

Exercises for 3.13–3.14

1. Here is something obvious. If we have evidence that $P \vee Q$ and we have evidence that $\neg P$, we have evidence that Q . Our proof system confirms this. Add the missing datums in the following derivation:

1.	Γ	$\vdash P \vee Q$	.....	premise
2.	Δ	$\vdash \neg P$	.....	premise
3.	P	$\vdash P$	.....	A
4.	$\underline{\Delta, \neg Q}$	$\vdash \neg P$	.....	2
5.	$\underline{P, \neg Q}$	$\vdash P$	.....	3
6.	$\underline{\Delta, P}$	$\vdash \neg \neg Q$	.....	4,5, \neg I
7.	Δ, P	$\vdash Q$	.....	6, \neg E
8.	Q	$\vdash Q$	.....	A
9.	$\underline{\Gamma, \Delta}$	$\vdash Q$	.....	1,7,8, \vee E

2. Derivations can often be adapted to prove something similar. For instance, the above can be adapted easily to derive from $\Gamma \vdash \neg P \vee Q$ and $\Delta \vdash P$ to $\Gamma, \Delta \vdash Q$. Fill in the missing datums and annotations.

1.	Γ	$\vdash \neg P \vee Q$	.....	premise
2.	Δ	$\vdash P$	.....	premise
3.	$\neg P$	$\vdash \neg P$	.....	A
4.	$\underline{\Delta, \neg Q}$	$\vdash P$	.....	2
5.	$\underline{\neg P, \neg Q}$	$\vdash \neg P$	.....	3
6.	$\underline{\Delta, \neg P}$	$\vdash \neg \neg Q$	.....	4,5, \neg I
7.	$\underline{\Delta, \neg P}$	$\vdash Q$	.....	6, \neg E
8.	Q	$\vdash Q$	.....	A
9.	$\underline{\Gamma, \Delta}$	$\vdash Q$	.....	1,7,8, \vee E

3. The Greek capital letters on the datum side are place-holders. You can plug anything you want into them. Take the derivation in Problem 2 above. You can plug P into Δ and add one more step at the end to show that you can infer from $\Gamma \vdash \neg P \vee Q$ to $\Gamma \vdash P \supset Q$ (which we should expect given the way the conditional is defined). Construct such a derivation.

Answer Key

1. Γ	$\vdash \neg P \vee Q$	..... premise
2. P	$\vdash P$	..... A
3. $\neg P$	$\vdash \neg P$	..... A
4. $P, \neg Q$	$\vdash P$	..... 2
5. $\neg P, \neg Q$	$\vdash \neg P$	..... 3
6. $P, \neg P$	$\vdash \neg \neg Q$	..... 4,5, $\neg I$
7. $P, \neg P$	$\vdash Q$	..... 6, $\neg E$
8. Q	$\vdash Q$	..... A
9. Γ, P	$\vdash Q$	..... 1,7,8, $\vee E$
10. Γ	$\vdash P \supset Q$	..... 9, $\supset I$

4. The following is a derivation from $\Gamma \vdash P \supset Q$ to $\Gamma \vdash \neg P \vee Q$. Again, we should expect that there is such a derivation given the way the conditional was defined. Fill in the missing parts of the derivation:

1. Γ	$\vdash P \supset Q$	..... premise
2. $\neg(\neg P \vee Q)$	$\vdash \underline{\neg(\neg P \vee Q)}$	..... A
3. $\underline{\neg P}$	$\vdash \neg P$	..... A
4. $\neg P$	$\vdash \neg P \vee Q$	..... 3, $\vee I$
5. $\underline{\neg(\neg P \vee Q)}, \neg P$	$\vdash \underline{\neg(\neg P \vee Q)}$	..... 2
6. $\neg(\neg P \vee Q)$	$\vdash \neg \neg P$	..... 4,5, $\neg I$
7. $\underline{\neg(\neg P \vee Q)}$	$\vdash \underline{P}$	..... 6, $\neg E$
8. $\underline{\Gamma, \neg(\neg P \vee Q)}$	$\vdash \underline{Q}$	..... 1,7, $\supset E$
9. $\Gamma, \neg(\neg P \vee Q)$	$\vdash \neg P \vee Q$	..... 8, $\vee I$
10. Γ	$\vdash \neg \neg(\neg P \vee Q)$	..... 2,9, $\neg I$

11. $\Gamma \quad \vdash \neg P \vee Q \quad \dots\dots\dots 10, \neg E$

5. Suppose there is evidence that $P \supset Q$. In that case, there is evidence that $\neg Q \supset \neg P$. Our proof system confirms this. Construct a derivation from $\Gamma \vdash P \supset Q$ to $\Gamma \vdash \neg Q \supset \neg P$. Hint: you can adapt and modify one the derivations given in Section 3.13.

