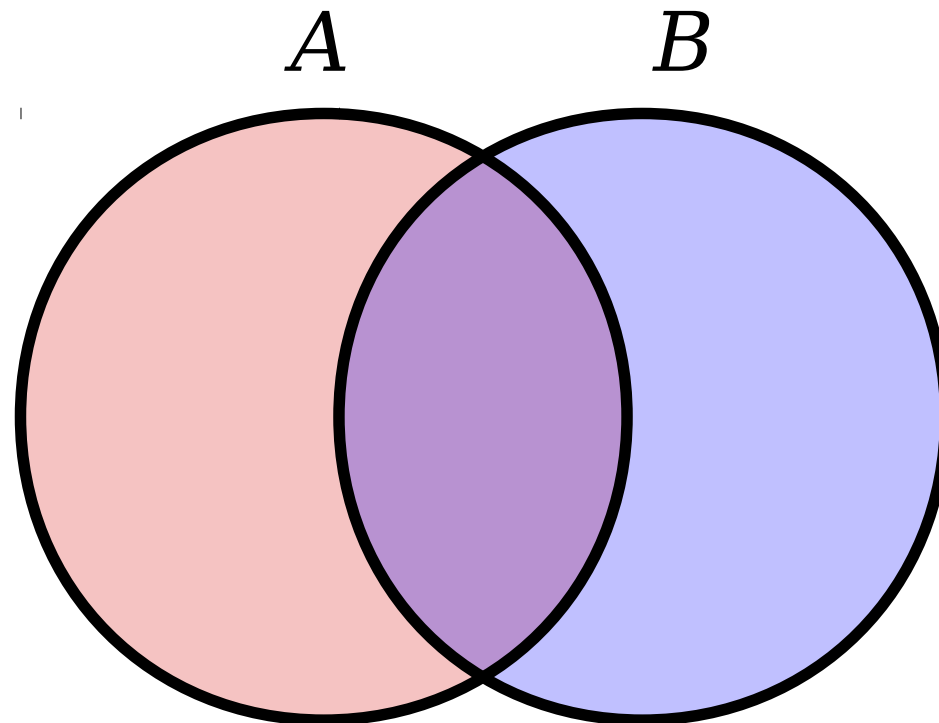
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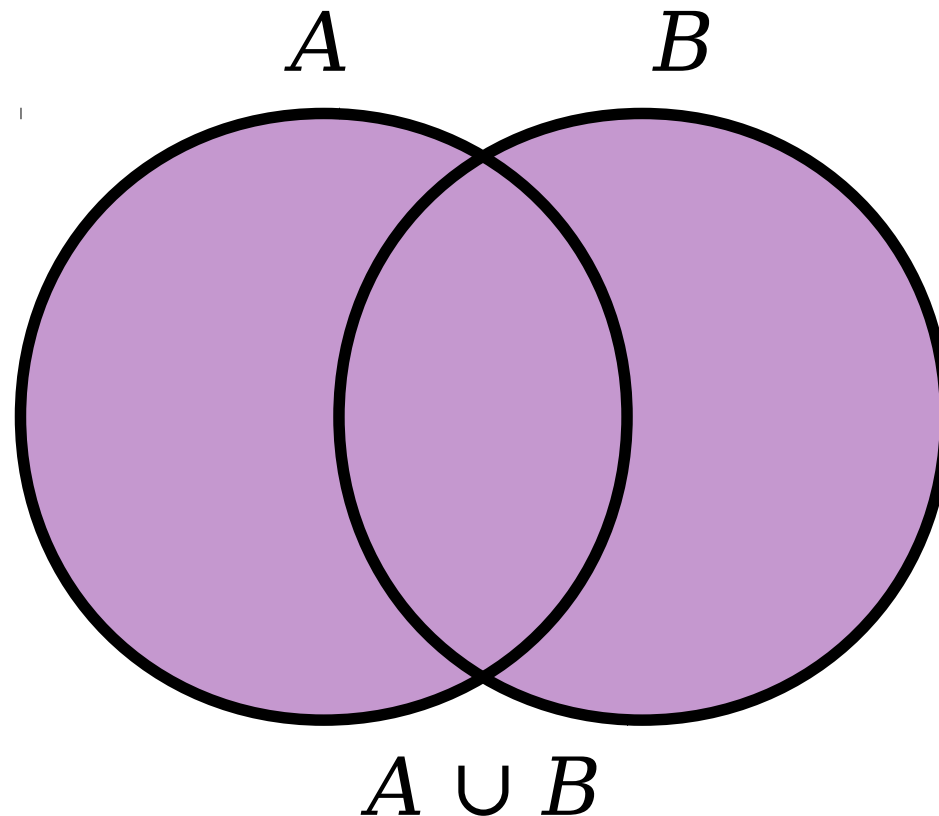
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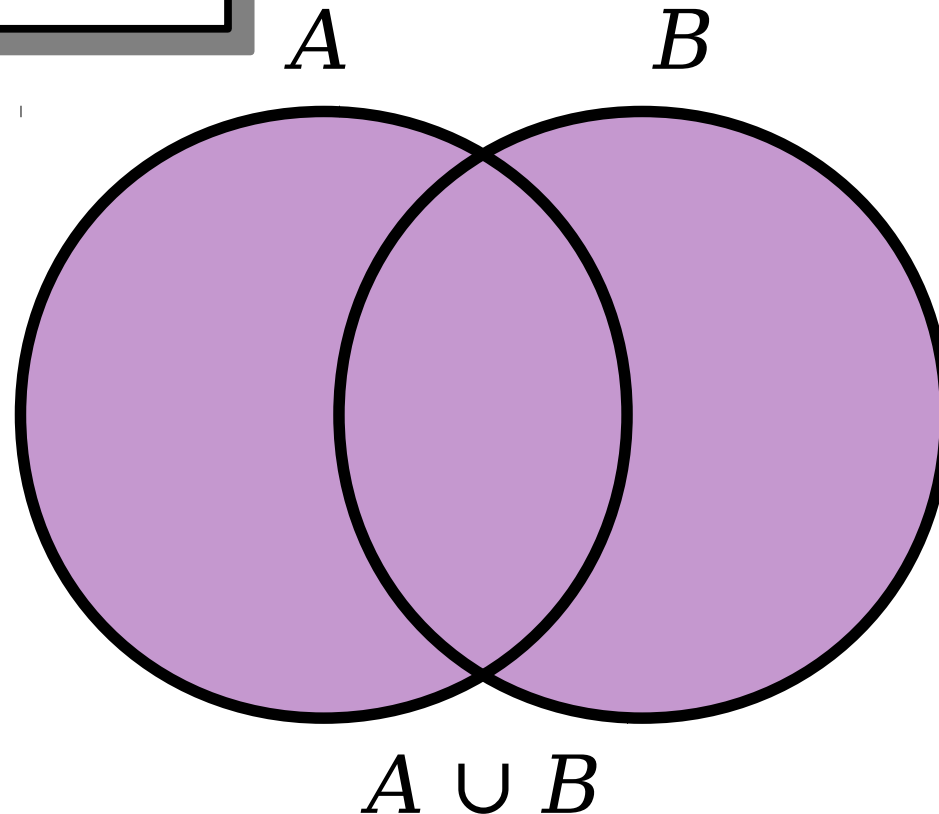
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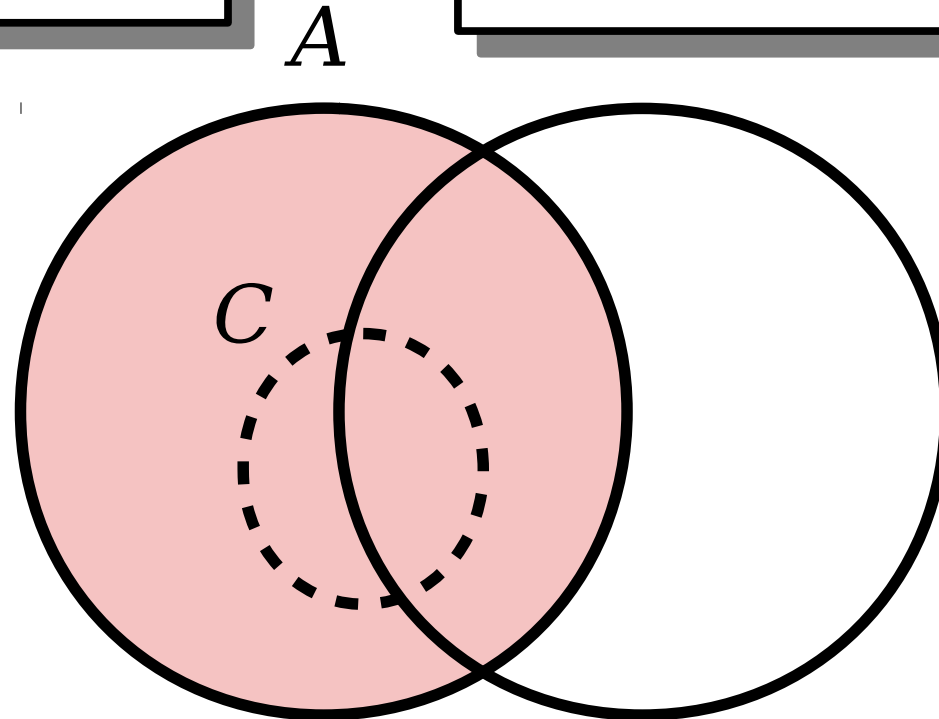


