

## Announcements & Such

- Administrative Stuff
  - **Take-Home Mid-Term re-sub**s are due today.
  - ☞ **When you turn in resubmissions, make sure that you staple them to your original homework submission.**
  - We will be discussing the grade curve for the course as soon as all of the mid-term grades are in (both take-home and in-class).
  - Branden will not be holding office hours this week.
  - **HW #4 posted — but, not due (1st sub) until after spring break.**
- Today: Chapter 4 — Natural Deduction Proofs for LSL
  - Today: *lots of proofs* using the basic natural-deduction rules.
  - After spring break: finishing-up Chapter 4 & moving on to Chap. 5.
  - **MacLogic** — a useful computer program for natural deduction.
    - \* See <http://fitelson.org/maclogic.htm>.
  - ☞ **Make sure you do lots of proofs — practice is the key here.**

## The Introduction and Elimination Rules for $\vee$

**Rule of  $\vee$ -Introduction:** For any formula  $p$ , if  $p$  has been inferred at line  $j$ , then, for any formula  $q$ , *either* ' $p \vee q$ ' *or* ' $q \vee p$ ' may be inferred at line  $k$ , labeling the line ' $j \vee I$ ' and writing on its left the same premise and assumption numbers as appear on the left of  $j$ .

$a_1, \dots, a_n$	(j)	$p$		$a_1, \dots, a_n$	(j)	$q$
	$\vdots$		OR		$\vdots$	
$a_1, \dots, a_n$	(k)	$p \vee q$	$j \vee I$	$a_1, \dots, a_n$	(k)	$p \vee q$
						$j \vee I$

- The  $\vee I$  rule is very simple and intuitive. Basically, it says that you may infer a disjunction from *either* of its disjuncts.
- The *elimination* rule ( $\vee E$ ) for  $\vee$ , on the other hand, is considerably more complex to state and apply. It's the hardest of our rules.

**Rule of  $\vee$ -Elimination:** If a disjunction ' $p \vee q$ ' occurs at line  $g$  of a proof,  $p$  is assumed at line  $h$ ,  $r$  is derived at line  $i$ ,  $q$  is assumed at line  $j$ , and  $r$  is derived at line  $k$ , then at line  $m$  we may infer  $r$ , labeling the line ' $g, h, i, j, k \vee E$ ' and writing on its left every number on the left at line  $g$ , and at line  $i$  (except  $h$ ), and at line  $k$  (except  $j$ ).

$a_1, \dots, a_n$	(g)	$p \vee q$	
	$\vdots$		
$h$	(h)	$p$	Assumption
	$\vdots$		
$b_1, \dots, b_u$	(i)	$r$	
	$\vdots$		
$j$	(j)	$q$	Assumption
	$\vdots$		
$c_1, \dots, c_w$	(k)	$r$	
	$\vdots$		
$\mathcal{A}$	(m)	$r$	$g, h, i, j, k \vee E$

where  $\mathcal{A}$  is the set:  $\{a_1, \dots, a_n\} \cup \{b_1, \dots, b_u\}/h \cup \{c_1, \dots, c_w\}/j$ .

## General Tips on Proof Strategy and Planning

- As a first line of attack, always try to prove your conclusion by using the introduction rule for its main connective as the main strategy.
- This will indicate what assumptions, if any, need to be made and what other formulae will need to be derived. This is "working backward".
- If these other formulae also contain connectives, then try to prove them by introducing their main connectives. Work backward, as far as possible.
- When this technique can no longer be applied, inspect your current stock of premises and assumptions to see if they have any *obvious* consequences.
- If your current premises and assumption contain a disjunction ' $r \vee s$ ', see if you can prove your current goal formula  $p$  from *each* of its disjuncts  $r$  and  $s$  (using your current premises and assumptions). If you think you can, then try using  $\vee E$  to prove  $p$ . If no disjunction appears anywhere in your current of premises/assumptions, then  $\vee E$  is probably not a good strategy.
- If you have tried everything you can think of to prove your current goal  $p$ , try assuming ' $\sim p$ ' and aim for ' $\sim \sim p$ ' by  $\sim E$ ,  $\sim I$ ; then use DN.

### When to Make Assumptions, and When *Not* to

- In constructing a proof, any assumptions you make must eventually be discharged, so you should only make assumptions in connection with the three rules which discharge assumptions.
- In other words, if you make an assumption  $p$  in a proof, you *must* be able to give one of the following three reasons:
  1.  $p$  is the antecedent of a conditional ' $p \rightarrow q$ ' you are trying to derive using the  $\rightarrow$ I rule (then, try to prove  $q$ ).
  2. You are trying to derive ' $\sim p$ ', so you assume  $p$  with an eye toward using the  $\sim$ I rule (then, try to prove  $\bot$ ).
  3.  $p$  is one of the disjuncts of a disjunction ' $p \vee q$ ' (*somewhere in your current stock of premises and assumptions!*) to which you will be applying  $\vee$ E (then, try to prove some  $r$  from each).
- Remember, only the three rules  $\rightarrow$ I,  $\sim$ I, and  $\vee$ E involve making assumptions. *No other rules can discharge assumptions.*

