

1. Fill in missing items:

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

2. Add missing items.

1. $\Gamma$	$\vdash \neg P \wedge \neg Q$	.....premise
2. $P \vee Q$	$\vdash P \vee Q$	.....A
3. $P$	$\vdash \underline{P}$	.....A
4. $\Gamma$	$\vdash \neg P$	.....1, $\wedge$ E
5. $P, P \vee Q$	$\vdash P$	.....3
6. $\Gamma, \underline{P \vee Q}$	$\vdash \neg P$	.....4
7. $\underline{\Gamma, P}$	$\vdash \neg(P \vee Q)$	.....5,6, $\neg$ I
8. $\underline{Q}$	$\vdash Q$	.....A
9. $\Gamma$	$\vdash \neg Q$	.....1, $\wedge$ E
10. $Q, \underline{P \vee Q}$	$\vdash Q$	.....8
11. $\Gamma, \underline{P \vee Q}$	$\vdash \neg Q$	.....9
12. $\underline{\Gamma, Q}$	$\vdash \neg(P \vee Q)$	.....10,11, $\neg$ I
13. $\Gamma, P \vee Q$	$\vdash \neg(P \vee Q)$	.....2,7,12, $\vee$ E
14. $\Gamma$	$\vdash \neg(P \vee Q)$	.....2,13, $\neg$ I

3. Here is part of a derivation from  $\Gamma \vdash \neg(P \vee Q)$  to  $\Gamma \vdash \neg P \wedge \neg Q$ . Complete the rest.

1. $\Gamma$	$\vdash \neg(P \vee Q)$	..... premise
2. $P$	$\vdash P$	..... A
3. $P$	$\vdash P \vee Q$	..... 2, $\vee$ I
4. $\Gamma, P$	$\vdash \neg(P \vee Q)$	..... 1
5. $\Gamma$	$\vdash \neg P$	..... 3,4, $\neg$ I

**Answer Key**

6. $Q$	$\vdash Q$	..... A
7. $Q$	$\vdash P \vee Q$	..... 6, $\vee$ I
8. $\Gamma, Q$	$\vdash \neg(P \vee Q)$	..... 1
9. $\Gamma$	$\vdash \neg Q$	..... 7,8, $\neg$ I
10. $\Gamma$	$\vdash \neg P \wedge \neg Q$	..... 5,9, $\wedge$ I

4. When someone offers considerations that lead to a contradiction, that is usually taken to be a bad thing. One reason why contradictions are bad is captured by the observation known as *ex contradictione quodlibet*: from a contradiction, derive at will. That is, if you had proof of a contradiction you could prove anything you want. The following demonstrates the point. Add the missing annotations:

1. $\Gamma$	$\vdash P \wedge \neg P$	..... <u>premise</u>
2. $\Gamma, \neg Q$	$\vdash P \wedge \neg P$	..... <u>1</u>
3. $\Gamma, \neg Q$	$\vdash P$	..... <u>2,<math>\wedge</math>E</u>
4. $\Gamma, \neg Q$	$\vdash \neg P$	..... <u>2,<math>\wedge</math>E</u>
5. $\Gamma$	$\vdash \neg \neg Q$	..... <u>3,4,<math>\neg</math>I</u>
6. $\Gamma$	$\vdash Q$	..... <u>5,<math>\neg</math>E</u>

Notice that you could replace  $Q$  with anything you please. So can equally well derive  $\neg Q$ . Here we have a decisive reason to reject the premise: something must have gone wrong in thinking that we have conclusive reason to accept the premise.

5. Derive from  $\Gamma \vdash P \vee P$  to  $\Gamma \vdash P$ .

**Answer Key**

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|-------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1. $\Gamma$ | $\vdash P \vee P$ | .....premise       |
| 2. $P$      | $\vdash P$        | .....A             |
| 3. $\Gamma$ | $\vdash P$        | .....1,2, $\vee$ E |

6. Derive from  $\Gamma \vdash P \supset (Q \supset R)$  to  $\Gamma \vdash (P \wedge Q) \supset R$ . Hint: assume  $P \wedge Q$ .

