

5. Conditionals

5.1. *If*: trimming content

5.1.0. Overview

The last connective we will consider is an asymmetric one whose asymmetry gives it an important role in deductive reasoning.

5.1.1. Conditions

In its simplest form, the conditional trims the content of one component by limiting the worlds it rules out to ones that the other component leaves open.

5.1.2. Does the conditional have a truth table?

The conditional is closely associated with certain implicatures that can seem to add further content.

5.1.3. Examples

The chief task in analyzing English conditionals is to assign the correct order to the components.