

Proposition 1.7 (Deduction Theorem): If Γ is a set of wfs and B and C are wfs, and $\Gamma, B \vdash C$, then $\Gamma \vdash B \Rightarrow C$. In particular, if $B \vdash C$, then $\vdash B \Rightarrow C$.

Proof: Let C_1, C_2, \dots, C_n be a proof from $\Gamma \cup \{B\}$, where C_n is C . Let us prove, by induction on j , that $\Gamma \vdash B \Rightarrow C_j$ for $1 \leq j \leq n$. First of all, C_1 must be either in Γ or an axiom of L or B itself. By axiom schema (A1), $C_1 \Rightarrow (B \Rightarrow C_1)$ is an axiom. Hence, in the first two cases, by MP, $\Gamma \vdash B \Rightarrow C_1$. For the third case, when C_1 is B , we have $\vdash B \Rightarrow C_1$ by Lemma 1, and, therefore, $\Gamma \vdash B \Rightarrow C_1$. This takes care of the case $j=1$. Assume now that $\Gamma \vdash B \Rightarrow C_k$ for all $k < j$. Either C_j is an axiom or C_j is in Γ , or C_j is B , or C_j follows by modus ponens from some C_l and C_m , where $l < j$, $m < j$ and C_m has the form $C_l \Rightarrow C_j$. In the first three cases, $\Gamma \vdash B \Rightarrow C_j$ as in the case $j=1$ above. In the last case, we have, by inductive hypothesis, $\Gamma \vdash B \Rightarrow C_l$ and $\Gamma \vdash B \Rightarrow (C_l \Rightarrow C_j)$. But, by axiom schema (A2), $\vdash (B \Rightarrow (C_l \Rightarrow C_j)) \Rightarrow ((B \Rightarrow C_l) \Rightarrow (B \Rightarrow C_j))$. Hence, by MP, $\Gamma \vdash (B \Rightarrow C_l) \Rightarrow (B \Rightarrow C_j)$, and, again by MP, $\Gamma \vdash B \Rightarrow C_j$. Thus, the proof of induction is complete. The case $j=n$ is the desired result.

Notice that, given a deduction of C from Γ and B , the proof just given enables us to construct a deduction of $B \Rightarrow C$ from Γ .

Corollary 1.7.1 a. $B \Rightarrow C, C \Rightarrow D \vdash B \Rightarrow D$
 b. $B \Rightarrow (C \Rightarrow D), C \vdash B \Rightarrow D$

Proof: (a). 1. $B \Rightarrow C$ Hyp (Abbreviation for "hypothesis")
 2. $C \Rightarrow D$ Hyp
 3. B Hyp
 4. C 1, 3, MP
 5. D 2, 4, MP

Thus, $B \Rightarrow C, C \Rightarrow D, B \vdash D$. So, by the deduction theorem, $B \Rightarrow C, C \Rightarrow D \vdash B \Rightarrow D$

- (b) 1. $\mathcal{B} \Rightarrow (\mathcal{C} \Rightarrow \mathcal{D})$ hyp
 2. \mathcal{B} hyp
 3. $\mathcal{C} \Rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ 1,2, MP
 4. \mathcal{C} hyp
 5. \mathcal{D} 3,4, MP

Thus, $\mathcal{B} \Rightarrow (\mathcal{C} \Rightarrow \mathcal{D}), \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{B} \vdash \mathcal{D}$. So, by deductive deduction theorem we get-

$$\mathcal{B} \Rightarrow (\mathcal{C} \Rightarrow \mathcal{D}), \mathcal{C} \vdash \mathcal{B} \Rightarrow \mathcal{D}$$

Lemma 2 For any wfs \mathcal{B} and \mathcal{C} , the following wfs are theorems of L

- a. $\neg\neg\mathcal{B} \Rightarrow \mathcal{B}$
- b. $\mathcal{B} \Rightarrow \neg\neg\mathcal{B}$
- c. $\neg\mathcal{B} \Rightarrow (\mathcal{B} \Rightarrow \mathcal{C})$
- d. $(\neg\mathcal{C} \Rightarrow \neg\mathcal{B}) \Rightarrow (\mathcal{B} \Rightarrow \mathcal{C})$
- e. $(\mathcal{B} \Rightarrow \mathcal{C}) \Rightarrow (\neg\mathcal{C} \Rightarrow \neg\mathcal{B})$
- f. $\mathcal{B} \Rightarrow (\neg\mathcal{C} \Rightarrow \neg(\mathcal{B} \Rightarrow \mathcal{C}))$
- g. $(\mathcal{B} \Rightarrow \mathcal{C}) \Rightarrow ((\neg\mathcal{B} \Rightarrow \mathcal{C}) \Rightarrow \mathcal{C})$

