

2.3 LAW OF SYLLOGISM

2.3 Apply the Law of Syllogism in logical reasoning.

Draw a conclusion based off the scenarios below. Your conclusion should be in the form of an "If..., then..." statement. ☺

1. If you clean your room, your parents will let you go to the party. $c \rightarrow p$
 If you go to the party, then you will meet the person of your dreams. $p \rightarrow d$
 If you meet the person of your dreams, you will have a date for homecoming! $d \rightarrow h$



What can you conclude? $c \rightarrow h$

If you clean your room, then you will have a date for homecoming!

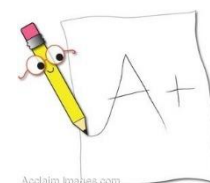
2. If I go to football practice every day, then I will get stronger. $p \rightarrow s$
 If I get stronger, then I will be able to play in the game on Friday. $s \rightarrow f$
 If I get to play in the game on Friday, then I will score a touchdown. $f \rightarrow t$
 If I score a touchdown, then my team will win. $t \rightarrow w$



What can you conclude? $p \rightarrow w$

If I go to Football practice every day, then my team will win!

3. If it continues to rain, then the soccer field will become muddy. $r \rightarrow m$
 If the game is canceled, then I will have extra time to study for Geometry. $c \rightarrow s$
 If I ace the next test, then my mom will buy my ice cream. $a \rightarrow b$
 If the soccer field becomes muddy, then the game will be canceled. $m \rightarrow c$
 If I have extra time to study for Geometry, then I will ace the next test. $s \rightarrow a$



What can you conclude? How did you decide on the appropriate order of the statements?

$r \rightarrow m$
 $m \rightarrow c$
 $c \rightarrow s$
 $s \rightarrow a$
 $a \rightarrow b$

If it continues to rain,
 then my mom will
 buy me ice cream ☺

LAW OF SYLLOGISM (CHAIN OF REASONING)

- Allows you to draw conclusions from two conditionals statements when the conclusion of one is the hypothesis of the other.
- The connecting statement needs to be the conclusion of one statement and the hypothesis of the next.

4. If I get all my homework done tonight, then my mom will let me go see a movie.

If I go see a movie tonight, then I'll want to buy some popcorn.

I spill my soda on the person in front of me, I'll get kicked out of the movie theater.

If I buy a soda, I'll spill it on the person sitting in front of me.

If I get kicked out of the movie theater, my mom will ground me.

If I buy some popcorn, I'll want to buy a soda, too.

What can you conclude?

If I get all my HW done tonight,
then my mom will ground me. 😞

$H \rightarrow M$
 $M \rightarrow P$
 $P \rightarrow B$
 $B \rightarrow S$
 $S \rightarrow K$
 $K \rightarrow G$



NOW LET'S TRY A FEW MATH EXAMPLES!

Determine if a conjecture is valid the Law of Syllogism.

1. Given: If $m\angle A < 90^\circ$, then $\angle A$ is acute. If $\angle A$ is acute, then it is not a right angle.

Conjecture: If $m\angle A < 90^\circ$, then it is not a right angle.

Valid or Invalid? Correction if invalid _____

$m \rightarrow a$
 $a \rightarrow \sim r$

 $m \rightarrow \sim r$

2. Given: If a number is divisible by 2, then it is even. If a number is even, then it is an integer.

Conjecture: If a number is an integer, then it is divisible by 2.

Valid or Invalid? Correction if invalid If a # is \div by 2, then it is an integer.

$n \rightarrow e$
 $e \rightarrow I$

 $n \rightarrow I$

3. Given: If two angles form a linear pair, then they are adjacent. If two angles are adjacent, then they share a side.

Conjecture: If two angles form a linear pair, then they are adjacent.

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$L.P \rightarrow a$
 $a \rightarrow s$