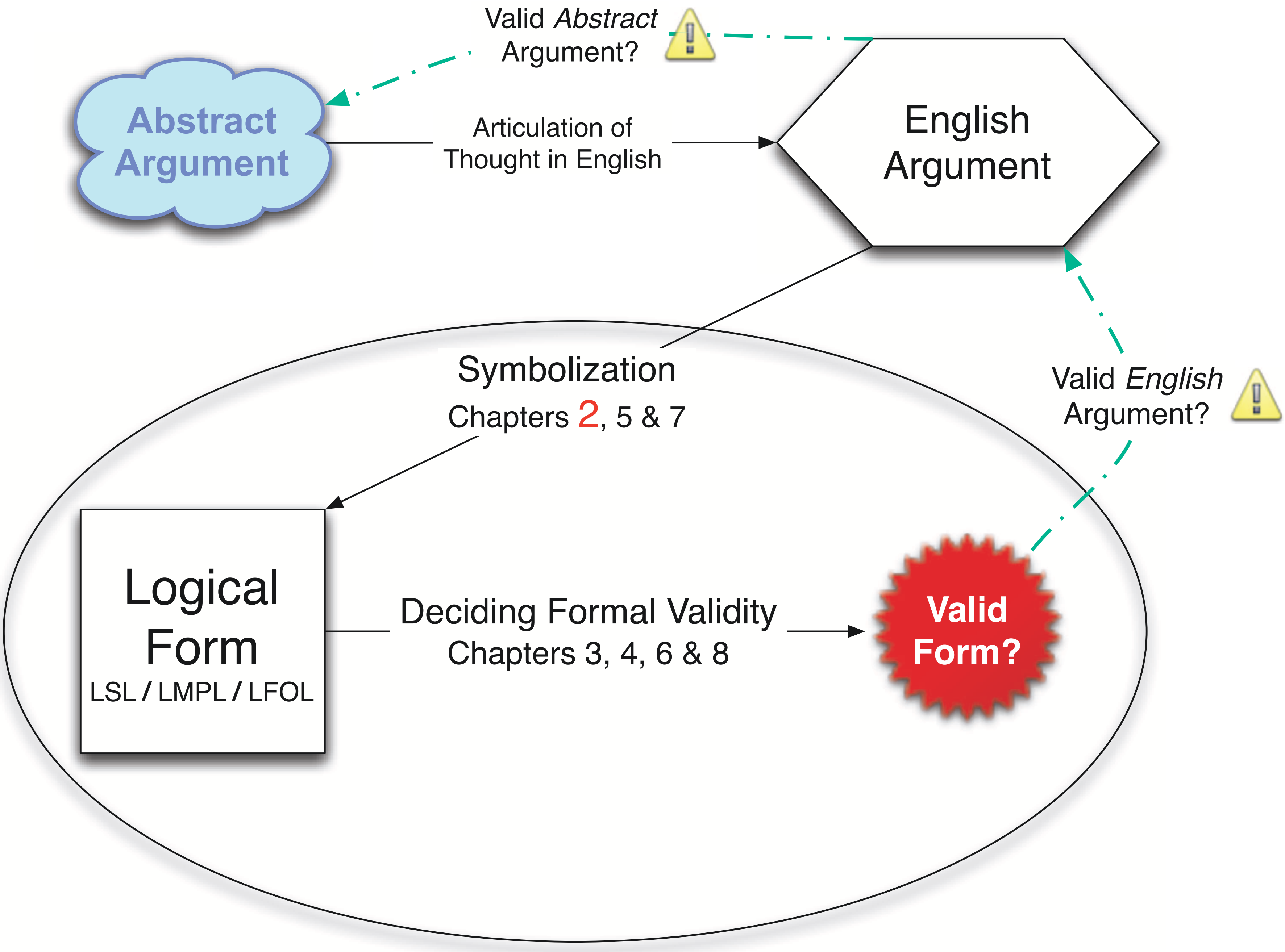
Announcements and Such

- Today's Music: Steve Earle and Townes Van Zandt
- If it's your first time . . .
  - Grab a syllabus, study the website (especially the handouts and lecture notes), and ask your me or your GSI any questions you have.
- Sections will meet Monday & Friday (starting tomorrow).
  - Bledin: 1–3:30 MF. Students AHN – LIN. Room: 213 Wheeler.
  - Lawrence: 1–3:30 MF. Students LIU – ZHANG. Room: 130 Wheeler.

