

4 Answers to Assignment 4: PL Proof Systems

4.1 The Hilbert-style proof system

Proof 1:

1. $\{\neg A \rightarrow A\} \vdash \neg A \rightarrow A$ Assumption
2. $\{\neg A \rightarrow A\} \vdash \neg A \rightarrow \neg\neg A$ Contrapositive
3. $\{\neg A \rightarrow A\} \vdash (\neg A \rightarrow \neg\neg A) \rightarrow \neg\neg A$ Theorem H6
4. $\{\neg A \rightarrow A\} \vdash \neg\neg A$ MP 2,3
5. $\{\neg A \rightarrow A\} \vdash A$ Double negation
6. $\vdash (\neg A \rightarrow A) \rightarrow A$ Deduction 5

Proof 2:

1. $\{\neg A \rightarrow \text{false}\} \vdash \neg A \rightarrow \text{false}$ Assumption
2. $\{\neg A \rightarrow \text{false}\} \vdash \neg \text{false} \rightarrow \neg\neg A$ Contrapositive
3. $\{\neg A \rightarrow \text{false}\} \vdash \neg \text{false}$ Theorem H5
4. $\{\neg A \rightarrow \text{false}\} \vdash \neg\neg A$ MP 2,3
5. $\{\neg A \rightarrow \text{false}\} \vdash A$ Double negation 4
6. $\vdash (\neg A \rightarrow \text{false}) \rightarrow A$ Deduction 5

Proof 3:

1. $\{A \rightarrow B, \neg A \rightarrow B\} \vdash \neg A \rightarrow B$ Assumption
2. $\{A \rightarrow B, \neg A \rightarrow B\} \vdash \neg B \rightarrow A$ Contrapositive
3. $\{A \rightarrow B, \neg A \rightarrow B\} \vdash A \rightarrow B$ Assumption
4. $\{A \rightarrow B, \neg A \rightarrow B\} \vdash \neg B \rightarrow B$ Transitivity 2,3
5. $\{A \rightarrow B, \neg A \rightarrow B\} \vdash (\neg B \rightarrow B) \rightarrow B$ Question 1
6. $\{A \rightarrow B, \neg A \rightarrow B\} \vdash B$ MP 4,5
7. $\{A \rightarrow B\} \vdash (\neg A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow B$ Deduction
8. $\vdash (A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow ((\neg A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow B)$ Deduction

Proof 4:

1. $\{\neg A, \neg B \rightarrow A\} \vdash \neg A$ Assumption
2. $\{\neg A, \neg B \rightarrow A\} \vdash \neg B \rightarrow A$ Assumption
3. $\{\neg A, \neg B \rightarrow A\} \vdash \neg A \rightarrow \neg\neg B$ Contrapositive
4. $\{\neg A, \neg B \rightarrow A\} \vdash \neg\neg B$ MP 1,3
5. $\{\neg A, \neg B \rightarrow A\} \vdash B$ Double negation
6. $\{\neg A\} \vdash (\neg B \rightarrow A) \rightarrow B$ Deduction 5

4.2 The ND proof system

Proof 1:

| | | |
|---|-----------------------|----------------|
| 1 | $\neg(\neg p \vee q)$ | premise |
| 2 | $\neg p$ | assumption |
| 3 | $\neg p \vee q$ | $\vee i_1$ 2 |
| 4 | \perp | $\neg e$ 3, 1 |
| 5 | $\neg\neg p$ | $\neg i$ 2 – 4 |
| 6 | p | $\neg\neg e$ 5 |

Proof 2:

| | | |
|----|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | $(p \vee q) \vee r$ | premise |
| 2 | $(p \vee q)$ | assumption |
| 3 | p | assumption |
| 4 | $p \vee (q \vee r)$ | $\vee i_1$ 3 |
| 5 | q | assumption |
| 6 | $q \vee r$ | $\vee i_1$ 5 |
| 7 | $p \vee (q \vee r)$ | $\vee i_2$ 6 |
| 8 | $p \vee (q \vee r)$ | $\vee e$ 2, 3–4, 5–7 |
| 9 | r | assumption |
| 10 | $q \vee r$ | $\vee i_2$ 9 |
| 11 | $p \vee (q \vee r)$ | $\vee i_2$ 10 |
| 12 | $p \vee (q \vee r)$ | $\vee e$ 1, 2–8, 9–11 |

Proof 3:

| | | |
|----|---|---------------------|
| 1. | $p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r)$ | Premise |
| 2. | $p \rightarrow q$ | Assumption |
| 3. | p | Assumption |
| 4. | q | $\rightarrow e$ 2,3 |
| 5. | $q \rightarrow r$ | $\rightarrow e$ 1,3 |
| 6. | r | $\rightarrow e$ 4,5 |
| 7. | $p \rightarrow r$ | $\rightarrow i$ 3-6 |
| 8. | $(p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow (p \rightarrow r)$ | $\rightarrow i$ 2-7 |

Proof 4:

| | | |
|-----|------------------------|----------------|
| 1. | $\neg(p \vee q)$ | Premise |
| 2. | p | Assumption |
| 3. | $p \vee q$ | \vee i 2 |
| 4. | \perp | \perp i 1,3 |
| 5. | $\neg p$ | \neg i 2-4 |
| 6. | q | Assumption |
| 7. | $p \vee q$ | \vee i 6 |
| 8. | \perp | \perp i 1,7 |
| 9. | $\neg q$ | \neg i 6-8 |
| 10. | $\neg p \wedge \neg q$ | \wedge i 5,9 |

Proof 5:

| | | |
|-----|------------------------|---------------|
| 1. | $\neg p \wedge \neg q$ | Premise |
| 2. | $p \vee q$ | Assumption |
| 3. | p | Assumption |
| 4. | $\neg p$ | \wedge e 1 |
| 5. | \perp | \perp i 3,4 |
| 6. | q | Assumption |
| 7. | $\neg q$ | \wedge e 1 |
| 8. | \perp | \perp i 6,7 |
| 9. | \perp | \vee e 2-8 |
| 10. | $\neg(p \vee q)$ | \neg i 2-9 |

4.3 Formalization

p : the train arrives late

q : there are taxis at the station

r : John is late

Premises: $\{p \wedge \neg q \rightarrow r, \neg r, p\}$

Conclusion: q

So, we want to prove $\{p \wedge \neg q \rightarrow r, \neg r, p\} \vdash q$:

| | | |
|---|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 | $p \wedge \neg q \rightarrow r$ | premise |
| 2 | $\neg r$ | premise |
| 3 | p | premise |
| 4 | $\neg q$ | assumption |
| 5 | $p \wedge \neg q$ | \wedge i 3, 4 |
| 6 | r | \rightarrow e 1, 5 |
| 7 | \perp | \neg e 6, 2 |
| 8 | $\neg\neg q$ | \neg i 4–7 |
| 9 | q | $\neg\neg$ e 8 |