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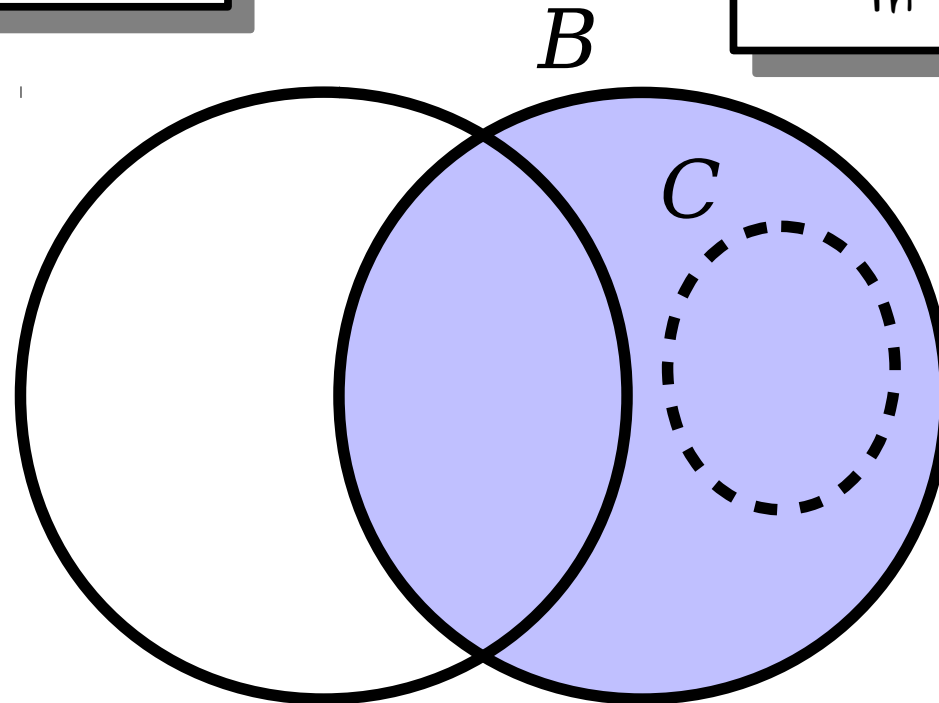


