

# Review

- $p \rightarrow q \equiv$
- $\sim p \vee q$
- Contrapositive:
- $\sim q \rightarrow \sim p$
- Inverse:
- $\sim p \rightarrow \sim q$
- Converse:
- $q \rightarrow p$
- $p \oplus q \equiv$
- $(p \vee q) \wedge \sim(p \wedge q)$
- $\sim(p \wedge q) \equiv$
- $\sim p \vee \sim q$
- $\sim(p \vee q) \equiv$
- $\sim p \wedge \sim q$
- $p$  is sufficient for  $q$
- $p \rightarrow q$
- $p$  is necessary for  $q$
- $\sim p \rightarrow \sim q$

# Valid and Invalid Arguments

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# Review

- Associative Law:
  - $(p \wedge q) \wedge r \equiv p \wedge (q \wedge r)$
  - $(p \vee q) \vee r \equiv p \vee (q \vee r)$
- Distributive Law:
  - $p \wedge (q \vee r) \equiv (p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge r)$
  - $p \vee (q \wedge r) \equiv (p \vee q) \wedge (p \vee r)$
- Absorption Law:
  - $p \vee (p \wedge q) \equiv p$
  - $p \wedge (p \vee q) \equiv p$

# Definitions

- An argument is a sequence of statements (statement forms).
- All statements in an argument except for the last one, are called premises.  
(assumptions, hypotheses)
- The final statement is the conclusion.
- A valid argument means the conclusion is true if the premises are all true, with all combinations of variable truth values.

# Examples

- All Greeks are human and all humans are mortal; therefore, all Greeks are mortal.
- Some men are athletes and some athletes are rich; therefore, some men are rich.
- Some men are swimmers and some swimmers are fish; therefore, some men are fish.

# Modus Ponens

$$p$$
$$\frac{p \rightarrow q}{\quad}$$
$$\therefore q$$

# Modus Ponens example

- Assume you are given the following two statements:

- “you are in this class”

 $p$ 

- “If you are in this class, you are a student”

 $\underline{p \rightarrow q}$  $\therefore q$ 

- Let  $p$  = “you are in this class”
- Let  $q$  = “you are a student”
- By Modus Ponens, you can conclude that you are a student.

# Modus Ponens

- Consider  $(p \wedge (p \rightarrow q)) \rightarrow q$

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

$$\begin{array}{l}
 p \\
 \underline{p \rightarrow q} \\
 \therefore q
 \end{array}$$



# Modus Tollens

- Assume that we know:  $\sim q$  and  $p \rightarrow q$ 
  - Recall that  $p \rightarrow q \equiv \sim q \rightarrow \sim p$
- Thus, we know  $\sim q$  and  $\sim q \rightarrow \sim p$
- We can conclude  $\sim p$

$$\sim q$$

$$\underline{p \rightarrow q}$$

$$\therefore \sim p$$

# Modus Tollens example

- Assume you are given the following two statements:

- “you are not a student”

 $\sim q$ 

- “if you are in this class, you are a student”

 $\underline{p \rightarrow q}$  $\therefore \sim p$ 

- Let  $p$  = “you are in this class”
- Let  $q$  = “you are a student”
- By Modus Tollens, you can conclude that you are not in this class

# Generalization & Specialization

- Generalization: If you know that  $p$  is true, then  $p \vee q$  will ALWAYS be true

$$\frac{p}{\therefore p \vee q} \quad \frac{q}{\therefore p \vee q}$$

- Specialization: If  $p \wedge q$  is true, then  $p$  will ALWAYS be true

$$\frac{p \wedge q}{\therefore p} \quad \frac{p \wedge q}{\therefore q}$$

# Example of proof

- We have the hypotheses:

**p** – “It is not sunny this afternoon and it is colder than yesterday”

**q** – “We will go swimming only if it is sunny”

**r** – “If we do not go swimming, then we will take a canoe trip”

**s** – “If we take a canoe trip, then we will be home by sunset”

**t** – “If we take a canoe trip, then we will be home by sunset”

- Does this imply that “we will be home by sunset”?

$$\sim p \wedge q$$

$$r \rightarrow p$$

$$\sim r \rightarrow s$$

$$s \rightarrow t$$

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$$t$$

# Example of proof

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|----|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. | $\sim p \wedge q$      | 1 <sup>st</sup> hypothesis      |
| 2. | $\sim p$               | Specialization using step 1     |
| 3. | $r \rightarrow p$      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> hypothesis      |
| 4. | $\sim r$               | Modus tollens using steps 2 & 3 |
| 5. | $\sim r \rightarrow s$ | 3 <sup>rd</sup> hypothesis      |
| 6. | $s$                    | Modus ponens using steps 4 & 5  |
| 7. | $s \rightarrow t$      | 4 <sup>th</sup> hypothesis      |
| 8. | $t$                    | Modus ponens using steps 6 & 7  |

$$\frac{p \wedge q}{\therefore p}$$

$$\frac{p \quad p \rightarrow q}{\therefore q}$$

$$\frac{\sim q \quad p \rightarrow q}{\therefore \sim p}$$

# More rules of inference

- Conjunction: if  $p$  and  $q$  are true separately, then  $p \wedge q$  is true

$$\frac{p \quad q}{\therefore p \wedge q}$$

- Elimination: If  $p \vee q$  is true, and  $p$  is false, then  $q$  must be true

$$\frac{p \vee q \quad \sim p}{\therefore q} \quad \frac{p \vee q \quad \sim q}{\therefore p}$$

