

Example 1: Prove that if $u \vee (r \rightarrow t)$ and $\sim u \wedge \sim t$, then $\sim r$.

Example 2: Prove that if $x \rightarrow (y \rightarrow z)$, $\sim y \rightarrow \sim x$, and x , then z .

Example 3: Prove that if $\sim p \rightarrow \sim q$, $\sim u$, $p \rightarrow t$, and $q \vee u$, then t .

Example 4: Show $\sim t$ if $[r \rightarrow (s \rightarrow \sim t)] \wedge [(\sim s \rightarrow \sim r) \wedge r]$.

Example 1

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| 1. $\sim u \wedge \sim t$ | Given |
| 2. $\sim u$ and $\sim t$ | 1. and Def ⁿ . of Conjunction |
| 3. $u \vee (r \rightarrow t)$ | Given |
| 4. $r \rightarrow t$ | 2, 3, and Disjunctive Syllogism |
| 5. $\sim r$ | 2, 4, and Rule of Modus Tollens |

Example 2

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| 1. x | Given |
| 2. $x \rightarrow (y \rightarrow z)$ | Given |
| 3. $y \rightarrow z$ | 1, 2, Rule of Modus Ponens |
| 4. $x \leftrightarrow \sim(\sim x)$ | Law of Double Negation |
| 5. $\sim(\sim x)$ | 1, 4, Rule of Substitution |
| 6. $\sim y \rightarrow \sim x$ | Given |
| 7. $\sim(\sim y)$ | 5, 6, Rule of Modus Tollens |
| 8. $\sim(\sim y) \leftrightarrow y$ | Law of Double Negation |
| 9. y | 7, 8, Rule of Substitution |
| 10. z | 3, 9, Rule of Modus Ponens |

3) Examples

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| 1. $q \vee u$ | Given |
| 2. $\sim u$ | Given |
| 3. q | 1, 2, Disjunctive syllogism |
| 4. $q \leftrightarrow \sim(\sim q)$ | Law of Double Negation |
| 5. $\sim(\sim q)$ | 3, 4, Rule of substitution |
| 6. $\sim p \rightarrow \sim q$ | Given |
| 7. $\sim(\sim p)$ | 5, 6, Rule of Modus Tollens |
| 8. $\sim(\sim p) \leftrightarrow p$ | Law of Double Negation |
| 9. p | 7, 8, Rule of substitution |
| 10. $p \rightarrow t$ | Given |
| 11. t | 9, 10, Rule of Modus Ponens |

Therefore, t .

Example 4

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| 1. $[r \rightarrow (s \rightarrow \sim t)] \wedge [\sim s \rightarrow \sim r] \wedge r$ | Given |
| 2. $r \rightarrow (s \rightarrow \sim t)$ and $(\sim s \rightarrow \sim r) \wedge r$ | 1, Def ⁿ of Conjunction |
| 3. $\sim s \rightarrow \sim r$ and r | 2, Def ⁿ of Conjunction |
| 4. $s \rightarrow \sim t$ | 2, 3, Rule of Modus Ponens |
| 5. $r \leftrightarrow \sim(\sim r)$ | Law of Double Negation |
| 6. $\sim(\sim r)$ | 3, 5, Rule of Substitution |
| 7. $\sim(\sim s)$ | 3, 6, Rule of Modus Tollens |
| 8. $\sim(\sim s) \leftrightarrow s$ | Law of Double Negation |
| 9. s | 7, 8, Rule of Substitution |
| 10. $\sim t$ | 4, 9, Rule of Modus Ponens |

Therefore, $\sim t$.

Example 1: Prove that if $(\sim x \vee \sim y) \rightarrow (z \wedge w)$, $z \rightarrow t$, and $\sim t$, then x .

Example 2: Prove that if $(\sim a \vee b) \rightarrow c$, $\sim c \vee d$, and $d \rightarrow \sim (e \vee \sim e)$, then a .

