

Some Natural Deductions

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The derivations

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1	$(A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow C$
2	B
3	A
4	B
5	$A \rightarrow B$
6	C
7	$B \rightarrow C$

(R), 2
 $(\rightarrow I)$, 3–4
 $(\rightarrow E)$, 1, 5
 $(\rightarrow I)$, 2–6

2. $A \rightarrow B \vdash \neg(A \wedge \neg B)$

1	$A \rightarrow B$
2	$A \wedge \neg B$
3	A
4	$\neg B$
5	B
6	\perp
7	$\neg(A \wedge \neg B)$

$(\wedge E)$, 2
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 $(\rightarrow E)$, 1, 3
 $(\neg E)$, 4, 5
 $(\neg I)$, 2–6

3. $\neg(A \vee B) \vdash \neg A \wedge \neg B$

1	$\neg(A \vee B)$
2	A
3	$A \vee B$
4	\perp
5	$\neg A$
6	B
7	$A \vee B$
8	\perp
9	$\neg B$
10	$\neg A \wedge \neg B$

$(\vee I)$, 2
 $(\neg E)$, 1, 3
 $(\neg I)$, 2–4
 $(\vee I)$, 6
 $(\neg E)$, 1, 7
 $(\neg I)$, 6–8
 $(\wedge I)$, 5, 9

4. $(A \rightarrow B) \vee (A \rightarrow C) \vdash A \rightarrow B \vee C$

1	$(A \rightarrow B) \vee (A \rightarrow C)$
2	A
3	$(A \rightarrow B) \vee (A \rightarrow C)$
4	$A \rightarrow B$
5	B
6	$B \vee C$
7	$A \rightarrow C$
8	C
9	$B \vee C$
10	$B \vee C$
11	$A \rightarrow B \vee C$

(R) , 1
 $(\rightarrow E)$, 2, 4
 $(\vee I)$, 5
 $(\rightarrow E)$, 2, 7
 $(\vee I)$, 8
 $(\vee E)$, 3, 4–6, 7–9
 $(\rightarrow I)$, 2–10

5. $A \vee B \rightarrow C \vdash (A \rightarrow C) \wedge (B \rightarrow C)$

1	$A \vee B \rightarrow C$
2	A
3	$A \vee B$
4	C
5	$A \rightarrow C$
6	B
7	$A \vee B$
8	C
9	$B \rightarrow C$
10	$(A \rightarrow C) \wedge (B \rightarrow C)$

$(\vee I)$, 2
 $(\rightarrow E)$, 1, 3
 $(\rightarrow I)$, 2–4
 $(\vee I)$, 6
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6. $A \vee B \vdash \neg B \rightarrow (C \rightarrow A)$

1	$A \vee B$
2	$\neg B$
3	A
4	C
5	A
6	$C \rightarrow A$
7	B
8	\perp
9	$C \rightarrow A$
10	$C \rightarrow A$
11	$\neg B \rightarrow (C \rightarrow A)$

(R) , 3
 $(\rightarrow I)$, 4–5
 $(\neg E)$, 2, 7
 $(\perp E)$, 8
 $(\vee E)$, 1, 3–6, 7–9
 $(\rightarrow I)$, 2–9

And now the wordy ones:

1.

1	$L \rightarrow C \vee T$
2	$\neg B \rightarrow \neg L$
3	$C \rightarrow \neg B$
4	$\frac{L}{C \vee T}$
5	$C \vee T \quad (\rightarrow E), 1, 4$
6	$\frac{C}{\neg B}$
7	$\neg B \quad (\rightarrow E), 3, 6$
8	$\frac{\neg L}{\perp}$
9	$\perp \quad (\neg E), 4, 8$
10	$\frac{T}{T}$
11	$\frac{T}{T}$
12	$\frac{T}{(R), 11}$
13	$T \quad (\vee E), 5, 6-10, 11-12$
14	$L \rightarrow T \quad (\rightarrow I), 4-13$

2.

1	$A \rightarrow B \vee C$
2	$B \rightarrow D \wedge E$
3	$D \rightarrow (E \rightarrow F)$
4	$\neg(F \wedge A)$
5	$\frac{A}{B \vee C} \quad (\rightarrow E), 1, 5$
6	$\frac{B}{D \wedge E}$
7	$D \quad (\rightarrow E), 2, 7$
8	$E \quad (\wedge E), 8$
9	$E \rightarrow F \quad (\rightarrow E), 3, 9$
10	$F \quad (\rightarrow E), 10, 11$
11	$F \wedge A \quad (\wedge I), 5, 12$
12	$\perp \quad (\neg E), 4, 13$
13	$C \quad (\perp E), 14$
14	$\frac{C}{C}$
15	$\frac{C}{C} \quad (R), 16$
16	$C \quad (\vee E), 6, 7-15, 16-17$
17	$A \rightarrow C \quad (\rightarrow I), 5-18$