

CS477 Formal Software Dev Methods

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Proofs in Propositional Logic

- Natural Deduction proof is tree and a **discharge function**
 - Nodes are instances of inference rules
 - Leaves are assumptions of subproofs
 - Discharge function maps each leaf of the tree to an ancestor as allowed by the inference rules

Natural Deduction Inference Rules

- Inference rule has hypotheses and conclusion
- Conclusion a single proposition
- Hypotheses zero or more propositions, possibly with (**discharged**) hypotheses
- Rule with no hypotheses called an **axiom**
- Inference rule graphically presents as

$$\frac{H_1 \dots \overset{A_i}{\vdots} H_i \dots H_j \dots \overset{A_k}{\vdots} H_k \dots H_n}{C} \text{ rule}$$

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Introduction Rules

Truth Introduction:

$$\frac{}{\mathbf{T}} \text{T I}$$

And Introduction:

$$\frac{A \quad B}{A \wedge B} \text{And I}$$

Or Introduction:

$$\frac{A}{A \vee B} \text{Or}_L \text{I}$$

$$\frac{B}{A \vee B} \text{Or}_R \text{I}$$

Not Introduction:

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} A \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{F} \end{array}}{\neg A} \text{Not I}$$

Implication Introduction:

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} A \\ \vdots \\ B \end{array}}{A \Rightarrow B} \text{Imp I}$$

No False Introduction

Example Proof 1

$$\frac{}{A \Rightarrow (B \Rightarrow (A \wedge B))}$$

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$$\frac{\frac{\frac{A \quad B}{A \wedge B} \text{ And I}}{B \Rightarrow (A \wedge B)} \text{ Imp I}}{A \Rightarrow (B \Rightarrow (A \wedge B))} \text{ Imp I}$$

- All assumptions discharged; proof complete

Example Proof 2

$$\frac{}{B \Rightarrow (A \wedge B)}$$

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- Closed proofs must discharge all hypotheses
- Otherwise have theorem relative to / under undischarged hypotheses
- Here have proved "Assuming A , we have $B \Rightarrow (A \wedge B)$ "

Discharging Hypothesis

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- Or may discharge none at all
- Every assumption instance discharged only once

Your Turn

$$\frac{}{A \Rightarrow (A \vee B)}$$

Elimination Rules

- So far, have rules to “introduce” logical connectives into propositions
- No rules for how to “use” logical connectives
 - No assumptions with logical connectives
- Need “elimination” rules
- Example: Can't prove

$$(A \Rightarrow B) \Rightarrow ((B \Rightarrow C) \Rightarrow (A \Rightarrow C))$$

with what we have so far

- Elimination rules assume assumption with a connective; have general conclusion
 - Generally needs additional hypotheses

Elimination Rules

False Elimination:

$$\frac{F}{C} \text{F E}$$

Not Elimination:

$$\frac{\neg A \quad A}{C} \text{Not E}$$

And Elimination:

$$\frac{\frac{A \quad B}{A \wedge B} \quad C}{C} \text{And}_L \text{E}$$

$$\frac{\frac{A \quad B}{A \wedge B} \quad C}{C} \text{And}_R \text{E}$$

Or Elimination:

$$\frac{\frac{A \quad B}{A \vee B} \quad C \quad C}{C} \text{Or E}$$

Implication Elimination:

$$\frac{A \Rightarrow B \quad A \quad C}{C} \text{Imp E}$$

Example Proof 4

$$(A \Rightarrow B) \Rightarrow ((B \Rightarrow C) \Rightarrow (A \Rightarrow C))$$

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$$\frac{\frac{(B \Rightarrow C) \Rightarrow (A \Rightarrow C)}{(A \Rightarrow B) \Rightarrow ((B \Rightarrow C) \Rightarrow (A \Rightarrow C))} \text{Imp I}}$$

Example Proof 4

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{A \Rightarrow C}{(B \Rightarrow C) \Rightarrow (A \Rightarrow C)} \text{Imp I}}{(A \Rightarrow B) \Rightarrow ((B \Rightarrow C) \Rightarrow (A \Rightarrow C))} \text{Imp I}}$$

Example Proof 4

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{C}{A \Rightarrow C} \text{Imp I}}{(B \Rightarrow C) \Rightarrow (A \Rightarrow C)} \text{Imp I}}{(A \Rightarrow B) \Rightarrow ((B \Rightarrow C) \Rightarrow (A \Rightarrow C))} \text{Imp I}$$