Example 1 We want to prove that x is true so we assume that x is false

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| 1. $\sim x$ | Assumption |
| 2. $\sim x \rightarrow (\sim x \vee \sim y)$ | Law of Addition |
| 3. $\sim x \vee \sim y$ | 1, 2, Rule of Modus Ponens |
| 4. $(\sim x \vee \sim y) \rightarrow (z \wedge w)$ | Given |
| 5. $z \wedge w$ | 3, 4, Rule of Modus Ponens |
| 6. z and w | 5, Def ⁿ of Conjunction |
| 7. $z \rightarrow t$ | Given |
| 8. t | 6, 7, Rule of Modus Ponens |
| 9. $\sim t$ | Given |
| 10. $t \wedge \sim t$ | 8, 9, Def ⁿ of Conjunction |

that is $\sim x$ is true and we want to prove for contradiction

Since $t \wedge \sim t$ is contradiction, hence $\sim x$ is false.

Therefore, x is true.

Example 2 Prove that if $(\sim a \vee b) \rightarrow c$, $\sim c \vee d$, and $d \rightarrow \sim(e \vee \sim e)$, then a

Solⁿ We assume $\sim a$ to prove for the contradiction

- 1. $\sim a$ Assumption
- 2. $\sim a \rightarrow (\sim a \vee b)$ Law of Addition
- 3. $\sim a \vee b$ 1, 2, Rule of Modus Ponens
- 4. $(\sim a \vee b) \rightarrow c$ Given
- 5. c 3, 4, Rule of Modus Ponens
- 6. $c \leftrightarrow \sim(\sim c)$ Law of Double Negation
- 7. $\sim(\sim c)$ 5, 6, Rule of Substitution
- 8. $\sim c \vee d$ Given
- 9. d 7, 8, Disjunctive Syllogism
- 10. $d \rightarrow \sim(e \vee \sim e)$ Given
- 11. $\sim(e \vee \sim e)$ 9, 10, Rule of Modus Ponens
- 12. $\sim(e \vee \sim e) \leftrightarrow (\sim e \wedge \sim(\sim e))$ De Morgan's Laws
- 13. $\sim e \wedge \sim(\sim e)$ 11, 12, Rule of Substitution

Since $\sim e \wedge \sim(\sim e)$ is contradiction, hence a is true.

Example 1: Prove that if $x \vee \sim y$, and $z \rightarrow \sim(x \vee t)$, then $y \rightarrow \sim z$.

Example 2: Prove that if $[a \vee (b \rightarrow c)] \wedge (b \vee e)$, then $\sim a \rightarrow (\sim c \rightarrow e)$.

Example 1

We assume y and prove $\sim z$.

1. y Assumption
2. $y \leftrightarrow \sim(\sim y)$ Law of Double Negation
3. $\sim(\sim y)$ 1, 2, Rule of Substitution
4. $x \vee \sim y$ Given
5. x 3, 4, Disjunctive Syllogism
6. $x \rightarrow (x \vee t)$ Law of Addition
7. $x \vee t$ 5, 6, Rule of Modus Ponens
8. $(x \vee t) \leftrightarrow \sim[\sim(x \vee t)]$ Law of Double Negation
9. $\sim(\sim(x \vee t))$ 7, 8, Rule of Substitution
10. $z \rightarrow \sim(x \vee t)$ Given
11. $\sim z$ 9, 10, Rule of Modus Tollens

Hence, $y \rightarrow \sim z$

Example 2 Prove that if $[a \vee (b \rightarrow c)] \wedge (b \vee e)$, then $\sim a \rightarrow (\sim c \rightarrow e)$

Proof Assume $\sim a$ to show that $\sim c \rightarrow e$. Since $\sim c \rightarrow e$ is in the form of " \rightarrow ", so we have to assume $\sim c$ to show e .

1. $[a \vee (b \rightarrow c)] \wedge (b \vee e)$ Given
2. $a \vee (b \rightarrow c)$ and $(b \vee e)$ 1, Defⁿ of Conjunction
3. $\sim a$ Assumption
4. $b \rightarrow c$ 2, 3, Disjunctive Syllogism
5. $\sim c$ Assumption
6. $\sim b$ 4, 5, Rule of Modus Tollens
7. e 2, 6, Disjunctive Syllogism

Hence, $\sim a \rightarrow (\sim c \rightarrow e)$

Example 1: Prove that if $(\sim x \wedge y) \rightarrow \sim z$, $\sim(x \vee y) \rightarrow w$, and $\sim x$, then $\sim z \vee w$.

Example 2: Prove that if $a \vee (b \wedge \sim c)$, $\sim a$, $b \rightarrow (d \rightarrow e)$, and $\sim c \rightarrow (x \rightarrow y)$, then $[a \vee x \vee d] \rightarrow (y \vee e)$.

