

# Propositional Logic Sequent Calculus

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System considered here: **LK**, defined by Gerhard Gentzen

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## Theorem

Sequent Calculus is **sound** and **complete**, i.e.,  
if we can derive  $\Gamma \vdash \Delta$  then  $\Gamma \models \bigvee \Delta$ , and  
if  $\Gamma \models \bigvee \Delta$  then there is a derivation for  $\Gamma \vdash \Delta$ .

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Do the following entailments hold?

1  $(A \vee \neg B) \wedge B, \neg A \models \perp$

2  $A \wedge C, \neg A \vee B \models \perp$

(On the blackboard.)

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(From *Logic for Computer Science: Foundations of Automatic Theorem Proving*)

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3  $A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow A \wedge B)$

4  $A \rightarrow A \vee B$

5  $B \rightarrow A \vee B$

6  $(A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow ((A \rightarrow \neg B) \rightarrow \neg A)$

7  $A \wedge B \rightarrow A$

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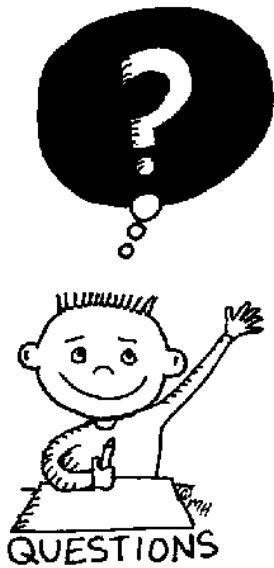
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10  $\neg\neg A \rightarrow A$

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Give proof trees for the following equivalences:

- 1  $(A \vee B) \vee C \equiv A \vee (B \vee C)$  (associativity)
- 2  $(A \wedge B) \wedge C \equiv A \wedge (B \wedge C)$  (associativity)
- 3  $A \vee B \equiv B \vee A$  (commutativity)
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- 5  $A \vee (B \wedge C) \equiv (A \vee B) \wedge (A \vee C)$  (distributivity)
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- 7  $\neg(A \vee B) \equiv \neg A \wedge \neg B$  (De Morgan)
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- 9  $A \vee A \equiv A$  (idempotency)
- 10  $A \wedge A \equiv A$  (idempotency)
- 11  $\neg\neg A \equiv A$  (double negation)
- 12  $(A \vee B) \wedge (\neg A \vee C) \equiv (A \vee B) \wedge (\neg A \vee C) \wedge (B \vee C)$  (resolution)



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