**Answer Key**

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|-------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. $\Gamma$             | $\vdash P \supset (Q \supset R)$ | ..... premise          |
| 2. $P \wedge Q$         | $\vdash P \wedge Q$              | ..... A                |
| 3. $P \wedge Q$         | $\vdash P$                       | ..... 2, $\wedge$ E    |
| 4. $\Gamma, P \wedge Q$ | $\vdash Q \supset R$             | ..... 1,3, $\supset$ E |
| 5. $P \wedge Q$         | $\vdash Q$                       | ..... 2, $\wedge$ E    |
| 6. $\Gamma, P \wedge Q$ | $\vdash R$                       | ..... 4,5, $\supset$ E |
| 7. $\Gamma$             | $\vdash (P \wedge Q) \supset R$  | ..... 6, $\supset$ I   |

7. Derive from  $\Gamma \vdash (P \wedge Q) \supset R$  to  $\Gamma \vdash P \supset (Q \supset R)$ . Hint: assume  $P$  and assume  $Q$ .

### Answer Key

1. $\Gamma$	$\vdash (P \wedge Q) \supset R$	..... premise
2. $P$	$\vdash P$	..... A
3. $Q$	$\vdash Q$	..... A
4. $P, Q$	$\vdash P \wedge Q$	..... 2,3, $\wedge$ I
5. $\Gamma, P, Q$	$\vdash R$	..... 1,4, $\supset$ E
6. $\Gamma, P$	$\vdash Q \supset R$	..... 5, $\supset$ I
7. $\Gamma$	$\vdash P \supset (Q \supset R)$	..... 6, $\supset$ I

8. We noted earlier that the conditional ( $\supset$ ) has some odd features. The oddities show up in our proof system as well.

(a) Derive from  $\Gamma \vdash P$  to  $\Gamma \vdash Q \supset P$ . (Hint: remember you can add anything you want to the datum of a sequent).

### Answer Key

1. $\Gamma$	$\vdash P$	..... premise
2. $\Gamma, Q$	$\vdash P$	..... 1
3. $\Gamma$	$\vdash Q \supset P$	..... 2, $\supset$ I

(b) Derive from  $\Gamma \vdash \neg P$  to  $\Gamma \vdash P \supset Q$ . (Hint: assume P, and remember you can add anything you want, in particular  $\neg Q$  to the datum—see also the problem at the top of these exercises.)

### Answer Key

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

- (c) Derive from  $\Gamma \vdash P$  to  $\Gamma \vdash \neg P \supset Q$ . (Hint: assume  $\neg P$ ; and don't forget the point about being able to add things to the datum.)

**Answer Key**

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

9. Derive from  $\Gamma \vdash P \supset (Q \vee R)$  and  $\Delta \vdash \neg Q$  to  $\Gamma, \Delta \vdash P \supset R$ . (Hint: First derive  $\Gamma, P \vdash Q \vee R$ . Then adapt the derivation in the first problem of the previous set of exercises.)

**Answer Key**

1. $\Gamma$	$\vdash P \supset (Q \vee R)$	..... premise
2. $\Delta$	$\vdash \neg Q$	..... premise
3. $P$	$\vdash P$	..... A
4. $\Gamma, P$	$\vdash Q \vee R$	..... 1,3, $\supset$ E
5. $Q$	$\vdash Q$	..... A
6. $\Delta, \neg R$	$\vdash \neg Q$	..... 2
7. $Q, \neg R$	$\vdash Q$	..... 5
8. $\Delta, Q$	$\vdash \neg \neg R$	..... 6,7, $\neg$ I
9. $\Delta, Q$	$\vdash R$	..... 8, $\neg$ E
10. $R$	$\vdash R$	..... A
11. $\Gamma, \Delta, P$	$\vdash R$	..... 4,9,10, $\vee$ E
12. $\Gamma, \Delta$	$\vdash P \supset R$	..... 11, $\supset$ I