Example 1 In this example, we can either assume $\sim w$ and prove $\sim z$ or assume $\sim(\sim z)$ and prove w . In this case we will assume $\sim(\sim z)$ to show w .

Proof

1. $\sim(\sim z)$ Assumption
2. $(\sim x \wedge y) \rightarrow \sim z$ Given
3. $\sim(\sim x \wedge y)$ 1, 2, Rule of Modus Tollens
4. $\sim(\sim x \wedge y) \leftrightarrow [\sim(\sim x) \vee \sim y]$ De Morgan's Laws
5. $\sim(\sim x) \vee \sim y$ 3, 4, Rule of Substitution
6. $[\sim(\sim x) \vee \sim y] \leftrightarrow [x \vee \sim y]$ Law of Double Negation
7. $x \vee \sim y$ 5, 6, Rule of Substitution
8. $\sim x$ Given
9. $\sim y$ 7, 8, Disjunctive Syllogism
10. $\sim x \wedge \sim y$ 8, 9, Defⁿ of Conjunction
11. $(\sim x \wedge \sim y) \leftrightarrow \sim(x \vee y)$ De Morgan's Laws
12. $\sim(x \vee y)$ 10, 11, Rule of Substitution
13. $\sim(x \vee y) \rightarrow w$ Given
14. w 12, 13, Rule of Modus Ponens

Example 2 Prove that if $a \vee (b \wedge \sim c)$, $\sim a, b \rightarrow (d \rightarrow e)$, and $\sim c \rightarrow (x \rightarrow y)$, then $[a \vee x \vee d] \rightarrow (y \vee e)$

Proof We will assume $a \vee x \vee d$ and prove $y \vee e$.

To prove $y \vee e$, we assume $\sim y$ and show e

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| 1. $a \vee (b \wedge \sim c)$ | Given |
| 2. $\sim a$ | Given |
| 3. $b \wedge \sim c$ | 1, 2, Disjunctive Syllogism |
| 4. b and $\sim c$ | 3, Def ⁿ of Conjunction |
| 5. $b \rightarrow (d \rightarrow e)$ | Given |
| 6. $d \rightarrow e$ | 4, 5, Rule of Modus Ponens |
| 7. $a \vee x \vee d$ | Assumption |
| 8. $x \vee d$ | 2, 7, Disjunctive Syllogism |
| 9. $\sim c \rightarrow (x \rightarrow y)$ | Given |
| 10. $x \rightarrow y$ | 4, 9, Rule of Modus Ponens |
| 11. $\sim y$ | Assumption |
| 12. $\sim x$ | 10, 11, Rule of Modus Tollens |
| 13. d | 8, 12, Disjunctive Syllogism |
| 14. e | 6, 13, Rule of Modus Ponens |

Hence, $y \vee e$

Example : Prove that if $a \rightarrow (b \wedge c)$, $(d \wedge e) \rightarrow (e \wedge \sim a)$,
 $a \vee (d \rightarrow \sim e)$, and $d \wedge (b \rightarrow e)$, then $\sim e \leftrightarrow \sim a$

Proof In order to prove $\sim e \leftrightarrow \sim a$, we need to prove $\sim e \rightarrow \sim a$ and $\sim a \rightarrow \sim e$

First, we prove $\sim e \rightarrow \sim a$ by assuming $\sim e$ and show $\sim a$.

1. $\sim e$ Assumption
2. $\sim e \rightarrow (\sim e \vee a)$ Law of Addition
3. $\sim e \vee a$ 1, 2, Rule of Modus Ponens
4. $(\sim e \vee a) \leftrightarrow \sim(e \wedge \sim a)$ De Morgan's Law
5. $\sim(e \wedge \sim a)$ 3, 4, Rule of Substitution
6. $(d \wedge c) \rightarrow (e \wedge \sim a)$ Given
7. $\sim(d \wedge c)$ 5, 6, Rule of Modus Tollens
8. $\sim(d \wedge c) \leftrightarrow [\sim d \vee \sim c]$ De Morgan's Laws
9. $\sim d \vee \sim c$ 7, 8, Rule of Substitution
10. $d \wedge (b \rightarrow e)$ Given
11. d and $(b \rightarrow e)$ 10, Def² of Conjunction
12. $d \leftrightarrow \sim(\sim d)$ Law of Double Negation
13. $\sim(\sim d)$ 11, 12, Rule of Substitution
14. $\sim c$ 9, 13, Disjunctive Syllogism
15. $\sim c \rightarrow (\sim c \vee \sim b)$ Law of Addition
16. $\sim c \vee \sim b$ 14, 15, Rule of Modus Ponens
17. $(\sim c \vee \sim b) \leftrightarrow \sim(c \wedge b)$ De Morgan's Laws
18. $\sim(c \wedge b) \leftrightarrow \sim(b \wedge c)$ Commutative Laws
19. $\sim(b \wedge c)$ 16, 17, 18, Rule of Substitution
20. $a \rightarrow (b \wedge c)$ Given
21. $\sim a$ 19, 20, Rule of Modus Tollens

