

MATH 174, LECTURE 2

1. Go over homework questions.
2. Homework: pages 27–28, numbers 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 15, 16 (a-e), 20, 21, 26, 34, 36, 38
Quiz: Thursday (08/30)
3. **Definition:** The statement “if p then q ” or “ p implies q ” (denoted $p \rightarrow q$) is called *conditional*, with *hypothesis* p and *conclusion* q .
When is $p \rightarrow q$ true? (For what truth values of p and q ?)
Draw truth table.
4. $p \rightarrow q \equiv \sim p \vee q$
When is $\sim p \vee q$ true? (For what truth values of p and q ?)
Draw truth table to establish equivalence.
5. $p \rightarrow q \equiv \sim p \vee q \equiv \sim (\sim q) \vee \sim p \equiv \sim q \rightarrow \sim p$
Definition: The *contrapositive* of “if p then q ” is “if not q then not p ”.
Conclusion: A conditional statement is logically equivalent to its contrapositive.
6. Recall De Morgan’s Law $\sim (p \vee q) \equiv \sim p \wedge \sim q$.
What does De Morgan’s Law imply about $\sim (\sim p \vee q)$?
Deduce $\sim (p \rightarrow q) \equiv p \wedge \sim q$.
Example: Problem 16 (f) on page 27.
7. **Definitions:** The *converse* of “if p then q ” is “if q then p ”. The *inverse* of “if p then q ” is “if not p then not q ”.
Comments: (1) The converse and the inverse of a conditional statement are logically equivalent to each other.
(2) Neither is logically equivalent to the conditional statement.
Example:
 - If I’ve eaten an apple, then I’ve eaten a fruit.
 - If I’ve eaten a fruit, then I’ve eaten an apple.
 - If I’ve not eaten an apple, then I’ve not eaten a fruit.
 - If I’ve not eaten a fruit, then I’ve not eaten an apple.
8. **Definition:** The statement “ p only if q ” means p is not true if q is not true.
Comment: p only if q is not the same as p if q
 p only if q means $\sim q \rightarrow \sim p \equiv p \rightarrow q$
9. **Definition:** The *biconditional* of p and q is “ p if and only if q ” (denoted $p \leftrightarrow q$ and written sometimes p iff q). It is true precisely when p and q have the same truth values.
Draw truth table.
 $p \leftrightarrow q \equiv (p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow p)$
10. Order of operations (\sim before \wedge and \vee before \rightarrow and \leftrightarrow)
11. **Definitions:** The statements “ p is a *sufficient condition* for q ” and “ q is a *necessary condition* for p ” mean the same as “if p then q ”.
Comment: p is a necessary and sufficient condition for q means the same as p iff q .