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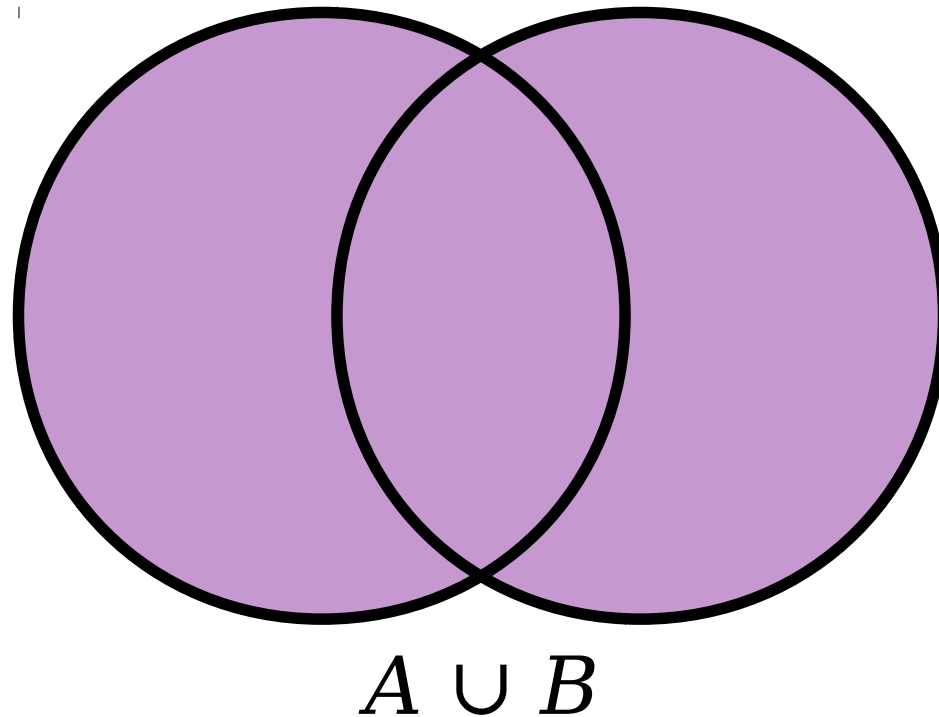
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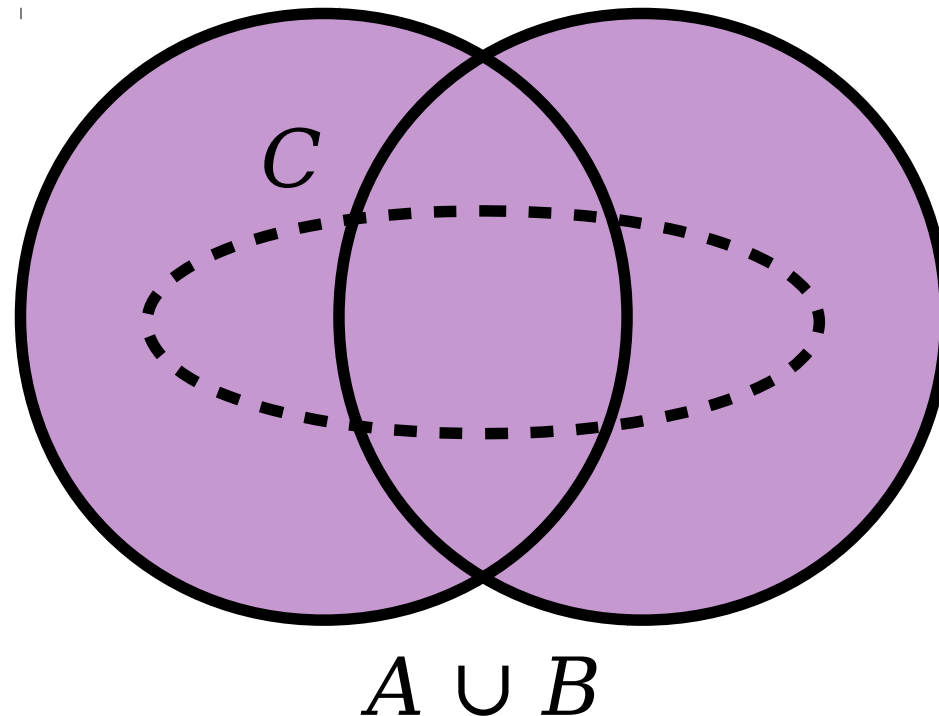
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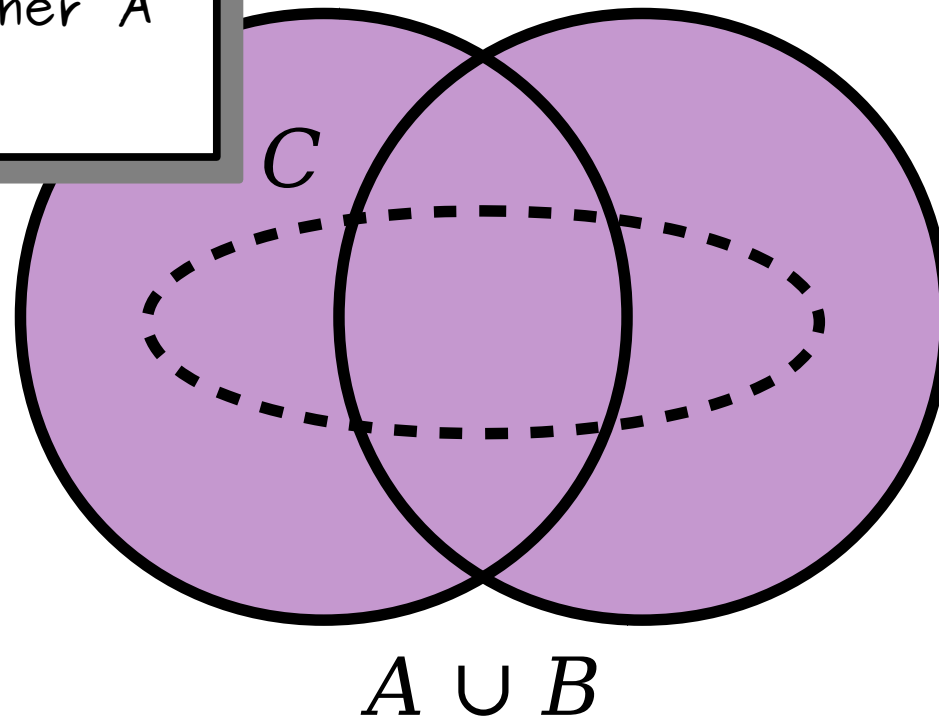