Answer Key

1. Γ	$\vdash P \supset Q$	$\dots\dots\dots$ premise
2. $\neg Q$	$\vdash \neg Q$	$\dots\dots\dots A$
3. P	$\vdash P$	$\dots\dots\dots A$
4. Γ, P	$\vdash Q$	$\dots\dots\dots 1, 3, \supset E$
5. $\neg Q, P$	$\vdash \neg Q$	$\dots\dots\dots 2$
6. $\Gamma, \neg Q$	$\vdash \neg P$	$\dots\dots\dots 4, 5, \neg I$
7. Γ	$\vdash \neg Q \supset \neg P$	$\dots\dots\dots 6, \supset I$

6. Correct any errors in the annotations of the following derivation from $\Gamma \vdash P \supset Q$ and $\Delta \vdash R \vee \neg Q$ to $\Gamma, \Delta \vdash P \supset R$ (the only errors are in the annotations):

1. Γ	$\vdash P \supset Q$	$\dots\dots\dots$ premise
2. Δ	$\vdash R \vee \neg Q$	$\dots\dots\dots$

(premise)

3. R	$\vdash R$	$\dots\dots\dots A$
4. R, P	$\vdash R$	$\dots\dots\dots 3$
5. R	$\vdash P \supset R$	$\dots\dots\dots$

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$\supset I$

6. $\neg Q$	$\vdash \neg Q$	$\dots\dots\dots$
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7. $P \quad \vdash P \quad \dots\dots\dots A$

8. $\Gamma, P \quad \vdash Q \quad \dots\dots\dots 1,7,$

⊃E

9. $\neg Q, P \quad \vdash \neg Q \quad \dots\dots\dots 6$

10. $\Gamma, \neg Q \quad \vdash \neg P \quad \dots\dots\dots$

(8,9)

, \neg I

11. $\Gamma, \neg Q \quad \vdash \neg P \vee R \quad \dots\dots\dots$

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, \vee I

12. $\neg P \quad \vdash \neg P \quad \dots\dots\dots A$

13. $\neg P, \neg R \quad \vdash \neg P \quad \dots\dots\dots$

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14. $P, \neg R \quad \vdash P \quad \dots\dots\dots$

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15. $\neg P, P \quad \vdash \neg\neg R \quad \dots\dots\dots 13,14,$

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16. $\neg P, P \quad \vdash R \quad \dots\dots\dots 15,$

⌐E

17. $\neg P \quad \vdash P \supset R \quad \dots\dots\dots 16,$

⊃I

18. $\Gamma, \neg Q \quad \vdash P \supset R \quad \dots\dots\dots 11, 17, 5, \vee E$
 19. $\Gamma, \Delta \quad \vdash P \supset R \quad \dots\dots\dots$

(2, 5, 18)

, $\vee E$

7. If you have evidence that $(W \vee Y) \supset Z$, you have evidence that $W \supset Z$.
 Construct a derivation from $\Gamma \vdash (W \vee Y) \supset Z$ to $\Gamma \vdash W \supset Z$.

Answer Key

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| 1. Γ | $\vdash (W \vee Y) \supset Z$ | $\dots\dots\dots$ | premise |
| 2. W | $\vdash W$ | $\dots\dots\dots$ | A |
| 3. W | $\vdash W \vee Y$ | $\dots\dots\dots$ | 2, $\vee I$ |
| 4. Γ, W | $\vdash Z$ | $\dots\dots\dots$ | 1, 3, $\supset E$ |
| 5. Γ | $\vdash W \supset Z$ | $\dots\dots\dots$ | 4, $\supset I$ |