

Rules of Inference in Fitch

Conjunction Elimination (\wedge Elim)

$$\begin{array}{|l} P_1 \wedge \dots \wedge P_i \wedge \dots \wedge P_n \\ \hline P_i \qquad \qquad \wedge \text{Elim} \end{array}$$

Conjunction Introduction (\wedge Intro)

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C ∨ B	
C	
C ∨ B	
C ∨ B	∨ Elim

Goal: C ∨ B

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Proof 6.4

1. (A ∧ B) ∨ C	
2. A ∧ B	✓ ∧ Elim: 2
3. B	✓ ∨ Intro: 3
4. C ∨ B	
5. C	✓ ∨ Intro: 5
6. C ∨ B	✓ ∨ Elim: 1,2-4,5-6
7. C ∨ B	

Goal: C ∨ B ✓

Negation Elimination (¬ Elim)

¬¬P	
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P	¬ Elim

Proof by Contradiction
 Indirect Proof

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So S follows from P_1, \dots, P_n

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⊥

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⊥ Introduction (⊥ Intro)

P
⋮
¬P
⋮
⊥

⊥ Intro

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P
⋮
⊥

⊥ Intro

¬P

¬ Intro

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1.	Q	
2.		P
3.		⋮
4.		⋮
5.		¬Q
6.		⊥
7.		¬P

⊥ Intro: 1, 5

¬ Intro: 2-6

⊥ Elimination (⊥ Elim)

⊥
⋮
⋮
⋮
⋮
P

⊥ Elim

This can be any sentence

We generally apply this rule in a subproof.

How to show a contradiction

Prove something and its negation, e.g., Q and $\neg Q$

Prove sentences that can't simultaneously be true in the blocks world and use *AnaCon*, e.g., *Larger(a, b)* and *Larger(b, a)*

Given: n^2 is odd
 Prove: n is odd

PROOF: Suppose n is even.

Then $n = 2k$ for some integer k , and

$$n^2 = 4k^2$$

But $4k^2$ is divisible by 2, which means that n^2 is even, contradicting the premise that n^2 is odd.

Thus, if n^2 is odd, then n is odd.

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Dodec(f) ∨ Elim

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| ⊥ ?????

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| ⊥ Ana Con

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Example

$\neg(\neg P \vee R) \wedge (\neg Q \vee R)$

$\neg(P \vee Q) \vee R$

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$\neg P$

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Proof of Resolution Principle

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	$A \vee C$	\vee Intro
	$\neg B$	
	B	
	\perp	\perp Intro
	$A \vee C$	\perp Elim
	C	
	$A \vee C$	\vee Intro
	$A \vee C$	\vee Elim
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1.	$A \vee \neg B$	
2.	$B \vee C$	
3.	A	
4.	$A \vee C$	\vee Intro: 3
5.	$\neg B$	
6.	B	
7.	\perp	\perp Intro: 5, 6
8.	$A \vee C$	\perp Elim: 7
9.	C	
10.	$A \vee C$	\vee Intro: 9
11.	$A \vee C$	\vee Elim: 2, 6-8, 9-10
12.	$A \vee C$	\vee Elim: 1, 3-4, 5-11