

Natural Deduction Exercises with Derived Rules

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On average (but not necessarily), the first half of these is more difficult than the second half. I have tried to include problems that encourage you to practice the derived rules. It will benefit you to do as many as you can until you feel that proving them feels fairly quick and natural.

The following are valid arguments in TFL or are theorems that can be proved without premises. Prove them using the natural deduction system for TFL.

1. $\frac{\neg L \vee M}{\frac{M \rightarrow N}{L \rightarrow N}}$
2. $\frac{A \rightarrow B}{\frac{B \rightarrow \neg C}{\frac{\neg D \rightarrow E}{\frac{\neg C \rightarrow \neg D}{\neg E \rightarrow \neg A}}}}$
3. $\frac{\neg(H \vee U)}{\frac{\neg(H \vee \neg C)}{\frac{\neg(C \wedge E)}{\neg(H \vee E)}}}$
4. $\frac{F \vee F}{F \wedge F}$
5. $\frac{O}{M \rightarrow (Q \rightarrow (L \rightarrow O))}$
6. $\frac{(P \rightarrow Q) \rightarrow (R \rightarrow S)}{\frac{R \wedge \neg S}{\neg Q}}$
7. $\frac{R \rightarrow (U \wedge P)}{\frac{E \vee R}{\frac{E \rightarrow F}{\frac{F \leftrightarrow U}{U}}}}$
8. $\frac{C \wedge \neg F}{\frac{(P \rightarrow H) \leftrightarrow I}{\frac{H \leftrightarrow \neg F}{I}}}$
9. $\frac{A \wedge (B \vee C)}{(A \wedge B) \vee (A \wedge C)}$
10. $\frac{(L \rightarrow \neg M) \rightarrow P}{\frac{O \wedge \neg P}{M \wedge O}}$
11. $\frac{\neg(Q \wedge C)}{\frac{D \rightarrow C}{\frac{\neg Q \rightarrow \neg D}{\neg D}}}$
12. $\frac{E \rightarrow (F \rightarrow G)}{\frac{E}{\frac{\neg F \rightarrow \neg E}{G}}}$
13. $\frac{\neg(M \vee N)}{\neg(M \leftrightarrow \neg N)}$
14. $\frac{(D \rightarrow E) \rightarrow D}{D}$
15. $\frac{B \rightarrow C}{\neg C \rightarrow \neg(B \wedge G)}$
16. $\frac{R \rightarrow S}{\frac{\neg R \rightarrow \neg S}{R \leftrightarrow S}}$
17. $\frac{(Q \rightarrow S) \wedge \neg N}{\frac{(\neg Q \rightarrow O) \vee N}{\frac{(\neg S \rightarrow O) \rightarrow L}{L}}}$
18. $\frac{B \vee \neg C}{\frac{\neg B \vee \neg C}{\neg C}}$
19. $\frac{H \vee (F \vee D)}{D \vee (F \vee H)}$
20. $\frac{(C \vee E) \vee F}{\neg C \rightarrow (\neg E \rightarrow F)}$
21. $\frac{J \wedge (\neg K \rightarrow L)}{(J \wedge K) \vee (J \wedge L)}$
22. $\frac{R \leftrightarrow S}{\frac{(S \vee T) \wedge \neg T}{R}}$
23. $\frac{G \leftrightarrow \neg H}{\frac{\neg H \leftrightarrow I}{\frac{I \leftrightarrow \neg E}{\neg E \rightarrow G}}}$
24. $\frac{[M \vee (O \leftrightarrow T)] \wedge N}{\frac{N \leftrightarrow \neg M}{B \rightarrow (O \leftrightarrow T)}}$

25. $\neg S \leftrightarrow C$
 $(F \vee S) \wedge (G \wedge M)$
 $\frac{G \rightarrow \neg S}{M \wedge C}$
26. $(A \wedge B) \leftrightarrow (P \vee D)$
 $\frac{(B \wedge A) \wedge \neg D}{P}$
27. $\neg N$
 $\frac{(\neg N \rightarrow L) \wedge [D \leftrightarrow (\neg N \vee A)]}{L \wedge D}$
28. Derive $(A \wedge A) \leftrightarrow A$ without premises.
29. $M \rightarrow (A \rightarrow R)$
 $\neg A \rightarrow \neg M$
 $\frac{L \wedge M}{R}$
30. $\neg(\neg J \vee K) \rightarrow \neg(L \wedge M)$
 $\frac{\neg(\neg J \vee K) \wedge M}{\neg(L \leftrightarrow M)}$
31. $R \rightarrow (\neg C \rightarrow D)$
 $\frac{\neg C \wedge R}{D \wedge R}$
32. $\frac{J \wedge K}{K \wedge (J \vee P)}$
33. $F \wedge \neg I$
 $\frac{H \vee I}{H \wedge F}$
34. $[M \vee (C \rightarrow T)] \wedge P$
 $\frac{(P \rightarrow \neg M) \wedge C}{T}$
35. $\neg(\neg M \vee \neg B) \wedge P$
 $\frac{\neg(\neg M \vee \neg B) \vee \neg P}{P}$
36. $\frac{E}{(R \vee E) \wedge (E \vee \neg(N \vee M))}$
37. $(O \vee Q) \rightarrow R$
 $\frac{(F \wedge Q) \wedge C}{F \wedge R}$
38. $M \wedge (O \vee N)$
 $\frac{M \wedge (O \vee N)}{(O \vee N) \wedge (M \vee O)}$
39. $A \vee D$
 $\neg S \rightarrow C$
 $A \rightarrow \neg S$
 $\frac{\neg D}{C}$
40. $\neg\neg O \wedge \neg\neg S$
 $\frac{\neg O \vee \neg T}{\neg T}$
41. $\neg R \rightarrow P$
 $(F \vee R) \wedge (O \wedge M)$
 $\frac{O \rightarrow \neg R}{M \wedge P}$
42. $(M \wedge L) \rightarrow (P \vee R)$
 $\frac{(L \wedge M) \wedge \neg R}{P}$
43. $L \rightarrow [M \rightarrow (\neg N \vee I)]$
 $\frac{(M \wedge \neg I) \wedge L}{\neg N}$
44. $[(B \vee M) \wedge R] \rightarrow T$
 $\frac{M \wedge R}{T}$
45. $K \wedge \neg L$
 $[\neg(\neg G \wedge \neg H) \vee R] \wedge F$
 $\frac{F \rightarrow \neg R}{Q \vee \neg(\neg G \wedge \neg H)}$
46. $\frac{(A \wedge \neg C) \wedge (E \wedge F)}{(A \wedge F) \wedge E}$
47. $C \wedge (\neg R \wedge S)$
 $\frac{M \wedge (\neg R \rightarrow P)}{P \wedge C}$
48. $C \rightarrow [(C \wedge D) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow B)]$
 $D \rightarrow C$
 $\frac{D \wedge B}{A \rightarrow B}$
49. $E \rightarrow (F \wedge \neg G)$
 $J \vee \neg H$
 $\frac{E \wedge F}{\neg G}$
50. $(L \wedge B) \wedge (Q \vee F)$
 $\frac{\neg Q \wedge [(F \wedge L) \rightarrow R]}{R}$