
Topic 1: Statements

statement: is a declarative sentence that is true or false but not both.

Examples: It is raining

$$(2)(3) = 6$$

$$5 + 3 = 7$$

Ohio is the largest state

Not Examples: What time is it?

Ohio is the nicest state.

The big dog

This sentence is false.

Notation: statements are represented by lowercase letters.

negation: the negation of a statement p , denoted $\sim p$, is a statement with the opposite truth value of p . (i.e.– if p is true then $\sim p$ is false, and if p is false then $\sim p$ is true.)

LOGICAL CONNECTIVES:

- **AND:** The **conjunction** of p and q , denoted $p \wedge q$, is the statement “ p and q ”.

Example 1: If p is false and q is true, find the truth values for each of the following:

(a) $p \wedge q$

(h) $\sim (\sim p \wedge q)$

(b) $p \vee q$

(i) $\sim q \wedge \sim p$

(c) $\sim p$

(j) $\sim p \rightarrow q$

(d) $\sim (\sim p)$

(k) $\sim (p \rightarrow q)$

(e) $\sim p \vee q$

(l) $(p \vee q) \rightarrow (p \wedge q)$

(f) $p \wedge \sim q$

(m) $(p \vee \sim p) \rightarrow p$

(g) $\sim (p \vee q)$

(n) $(p \vee q) \leftrightarrow (p \wedge q)$

The **converse** of $p \rightarrow q$ is $q \rightarrow p$

The **inverse** of $p \rightarrow q$ is $\sim p \rightarrow \sim q$

The **contrapositive** of $p \rightarrow q$ is $\sim q \rightarrow \sim p$

logically equivalent: Two statements are logically equivalent when they have the same truth tables.

Example 2: Determine whether $p \rightarrow q$ and $\sim q \rightarrow \sim p$ are logically equivalent.

Example 3: Determine whether $p \rightarrow q$ and $q \rightarrow p$ are logically equivalent.