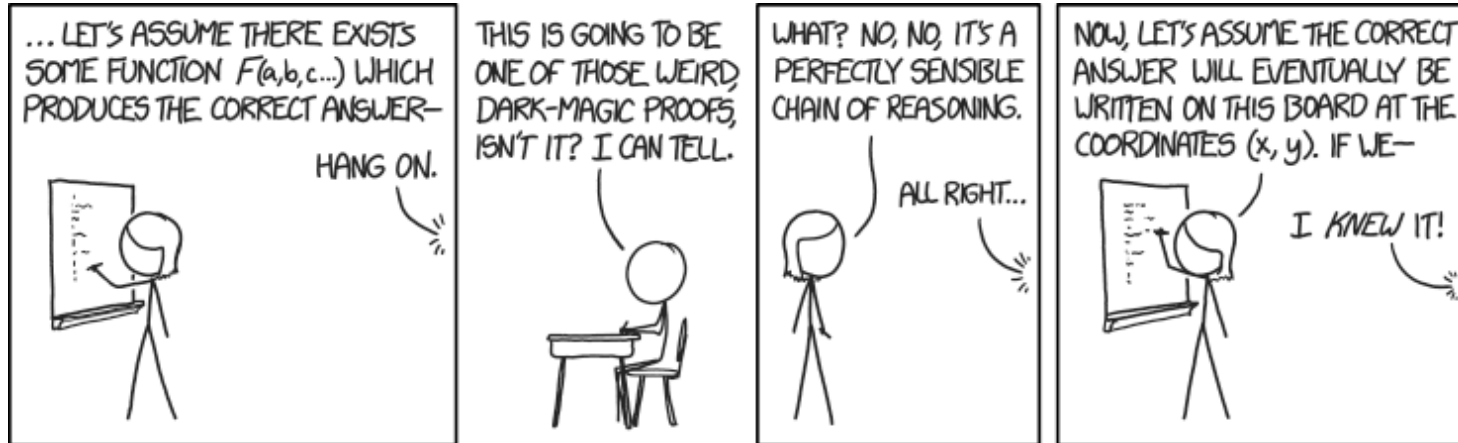


CSE 311: Foundations of Computing

Topic 3: Proofs



Applications of Logical Inference

- **Software Engineering**
 - Express desired properties of program as set of logical constraints
 - Use inference rules to show that program implies that those constraints are satisfied
- **Artificial Intelligence**
 - Automated reasoning
- **Algorithm design and analysis**
 - e.g., Correctness, Loop invariants.
- **Logic Programming, e.g. Prolog**
 - Express desired outcome as set of constraints
 - Automatically apply logic inference to derive solution

Logical Inference

- So far, we've considered:
 - how to understand and *express* things using propositional and predicate logic
 - how to *compute* using Propositional logic (circuits)
 - how to show that different ways of expressing or computing them are *equivalent* to each other
- Logic also has methods that let us *infer* implied properties from ones that we know
 - equivalence is a small part of this

New Perspective

Rather than comparing **A** and **B** as columns, zooming in on just the rows where **A** is true:

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T	T	T	
T	F	T	
F	T	F	
F	F	F	

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F	F	F	

Given that **A** is true, we see that **B** is also true.

$$A \Rightarrow B$$

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F	T	F	?
F	F	F	?

When we zoom out, what have we proven?

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T	F	T	T	T
F	T	F	T	T
F	F	F	F	T

When we zoom out, what have we proven?

$$(A \rightarrow B) \equiv T$$

New Perspective

Equivalences

$A \equiv B$ and $(A \leftrightarrow B) \equiv T$ are the same

Inference

$A \Rightarrow B$ and $(A \rightarrow B) \equiv T$ are the same

Can do the inference by **zooming in**
to the rows where A is true

– that is, we assume that A is true

Proofs

- **Start with given facts (hypotheses)**
- **Use rules of inference to extend set of facts**
- **Result is proved when it is included in the set**

An inference rule: *Modus Ponens*

- If **A** and **A** \rightarrow **B** are both true, then **B** must be true
- Write this rule as
$$\frac{A ; A \rightarrow B}{\therefore B}$$
- Given:
 - If it is Friday, then you have a 311 lecture today.
 - It is Friday.
- Therefore, by Modus Ponens:
 - You have a 311 lecture today.

