

Exercise Class 2 – Solutions

Simple Proofs in Propositional Logic

1. We identify the following atomic propositions:

- P = Phillip watches football
- Q = Quinton watches football
- R = Roger watches hockey

So the argument is:

$$P \wedge Q, Q \rightarrow R : R$$

A proof of validity is:

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| 1. | $P \wedge Q$ | Premise | $\{1\}$ |
| 2. | Q | \wedge -Elimination ₁ | $\{1\}$ |
| 3. | $Q \rightarrow R$ | Premise | $\{3\}$ |
| 4. | R | Modus Ponens _{3,2} | $\{1,3\}$ |

2. The argument is:

$$P, Q, R : P \wedge (Q \wedge R)$$

A proof of validity is:

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| 1. | Q | Premise | $\{1\}$ |
| 2. | R | Premise | $\{2\}$ |
| 3. | $Q \wedge R$ | \wedge -Introduction _{1,2} | $\{1,2\}$ |
| 4. | P | Premise | $\{4\}$ |
| 5. | $P \wedge (Q \wedge R)$ | \wedge -Introduction _{4,3} | $\{1,2,4\}$ |

3. The argument is:

$$P \wedge \neg Q, R \rightarrow Q, \neg R \rightarrow Z : Z$$

A proof of validity is:

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|----|------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|
| 1. | $P \wedge \neg Q$ | Premise | $\{1\}$ |
| 2. | $\neg Q$ | \wedge -Elimination ₁ | $\{1\}$ |
| 3. | $R \rightarrow Q$ | Premise | $\{3\}$ |
| 4. | $\neg R$ | Modus Tollens _{3,2} | $\{1,3\}$ |
| 5. | $\neg R \rightarrow Z$ | Premise | $\{5\}$ |
| 6. | Z | Modus Ponens _{5,4} | $\{1,3,5\}$ |

4. The argument is:

$$R, (P \rightarrow Q) \wedge (Q \rightarrow P), Q \rightarrow Z, R \rightarrow P : Z$$

A proof of validity is:

1.	R	Premise	{1}
2.	$R \rightarrow P$	Premise	{2}
3.	P	Modus Ponens _{1,2}	{1,2}
4.	$(P \rightarrow Q) \wedge (Q \rightarrow P)$	Premise	{4}
5.	$P \rightarrow Q$	\wedge -Elimination ₄	{4}
6.	Q	Modus Ponens _{5,3}	{1,2,4}
7.	$Q \rightarrow Z$	Premise	{8}
8.	Z	Modus Ponens _{7,6}	{1,2,4,8}

5. The argument is:

$$\neg P \rightarrow \neg Q, P \rightarrow Z, \neg\neg Q : Z$$

A proof of validity is:

1.	$\neg P \rightarrow \neg Q$	Premise	{1}
2.	$\neg\neg Q$	Premise	{2}
3.	$\neg\neg P$	Modus Tollens _{1,2}	{1,2}
4.	P	Double Negative Elimination ₃	{1,2}
5.	$P \rightarrow Z$	Premise	{5}
6.	Z	Modus Ponens _{5,4}	{1,2,5}