

4.4 Prove:

$$P \rightarrow (Q \wedge R), P \vdash P \wedge Q$$

We're being asked to prove Q from the premises $(P \rightarrow (P \wedge R))$ and P .

Solution

Each premise goes on a numbered line at the top of the proof.

The final line of the proof is always the conclusion we're trying to show.

Every line of the proof has a line number!

1 $P \rightarrow (Q \wedge R)$
2 P
3 $Q \wedge R$
4 Q
5 $P \wedge Q$

A
 A
 $1, 2 \rightarrow E$
 $3 \wedge E$
 $2, 4 \wedge I$

Note the space between the wffs and the inference rule being used!

Every step of the proof has a justification. "A" means assumption/premise, the rest are inference rules we will learn! Often, the inference rules require us to cite line numbers.