My First Proof!

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

1. p Given
2. $p \rightarrow q$ Given
3. $q \rightarrow r$ Given
- 4.
- 5.

Modus Ponens $\frac{A ; A \rightarrow B}{\therefore B}$

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4. q MP: 1, 2
5. r MP: 4, 3

Modus Ponens $\frac{A ; A \rightarrow B}{\therefore B}$

Proofs can use equivalences too

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

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|----|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. | $p \rightarrow q$ | Given |
| 2. | $\neg q$ | Given |
| 3. | $\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$ | Contrapositive: 1 |
| 4. | $\neg p$ | MP: 2, 3 |

Modus Ponens $\frac{A ; A \rightarrow B}{\therefore B}$

Inference Rules

If **A** is true and **B** is true

Requirements: **A ; B**

Conclusions: **∴ C , D**

Then, **C** must
be true

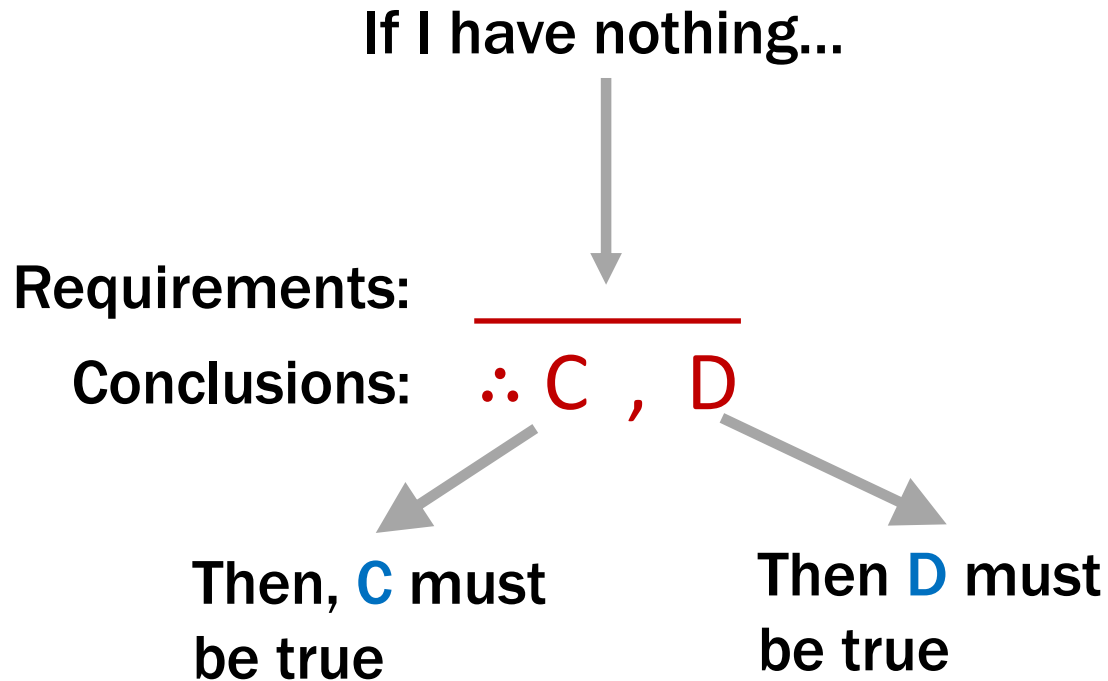
Then **D** must
be true

Example (Modus Ponens):

A ; A → B
∴ B

If I have **A** and **A → B** both true,
Then **B** must be true.

Axioms: Special inference rules



Example (Excluded Middle):

$$\frac{}{\therefore A \vee \neg A}$$

$A \vee \neg A$ must be true.

