

1. Build a truth table to prove the claim I made earlier that $\phi \Leftrightarrow \psi$ if ϕ and ψ are both true or both false, and ϕ and ψ is false if exactly one of ϕ , ψ is true and the other false.

ϕ	ψ	$\phi \Rightarrow \psi$	$\psi \Rightarrow \phi$	$\psi \Leftrightarrow \phi$
T	T	T	T	T
T	F	F	T	F
F	T	T	F	F
F	F	T	T	T

2. Build a truth table to show that

$$(\phi \Rightarrow \psi) \Leftrightarrow (\neg\phi \vee \psi)$$

is true for all truth values of ϕ and ψ . A statement whose truth values are all T is called a *logical validity*, or sometimes a *tautology*

ϕ	ψ	$\phi \Rightarrow \psi$	$\neg\phi$	$\neg\phi \vee \psi$	$(\phi \Rightarrow \psi) \Rightarrow (\neg\phi \vee \psi)$	$(\neg\phi \vee \psi) \Rightarrow (\phi \Rightarrow \psi)$
T	T	T	F	T	T	T
T	F	F	F	F	T	T
F	T	T	T	T	T	T
F	F	T	T	T	T	T

3. Build a truth table to show that

$$(\phi \not\Rightarrow \psi) \Leftrightarrow (\neg\phi \vee \psi)$$

is a tautology.

ϕ	ψ	$\phi \Rightarrow \psi$	$(\phi \not\Rightarrow \psi)$	$\neg\phi \vee \psi$	$(\phi \not\Rightarrow \psi) \Rightarrow (\neg\phi \vee \psi)$	$(\neg\phi \vee \psi) \Rightarrow (\phi \not\Rightarrow \psi)$	$(\phi \not\Rightarrow \psi) \Leftrightarrow (\neg\phi \vee \psi)$
T	T	T	F	T	F	F	T
T	F	F	T	F	T	T	T
F	T	T	F	T	F	F	T
F	F	T	F	T	F	F	T

4. The ancient Greeks formulated a basic rule of reasoning for proving mathematical statements. Called *modus ponens*, it says that if you know ϕ and you know $\phi \Rightarrow \psi$, then you can conclude ψ .

- (a) Construct a truth table for the logical statement

$$[\phi \wedge (\phi \Rightarrow \psi)] \Rightarrow \psi$$

ϕ	ψ	$\phi \Rightarrow \psi$	$\phi \wedge (\phi \Rightarrow \psi)$	$[\phi \wedge (\phi \Rightarrow \psi)] \Rightarrow \psi$
T	T	T	T	T
T	F	F	F	T
F	T	T	F	T
F	F	T	F	T

- (b) Explain how the truth table you obtain demonstrates that *modus ponens* is a valid rule of inference. This is a valid rule of inference because it is a tautology. In other words, $[\phi \wedge (\phi \Rightarrow \psi)] \Rightarrow \psi$ is true for every value of ϕ and $\phi \Rightarrow \psi$. Another way of looking at this is that the reasoning is valid regardless of whether the statements are true.

5. One way to prove that

$$\neg(\phi \wedge \psi) \text{ and } (\neg\phi) \vee (\neg\psi)$$

are equivalent is to show they have the same truth table:

ϕ	ψ	$\phi \wedge \psi$	$\neg(\phi \wedge \psi)$	$\neg\phi$	$\neg\psi$	$(\neg\phi) \vee (\neg\psi)$
T	T	T	F	F	F	F
T	F	F	T	F	T	T
F	T	F	T	T	F	T
F	F	F	T	T	T	T

Since the two columns marked * are identical, we know that the two expressions are equivalent.

Thus, negation has the affect that it changes \vee into \wedge and changes \wedge into \vee . An alternative approach way to prove this is to argue directly with the meaning of the first statement:

1. $\phi \wedge \psi$ means both ϕ and ψ are true.
2. Thus $\neg(\phi \wedge \psi)$ means it is not the case that ϕ and ψ are true.
3. If they are not both true, then at least one of ϕ , ψ must be false.
4. This is clearly the same as saying that at least one of $\neg\phi$ and $\neg\psi$ is true. (By the definition of negation).
5. By the meaning of *or*, this can be expressed as $(\neg\phi)$ or $(\neg\psi)$.

Provide an analogous logical argument to show that $\neg(\phi \vee \psi)$ and $(\neg\phi) \wedge (\neg\psi)$ are equivalent.