Hence, $\sim e \rightarrow \sim a$

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Next, we prove $\sim a \rightarrow \sim e$ by assuming $\sim a$ and show $\sim e$

- 1. $\sim a$ Assumption
- 2. $a \vee (d \rightarrow \sim e)$ Given
- 3. $d \rightarrow \sim e$ 1, 2, Disjunctive Syllogism
- 4. $d \wedge (b \rightarrow e)$ Given
- 5. d and $b \rightarrow e$ 4, Defⁿ of Conjunction
- 6. $\sim e$ 3, 5, Rule of Modus Ponens

Hence, $\sim a \rightarrow \sim e$

\therefore We conclude that $\sim e \leftrightarrow \sim a$

1. Prove that if $[\sim(s \wedge r) \vee s \vee p] \rightarrow (s \wedge t)$, then t .

Proof

- 1) $s \vee \sim s$ Law of Excluded Middle
- 2) $(s \vee \sim s) \rightarrow [(s \vee \sim s) \vee (p \vee \sim r)]$ Law of Addition
- 3) $(s \vee \sim s) \vee (p \vee \sim r)$ 1, 2, Rule of Modus Ponens
- 4) $[(s \vee \sim s) \vee (p \vee \sim r)] \leftrightarrow [(\sim s \vee \sim r) \vee s \vee p]$ Associative Laws and Commutative Law
- 5) $(\sim s \vee \sim r) \vee s \vee p$ 4, 5, Rule of Substitution
- 6) $[(\sim s \vee \sim r) \vee s \vee p] \leftrightarrow [\sim(s \wedge r) \vee s \vee p]$ De Morgan's Laws
- 7) $\sim(s \wedge r) \vee s \vee p$ 5, 6, Rule of Substitution
- 8) $[\sim(s \wedge r) \vee s \vee p] \rightarrow (s \wedge t)$ Given
- 9) $s \wedge t$ 7, 8, Rule of Modus Ponens
- 10) t 9, Defⁿ of Conjunction

Hence, t .

2. Prove that if $a \vee b \vee c$, $\sim(d \wedge e) \rightarrow \sim(f \vee a)$, and $(c \rightarrow a) \wedge (\sim b \vee f)$, then d .

Proof Assume $\sim d$

- 1) $\sim d$ Assumption
- 2) $\sim d \rightarrow (\sim d \vee \sim e)$ Law of Addition
- 3) $\sim d \vee \sim e$ 1, 2, Rule of Modus Ponens
- 4) $(\sim d \vee \sim e) \leftrightarrow \sim(d \wedge e)$ De Morgan's Laws
- 5) $\sim(d \wedge e)$ 3, 4, Rule of Substitution
- 6) $\sim(d \wedge e) \rightarrow \sim(f \vee a)$ Given
- 7) $\sim(f \vee a)$ 5, 6, Rule of Modus Ponens
- 8) $\sim(f \vee a) \leftrightarrow (\sim f \wedge \sim a)$ De Morgan's Laws
- 9) $\sim f \wedge \sim a$ 7, 8, Rule of Substitution
- 10) $\sim f$ and $\sim a$ 9, Defⁿ of Conjunction
- 11) $(c \rightarrow a) \wedge (\sim b \vee f)$ Given
- 12) $(c \rightarrow a)$ and $(\sim b \vee f)$ 11, Defⁿ of Conjunction
- 13) $\sim c$ 10, 12, Rule of Modus Tollens
- 14) $\sim b$ 10, 12, Disjunctive Syllogism
- 15) $a \vee b \vee c$ Given
- 16) a 13, 14, 15, Disjunctive Syllogism
- 17) $a \wedge \sim a$ 10, 16, Defⁿ of Conjunction

Since $a \wedge \sim a$ is contradiction, hence we conclude d .