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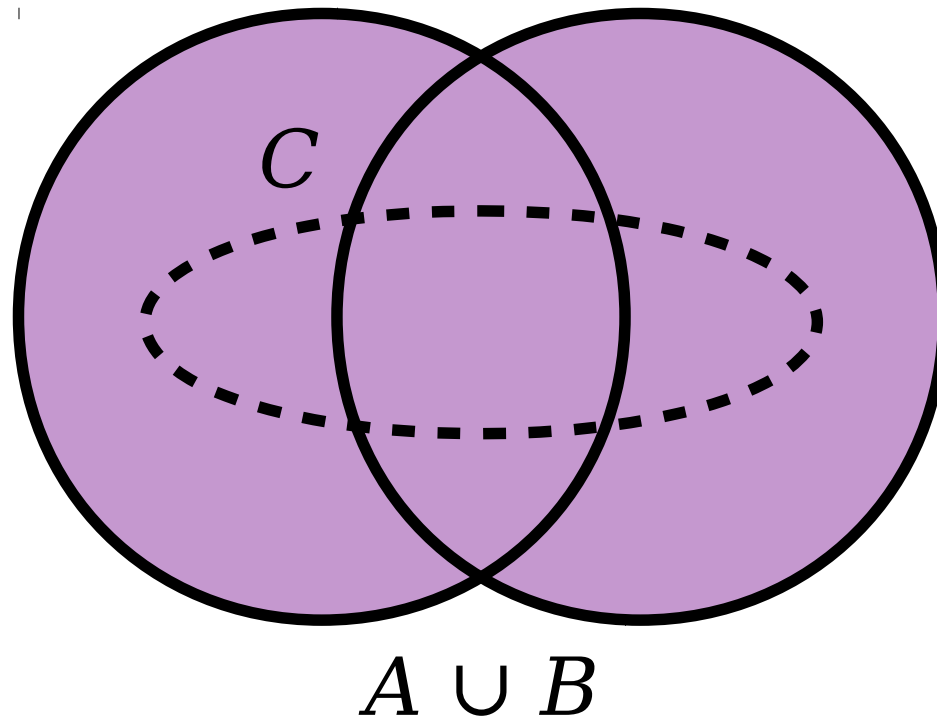


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Using this visual intuition, come up with a choice of sets A , B , and C that show this claim is false.

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Proofs vs. Disproofs

- A ***proof*** is an argument that explains why some ***theorem*** is true.
- A ***disproof*** is an argument that explains why some ***claim*** is false.
- You've seen lots of examples of proofs.
What does a disproof look like?