1. $\neg(\phi \vee \psi)$ means both ϕ and ψ are false.
 2. If they are both false then neither ϕ or ψ are true
 3. This is the same as saying that both $\neg\phi$ and $\neg\psi$ are true
 4. By the meaning of the conjunction *and*, this can be expressed as $(\neg\phi)$ and $(\neg\psi)$.
6. By a denial of a statement ϕ we mean any statement equivalent to $\neg\phi$. Give a useful (and hence natural sounding) denial of each of the following statements.
- (a) 34,159 is a prime number. **34,159 is not a prime number.**
 - (b) Roses are red and violets are blue. **It's not the case that roses are red and violets are blue.**
 - (c) If there are no hamburgers, I'll have a hot dog. **If there are no hamburgers, I may not have a hot dog.**
 - (d) Fred will go but he will not play. **Fred will not go or he will play.**
 - (e) The number x is either negative or greater than 10. **x is positive and less than or equal to 10.**
 - (f) We will win the first game or the second. **We will lose both games.**
7. Show that $\phi \Leftrightarrow \psi$ is equivalent to $(\neg\phi) \Leftrightarrow (\neg\psi)$

ϕ	ψ	$\phi \Rightarrow \psi$	$\psi \Rightarrow \phi$	$\phi \Leftrightarrow \psi$	$\neg\phi$	$\neg\psi$	$(\neg\phi) \Rightarrow (\neg\psi)$	$(\neg\psi) \Rightarrow (\neg\phi)$	$(\neg\phi) \Leftrightarrow (\neg\psi)$
T	T	T	T	T	F	F	T	T	T
T	F	F	T	F	F	T	T	F	F
F	T	T	F	F	T	F	F	T	F
F	F	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T

8. Construct truth tables to illustrate the following:

- (a) $\psi \Leftrightarrow \phi$
- (b) $\phi \Rightarrow (\psi \vee \theta)$

ϕ	ψ	θ	$\phi \Rightarrow \psi$	$\psi \Rightarrow \phi$	$\psi \Leftrightarrow \phi$	$\psi \vee \theta$	$\phi \Rightarrow (\psi \vee \theta)$
T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
T	F	T	F	T	F	T	T
F	T	F	T	F	F	T	T
F	F	F	T	T	T	F	T

9. Use truth tables to prove that the following are equivalent: $\phi \Rightarrow (\psi \wedge \theta)$ and $(\phi \Rightarrow \psi) \wedge (\phi \Rightarrow \theta)$

ϕ	ψ	θ	$\psi \wedge \theta$	$\phi \Rightarrow (\psi \wedge \theta)$	$\phi \Rightarrow \psi$	$\phi \Rightarrow \theta$	$(\phi \Rightarrow \psi) \wedge (\phi \Rightarrow \theta)$
T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
T	T	F	F	F	T	F	F
T	F	T	F	F	F	F	F
T	F	F	F	F	F	T	F
F	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
F	T	F	F	T	T	T	T
F	F	T	F	T	T	T	T
F	F	F	F	T	T	T	T

10. Verify the equivalence in the previous question by means of a logical argument.

- $\phi \Rightarrow (\psi \wedge \theta)$ means that if ϕ is true then $\psi \wedge \theta$ is also true.
- This means that if ϕ is true then ψ is true and θ is true.
- It follows that $\phi \Rightarrow \psi$ is the case and $\phi \Rightarrow \theta$ is the case.
- By the definition of conjunction, this is the same as $(\phi \Rightarrow \psi) \wedge (\phi \Rightarrow \theta)$.

11. Use truth tables to prove the equivalence of $\phi \Rightarrow \psi$ and $(\neg\psi) \Rightarrow (\neg\phi)$.

ϕ	ψ	$\phi \Rightarrow \psi$	$\neg\phi$	$\neg\psi$	$(\neg\psi) \Rightarrow (\neg\phi)$
T	T	T	F	F	T
T	F	F	F	T	F
F	T	T	T	F	T
F	F	T	T	T	T

12. Write down the contrapositives of the following statements:

- If two rectangles are congruent, they have the same area. **If two rectangles do not have the same area, they are not congruent**
- If a triangle with sides a, b, c (c largest) is right-angled then $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$. **If a triangle has sides a, b, c (c largest) and it is not the case that $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$, then the triangle is not right-angled.**
- If $2^n - 1$ is prime, then n is prime. **If n is not prime, then $2^n - 1$ is not prime.**
- If the Yuan rises, the Dollar will fall. **If the Dollar does not fall, then the Yuan will not rise.**

13. It is important not to confuse the contrapositive of a conditional $\phi \Rightarrow \psi$ with its *converse* $\psi \Rightarrow \phi$. Use truth tables to show that the contrapositive and the converse of $\phi \Rightarrow \psi$ are not equivalent.

ϕ	ψ	$\phi \Rightarrow \psi$	$\neg\phi$	$\neg\psi$	$(\neg\psi) \Rightarrow (\neg\phi)$	$\psi \Rightarrow \phi$
T	T	T	F	F	T	T
T	F	F	F	T	F	T
F	T	T	T	F	T	F
F	F	T	T	T	T	T

14. Write down the converses of the four statements in question 12.

- (a) If two rectangles are congruent, they have the same area. If two rectangles have the same area, they are congruent.
- (b) If a triangle with sides a , b , c (c largest) is right-angled then $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$. If a triangle has sides a , b , c (c largest) and $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$, then the triangle is right-angled.
- (c) If $2^n - 1$ is prime, then n is prime. If n is prime, then $2^n - 1$ is prime.
- (d) If the Yuan rises, the Dollar will fall. If the Dollar falls, then the Yuan will rise.