### 10 More Examples Involving $\vee$ I and $\vee$ E

1.  $(A \& B) \vee (A \& C) \vdash A$  [p. 111, ex. 2]
2.  $(A \rightarrow \bot) \vee (B \rightarrow \bot), B \vdash \sim A$  [p. 116, §4.5, ex. 11]
3.  $(A \vee B) \vee C \vdash A \vee (B \vee C)$  [p. 116, ex. 19]
4.  $A \vee B \vdash (A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow B$  [p. 116, ex. 10]
5.  $A \& B \vdash \sim(\sim A \vee \sim B)$  [p. 116, ex. 14 ( $\vdash$ )]
6.  $A \vee B \vdash \sim(\sim A \& \sim B)$  [p. 116, ex. 13]
7.  $\sim(A \& B) \vdash \sim A \vee \sim B$  [p. 116, ex. 16 ( $\rightarrow$ )]
8.  $\sim C \vee (A \rightarrow B) \vdash (C \& A) \rightarrow B$  [not in text]
9.  $\vdash (A \rightarrow B) \vee (B \rightarrow A)$  [not in text]
10.  $\sim(A \vee B) \vdash \sim A \& \sim B$  [not in text]

### Proof of Example #1

Problem is:  $(A \& B) \vee (A \& C) \vdash A$

1	(1) $(A \& B) \vee (A \& C)$	Premise
2	(2) $A \& B$	Assumption ( $\vee$ E)
2	(3) $A$	2 &E
4	(4) $A \& C$	Assumption ( $\vee$ E)
4	(5) $A$	4 &E
1	(6) $A$	1,2,3,4,5 $\vee$ E

### Proof of Example #2

Problem is:  $(A \rightarrow \Delta) \vee (B \rightarrow \Delta), B \vdash \sim A$

1	(1) $(A \rightarrow \Delta) \vee (B \rightarrow \Delta)$	Premise
2	(2) $B$	Premise
3	(3) $A$	Assumption ( $\sim$ I)
4	(4) $A \rightarrow \Delta$	Assumption ( $\vee$ E)
3,4	(5) $\Delta$	4,3 $\rightarrow$ E
6	(6) $B \rightarrow \Delta$	Assumption ( $\vee$ E)
2,6	(7) $\Delta$	6,2 $\rightarrow$ E
1,2,3	(8) $\Delta$	1,4,5,6,7 $\vee$ E
1,2	(9) $\sim A$	3,8 $\sim$ I

### Proof of Example #3

Problem is:  $(A \vee B) \vee C \vdash A \vee (B \vee C)$

1	(1) $(A \vee B) \vee C$	Premise
2	(2) $A \vee B$	Assumption ( $\vee E$ )
3	(3) $A$	Assumption ( $\vee E$ )
3	(4) $A \vee (B \vee C)$	3 $\vee I$
5	(5) $B$	Assumption ( $\vee E$ )
5	(6) $B \vee C$	5 $\vee I$
5	(7) $A \vee (B \vee C)$	6 $\vee I$
2	(8) $A \vee (B \vee C)$	2,3,4,5,7 $\vee E$
9	(9) $C$	Assumption ( $\vee E$ )
9	(10) $B \vee C$	9 $\vee I$
9	(11) $A \vee (B \vee C)$	10 $\vee I$
1	(12) $A \vee (B \vee C)$	1,2,8,9,11 $\vee E$

### Proof of Example #4

Problem is :  $A \vee B \vdash (A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow B$

1	(1) $A \vee B$	Premise
2	(2) $A \rightarrow B$	Ass ( $\rightarrow I$ )
3	(3) $A$	Ass ( $\vee E$ )
2,3	(4) $B$	2,3 $\rightarrow E$
5	(5) $B$	Ass ( $\vee E$ )
1,2	(6) $B$	1,3,4,5,5 $\vee E$
1	(7) $(A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow B$	2,6 $\rightarrow I$

### Proof of Example #5

Problem is:  $A \& B \vdash \sim(\sim A \vee \sim B)$

1	(1) $A \& B$	Premise
2	(2) $\sim A \vee \sim B$	Assumption ( $\sim I$ )
3	(3) $\sim A$	Assumption ( $\vee E$ )
1	(4) $A$	1 $\&E$
1,3	(5) $\Delta$	3,4 $\sim E$
6	(6) $\sim B$	Assumption ( $\vee E$ )
1	(7) $B$	1 $\&E$
1,6	(8) $\Delta$	6,7 $\sim E$
1,2	(9) $\Delta$	2,3,5,6,8 $\vee E$
1	(10) $\sim(\sim A \vee \sim B)$	2,9 $\sim I$

