

Warm up translate to predicate logic:  
"For every  $x$ , if  $x$  is prime, then  $x$  is odd or  $x = 2$ ."

# Inference Proofs and Nested Unalike Quantifiers

CSE 311 Winter 23  
Lecture 6

# Announcements

HW1 grades came back yesterday.

HW1 solutions are at the front, grab one after class. If you don't make it in-person, they will be **outside** my office.

HW1 2c we considered our question ambiguous and gave credit to multiple answers.

HW3 comes out tonight (available on the webpage).

# Today

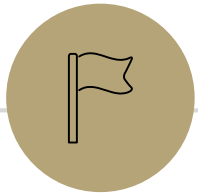
A lecture in 2 parts.

Part 1: More on quantifiers

What happens when we want to talk about just part of our domain of discourse?

$\forall, \exists$  in the same sentence

Part 2: Inference proofs: how do we prove implications?



# Quantifiers

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$\forall$  (for All) and  $\exists$  (there Exists)

Write these statements in predicate logic with quantifiers. Let your domain of discourse be "cats"

This sentence implicitly makes a statement about all cats!

If a cat is fat, then it is happy.

$\forall x[\text{Fat}(x) \rightarrow \text{Happy}(x)]$

# Quantifiers

Writing implications can be tricky when we change the domain of discourse.

For every cat: if the cat is fat, then it is happy.

Domain of Discourse: cats

$$\forall x[\text{Fat}(x) \rightarrow \text{Happy}(x)]$$

What if we change our domain of discourse to be all mammals?

We need to limit  $x$  to be a cat. How do we do that?

$$\forall x[(\text{Cat}(x) \wedge \text{Fat}(x)) \rightarrow \text{Happy}(x)]$$

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# Quantifiers

not-a-cat ~~Domain~~  $\rightarrow x$   $\rightarrow$  (wavy line)  
 $x$  Fat is happy

Which of these translates "For every cat: if a cat is fat then it is happy."  
when our domain of discourse is "mammals"?

$$\forall x[(\text{Cat}(x) \wedge \text{Fat}(x)) \rightarrow \text{Happy}(x)]$$

For all mammals, if  $x$  is a cat and fat then it is happy

[if  $x$  is not a cat, the claim is vacuously true, you can't use the promise for anything]

$$\forall x[\text{Cat}(x) \wedge (\text{Fat}(x) \rightarrow \text{Happy}(x))]$$

For all mammals, that mammal is a cat and if it is fat then it is happy.

[what if  $x$  is a dog? Dogs are in the domain, but...uh-oh. This isn't what we meant.]

To "limit" variables to a portion of your domain of discourse under a universal quantifier add a hypothesis to an implication.

# Quantifiers

Existential quantifiers need a different rule:

To "limit" variables to a portion of your domain of discourse under an existential quantifier AND the limitation together with the rest of the statement.

There is a dog who is not happy.

Domain of discourse: dogs

$\exists x(\neg \text{Happy}(x))$

$\exists x(\neg \text{Happy}(x) \wedge \text{Dog}(x))$



# Quantifiers

Which of these translates “There is a dog who is not happy.”  
when our domain of discourse is “mammals”?

$$\exists x[\text{Dog}(x) \rightarrow \neg \text{Happy}(x)]$$

There is a mammal, such that if  $x$  is a  
dog then it is not happy.  
[this can't be right – plug in a cat for  $x$   
and the implication is true]

$$\exists x[(\text{Dog}(x) \wedge \neg \text{Happy}(x))]$$

There is a mammal that is both a dog  
and not happy.  
[this one is correct!]

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# Negating Quantifiers

What happens when we negate an expression with quantifiers?

What does your intuition say?

Original

Every positive integer is prime

$\forall x \text{ Prime}(x)$

Domain of discourse: positive integers

Negation

There is a positive integer that is not prime.

$\exists x (\neg \text{Prime}(x))$

Domain of discourse: positive integers

# Negating Quantifiers

Let's try on an existential quantifier...

Original

There is a positive integer which is prime and even.

$\exists x(\text{Prime}(x) \wedge \text{Even}(x))$

Domain of discourse: positive integers

Negation

Every positive integer is composite or odd.