Simple Propositional Inference Rules

Two inference rules per binary connective,
one to **eliminate** it and one to **introduce** it

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

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

$$\boxed{\text{Elim } \vee} \frac{A \vee B; \neg A}{\therefore B}$$

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$$\boxed{\text{Modus Ponens}} \frac{A; A \rightarrow B}{\therefore B}$$

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

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.

$$\frac{A ; A \rightarrow B}{\therefore B}$$

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

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

Proofs

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

1.	p	Given	$\frac{A ; A \rightarrow B}{\therefore B}$
2.	$p \rightarrow q$	Given	
3.	$p \wedge q \rightarrow r$	Given	$\frac{A \wedge B}{\therefore A, B}$
			$\frac{A ; B}{\therefore A \wedge B}$

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

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

Proofs

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

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

Proofs

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

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

- | | | |
|----|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 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 |

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

Proofs

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

1. $p \wedge s$ Given
2. $q \rightarrow \neg r$ Given
3. $\neg s \vee q$ Given

First: Write down givens
and goal

20. $\neg r$



Idea: Work
backwards!

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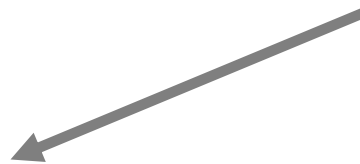
Idea: Work backwards!

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

- We can use $q \rightarrow \neg r$ to get there.
- The justification between 2 and 20 looks like “elim \rightarrow ” which is MP.

20. $\neg r$

MP: 2,



Proofs

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1. $p \wedge s$ Given
2. $q \rightarrow \neg r$ Given
3. $\neg s \vee q$ Given

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 $\neg r$...

19. q



20. $\neg r$

MP: 2, 19

Proofs

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

1. $p \wedge s$ Given

2. $q \rightarrow \neg r$ Given

3. $\neg s \vee q$ Given

This looks like or-elimination.

19. q

?

20. $\neg r$


MP: 2, 19

Elim \vee $\frac{A \vee B ; \neg A}{\therefore B}$

Proofs

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

1. $p \wedge s$ Given
2. $q \rightarrow \neg r$ Given
3. $\neg s \vee q$ Given

18. $\neg\neg s$  $\neg\neg s$ doesn't show up in the givens but s does and we can use equivalences
19. q \vee Elim: 3, 18
20. $\neg r$ MP: 2, 19

Proofs

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

1. $p \wedge s$ Given

2. $q \rightarrow \neg r$ Given

3. $\neg s \vee q$ Given

17. s 

18. $\neg \neg s$ Equivalent: 17 (by Double Negation)

19. q Elim \vee : 3, 18

20. $\neg r$ MP: 2, 19

Proofs

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

1.	$p \wedge s$	Given
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2.	$q \rightarrow \neg r$	Given
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3.	$\neg s \vee q$	Given
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17.	s	Elim \wedge : 1
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18.	$\neg\neg s$	Equivalent: 17
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19.	q	Elim \vee : 3, 18
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20.	$\neg r$	MP: 2, 19
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No holes left! We just need to clean up a bit.

Proofs

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

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

Important: Applications of Inference Rules

- You can use **equivalences** to make substitutions of **any sub-formula**.

e.g. $(p \rightarrow r) \vee q \equiv (\neg p \vee r) \vee q$

- Inference rules only** can be applied to **whole formulas** (not correct otherwise).

e.g. 1. $p \rightarrow r$ given

~~2. $(p \vee q) \rightarrow r$ intro \vee from 1.~~

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

Recall: Propositional Inference Rules

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Given that **A** is true, we see that **B** is also true.

$$A \Rightarrow B$$

Recall: New Perspective

Rather than comparing **A** and **B** as columns, zooming in on just the rows where **B** is true:

p	q	A	B	$A \rightarrow B$
T	T	T	T	T
T	F	T	T	T
F	T	F	T	T
F	F	F	F	T

When we zoom out, what have we proven?

$$(A \rightarrow B) \equiv T$$

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Not like other rules

To Prove An Implication: $A \rightarrow B$

$$\frac{A \Rightarrow B}{\therefore A \rightarrow B}$$

- We use the direct proof rule
- The “pre-requisite” $A \Rightarrow B$ for the direct proof rule is a proof that “Assuming A , we can prove B .”
- **The direct proof rule:**
If you have such a proof, then you can conclude that $A \rightarrow B$ is true

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

This is a
proof
of $p \rightarrow r$

3.1. p Assumption

3.2.

