

Rules for natural deduction

Assumption (A)

n. $\mathcal{A}$ A

This rule must be applied before the first show line.

Reiteration (R)

n. $\underline{\mathcal{A}}$

n+p. $\mathcal{A}$ R, n

Conjunction Exploitation (&E)

n. $\underline{\mathcal{A} \& \mathcal{B}}$

n+m $\mathcal{A}$ (or $\mathcal{B}$) &E, n

Conjunction Introduction (&I)

n. $\mathcal{A}$

m. $\underline{\mathcal{B}}$

p. $\mathcal{A} \& \mathcal{B}$ &I, n, m

Negation Introduction/Exploitation

n. $\mathcal{A}$

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m. $\neg\neg\mathcal{A} \quad \neg\neg, n$

Conditional Exploitation

n. $\mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$

m. $\underline{\mathcal{A}}$

$\mathcal{B} \quad \rightarrow E, n, m$

Biconditional Introduction

n. $\mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$

m. $\underline{\mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}}$

p. $\mathcal{A} \leftrightarrow \mathcal{B} \quad \leftrightarrow I, n, m$

Biconditional Exploitation

n. $\mathcal{A} \leftrightarrow \mathcal{B}$

m. $\underline{\mathcal{A}} \text{ (or } \mathcal{B})$

$\mathcal{B} \text{ (or } \mathcal{A}) \quad \leftrightarrow E, n, m$

Disjunction Introduction

n. $\underline{A}$

m. $A \vee B$ $\vee I, n$

Disjunction Exploitation

n. $A \vee B$

m. $A \rightarrow C$

p. $\underline{B \rightarrow C}$

q. C $\vee E, n, m, p$

Proof Rules

Direct Proof (page 109)

$(p \vee r) \leftrightarrow q; \neg\neg p \therefore q$

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|----|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. | $(p \vee r) \leftrightarrow q$ | A |
| 2. | $\neg\neg p$ | A |
| 3. | Show q | |
| 4. | p | $\neg\neg, 2$ |
| 5. | $p \vee r$ | $\vee I, 4$ |
| 6. | q | $\leftrightarrow E, 1, 5$ |

Conditional Proof (page 119)

$p \vee (q \& r) \therefore \neg q \rightarrow p$

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| 1. | $p \vee (q \& r)$ | A |
| 2. | Show $\neg q \rightarrow p$ | |
| 3. | $\neg q$ | ACP |
| 4. | $\neg q \vee \neg r$ | $\vee I, 3$ |
| 5. | $\neg(q \& r)$ | $\neg \&, 4$ |
| 6. | p | $\vee E^* 1,5$ |

Indirect Proof (page 126, liberalized version)

$q \leftrightarrow (p \vee r); \neg p; \neg r \therefore \neg q$

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|----|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. | $q \leftrightarrow (p \vee r)$ | A |
| 2. | $\neg p$ | A |
| 3. | $\neg r$ | A |
| 4. | Show $\neg q$ | |
| 5. | q | AIP |
| 6. | $p \vee r$ | $\leftrightarrow E, 1,5$ |
| 7. | $\neg p \& \neg r$ | $\& I, 2,3$ |
| 8. | $\neg(p \vee r)$ | $\neg \vee 7$ |
| 9. | $p \vee r$ | R, 6 |

Table of Basic and Derived Rules

The symbol $\vdash$ means “yields” or “implies”. When there are two of them, written like this $\vdash \vdash$ it means the formulas yield each other, or are logically equivalent. Bonevac does not use this symbol, but it’s convenient for representing the rules in a linear fashion.

Rule	Symbol
Implications	
$(A \& B) \vdash A$ $(A \& B) \vdash B$	$\&E$
$A \vdash (A \vee B)$	$\vee I$
$A, (A \rightarrow B) \vdash B$	$\rightarrow E$
$\neg B, (A \rightarrow B) \vdash \neg A$	$\rightarrow E^*$
$(A \vee B), (A \rightarrow C), (B \rightarrow C) \vdash C$	$\vee E$
$\neg A, (A \vee B) \vdash B$ $\neg B, (A \vee B) \vdash A$	$\vee E^*$
$A, B \vdash (A \& B)$	$\&I$
$(A \rightarrow B), (B \rightarrow C) \vdash (A \rightarrow C)$	$\rightarrow \rightarrow$
$(A \rightarrow B), (B \rightarrow A) \vdash (A \leftrightarrow B)$	$\leftrightarrow I$
$(A \leftrightarrow B), A \vdash B$ $(A \leftrightarrow B), B \vdash A$	$\leftrightarrow E$
$(A \leftrightarrow B), \neg B \vdash \neg A$ $(A \leftrightarrow B), \neg A \vdash \neg B$	$\leftrightarrow E^*$
$(A \leftrightarrow B) \vdash (A \rightarrow B) \& (B \rightarrow A)$	$\leftrightarrow \rightarrow$
$A, \neg A \vdash B$	$!$
Equivalences	
$\neg \neg A \vdash \vdash A$	$\neg \neg$
$\neg (A \vee B) \vdash \vdash (\neg A \& \neg B)$	$\neg \vee$
$\neg (A \& B) \vdash \vdash (\neg A \vee \neg B)$	$\neg \&$
$(A \& (B \& C)) \vdash \vdash ((A \& B) \& C)$	$\&A$
$(A \vee (B \vee C)) \vdash \vdash ((A \vee B) \vee C)$	$\vee A$
$(A \& B) \vdash \vdash (B \& A)$	$\&C$
$(A \vee B) \vdash \vdash (B \vee A)$	$\vee C$
$\neg (A \rightarrow B) \vdash \vdash (A \& \neg B)$	$\neg \rightarrow$
$\neg (A \leftrightarrow B) \vdash \vdash (A \leftrightarrow \neg B)$	$\neg \leftrightarrow$
$\neg (A \leftrightarrow B) \vdash \vdash (\neg A \leftrightarrow B)$	
$(A \rightarrow B) \vdash \vdash (\neg A \vee B)$	$\rightarrow \vee$