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“If you do not attend recitation, then you are not wise.”

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Proof. We show that the left side is logically equivalent to the right side for every setting of the variables X and Y .

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T	T	T	T
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Theorem 10. $\sqrt{2}$ is an irrational number.