

**1) Proof by Hypothetical Syllogism (the theory of consequences)**

$$(p \Rightarrow q) \wedge (q \Rightarrow r) \Rightarrow (p \Rightarrow r)$$

p	q	r	$p \Rightarrow q$	$q \Rightarrow r$	$(p \Rightarrow q) \wedge (q \Rightarrow r)$	$p \Rightarrow r$	$[(p \Rightarrow q) \wedge (q \Rightarrow r)] \Rightarrow (p \Rightarrow r)$
T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
T	T	F	T	F	F	F	T
T	F	T	F	T	F	T	T
T	F	F	F	T	F	F	T
F	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
F	T	F	T	F	F	T	T
F	F	T	T	T	T	T	T
F	F	F	T	T	T	T	T

**2) Proof by Disjunctive Syllogism Type A (modus tollendo ponens)(by denying affirms)**

$$[(p \vee q) \wedge \neg q] \Rightarrow p$$

p	q	$\neg q$	$p \vee q$	$(p \vee q) \wedge \neg q$	$[(p \vee q) \wedge \neg q] \Rightarrow p$
T	T	F	T	F	T
T	F	T	T	T	T
F	T	F	T	F	T
F	F	T	F	F	T

**3) Proof by Disjunctive Syllogism Type B (modus ponendo tollens)(by affirming denies)**

$$[\neg(p \wedge q) \wedge p] \Rightarrow \neg q \quad \text{or write as} \quad [(\neg p \vee \neg q) \wedge p] \Rightarrow \neg q$$

p	q	$p \wedge q$	$\neg(p \wedge q)$	$\neg(p \wedge q) \wedge p$	$\neg q$	$[\neg(p \wedge q) \wedge p] \Rightarrow \neg q$
T	T	T	F	F	F	T
T	F	F	T	T	T	T
F	T	F	T	F	F	T
F	F	F	T	F	T	T

**4) Proof By Detachment (modus ponendo ponens)(by affirming affirms)**

$$[(p \Rightarrow q) \wedge p] \Rightarrow q$$

p	q	$p \Rightarrow q$	$(p \Rightarrow q) \wedge p$	$[(p \Rightarrow q) \wedge p] \Rightarrow q$
T	T	T	T	T
T	F	F	F	T
F	T	T	F	T
F	F	T	F	T

### 5) Proof By Indirect Reasoning (modus tollendo tollens)(by denying denies)

$$[(p \Rightarrow q) \wedge \neg q] \Rightarrow \neg p$$

p	q	$p \Rightarrow q$	$\neg q$	$(p \Rightarrow q) \wedge \neg q$	$\neg p$	$[(p \Rightarrow q) \wedge \neg q] \Rightarrow \neg p$
T	T	T	F	F	F	T
T	F	F	T	F	F	T
F	T	T	F	F	T	T
F	F	T	T	T	T	T

### 6) Proof By Contradiction (reductio ad absurdum)

$$[(p \Rightarrow q) \wedge (p \Rightarrow \neg q)] \Rightarrow \neg p$$

p	q	$\neg p$	$p \Rightarrow q$	$\neg q$	$p \Rightarrow \neg q$	$(p \Rightarrow q) \wedge (p \Rightarrow \neg q)$	$[(p \Rightarrow q) \wedge (p \Rightarrow \neg q)] \Rightarrow \neg p$
T	T	F	T	F	F	F	T
T	F	F	F	T	T	F	T
F	T	T	T	F	T	T	T
F	F	T	T	T	T	T	T

### 7) Proof By Cases

$$\{(p \vee q) \wedge [(p \Rightarrow r) \wedge (q \Rightarrow r)]\} \Rightarrow r$$

p	q	r	$p \vee q$	$p \Rightarrow r$	$q \Rightarrow r$	$(p \Rightarrow r) \wedge (q \Rightarrow r)$	$(p \vee q) \wedge [(p \Rightarrow r) \wedge (q \Rightarrow r)]$	$\{(p \vee q) \wedge [(p \Rightarrow r) \wedge (q \Rightarrow r)]\} \Rightarrow r$
T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
T	T	F	T	F	F	F	F	T
T	F	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
T	F	F	T	F	T	F	F	T
F	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
F	T	F	T	T	F	F	F	T
F	F	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
F	F	F	F	T	T	T	F	T

If we denote the Propositional Calculus statement by  $T \Rightarrow r$  then if we can precede it by statement p then we can produce a new tautology  $[p \Rightarrow T] \Rightarrow r$