

**1. Show that  $(\neg q \wedge (\neg q \wedge r)) \vee (q \wedge r) \vee (p \wedge r) \Rightarrow r$ .**

Let's break down the given expression:

$$1. (\neg q \wedge (\neg q \wedge r)) \vee (q \wedge r) \vee (p \wedge r)$$

This expression can be simplified using the properties of logical operators:

$$2. (\neg q \wedge r) \vee (q \wedge r) \vee (p \wedge r)$$

Here, we used the idempotent law which states that  $a \wedge a = a$ .

Next, we can factor out  $r$ :

$$3. r \wedge ((\neg q) \vee q) \vee (p \wedge r)$$

Here, we used the distributive law which states that  $a \wedge (b \vee c) = (a \wedge b) \vee (a \wedge c)$ .

The expression  $(\neg q) \vee q$  is a tautology, meaning it is always true. So, we can simplify further:

$$4. r \vee (p \wedge r)$$

Finally, we can factor out  $r$  again:

$$5. r \wedge (\text{True} \vee p)$$

The expression  $\text{True} \vee p$  is also a tautology. So, the final simplification is:

$$6. r$$

So, we have shown that  $(\neg q \wedge (\neg q \wedge r)) \vee (q \wedge r) \vee (p \wedge r)$  simplifies to  $r$ , which means  $(\neg q \wedge (\neg q \wedge r)) \vee (q \wedge r) \vee (p \wedge r) \Rightarrow r$ .

**2. Show that  $p \rightarrow q$ ,  $p \rightarrow r$ ,  $q \rightarrow \sim r$ , and  $p$  are inconsistent.**

**3.**

Inconsistency means that the conjunction of all the premises is false. Let's denote the negation of a proposition  $p$  as  $\sim p$ .

We have:

$$(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (p \rightarrow r) \wedge (q \rightarrow \sim r) \wedge p$$

This can be rewritten using the definition of implication as:  $(\sim p \vee q) \wedge (\sim p \vee r) \wedge (\sim q \vee \sim r) \wedge p$

Distributing the terms, we get:  $(\sim p \vee p) \wedge (\sim p \vee r) \wedge (q \vee \sim r)$

The term  $(\sim p \vee p)$  is a tautology (always true), so we can simplify to:  $\text{True} \wedge (\sim p \vee r) \wedge (q \vee \sim r)$

If we assume  $p$  is true, then  $\sim p$  is false, and we get:  $\text{True} \wedge \text{False} \wedge (q \vee \sim r)$

The conjunction of any proposition with False is False, so the entire expression simplifies to False.

Therefore, the premises are inconsistent.