3.3. r ??

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

3. $p \rightarrow r$ Direct Proof

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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

Example

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

There MUST be an application of the Direct Proof Rule (or an equivalence) 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

1.9. $p \vee q$

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

Direct Proof

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

One General Proof Strategy

1. p

Given

...

? r

?



Use **elimination** rules
to move **down**



Use **introduction** rules
to move **up**

One General Proof Strategy

1. Use **introduction** rules to see how you would build **up** the formula you want to prove from pieces of what is given
2. Use **elimination** rules to break **down** the given formulas to get the pieces you need to do 1.
3. Write the proof beginning with what you figured out for 2 followed by 1.

Example

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

Example

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

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

1.? $p \rightarrow r$

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

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. $p \rightarrow q$ Elim \wedge : 1.1

1.3. $q \rightarrow r$ Elim \wedge : 1.1

1.? $p \rightarrow r$

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

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. $p \rightarrow q$ Elim \wedge : 1.1

1.3. $q \rightarrow r$ Elim \wedge : 1.1

1.4.1. p Assumption

1.4.? r

1.4. $p \rightarrow r$ Direct Proof

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

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. $p \rightarrow q$ Elim \wedge : 1.1

1.3. $q \rightarrow r$ Elim \wedge : 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

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

Basic Rules for Propositional Logic

Most basic rules are these:

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

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

$$\boxed{\text{Elim } \vee} \frac{A \vee B; \neg A}{\therefore B}$$

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$$\boxed{\text{Modus Ponens}} \frac{A; A \rightarrow B}{\therefore B}$$

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

Minimal Rules for Propositional Logic

Can get away with just these:

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

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

$$\boxed{\text{Elim } \vee} \frac{A \vee B; \neg A}{\therefore B}$$

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

$$\boxed{\text{Modus Ponens}} \frac{A; A \rightarrow B}{\therefore B}$$

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

$$\boxed{\text{Excluded Middle}} \frac{}{\therefore A \vee \neg A}$$

not non-contradiction

Rules for Propositional Logic *with Tautology*

More rules makes proofs easier

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

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

$$\text{Elim } \vee \frac{A \vee B ; \neg A}{\therefore B}$$

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

$$\text{Modus Ponens} \frac{A ; A \rightarrow B}{\therefore B}$$

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

$$\text{Tautology} \frac{A \equiv T}{\therefore A}$$

$$\text{Equivalent} \frac{A \equiv B ; B}{\therefore A}$$

More Rules for Propositional Logic

More rules makes proofs easier

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Principium} \\ \text{Contradictionis} \end{array} \frac{\neg A ; A}{\therefore F}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Reductio Ad} \\ \text{Absurdum} \end{array} \frac{A \Rightarrow F}{\therefore \neg A}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Ex Falso} \\ \text{Quodlibet} \end{array} \frac{F}{\therefore A}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Ad Litteram} \\ \text{Verum} \end{array} \frac{}{\therefore T}$$

useful for proving things
without the Tautology rule

Other Rules for Propositional Logic

Some rules can be written in different ways

- e.g., two different elimination rules for “ \vee ”

$$\boxed{\text{Elim } \vee} \frac{A \vee B ; \neg A}{\therefore B}$$

$$\boxed{\text{Cases}} \frac{A \vee B ; A \rightarrow C ; B \rightarrow C}{\therefore C}$$

these rules are equally capable

Rules for Propositional Logic *w/o Tautology*

	Elimination	Introduction
\wedge	Elim \wedge	Intro \wedge
\vee	Cases	Intro \vee
\rightarrow	Modus Ponens	Direct Proof
\neg	Principium Contradictionis	Reductio Ad Absurdum
F / T	Ex Falso Quodlibet	Ad Litteram Verum

Inference Rules for Quantifiers: First look

$$\boxed{\text{Intro } \exists} \frac{P(c) \text{ for some } c}{\therefore \exists x P(x)}$$

$$\boxed{\text{Elim } \forall} \frac{\forall x P(x)}{\therefore P(a) \text{ (for any } a)}$$

$$\boxed{\text{Elim } \exists} \frac{\exists x P(x)}{\therefore P(c) \text{ for some } \textit{special}^{**} c}$$

$$\boxed{\text{Intro } \forall}$$

** By special, we mean that c is a name for a value where $P(c)$ is true. We can't use anything else about that value, so c must be a **NEW** name!

