1. Determine whether the following arguments in propositional logic are valid:

(a)
$$p \lor (q \to r) \vDash p$$

(b)
$$p \to (s \land q), r \to (q \lor \neg s), p \vDash \neg r$$

2. Consider the following translation key:

p: Having a belief is having a disposition to act in some ways.

q: Non-living objects can be disposed to act in some ways.

r: Non-living objects can have beliefs.

s: Non-living objects represent the world being some way or another.

Now, translate the following arguments to propositional logic and determine whether they are valid:

(a) Neither can non-living objects represent the world as being some way or another, nor is having a belief having a disposition to act in some ways only if non-living objects can have beliefs. In conclusion, non-living objects cannot represent the world as being some way or another unless non-living objects can have beliefs.

$$\neg s \land \neg (p \to r) \vDash \neg r \to \neg s$$

Valid

(b) If having a belief is having a disposition to act in some ways, and if non-living objects can be disposed to act in some ways, then non-living objects can have beliefs. But non-living objects can have beliefs

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only if they represent the world as being some way or another, and non-living objects do not represent the world as being some way or another. Therefore, non-living objects cannot be disposed to act in some ways.

$$(p \land q) \to r, (r \to s) \land \neg s \vDash \neg q$$

Invalid

3. Fill out the missing rules in the following proof:

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} 1 & p \wedge q & \text{Assumption} \\ \hline 2 & \underline{r} & \text{Assumption} \\ \hline 3 & p & \wedge \text{E 1} \\ \hline 4 & p \wedge r & \wedge \text{I 2, 3} \\ \end{array}$$

4. Fill out the missing lines in the following proof:

5. Extra: Offer a proof of the following arguments:

(a)
$$(p \wedge q) \wedge (r \wedge s) \vdash r \wedge s$$

$$\begin{array}{c|c} 1 & & (p \wedge q) \wedge (r \wedge s) & \text{Assumption} \\ \hline \\ 2 & & r \wedge s & \wedge \text{E 1} \\ \end{array}$$

A *derivation* or *proof* is a finite sequence of formulas each of which is either an assumption or the outcome of an application of a rule of inference to prior formulas. The last formula in the sequence is the conclusion of the proof.

Here's a reminder of the rules needed for these derivations:

(b)
$$(p \wedge r) \wedge (s \wedge q) \vdash r \wedge s$$

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} 1 & & & & & \\ \hline & & & & \\ \hline & & \\ \hline$$

(c)
$$p \to r, s \land p \vdash r \land s$$

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} 1 & p \rightarrow r & \text{Assumption} \\ & s \wedge p & \text{Assumption} \\ & & \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c|ccccc} s \wedge p & \wedge E & 1 \\ & & \end{array}$$

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