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Conditional Operators, Converse, Inverse and Contrapositive
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In this presentation we will discuss following things:

- Conditional Operator
- Biconditional Operator
- Converse ,Inverse and Contrapositive



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# Implication / Conditional Operator

The *implication*  $p \rightarrow q$  states that p implies q. *I.e.*, If p is true, then q is true; but if p is not true, then q could be either true or false.

E.g., let p = "You study hard."

q = "You will get a good grade."

 $p \rightarrow q =$  "If you study hard, then you will get a good grade."



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 $p \rightarrow q$  is **false** only when p is true but q is **not** true.  $p \rightarrow q$  does **not** say that p causes q!  $p \rightarrow q$  does **not** require that p or q are ever true! E.g. " $(1=0) \rightarrow pigs can fly" is TRUE!$ 



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# Examples

"If this lecture ends, then the sun will rise tomorrow." *True* or *False*?

"If Tuesday is a day of the week, then I am a penguin." *True* or *False*?

"If 1+1=6, then Bush is president."

*True* or *False*?

"If the moon is made of green cheese, then I am richer than Bill Gates." *True* or *False*?

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#### **Biconditional Operator**

The biconditional  $p \leftrightarrow q$  states that p is true if and only if (IFF) q is true.

p = "Trump wins the 2020 election."

q = "Trump will be president for all of 2021."

 $p \leftrightarrow q$  = "If, and only if, Trump wins the 2020 election,

Trump will be president for all of 2021."

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#### Biconditional truth table

$$p\leftrightarrow q$$
 means that  $p$  and  $q$ 
have the **same** truth value.

Note this truth table is the exact **opposite** of  $\oplus$ 's!

 $p\leftrightarrow q$  means  $\neg(p\oplus q)$ 
 $p\leftrightarrow q$  does **not** imply  $p$  and  $q$  are true, or cause each other.

 $p \leftrightarrow q \mapsto q$  means  $\neg(p \oplus q)$ 
 $p \leftrightarrow q \mapsto q$  does **not** imply  $p \mapsto q \mapsto q$  are true, or cause each other.

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#### Converse, Inverse, Contrapositive

Some terminology, for an implication  $p \rightarrow q$ :

Its converse is:  $q \rightarrow p$ .

Its *inverse* is:  $\neg p \rightarrow \neg q$ .

Its contrapositive:  $\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$ .

One of these three has the same meaning (same truth table

as  $p \rightarrow q$ . Can you figure out which?

Contrapositive

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#### Assignment

- 1. State the converse, contapositive and inverse of conditional statement" If it snows today, I will ski tomorrow".
- 2. Determine whether following biconditional are true or false
- a) 1 + 1 if and only if monkeys can fly.

b) 0 > 1 if and only if 2 > 1.

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Video link:1.https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F3544ZyO-eU&list=PLHXZ9OQGMqxersk8fUxiUMSIx0DBqsKZS&index=16
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Thank You!!!!!