



**Proof by Contradiction:** Assume  $p \wedge \neg q$  (or simply  $\neg q$ ) and derive a contradiction  $F$ . (For example, derive  $q$ .) In contradiction we do reverse.

## Biconditional Statements

- To prove a theorem that is a biconditional statement of the form  $p \leftrightarrow q$ , we show that  $p \rightarrow q$  and  $q \rightarrow p$  are both true.
- Sometimes **iff** is used as an abbreviation for "if and only if," as in "integer  $n$  is odd iff  $n^2$  is odd."

$$p \leftrightarrow q \equiv (p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow p)$$