My First Predicate Logic Proof

Domain of Discourse
Integers

Prove $(\forall x P(x)) \rightarrow (\exists x P(x))$

Intro \exists $\frac{P(c) \text{ for some } c}{\therefore \exists x P(x)}$

Elim \forall $\frac{\forall x P(x)}{\therefore P(a) \text{ for any } a}$

5. $\forall x P(x) \rightarrow \exists x P(x)$



The main connective is implication
so Direct Proof seems good

My First Predicate Logic Proof

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Integers

Prove $(\forall x P(x)) \rightarrow (\exists x P(x))$

Intro \exists $\frac{P(c) \text{ for some } c}{\therefore \exists x P(x)}$

Elim \forall $\frac{\forall x P(x)}{\therefore P(a) \text{ for any } a}$

1.1. $\forall x P(x)$ Assumption

We need an \exists we don't have
so "intro \exists " rule makes sense

1.5. $\exists x P(x)$



1. $\forall x P(x) \rightarrow \exists x P(x)$ Direct Proof

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Intro \exists : 

That requires $P(c)$
for some c .

1. $\forall x P(x) \rightarrow \exists x P(x)$ Direct Proof

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1.1. $\forall x P(x)$

Assumption

1.4. $P(5)$

1.5. $\exists x P(x)$



Intro \exists : 1.4

1. $\forall x P(x) \rightarrow \exists x P(x)$

Direct Proof

My First Predicate Logic Proof

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Integers

Prove $(\forall x P(x)) \rightarrow (\exists x P(x))$

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1.1. $\forall x P(x)$

Assumption

1.4. $P(5)$

Elim \forall : 1.1

1.5. $\exists x P(x)$

Intro \exists : 1.4

1. $\forall x P(x) \rightarrow \exists x P(x)$

Direct Proof

My First Predicate Logic Proof

Domain of Discourse
Integers

Prove $(\forall x P(x)) \rightarrow (\exists x P(x))$

Intro \exists $\frac{P(c) \text{ for some } c}{\therefore \exists x P(x)}$
Elim \forall $\frac{\forall x P(x)}{\therefore P(a) \text{ for any } a}$

1.1. $\forall x P(x)$

Assumption

1.2. $P(5)$

Elim \forall : 1.1

1.3. $\exists x P(x)$

Intro \exists : 1.2

1. $\forall x P(x) \rightarrow \exists x P(x)$

Direct Proof

This follows our usual strategy — eliminate forward, introduce backward — but it is weird...

How did we know to use 5? We didn't! We had to guess it. That is not something we should do blindly / automatically.

Lesson: Elim \forall and Intro \exists are **not** rules we can apply *mechanically*

Predicate Logic Proofs

- **Can use**
 - **Predicate logic inference rules**
whole formulas only
 - **Predicate logic equivalences (De Morgan's)**
even on subformulas
 - **Propositional logic inference rules**
whole formulas only
 - **Propositional logic equivalences**
even on subformulas

Predicate Logic Proofs with more content

- In propositional logic we could just write down other propositional logic statements as “givens”
- Here, we also want to be able to use domain knowledge so proofs are about something specific

- Example:

Domain of Discourse
Integers

- Given the basic properties of arithmetic on integers, define:

Predicate Definitions
$\text{Even}(x) := \exists y (x = 2 \cdot y)$
$\text{Odd}(x) := \exists y (x = 2 \cdot y + 1)$

A Not so Odd Example

Domain of Discourse

Integers

Predicate Definitions

Even(x) := $\exists y (x = 2 \cdot y)$

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Prove “There is an even number”

Formally: prove $\exists x \text{ Even}(x)$

A Not so Odd Example

Domain of Discourse

Integers

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| 1. | $2 = 2 \cdot 1$ | Algebra |
| 2. | $\exists y (2 = 2 \cdot y)$ | Intro \exists : 1 |
| 3. | Even(2) | Definition of Even: 2 |
| 4. | $\exists x \text{ Even}(x)$ | Intro \exists : 3 |

