

Solutions to Additional Questions 2 and 3

2 Arguments with only one premise.

These can be a little tricky to prove. You often need to use a rule that increases the numbers of premises, i.e. *CP* or *RAA*.

1. $A \rightarrow \neg A \vdash \neg A$.

1	[	$\neg(\neg A)$	A(RAA)
2	|	A	DN 1
3	|	$A \rightarrow \neg A$	A
4	|	$\neg A$	MPP 2,3
5	]	$A \wedge (\neg A)$	\wedge I 2,4
6		$\neg A$	RAA 1-5

2. $\neg p \vdash p \rightarrow q$.

1	[	p	A(CP)
2	|	$p \vee q$	\vee I 1
3	|	$\neg p$	A
4	]	q	DS 2,3
5		$p \rightarrow q$	CP 1-4

3. $A \rightarrow T \vdash (\neg T) \rightarrow (\neg A)$,

1	[	$\neg T$	A(CP)
2	|	$A \rightarrow T$	A
3	]	$\neg A$	MTT 1,2
4		$(\neg T) \rightarrow (\neg A)$	CP 1-3

(Why can we immediately deduce that $(\neg T) \rightarrow (\neg A) \vdash A \rightarrow T$ is valid? Relabel the propositions, i.e. relabel A as $\neg T$ and T as $\neg A$.)

4. $p \rightarrow q \vdash (p \wedge r) \rightarrow (q \wedge r)$.

1		$p \wedge r$	A(CP)
2		p	\wedge E 1
3		$p \rightarrow q$	A
4		q	MPP 2,3
5		r	\wedge E 1
6		$q \wedge r$	\wedge I 4,5

5. $p \rightarrow q \vdash (p \vee r) \rightarrow (q \vee r)$.

1	$p \vee r$	A(CP)
2	[p	VE 1
3	| $p \rightarrow q$	A
4	| q	MPP 2,3
5	] $q \vee r$	VI 4
6	[r	VE 1
7	] $q \vee r$	VI, 6
8	$q \vee r$	VE 2-7

3 Boolean Laws of Logic.

There is a general principle that if we have a logical equivalence $P \equiv Q$ then we should be able to prove that both $P \vdash Q$ and $Q \vdash P$ are valid using the rules of inference. If both $P \vdash Q$ and $Q \vdash P$ are valid we combine them by writing $P \dashv\vdash Q$. So $P \equiv Q$ if, and only if, $P \dashv\vdash Q$.

Try this out in the following arguments, proving they are all valid.

1 $p \wedge (q \vee r) \vdash (p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge r)$,

1	$p \wedge (q \vee r)$	A
2	p	\wedge E 1
3	$q \vee r$	\wedge E 1
4	[q	VE 3
5	| $p \wedge q$	\wedge I 2,4
6	] $(p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge r)$	VI 5
7	[r	VE 3
8	| $p \wedge r$	\wedge I 2,7
9	] $(p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge r)$	VI 8
10	$(p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge r)$	VE 4-9

2 $(p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge r) \vdash p \wedge (q \vee r)$,

1	[	$(p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge r)$	A
2	|	$p \wedge q$	$\vee E$ 1
3	|	p	$\wedge E$ 2
4	|	q	$\wedge E$ 2
5	|	$q \vee r$	$\vee I$ 4
6	|	$p \wedge (q \vee r)$	$\wedge I$ 3,5
7	|	$p \wedge r$	$\vee E$ 1
8	|	p	$\wedge E$ 7
9	|	r	$\wedge E$ 7
10	|	$q \vee r$	$\vee I$ 9
11	|	$p \wedge (q \vee r)$	$\wedge I$ 8,10
12		$p \wedge (q \vee r)$	$\vee E$ 2-11

Hence $p \wedge (q \vee r) \dashv\vdash (p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge r)$.

3 $\neg(p \vee q) \vdash \neg p$,

1	[	$\neg(\neg p)$	A(RAA)
2	|	p	DN 1
3	|	$p \vee q$	$\vee I$ 2
4	|	$\neg(p \vee q)$	A
5	|	$(p \vee q) \wedge (\neg(p \vee q))$	$\wedge I$ 3,4
6		$\neg p$	

4 $\neg(p \vee q) \vdash \neg q$, similar to the last one.

5 * Combine last two cases to get $\neg(p \vee q) \vdash (\neg p) \wedge (\neg q)$.

Hint: Use *RAA* twice

1	[	$\neg(\neg p)$	A(RAA)
2	|	p	DN 1
3	|	$p \vee q$	$\vee I$ 2
4	|	$\neg(p \vee q)$	A
5	|	$(p \vee q) \wedge (\neg(p \vee q))$	$\wedge I$ 3,4
6		$\neg p$	RAA 1-5
7	[	$\neg(\neg q)$	A(RAA)
8	|	q	DN 7
9	|	$p \vee q$	$\vee I$ 8
10	|	$\neg(p \vee q)$	A
11	|	$(p \vee q) \wedge (\neg(p \vee q))$	$\wedge I$ 9,10
12		$\neg q$	RAA 7-11
13		$(\neg p) \wedge (\neg q)$	$\wedge I$ 6,12

6 $(\neg p) \wedge (\neg q) \vdash \neg(p \vee q)$.