☞ HW #1 will be given as a quiz in section tomorrow.

- I've posted HW #2 (chapters 2&3) — due next Thursday (by 4pm).
  - Please consult and follow the "HW Tips & Guidelines" handout.
  - All HW's will turned–in to the 12A Drop Box (outside 301 Moses).
- Today: Chapter 2, Continued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English $\mapsto$ LSL II: Symbolizing in Two Stages

☞ When symbolizing English sentences in LSL (especially complex ones), it is useful to perform the symbolization in (at least) *two stages*.

Stage 1: Replace all basic sentences (explicit or implicit) with atomic letters. This yields a sentence in "Logish" (neither English nor LSL).

Stage 2: Eliminate remaining English by replacing English connectives with LSL connectives, and properly grouping the resulting symbolic expression (w/parens, *etc.*) to yield pure LSL.

- Here are some simple examples of symbolizations:

English:	**"Logish":**	**LSL:**
Either it's raining or it's snowing.	Either R or S.	$R \vee S$
If Dell introduces a new line, then Apple will also.	If D, then A.	$D \rightarrow A$
Snow is white and the sky is blue.	W and B.	$W \& B$
It is not the case that Emily Bronte wrote *Jane Eyre*.	It is not the case that E.	$\sim E$
John is a bachelor if and only if he is unmarried.	J if and only if not M.	$J \leftrightarrow \sim M$

English ↦ LSL IV: Symbolizations involving '→' (and '↔')

☞ We will use '→' to symbolize *many* different English expressions. These will be among the most tricky of our LSL symbolizations. It is very important that you remember these various expressions involving '→'!

- ⌜if p then q⌝ ↦ ⌜$p \to q$⌝
- ⌜p implies q⌝ ↦ ⌜$p \to q$⌝
- ⌜p only if q⌝ ↦ ⌜$p \to q$⌝
- ⌜q if p⌝ ↦ ⌜$p \to q$⌝
- ⌜p is a sufficient condition for q⌝ ↦ ⌜$p \to q$⌝
- ⌜q is a necessary condition for p⌝ ↦ ⌜$p \to q$⌝
- ⌜q provided p⌝ ↦ ⌜$p \to q$⌝
- ⌜q whenever p⌝ ↦ ⌜$p \to q$⌝
- ⌜p is contingent upon q⌝ ↦ ⌜$p \to q$⌝

• ⌜$p \leftrightarrow q$⌝ is equivalent to ⌜$(p \to q)\ \&\ (q \to p)$⌝ (so mastering '→' is key)

English $\mapsto$ LSL V: More on Conditionals & Biconditionals

- ⌜if p then q⌝ and ⌜q if p⌝ both get translated as ⌜$p \to q$⌝.
- ⌜if p then q⌝, ⌜q if p⌝ and ⌜$p \to q$⌝ are all ways of saying p is a *sufficient condition* for q (or q is a *necessary condition* for p).
- ⌜q *only if* p⌝, however, is symbolized ⌜$q \to p$⌝, and says that p is a *necessary condition* for q (or q is a *sufficient condition* for p).
- It is important not to confuse necessary conditions with sufficient conditions (or, 'if' with 'only if'). Helpful examples:

  'Your computer will work *only if* it is plugged in.' (true)

  versus

  'Your computer will work *if* it is plugged in.' (false!)
- Prerequisites are *necessary* but *not* sufficient for getting into a course. *If* you get in, *then* you've satisfied the prerequisites ($\not\leftarrow$).