A Prime Example

Domain of Discourse

Integers

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| 4. | Prime(2)* | Property of integers |
| 5. | Even(2) \wedge Prime(2) | Intro \wedge : 2, 4 |
| 6. | $\exists x (\text{Even}(x) \wedge \text{Prime}(x))$ | Intro \exists : 5 |

* Later we will further break down “Prime” using quantifiers to prove statements like this

Inference Rules for Quantifiers: First look

$$\boxed{\text{Intro } \exists} \frac{P(c) \text{ for some } c}{\therefore \exists x P(x)}$$

$$\boxed{\text{Elim } \forall} \frac{\forall x P(x)}{\therefore P(a) \text{ (for any } a)}$$

$$\boxed{\text{Elim } \exists} \frac{\exists x P(x)}{\therefore P(c) \text{ for some } \textit{special}^{**} c}$$

$$\boxed{\text{Intro } \forall} \frac{\text{“Let } a \text{ be arbitrary”} \dots P(a)}{\therefore \forall x P(x)}$$

** By special, we mean that c is a name for a value where $P(c)$ is true. We can't use anything else about that value, so c has to be a NEW name!

* in the domain of P

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Prove: “The square of any even number is even.”

Formal proof of: $\forall x (\text{Even}(x) \rightarrow \text{Even}(x^2))$

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Intro \forall

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1.1.1 **Even(a)**

Assumption

1.1.6 **Even(a²)**

1.1 **Even(a) \rightarrow Even(a²)**

1. **$\forall x (\text{Even}(x) \rightarrow \text{Even}(x^2))$**



Direct proof

Intro \forall

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Definition of Even

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1.1.1 $\text{Even}(\mathbf{a})$

Assumption

1.1.2 $\exists y (\mathbf{a} = 2y)$

Definition of Even

1.1.3 $\mathbf{a} = 2\mathbf{b}$

Elim \exists (**b**)

1.1.5 $\exists y (\mathbf{a}^2 = 2y)$



Need $\mathbf{a}^2 = 2\mathbf{c}$
 for some **c**

1.1.6 $\text{Even}(\mathbf{a}^2)$

Definition of Even

1.1 $\text{Even}(\mathbf{a}) \rightarrow \text{Even}(\mathbf{a}^2)$

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1.1.4 $\mathbf{a}^2 = 2(2\mathbf{b}^2)$

Algebra

1.1.5 $\exists y (\mathbf{a}^2 = 2y)$

Intro \exists Used $\mathbf{a}^2 = 2c$ for $c=2\mathbf{b}^2$

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Definition of Even: 1.1.1

1.1.3 **a = 2b**

Elim \exists (**b**): 1.1.2

1.1.4 $\mathbf{a}^2 = 2(2\mathbf{b}^2)$

Algebra: 1.1.3

1.1.5 $\exists y (\mathbf{a}^2 = 2y)$

Intro \exists : 1.1.4

1.1.6 **Even(a²)**

Definition of Even: 1.1.5

1.1 **Even(a) \rightarrow Even(a²)**

Direct proof

1. $\forall x (\text{Even}(x) \rightarrow \text{Even}(x^2))$

Intro \forall

Formal Proofs

- Formal proofs follow simple well-defined rules
 - “assembly language” (like byte code) for proofs
 - easy for a machine to check
- In principle, formal proofs are the standard for what it means to be “proven” in mathematics
 - almost all math (and theory CS) done in Predicate Logic

English Proofs

- **High-level language** that lets us work more quickly
 - not necessary to spell out *every* detail
 - reader checks that the writer is not skipping too much
- **Vastly more common in computer science**
- **English proof is correct if the reader believes they could translate it into a formal proof**
 - the reader is the “compiler” for English proofs
 - different readers can have different standards!

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 - we will learn English proofs by **translating** from formal
eventually, we will write English directly

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Direct proof

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English Proof: Even and Odd

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Prove “The square of every even integer is even.”

Let **a** be an arbitrary integer. 

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Suppose **a** is even. 

1.1.1 Even(**a**) Assumption

Then, by definition, **a = 2b** for some integer **b**. 

