

Assignment 2 – Solutions

Natural Deduction for Propositional Logic

Model solutions for the required proofs are given below, although these are not unique (and not necessarily the best or the shortest proofs possible!).

1. The argument is:

$$(R \wedge Q) \rightarrow S : (P \wedge R) \rightarrow (Q \rightarrow (S \wedge P))$$

A proof of validity is:

1.	$P \wedge R$	Hypothesis	{1}
2.	Q	Hypothesis	{2}
3.	R	\wedge -elimination ₁	{1}
4.	$R \wedge Q$	\wedge -introduction _{3,2}	{1,2}
5.	$(R \wedge Q) \rightarrow S$	Premise	{5}
6.	S	\rightarrow -elimination _{5,4}	{1,2,5}
7.	P	\wedge -elimination ₁	{1}
8.	$S \wedge P$	\wedge -introduction _{6,7}	{1,2,5}
9.	$Q \rightarrow (S \wedge P)$	\rightarrow -introduction _{2,8}	{1,5}
10.	$(P \wedge R) \rightarrow (Q \rightarrow (S \wedge P))$	\rightarrow -introduction _{1,9}	{5}

2. The argument is:

$$R \rightarrow (S \wedge P), \neg S \rightarrow P, Q, \neg P \vee (Q \rightarrow R) : S$$

A proof of validity is:

1.	$\neg P \vee (Q \rightarrow R)$	Premise	{1}
2.	$\neg P$	Hypothesis	{2}
3.	$\neg S \rightarrow P$	Premise	{3}
4.	$\neg S$	Hypothesis	{4}
5.	P	\rightarrow -elimination _{3,4}	{3,4}
6.	\perp	\wedge -introduction _{5,2}	{2,3,4}
7.	$\neg\neg S$	\neg -introduction _{4,6}	{2,3}
8.	S	$\neg\neg$ -elimination ₇	{2,3}
9.	$Q \rightarrow R$	Hypothesis	{9}
10.	Q	Premise	{10}
11.	R	\rightarrow -elimination _{9,10}	{9,10}
12.	$R \rightarrow (S \wedge P)$	Premise	{12}
13.	$S \wedge P$	\rightarrow -elimination _{12,11}	{9,10,12}
14.	S	\wedge -elimination ₁₃	{9,10,12}
15.	S	\vee -elimination _{1,2,8,9,14}	{1,3,10,12}

3. The argument is:

$$: (Q \wedge (P \rightarrow (Q \rightarrow R))) \rightarrow (\neg P \vee R)$$

A proof of validity is:

1.	$Q \wedge (P \rightarrow (Q \rightarrow R))$	Hypothesis	{1}
2.	Q	\wedge -elimination ₁	{1}
3.	$P \rightarrow (Q \rightarrow R)$	\wedge -elimination ₁	{1}
4.	$\neg(\neg P \vee R)$	Hypothesis	{4}
5.	P	Hypothesis	{5}
6.	$Q \rightarrow R$	\rightarrow -elimination _{3,5}	{1,5}
7.	R	\rightarrow -elimination _{6,2}	{1,5}
8.	$\neg P \vee R$	\vee -introduction ₇	{1,5}
9.	\perp	\wedge -introduction _{8,4}	{1,4,5}
10.	$\neg P$	\neg -introduction _{5,9}	{1,4}
11.	$\neg P \vee R$	\vee -introduction ₁₀	{1,4}
12.	\perp	\wedge -introduction _{11,4}	{1,4}
13.	$\neg\neg(\neg P \vee R)$	\neg -introduction _{4,12}	{1}
14.	$\neg P \vee R$	$\neg\neg$ -elimination ₁₃	{1}
15.	$(Q \wedge (P \rightarrow (Q \rightarrow R))) \rightarrow (\neg P \vee R)$	\rightarrow -elimination _{1,14}	{}

4. The argument is:

$$\neg(P \wedge (Q \vee R)) : \neg P \vee (\neg Q \wedge \neg R)$$

A proof of validity is:

1.	$\neg(P \wedge (Q \vee R))$	Premise	{1}
2.	$\neg(\neg P \vee (\neg Q \wedge \neg R))$	Hypothesis	{2}
3.	$\neg P$	Hypothesis	{3}
4.	$\neg P \vee (\neg Q \wedge \neg R)$	\vee -introduction ₃	{3}
5.	\perp	\wedge -introduction _{4,2}	{2,3}
6.	$\neg\neg P$	\neg -introduction _{3,5}	{2}
7.	P	$\neg\neg$ -elimination ₆	{2}
8.	$\neg(Q \vee R)$	Hypothesis	{8}
9.	Q	Hypothesis	{9}
10.	$Q \vee R$	\vee -introduction ₉	{9}
11.	\perp	\wedge -introduction _{10,8}	{8,9}
12.	$\neg Q$	\neg -introduction _{9,11}	{8}
13.	R	Hypothesis	{13}
14.	$Q \vee R$	\vee -introduction ₁₃	{13}
15.	\perp	\wedge -introduction _{14,8}	{8,13}
16.	$\neg R$	\neg -introduction _{13,15}	{8}
17.	$\neg Q \wedge \neg R$	\wedge -introduction _{12,16}	{8}
18.	$\neg P \vee (\neg Q \wedge \neg R)$	\vee -introduction ₁₇	{8}
19.	\perp	\wedge -introduction _{18,2}	{2,8}
20.	$\neg\neg(Q \vee R)$	\neg -introduction _{8,19}	{2}
21.	$Q \vee R$	$\neg\neg$ -elimination ₂₀	{2}
22.	$P \wedge (Q \vee R)$	\wedge -introduction _{7,21}	{2}
23.	\perp	\wedge -introduction _{22,1}	{1,2}
24.	$\neg\neg(\neg P \vee (\neg Q \wedge \neg R))$	\neg -introduction _{2,23}	{1}
25.	$\neg P \vee (\neg Q \wedge \neg R)$	$\neg\neg$ -elimination ₂₄	{1}