

**CSE
31F**

**Foundations of
Computing I**

Pre-Lecture Problem

Suppose that p , and $p \rightarrow (q \wedge r)$ are true. Is q true? Can you prove it with equivalences?

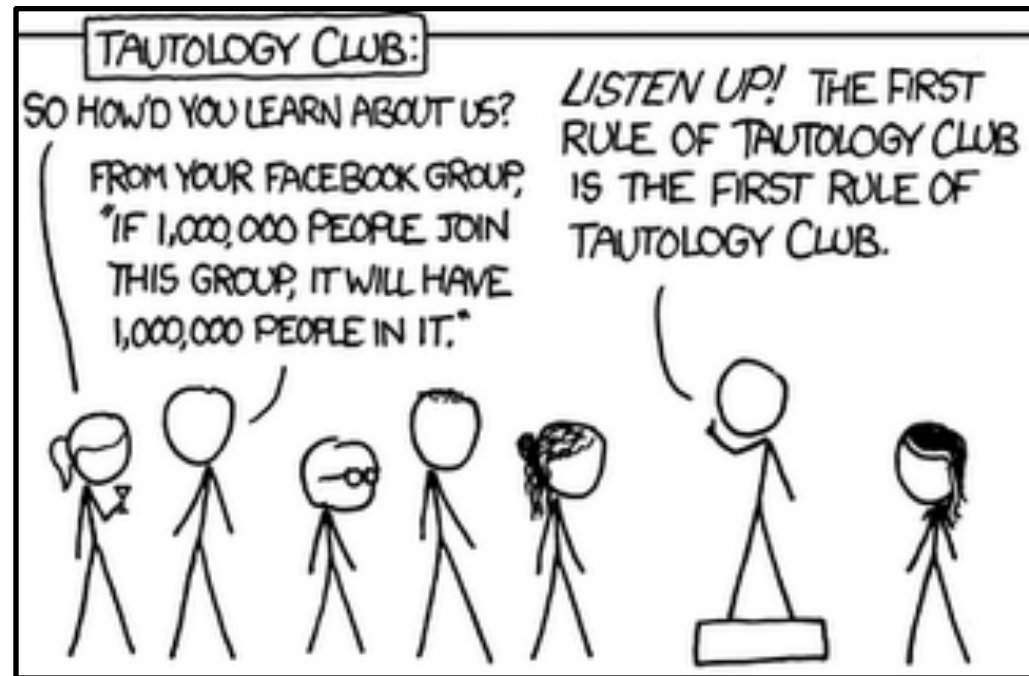
Proof From Last Time

Show that **r** follows from **p**, **p** \rightarrow **q**, and **q** \rightarrow **r**

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|----|---------------------------------|----------|
| 1. | p | Given |
| 2. | p \rightarrow q | Given |
| 3. | q \rightarrow r | Given |
| 4. | q | MP: 1, 2 |
| 5. | r | MP: 3, 4 |

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Lecture 7: Proofs



Proofs can use equivalences too

Show that $\neg p$ follows from $p \rightarrow q$ and $\neg q$

1. $p \rightarrow q$ Given

2. $\neg q$ Given

3. $\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$ Contrapositive: 1

4. $\neg p$ MP: 2, 3

Inference Rules

If I have a proof of A and
I have a proof of B....

Requirements:

A

B

Conclusions:

$\therefore C$

D

Then, I have
also proven C

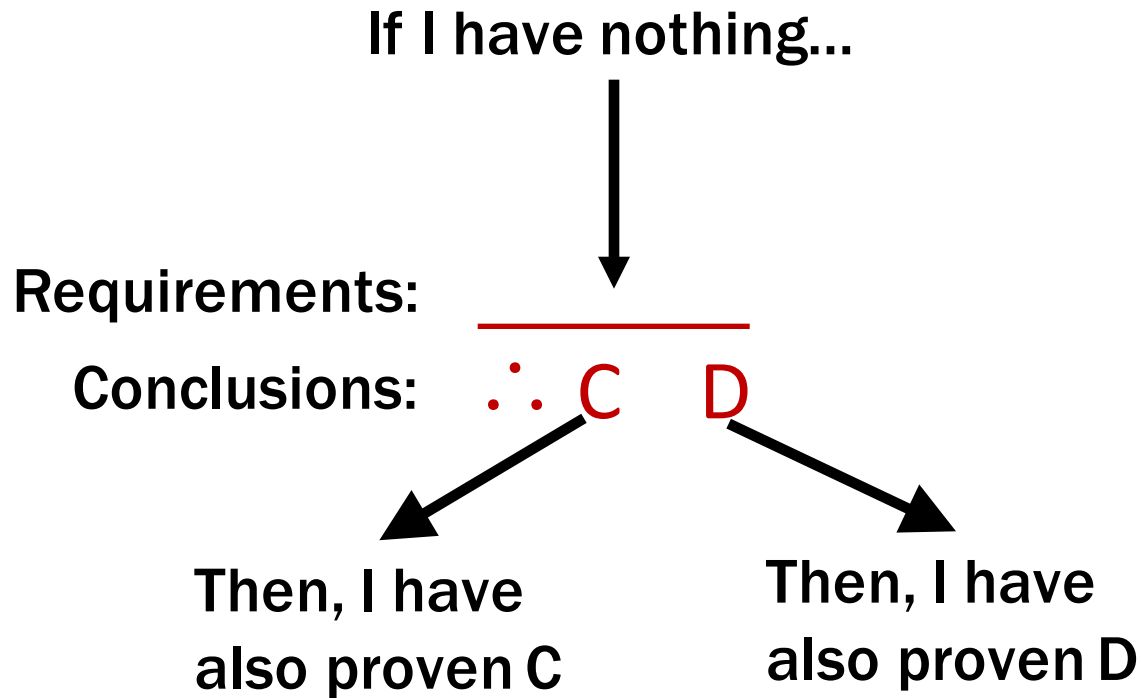
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Example (Modus Ponens):