$\forall x(\neg \text{Prime}(x) \vee \neg \text{Even}(x))$

Domain of discourse: positive integers

To negate an expression with a quantifier

1. Switch the quantifier ( $\forall$  becomes  $\exists$ ,  $\exists$  becomes  $\forall$ )
2. Negate the expression inside

# Negation

Translate these sentences to predicate logic, then negate them.

All cats have nine lives.

$$\forall x(Cat(x) \rightarrow NumLives(x, 9))$$

$\exists x(Cat(x) \wedge \neg(NumLives(x, 9)))$  "There is a cat without 9 lives."

All dogs love every person.

$$\forall x\forall y(Dog(x) \wedge Human(y) \rightarrow Love(x, y))$$

$\exists x\exists y(Dog(x) \wedge Human(y) \wedge \neg Love(x, y))$  "There is a dog who does not love someone." "There is a dog and a person such that the dog doesn't love that person."

There is a cat that loves someone.

$$\exists x\exists y(Cat(x) \wedge Human(y) \wedge Love(x, y))$$

$$\forall x\forall y(Cat(x) \wedge Human(y) \rightarrow \neg Love(x, y))$$

"For every cat and every human, the cat does not love that human."

"Every cat does not love any human" ("no cat loves any human")

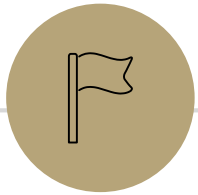
# Negation with Domain Restriction

$$\exists x \exists y (Cat(x) \wedge Human(y) \wedge Love(x, y))$$

$$\forall x \forall y ([Cat(x) \wedge Human(y)] \rightarrow \neg Love(x, y))$$

There are lots of equivalent expressions to the second. This one is by far the best because it reflects the domain restriction happening. How did we get there?

There's a problem in this week's section handout showing similar algebra.



# Nested Quantifiers

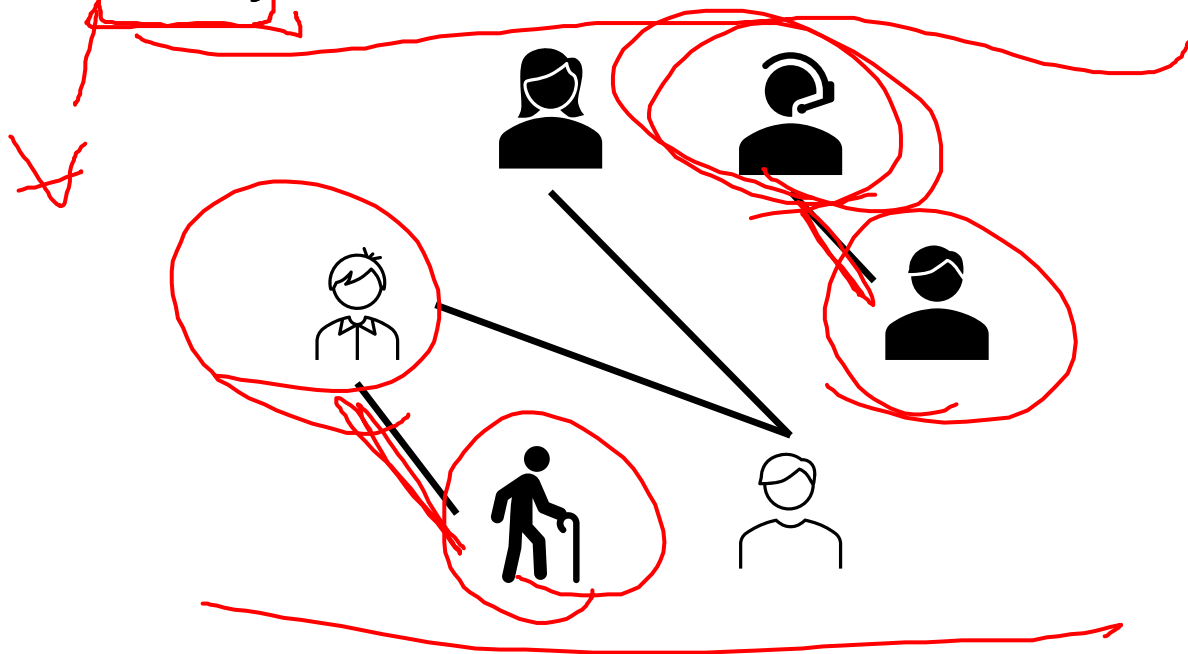
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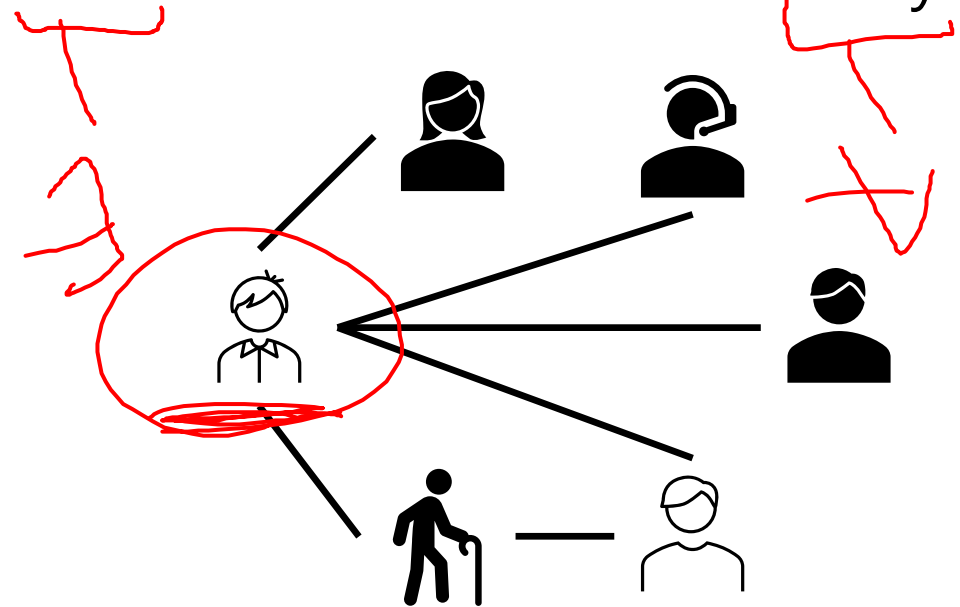
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Translate these sentences using only quantifiers and the predicate  $\text{AreFriends}(x, y)$

