

Warm-up: Use a truth table to show $P \Rightarrow Q$ is not logically equivalent to $Q \Rightarrow P$.

Recall: $Q \Rightarrow P$ is the converse of $P \Rightarrow Q$.

$\neg Q \Rightarrow \neg P$ is the contrapositive of $P \Rightarrow Q$, and

$$\neg Q \Rightarrow \neg P \equiv P \Rightarrow Q.$$

A final logical connective:

⑤ Biconditional: \Leftrightarrow means "if and only if"

$P \Leftrightarrow Q$ is true exactly when P and Q have the same truth value.

P	Q	$P \Leftrightarrow Q$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	F
F	F	T

Thm: $P \Leftrightarrow Q$ is logically equivalent to $(P \Rightarrow Q) \wedge (Q \Rightarrow P)$

Proof:

P	Q	$P \Leftrightarrow Q$	$P \Rightarrow Q$	$Q \Rightarrow P$	$(P \Rightarrow Q) \wedge (Q \Rightarrow P)$
T	T	T	T	T	T
T	F	F	F	T	F
F	T	F	T	F	F
F	F	T	T	T	T

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A sentence of the form $P \Leftrightarrow Q$ is called a biconditional sentence.

Ways to say $P \Leftrightarrow Q$:

"P if and only if Q"

"P is necessary and sufficient for Q"

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"P is necessary for Q" is $Q \Rightarrow P$

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Ex: $x^2 = 9 \iff x = 3 \text{ or } x = -3$

How do we know this is a true sentence?

Let

$$P = "x^2 = 9"$$

$$Q = "x = 3 \text{ or } x = -3"$$

Show $P \Rightarrow Q$ is true

P	Q	$P \Rightarrow Q$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	T
F	F	T

Case 1: P is true. Then $x^2 = 9$,

so

$$x^2 - 9 = 0.$$

Factoring, we get

$$(x-3)(x+3) = 0.$$

Hence,

$$x-3 = 0 \text{ or } x+3 = 0.$$

Thus,

$$x = 3 \text{ or } x = -3. \quad \checkmark$$

Case 2: P is false. Then $P \Rightarrow Q$ is vacuously true.

Show $Q \Rightarrow P$ is true

Case 1: Q is true. Then $x = 3$ or $x = -3$,

so

$$x^2 = (3)^2 = 9 \quad \text{or} \quad x^2 = (-3)^2 = 9. \quad \checkmark$$

Case 2: Q is false. Then $Q \Rightarrow P$ is vacuously true.



Conditional Proof

In general, to show $P \Rightarrow Q$ is true, we must

① Assume P is true.

② Under this assumption, show that Q must be true also.

Why is this valid?

When P is false, $P \Rightarrow Q$ is automatically true.

This method is called conditional proof.

Most of our theorems are of the form $P \Rightarrow Q$, so we'll write a lot of conditional proofs.

To prove $P \Leftrightarrow Q$ is true, we need two conditional proofs: $P \Rightarrow Q$ and $Q \Rightarrow P$.
eq. $\downarrow \neg Q \Rightarrow \neg P$ eq. $\downarrow \neg P \Rightarrow \neg Q$