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(P and Q) or R is not equivalent to P and (Q or R). Brackets are important!

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Variations in wording

- "If P then Q" can be written as
 - ▶ *Q* if *P*
 - ► P implies Q
 - ► Q is implied by P
 - ► P only if Q

- P is sufficient for Q
- ► Q is necessary for P

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