



CLASS- IX UNIT -14 MATHEMATICAL REASONING

READING MATERIAL PART-2

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Mathematical Reasoning Part-2

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- (a) By direct method
- (b) By the method of contrapositive
- (c) Method of contradiction
- (d) Using a counter example.

Mathematical Reasoning: Quantifiers

- **QUANTIFIERS:** Quantifiers are phrases like, "There exists" and "For all". Another phrase which appears in **mathematical** statements is "there exists".

- A Word closely connected with "there exists" is "for every" (or for all). Consider a statement.

We come across many mathematical statement containing these phrases.

For example - Consider the following statements

p : For every real number x , x is less than $x+1$.

q : There exists a triangle whose all sides are equal

IMPLICATIONS : “if-then”, “only if” and “if and only if”

If -then: Sufficient condition

EX: If a number is a multiple of 9, then it is a multiple of 3.

p: a number is a multiple of 9

q: a number is a multiple of 3

P implies q is denoted by $p \Rightarrow q$.

P is a sufficient condition for q.

Only if: Necessary condition

EX: A number is a multiple of 9 only if it is a multiple of 3

P: a number is a multiple of 9

q: a number is a multiple of 3.

q is a necessary condition for p

“if and only if “If and only if is bi conditional:

Both are true or false together

Both sufficient and necessary condition.

Example: A rectangle is a square if and only if all its four sides are equal..

CONTRAPOSITIVE AND CONVERSE OF A STATEMENT:

Statement: if p then q

Converse: if q then p

Contrapositive: if not q then not p

Example:1

Statement: If a triangle is equilateral, it is isosceles.

Contrapositive of this statement is “If a triangle is not isosceles, then it is not equilateral”.

Contrapositive of a given statement “if p , then q ” is if $\sim q$, then $\sim p$
If statement is true then contrapositive is also true.

Example:2

The converse of a given statement “if p , then q ” is “if q , then p ”.

Statement: If N is divisible by 6, then N is divisible by 3

Converse:

N is divisible by 3, then N is divisible by 6

Validating Statements (if -then)

In order to prove the statement “if p then q” we need to show that any one of the following case is true.

Case 1 By assuming that p is true, prove that q must be true.(Direct method)

Case 2 By assuming that q is false, prove that p must be false.(Contrapositive Method)

Validating Statements (if and only if)

In order to prove the statement “p if and only if q”, we need to show.

If p is true, then q is true and

If q is true, then p is true

Validate by contradiction

We assume that p is not true i.e. $\sim p$ is true. Then, we arrive at some result which contradicts our assumption. Therefore, we conclude that p is true.

Validity of statements

Validity of a statement means checking when the statement is true and when it is not true

Validity of statement with “If-then”

To show statement r : “If p then q is true”, we can adopt the following methods:

- (a) **Direct method** : Assume p is true and show q is true, i.e., $p \Rightarrow q$.
- (b) **Contrapositive method** : Assume $\sim q$ is true and show $\sim p$ is true, i.e., $\sim q \Rightarrow \sim p$.
- (c) **Contradiction method** : Assume that p is true and q is false and obtain a contradiction from assumption.
- (d) **By giving a counter example** : To prove the given statement r is false we give a counter example.

Consider the following statement.

“ r : All prime numbers are odd”. Now the statement ‘ r ’ is false as 2 is a prime number and it is an even number.

Question 1:

Show that the statement p: “If x is a real number such that $x^3 + 4x = 0$, then x is 0” is true by
(i) direct method (ii) method of contradiction (iii) method of contra positive

Answer:

p: “If x is a real number such that $x^3 + 4x = 0$, then x is 0”.

Let q: x is a real number such that $x^3 + 4x = 0$

r: x is 0.

(i) To show that statement p is true, we assume that q is true and then show that r is true.
Therefore, let statement q be true.

So, $x^3 + 4x = 0$

$\Rightarrow x(x^2 + 4) = 0$

$\Rightarrow x = 0$ or $x^2 + 4 = 0$

However, since x is real, it is 0.

Thus, statement r is true.

Therefore, the given statement is true.

(ii) To show statement p to be true by contradiction, we assume that p is not true.

Let x be a real number such that $x^3 + 4x = 0$ and let x is not 0.

Therefore, $x^3 + 4x = 0$

$\Rightarrow x(x^2 + 4) = 0$

$\Rightarrow x = 0$ or $x^2 + 4 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow x(x^2 + 4) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 0 \text{ or } x^2 + 4 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 0 \text{ or } x^2 = -4$$

However, x is real. Therefore, $x = 0$, which is a contradiction since we have assumed that x is not 0.

Thus, the given statement p is true

(iii) To prove statement p to be true by contra positive method, we assume that r is false

and prove that q must be false.

Here, r is false implies that it is required to consider the negation of statement r .

This obtains the following statement:

$\sim r$: x is not 0.

It can be seen that $(x^2 + 4)$ will always be positive.

$x \neq 0$ implies that the product of any positive real number with x is not zero.

Let us consider the product of x with $(x^2 + 4)$.

$$\Rightarrow x(x^2 + 4) \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^3 + 4x \neq 0$$

This shows that statement q is not true.

Thus, it has been proved that

$$\sim r \Rightarrow \sim q$$

Therefore, the given statement p is true

Converse, Inverse, and Contrapositive

- If you interchange the antecedent and the consequent of a conditional, you form a new conditional known as the **converse** of the original statement.
- If you negate both the antecedent and the consequent, you form the **inverse** of the statement.
- If you interchange and negate the antecedent and consequent, you form the **contrapositive** of the statement.

Related Conditional Statements		
Conditional (original)	$p \rightarrow q$	If p, then q.
Converse	$q \rightarrow p$	If q, then p.
Inverse	$\sim p \rightarrow \sim q$	If not p, then not q.
Contrapositive	$\sim q \rightarrow \sim p$	If not q, then not p.