A A \rightarrow B
 \therefore B

If I have a proof of A and A \rightarrow B,
Then I have a proof of B.

Axioms



Example (Excluded Middle):

$\therefore A \vee \neg A$

I have a proof of $A \vee \neg A$.

More Inference Rules

Each connective has an “introduction rule” and an “elimination rule”

Consider “and”. To know $A \wedge B$ is true, what do we need to know...?

A	B	$A \wedge B$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	F
F	F	F

The only case $A \wedge B$ is true is when A and B are both true.

\wedge Introduction	
A	B
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$\therefore A \wedge B$	

So, we can only prove $A \wedge B$ if we already have a proof for A and we already have a proof for B.

More Inference Rules

Each connective has an “introduction rule” and an “elimination rule”
“Elimination” rules go the other way. If we know $A \wedge B$, then what do we know about A and B individually?

A	B	$A \wedge B$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	F
F	F	F

When $A \wedge B$ is true, then A is true and B is true.

\wedge Elimination
$A \wedge B$
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$\therefore A \quad B$

So, if we can prove $A \wedge B$, then we can also prove A and we can also prove B .

Proofs

Show that r follows from $p, p \rightarrow q$, and $p \wedge q \rightarrow r$

How To Start:

We have givens, find the ones that go together and use them. Now, treat new things as givens, and repeat.

Modus Ponens	
A	$A \rightarrow B$
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\therefore	B

\wedge Introduction	
A	B
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\therefore	$A \wedge B$

\wedge Elimination	
$A \wedge B$	
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\therefore	$A \quad B$

Proofs

Show that **r** follows from $p, p \rightarrow q$, and $p \wedge q \rightarrow r$

Two visuals of the same proof.
We will focus on the top one,
but if the bottom one helps
you think about it, that's great!

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|----|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. | p | Given |
| 2. | $p \rightarrow q$ | Given |
| 3. | q | MP: 1, 2 |
| 4. | $p \wedge q$ | Intro \wedge : 1, 3 |
| 5. | $p \wedge q \rightarrow r$ | Given |
| 6. | r | MP: 4, 5 |

$$\frac{\frac{p \quad p \rightarrow q}{q} \text{MP}}{\frac{p \quad q}{p \wedge q} \text{Intro } \wedge} \text{MP}$$
$$\frac{p \wedge q \quad p \wedge q \rightarrow r}{r} \text{MP}$$

Simple Propositional Inference Rules

Elimination

$$\wedge \quad \begin{array}{c} \wedge \text{ Elimination} \\ \hline A \wedge B \\ \hline \therefore A \quad B \end{array}$$

Introduction

$$\wedge \text{ Introduction} \\ \hline A \quad B \\ \hline \therefore A \wedge B$$

$$\vee \quad \begin{array}{c} \vee \text{ Elimination} \\ \hline A \vee B \quad \neg A \\ \hline \therefore B \end{array}$$

$$\vee \text{ Introduction} \\ \hline A \\ \hline \therefore A \vee B \quad B \vee A$$

$$\rightarrow \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{Modus Ponens} \\ \hline A \quad A \rightarrow B \\ \hline \therefore B \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \frac{p \Rightarrow q}{\therefore p \rightarrow q} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Direct Proof Rule} \\ \text{Not like other rules} \end{array}$$

Important: Application of Inference Rules

- You can use equivalences to make substitutions of any sub-formula.
- Inference rules only can be applied to whole formulas (not correct otherwise).

e.g. 1. $p \rightarrow q$ Given
~~2. $(p \vee r) \rightarrow q$ Intro \vee : 1~~

Does not follow! e.g. $p=F, q=F, r=T$

Proofs

Prove that $\neg r$ follows from $p \wedge s$, $q \rightarrow \neg r$, and $\neg s \vee q$.

45. $\neg r$

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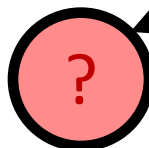
- We can use $q \rightarrow \neg r$ to get there.
- The justification between 44 and 45 looks like “implication elim” which is MP.

