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Conditional
Statement

Also know as an if-then statement
Two parts: hypothesis and conclusion
if **hypothesis** then **conclusion**

Example

If it is raining then water is falling from the sky
Hypothesis: it is raining
Conclusion: water is falling from the sky

Example

pg.68, Check Understanding 1
If $y - 3 = 5$ then $y = 8$
Hypothesis: $y - 3 = 5$
Conclusion: $y = 8$

Writing a conditional

Break statement into two parts
Identify the subject of the first part and make a general reference to it
Use the first as the hypothesis and second as conclusion

Example

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All obtuse angles have measure greater than 90
1st part: all obtuse angles \rightarrow subject is obtuse angles
 \rightarrow an angle is an obtuse angle
2nd part: have a measure greater than 90
If an angle is an obtuse angle then it has a measure greater than 90

Truth value of a
conditional

true or false
Is the conditional true or is it false?
Answer to this question is the truth value

Proving a conditional
false

Find a counter-example

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Example

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If you play a sport with a ball and a bat then you are playing baseball

- softball and cricket both use a ball and a bat
- statement is false

Venn Diagrams

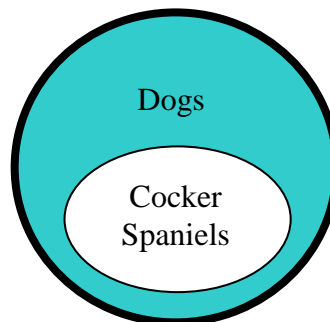
Way to visualize a conditional statement

Hypothesis is the inner circle

Conclusion is the outer circle

Example

What conditional does this represent?



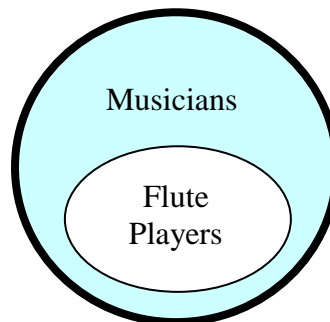
If something is a cocker spaniel then it is a dog

Example

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Make a Venn diagram for this conditional:

If you play the flute then you are a musician



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Converse of a
conditional

Swap the hypothesis and conclusion
Conclusion may not be true
Always check truth value of both

Example

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Conditional: If a point is in the 1st quadrant then its coords
are positive

Converse: If the coords of a point are positive then it is in
the 1st quadrant

Truth values:

Conditional: true

Converse: true

Example

Conditional: If it is raining then water is falling fm the sky

Converse: If water is falling fm the sky then it is raining

Truth values:

Conditional: true

Converse: false (counter-example: water fm hose)

Symbols

$p \rightarrow q$ means if p then q

Often see:

Let p : The point is in the 1st quadrant

Let q : The point's coordinates are positive

$p \rightarrow q$ (the conditional)

$q \rightarrow p$ (the converse)

Postulates as
conditionals

Postulate 1-2 (as a statement)

Two intersecting lines meet in exactly one point

As a conditional:

If two lines intersect then they meet in exactly one
point.