Contrapositive

Activity

We showed $p \to q \equiv \neg q \to \neg p$ with a truth table. Let's do a proof.

Try this one on your own. Remember

1. Know what you're trying to show.
2. Stay on target – take steps to get closer to your goal.

Hint: think about your tools. There are lots of rules with AND/OR/NOT, but very few with implications...

Properties of Logical Connectives

For every propositions p, q, r the following hold:

- **Identity**
  - $p \wedge \mathrm{T} \equiv p$
  - $p \vee \mathrm{F} \equiv p$
- **Domination**
  - $p \vee \mathrm{T} \equiv \mathrm{T}$
  - $p \wedge \mathrm{F} \equiv \mathrm{F}$
- **Idempotent**
  - $p \vee p \equiv p$
  - $p \wedge p \equiv p$
- **Commutative**
  - $p \vee q \equiv q \vee p$
  - $p \wedge q \equiv q \wedge p$
- **Associative**
  - $(p \vee q) \vee r \equiv p \vee (q \vee r)$
  - $(p \wedge q) \wedge r \equiv p \wedge (q \wedge r)$
- **Distributive**
  - $p \wedge (q \vee r) \equiv (p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge r)$
  - $p \vee (q \wedge r) \equiv (p \vee q) \wedge (p \vee r)$
- **Absorption**
  - $p \vee (p \wedge q) \equiv p$
  - $p \wedge (p \vee q) \equiv p$
- **Negation**
  - $p \vee \neg p \equiv \mathrm{T}$
  - $p \wedge \neg p \equiv \mathrm{F}$
- **DeMorgan's Laws**
  - $\neg(p \vee q) \equiv \neg p \wedge \neg q$
  - $\neg(p \wedge q) \equiv \neg p \vee \neg q$
- **Double Negation**

  $\neg\neg p \equiv p$
- **Law of Implication**

  $p \to q \equiv \neg p \vee q$
- **Contrapositive**

  $p \to q \equiv \neg q \to \neg p$