



Converse, Contrapositive and Inverse proposition:

Defn:

If  $P \rightarrow Q$ , then

$Q \rightarrow P$  is called its converse

$\neg Q \rightarrow \neg P$  is called its contrapositive

$\neg P \rightarrow \neg Q$  is called its Inverse.

Remarks:

i. The conditional proposition and its contrapositive are logically equivalent. i.e.,  $(P \rightarrow Q) \Leftrightarrow (\neg Q \rightarrow \neg P)$

ii. The conditional proposition and its converse are not logically equivalent. i.e.,  $(P \rightarrow Q) \not\leftrightarrow (Q \rightarrow P)$

Example:

1. Obtain converse, contrapositive and inverse for the statement "Team India wins whenever Dhoni is a captain"

Now,  $P$ : Dhoni is a captain  
 $Q$ : Team India wins

$P \rightarrow Q$ : If Dhoni is a captain, then Team India wins. (conditional)

$Q \rightarrow P$ : If team India wins then dhoni is a captain. (converse)

$\neg Q \rightarrow \neg P$ : If the crops don't win then dhoni is not a captain. (contrapositive)

$\neg P \rightarrow \neg Q$ : If Dhoni is not a captain then team India does not win.

2. Obtain "If it rains then the crops will grow."

$P$ : It rains

$Q$ : The crops will grow.

$P \rightarrow Q$ : If it rains then the crops will grow

$Q \rightarrow P$ : If the crops will grow then it rains

$\neg Q \rightarrow \neg P$ : If the crops will not grow then it does not rain

$\neg P \rightarrow \neg Q$ : If it does not rain then the crops will not grow.



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UNIT I-LOGICS AND PROOFS

CONVERSE, CONTRAPOSITIVE, INVERSE & NORMAL FORMS

Other connectives:

(i) NAND  $\rightarrow$  a combination of NOT & AND  
denoted by  $\uparrow$

(ii) NOR  $\rightarrow$  a combination of NOT & OR  
denoted by  $\downarrow$

which is defined as

$$P \uparrow Q = \neg(P \wedge Q) \quad \text{and} \quad P \downarrow Q = \neg(P \vee Q)$$

Normal forms:

The statement written in the standard form in terms of  $\vee$ ,  $\wedge$  and  $\neg$  then it is called the normal form.

Note: (i) conjunction ( $\wedge$ ) is denoted as product.

(ii) disjunction ( $\vee$ ) is denoted as sum.

Elementary product:

A prod. of the variables and their negations in a formula is called an elementary product.

Eg:  $P$ ,  $\neg P \wedge Q$ ,  $\neg Q \wedge P$ ,  $P \wedge \neg P$ ,  $Q \wedge \neg P$

Elementary sum:

A sum of the variables and their negations in a formula is called an elementary sum.

Eg:  $P$ ,  $\neg P \vee Q$ ,  $\neg Q \vee P$ ,  $P \vee \neg P$ ,  $Q \vee \neg P$

Disjunctive Normal form (DNF)

A statement formula which is equivalent to a given formula and which consists of a sum of elementary products is called a disjunctive normal form of the given formula.

$$\text{DNF} = (\text{Elementary product}) \vee (\text{Elementary product}) \vee \dots \vee (\text{Elementary product})$$

Conjunctive Normal form:

A statement formula which is equivalent to a given formula and which consists of a product of elementary sum is called a conjunctive normal form.

$$\text{CNF} = (\text{Elementary sum}) \wedge (\text{Elementary sum}) \wedge \dots \wedge (\text{Elementary sum})$$

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Obtain the DNF and CNF of the formula

$$P \rightarrow [(P \rightarrow Q) \wedge \neg (\neg Q \vee \neg P)]$$

DNF:

$$P \rightarrow [(P \rightarrow Q) \wedge \neg (\neg Q \vee \neg P)]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \neg P \vee [(P \rightarrow Q) \wedge \neg (\neg Q \vee \neg P)] \quad \text{material implication law}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \neg P \vee [(\neg P \vee Q) \wedge \neg (\neg Q \vee \neg P)] \quad \text{material implication law}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \neg P \vee [(\neg P \vee Q) \wedge (Q \wedge P)] \quad \text{De Morgan's law}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \neg P \vee [(\neg P \wedge (Q \wedge P)) \vee (Q \wedge (\neg P \wedge P))] \quad \text{distributive law}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \neg P \vee [\neg P \wedge (Q \wedge P)] \vee [(Q \wedge \neg P) \wedge P] \quad \text{absorptive law}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \neg P \vee [\neg P \wedge (Q \wedge P)] \vee [Q \wedge P] \quad \text{idempotent law}$$

CNF:

$$P \rightarrow [(P \rightarrow Q) \wedge \neg (\neg Q \vee \neg P)]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \neg P \vee [(\neg P \vee Q) \wedge \neg (\neg Q \vee \neg P)] \quad \text{material implication law}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \neg P \vee [(\neg P \vee Q) \wedge (Q \wedge P)] \quad \text{De Morgan's law}$$

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$$\Leftrightarrow [(\neg P \vee Q)] \wedge [(\neg P \vee (Q \wedge P))] \quad \text{idempotent law}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (\neg P \vee Q) \wedge [(\neg P \vee Q) \wedge (\neg P \vee P)] \quad \text{distributive law}$$

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Obtain a DNF of  $P \wedge (P \rightarrow Q)$

$$\text{Now } P \wedge (P \rightarrow Q) \Leftrightarrow P \wedge (\neg P \vee Q)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (P \wedge \neg P) \vee (P \wedge Q) \quad \text{distributive law}$$

Since the given statement formula is written in terms of sum of elementary products.