

A Logical Approach to Discrete Math

Proving implications with (3.82)

Suppose you know that $a = b$ and $b > c$ and $c = d$.

Because $>$ and $=$ are together transitive, you can prove that $a > d$ like this.

Proof

$$\begin{array}{l} a \\ = \langle a = b \rangle \\ b \\ > \langle b > c \rangle \\ c \\ = \langle c = d \rangle \\ d \quad // \end{array}$$

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(3.82) **Transitivity:**

$$(a) \quad (p \Rightarrow q) \wedge (q \Rightarrow r) \Rightarrow (p \Rightarrow r)$$

$$(b) \quad (p \equiv q) \wedge (q \Rightarrow r) \Rightarrow (p \Rightarrow r)$$

$$(c) \quad (p \Rightarrow q) \wedge (q \equiv r) \Rightarrow (p \Rightarrow r)$$

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Proving implications with (3.82)

Prove (4.2) $(p \Rightarrow q) \Rightarrow (p \vee r \Rightarrow q \vee r)$

Proof

$$\begin{aligned} & p \vee r \Rightarrow q \vee r \\ = & \langle(3.57)\rangle \\ & p \vee r \vee q \vee r \equiv q \vee r \\ = & \langle(3.26)\rangle \\ & p \vee q \vee r \equiv q \vee r \\ = & \langle(3.27)\rangle \\ & (p \vee q \equiv q) \vee r \\ = & \langle(3.57)\rangle \\ & (p \Rightarrow q) \vee r \\ \Leftarrow & \langle(3.76a) p \Rightarrow p \vee q\rangle \\ & (p \Rightarrow q) \quad // \end{aligned}$$

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$$(4.2) \quad \text{Monotonicity of } \vee : (p \Rightarrow q) \Rightarrow (p \vee r \Rightarrow q \vee r)$$

$$(4.3) \quad \text{Monotonicity of } \wedge : (p \Rightarrow q) \Rightarrow (p \wedge r \Rightarrow q \wedge r)$$

Monotonicity is necessary in some proof steps.

Example

Suppose you have $p \wedge s$.

Then the following proof step is legal.

$$\begin{aligned} & p \wedge s \\ \Rightarrow & \langle (3.76a) p \Rightarrow p \vee q \text{ and (4.3) Monotonicity of } \wedge \rangle \\ & (p \vee q) \wedge s \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & p \vee (s \equiv r) \\ \Rightarrow & \langle (3.76a) p \Rightarrow p \vee q \text{ and (4.2) Monotonicity of } \vee \rangle \\ & (p \vee q) \vee (s \equiv r) \end{aligned}$$

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Caution

\equiv is **not** monotonic.

Suppose you have $p \equiv r \vee s$.

Then the following proof step is **not** legal.

$$\begin{aligned} & p \equiv r \vee s \\ \Rightarrow & \langle (3.76a) \ p \Rightarrow p \vee q \rangle \\ & p \vee q \equiv r \vee s \end{aligned}$$

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Caution

\neg is **not** monotonic.

Suppose you have $\neg(p \wedge q)$.

Then the following proof step is **not** legal.

$$\begin{aligned} & \neg(p \wedge q) \\ \Rightarrow & \langle (3.76c) \ p \wedge q \Rightarrow p \vee q \rangle \\ & \neg(p \vee q) \end{aligned}$$

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Proof techniques

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Metatheorem: A theorem about theorems.

Proof techniques: Technically, it is legal to use these proof techniques only after Chapter 4.

Reproofs: Because they make good exercises, we will illustrate the proof techniques by re-proving previous theorems. Strictly speaking, they are not legitimate proofs.

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(4.4) **Deduction (assume conjuncts of antecedent):**

To prove $P_1 \wedge P_2 \Rightarrow Q$, assume P_1 and P_2 , and prove Q .

You cannot use textual substitution in P_1 or P_2 .

