

Solutions 9

Excercise 1: Proofs

- A statement $P \Rightarrow Q$ claims that Q is a logical consequence of P . One can show that $P \Rightarrow Q$ is true by showing that $P \rightarrow Q$ is a tautology via drawing truth tables.

(1) a. $(p \vee p) \Rightarrow p$:

p	$(p \vee p)$	$((p \vee p) \rightarrow p)$
1	1	1
0	0	1

b. $((\neg p) \rightarrow (\neg q)) \Rightarrow (q \rightarrow p)$:

p	q	$(\neg p)$	$(\neg q)$	$((\neg p) \rightarrow (\neg q))$	$(q \rightarrow p)$	$((\neg p) \rightarrow (\neg q)) \rightarrow (q \rightarrow p)$
1	1	0	1	1	1	1
0	1	1	0	0	0	1
1	0	0	1	1	1	1
0	0	1	0	0	1	1

c. $(p \vee ((\neg p) \wedge q)) \Rightarrow (p \vee q)$:

p	q	$(\neg p)$	$(p \vee q)$	$((\neg p) \wedge q)$	$(p \vee ((\neg p) \wedge q))$	$(p \vee ((\neg p) \wedge q)) \rightarrow (p \vee q)$
1	1	0	1	0	1	1
0	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	0	0	1	0	1	1
0	0	1	0	0	0	1

d. $(p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r)) \Rightarrow ((p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow (p \rightarrow r))$:

p	q	r	$(p \rightarrow q)$	$(p \rightarrow r)$	$(q \rightarrow r)$	$(p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r))$	$((p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow (p \rightarrow r))$...
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1
0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1
1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1
0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1

where “...” stands for $((p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r)) \rightarrow ((p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow (p \rightarrow r)))$

(1) e. $(p \vee q) \Rightarrow (q \vee p)$:

p	q	$(p \vee q)$	$(q \vee p)$	$((p \vee q) \rightarrow (q \vee p))$
1	1	1	1	1
0	1	1	1	1
1	0	1	1	1
0	0	0	0	1

f. $(p \rightarrow q) \Rightarrow ((p \wedge r) \rightarrow (q \wedge r))$:

p	q	r	$(p \wedge r)$	$(q \wedge r)$	$(p \rightarrow q)$	$((p \wedge r) \rightarrow (q \wedge r))$...
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1
1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1
0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1
1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1
0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1
1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1

where “...” stands for $((p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow ((p \wedge r) \rightarrow (q \wedge r)))$

g. $(\neg p) \Rightarrow (p \rightarrow q)$:

p	q	$(\neg p)$	$(p \rightarrow q)$	$((\neg p) \rightarrow (p \rightarrow q))$
1	1	0	1	1
0	1	1	1	1
1	0	0	0	1
0	0	1	1	1

- Alternatively, one can show that $P \rightarrow Q$ is a tautology by going through a proof by contradiction. Assume that the whole implication is false and lead this assumption to a contradiction (ζ). In what follows, the procedure will be illustrated by means of (1-b) and (1-c).

$$(1-b) \quad \frac{((\neg p) \rightarrow (\neg q)) \rightarrow (q \rightarrow p)}{0}$$

$$\begin{array}{cccc} & 1 & & 0 \\ 1 & & 0 & 1 & 0 & \zeta \end{array}$$

If $q = 1$ and $p = 0$, then $(\neg q) = 0$ and $(\neg p) = 1$. But then it is impossible that $((\neg p) \rightarrow (\neg q)) = 1$. Therefore, we have a contradiction.

$$(1-c) \quad \frac{(p \vee ((\neg p) \wedge q)) \rightarrow (p \vee q)}{0}$$

$$\begin{array}{cccc} & 0 & & 1 \\ 0 & & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ & 1 & 1 & & \zeta \end{array}$$

If $p = 0$ then $(\neg p) = 1$. But if also $q = 1$, then it is impossible that $((\neg p) \wedge q) = 0$. Thus, there is a contradiction.

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Excercise 2: Conditional proofs

- Give a conditional proof of the validity of each of the following arguments. (Note: In the solutions to the previous exercise sheet, the first argument was proven without auxiliary assumption, the second argument was proven indirectly, namely by contradiction. The present task is to provide a direct conditional proof for both.)

(2) 1. $(p \rightarrow (\neg q))$
2. $(r \rightarrow q)$
3. $((\neg r) \rightarrow s)$
4. $\left| \begin{array}{l} p \\ (\neg q) \\ (\neg r) \\ s \end{array} \right.$ Auxiliary premise
5. $\left| \begin{array}{l} p \\ (\neg q) \\ (\neg r) \\ s \end{array} \right.$ MP (1, 4)
6. $\left| \begin{array}{l} p \\ (\neg q) \\ (\neg r) \\ s \end{array} \right.$ MT (2, 5)
7. $\left| \begin{array}{l} p \\ (\neg q) \\ (\neg r) \\ s \end{array} \right.$ MP (3, 6)
 $\therefore (p \rightarrow s)$ Cond.Proof (4, 7)

(3) 1. $((\neg p) \rightarrow q)$
2. $(r \rightarrow (s \vee t))$
3. $(s \rightarrow (\neg r))$
4. $(p \rightarrow (\neg t))$
5. $\left| \begin{array}{l} r \\ (s \vee t) \\ (\neg s) \\ t \\ (\neg p) \\ q \end{array} \right.$ Auxiliary premise
6. $\left| \begin{array}{l} r \\ (s \vee t) \\ (\neg s) \\ t \\ (\neg p) \\ q \end{array} \right.$ MP (2, 5)
7. $\left| \begin{array}{l} r \\ (s \vee t) \\ (\neg s) \\ t \\ (\neg p) \\ q \end{array} \right.$ MT (3, 5)
8. $\left| \begin{array}{l} r \\ (s \vee t) \\ (\neg s) \\ t \\ (\neg p) \\ q \end{array} \right.$ Dis.Syll. (6, 7)
9. $\left| \begin{array}{l} r \\ (s \vee t) \\ (\neg s) \\ t \\ (\neg p) \\ q \end{array} \right.$ MT (4, 8)
10. $\left| \begin{array}{l} r \\ (s \vee t) \\ (\neg s) \\ t \\ (\neg p) \\ q \end{array} \right.$ MP (1, 9)
 $\therefore (r \rightarrow q)$ Cond.Proof (5, 10)