

Examples with conditional
statements.

Conditional statement as a disjunction

$P \rightarrow Q \equiv (\neg P \vee Q)$, where P is the hypothesis and Q is the conclusion.

Express the following conditional statements as a disjunction.

Definition: A real number x is said to be rational if there are integers a and $b \neq 0$ such that $x = \frac{a}{b}$.
A real number x is said to be irrational if it is not rational.

- **Conditional:** If x and y are both rational numbers then $x+y$ is also a rational number .
- **Disjunction form:** x is an irrational or y is an irrational number or $x+y$ is a rational number.
- **Conditional:** If it is not raining then I go to the beach or I go hiking. (I could do both.)
- **Disjunction form:** It is raining or I go to the beach or I go hiking.
- **Conditional:** $\forall x \forall y(xy=0 \rightarrow (x=0 \vee y=0))$, where the domain of discourse is the set of real numbers.
- **Disjunction Form:** $\forall x \forall y(xy \neq 0 \vee (x=0 \vee y=0))$

Negation of a conditional statement

$\neg(P \rightarrow Q) \equiv \neg(\neg P \vee Q) \equiv (P \wedge \neg Q)$, where P is the hypothesis and Q is the conclusion.

Express the negation of the following conditional statements.

- **Conditional:** If x and y are both rational numbers then $x+y$ is also a rational number .
- **Negation:** x and y are both rational numbers and $x+y$ is an irrational number.

- **Conditional:** If it is not raining then I go to the beach or I go hiking. (I could do both.)
- **Negation:** It is not raining and I do not go to the beach and I do not go hiking.

- **Conditional:** $\forall x \forall y(xy=0 \rightarrow (x=0 \vee y=0))$, where the domain of discourse is the set of real numbers.
- **Negation:** $\exists x \exists y(xy=0 \wedge (x \neq 0 \wedge y \neq 0))$

Conditional statement and its contrapositive

$\neg Q \rightarrow \neg P$ is the contrapositive of the conditional $P \rightarrow Q$, where P is the hypothesis and Q is the conclusion of the original conditional. Note that, $P \rightarrow Q \equiv \neg Q \rightarrow \neg P$, that is the conditional is equivalent to its contrapositive.

Express the **contrapositive** of the following conditional statements.

- **Conditional:** If x and y are both rational numbers then $x+y$ is also a rational number .
- **Contrapositive:** $x+y$ is an irrational number then x or y is an irrational number.
- **Conditional:** If it is not raining then I go to the beach or I go hiking. (I could do both.)
- **Contrapositive:** If I do not go to the beach and I do not go hiking then it is raining.
- **Conditional:** $\forall x \forall y(xy=0 \rightarrow (x=0 \vee y=0))$, where the domain of discourse is the set of real numbers.
- **Contrapositive:** $\forall x \forall y((x \neq 0 \wedge y \neq 0) \rightarrow xy \neq 0)$

Conditional statement and its converse

$Q \rightarrow P$ is the converse of the conditional $P \rightarrow Q$, where P is the hypothesis and Q is the conclusion of the original conditional. Note that, $P \rightarrow Q$ is NOT equivalent to $Q \rightarrow P$, that is the conditional is NOT equivalent to its converse.

Express the **converse** of the following conditional statements.

- **Conditional:** If x and y are both rational numbers then $x+y$ is also a rational number .
- **Converse:** If $x+y$ is a rational number then x and y are both rational numbers.
- **Conditional:** If it is not raining then I go to the beach or I go hiking. (I could do both.)
- **Converse:** If I go to the beach or I go hiking then it is not raining.
- **Conditional:** $\forall x \forall y(xy=0 \rightarrow (x=0 \vee y=0))$, where the domain of discourse is the set of real numbers.
- **Converse:** $\forall x \forall y((x=0 \vee y=0) \rightarrow xy = 0)$

Conditional statement and its inverse

$\neg P \rightarrow \neg Q$ is the inverse of the conditional $P \rightarrow Q$, where P is the hypothesis and Q is the conclusion of the original conditional. Note that, $P \rightarrow Q$ is NOT equivalent to $\neg P \rightarrow \neg Q$, that is the conditional is NOT equivalent to its inverse. However, $Q \rightarrow P \equiv \neg P \rightarrow \neg Q$, that is the converse of $P \rightarrow Q$ is equivalent to the inverse of $P \rightarrow Q$. In fact, the inverse is the contrapositive of the converse.

Express the **inverse** of the following conditional statements.

- **Conditional:** If x and y are both rational numbers then $x+y$ is also a rational number .
- **Inverse:** If x or y is an irrational number then $x+y$ is an irrational number.

- **Conditional:** If it is not raining then I go to the beach or I go hiking. (I could do both.)
- **Inverse:** If it is raining then I do not go to the beach and I do not go hiking.

- **Conditional:** $\forall x \forall y(xy=0 \rightarrow (x=0 \vee y=0))$, where the domain of discourse is the set of real numbers.
- **Inverse:** $\forall x \forall y(xy \neq 0 \rightarrow (x \neq 0 \wedge y \neq 0))$