English $\mapsto$ LSL VI: More on $\rightarrow$ and $\leftrightarrow$, Continued

- In English, there are many ways to say ⌜if p then q⌝, *e.g.*, ⌜q, provided p⌝ and ⌜q, whenever p⌝. These all become ⌜$p \rightarrow q$⌝.
- ⌜p unless q⌝ and ⌜unless q, p⌝ both get translated as ⌜$\sim q \rightarrow p$⌝ (or as ⌜$q \vee p$⌝). In chapter 3, we'll see why these are *equivalent*.
- 'Your computer will *not* work *unless* it is plugged in' says your computer being plugged in is a *necessary condition* for your computer to work ('$\sim W$ unless P' $\mapsto$ '$\sim P \rightarrow \sim W$' $\approx$ '$W \rightarrow P$').
- Necessary conditions N are consequents, and sufficient conditions S are antecedents: '$S \rightarrow N$' (a useful mnemonic).
- ⌜if p then q and if q then p⌝ (*i.e.*, ⌜p *if and only if* q⌝, or, for short, ⌜p *iff* q⌝) gets translated into the *bi*conditional ⌜$p \leftrightarrow q$⌝.
- ⌜$p \leftrightarrow q$⌝ says that p is *both* necessary *and* sufficient for q.
- ⌜$p \leftrightarrow q$⌝ is basically an *abbreviation* for ⌜$(p \rightarrow q) \,\&\, (q \rightarrow p)$⌝.

English ↦ LSL VII: Grouping Two or More Binary Connectives

- Whenever three or more LSL sentence letters appear in an LSL sentence, parentheses (or brackets or braces) must be used (carefully!) to indicate the intended *scope* of the connectives. Otherwise, problems ensue . . .
- *E.g.*, '$A \,\&\, B \vee C$' is *not* an LSL sentence. It is *ambiguous* between '$(A \,\&\, B) \vee C$' and '$A \,\&\, (B \vee C)$', which are *distinct* LSL sentences.
- In this case, '$(A \,\&\, B) \vee C$' and '$A \,\&\, (B \vee C)$' have *different meanings*. We'll see precisely why they have different meanings in chapter 3.
- **NOTE**: We **must** group expressions when we have two or more connectives — *even if the alternative groupings have the same meaning*.
  - '$A \vee (B \vee C)$' and '$(A \vee B) \vee C$' have the same meaning, and
  - '$A \,\&\, (B \,\&\, C)$' and '$(A \,\&\, B) \,\&\, C$' have the same meaning.
- But, we must choose one of these groupings when symbolizing. It doesn't matter *which* one we choose, but we must choose one.

English ↦ LSL VIII: Negation, Conjunction, and Disjunction

- The tilde '$\sim$' operates *only* on the unit that *immediately* follows it. In '$\sim K \vee M$,' $\sim$ affects only 'K'; in '$\sim(K \vee M)$,' $\sim$ affects the entire '$K \vee M$'.
- 'It is not the case that K or M' is *ambiguous* between '$\sim K \vee M$,' and '$\sim(K \vee M)$.' **Convention**: 'It is not the case that K or M' ↦ '$\sim K \vee M$'.
- 'Not both S and T' ↦ '$\sim(S \,\&\, T)$'. [Chapter 3: '$\sim(S \,\&\, T)$' *means the same as* '$\sim S \vee \sim T$'. But, '$\sim(S \,\&\, T)$' does *not* mean the same as '$\sim S \,\&\, \sim T$'.]
- 'Not either S or T' ↦ '$\sim(S \vee T)$'. [Chapter 3: '$\sim(S \vee T)$' *means the same as* '$\sim S \,\&\, \sim T$', but '$\sim(S \vee T)$' does *not* mean the same as '$\sim S \vee \sim T$'.]
- Here are some examples involving $\sim$, &, and $\vee$ (not, and, or):
  1. Shell is not a polluter, but Exxon is. ↦ ??
  2. Not both Shell and Exxon are polluters. ↦ ??
  3. Both Shell and Exxon are not polluters. ↦ ??

