Section 6.3

Formal Reasoning

 A formal proof (or derivation) is a sequence of wffs, where each wff is either a premise or the result of applying a proof rule to certain previous wffs in the sequence.

Basic Proof Rules

$$\frac{A,B}{A \wedge B}$$
 Conjunction (Conj)

$$\frac{A \wedge B}{A} \frac{A \wedge B}{B}$$
 Simplification (Simp)

$$\frac{A}{A \vee B} \frac{B}{A \vee B}$$
 Addition (Add)

$$\frac{A\vee B,\neg A}{B}\frac{A\vee B,\neg B}{A}$$
 Disjunctive Syllogism (DS)

More Basic Proof Rules

$$\frac{A \rightarrow B, A}{B}$$
 Modus Ponens (MP)

$$\frac{\mathsf{From}\ A,\mathsf{derive}\ B}{A o B}$$
 Conditional Proof (CP)

$$\frac{\neg \neg A}{A} \frac{A}{\neg \neg A}$$
 Double Negation (DN)

$$\frac{A, \neg A}{\text{False}}$$
 Contradiction (Contr)

$$\frac{\mathsf{From} \ \neg A, \mathsf{derive} \ \mathsf{False}}{A} \ \mathsf{Indirect} \ \mathsf{Proof} \ \mathsf{(IP)}$$

- Put each wff on a numbered line along with a reason. Use the letter P for a premise and follow the proof with QED.
- Example: Prove that the argument with the premises $A \lor C \to D$, $\neg B$, $A \lor B$ and conclusion D is valid.

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 P

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 - 2. *¬B* P
 - 3. *A* ∨ *B*
 - 4. *A* 2,3,DS

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 - 5. $A \lor C$ 4, Add

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      1. A \lor C \to D
      P

      2. \neg B
      P

      3. A \lor B
      P

      4. A
      2,3,DS

      5. A \lor C
      4, Add

      6. D
      1.5,MP
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      3. A \lor B
      P

      4. A
      2,3,DS

      5. A \lor C
      4, Add

      6. D
      1,5,MP

      QED
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Using CP

- If a proof consists of a derivation from a premise A to a conclusion B that does not contain any uses of CP or IP, then we can apply CP to obtain a tautology A → B. The reason we obtain a tautology is that the proof rules used in the derivation are valid arguments. So the truth of A implies the truth of B, which tells us that A → B is a tautology.
- When using CP in this way, instead of writing A → B, we'll write QED along with the line numbers of the derivation followed by CP.

1.
$$A \lor C \rightarrow D$$
 P

1.
$$A \lor C \to D$$
 P
2. $\neg B$ P

- 1. $A \lor C \rightarrow D$ P
- 2. *¬B* P
- 3. $A \lor B$

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- 2. *¬B* P
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- 4. *A* 2,3,DS

- 1. $A \lor C \to D$
- 2. ¬*B* P
- 3. $A \lor B$
- 4. *A* 2,3,DS
- 5. $A \lor C$ 4, Add

Example: Prove that $(A \lor C \to D) \land \neg B \land (A \lor B) \to D$ is a tautology.

 1. $A \lor C \to D$ P

 2. $\neg B$ P

 3. $A \lor B$ P

 4. A 2,3,DS

 5. $A \lor C$ 4, Add

 6. D 1,5,MP

1.
$$A \lor C \to D$$
 P

 2. $\neg B$
 P

 3. $A \lor B$
 P

 4. A
 2,3,DS

 5. $A \lor C$
 4, Add

 6. D
 1,5,MP

 QED
 1-6,CP.

1.
$$A \lor B \to C \land D$$
 P

- 1. $A \lor B \to C \land D$ P
- 2. A F

- 1. $A \lor B \to C \land D$ P
- 2. A
- 3. $C \rightarrow E$

1.
$$A \lor B \to C \land D$$

3.
$$C \rightarrow E$$

4.
$$A \lor B$$
 2,Add

- 1. $A \lor B \to C \land D$ P
- 2. *A*
- 3. $C \rightarrow E$
- 4. $A \lor B$ 2,Add
- 5. $C \wedge D$ 1,4, MP

1.
$$A \lor B \to C \land D$$
 P
2. A P
3. $C \to E$ P
4. $A \lor B$ 2,Add
5. $C \land D$ 1,4, MP
6. C 5, Simp