Everyone is friends with someone.



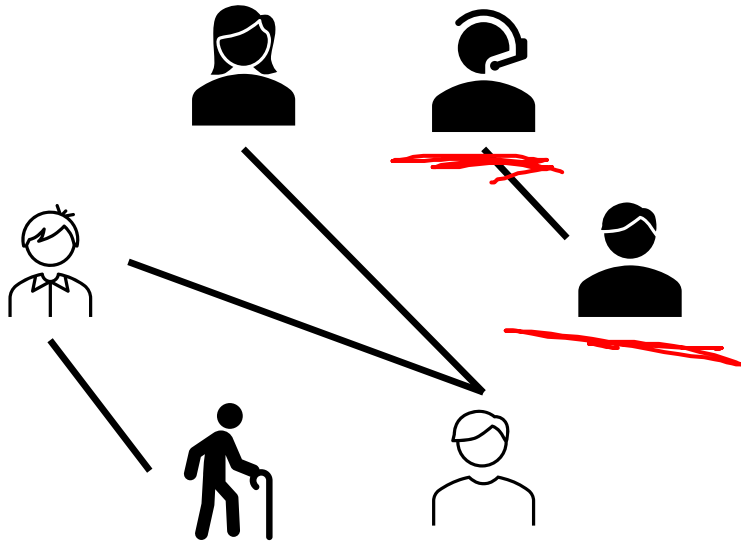
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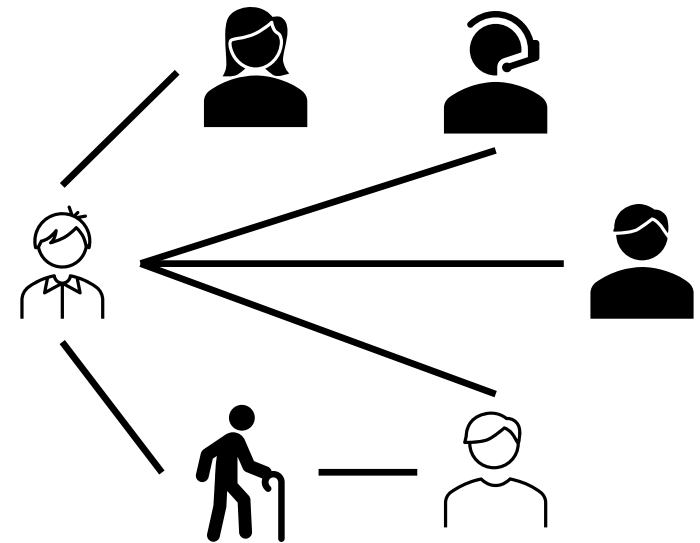
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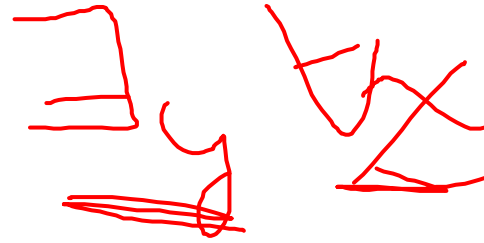