4. Not either Shell or Exxon is a polluter. ↦ ??

5. Neither Shell nor Exxon is a polluter. ↦ ??

6. Either Shell or Exxon is not a polluter. ↦ ??

- Summary of translations involving $\sim$, &, and $\vee$ (not, and, or):

"Logish"	**LSL**
Not either A or B.	$\sim(A \vee B)$
Either not A or not B	$\sim A \vee \sim B$
Not both A and B.	$\sim(A \,\&\, B)$
Both not A and not B. (Neither A nor B.)	$\sim A \,\&\, \sim B$

- DeMorgan Laws (we will *prove* these laws is Chapter 3):

$\ulcorner \sim(p \vee q) \urcorner$ is equivalent to (means the same as) $\ulcorner \sim p \,\&\, \sim q \urcorner$

$\ulcorner \sim(p \,\&\, q) \urcorner$ is equivalent to (means the same as) $\ulcorner \sim p \vee \sim q \urcorner$

- But, $\ulcorner \sim(p \vee q) \urcorner$ is *not* equivalent to $\ulcorner \sim p \vee \sim q \urcorner$.

- And, $\ulcorner \sim(p \,\&\, q) \urcorner$ is *not* equivalent to $\ulcorner \sim p \,\&\, \sim q \urcorner$.

English ↦ LSL IX: Summary of the LSL Connectives

English Expression	LSL Connective
not, it is not the case that, it is false that	$\sim$
and, yet, but, however, moreover, nevertheless, still, also, although, both, additionally, furthermore	&
or, unless, either . . . or . . .	$\vee$
if . . . then . . . , only if, given that, in case, provided that, on condition that, sufficient condition, necessary condition, unless (**Note**: don't confuse antecedents/consequents!)	$\rightarrow$
if and only if (iff), is equivalent to, sufficient and necessary condition for, necessary and sufficient condition for	$\leftrightarrow$

English $\mapsto$ LSL X (&, $\rightarrow$): Example #1

- 'John will study hard and also bribe the instructor, and if he does both then he'll get an "A", provided the instructor likes him.'
  - Step 0: Decide on atomic sentences and letters.

    S: John will study hard. A: John will get an "A".

    B: John will bribe the instructor. L: The instructor likes John.
  - Step 1: Substitute into English, yielding "Logish":

    S and B, and if S and B then A, provided L.
  - Step 2: Make the transition into LSL (in stages as well, perhaps):

    S and B, and if L, then if S and B then A.

    $(S \& B) \& (L \rightarrow$ (if S and B then A)).

    Final Product: $(S \& B) \& (L \rightarrow ((S \& B) \rightarrow A))$

English $\mapsto$ LSL II ($\sim$, &, $\leftrightarrow$): Example #2

- 'If, but only if, they have made no commitment to the contrary, may reporters reveal their sources, but they always make such a commitment and they ought to respect it.'
  - Step 0: Decide on atomic sentences and letters.

  S: Reporters may reveal their sources.

  C: Reporters have made a commitment to protect their sources.

  R: Reporters ought to respect their commitment to protect sources.
  - Step 1: Substitute into English, yielding "Logish":

    If, but only if, it is not the case that C, then S, but C and R.
  - Step 2: make the transition into LSL (in stages as well, perhaps):

    S iff not C, but C and R.

    Final Product: $(S \leftrightarrow \sim C) \,\&\, (C \,\&\, R)$

English $\mapsto$ LSL II ($\sim$, &, $\vee$, $\rightarrow$, $\leftrightarrow$): Example #3

- 'Sara is going unless either Richard or Pam is going, and Sara is not going if, and only if, neither Pam nor Quincy are going.'
  - Step 0: Decide on atomic sentences and letters.

