

DEF If p and q are statement variables, the conditional of q by p is “If p then q ” or “ p implies q ” and denoted $p \rightarrow q$. It is false when p is true and q is false; otherwise it is true.

p	q	$p \rightarrow q$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	T
F	F	T

EX: Use a truth table to show that $p \vee q \rightarrow r \equiv (p \rightarrow r) \wedge (q \rightarrow r)$.

p	q	r	$p \vee q$	$p \rightarrow r$	$q \rightarrow r$	$p \vee q \rightarrow r$	$(p \rightarrow r) \wedge (q \rightarrow r)$
T	T	T					
T	T	F					
T	F	T					
T	F	F					
F	T	T					
F	T	F					
F	F	T					
F	F	F					

EX: Rewrite the following statement in *if-then* form: **You pay tuition or you can’t attend classes.**

Observation from the previous example: $p \rightarrow q \equiv \sim p \vee q$

Construct a truth table to verify the logical equivalence of the above observation:

p	q	$\sim p$	$p \rightarrow q$	$\sim p \vee q$
T	T			
T	F			
F	T			
F	F			

EX: Use logic operations to find a statement equivalent to the negation of a conditional statement.

From the example above:

$$p \rightarrow q \equiv \sim p \vee q$$

EX: Write the negation of the following statement: **If it is May 22, then we have the Final Exam.**

Negation:

DEF The contrapositive of a conditional statement of the form “If p then q ” is If $\sim q$ then $\sim p$.

i.e. The contrapositive of $p \rightarrow q$ is $\sim q \rightarrow \sim p$

Important: A conditional statement is logically equivalent to its contrapositive. [Homework problem will show.]

EX: Write the contrapositive of the following statement: **If I go to the gym, then I stretch.**

Contrapositive:

DEF Given the conditional statement “If p then q ”,

• The CONVERSE is “If q then p .” i.e. The converse of $p \rightarrow q$ is $q \rightarrow p$.

• The INVERSE is “If $\sim p$ then $\sim q$.” i.e. The inverse of $p \rightarrow q$ is $\sim p \rightarrow \sim q$.

Important: The converse and inverse are NOT logically equivalent to the original conditional statement.

But, they are logically equivalent to each other since they are the contrapositive of each other.

EX: Write the converse and inverse of the following statement: **If I go to the gym, then I stretch.**

Converse:

Inverse:

The statement “ p only if q ” means “If not q then not p .” (symbolically: $\sim q \rightarrow \sim p$)

which is equivalent to $p \rightarrow q$ since it is the contrapositive.

Be careful, it is not saying “ q implies p ”.

The expression “ p if q ” is really $q \rightarrow p$.

EX: Use the contrapositive to rewrite the following in 2 ways: **She will move only if the job offer is good.**

DEF The biconditional of p and q is “ p if, and only if q ”, denoted $p \leftrightarrow q$. It is true if both p and q have the same truth values and false otherwise.

p	q	$p \leftrightarrow q$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	F
F	F	T

Note: $p \leftrightarrow q \equiv (p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow p)$ [See book for truth table.]

DEF r is a sufficient condition for s means “if r , then s ”. i.e., $r \rightarrow s$

DEF r is a necessary condition for s means “if not r , then not s ”. i.e., $\sim r \rightarrow \sim s$

Which has the equivalent contrapositive: “if s , then r ” $s \rightarrow r$.

DEF r is a necessary and sufficient condition for s means “ r iff s ”. i.e., $\sim r \leftrightarrow \sim s$

EX: If you travel internationally, then you have a passport.

Rewrite using “sufficient”:

Rewrite using “necessary”:

EX: Rewrite the following statement in “if-then” form in 2 ways using the contrapositive.

Having 2 sides of equal length is necessary for a triangle to be isosceles.

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