44. $q \rightarrow \neg r$

Given

45. $\neg r$

MP: 44,



- So, we can justify line 45 now!

Proofs

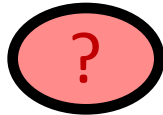
Prove that $\neg r$ follows from $p \wedge s$, **Used!** and $\neg s \vee q$.

Idea: Work backwards!

We want to eventually get $\neg r$. How?

- Now, we have a new “hole”
- We need to prove q ...
 - Notice that at this point, if we prove q , we've proven $\neg r$...

43. q



44. $q \rightarrow \neg r$

Given

45. $\neg r$

MP: 44, 43

Proofs

Prove that $\neg r$ follows from $p \wedge s$, **Used!** and $\neg s \vee q$.

Idea: Work backwards!

We want to eventually get q . How?

- Find a relevant given!

42. $\neg s \vee q$

Given

43. q

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This looks like or-elimination.

44. $q \rightarrow \neg r$

Given

45. $\neg r$

MP: 44, 43

Proofs

Prove that $\neg r$ follows from $p \wedge s$, **Used!** and **Used!**

- 41.** $\neg\neg s$ It's more likely that $\neg\neg s$ shows up as s ...
- 42.** $\neg s \vee q$ **Given**
- 43.** q **\vee Elim: 42, 41**
- 44.** $q \rightarrow \neg r$ **Given**
- 45.** $\neg r$ **MP: 44, 43**

Proofs

Prove that $\neg r$ follows from $p \wedge s$, **Used!** and **Used!**

39. $p \wedge s$

Given

40. s

Use our last given!

41. $\neg\neg s$

Double Negation: 40

Remember, we're allowed to use equivalences!

42. $\neg s \vee q$

Given

43. q

\vee Elim: 42, 41

44. $q \rightarrow \neg r$

Given

45. $\neg r$

MP: 44, 43

Proofs

Prove that $\neg r$ follows from **Used!** **Used!** and **Used!**

We don't have any holes in the proof left! We're done!

- 39. $p \wedge s$ Given
- 40. s \wedge Elim: 39
- 41. $\neg\neg s$ Double Negation: 40
- 42. $\neg s \vee q$ Given
- 43. q \vee Elim: 42, 41
- 44. $q \rightarrow \neg r$ Given
- 45. $\neg r$ MP: 44, 43

Proofs

Prove that $\neg r$ follows from $p \wedge s$, $q \rightarrow \neg r$, and $\neg s \vee q$.

Well, almost, let's renumber the steps:

1. $p \wedge s$ Given
2. s \wedge Elim: 1
3. $\neg\neg s$ Double Negation: 2
4. $\neg s \vee q$ Given
5. q \vee Elim: 4, 3
6. $q \rightarrow \neg r$ Given
7. $\neg r$ MP: 6, 5

To Prove An Implication: $A \rightarrow B$

- We use the direct proof rule
- The “pre-requisite” for using the direct proof rule is that we write a proof that **Given A**, we can prove B.
- **The direct proof rule:**

If you have such a proof then you can conclude that $p \rightarrow q$ is true

Example: Prove $p \rightarrow (p \vee q)$.

proof subroutine

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|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. p | Assumption |
| 2. $p \vee q$ | Intro \vee : 1 |
| 3. $p \rightarrow (p \vee q)$ | Direct Proof Rule |

Proofs using the direct proof rule

Show that $p \rightarrow r$ follows from q and $(p \wedge q) \rightarrow r$

1. q Given

2. $(p \wedge q) \rightarrow r$ Given

3.1. p Assumption

3.2. $p \wedge q$ Intro \wedge : 1, 3.1

3.3. r MP: 2, 3.2

3. $p \rightarrow r$ Direct Proof Rule

This is a
proof
of $p \rightarrow r$

If we know p is true...
Then, we've shown
 r is true

Example

Prove: $(p \wedge q) \rightarrow (p \vee q)$

There MUST be an application of the Direct Proof Rule to prove this implication.

Where do we start? We have no givens...

Example

Prove: $(p \wedge q) \rightarrow (p \vee q)$

1.1. $p \wedge q$

Assumption

1.2. p

Elim \wedge : 1.1

1.3. $p \vee q$

Intro \vee : 1.2

1. $(p \wedge q) \rightarrow (p \vee q)$

Direct Proof Rule

Example

Prove: $((p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow r)) \rightarrow (p \rightarrow r)$

(1.1) $(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow r)$ Assumption

(1.2) $p \rightarrow q$ \wedge Elim: 1.1

(1.3) $q \rightarrow r$ \wedge Elim: 1.1

(1.4.1) p Assumption

(1.4.2) q MP: 1.2, 1.4.1

(1.4.3) r MP: 1.3, 1.4.2

(1.4) $(p \rightarrow r)$ Direct Proof Rule

(1) $((p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow r)) \rightarrow (p \rightarrow r)$ Direct Proof Rule