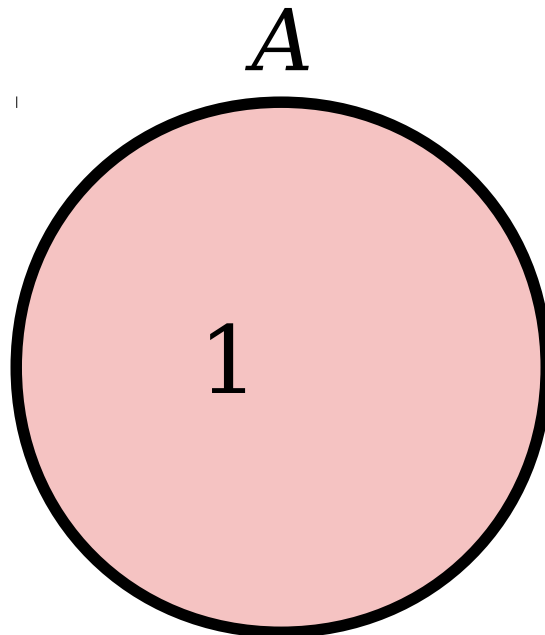
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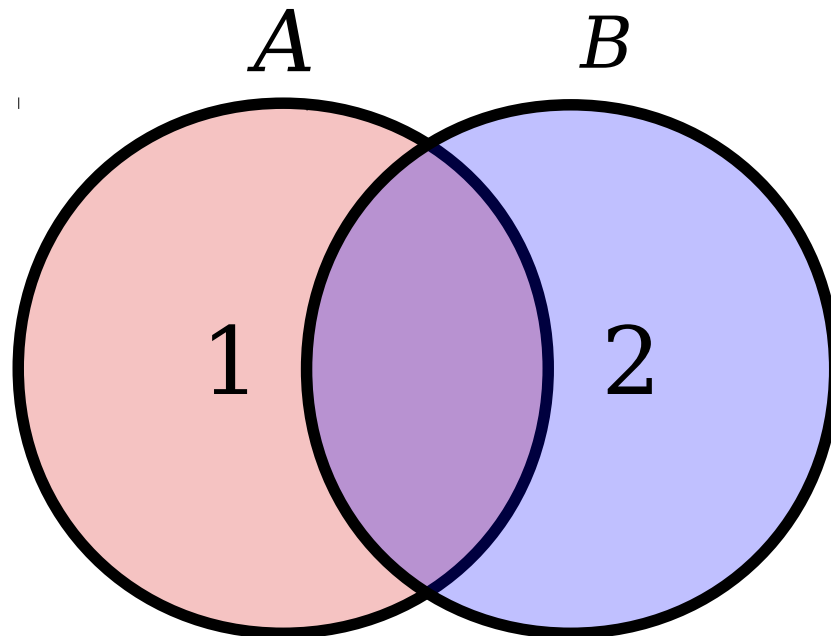
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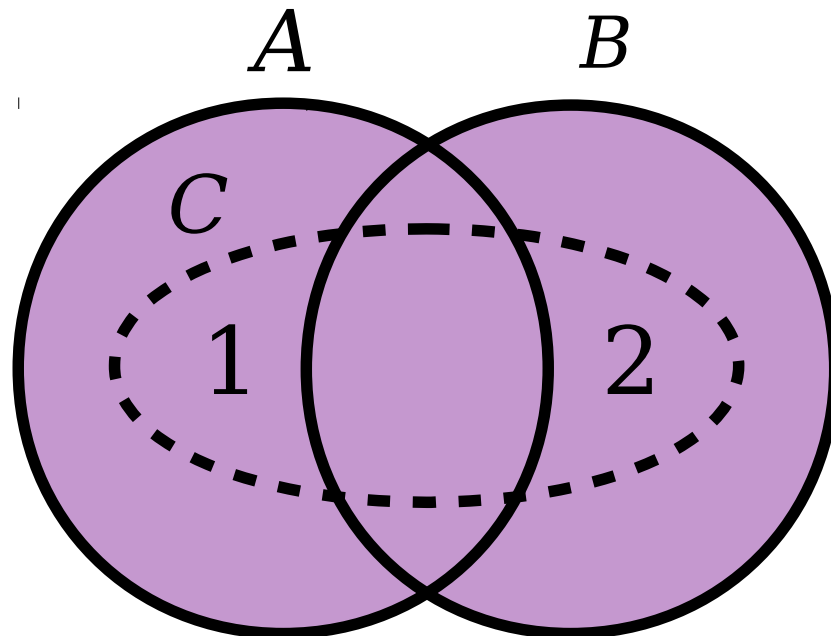
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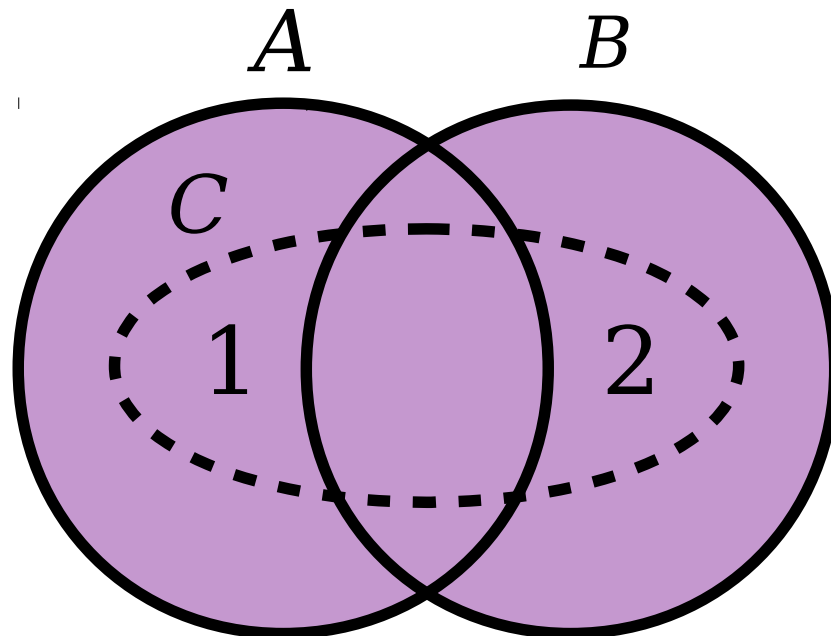
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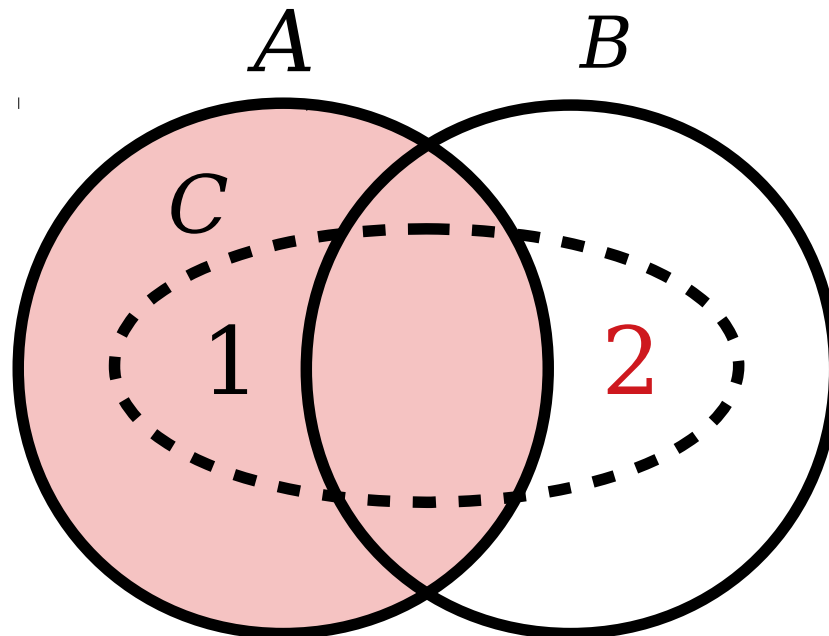
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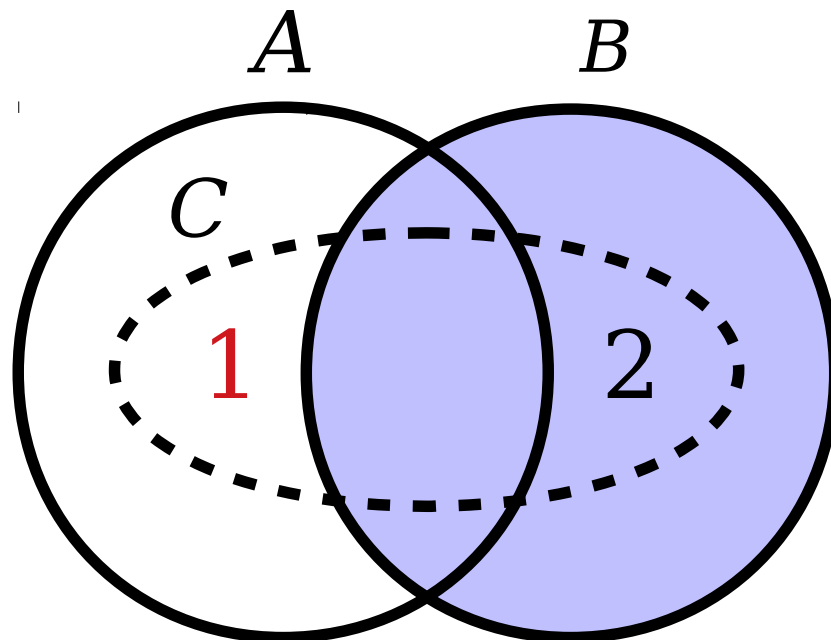
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Thus we've found a set C which is a subset of $A \cup B$ but is not a subset of either A or B , which is what we needed to show. ■