Proof (a) $\vdash \neg\neg\mathcal{B} \Rightarrow \mathcal{B}$

1. $(\neg\mathcal{B} \Rightarrow \neg\neg\mathcal{B}) \Rightarrow ((\neg\mathcal{B} \Rightarrow \neg\mathcal{B}) \Rightarrow \mathcal{B})$ Axiom (A3)
2. $\neg\mathcal{B} \Rightarrow \neg\mathcal{B}$ Lemma 1
3. $(\neg\mathcal{B} \Rightarrow \neg\neg\mathcal{B}) \Rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ 1,2, Corollary 1.6.1 (b)
4. $\neg\neg\mathcal{B} \Rightarrow (\neg\mathcal{B} \Rightarrow \neg\neg\mathcal{B})$ Axiom (A1)
5. $\neg\neg\mathcal{B} \Rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ 3,4 Corollary 1.6.1 (a)

∴ $\vdash \neg\neg\mathcal{B} \Rightarrow \mathcal{B}$

- (b) $\vdash \mathcal{B} \Rightarrow \neg\neg\mathcal{B} \Rightarrow \mathcal{B}$
1. $(\neg\neg\neg\mathcal{B} \Rightarrow \neg\mathcal{B}) \Rightarrow ((\neg\neg\mathcal{B} \Rightarrow \mathcal{B}) \Rightarrow \neg\neg\mathcal{B})$ Axiom (A3)
 2. $\neg\neg\neg\mathcal{B} \Rightarrow \neg\mathcal{B}$ Part (a)
 3. $(\neg\neg\neg\mathcal{B} \Rightarrow \mathcal{B}) \Rightarrow \neg\neg\mathcal{B}$ 1,2, MP
 4. $\mathcal{B} \Rightarrow (\neg\neg\neg\mathcal{B} \Rightarrow \mathcal{B})$ Axiom (A1)

5. $\mathcal{B} \Rightarrow \neg \neg \mathcal{B}$

3, 4, Corollary 1.6.1 (a)

So, $\vdash \mathcal{B} \Rightarrow \neg \neg \mathcal{B}$

(c) $\vdash \neg \mathcal{B} \Rightarrow (\mathcal{B} \Rightarrow \mathcal{C})$

1. $\neg \mathcal{B}$

hyp

2. \mathcal{B}

hyp

3. $\mathcal{B} \Rightarrow (\neg \mathcal{C} \Rightarrow \mathcal{B})$

Axiom (A1)

4. $\neg \mathcal{B} \Rightarrow (\neg \mathcal{C} \Rightarrow \neg \mathcal{B})$

Axiom (A1)

5. $\neg \mathcal{C} \Rightarrow \mathcal{B}$

2, 3, MP

6. $\neg \mathcal{C} \Rightarrow \neg \mathcal{B}$

1, 4, MP

7. $(\neg \mathcal{C} \Rightarrow \neg \mathcal{B}) \Rightarrow ((\neg \mathcal{C} \Rightarrow \mathcal{B}) \Rightarrow \mathcal{C})$ Axiom (A3)

8. $(\neg \mathcal{C} \Rightarrow \mathcal{B}) \Rightarrow \mathcal{C}$

6, 7, MP

9. \mathcal{C}

5, 8, MP

10. $\neg \mathcal{B}, \mathcal{B} + \mathcal{C}$

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11. $\neg \mathcal{B} \vdash \mathcal{B} \Rightarrow \mathcal{C}$

10, Deduction Theorem

12. $\vdash \neg \mathcal{B} \Rightarrow (\mathcal{B} \Rightarrow \mathcal{C})$

11, Deduction Theorem

~~Exercises~~ - Exercises

(d) $\vdash (\neg \mathcal{C} \Rightarrow \neg \mathcal{B}) \Rightarrow (\mathcal{B} \Rightarrow \mathcal{C})$

1. $\neg \mathcal{C} \Rightarrow \neg \mathcal{B}$

hyp

2. $(\neg \mathcal{C} \Rightarrow \neg \mathcal{B}) \Rightarrow ((\neg \mathcal{C} \Rightarrow \mathcal{B}) \Rightarrow \mathcal{C})$

Axiom (A3)

3. $(\neg \mathcal{C} \Rightarrow \mathcal{B}) \Rightarrow \mathcal{C}$

1, 2, MP

4. $\mathcal{B} \Rightarrow (\neg \mathcal{C} \Rightarrow \mathcal{B})$

Axiom (A1)

5. $\mathcal{B} \Rightarrow \mathcal{C}$

3, 4, Corollary 1.6.1 (a)

6. $\neg \mathcal{C} \Rightarrow \neg \mathcal{B} \Rightarrow \mathcal{B} \Rightarrow \mathcal{C}$

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7. $\vdash (\neg \mathcal{C} \Rightarrow \neg \mathcal{B}) \Rightarrow (\mathcal{B} \Rightarrow \mathcal{C})$

6, deduction theorem

(e) $\vdash (\mathcal{B} \Rightarrow \mathcal{C}) \Rightarrow (\neg \mathcal{C} \Rightarrow \neg \mathcal{B})$