1.
$$A \lor B \to C \land D$$
 P

 2. A
 P

 3. $C \to E$
 P

 4. $A \lor B$
 2,Add

 5. $C \land D$
 1,4, MP

 6. C
 5, Simp

 7. E
 3,6, MP

1.
$$A \lor B \to C \land D$$
 P

 2. A
 P

 3. $C \to E$
 P

 4. $A \lor B$
 2,Add

 5. $C \land D$
 1,4, MP

 6. C
 5, Simp

 7. E
 3,6, MP

 8. D
 5, Simp

1.
$$A \lor B \to C \land D$$
 P

 2. A
 P

 3. $C \to E$
 P

 4. $A \lor B$
 2,Add

 5. $C \land D$
 1,4, MP

 6. C
 5, Simp

 7. E
 3,6, MP

 8. D
 5, Simp

 9. $D \land E$
 7,8, Conj

1.
$$A \lor B \to C \land D$$
 P

 2. A
 P

 3. $C \to E$
 P

 4. $A \lor B$
 2,Add

 5. $C \land D$
 1,4, MP

 6. C
 5, Simp

 7. E
 3,6, MP

 8. D
 5, Simp

 9. $D \land E$
 7,8, Conj

 QED
 1-9, CP.

Subproofs

- A subproof is a proof that is part of another proof. It always starts with a new premise and always ends by applying CP or IP to the derivation from that premise. When this happens, the premise is discharged and the wffs from the derivation become inactive.
- Indent the statements of the subproof and write down the result of CP or IP without indentation.
- Example: We'll prove that $(A \lor B) \to (\neg B \to A)$ is a tautology.

1.
$$A \lor B$$
 P
2. $\neg B$ P [for $\neg B \to A$]
3. A 1,2,DS
4. $\neg B \to A$ 2,3, CP
QED 1,4,CP.

Prove:
$$(A \lor B \to C) \to (A \to C) \land (B \to C)$$
 is a tautology.
 1. $A \lor B \to C$

Prove:
$$(A \lor B \to C) \to (A \to C) \land (B \to C)$$
 is a tautology.

- 1. $A \vee B \rightarrow C$
- 2. *A*

P .

P [for
$$A \rightarrow C$$
]

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 is a tautology.

- 1. $A \lor B \rightarrow C$
- 2. *A*
- 3. $A \lor B$

- Ρ
- P [for $A \rightarrow C$]
- 2,Add

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 is a tautology.

- 1. $A \lor B \to C$
- 2. *A*
- 3. $A \vee B$
- 4. (

- Р
- P [for $A \rightarrow C$]
- 2,Add
- 1,3,MP

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 is a tautology.

- 1. $A \lor B \to C$
- 2. *A*
- A ∨ B
- 4 (
- 1. C
- 5. $A \rightarrow C$

- F
- P [for $A \rightarrow C$]
- 2,Add
- 1,3,MP
- 2-4, CP

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 - 4. C
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- 6. B

- Ρ
- P [for $A \rightarrow C$]
- 2,Add
- 1,3,MP
- 2-4, CP
- P [for $B \rightarrow C$]

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- 3. $A \lor B$
 - 1. C
- 5. $A \rightarrow C$
- 6. B
- 7. $A \lor B$

- Ρ
- P [for $A \rightarrow C$]
- 2,Add 1,3,MP
- 1,3,IVIP
- 2-4, CP P [for $B \rightarrow C$]
- 6, Add

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- 3. $A \lor B$
 - 4. C
- 5. $A \rightarrow C$
- 6. B
- 7. $A \lor B$
- 8. *C*

Ρ

P [for $A \rightarrow C$]

2,Add 1,3,MP

1,3,1011

2-4, CP P [for $B \rightarrow C$]

6, Add

1,7,MP

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- 1. $A \lor B \to C$
- 2. *A*
- 3. $A \lor B$
 - 1. *C*
- 5. $A \rightarrow C$
- 6. B
- 7. $A \lor B$
- 8. *C*
- 9. $B \rightarrow C$

Ρ

P [for $A \rightarrow C$]

- 2,Add 1.3,MP
- 2-4, CP

P [for $B \rightarrow C$]

- 6, Add
- 1,7,MP
- 6-8, CP

Prove:
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 P

 2. A
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 2,Add

 4. C
 1,3,MP

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 2-4, CP

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 QED
 1,5,9-10,CP.

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 P [for $\neg(A \land \neg A)$]

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2. $A \land \neg A$ 1,DN
3. A 2,Simp
4. $\neg A$ 2,Simp
5. False 3,4,Contr
QED 1-5.IP.

IP proofs

- IP is most often used in a subproof setting when proving a conditional of the form $V \to W$. Start with V as a premise for a CP proof. Then start an IP subproof with premise $\neg W$. When a contradiction is reached, we obtain W by IP. Then CP gives the result $V \to W$.
- As with CP subproofs, the result of IP is written with no indentation.

