

Noticing that if we show $\models P_1, \dots, P_m, Q \rightarrow R$ then we have effectively shown $P_1, \dots, P_m \models Q \rightarrow R$ allows us to be a little more creative in our derivations. As an example we'll give a different derivation of the previous example, calling this rule cp ...

Example

Show that $A \vee B, A \rightarrow C, B \rightarrow D \models C \vee D$.

First notice that by tautology #31 $C \vee D$ is equivalent to $\neg C \rightarrow D$, so we'll try to show that

	$A \vee B, A \rightarrow C, B \rightarrow D, \neg C \models D$		
(1)	$P_1:$	$A \vee B$	rule p
(2)	$P_2:$	$A \rightarrow C$	rule p
(3)	$P_3:$	$B \rightarrow D$	rule p
(4)	$P_4:$	$\neg C$	rule p
(2,4)	$P_5:$	$\neg A$	rule t and taut 2 $\models P_2, P_4 \rightarrow P_5$
(1,2,4)	$P_6:$	B	rule t and taut 3 $\models P_1, P_5 \rightarrow P_6$
(1,2,3,4)	$P_7:$	D	rule t and taut 1 $\models P_3, P_6 \rightarrow P_7$
(1,2,3)	$P_8:$	$\neg C \rightarrow D$	rule cp
(1,2,3)	$P_9:$	$C \vee D$	rule t and taut 31

This approach is sometimes called a "conditional proof". It should be said that many authors prefer to refer to stating a premise (our rule p) as needing no rule, and then list rules of deduction as

- rule mp — modus ponens
- rule cp — conditional proof (just as we've done)
- rule mt — modus tollens

We now move on to the other common first order logic which relates terms, predicates and quantifiers; called predicate calculus.