

Logic Arguments

TABLE 1 Rules of Inference.		
Rule of Inference	Tautology	Name
$\frac{p}{p \rightarrow q}$ $\therefore q$	$(p \wedge (p \rightarrow q)) \rightarrow q$	Modus ponens
$\frac{\neg q}{p \rightarrow q}$ $\therefore \neg p$	$(\neg q \wedge (p \rightarrow q)) \rightarrow \neg p$	Modus tollens
$\frac{p \rightarrow q}{q \rightarrow r}$ $\therefore p \rightarrow r$	$((p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow r)) \rightarrow (p \rightarrow r)$	Hypothetical syllogism
$\frac{p \vee q}{\neg p}$ $\therefore q$	$((p \vee q) \wedge \neg p) \rightarrow q$	Disjunctive syllogism
$\frac{p}{p \vee q}$ $\therefore p \vee q$	$p \rightarrow (p \vee q)$	Addition
$\frac{p \wedge q}{p}$ $\therefore p$	$(p \wedge q) \rightarrow p$	Simplification
$\frac{p}{q}$ $\therefore p \wedge q$	$((p) \wedge (q)) \rightarrow (p \wedge q)$	Conjunction
$\frac{p \vee q}{\neg p \vee r}$ $\therefore q \vee r$	$((p \vee q) \wedge (\neg p \vee r)) \rightarrow (q \vee r)$	Resolution

1. Show that the premises:

- (a) “It is not sunny this afternoon and it is colder than yesterday”,
- (b) “We will go swimming only if it is sunny”,
- (c) “If we do not go swimming, then we will take a canoe trip”, and
- (d) “If we take a canoe trip, then we will be home by sunset”

lead to the conclusion “We will be home by sunset.”

TABLE 2 Rules of Inference for Quantified Statements.	
<i>Rule of Inference</i>	<i>Name</i>
$\frac{\forall x P(x)}{\therefore P(c)}$	Universal instantiation
$\frac{P(c) \text{ for an arbitrary } c}{\therefore \forall x P(x)}$	Universal generalization
$\frac{\exists x P(x)}{\therefore P(c) \text{ for some element } c}$	Existential instantiation
$\frac{P(c) \text{ for some element } c}{\therefore \exists x P(x)}$	Existential generalization