Prove the tautology: $(A \rightarrow B) \land (A \lor B) \rightarrow B$.

1. $A \rightarrow B$ P

- 1. $A \rightarrow B$ P
- 2. $A \lor B$ P

- 1. $A \rightarrow B$ P
- 2. $A \lor B$ P
- 3. $\neg B$ P [for B]

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- 2. $A \lor B$ P
- 3. $\neg B$ P [for B]
- 4. *A* 2,3,DS

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- 2. $A \lor B$ P
- 3. $\neg B$ P [for B]
- 4. *A* 2,3,DS
- 5. *B* 1,4,MP

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- 2. $A \lor B$ P
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- 5. *B* 1,4,MP
- 6. False 3,5,Contr

- 1. $A \rightarrow B$ P
- 2. $A \lor B$ P
- 3. $\neg B$ P [for B]
- 4. *A* 2,3,DS
- 5. *B* 1,4,MP
- 6. False 3,5,Contr
- 7. *B* 3-6, IP

- 1. $A \rightarrow B$ P
- 2. $A \lor B$ P
- 3. $\neg B$ P [for B]
- 4. *A* 2,3,DS
- 5. *B* 1,4,MP
- 6. False 3,5,Contr
- 7. *B* 3-6, IP
- QED 1-2,7,CP.

1.
$$\neg B \rightarrow A$$
 P

1.
$$\neg B \rightarrow A$$
 P

2.
$$\neg (A \lor B)$$
 P [for $A \lor B$]

- 1. $\neg B \rightarrow A$ P
- 2. $\neg (A \lor B)$ P [for $A \lor B$]
- 3. $\neg B$ P [for B]

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- 3. $\neg B$ P [for B]
- 4. *A* 1,3,MP

1.
$$\neg B \rightarrow A$$
 P

2.
$$\neg (A \lor B)$$
 P [for $A \lor B$]

3.
$$\neg B$$
 P [for B]

5.
$$A \lor B$$
 4,Add

- 1. $\neg B \rightarrow A$ P
- 2. $\neg (A \lor B)$ P [for $A \lor B$]
- 3. $\neg B$ P [for B]
- 4. *A* 1,3,MP
- 5. $A \lor B$ 4,Add
- 6. False 2,5,Contr

1.
$$\neg B \rightarrow A$$
 P

 2. $\neg (A \lor B)$
 P [for $A \lor B$]

 3. $\neg B$
 P [for B]

 4. A
 1,3,MP

 5. $A \lor B$
 4,Add

 6. False
 2,5,Contr

 7. B
 3-6,IP

1.
$$\neg B \rightarrow A$$
 P

 2. $\neg (A \lor B)$
 P [for $A \lor B$]

 3. $\neg B$
 P [for B]

 4. A
 1,3,MP

 5. $A \lor B$
 4,Add

 6. False
 2,5,Contr

 7. B
 3-6,IP

 8. $A \lor B$
 7,Add

1.
$$\neg B \rightarrow A$$
 P

 2. $\neg (A \lor B)$
 P [for $A \lor B$]

 3. $\neg B$
 P [for B]

 4. A
 1,3,MP

 5. $A \lor B$
 4,Add

 6. False
 2,5,Contr

 7. B
 3-6,IP

 8. $A \lor B$
 7,Add

 9. False
 2,8,Contr

1.
$$\neg B \to A$$
 P
2. $\neg (A \lor B)$ P [for $A \lor B$]
3. $\neg B$ P [for B]
4. A 1,3,MP
5. $A \lor B$ 4,Add
6. False 2,5,Contr
7. B 3-6,IP
8. $A \lor B$ 7,Add
9. False 2,8,Contr
10. $A \lor B$ 2,7-9,IP

1.
$$\neg B \rightarrow A$$
 P

 2. $\neg (A \lor B)$
 P [for $A \lor B$]

 3. $\neg B$
 P [for B]

 4. A
 1,3,MP

 5. $A \lor B$
 4,Add

 6. False
 2,5,Contr

 7. B
 3-6,IP

 8. $A \lor B$
 7,Add

 9. False
 2,8,Contr

 10. $A \lor B$
 2,7-9,IP

 QED
 1,10,CP.

