

Converse, Inverse, Contrapositive

Given an if-then statement "if p , then q ," we can create three related statements:

A conditional statement consists of two parts, a hypothesis in the "if" clause and a conclusion in the "then" clause. For instance, "If it rains, then they cancel school."

"It rains" is the hypothesis.

"They cancel school" is the conclusion.

To form the **converse** of the conditional statement, interchange the hypothesis and the conclusion.

The converse of "If it rains, then they cancel school"

➤ is **"If they cancel school, then it rains."**

To form the **inverse** of the conditional statement, take the negation of both the hypothesis and the conclusion.

The **inverse** of "If it rains, then they cancel school"

➤ is **"If it does not rain, then they do not cancel school."**

To form the **contrapositive** of the conditional statement, interchange the hypothesis and the conclusion of the inverse statement.

The **contrapositive** of "If it rains, then they cancel school"

➤ is **"If they do not cancel school, then it does not rain."**

Statement	If p , then q .
Converse	If q , then p .
Inverse	If not p , then not q .
Contrapositive	If not q , then not p .

Conditional

Contrapositive



p	q	~p	~q	p→q	q→p	~p→~q	~q→~p
T	T	F	F	T	T	T	T
T	F	F	T	F	T	T	F
F	T	T	F	T	F	F	T
F	F	T	T	T	T	T	T



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