

## Lesson 47 – Implication

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### **(A) Definition**

- a. A compound statement formed using an **if ... then** .... connection  $\rightarrow$  so, if  $p$ , then  $q$ .
- b. The connection can also be formed if several other ways:
  - i.  $p$  only if  $q$
  - ii.  $p$  is sufficient for  $q$
  - iii.  $q$  is necessary for  $p$
- c.  $p$  is referred to as the **antecedent** and  $q$  is referred to as the **consequent**

### **(B) Notation:**

The notation used will be  $p \Rightarrow q$

### **(C) Truth Values of Implication**

- a. Example used to demonstrate truth values:
  - i. Let  $p$  be the proposition “I get a raise in pay”
  - ii. Let  $q$  be the proposition “I will buy you a ring”
- b. So our implication is “If I get a raise in pay, then I will buy you a ring”
- c. And so our truth values are as follows:

p (get a pay raise)	q (buy a ring)	Interpretation of $p \Rightarrow q$	Truth values
I DO get a pay raise $\rightarrow$ T	I DO buy you a ring $\rightarrow$ T	I DO get a pay raise which implies that I DO buy you a ring	T
I DO get a pay raise $\rightarrow$ T	I DO NOT buy you a ring $\rightarrow$ F	I DO get a pay raise, but I DO NOT buy you a ring	F
I DO NOT get a pay raise $\rightarrow$ F	I DO buy you a ring $\rightarrow$ T	I DO NOT get a pay raise but I DO buy you a ring	T
I DO NOT get a pay raise $\rightarrow$ F	I DO NOT buy you a ring $\rightarrow$ F	I DO NOT get a pay raise which implies that I DO NOT buy you a ring	T

So to summarize:

p	q	$p \Rightarrow q$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	T
F	F	T

- d. Examples  $\rightarrow$  Complete Cirrito, Exercises 14.1.4 on pg 422
- e. Examples  $\rightarrow$  complete Haese and Harris, Exercise 15E, p507, Q1-4

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### (D) Equivalence

- a. Two statements are equivalent if one implies the other and vice versa  $\rightarrow$  so we are looking at the conjunction of two implications  $\rightarrow$  if p then q AND if q then p
- b. So we have  $(p \Rightarrow q) \wedge (q \Rightarrow p)$  and our statement will now be notated as  $p \Leftrightarrow q$  and we will use the statement “if and only if” to denote equivalence.
- c. For example, let p be the proposition that “I will pass the Semester exam” and let q be the proposition that “the exam is easy”
  - i. So the implication  $p \Rightarrow q$  is interpreted as “if I pass the semester exam, then the exam was easy”
  - ii. And the implication  $q \Rightarrow p$  is interpreted as “if the exam is easy, then I will pass the semester exam”
  - iii. So then  $p \Leftrightarrow q$  is read as “I will pass the exam if and only if the exam is easy”
- d. Then our truth values for this statement will be:

p (pass exam)	q (easy exam)	Interpretation of $p \Rightarrow q$	Interpretation of $q \Rightarrow p$	$(p \Rightarrow q) \wedge (q \Rightarrow p)$
Pass $\rightarrow$ T	Easy exam $\rightarrow$ T	If I pass, then it was an easy exam $\rightarrow$ T	If it was an easy exam, then I do pass $\rightarrow$ T	T
Pass $\rightarrow$ T	Not an easy exam $\rightarrow$ F	If I pass, then it was not an easy exam $\rightarrow$ F	If it was not an easy exam, then I do pass $\rightarrow$ T	F
Fail $\rightarrow$ F	Easy exam $\rightarrow$ T	If I fail, then it was an easy exam $\rightarrow$ T	If it was an easy exam, then I do fail $\rightarrow$ F	F
Fail $\rightarrow$ F	Not an easy exam $\rightarrow$ F	If I fail, then it was not an easy exam $\rightarrow$ T	If it was not an easy exam, then I do fail $\rightarrow$ T	T

So to summarize:

p	q	$p \Leftrightarrow q$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	F
F	F	T