3. Prove that if $\sim(p \rightarrow q)$, $(p \wedge r) \rightarrow (s \rightarrow q)$, and $(\sim r \rightarrow q) \vee (p \rightarrow s)$, then $r \leftrightarrow \sim s$.

Proof Assume r to show $\sim s$

- 1) $\sim(p \rightarrow q)$ Given
- 2) $\sim(p \rightarrow q) \leftrightarrow (p \wedge \sim q)$ Law of Negation for Implication
- 3) $p \wedge \sim q$ 1, 2, Rule of Substitution
- 4) p and $\sim q$ 3, Defⁿ of Conjunction
- 5) r Assumption
- 6) $p \wedge r$ 4, 5, Defⁿ of Conjunction
- 7) $(p \wedge r) \rightarrow (s \rightarrow q)$ Given
- 8) $s \rightarrow q$ 6, 7, Rule of Modus Ponens
- 9) $\sim s$ 4, 8, Rule of Modus Tollens

Hence, $r \rightarrow \sim s$.

Assume $\sim s$ to show r .

- 1) $\sim(p \rightarrow q)$ Given
- 2) $\sim(p \rightarrow q) \leftrightarrow (p \wedge \sim q)$ Law of Negation for Implication
- 3) $p \wedge \sim q$ 1, 2, Rule of Substitution
- 4) p and $\sim q$ 3, Defⁿ of Conjunction
- 5) $\sim s$ Assumption
- 6) $p \wedge \sim s$ 4, 5, Defⁿ of Conjunction
- 7) $(p \wedge \sim s) \leftrightarrow \sim(p \rightarrow s)$ Law of Negation for Implication
- 8) $\sim(p \rightarrow s)$ 6, 7, Rule of Substitution
- 9) $(\sim r \rightarrow q) \vee (p \rightarrow s)$ Given
- 10) $\sim r \rightarrow q$ 8, 9, Disjunctive Syllogism
- 11) $\sim(\sim r)$ 4, 10, Rule of Modus Tollens
- 12) $\sim(\sim r) \leftrightarrow r$ Law of Double Negation
- 13) r 11, 12, Rule of Substitution

Example : Show that for every natural number n , $n < 2^n$.

Proof We proceed by induction. Let S_n be the statement " $n < 2^n$ where n is natural number."

- 1) S_1 is " $1 < 2^1$ " which is true.
- 2) Assume that S_k is true, that is, we assume $k < 2^k$ where k is a natural number is true. We need to show that S_{k+1} is true. Observe that

$$2^{k+1} = 2 \cdot 2^k > 2k = k+k \geq k+1$$

Hence, S_{k+1} is true.

∴ For every natural number n , $n < 2^n$.

Example : Let n be positive integer that is greater than 4, prove that $n^2 + 1 < 2^n$.

Proof Let S_n be the statement " $n^2 + 1 < 2^n$ where $n \in \mathbb{I}^+$ and $n \geq 5$ ".

- 1) S_5 is " $5^2 + 1 = 26 < 32 = 2^5$ " which is true.
- 2) Assume S_k is true, that is " $k^2 + 1 < 2^k$ where $k \in \mathbb{N}$ and $k \geq 5$ ". We need to show that S_{k+1} is true, that is to show $(k+1)^2 + 1 < 2^{k+1}$

Since $k^2 + 1 < 2^k$, we have

$$2(k^2 + 1) < 2 \cdot 2^k$$

$$2k^2 + 2 < 2^{k+1}$$

$$k^2 + k^2 + 2 < 2^{k+1}$$

$$k^2 + k \cdot k + 2 < 2^{k+1}$$

$$k^2 + 2k + 2 < 2^{k+1} \quad \text{b/c } 2 < 5 \leq k$$

$$(k^2 + 2k + 1) + 1 < 2^{k+1}$$

$$(k+1)^2 + 1 < 2^{k+1}$$

∴ S_{k+1} is true. Hence, by induction, we conclude that $n^2 + 1 < 2^n$ where n is ^{any} positive integer ^{greater} than 4. _{that is}