Proofwriting Advice

- Be *very wary* of proofs that speak generally about “all objects” of a particular type.
 - As you’ve just seen, it’s easy to accidentally prove a false statement at this level of detail.
 - Making broad, high-level claims often indicates deeper logic errors or conceptual misunderstanding (like *code smell* but for proofs!)

Proofwriting Advice

A Very Good Idea: After you've written a draft of a proof, run through all of the points on the Proofwriting Checklist.

- This is a *great* exercise that you can do with a partner!

Proofs on Subsets

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Hold on, isn't this the claim we just disproved?

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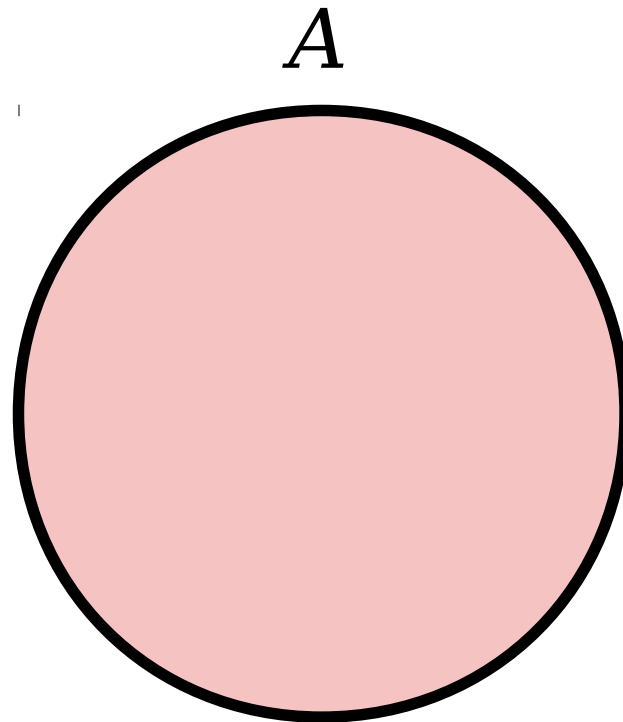
Notice that that's an intersection, not a union! It turns out that this claim is actually true.