    P: Pam is going. Q: Quincy is going.

    R: Richard is going. S: Sara is going.
  - Step 1: Substitute into English, yielding "Logish":

    S unless either R or P, and not S iff neither P nor Q.
  - Step 2: Make the transition into LSL (in stages again):

    S unless $(R \vee P)$, and $\sim S$ iff $(\sim P \,\&\, \sim Q)$

    $(\sim(R \vee P) \rightarrow S) \,\&\, (\sim S \leftrightarrow (\sim P \,\&\, \sim Q))$
- It is also acceptable to replace the 'unless' with '$\vee$', yielding:

  $(S \vee (R \vee P)) \,\&\, (\sim S \leftrightarrow (\sim P \,\&\, \sim Q))$

English ↦ LSL VIII: Some More Problems to Try

- A Bunch of LSL Symbolization Problems:
  1. California does not allow smoking in restaurants.
  2. Jennifer Lopez becomes a superstar given that *I'm Real* goes platinum.
  3. Mary-Kate Olsen does not appear in a movie unless Ashley does.
  4. Either the President supports campaign reform and the House adopts universal healthcare or the Senate approves missile defense.
  5. Neither Mylanta nor Pepcid cures headaches.
  6. If Canada subsidizes exports, then if Mexico opens new factories, then the United States raises tariffs.
  7. If Iraq launches terrorist attacks, then either Peter Jennings or Tom Brokaw will report them.
  8. Tom Cruise goes to the premiere provided that Penelope Cruz does,

but Nicole Kidman does not.

9. It is not the case that either Bart and Lisa do their chores or Lenny and Karl blow up the power plant.
10. N'sync winning a grammy is a sufficient condition for the Backstreet Boys to be jealous, only if Destiny's Child getting booed is a necessary condition for TLC's being asked to sing the anthem.
11. Dominos' delivers for free if Pizza Hut adds new toppings, provided that Round Table airs more commercials.
12. If evolutionary biology is correct, then higher life forms arose by chance, and if that is so, then it is not the case that there is any design in nature and divine providence is a myth.
13. Kathie Lee's retiring is a necessary condition for Regis's getting a new co-host; moreover, Jay Leno's buying a motorcycle and David Letterman's telling more jokes imply that NBC's airing more talk shows is a sufficient condition for CBS's changing its image.

Symbolizing/*Reconstructing* Entire English Arguments

- Naïvely, an argument is “just a collection of sentences”. So, naïvely, one might think that symbolizing arguments should just boil down to symbolizing a bunch of individual sentences. It’s not so simple.
- An argumentative passage has more structure than an individual sentence. This makes argument *reconstruction* more subtle.
- We must now make sure we capture the inter-relations of content across the various sentences of the argument.
- To a large extent, these interrelations are captured by a judicious choice of atomic sentences for the reconstruction.
- It is also crucial to keep in mind the overall intent of the argumentative passage — the intended argumentative strategy.
- Forbes glosses over the art of (charitable!) argument reconstruction. I will be a bit more explicit about this today in some examples.

Symbolizing Entire Arguments: An Example

- 'If God exists, then there is no evil in the world unless God is unjust, or not omnipotent, or not omniscient. But, if God exists then He is none of these, and there is evil in the world. So, we must conclude that God does not exist.'
- Step 0: Decide on atomic sentences and letters.

  G: God exists. E: There is evil in the world.

  J: God is just. O: God is omnipotent.

  K: God is omniscient.
- Step 1: Identify (and symbolize) the *conclusion* of the argument:
  - 'God does not exist.' (which is just '$\sim G$' in LSL)
- Step 2: Symbolize the premises (in this case, there are two):
  - Premise #1: 'If God exists, then there is no evil in the world unless God is unjust, or not omnipotent, or not omniscient.'

Symbolizing Arguments: Example #2

- Premise #1: ‘If God exists, then there is no evil in the world unless God is unjust, or not omnipotent, or not omniscient.’