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# Nested Quantifiers



$$\forall x \exists y P(x, y)$$

"For every  $x$  there exists a  $y$  such that  $P(x, y)$  is true."

$y$  might change depending on the  $x$  (people have different friends!).

$$\exists x \forall y P(x, y)$$

"There is an  $x$  such that for all  $y$ ,  $P(x, y)$  is true."

There's a special, magical  $x$  value so that  $P(x, y)$  is true regardless of  $y$ .

# Nested Quantifiers

$$P(4,2) = F$$

Let our domain of discourse be  $\{A, B, C, D, E\}$

And our proposition  $P(x, y)$  be given by the table.

What should we look for in the table?

$$\exists x \forall y P(x, y)$$

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		$y$				
$P(x, y)$		A	B	C	D	E
$x$	A	T	T	T	T	T
	B	T	F	F	T	F
	C	F	T	F	F	F
	D	F	F	F	F	T
	E	F	F	F	T	F

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A row, where every entry is T

$$\forall x \exists y P(x, y)$$

In every row there must be a T

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A	T	T	T	T	T
B	T	F	F	T	F
C	F	T	F	F	F
D	F	F	F	F	T
E	F	F	F	T	F

# Keep everything in order

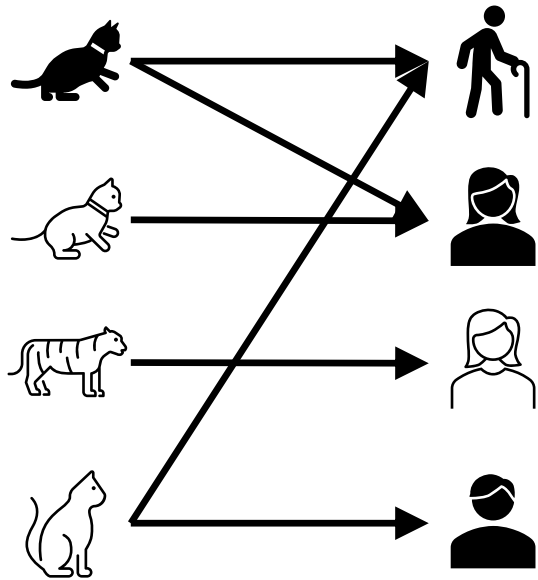
Keep the quantifiers in the same order in English as they are in the logical notation.

~~"There is someone out there for everyone" is a  $\forall x \exists y$  statement in "everyday" English.~~

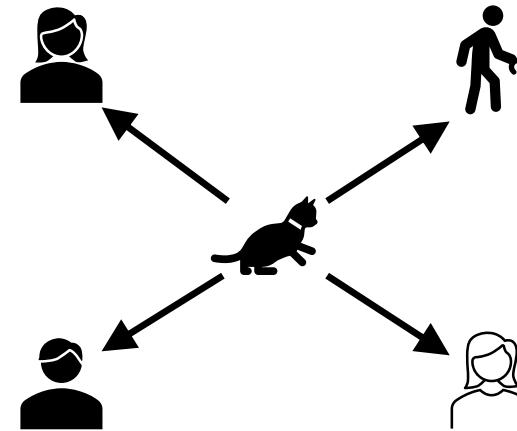
It would **never** be phrased that way in "mathematical English" We'll only every write "for every person, there is someone out there for them."

# Try it yourselves

Every cat loves some human.



There is a cat that loves every human.