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$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{A \Rightarrow B \quad A \quad \frac{B \Rightarrow C \quad B \quad C}{C} \text{Imp E}}{\frac{C}{A \Rightarrow C} \text{Imp I}} \text{Imp E} \\
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Some Well-Known Derived Rules

Modus Ponens

$$\frac{A \Rightarrow B \quad A}{B} \text{MP} \qquad \frac{A \Rightarrow B \quad A \quad B}{B} \text{Imp E}$$

Left Conjunct

$$\frac{A \wedge B}{A} \text{AndL} \qquad \frac{A \wedge B \quad A}{A} \text{And}_L \text{ E}$$

Right Conjunct

$$\frac{A \wedge B}{B} \text{AndR} \qquad \frac{A \wedge B \quad B}{B} \text{And}_R \text{ E}$$

Your Turn

$$\frac{}{(A \wedge B) \Rightarrow (A \vee B)}$$

Assumptions in Natural Deduction

- Problem: Keeping track of hypotheses and their discharge in Natural Deduction is *HARD!*
- Solution: Use *sequents* to track hypotheses
- A **sequent** is a pair of
 - A set of propositions (called assumptions, or hypotheses of sequent) and
 - A proposition (called conclusion of sequent)
- More generally (not here), allow set of hypotheses and set of conclusions

Nat. Ded. Introduction Sequent Rules

Γ is set of propositions (assumptions/hypotheses)
Hypothesis Introduction:

$$\frac{}{\Gamma \cup \{A\} \vdash A} \text{Hyp}$$

Truth Introduction:

$$\frac{}{\Gamma \vdash \mathbf{T}} \text{T I}$$

And Introduction:

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A \quad \Gamma \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash A \wedge B} \text{And I}$$

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Not Introduction:

$$\frac{\Gamma \cup \{A\} \vdash \mathbf{F}}{\Gamma \vdash \neg A} \text{Not I}$$

Implication Introduction:

$$\frac{\Gamma \cup \{A\} \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash A \Rightarrow B} \text{Imp I}$$

Nat. Ded. Elimination Sequent Rules

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Not Elimination:

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \neg A \quad \Gamma \vdash A}{\Gamma \vdash \mathbf{C}} \text{Not E}$$

Implication Elimination:

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Or Elimination:

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Example Proof 4, Revisited

$$\frac{}{\{\} \vdash (A \Rightarrow B) \Rightarrow ((B \Rightarrow C) \Rightarrow (A \Rightarrow C))}$$

Example Proof 4, Revisited

$$\frac{\frac{}{\{A \Rightarrow B\} \vdash (B \Rightarrow C) \Rightarrow (A \Rightarrow C)} \text{Imp I}}{\{\} \vdash (A \Rightarrow B) \Rightarrow ((B \Rightarrow C) \Rightarrow (A \Rightarrow C))} \text{Imp I}$$

Example Proof 4, Revisited

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{}{\{A \Rightarrow B, B \Rightarrow C\} \vdash A \Rightarrow C} \text{Imp I}}{\{A \Rightarrow B\} \vdash (B \Rightarrow C) \Rightarrow (A \Rightarrow C)} \text{Imp I}}{\{\} \vdash (A \Rightarrow B) \Rightarrow ((B \Rightarrow C) \Rightarrow (A \Rightarrow C))} \text{Imp I}$$

Example Proof 4, Revisited

$\Gamma_3 = \{A \Rightarrow B, B \Rightarrow C, A\}$
 $\Gamma_4 = \{A \Rightarrow B, B \Rightarrow C, A, \textcolor{red}{B}\}$
 $\Gamma_5 = \{A \Rightarrow B, B \Rightarrow C, A, B, C\}$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{Hyp} \quad \text{Hyp} \quad \text{Hyp} \quad \text{Hyp} \quad \text{Hyp} \\
 \hline
 \Gamma_3 \vdash A \Rightarrow B \quad \Gamma_3 \vdash A \quad \Gamma_4 \vdash B \Rightarrow C \quad \Gamma_4 \vdash \textcolor{red}{B} \quad \Gamma_5 \vdash C \\
 \hline
 \Gamma_4 \vdash C \quad \text{Imp E} \\
 \hline
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 \hline
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