

Example 1 (Propositional Logic)

The Problem

$$\text{Axioms:} \quad P \vee \neg P \quad (1)$$

$$\neg\neg P \Rightarrow P \quad (2)$$

$$[P \wedge Q] \Rightarrow P \quad (3)$$

$$[P \wedge Q] \Rightarrow Q \quad (4)$$

$$\text{Inference Rules:} \quad \text{Modus Ponens} \quad R_1$$

$$\text{Substitution} \quad R_2$$

$$S = \{(\text{Pat is a student}) \wedge (\text{Pat is a girl}), (\text{Pat is a girl}) \Rightarrow (\text{Pat is human})\}$$

Infer: (Pat is human)

I. By R_2 and S_1 on (4) $(\text{Pat is a student}) \wedge (\text{Pat is a girl}) \Rightarrow (\text{Pat is a girl})$

II. Using S_1 , M.P. and I (Pat is a girl)

III. Using S_2 , M.P. and II (Pat is human)

Example 2 (Predicate Logic)

The Problem

Given:

1. $\forall X \forall Y (horse(X) \wedge dog(Y) \Rightarrow faster(X, Y))$
2. $\exists Y (greyhound(Y) \wedge (\forall Z rabbit(Z) \Rightarrow faster(Y, Z)))$
3. $\forall Y (greyhound(Y) \Rightarrow dog(Y))$
4. $\forall X \forall Y \forall Z ((faster(X, Y) \wedge faster(Y, Z)) \Rightarrow faster(X, Z))$
(The transitivity of the 'faster' relation)
5. $horse(harry)$
6. $rabbit(ralph)$

Using: Existential Instantiation (EI)
 Universal Instantiation (UI)
 Modus Ponens (MP)
 And Introduction (AI)
 And Elimination (AE)

Prove: $faster(harry, ralph)$

The Solution

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| 1. | $\forall X \forall Y (horse(X) \wedge dog(Y) \Rightarrow faster(X, Y))$ | Δ |
| 2. | $\exists Y (greyhound(Y) \wedge (\forall Z rabbit(Z) \Rightarrow faster(Y, Z)))$ | Δ |
| 3. | $\forall Y (greyhound(Y) \Rightarrow dog(Y))$ | Δ |
| 4. | $\forall X \forall Y \forall Z ((faster(X, Y) \wedge faster(Y, Z)) \Rightarrow faster(X, Z))$ | Δ |
| 5. | $horse(harry)$ | Δ |
| 6. | $rabbit(ralph)$ | Δ |
| 7. | $greyhound(greg) \wedge (\forall Z rabbit(Z) \Rightarrow faster(greg, Z))$ | 2, EI |
| 8. | $greyhound(greg)$ | 7, AE |
| 9. | $\forall Z (rabbit(Z) \Rightarrow faster(greg, Z))$ | 7, AE |
| 10. | $rabbit(ralph) \Rightarrow faster(greg, ralph)$ | 9, UI |
| 11. | $faster(greg, ralph)$ | 10, 6, MP |
| 12. | $greyhound(greg) \Rightarrow dog(greg)$ | 3, UI |
| 13. | $dog(greg)$ | 12, 8, MP |
| 14. | $horse(harry) \wedge dog(greg) \Rightarrow faster(harry, greg)$ | 1, UI |
| 15. | $horse(harry) \wedge dog(greg)$ | 5, 13, AI |
| 16. | $faster(harry, greg)$ | 14, 15, MP |
| 17. | $faster(harry, greg) \wedge faster(greg, ralph) \Rightarrow faster(harry, ralph)$ | 4, UI |
| 18. | $faster(harry, greg) \wedge faster(greg, ralph)$ | 16, 11, AI |
| 19. | $faster(harry, ralph)$ | 17, 18, MP |

QED

In the above solution the symbol ' Δ ' is used to represent an axiom.