

TEN BASIC RULES OF INFERENCE (complete premises only)

Negation Introduction (~I – indirect proof IP)

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Assume } p \\ \text{Get } q \& \sim q \\ \vdash \sim p \end{array}$$

Negation Elimination (~E – version of DN)

$$\begin{array}{l} \sim \sim p \\ \vdash p \end{array}$$

Conditional Introduction (\rightarrow I – conditional proof CP)

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Assume } p \\ \text{Get } q \\ \vdash p \rightarrow q \end{array}$$

Conditional Elimination (\rightarrow E – modus ponens MP)

$$\begin{array}{l} p \rightarrow q \\ p \\ \vdash q \end{array}$$

Conjunction Introduction (&I – conjunction CONJ)

$$\begin{array}{l} p \\ q \\ \vdash p \& q \end{array}$$

Conjunction Elimination (&E – simplification SIMP)

$$\begin{array}{l} p \& q \\ \vdash p \end{array}$$

Disjunction Introduction (vI – addition ADD)

$$\begin{array}{l} p \\ \vdash p \vee q \end{array}$$

Disjunction Elimination (vE – version of CD)

$$\begin{array}{l} p \vee q \\ p \rightarrow r \\ q \rightarrow r \\ \vdash r \end{array}$$

Biconditional Introduction (\leftrightarrow I – version of ME)

$$\begin{array}{l} p \rightarrow q \\ q \rightarrow p \\ \vdash p \leftrightarrow q \end{array}$$

Biconditional Elimination (\leftrightarrow E – version of ME)

$$\begin{array}{l} p \leftrightarrow q \\ \vdash p \rightarrow q \\ \text{or} \\ \vdash q \rightarrow p \end{array}$$

IMPORTANT DERIVED RULES OF INFERENCE (complete premises only)

Modus Tollens (MT)

$$\begin{array}{l} p \rightarrow q \\ \sim q \\ \vdash \sim p \end{array}$$

Hypothetical Syllogism (HS)

$$\begin{array}{l} p \rightarrow q \\ q \rightarrow r \\ \vdash p \rightarrow r \end{array}$$

Disjunctive Syllogism (DS)

$$\begin{array}{l} p \vee q \\ \sim p \\ \vdash q \end{array}$$

Absorption (ABS)

$$\begin{array}{l} p \rightarrow q \\ \vdash p \rightarrow (p \& q) \end{array}$$

Constructive Dilemma (CD)

$$\begin{array}{l} p \vee q \\ p \rightarrow r \\ q \rightarrow s \\ \vdash r \vee s \end{array}$$

Repeat (RE)

$$\begin{array}{l} p \\ \vdash p \end{array}$$

Contradiction (CON)

$$\begin{array}{l} p \\ \sim p \\ \vdash \text{Any wff} \end{array}$$

Theorem Introduction (TI)

Introduce any tautology, e.g., $\sim(P \& \sim P)$

EQUIVALENCES (complete premises or sub-wffs)

De Morgan's Law (DM)

$$\begin{array}{l} \sim(p \& q) :: (\sim p \vee \sim q) \\ \sim(p \vee q) :: (\sim p \& \sim q) \end{array}$$

Commutation (COM)

$$\begin{array}{l} (p \vee q) :: (q \vee p) \\ (p \& q) :: (q \& p) \end{array}$$

Association (ASSOC)

$$\begin{array}{l} [p \vee (q \vee r)] :: [(p \vee q) \vee r] \\ [p \& (q \& r)] :: [(p \& q) \& r] \end{array}$$

Distribution (DIST)

$$\begin{array}{l} [p \& (q \vee r)] :: [(p \& q) \vee (p \& r)] \\ [p \vee (q \& r)] :: [(p \vee q) \& (p \vee r)] \end{array}$$

Double Negation (DN)

$$p :: \sim \sim p$$

Transposition (TRANS)

$$(p \rightarrow q) :: (\sim q \rightarrow \sim p)$$

Material implication (MI)

$$(p \rightarrow q) :: (\sim p \vee q)$$

Material Equivalence (ME)

$$\begin{array}{l} (p \leftrightarrow q) :: [(p \& q) \vee (\sim p \& \sim q)] \\ (p \leftrightarrow q) :: [(p \rightarrow q) \& (q \rightarrow p)] \end{array}$$

Exportation (EXP)

$$[(p \& q) \rightarrow r] :: [p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r)]$$

Tautology (TAUT)

$$\begin{array}{l} p :: (p \& p) \\ p :: (p \vee p) \end{array}$$

Conditional-Biconditional Refutation Tree Rules

$$\sim(p \rightarrow q) :: (p \& \sim q)$$

$$\sim(p \leftrightarrow q) :: [(p \& \sim q) \vee (\sim p \& q)]$$