### Proof of Example #6

Problem is :  $A \vee B \vdash \sim(\sim A \& \sim B)$

1	(1) $A \vee B$	Premise
2	(2) $\sim A \& \sim B$	Ass ( $\sim I$ )
3	(3) $A$	Ass ( $\vee E$ )
2	(4) $\sim A$	2 $\&E$
2,3	(5) $\Delta$	4,3 $\sim E$
6	(6) $B$	Ass ( $\vee E$ )
2	(7) $\sim B$	2 $\&E$
2,6	(8) $\Delta$	7,6 $\sim E$
1,2	(9) $\Delta$	1,3,5,6,8 $\vee E$
1	(10) $\sim(\sim A \& \sim B)$	2,9 $\sim I$

**Proof of Example #7**Problem is:  $\sim(A \& B) \vdash \sim A \vee \sim B$ 

1	(1) $\sim(A \& B)$	Premise
2	(2) $\sim(\sim A \vee \sim B)$	Assumption ( $\sim I$ )
3	(3) $\sim A$	Assumption ( $\sim I$ )
3	(4) $\sim A \vee \sim B$	3 $\vee I$
2,3	(5) $\Delta$	2,4 $\sim E$
2	(6) $\sim \sim A$	3,5 $\sim I$
2	(7) $A$	6 DN
8	(8) $\sim B$	Assumption ( $\sim I$ )
8	(9) $\sim A \vee \sim B$	8 $\vee I$
2,8	(10) $\Delta$	2,9 $\sim E$
2	(11) $\sim \sim B$	8,10 $\sim I$
2	(12) $B$	11 DN
2	(13) $A \& B$	7,12 $\& I$
1,2	(14) $\Delta$	1,13 $\sim E$
1	(15) $\sim \sim(\sim A \vee \sim B)$	2,14 $\sim I$
1	(16) $\sim A \vee \sim B$	15 DN

**Proof of Example #8**Problem is:  $\sim C \vee (A \rightarrow B) \vdash (C \& A) \rightarrow B$ 

1	(1) $\sim C \vee (A \rightarrow B)$	Premise
2	(2) $C \& A$	Assumption ( $\rightarrow I$ )
3	(3) $\sim B$	Assumption ( $\sim I$ )
4	(4) $\sim C$	Assumption ( $\vee E$ )
2	(5) $C$	2 $\& E$
2,4	(6) $\Delta$	4,5 $\sim E$
7	(7) $A \rightarrow B$	Assumption ( $\vee E$ )
2	(8) $A$	2 $\& E$
2,7	(9) $B$	7,8 $\rightarrow E$
2,3,7	(10) $\Delta$	3,9 $\sim E$
1,2,3	(11) $\Delta$	1,4,6,7,10 $\vee E$
1,2	(12) $\sim \sim B$	3,11 $\sim I$
1,2	(13) $B$	12 DN
1	(14) $(C \& A) \rightarrow B$	2,13 $\rightarrow I$

**Proof of Example #9**Problem is:  $\vdash (A \rightarrow B) \vee (B \rightarrow A)$ 

1	(1) $\sim((A \rightarrow B) \vee (B \rightarrow A))$	Assumption ( $\sim I$ )
2	(2) $B$	Assumption ( $\rightarrow I$ )
3	(3) $\sim A$	Assumption ( $\sim I$ )
4	(4) $A$	Assumption ( $\rightarrow I$ )
2	(5) $A \rightarrow B$	4,2 $\rightarrow I$
2	(6) $(A \rightarrow B) \vee (B \rightarrow A)$	5 $\vee I$
1,2	(7) $\Delta$	1,6 $\sim E$
1,2	(8) $\sim \sim A$	3,7 $\sim I$
1,2	(9) $A$	8 DN
1	(10) $B \rightarrow A$	2,9 $\rightarrow I$
1	(11) $(A \rightarrow B) \vee (B \rightarrow A)$	10 $\vee I$
1	(12) $\Delta$	1,11 $\sim E$
	(13) $\sim \sim((A \rightarrow B) \vee (B \rightarrow A))$	1,12 $\sim I$
	(14) $(A \rightarrow B) \vee (B \rightarrow A)$	13 DN

**Proof of Example #10**Problem is:  $\sim(A \vee B) \vdash \sim A \& \sim B$ 

1	(1) $\sim(A \vee B)$	Premise
2	(2) $A$	Ass ( $\sim I$ )
2	(3) $A \vee B$	2 $\vee I$
1,2	(4) $\Delta$	1,3 $\sim E$
1	(5) $\sim A$	2,4 $\sim I$
6	(6) $B$	Ass ( $\sim I$ )
6	(7) $A \vee B$	6 $\vee I$
1,6	(8) $\Delta$	1,7 $\sim E$
1	(9) $\sim B$	6,8 $\sim I$
1	(10) $\sim A \& \sim B$	5,9 $\& I$