

Philosophy 231

More Paraphrase; Schematization; Interpretations; Truth-Tables

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Class Outline

- 1 More Logical Paraphrase
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Paraphrasing into the symbol ' \supset ' poses more difficulties than the other logical symbols. So I want to go over three expressions that can be paraphrased using ' \supset '.

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' p unless q '	' $\neg p \supset q$ ' or ' $p \vee q$ '
' p if and only if q '	' $p \equiv q$ '
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There is a standard procedure for constructing truth tables: the rows of the table are written down in a fixed order. Let's look at how it's done with 3 sentence letters, p , q , and r . For 3 letters there are $2^3 = 8$ possible combinations of truth-values. Each letter is \top in half of those and \perp in half; i.e., \top in 4 interpretations and \perp in the other 4.

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\top		
\top		
\top		
\top		
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⊥	T	T	T	⊥	
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⊥	T	T	T	⊥	
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⊥	T	T	T	⊥	⊥
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