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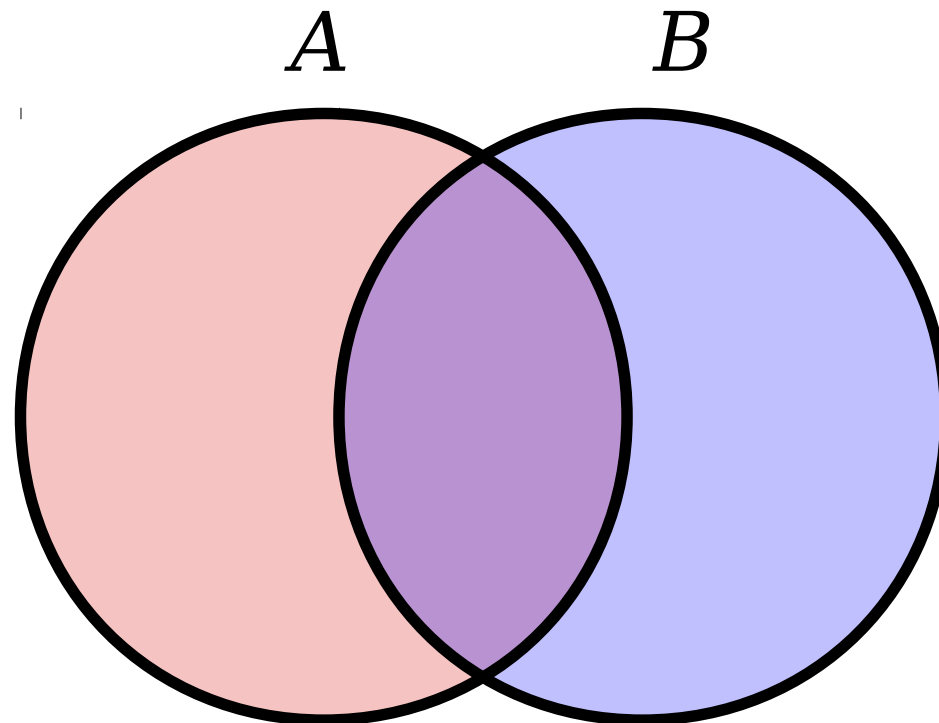
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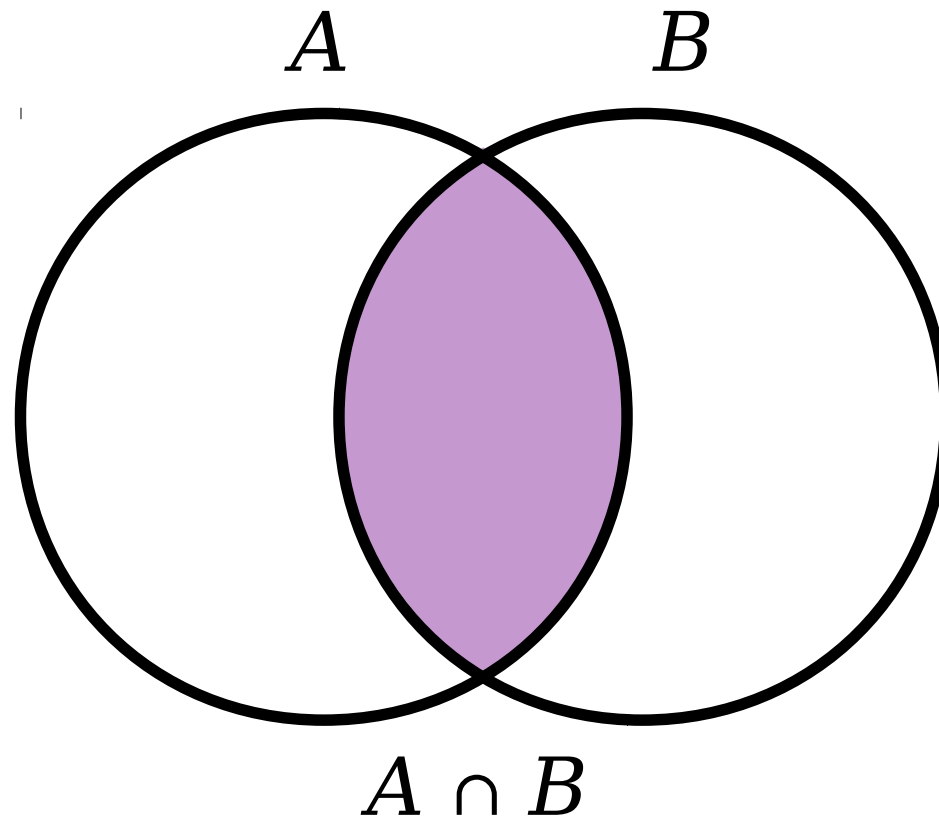
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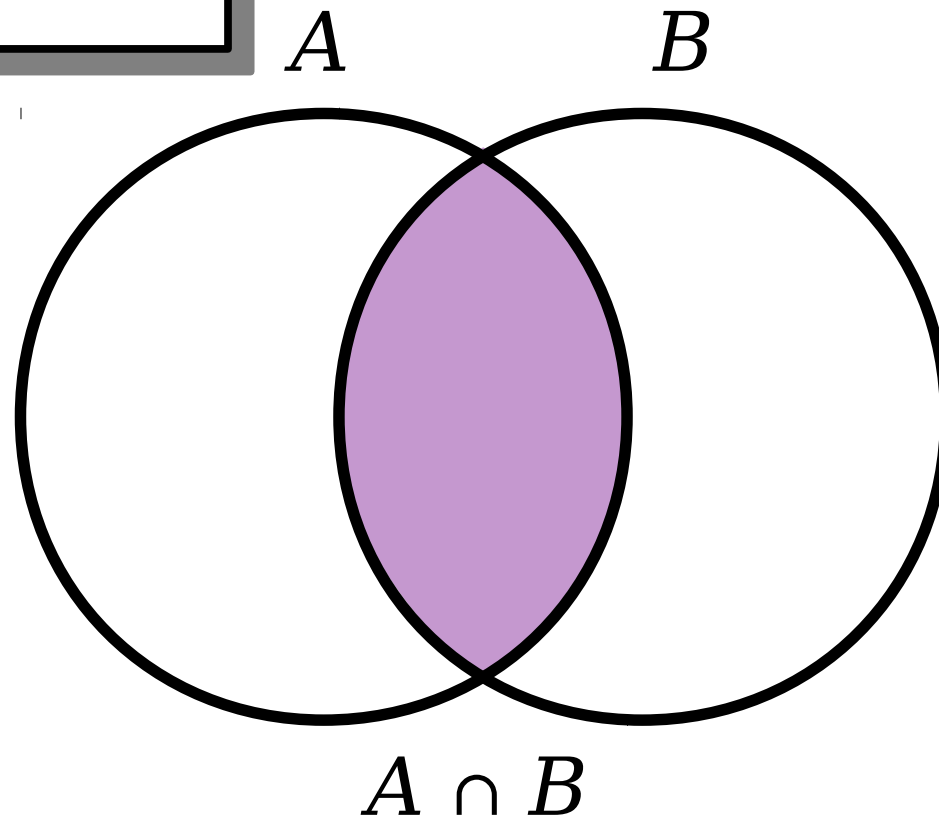
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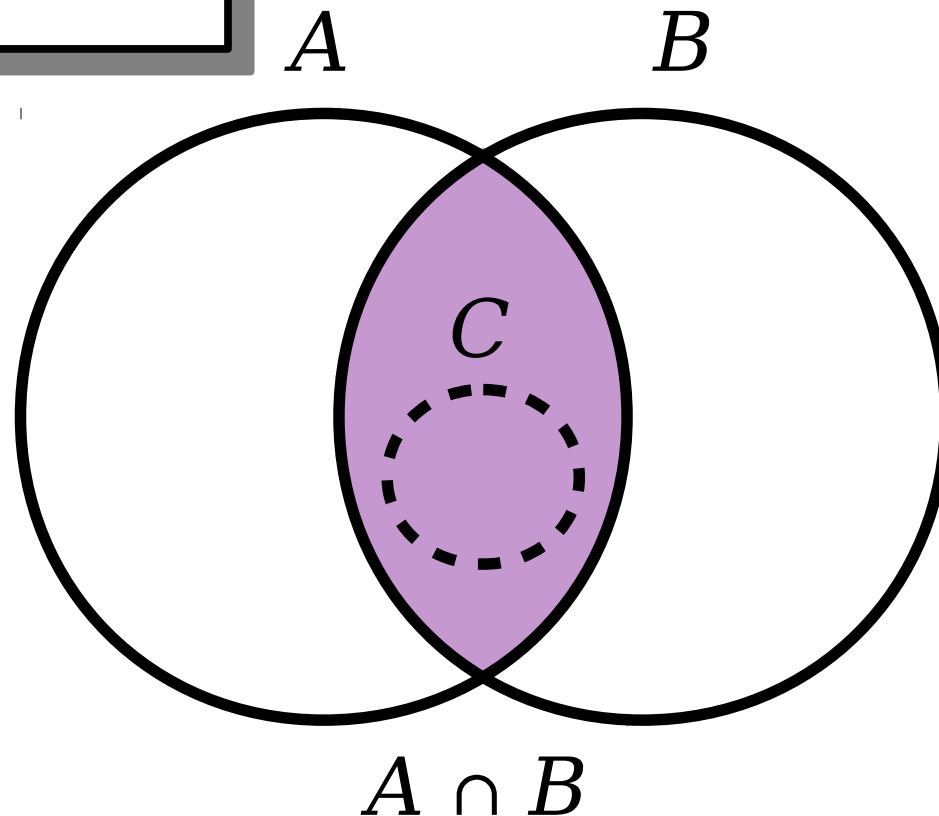


