

# Discrete Structures

## MT217

Lecture 03

## APPLICATION

Simplify:

$$p \vee [\sim(\sim p \wedge q)]$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} & p \vee [\sim(\sim p \wedge q)] \\ \equiv & p \vee [\sim(\sim p) \vee (\sim q)] \\ \equiv & p \vee [p \vee (\sim q)] \\ \equiv & [p \vee p] \vee (\sim q) \\ \equiv & p \vee (\sim q) \end{aligned}$$

DeMorgan's Law

Double Negative Law

Associative Law for  $\vee$

Idempotent Law

Which is the simplified statement form.

## EXAMPLE

Verify :

$$\sim (\sim p \wedge q) \wedge (p \vee q) \equiv p$$

$$\sim (\sim p \wedge q) \wedge (p \vee q)$$

$$\equiv (\sim (\sim p) \vee \sim q) \wedge (p \vee q) \quad \text{DeMorgan's Law}$$

$$\equiv (p \vee \sim q) \wedge (p \vee q) \quad \text{Double Negative Law}$$

$$\equiv p \vee (\sim q \wedge q) \quad \text{Distributive Law in Reverse}$$

$$\equiv p \vee c \quad \text{Negation Law}$$

$$\equiv p \quad \text{Identity Law}$$

## SIMPLIFYING A STATEMENT

"You will get an A if you are hardworking and the sun shines, or you are hardworking and it rains."

Solution:

Let

$p$  = "You are hardworking"

$q$  = "The sun shines"

$r$  = "It rains"

The condition is then  $(p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge r)$

$$(p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge r)$$

$$\equiv p \wedge (q \vee r)$$

Distributive Law in Reverse

Putting  $p \wedge (q \vee r)$  back into English, we can rephrase the given sentence as

"You will get an **A** if you are hardworking and the sun shines or it rains.

## EXERCISE

Use Logical Equivalence to rewrite each of the following sentences more simply.

- 1) It is not true that I am tired and you are smart.
- 2) It is not true that I am tired or you are smart.

## EXERCISE

- 3) I forgot my pen or my bag and I forgot my pen or my glasses.
- 4) It is raining and I have forgotten my umbrella, or it is raining and I have forgotten my hat.

## CONDITIONAL STATEMENTS

"If you earn an A in Math, then I'll buy you a computer."

p: "You earn an A in Math,"

and

q: "I will buy you a computer."



# CONDITIONAL STATEMENTS

The original statement is then saying :

If  $p$  is true, then  $q$  is true

Or

If  $p$ , then  $q$

We can also phrase this as  $p$  implies  $q$ , and we write  $p \rightarrow q$ .

# CONDITIONAL STATEMENTS OR IMPLICATIONS

If  $p$  and  $q$  are statement variables, the conditional of  $q$  by  $p$  is "If  $p$  then  $q$ " or " $p$  implies  $q$ " and is denoted  $p \rightarrow q$ .

# CONDITIONAL STATEMENTS OR IMPLICATIONS

The arrow " $\rightarrow$ " is the conditional operator

$p$  is called the **hypothesis** (or antecedent)

$q$  is called the **conclusion** (or consequent)

# TRUTH TABLE FOR

$$p \rightarrow q$$

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

## EXAMPLE

STATEMENTS	TRUTH VALUES
1. "If $1 = 1$ , then $3 = 3$ ."	TRUE
2. "If $1 = 1$ , then $2 = 3$ ."	FALSE
3. "If $1 = 0$ , then $3 = 3$ ."	TRUE
4. "If $1 = 2$ , then $2 = 3$ ."	TRUE
5. "If $1 = 1$ , then $1 = 2$ and $2 = 3$ ."	FALSE
6. "If $1 = 3$ or $1 = 2$ then $3 = 3$ ."	TRUE

## ALTERNATIVE WAYS OF EXPRESSING IMPLICATIONS

- "if  $p$  then  $q$ "
- " $p$  implies  $q$ "
- "if  $p$ ,  $q$ "
- " $p$  only if  $q$ "
- " $p$  is sufficient for  $q$ "

## ALTERNATIVE WAYS OF EXPRESSING IMPLICATIONS

- "not  $p$  unless  $q$ "
- " $q$  follows from  $p$ "
- " $q$  if  $p$ "
- " $q$  whenever  $p$ "
- " $q$  is necessary for  $p$ "



## EXERCISE

a) Your guarantee is good **only if** you bought your CD less than 90 days ago.

**If** your guarantee is good, **then** you must have bought your CD player less than 90 days ago.

b) To get tenure as a professor, it is **sufficient** to be world-famous.

**If** you are world-famous, **then** you will get tenure as a professor.



## EXERCISE

- c) That you get the job implies that you have the best credentials.

If you get the job, **then** you have the best credentials.

- d) It is necessary to walk 8 miles to get to the top of the Peak.

