

Proofs of the Day

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Proof example

1. $\neg P \vee R$
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10. $P \rightarrow R$

Truth table for \rightarrow

Assuming that the rules of Fitch are such that it is impossible to prove an argument which is not logically valid, the truth-table for \rightarrow is fixed if we accept \rightarrow Elim and \rightarrow Intro.

How do the rules of proof for \rightarrow fix its truth table?

A	B	$A \rightarrow B$
T	T	
T	F	
F	T	
F	F	

How to determine the truth of sentences involving \forall

1. Give every object a name.
2. For each name in turn, create a new sentence like this: delete the quantifier and replace all instances of the variable it binds with that name
3. If ALL of the new sentences are true, so is the original.

What not to confuse

$\exists x (\text{Square}(x) \wedge \text{Blue}(x))$ vs.
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$\forall x (\text{Square}(x) \rightarrow \text{Blue}(x))$ vs.
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$\neg(P \vee Q)$ vs. $\neg P \vee \neg Q$

$\neg(P \wedge Q)$ vs. $\neg P \wedge \neg Q$

$\neg(P \rightarrow Q)$ vs. $P \rightarrow \neg Q$

Disjunction Introduction
(\vee Intro)

$$\begin{array}{|l} P_i \\ \vdots \\ \hline \triangleright P_1 \vee \dots \vee P_i \vee \dots \vee P_n \end{array}$$

Disjunction Elimination
(\vee Elim)

$$\begin{array}{|l} P_1 \vee \dots \vee P_n \\ \vdots \\ \hline \begin{array}{|l} P_1 \\ \vdots \\ S \end{array} \\ \Downarrow \\ \begin{array}{|l} P_n \\ \vdots \\ S \end{array} \\ \vdots \\ \hline \triangleright S \end{array}$$

Negation Introduction
(\neg Intro)

$$\begin{array}{|l} \begin{array}{|l} P \\ \vdots \\ \hline \perp \end{array} \\ \hline \triangleright \neg P \end{array}$$

Negation Elimination
(\neg Elim)

$$\begin{array}{|l} \neg \neg P \\ \vdots \\ \hline \triangleright P \end{array}$$

\perp Introduction
(\perp Intro)

$$\begin{array}{|l} P \\ \vdots \\ \neg P \\ \vdots \\ \hline \triangleright \perp \end{array}$$

\perp Elimination
(\perp Elim)

$$\begin{array}{|l} \perp \\ \vdots \\ \hline \triangleright P \end{array}$$

Conditional Introduction
(\rightarrow Intro)

$$\begin{array}{|l} \begin{array}{|l} P \\ \vdots \\ \hline Q \end{array} \\ \hline \triangleright P \rightarrow Q \end{array}$$

Conditional Elimination
(\rightarrow Elim)

$$\begin{array}{|l} P \rightarrow Q \\ \vdots \\ P \\ \vdots \\ \hline \triangleright Q \end{array}$$

Biconditional Introduction
(\leftrightarrow Intro)

$$\begin{array}{|l} \begin{array}{|l} P \\ \vdots \\ \hline Q \end{array} \\ \vdots \\ \begin{array}{|l} Q \\ \vdots \\ \hline P \end{array} \\ \hline \triangleright P \leftrightarrow Q \end{array}$$

Biconditional Elimination
(\leftrightarrow Elim)

$$\begin{array}{|l} P \leftrightarrow Q \text{ (or } Q \leftrightarrow P) \\ \vdots \\ P \\ \vdots \\ \hline \triangleright Q \end{array}$$

Reiteration
(Reit)

$$\begin{array}{|l} P \\ \vdots \\ \hline \triangleright P \end{array}$$

Identity Introduction
($=$ Intro)

$$\begin{array}{|l} \triangleright n = n \end{array}$$

Identity Elimination
($=$ Elim)

$$\begin{array}{|l} P(n) \\ \vdots \\ n = m \\ \vdots \\ \hline \triangleright P(m) \end{array}$$

Universal Elimination
(\forall Elim)

$$\begin{array}{|l} \forall x S(x) \\ \vdots \\ \hline \triangleright S(c) \end{array}$$

Universal Introduction
(\forall Intro)

$$\begin{array}{|l} \boxed{c} \\ \vdots \\ P(c) \\ \hline \triangleright \forall x P(x) \end{array}$$

where c does not occur outside the subproof where it is introduced.

Existential Introduction
(\exists Intro)

$$\begin{array}{|l} S(c) \\ \vdots \\ \hline \triangleright \exists x S(x) \end{array}$$

Existential Elimination
(\exists Elim)

$$\begin{array}{|l} \exists x S(x) \\ \vdots \\ \hline \begin{array}{|l} \boxed{c} S(c) \\ \vdots \\ Q \end{array} \\ \hline \triangleright Q \end{array}$$

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