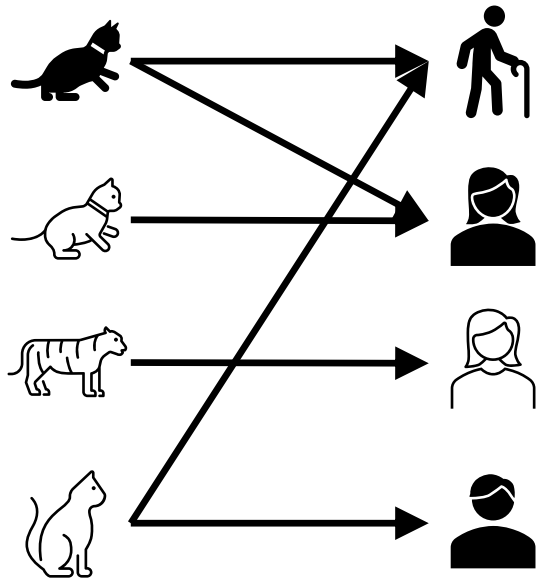


Let your domain of discourse be mammals.

Use the predicates  $\text{Cat}(x)$ ,  $\text{Dog}(x)$ , and  $\text{Loves}(x, y)$  to mean  $x$  loves  $y$ .

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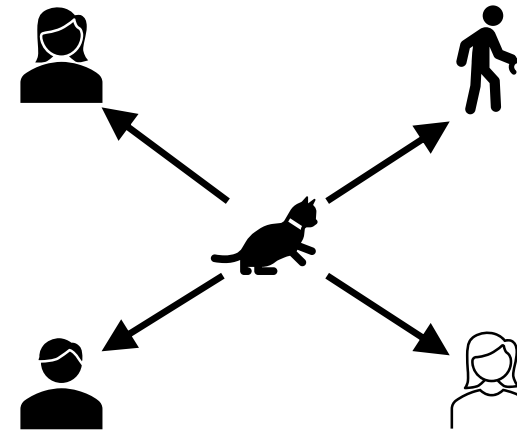
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$$\forall x (\text{Cat}(x) \rightarrow \exists y [\text{Human}(y) \wedge \text{Loves}(x, y)])$$

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$$\exists x (\text{Cat}(x) \wedge \forall y [\text{Human}(y) \rightarrow \text{Loves}(x, y)])$$

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# Negation

How do we negate nested quantifiers?

The old rule still applies.

To negate an expression with a quantifier

1. Switch the quantifier ( $\forall$  becomes  $\exists$ ,  $\exists$  becomes  $\forall$ )
2. Negate the expression inside

$$\neg(\forall x \exists y \forall z [P(x, y) \wedge Q(y, z)])$$

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$$\exists x \forall y \exists z [\neg P(x, y) \vee \neg Q(y, z)]$$

# More Translation

For each of the following, translate it, then say whether the statement is true. Let your domain of discourse be integers.

For every integer, there is a greater integer.

$\forall x \exists y (\text{Greater}(y, x))$  (This statement is true:  $y$  can be  $x + 1$  [ $y$  depends on  $x$ ])

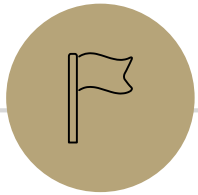
There is an integer  $x$ , such that for all integers  $y$ ,  $xy$  is equal to 1.

$\exists x \forall y (\text{Equal}(xy, 1))$  (This statement is false: no single value of  $x$  can play that role for every  $y$ .)

$\forall y \exists x (\text{Equal}(x + y, 1))$

For every integer,  $y$ , there is an integer  $x$  such that  $x + y = 1$   
(This statement is true,  $y$  can depend on  $x$ )





## More Inference Proofs



# Try it yourselves

Suppose you know  $p \rightarrow q$ ,  $\neg s \rightarrow \neg q$ , and  $p$ .  
Give an argument to conclude  $s$ .

