

Section 3: Inference

1. Using the Direct Proof Rule

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

2. A Formal Proof in Propositional Logic

Show that $\neg p$ follows from $\neg(\neg r \vee t)$, $\neg q \vee \neg s$ and $(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (r \rightarrow s)$.

3. A Formal Proof in Predicate Logic

Prove $\exists x (P(x) \vee R(x))$ from $\forall x (P(x) \vee Q(x))$ and $\forall y (\neg Q(y) \vee R(y))$.

4. Formal Spoofs

For each of the following proofs, determine why the proof is incorrect. Then, show that the claim is true by fixing the error.

(a) Show that $p \rightarrow (q \vee r)$ follows from $p \rightarrow q$ and r .

1. $p \rightarrow q$ [Given]
2. r [Given]
3. $p \rightarrow (q \vee r)$ [\vee Intro: 1, 2]

(b) Show that q follows from $\neg p \vee q$ and p .

1. $\neg p \vee q$ [Given]
2. p [Given]
3. q [\vee Elim: 1, 2]

(c) Show that q follows from $q \vee p$ and $\neg p$.

1. $\neg p$ [Given]
2. $q \vee p$ [Given]
3. $q \vee F$ [Substitute $p = F$ since $\neg p$ holds: 1, 2]
4. q [Identity: 3]