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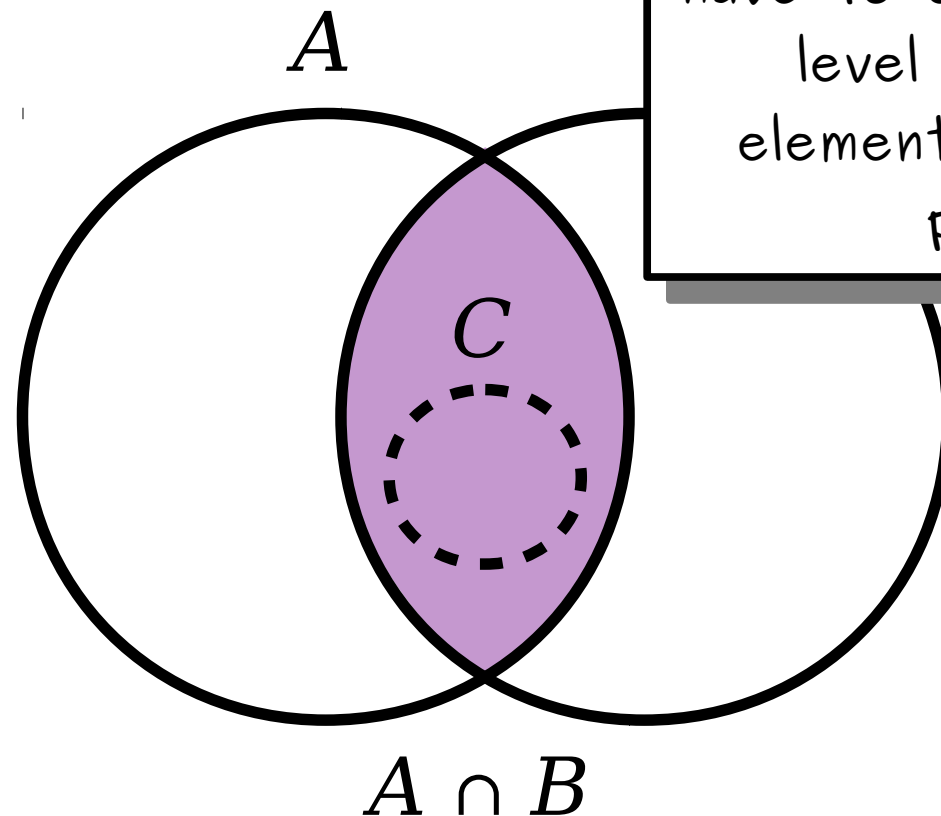
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When I look at $A \cap B$, any circle I can draw in this region can be found in both A and B .



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This is a great visual intuition to see why the theorem is true. Now we have to drill down to the level of individual elements to write the proof.

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When confronted with a theorem to prove, the first step is to make sure you understand where you're starting and where you're going.

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A great proofwriting strategy is to **write down relevant definitions**. This gives you a better sense of what you need to prove and what tools you have at hand.

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Before we start:

- What is the definition of subset?
- How do you prove that one set is a subset of another?
- If you know that one set is a subset of another, what can you conclude?

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Now we know that ultimately, we're going to have to do these two things. Let's see what tools we have that can get us here!

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Before we continue:

- What is the definition of set intersection?

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Let's go and try and do the proof with what we've got here!

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We also need to prove that
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Notice that if you take the outline here and literally swap the variable A for the variable B , you get a working proof.

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Rough Outline

- Assume $C \subseteq B \cap A$
- Proving $C \subseteq B$
 - Pick an $x \in C$
 - $x \in B \cap A$
 - $x \in B$ and $x \in A$
 - Conclude $x \in B$

In a case like this where your proof would have two completely symmetric branches, it's fine to write up just one and say **“by symmetry**, [the other branch] is also true.”

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Try it yourself: Take a few minutes and write up a proof of the theorem using this outline.

Then share your proof with your neighbors and critique each other!

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Next Time

- ***First-Order Logic***
 - Reasoning about groups of objects.
- ***First-Order Translations***
 - Expressing yourself in symbolic math!