  If G, then ($\sim E$ unless ($\sim J$ or ($\sim O$ or $\sim K$)))

  $G \rightarrow (\sim E \vee (\sim J \vee (\sim O \vee \sim K)))$

- Premise #2: ‘If God exists then He is none of these (*i.e.*, He is *neither* unjust *nor*. . .), and there is evil in the world.’

  If G, then not not-J and not not-O and not not-K, and E.

  $[G \rightarrow (\sim\sim J \;\&\; (\sim\sim O \;\&\; \sim\sim K))] \;\&\; E$

- This yields the following (valid!) sentential form:

  $G \rightarrow (\sim E \vee (\sim J \vee (\sim O \vee \sim K)))$

  $[G \rightarrow (\sim\sim J \;\&\; (\sim\sim O \;\&\; \sim\sim K))] \;\&\; E$

  $\therefore \sim G$

Symbolizing Arguments: Example #2 Notes

- The sentential form:

  $G \rightarrow (\sim E \vee (\sim J \vee (\sim O \vee \sim K)))$

  $[G \rightarrow (\sim\sim J \,\&\, (\sim\sim O \,\&\, \sim\sim K))]$

  E

  $\therefore \sim G$

  with *three* premises is *equivalent* to the *two*-premise sentential form we wrote down originally (why?).

- Alternative for premise #1: '$G \rightarrow \{\sim[\sim J \vee (\sim O \vee \sim K)] \rightarrow \sim E\}$'.

- Moreover, if we had written '$(\sim\sim K \,\&\, (\sim\sim J \,\&\, \sim\sim O))$' rather than '$(\sim\sim J \,\&\, (\sim\sim O \,\&\, \sim\sim K))$' in premise #2, we would have ended-up with yet another *equivalent* sentential form (why?).

- All of these forms capture the meaning of the premises and conclusion, and all are close to the given form. So, all are OK.

Symbolizing Arguments: Example #2 More Notes

- Premise #1: If God exists, then there is no evil in the world unless God is unjust, or not omnipotent, or not omniscient.
- Two Questions: ① Why render this as (*i*) $\ulcorner p \to (q \text{ unless } r)\urcorner$, as opposed to (*ii*) $\ulcorner (p \to q) \text{ unless } r\urcorner$? ② *Does it matter* (*semantically*)?

① First, there's no comma after 'world'. Second, (*i*) is probably *intended*. The second answer assumes (*i*) and (*ii*) are *not* equivalent *in English*.

- That *may* be right, but it's not clear. It presupposes two things:
  (1) *In English*, $\ulcorner q \text{ unless } r\urcorner$ is equivalent to $\ulcorner$If not r, then $q\urcorner$.
  (2) *In English*, $\ulcorner$If p, then (if q then r)$\urcorner$ [*i.e.*, $\ulcorner p \to (q \to r)\urcorner$] is *not* equivalent to $\ulcorner$If (p and q), then $r\urcorner$ [*i.e.*, $\ulcorner (p \,\&\, q) \to r\urcorner$].
- We're *assuming* (1) in this class. (2) is controversial (but defensible).

② In LSL, (*i*) and (*ii*) *are equivalent*, *i.e.*, *in LSL* (2) is *false*. Thus, it seems to me that both readings are probably OK. This is a subtle case.

Symbolizing Arguments: Example #3

If Yossarian flies his missions then he is putting himself in danger, and it is irrational to put oneself in danger. If Yossarian is rational he will ask to be grounded, and he will be grounded only if he asks. But only irrational people are grounded, and a request to be grounded is proof of rationality. Consequently, Yossarian will fly his missions whether he is rational or irrational.

