

# Semantic entailment.

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Show that  $\{(P \rightarrow Q), (Q \rightarrow R)\} \models (P \rightarrow R)$ .

Proof ①:

P	Q	R	$P \rightarrow Q$	$Q \rightarrow R$	$P \rightarrow R$	
0	0	0	1	1	1	*
0	0	1	1	1	1	*
0	1	0	1	0	1	
0	1	1	1	1	1	*
1	0	0	0	1	0	
1	0	1	0	1	1	
1	1	0	1	0	0	
1	1	1	1	1	1	*

The \* marks all the rows in which  $P \rightarrow Q$  and  $Q \rightarrow R$  are both true.  $(P \rightarrow R)$  is true in all of the \* rows.  
So the entailment holds. QED.

Proof ②: We prove this by contradiction.

Assume that the entailment does not hold.

There is a truth valuation  $t$  such that

$$(P \rightarrow Q)^t = T, (Q \rightarrow R)^t = T \text{ and } (P \rightarrow R)^t = \text{F.}$$

If  $(P \rightarrow R)^t = F$ , then it has to be that  $P^t = T$  and  $R^t = F$ .

If  $(P \rightarrow Q)^t = T$  and  $P^t = T$ , then  $Q^t = T$ .  
If  $(Q \rightarrow R)^t = T$  and  $R^t = F$ , then  $Q^t = F$ .  
This is a contradiction.

Our assumption is false and the entailment holds.

QED.

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Show that

$$\{((P \rightarrow (\neg Q)) \vee r), (Q \wedge (\neg r)), (P \leftrightarrow r)\} \not\models (P \wedge (Q \rightarrow r))$$

Proof: Consider a truth valuation  $t$  such that  
 $p^t = F$ ,  $q^t = T$ , and  $r^t = F$ .

$$((P \rightarrow (\neg Q)) \vee r)^t = ((F \rightarrow F) \vee F) = T$$

$$(Q \wedge (\neg r))^t = (T \wedge T) = T$$

$$(P \leftrightarrow r)^t = (F \leftrightarrow F) = T$$

$$(P \wedge (Q \rightarrow r))^t = (F \wedge (T \rightarrow F)) = F$$

The premises are true but the conclusion is false,  
so the entailment does not hold.

QED.