(E) Examples  $\rightarrow$  complete Haese and Harris, Exercise 15E, p507, Q4,5

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### **(F) Implications → Other Considerations (Converses, Inverses, Contrapositives)**

- a. **Converse:** the converse of the statement  $p \Rightarrow q$  is the statement  $q \Rightarrow p$ . For example:
- i. Let p be: the triangle is isosceles
  - ii. Let q be: two angles of the triangle are equal
  - iii. So  $p \Rightarrow q$  would mean → If the triangle is isosceles, then two angles of the triangle are equal
  - iv. And  $q \Rightarrow p$  would mean → If two angles of a triangle are equal, then the triangle is isosceles.
  
  - v. Let p be:  $x > 10$  (i.e I pick any number more than 10)
  - vi. Let q be:  $x > 4$  (i.e. I pick any number more than 4)
  - vii. So  $p \Rightarrow q$  would mean → If  $x > 10$ , then  $x > 4$  → (i.e. if I pick any number more than 10, then I have picked a number more than 4)
  - viii. And  $q \Rightarrow p$  would mean → If  $x > 4$ , then  $x > 10$  → (i.e if I pick any number more than 4, then I have picked a number more than 10)
- b. **Inverse:** the inverse of the statement  $p \Rightarrow q$  is the statement  $\neg p \Rightarrow \neg q$ . For example:
- i. Let p be: the triangle is isosceles
  - ii. Let q be: two angles of the triangle are equal
  - iii. So  $\neg p \Rightarrow \neg q$  would mean → If the triangle is NOT isosceles, then two angles of the triangle are NOT equal
  - iv. And to review:  $q \Rightarrow p$  would mean → If two angles of a triangle are equal, then the triangle is isosceles.
  
  - v. Let p be:  $x > 10$  (i.e I pick any number more than 10)
  - vi. Let q be:  $x > 4$  (i.e. I pick any number more than 4)
  - vii. So  $\neg p \Rightarrow \neg q$  would mean → If x is NOT greater 10, then x is NOT greater 4 → (i.e. if I pick any number that is NOT more than 10, then I have picked a number is NOT more than 4)
  - viii. And to review:  $q \Rightarrow p$  would mean → If  $x > 4$ , then  $x > 10$  → (i.e if I pick any number more than 4, then I have picked a number more than 10)
  
  - ix. Now: Use truth tables to show that  $\neg p \Rightarrow \neg q$  and  $q \Rightarrow p$  are logically equivalent

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- c. **Contrapositives**: the contrapositive of the statement  $p \Rightarrow q$  is the statement  $\neg q \Rightarrow \neg p$ . For example:
- i. Let p be: the triangle is isosceles
  - ii. Let q be: two angles of the triangle are equal
  - iii. So  $\neg q \Rightarrow \neg p$  would mean  $\rightarrow$  If two angles of a triangle are NOT equal, then the triangle is NOT isosceles
  - iv. And to review:  $p \Rightarrow q$  would mean  $\rightarrow$  If the triangle is isosceles, then two angles of the triangle are equal.
  
  - v. Let p be:  $x > 10$  (i.e I pick any number more than 10)
  - vi. Let q be:  $x > 4$  (i.e. I pick any number more than 4)
  - vii. So  $\neg q \Rightarrow \neg p$  would mean  $\rightarrow$  If  $x \leq 4$ , then  $x \leq 10$   $\rightarrow$  (i.e. if I pick any number that is less than or equal to 4, then I have picked a number is less than or equal to 10)
  - viii. And to review:  $p \Rightarrow q$  would mean  $\rightarrow$  If  $x > 10$ , then  $x > 4$   $\rightarrow$  (i.e if I pick any number more than 10, then I have picked a number more than 4)
  
  - ix. Now: Use truth tables to show that  $\neg q \Rightarrow \neg p$  and  $p \Rightarrow q$  are logically equivalent

(G) Examples  $\rightarrow$  complete Haese and Harris, Exercise 15F, p509-10, Q1-6