- Transitivity: If  $p \rightarrow q$  is true, and  $q \rightarrow r$  is true, then  $p \rightarrow r$  must be true

$$\frac{p \rightarrow q \quad q \rightarrow r}{\therefore p \rightarrow r}$$

# Even more rules of inference

- Proof by division into cases:  
if at least one of  $p$  or  $q$  is  
true, then  $r$  must be true

$$\begin{array}{l} p \vee q \\ p \rightarrow r \\ \underline{q \rightarrow r} \\ \therefore r \end{array}$$

- Contradiction rule: If  $\sim p \rightarrow \mathbf{c}$  is  
true, we can conclude  $p$  (via  
the contra-positive)

$$\begin{array}{l} \underline{\sim p \rightarrow c} \\ \therefore p \end{array}$$

- Resolution: If  $p \vee q$  is true, and  
 $\sim p \vee r$  is true, then  $q \vee r$  must  
be true
  - Not in the textbook

$$\begin{array}{l} p \vee q \\ \underline{\sim p \vee r} \\ \therefore q \vee r \end{array}$$

# Example of proof

- Given the hypotheses:
  - “If it does not rain or if it is not foggy, then the sailing race will be held and the lifesaving demonstration will go on”
  - “If the sailing race is held, then the trophy will be awarded”
  - “The trophy was not awarded”
- Can you conclude: “It rained”?

$$(\sim r \vee \sim f) \rightarrow (s \wedge l)$$

$$s \rightarrow t$$

$$\sim t$$

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$$r$$



# Example of proof

1.  $\sim t$  3<sup>rd</sup> hypothesis
2.  $s \rightarrow t$  2<sup>nd</sup> hypothesis
3.  $\sim s$  Modus tollens using steps 1 & 2
4.  $(\sim r \vee \sim f) \rightarrow (s \wedge l)$  1<sup>st</sup> hypothesis
5.  $\sim(s \wedge l) \rightarrow \sim(\sim r \vee \sim f)$  Contrapositive of step 4
6.  $(\sim s \vee \sim l) \rightarrow (r \wedge f)$  DeMorgan's law and double negation law
7.  $\sim s \vee \sim l$  Generalization using step 3
8.  $r \wedge f$  Modus ponens using steps 6 & 7
9.  $r$  Specialization using step 8

$p$			$\sim q$
$\underline{p \rightarrow q}$	$\underline{p}$	$\underline{p \wedge q}$	$\underline{p \rightarrow q}$
$\therefore q$	$\therefore p \vee q$	$\therefore p$	$\therefore \sim p$ <sup>17</sup>

Fallacy of the  
converse

# ~~Modus Badus~~

Fallacy of  
affirming the  
conclusion

- Consider the following:

$q$

$\underline{p \rightarrow q}$

$\therefore p$

$q$

$\underline{\sim q \rightarrow \sim p}$

$\therefore p$

- Is this true?

$p$	$q$	$p \rightarrow q$	$q \wedge (p \rightarrow q)$	$(q \wedge (p \rightarrow q)) \rightarrow p$
T	T	T	T	T
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Not a  
valid  
rule!

# Modus Badus example

- Assume you are given the following two statements:

- “you are a student”

 $q$ 

- “If you are in this class, you are a student”

 $\underline{p \rightarrow q}$  $\therefore p$ 

- Let  $p$  = “you are in this class”
- Let  $q$  = “you are a student”
- It is clearly wrong to conclude that if you are a student, you must be in this class

Fallacy of the  
inverse

# ~~Modus Badus~~

Fallacy of  
denying the  
hypothesis

- Consider the following:

$$\sim p$$

$$\underline{p \rightarrow q}$$

$$\therefore \sim q$$

- Is this true?

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

Not a  
valid  
rule!

# Modus Badus example

- Assume you are given the following two statements:
  - “you are not in this class”  $\sim p$
  - “if you are in this class, you are a student”  $\underline{p \rightarrow q}$
$$\therefore \sim q$$
- Let  $p$  = “you are in this class”
- Let  $q$  = “you are a student”
- You CANNOT conclude that you are not a student just because you are not taking Discrete Math