1. $\mathcal{B} \Rightarrow \mathcal{C}$

hyp

2. $\neg\neg B \Rightarrow B$

part (a)

3. $\neg\neg B \Rightarrow C$

1, 2, Corollary 1.6.1(a)

~~part (a)~~ part (b)

4. $C \Rightarrow \neg\neg C$

3, 4, Corollary 1.6.1(a)

5. $\neg\neg B \Rightarrow \neg\neg C$

~~part (b)~~ part (d)

6. $(\neg\neg B \Rightarrow \neg\neg C) \Rightarrow (\neg\neg(\neg\neg B) \Rightarrow \neg\neg C)$

7. $\neg\neg(\neg\neg B) \Rightarrow \neg\neg(\neg\neg C)$

5, 6, MP

8. $(B \Rightarrow C) \vdash B \Rightarrow C \vdash \neg C \Rightarrow \neg B \quad 1-7$

9. $\vdash (B \Rightarrow C) \Rightarrow (\neg C \Rightarrow \neg B) \quad 8, \text{ deduction theorem}$

(f) $\vdash B \Rightarrow (\neg C \Rightarrow \neg(B \Rightarrow C))$

Clearly, $B, B \Rightarrow C \vdash C$ by MP. Hence $\vdash B \Rightarrow ((B \Rightarrow C) \Rightarrow C)$

by two uses of deduction theorem. Now by (e),

$\vdash ((B \Rightarrow C) \Rightarrow C) \Rightarrow (\neg C \Rightarrow \neg(B \Rightarrow C))$ Hence by Corollary 1.6.1(a),

$\vdash B \Rightarrow (\neg C \Rightarrow \neg(B \Rightarrow C)).$

(g) $\vdash (B \Rightarrow C) \Rightarrow ((\neg B \Rightarrow C) \Rightarrow C)$

1. $B \Rightarrow C$

Hyp

2. $\neg B \Rightarrow C$

Hyp

3. $(B \Rightarrow C) \Rightarrow (\neg B \Rightarrow \neg B)$

part (e)

4. $\neg B \Rightarrow \neg B$

1, 3, MP

5. $\neg(\neg B \Rightarrow \neg B) \Rightarrow (\neg \neg B \Rightarrow \neg \neg \neg B)$ part (c)

6. $\neg \neg B \Rightarrow \neg \neg \neg B$ 2, 5, MP

7. $(\neg \neg B \Rightarrow \neg \neg \neg B) \Rightarrow ((\neg \neg B \Rightarrow \neg B) \Rightarrow C)$ Axiom (A3)

8. $(\neg \neg B \Rightarrow \neg B) \Rightarrow C$ 6, 7, MP

9. C

4, 8, MP

10. $B \Rightarrow C, \neg B \Rightarrow C \vdash C$

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11. $B \Rightarrow C \vdash ((B \Rightarrow C) \Rightarrow C)$

10, deduction theorem

12. $\vdash (B \Rightarrow C) \vdash ((B \Rightarrow C) \Rightarrow C)$

11, deduction theorem

Ex-13 Show that the following wfs are theorems of L :

- a. $B \Rightarrow (B \vee C)$
- b. $B \Rightarrow (C \vee B)$
- c. $\neg C \vee B \Rightarrow B \vee C$
- d. $B \wedge C \Rightarrow B$
- e. $B \wedge C \Rightarrow C$
- f. $(B \Rightarrow D) \Rightarrow ((C \Rightarrow D) \Rightarrow (B \vee C \Rightarrow D))$
- g. $((B \Rightarrow C) \Rightarrow B) \Rightarrow B$
- h. $B \Rightarrow (C \Rightarrow (B \wedge C))$

The Soundness Theorem tells us that our natural deduction proofs represent a sound (or correct) system of reasoning.

Proposition 1.8 (Soundness Theorem): Every theorem of L is a tautology.

Proof: As an exercise, verify that all the axioms of L are tautologies.
(As for example,

| B | C | $C \Rightarrow B$ | $(B \Rightarrow (C \Rightarrow B))$ |
|-----|-----|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
| T | T | T | T |
| F | T | F | T |
| T | F | T | T |
| F | F | T | T |

So, $B \Rightarrow (C \Rightarrow B)$ is a tautology, that is, axiom (A1) is a tautology etc.). By proposition 1.2, modus ponens leads from tautologies to other tautologies.

Hence, every theorem of L is a tautology.

Lemma 3. Let B be a wf and B_1, B_2, \dots, B_k be the statement letters that occurs in B . For a given assignment of the truth values of B_1, B_2, \dots, B_k , let B'_j be B_j if B_j takes the value T and let B'_j be $\neg B_j$ if B_j takes the value F. Let B' be B if B takes the value T under the assignment, and let B' be $\neg B$ if B takes the value F. Then $B'_1, B'_2, \dots, B'_k \vdash B'$.