

1. Show that Disjunction Elimination is a valid rule of inference.

Answer Key

Here is one way.

We are trying to show if $\Lambda_1 \models s_1 \vee s_2$, $\Lambda_2, s_1 \models s_3$, and $\Lambda_3, s_2 \models s_3$, then $\Lambda_1, \Lambda_2, \Lambda_3 \models s_3$.

Given $\Lambda_2, s_1 \models s_3$, we get $\Lambda_2 \models s_1 \supset s_3$. And given $\Lambda_3, s_2 \models s_3$, we get $\Lambda_3 \models s_2 \supset s_3$. But this means that the truth of all of $\Lambda_1, \Lambda_2, \Lambda_3$ guarantees the truth of s_3 .

So $\Lambda_1, \Lambda_2, \Lambda_3 \models s_3$.

2. Show that Negation Introduction is a valid rule of inference.

Answer Key

We are trying to show that if $\Lambda_1, s_1 \vdash s_2$ and $\Lambda_2, s_1 \vdash \neg s_2$ are both correct, then so is $\Lambda_1, \Lambda_2 \vdash \neg s_1$.

Consider the following derivation:

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| 1. Λ_1, s_1 | $\vdash s_2$ | |
| 2. Λ_2, s_1 | $\vdash \neg s_2$ | |
| 3. Λ_1 | $\vdash s_1 \supset s_2$ | 1, \supset I |
| 4. Λ_2 | $\vdash s_1 \supset s_2$ | 2, \supset I |
| 5. Λ_1, Λ_2 | $\vdash (s_1 \supset s_2) \wedge (s_1 \supset \neg s_2)$ | 3,4, \wedge I |

Since \supset I and \wedge I are both valid rules of inference, given the first two sequents are correct, we know that so is the last:

$\Lambda_1, \Lambda_2 \models (s_1 \supset s_2) \wedge (s_1 \supset \neg s_2)$

We can use truth tables to show: $\models [(s_1 \supset s_2) \wedge (s_1 \supset \neg s_2)] \supset \neg s_1$

Therefore,

$\Lambda_1, \Lambda_2 \models \neg s_1$

So \neg I is valid.