

S- and I-Rules Explained

S-RULES

$$1) \quad \frac{(P \cdot Q)}{P, Q}$$

From a **conjunction** you can infer either conjunct. Examples:

$$\frac{(S \cdot R)}{R}$$

$$\frac{(\sim(P \supset Q) \cdot (P \vee T))}{\sim(P \supset Q)}$$

$$2) \quad \frac{\sim(P \vee Q)}{\sim P, \sim Q}$$

From the **negation of a disjunction** you can the **negation** of either disjunct. Examples:

$$\frac{\sim(S \vee R)}{\sim S}$$

$$\frac{\sim((P \cdot Q) \vee \sim(P \vee Q))}{(P \vee Q)}$$

$$3) \quad \frac{\sim(P \supset Q)}{P, \sim Q}$$

From the **negation of a conditional** you can infer either the antecedent or the **negation** of the consequent. Examples:

$$\frac{\sim(\sim P \supset \sim Q)}{Q}$$

$$\frac{\sim(P \supset (Q \supset \sim P))}{P}$$

$$4) \quad \frac{(P \equiv Q)}{(P \supset Q), (Q \supset P)}$$

From a biconditional you can infer the conditionals going in both “directions.”

$$5) \quad \frac{\sim(P \equiv Q)}{(P \vee Q), \sim(P \cdot Q)}$$

From the negation of a biconditional, you can infer the disjunction of the two components of the negated biconditional, and also the negation of the conjunction of the two components of the biconditional.

I-RULES

$$\begin{array}{lcl} 1) & \sim(P \cdot Q) & \sim(P \cdot Q) \\ & \underline{P} & \underline{Q} \\ & \sim Q & \sim P \end{array}$$

From the **negation of a conjunction** and the **truth of one of its conjuncts** you can infer the **negation** of the other conjunct. Examples:

$$\begin{array}{lcl} & \sim(\sim P \cdot \sim Q) & \sim((P \vee Q) \cdot (R \supset S)) \\ & \underline{\sim P} & \underline{(P \vee Q)} \\ & Q & \sim(R \supset S) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{lcl} 2) & (P \vee Q) & (P \vee Q) \\ & \underline{\sim P} & \underline{\sim Q} \\ & Q & P \end{array}$$

From a **disjunction** and the **negation of one of the disjuncts** you can infer the truth of the other disjunct. Examples:

$$\begin{array}{lcl} & (S \vee \sim Q) & ((P \equiv Q) \vee (R \supset S)) \\ & \underline{Q} & \underline{\sim(P \equiv Q)} \\ & S & (R \supset S) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{lcl} 3) & (P \supset Q) & (P \supset Q) \\ & \underline{P} & \underline{\sim Q} \\ & Q & \sim P \end{array}$$

From a **conditional** and the **truth of its antecedent** you can infer the truth of its consequent. From a **conditional** and the **negation of its consequent** you can infer the **negation** of its antecedent. Examples:

$$\begin{array}{lcl} & (\sim R \supset \sim S) & ((P \vee Q) \supset \sim S) \\ & \underline{\sim R} & \underline{S} \\ & \sim S & \sim(P \vee Q) \end{array}$$