- Basic Sentences: Yossarian flies his missions (F), Yossarian puts himself in danger (D), Yossarian is rational (R), Yosarian asks to be grounded (A).
- Premise #1: If F then D, and if D then not R. $[(F \rightarrow D) \,\&\, (D \rightarrow \sim R)]$
- Premise #2: If R then A, and not F only if A. $[(R \rightarrow A) \,\&\, (\sim F \rightarrow A)]$
- Premise #3: But not F only if not R, and A implies R. $[(\sim F \rightarrow \sim R) \,\&\, (A \rightarrow R)]$
- Conclusion: Consequently, F whether R or not R. $[(R \rightarrow F) \,\&\, (\sim R \rightarrow F)]$. [Alternatively, the conclusion could be symbolized as: '$(R \vee \sim R) \rightarrow F$']
- Note: this is a valid form (we'll be able to prove this pretty soon).

Symbolizing Arguments: Example #4

Suppose no two contestants enter; then there will be no contest. No contest means no winner. Suppose all contestants perform equally well. Still no winner. There won't be a winner unless there's a loser. And conversely. Therefore, there will be a loser only if at least two contestants enter and not all contestants perform equally well.

Step 0: Decide on atomic sentences and letters.

T: At least two contestants enter.
C: There is a contest.
E: All contestants perform equally well.
W: There is a winner.
L: There is a loser.

Step 1: Identify (and symbolize) the *conclusion* of the argument:

- Conclusion: There will be a loser only if at least two contestants enter and not all contestants perform equally well.
  - "Logish": L only if T and not E.
  - LSL: '$L \rightarrow (T \,\&\, {\sim}E)$'. [Why not '$(L \rightarrow T) \,\&\, {\sim}E$'?]

- Step 2: Symbolize the premises (here, there are as many as five):

  (1) Suppose no two contestants enter; then there will be no contest.
  - "Logish": Suppose that not T; then it is not the case that C.
  - LSL: '$\sim T \rightarrow \sim C$'.

  (2) No contest means no winner.
  - "Logish": Not C means not W. [*i.e.*, not C *implies* not W.]
  - LSL: '$\sim C \rightarrow \sim W$'.

  (3) Suppose all contestants perform equally well. Still no winner.
  - "Logish": Suppose E. Still not W. [*i.e.*, E *also* implies not W.]
  - LSL: '$E \rightarrow \sim W$'.

  (4) There won't be a winner unless there's a loser. And conversely.
  - "Logish": Not W unless L, *and conversely*.
  - LSL: '$(\sim L \rightarrow \sim W) \,\&\, (\sim W \rightarrow \sim L)$'. [*i.e.*, not W *iff* not L.]

  – The final product is the following *valid* sentential form:
  $\sim T \rightarrow \sim C$. $\sim C \rightarrow \sim W$. $E \rightarrow \sim W$. $\sim L \leftrightarrow \sim W$. Therefore, $L \rightarrow (T \,\&\, \sim E)$.

A Few Final Remarks on Symbolizing Arguments

- We saw the following premise our last argument: 'There won't be a winner unless there's a loser. And conversely.' I symbolized it as:
  - "Logish": If not L, then not W, *and conversely*. [*i.e.*, not L *iff* not W.]
  - LSL: '$\sim L \leftrightarrow \sim W$', *equivalently*: '$(\sim L \to \sim W) \,\&\, (\sim W \to \sim L)$'.
- One might wonder why I didn't interpret the "and conversely" to be operating on the *unless* operator itself, rather than the *conditional* operator. This would yield the following *different* symbolization:
  - "Logish": not W unless L, and L unless not W.
  - LSL: '$(\sim L \to \sim W) \,\&\, (\sim\sim W \to L)$', *equivalently*: '$(\sim L \to \sim W) \,\&\, (W \to L)$'.
- Answer: This is a *redundant* symbolization in LSL, since '$\sim L \to \sim W$' *is equivalent to* '$W \to L$'. Moreover, the resulting argument *isn't* valid.
- **Principle of Charity**. If an argument $\mathscr{A}$ has two *plausible but semantically distinct* LSL symbolizations (where neither is *obviously* preferable) — and *only one of them is valid — choose the valid one*.