1	[	$\neg(\neg(p \vee q))$	A(RAA)		
2	|	$p \vee q$	DN 1		
3	|	$(\neg p) \wedge (\neg q)$	A		
4	|	[	p	$\vee E$ 2	
5	|	|	$\neg p$	$\wedge E$ 3	
6	|	|	$p \wedge (\neg p)$	$\wedge I$ 4,5	
7	|	|	[	q	$\vee E$ 2
8	|	|	|	$\neg q$	$\wedge E$ 3
9	|	|	|	$q \wedge (\neg q)$	$\wedge I$ 7,8
10	|	|	|	O	$\vee E$ 4-9
11	|	|	|	$\neg(p \vee q)$	RAA 1-10

Note, how both p and q led to contradictions in the two subproofs. But these were different contradictions so I summed this up in line 10 by writing O , for contradiction. Of course, from a contradiction you can deduce anything so it would be possible to rewrite the proof so that both subproofs finish with the same contradiction. E.g.

1	[	$\neg(\neg(p \vee q))$	A(RAA)		
2	|	$p \vee q$	DN 1		
3	|	$(\neg p) \wedge (\neg q)$	A		
4	|	[	p	$\vee E$ 2	
5	|	|	$\neg p$	$\wedge E$ 3	
6	|	|	$p \wedge (\neg p)$	$\wedge I$ 4,5	
7	|	|	[	q	$\vee E$ 2
8	|	|	|	$q \vee p$	$\vee I$,7
9	|	|	|	$\neg q$	$\wedge E$ 3
10	|	|	|	p	D.S. 8,9
11	|	|	|	$q \vee (\neg p)$	$\vee I$,7
12	|	|	|	$\neg p$	D.S. 9,11
13	|	|	|	$p \wedge (\neg p)$	$\wedge I$ 10,12
14	|	|	|	$p \wedge (\neg p)$	$\vee E$ 4-13
15	|	|	|	$\neg(p \vee q)$	RAA 1-14

7 $\neg p \vdash p \rightarrow q$,

1	[	p	A(CP)
2	|	$p \vee q$	$\vee I$ 1	
3	|	$\neg p$	A	
4		[q	DS 2,3
5	|	|	$p \rightarrow q$	CP 1-4

8 $q \vdash p \rightarrow q$.

1	[	p	A(CP)
2	|	q	A
3		$p \rightarrow q$	CP 1-2

9 * Combine the last two to get $\neg(p \rightarrow q) \vdash p \wedge (\neg q)$. Hint: Use *RAA* twice

1	[	$\neg p$	A(RAA)	
2	|	[	p	A(CP)
3	|	|	$p \vee q$	\vee I 2
4	|	|	q	DS 1,3
5	|		$p \rightarrow q$	CP 2-4
6	|		$\neg(p \rightarrow q)$	A
7	|		$(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (\neg(p \rightarrow q))$	\wedge I 6,7
8	|		p	RAA 1-7
9	[	$\neg(\neg q)$	A(RAA)	
10	|	[	p	A(CP)
11	|	|	q	DN 9
12	|		$p \rightarrow q$	CP 10-11
13	|		$\neg(p \rightarrow q)$	A
14	|		$(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (\neg(p \rightarrow q))$	\wedge I 12,13
15	|		$\neg q$	RAA 9-14
16			$p \wedge (\neg q)$	

10 $p \wedge (\neg q) \vdash \neg(p \rightarrow q)$.

1	[	$\neg(\neg(p \rightarrow q))$	A(RAA)
2	|	$p \rightarrow q$	DN 1
3	|	$p \wedge (\neg q)$	A
4	|	p	\wedge E 3
5	|	q	MPP 2,4
6	|	$\neg q$	\wedge E 3
7	|	$q \wedge (\neg q)$	\wedge I 5,6
8		$\neg(p \rightarrow q)$	RAA 1-7

11 $(\neg p) \vee q \vdash p \rightarrow q$.

1	[	p	A(CP)
2	|	$\neg(\neg p)$	DN 1
3	|	$(\neg p) \vee q$	A
4	|	q	DS 2,3
5		$p \rightarrow q$	CP 1-4

Why can we immediately deduce that $(\neg q) \vee p \vdash q \rightarrow p$ is valid? Simply relabel the propositions, i.e. replace p by q and q by p .

12 *Combine the two results of Qu. 11 to get

$$(\neg p) \vee q, (\neg q) \vee p \vdash (p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow p)$$

which can be written as $(\neg p) \vee q, (\neg q) \vee p \vdash p \leftrightarrow q$. Hint: Use *CP* twice

1	[	p	A(CP)
2	|	$\neg(\neg p)$	DN 1
3	|	$(\neg p) \vee q$	A
4	|	q	DS 2,3
5	|	$p \rightarrow q$	CP 1-4
6	[	q	A(CP)
7	|	$\neg(\neg q)$	DN 6
8	|	$(\neg q) \vee p$	A
9	|	p	DS 7,8
10	|	$q \rightarrow p$	CP 6-9
11		$(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow p)$	\wedge I 5,10

13 $\neg(p \wedge q) \vdash p \rightarrow (\neg q)$.

1	[	p	A(CP)
2	|	[ $\neg(\neg q)$	A(RAA)
3	|	| q	DN 2
4	|	| $p \wedge q$	\wedge I 1,3
5	|	| $\neg(p \wedge q)$	A
6	|	| $(p \wedge q) \wedge (\neg(p \wedge q))$	\wedge I 4,5
7	|	| $\neg q$	RAA 2-6
8		$p \rightarrow (\neg q)$	CP 1-7