Derived Proof Rules

$$\frac{A \rightarrow B, \neg B}{\neg A}$$
 Modus Tollens (MT)

$$\frac{A \vee B, A \rightarrow C, B \rightarrow C}{C}$$
 Proof by Cases (Cases)

$$\frac{A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow C}{A \rightarrow C}$$
 Hypothetical Syllogism (HS)

$$\frac{A \lor B, A \to C, B \to D}{C \lor D}$$
 Constructive Dilemma (CD)

We'll give two proof of the tautology
$$(A \to C) \land (B \to C) \to (A \lor B \to C)$$
.
1. $A \to C$ P

We'll give two proof of the tautology
$$(A \rightarrow C) \land (B \rightarrow C) \rightarrow (A \lor B \rightarrow C)$$
.

1.
$$A \rightarrow C$$

2.
$$B \rightarrow C$$

We'll give two proof of the tautology

$$(A \rightarrow C) \land (B \rightarrow C) \rightarrow (A \lor B \rightarrow C).$$

- 1. $A \rightarrow C$
- 2. $B \rightarrow C$
- 3. $A \lor B$ P [for $A \lor B \to C$]

We'll give two proof of the tautology

$$(A \rightarrow C) \land (B \rightarrow C) \rightarrow (A \lor B \rightarrow C).$$

- 1. $A \rightarrow C$
- 2. $B \rightarrow C$
- 3. $A \lor B$ P [for $A \lor B \to C$]
- 4. *C* 1,2,3,Cases

Proofs using derived rules

We'll give two proof of the tautology
$$(A \rightarrow C) \land (B \rightarrow C) \rightarrow (A \lor B \rightarrow C)$$
.

- 1. $A \rightarrow C$
- 2. $B \rightarrow C$
- 3. $A \lor B$ P [for $A \lor B \to C$]
- 4. *C* 1,2,3,Cases
- 5. $A \lor B \rightarrow C$ 3-4, CP

Proofs using derived rules

We'll give two proof of the tautology
$$(A \rightarrow C) \land (B \rightarrow C) \rightarrow (A \lor B \rightarrow C)$$
.

1. $A \rightarrow C$ P
2. $B \rightarrow C$ P
3. $A \lor B$ P [for $A \lor B \rightarrow C$]
4. C 1,2,3,Cases
5. $A \lor B \rightarrow C$ 3-4, CP
QED 1-2,5,CP

1.
$$A \rightarrow C$$

- 1. $A \rightarrow C$
- 2. $B \rightarrow C$

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1. A \rightarrow C
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2.
$$B \rightarrow C$$
 P

3.
$$A \lor B$$
 P [for $A \lor B \to C$]

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1. A \rightarrow C P

2. B \rightarrow C P

3. A \lor B P [for A \lor B \rightarrow C]

4. \neg C P [for C]
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1. A \rightarrow C P

2. B \rightarrow C P

3. A \lor B P [for A \lor B \rightarrow C]

4. \neg C P [for C]

5. \neg A 1,4,MT
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```
      1. A \rightarrow C
      P

      2. B \rightarrow C
      P

      3. A \lor B
      P [for A \lor B \rightarrow C]

      4. \neg C
      P [for C]

      5. \neg A
      1,4,MT

      6. B
      3,5,DS
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```
      1. A \rightarrow C
      P

      2. B \rightarrow C
      P

      3. A \lor B
      P [for A \lor B \rightarrow C]

      4. \neg C
      P [for C]

      5. \neg A
      1,4,MT

      6. B
      3,5,DS

      7. \neg B
      2,4,MT
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```
      1. A \rightarrow C
      P

      2. B \rightarrow C
      P

      3. A \lor B
      P [for A \lor B \rightarrow C]

      4. \neg C
      P [for C]

      5. \neg A
      1,4,MT

      6. B
      3,5,DS

      7. \neg B
      2,4,MT

      8. False
      6,7,Contr
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```
      1. A \rightarrow C
      P

      2. B \rightarrow C
      P

      3. A \lor B
      P [for A \lor B \rightarrow C]

      4. \neg C
      P [for C]

      5. \neg A
      1,4,MT

      6. B
      3,5,DS

      7. \neg B
      2,4,MT

      8. False
      6,7,Contr

      9. C
      4-8,IP
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1. A \to C P

2. B \to C P

3. A \lor B P [for A \lor B \to C]

4. \neg C P [for C]

5. \neg A 1,4,MT

6. B 3,5,DS

7. \neg B 2,4,MT

8. False 6,7,Contr

9. C 4-8,IP

10. A \lor B \to C 3,9,CP
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1. A \rightarrow C
2. B \rightarrow C
3. A \lor B P [for A \lor B \to C]
4. \neg C P [for C]
5. ¬A 1,4,MT
6. B
             3,5,DS
7. \neg B 2,4,MT
8. False 6,7,Contr
             4-8,IP
10. A \lor B \rightarrow C 3,9,CP
QED
             1-2,10,CP.
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