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|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. $p \rightarrow q$           | Given               |
| 2. $\neg s \rightarrow \neg q$ | Given               |
| 3. $p$                         | Given               |
| 4. $q$                         | Modus Ponens 1,3    |
| 5. $q \rightarrow s$           | Contrapositive of 2 |
| 6. $s$                         | Modus Ponens 5,4    |

# More Inference Rules

In total, we have two for  $\wedge$  and two for  $\vee$ , one to create the connector, and one to remove it.

$$\boxed{\text{Eliminate } \wedge} \frac{A \wedge B}{\therefore A, B}$$

$$\boxed{\text{Intro } \wedge} \frac{A; B}{\therefore A \wedge B}$$

$$\boxed{\text{Eliminate } \vee} \frac{A \vee B, \neg A}{\therefore B}$$

$$\boxed{\text{Intro } \vee} \frac{A}{\therefore A \vee B, B \vee A}$$

None of these rules are surprising, but they are useful.

# The Direct Proof Rule

We've been implicitly using another "rule" today, the direct proof rule

Write a proof "given  $A$  conclude  $B$ "  
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 $A \rightarrow B$

Direct Proof  
rule

$A \Rightarrow B$   
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This rule is different from the others –  $A \Rightarrow B$  is not a "single fact."

It's an observation that we've done a proof. (i.e. that we showed fact  $B$  starting from  $A$ .)

We will get a lot of mileage out of this rule...starting right now.

# How would you argue...

Let's say you have a piece of code.

And you think **if** the code gets null input **then** a `NullPointerException` will be thrown.

How would you convince your friend?

You'd probably trace the code, assuming you would get null input.

The code was your **given**

The null input is an **assumption**

# In general

How do you convince someone that  $p \rightarrow q$  is true given some surrounding context/some surrounding givens?

You suppose  $p$  is true (you assume  $p$ )

And then you'll show  $q$  must also be true.  
Just from  $p$  and the Given information.

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Given:  $((p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow r))$   
Show:  $(p \rightarrow r)$

Here's an incorrect proof.

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|---|------------------------|
| 1. $(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow r)$ | Given                  |
| 2. $p \rightarrow q$                            | Eliminate $\wedge$ (1) |
| 3. $q \rightarrow r$                            | Eliminate $\wedge$ (1) |
| 4. $p$  | Given???               |
| 5. $q$  | Modus Ponens 4,2       |
| 6. $r$  | Modus Ponens 5,3       |
| 7. $p \rightarrow r$                            | Direct Proof Rule      |



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Here's a corrected version of the proof.

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

Given

2.  $p \rightarrow q$

Eliminate  $\wedge$  1

3.  $q \rightarrow r$

Eliminate  $\wedge$  1

4.1  $p$

Assumption

4.2  $q$

Modus Ponens 4.1,2

4.3  $r$

Modus Ponens 4.2,3

5.  $p \rightarrow r$

Direct Proof Rule

When introducing an assumption to prove an implication: Indent, and change numbering.

When reached your conclusion, use the Direct Proof Rule to observe the implication is a fact.

The conclusion is an unconditional fact (doesn't depend on  $p$ ) so it goes back up a level

# Try it!

Given:  $p \vee q, (r \wedge s) \rightarrow \neg q, r$ .  
Show:  $s \rightarrow p$

$$\text{Eliminate } \wedge \frac{A \wedge B}{\therefore A, B}$$

$$\text{Eliminate } \vee \frac{A \vee B, \neg A}{\therefore B}$$

$$\text{Intro } \wedge \frac{A; B}{\therefore A \wedge B}$$

$$\text{Intro } \vee \frac{A}{\therefore A \vee B, B \vee A}$$

$$\text{Direct Proof rule} \frac{A \Rightarrow B}{A \rightarrow B}$$

$$\text{Modus Ponens} \frac{P \rightarrow Q; P}{\therefore Q}$$

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| 1.  | $p \vee q$                        | Given                       |
| 2.  | $(r \wedge s) \rightarrow \neg q$ | Given                       |
| 3.  | $r$                               | Given                       |
| 4.1 | $s$                               | Assumption                  |
| 4.2 | $r \wedge s$                      | Intro $\wedge$ (3,4.1)      |
| 4.3 | $\neg q$                          | Modus Ponens (2, 4.2)       |
| 4.4 | $q \vee p$                        | Commutativity (1)           |
| 4.5 | $p$                               | Eliminate $\vee$ (4.4, 4.3) |
| 5.  | $s \rightarrow p$                 | Direct Proof Rule           |

# Inference Rules

$$\text{Eliminate } \wedge \quad \frac{A \wedge B}{\therefore A, B}$$

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