1.1.2 $\exists y (a = 2y)$ Definition

1.1.3 **a = 2b** Elim \exists


Squaring both sides, we get **a² = 4b² = 2(2b²)**. 

1.1.4 **a² = 2(2b²)** Algebra

So **a²** is, by definition, even. 

1.1.5 $\exists y (a^2 = 2y)$ Intro \exists

1.1.6 Even(**a²**) Definition

Since **a** was arbitrary, we have shown that the square of every even number is even. 

1.1. Even(**a**) \rightarrow Even(**a²**) Direct Proof

1. $\forall x (Even(x) \rightarrow Even(x^2))$ Intro \forall

English Proof: Even and Odd

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Prove “The square of every even integer is even.”

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Predicate Definitions

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Domain of Discourse

Integers

Prove “The sum of two odd numbers is even.”

Formally, prove $\forall x \forall y ((\text{Odd}(x) \wedge \text{Odd}(y)) \rightarrow \text{Even}(x+y))$

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1.1. $(\text{Odd}(x) \wedge \text{Odd}(y)) \rightarrow \text{Even}(x+y)$
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so $x+y$ is even.

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Let x and y be arbitrary integers

1.1.1 $\text{Odd}(x) \wedge \text{Odd}(y)$ Assumption

1.1.9 $\text{Even}(x+y)$

1.1. $(\text{Odd}(x) \wedge \text{Odd}(y)) \rightarrow \text{Even}(x+y)$ Direct..

1. $\forall x \forall y ((\text{Odd}(x) \wedge \text{Odd}(y)) \rightarrow \text{Even}(x+y))$ Intro \forall

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Prove “The sum of two odd numbers is even.”

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Then, we have $x = 2a+1$ for some integer a and $y = 2b+1$ for some integer b.

so $x+y$ is, by definition, even.

Since x and y were arbitrary, the sum of any odd integers is even.

Let **x** and **y** be arbitrary integers.

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| 1.1.1 | Odd(x) \wedge Odd(y) | Assumption |
| 1.1.2 | Odd(x) | Elim \wedge |
| 1.1.3 | Odd(y) | Elim \wedge |
| 1.1.4 | $\exists z (x = 2z+1)$ | Def of Odd: 1.1.2 |
| 1.1.5 | $x = 2a+1$ | Elim \exists |
| 1.1.6 | $\exists z (y = 2z+1)$ | Def of Odd: 1.1.3 |
| 1.1.7 | $y = 2b+1$ | Elim \exists |
| 1.1.9 | $\exists z (x+y = 2z)$ | Intro \exists |
| 1.1.10 | Even(x+y) | Def of Even |

- 1.1. (Odd(x) \wedge Odd(y)) \rightarrow Even(x+y) Direct..
1. $\forall x \forall y ((\text{Odd}(x) \wedge \text{Odd}(y)) \rightarrow \text{Even}(x+y))$ Intro \forall

English Proof: Even and Odd

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Prove “The sum of two odd numbers is even.”

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Their sum is $x+y = \dots = 2(a+b+1)$

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| 1.1.8 | $x+y = 2(a+b+1)$ | Algebra |
| 1.1.9 | $\exists z (x+y = 2z)$ | Intro \exists |
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Even and Odd

Predicate Definitions

$\text{Even}(x) \equiv \exists y (x = 2y)$

$\text{Odd}(x) \equiv \exists y (x = 2y + 1)$

Domain of Discourse

Integers

Prove “The sum of two odd numbers is even.”

Proof: Let x and y be arbitrary integers.

Suppose that both are odd. Then, we have $x = 2a+1$ for some integer a and $y = 2b+1$ for some integer b . Their sum is $x+y = (2a+1) + (2b+1) = 2a+2b+2 = 2(a+b+1)$, so $x+y$ is, by definition, even.

Since x and y were arbitrary, the sum of any two odd integers is even. ■

Even and Odd

Predicate Definitions

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Domain of Discourse

Integers

Prove “The sum of two odd numbers is even.”

Proof: Let x and y be arbitrary **odd** integers.

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$$\forall x \forall y ((\text{Odd}(x) \wedge \text{Odd}(y)) \rightarrow \text{Even}(x+y))$$