Prove $(p \wedge q) \Rightarrow (p \equiv q)$

Proof: Deduction

$p \equiv q$

= $\langle \text{Assume conjunct } p \rangle$

$true \equiv q$

= $\langle \text{Assume conjunct } q \rangle$

$true \equiv true$

which is (3.5) Reflexivity //

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(4.5) **Case analysis:** If E_{true}^z and E_{false}^z are theorems, then so is E_p^z .

$$(3.89) \quad \mathbf{Shannon:} \quad E_p^z \equiv (p \wedge E_{true}^z) \vee (\neg p \wedge E_{false}^z)$$

$$(3.89.1) \quad E_{true}^z \wedge E_{false}^z \Rightarrow E_p^z$$

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Re-prove (3.80) Mutual implication: $(p \Rightarrow q) \wedge (q \Rightarrow p) \equiv (p \equiv q)$

Proof: Case analysis on p

Case 1. $(true \Rightarrow q) \wedge (q \Rightarrow true) \equiv (true \equiv q)$

Case 2. $(false \Rightarrow q) \wedge (q \Rightarrow false) \equiv (false \equiv q)$

Case 1 proof:

$$\begin{aligned} & (true \Rightarrow q) \wedge (q \Rightarrow true) \\ = & \langle(3.73)\rangle \\ & q \wedge (q \Rightarrow true) \\ = & \langle(3.72)\rangle \\ & q \wedge true \\ = & \langle(3.39)\rangle \\ & q \\ = & \langle(3.3)\rangle \\ & true \equiv q \quad // \end{aligned}$$

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Case 2 proof:

$$\begin{aligned} & (false \Rightarrow q) \wedge (q \Rightarrow false) \\ = & \langle(3.75)\rangle \\ & true \wedge (q \Rightarrow false) \\ = & \langle(3.39)\rangle \\ & q \Rightarrow false \\ = & \langle(3.74)\rangle \\ & \neg q \\ = & \langle(3.15)\rangle \\ & false \equiv q \quad // \end{aligned}$$

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$$(3.89) \quad \text{Shannon: } E_p^z \equiv (p \wedge E_{true}^z) \vee (\neg p \wedge E_{false}^z)$$

$$(3.89.1) \quad E_{true}^z \wedge E_{false}^z \Rightarrow E_p^z$$

$$\text{Prove (3.89.1) } E_{true}^z \wedge E_{false}^z \Rightarrow E_p^z$$

Proof: Deduction

$$\begin{aligned} & E_p^z \\ = & \langle (3.89 \text{ Shannon}) \rangle \\ & (p \wedge E_{true}^z) \vee (\neg p \wedge E_{false}^z) \\ = & \langle \text{Assume conjunct } E_{true}^z \rangle \\ & (p \wedge true) \vee (\neg p \wedge E_{false}^z) \\ = & \langle (3.39) \rangle \\ & p \vee (\neg p \wedge E_{false}^z) \\ = & \langle \text{Assume conjunct } E_{false}^z \rangle \\ & p \vee (\neg p \wedge true) \\ = & \langle (3.39) \rangle \\ & p \vee \neg p \\ = & \langle (3.28) \text{ Excluded middle} \rangle \\ & true \quad // \end{aligned}$$

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(4.9) **Proof by contradiction:** To prove P , prove $\neg P \Rightarrow \text{false}$.

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$$(3.74.1) \quad \neg p \Rightarrow \text{false} \equiv p$$

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Re-prove (3.15) $\neg p \equiv p \equiv \text{false}$

Proof: Contradiction

$$\begin{aligned} & \neg(\neg p \equiv p \equiv \text{false}) \\ = & \langle(3.9)\rangle \\ & \neg\neg p \equiv p \equiv \text{false} \\ = & \langle(3.12)\rangle \\ & p \equiv p \equiv \text{false} \\ = & \langle(3.3)\rangle \\ & \text{true} \equiv \text{false} \\ = & \langle(3.3)\rangle \\ & \text{false} \quad // \end{aligned}$$

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(4.12) **Proof by contrapositive:** To prove $P \Rightarrow Q$, prove $\neg Q \Rightarrow \neg P$.

(3.61) **Contrapositive:** $p \Rightarrow q \equiv \neg q \Rightarrow \neg p$

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(4.12) **Proof by contrapositive:** To prove $P \Rightarrow Q$, prove $\neg Q \Rightarrow \neg P$.

Re-prove (3.76b) $p \wedge q \Rightarrow p$

Proof: Contrapositive $\neg p \Rightarrow \neg(p \wedge q)$

$$\neg(p \wedge q)$$

= $\langle(3.47a) \text{ De Morgan}\rangle$

$$\neg p \vee \neg q$$

$\Leftarrow \langle(3.76a)\rangle$

$$\neg p \quad //$$