

Knowledge Check: Natural Deduction for Propositional Logic

TOTAL POINTS 4

1. What rule can be used to derive $(p \wedge q) \wedge r \vdash (p \wedge q)$?

1 / 1 point

- ☐ implication-elimination
- ☒ and-elimination (1)
- ☐ and-introduction
- ☐ and-elimination (2)

**Correct**

Correct! We can derive $(p \wedge q)$ from $(p \wedge q) \wedge r$ using and-introduction. The rule is called “and-elimination (1)” because we obtain the first part of the formula in $(p \wedge q) \wedge r$.

2. Which rules may be used to derive $p \rightarrow \neg\neg q, p \vdash q \wedge p$?

1 / 1 point

- ☐ double negation-elimination, and-introduction, and and-elimination
- ☐ implication-elimination, implication-introduction, and and-introduction
- ☒ double negation-elimination, implication-elimination, and and-introduction
- ☐ double negation-elimination, implication-elimination, and and-elimination

**Correct**

Correct! To derive $q \wedge p$, we need and-introduction with both p and q . p is given and q can be derived by first applying implication-elimination and then double negation-elimination.

3.

1 / 1 point

1	_____	<i>assumption</i>
2	_____	$\wedge e_1$ 1
3	$(p \wedge q) \rightarrow p$	$\rightarrow i$ 1-2

Figure 1: Derivation of $\vdash (p \wedge q) \rightarrow p$

Review the figure, which gives a partial derivation of $\vdash (p \wedge q) \rightarrow p$. While the rules for deriving the conclusion have been written out, two steps of the proof are missing, specifically the ones in line 1 and line 2.

Given the rules required to derive the conclusion, which formulas are the missing steps for the proof?

- ☐ p in line 1, and $(p \wedge q)$ in line 2
- ☐ p in line 1, and $q \rightarrow p$ in line 2
- ☐ $(p \wedge q)$ in line 1, and $p \rightarrow q$ in line 2
- ☒ $(p \wedge q)$ in line 1, and p in line 2



Correct

Correct! To derive the conclusion, we need to apply implication-introduction, which requires us to make an assumption on $(p \wedge q)$ and derive p .

4. Consider this argument: "If I am guilty, I must be punished; I must not be punished. Therefore, I am not guilty." Is the argument logically correct? If so, which rules are needed to derive the conclusion?

- ☐ Yes, the argument is logically correct. We can use and-introduction, negation-introduction, and implication elimination.
- ☒ Yes, the argument is logically correct. We can use negation-elimination, negation-introduction, and implication elimination.
- ☐ No, the argument is *not* logically correct.

- ☐ Yes, the argument is logically correct. We can use negation elimination, implication introduction, and implication elimination.



Correct

Correct! Negation-introduction allows us to make an assumption which must then allow us to derive the bottom. This can be done using negation-elimination combined with implication elimination.