
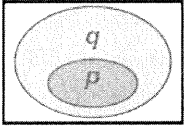


**Conditional Statements**

DEFINITION	SYMBOLS	VENN DIAGRAM
A <b>conditional statement</b> is a statement that can be written in the form "if $p$ , then $q$ ."		
The <b>hypothesis</b> is the part $p$ of a conditional statement following the word <i>if</i> .		
The <b>conclusion</b> is the part $q$ of a conditional statement following the word <i>then</i> .		

Example 1: Identify the hypothesis and conclusion of each conditional.

A. <sup>H</sup> If today is Thanksgiving Day, <sup>C</sup> then today is Thursday.

Hypothesis: Today is Thanksgiving Day.

Conclusion: Today is Thursday.

B. A number is a rational number <sup>C</sup> if <sup>H</sup> it is an integer.

Hypothesis: A number is an integer.

Conclusion: A number is rational number.

C. "A number is divisible by 3 <sup>C</sup> if <sup>H</sup> it is divisible by 6."

Hypothesis: A number is divisible by 6.

Conclusion: A number is divisible by 3.

# Implications / Conditionals

$$p \rightarrow q \quad (\text{read “}p \text{ implies } q\text{” or “if } p, \text{ then } q\text{”})$$

hypothesis

conclusion

Different ways of writing  $p \rightarrow q$  :

- If  $p$ , then  $q$
- $p$  implies  $q$
- Every  $p$  is a  $q$     (All  $p$  are  $q$ )
- $p$  only if  $q$
- $q$  if  $p$

CONVERSE:  $q \rightarrow p$     (read: if  $q$ , then  $p$ )

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Rewrite the following implications in four different ways:

1. All kites have perpendicular diagonals.

1. If a figure is a kite, then it has perpendicular diagonals. converse:
2. A figure is a kite only if it has perpendicular diagonals.
3. A figure has perpendicular diagonals if it is a kite.
4. Every kite has perpendicular diagonals.

2. All fish live in water.

1. If an animal is a fish, then it lives in water. converse:
2. The fact that an animal is a fish implies that it lives in water.
3. An animal is a fish only if it lives in water.
4. Animals live in water if they are fish.

## Related Conditionals

**Statement:**  $p \rightarrow q$  (H and then C)

**Converse:**  $q \rightarrow p$  (switch H and C)

**Inverse:**  $\sim p \rightarrow \sim q$  (negate H and C)

**Contrapositive:**  $\sim q \rightarrow \sim p$  (switch and negate)

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1. **Statement:** If  $x = 3$ , then  $x^2 = 9$ . T

**Converse:** If  $x^2 = 9$ , then  $x = 3$ . F (x could be -3)

**Inverse:** If  $x \neq 3$ , then  $x^2 \neq 9$ . F (x could be -3)

**Contrapositive:** If  $x^2 \neq 9$ , then  $x \neq 3$ . T

2. **Statement:** If  $x \neq 3$ , then  $x > 3$ . F

**Converse:** If  $x > 3$ , then  $x \neq 3$ . T

**Inverse:** If  $x = 3$ , then  $x$  is not greater than 3. T

**Contrapositive:** If  $x$  is not greater than 3, then  $x = 3$ . F

3. **Statement:** If a number is even, then it is divisible by 2. T

**Converse:** If a number is divisible by 2, then the number is even. T

**Inverse:** If a number is not even, then it is not divisible by 2. T

**Contrapositive:** If a number is not divisible by 2, then the number is not even. T

4. **Statement:** If  $a = 0$ , then  $ab = 0$ . T

**Converse:** If  $ab = 0$ , then  $a = 0$ . F (b could be 0)

**Inverse:** If  $a \neq 0$ , then  $ab \neq 0$ . F (b could be 0)

**Contrapositive:** If  $ab \neq 0$ , then  $a \neq 0$ . T

5. **Statement:** If  $x$  is a prime number greater than 2, then  $x$  is odd. T

**Converse:** If  $x$  is odd, then  $x$  is a prime number greater than 2. F

**Inverse:** If  $x$  is not a prime number greater than 2, then  $x$  is not odd. F

**Contrapositive:** If  $x$  is not odd, then  $x$  is not a prime number greater than 2. T

- a. Tell whether the original statement is true or false.  
 b. State the converse, inverse, and contrapositive of each statement. Then state whether each is true or false.

\*\* Hint: translate the original statement into an *If*-, *then* - statement first.

6. *Statement*: This month is March, only if today is St. Patrick's Day.

If this month is March, then today is St. Patrick's Day. F

**Converse:**

If today is St. Patrick's Day, then this month is March. T

**Inverse:**

If this month is not March, then today is not St. Patrick's Day

**Contrapositive:**

If today is not St. Patrick's Day, then this month is not March. F

7. *Statement*: The fact that an angle is  $23^\circ$  implies that it is acute.

If an angle is  $23^\circ$ , then it is acute. T

**Converse:**

If an angle is acute, then the angle is  $23^\circ$ . F

**Inverse:**

If an angle is not  $23^\circ$ , then it is not acute. F

**Contrapositive:**

If an angle is not acute, then the angle is not  $23^\circ$ . T

8. *Statement*: Every figure with four right angles is a square.

If a figure has four right angles, then it is a square. F

**Converse:**

If a figure is a square, then it has four right angles. T

**Inverse:**

If a figure does not have four right angles, then the

**Contrapositive:**

figure is not a square. T

If a figure is not a square, then the figure does not have four right angles. F

9. *Statement*: An integer ending in 5 implies that it is divisible by 5.

If an integer ends in 5, then the integer is divisible by 5. T

**Converse:**

If an integer is divisible by 5, then the integer ends in a 5.

**Inverse:**

If an integer doesn't end in 5, then the integer is not

**Contrapositive:**

divisible by 5. F

If an integer is not divisible by 5, then the integer doesn't end in 5. T

\* What do you notice about the T/F for conditionals, converse, inverse, & contrapositive?