If you get to the top of the peak, **then** you must have walked 8 miles.

# TRANSLATING ENGLISH SENTENCES TO SYMBOLS

Let  $p$  and  $q$  be propositions:

$p =$  "you get an A on the final exam"

$q =$  "you do every exercise in this book"

$r =$  "you get an A in this class"

## TRANSLATING ENGLISH SENTENCES TO SYMBOLS

To get an A in this class it is necessary for you to get an A on the final.

SOLUTION:

$$p \rightarrow r$$

## TRANSLATING ENGLISH SENTENCES TO SYMBOLS

You do every exercise in this book; You get an A on the final, implies, you get an A in the class.

SOLUTION:

$$p \wedge q \rightarrow r$$

## TRANSLATING ENGLISH SENTENCES TO SYMBOLS

Getting an A on the final and doing every exercise in this book is sufficient for getting an A in this class.

SOLUTION:

$$p \wedge q \rightarrow r$$

## TRANSLATING SYMBOLIC PROPOSITIONS TO ENGLISH

Let  $p$ ,  $q$ , and  $r$  be the propositions:

$p$  = "you have the flu"

$q$  = "you miss the final exam"

$r$  = "you pass the course"

## TRANSLATING SYMBOLIC PROPOSITIONS TO ENGLISH

$$p \rightarrow q$$

If you have flu, then you will miss the final exam.

$$\sim q \rightarrow r$$

If you don't miss the final exam, then you will pass the course.



## TRANSLATING SYMBOLIC PROPOSITIONS TO ENGLISH

$$\sim p \wedge \sim q \rightarrow r$$

If you neither have flu nor miss the final exam,  
then you will pass the course.



# HIERARCHY OF OPERATIONS FOR LOGICAL CONNECTIVES

- 1)  $\sim$  (negation)
- 2)  $\wedge$  (conjunction),  $\vee$  (disjunction)
- 3)  $\rightarrow$  (conditional)

## TRUTH TABLE FOR

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

$p \vee \sim q \rightarrow \sim p$  means  $(p \vee (\sim q)) \rightarrow (\sim p)$

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

$$(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (\sim p \rightarrow r)$$

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

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F	T	T	T	T	T	T
F	T	F	T	T	F	F
F	F	T	T	T	T	T
F	F	F	T	T	F	F

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

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



# IMPLICATION LAW

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

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

## NEGATION OF A CONDITIONAL STATEMENT

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

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

$$\equiv \sim (\sim p) \wedge (\sim q) \quad \text{De Morgan's law}$$

$$\equiv p \wedge \sim q \quad \text{Double Negative law}$$

## INVERSE OF A CONDITIONAL STATEMENT

The inverse of the conditional statement  $p \rightarrow q$   
is  $\sim p \rightarrow \sim q$

$p \rightarrow q$  is not equivalent to  $\sim p \rightarrow \sim q$

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

## WRITING INVERSE

1. If today is Friday, then  $2 + 3 = 5$ .  
If today is not Friday, then  $2 + 3 \neq 5$ .
2. If it snows today, I will ski tomorrow.  
If it does not snow today I will not ski tomorrow.

## WRITING INVERSE

3. If P is a square, **then** P is a rectangle.  
If P is **not** a square **then** P is **not** a rectangle.
4. If my car is in the repair shop, **then** I cannot get to class.  
If my car is **not** in the repair shop, **then** I shall get to the class.

## CONVERSE OF A CONDITIONAL STATEMENT

The converse of the conditional statement  $p \rightarrow q$   
is  $q \rightarrow p$

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



## WRITING CONVERSE

1. If today is Friday, **then**  $2 + 3 = 5$ .  
If  $2 + 3 = 5$ , **then** today is Friday.
2. If it snows today, I will ski tomorrow.  
I will ski tomorrow only **if** it snows today.

## WRITING CONVERSE

3. If  $P$  is a square, then  $P$  is a rectangle.  
If  $P$  is a rectangle then  $P$  is a square.

4. If my car is in the repair shop, then I cannot get to class.  
If I cannot get to the class, then my car is in the repair shop.

## CONTRAPOSITIVE OF A CONDITIONAL STATEMENT

The contrapositive of the conditional statement  
 $p \rightarrow q$  is

$$\sim q \rightarrow \sim p$$

A conditional and its contrapositive are equivalent.  
Symbolically,

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

## WRITING CONTRAPOSITIVITY

1. If today is Friday, then  $2 + 3 = 5$ .  
If  $2 + 3 \neq 5$ , then today is not Friday.
2. If it snows today, I will ski tomorrow.  
I will ski tomorrow only if it does not snow today.

## WRITING CONTRAPOSITIVITY

3. If  $P$  is a square, then  $P$  is a rectangle.

If  $P$  is not a rectangle then  $P$  is not a square.

4. If my car is in the repair shop, then I cannot get to class.

If I get to the class, then my car is not in the repair shop.