$\Box(\Box A \to B) \lor \Box(\Box B \to A) \text{ (in S5)}$

Build a Tableau

To Check Whether it is Valid

Hypothesis

 $\Box(\Box A \to B) \lor \Box(\Box B \to A)$ is a theorem of S5.

 We are going to use simplified S5 because normal S5 is really painful for cases like this one. $\Box(\Box \mathsf{A} \to \mathsf{B}) \lor \Box(\Box \mathsf{B} \to \mathsf{A})$

Start with it being false at 1.

$$\Box(\Box A \to B) \lor \Box(\Box B \to A)$$

False ∨ sentences have both sides false.

$$\Box(\Box \mathsf{A} \to \mathsf{B}) \lor \Box(\Box \mathsf{B} \to \mathsf{A})$$

Both of these false \square sentences have to be made false somehow.

$$\Box(\Box \mathsf{A} \to \mathsf{B}) \lor \Box(\Box \mathsf{B} \to \mathsf{A})$$

False → sentences mean left false; right true.

$$\Box(\Box \mathsf{A} \to \mathsf{B}) \lor \Box(\Box \mathsf{B} \to \mathsf{A})$$

1.

2.

3.
1,
$$\mathbb{F} = (\Box B \rightarrow A) \checkmark$$
 $\vee \mathbb{F}$, 1
4.
1.1, $\mathbb{F} = A \rightarrow B \checkmark$
 $\Box \mathbb{F}$, 2
5.
1.2, $\mathbb{F} = B \rightarrow A \checkmark$
 $\Box \mathbb{F}$, 3
6.
2, $\mathbb{T} = A$
 $\rightarrow \mathbb{F}$, 4
7.
2, $\mathbb{F} = B$
 $\rightarrow \mathbb{F}$, 4
8.
3, $\mathbb{T} = B$
 $\rightarrow \mathbb{F}$, 5
9.
3, $\mathbb{F} = A$
 $\rightarrow \mathbb{F}$, 5
10.
 X

And if □A is true, then A is true everywhere, including 3.

This closes the tree, so it is a theorem of S5.

1, $\mathbb{F} \square (\square A \rightarrow B) \vee \square (\square B \rightarrow A) \checkmark$

1. $\mathbb{F} \square (\square A \rightarrow B) \checkmark$

Assumption

∨F.1