

# Natural Deduction



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  - Prove that arguments in prop. logic are valid

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Deduce new knowledge  
from the sentences 1,2, and 3.

→ **Conclusion**

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How can we prove that?

- Natural Deduction (TODAY 😊)



# Natural Deduction

- Defines set of proof rules
  - Syntactic rewriting rules
  - Apply these rules in succession to infer conclusion from premises

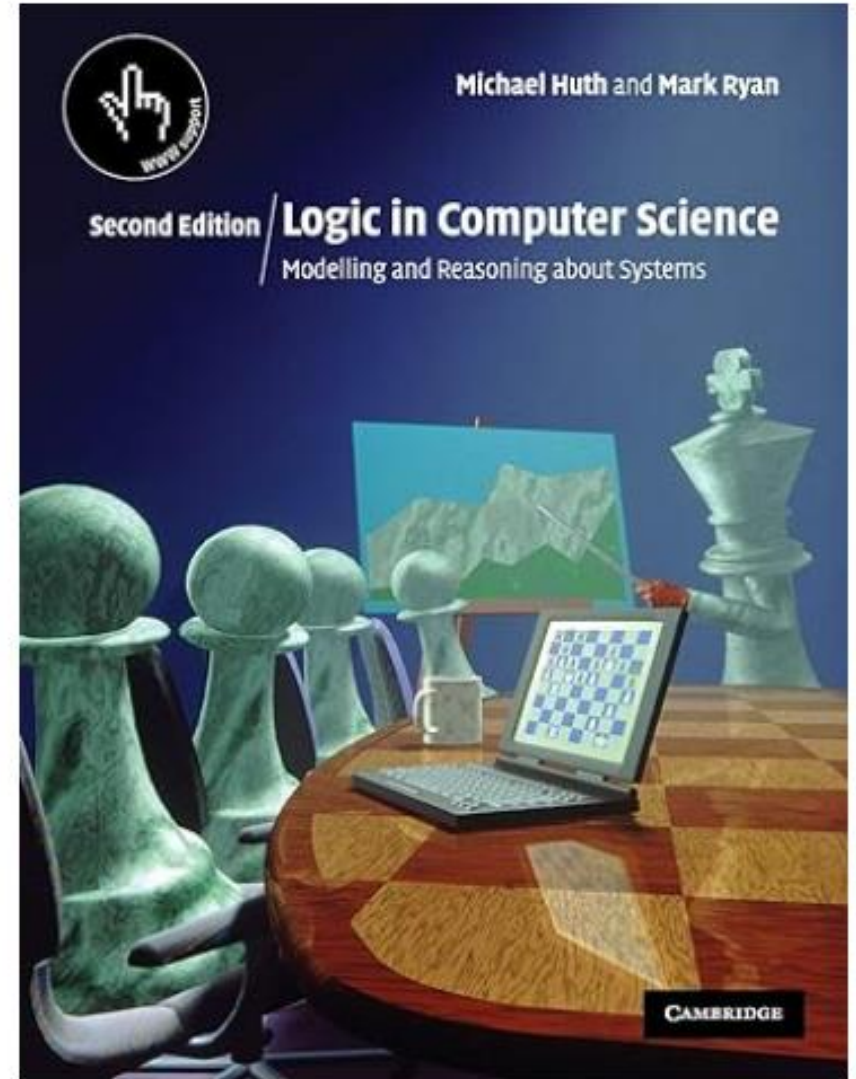
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- Defines Set of Proof Rules
- Create “watertight” proofs
  - **No** “Dark-Magic” Proofs
  - Proofs can be checked and generated automatically



# Natural Deduction

- Defines Set of Proof Rules
- Create “watertight” proofs
- Literature:
  - Logic in Computer Science: Modelling and Reasoning about Systems 2nd (Second) edition. From M. Huth and M. Ryan
  - Section 1.2 Natural Deduction



# Outline



- Proof rules
- Valid argument
  - Prove validity via natural deduction
- Invalid argument (flawed)
  - Prove invalidity via counter example
- Soundness and Completeness

Deduction Rules		
Propositional Logic		
	Introduction	Elimination
$\wedge$	$\frac{\varphi \quad \psi}{\varphi \wedge \psi} \wedge i$	$\frac{\varphi \wedge \psi}{\varphi} \wedge e1 \quad \frac{\varphi \wedge \psi}{\psi} \wedge e2$
$\vee$	$\frac{\varphi}{\varphi \vee \psi} \vee i1 \quad \frac{\psi}{\psi \vee \varphi} \vee i2$	$\frac{\varphi \vee \psi \quad \boxed{\begin{array}{c} \varphi \text{ ass.} \\ \vdots \\ \chi \end{array}} \quad \boxed{\begin{array}{c} \psi \text{ ass.} \\ \vdots \\ \chi \end{array}}}{\chi} \vee e$
$\rightarrow$	$\frac{\boxed{\begin{array}{c} \varphi \text{ ass.} \\ \vdots \\ \psi \end{array}}}{\varphi \rightarrow \psi} \rightarrow i$	$\frac{\varphi \quad \varphi \rightarrow \psi}{\psi} \rightarrow e$
$\neg$	$\frac{\boxed{\begin{array}{c} \varphi \text{ ass.} \\ \vdots \\ \perp \end{array}}}{\neg \varphi} \neg i$	$\frac{\varphi \quad \neg \varphi}{\perp} \neg e$
$\perp$	no rule	$\frac{\perp}{\varphi} \perp e$
$\neg\neg$	$\frac{\varphi}{\neg\neg\varphi} \neg\neg i$	$\frac{\neg\neg\varphi}{\varphi} \neg\neg e$
Derived Rules		
$\frac{\varphi \vee \neg\varphi}{\varphi} \text{ LEM}$	$\frac{\boxed{\begin{array}{c} \neg\varphi \text{ ass.} \\ \vdots \\ \perp \end{array}}}{\varphi} \text{ PBC}$	$\frac{\varphi \rightarrow \psi \quad \neg\psi}{\neg\varphi} \text{ MT}$

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4. students can **explain** (a) what it means that ND for prop. logic is **sound and complete** and (b) can **explain** the **consequences** of it's soundness and completeness.



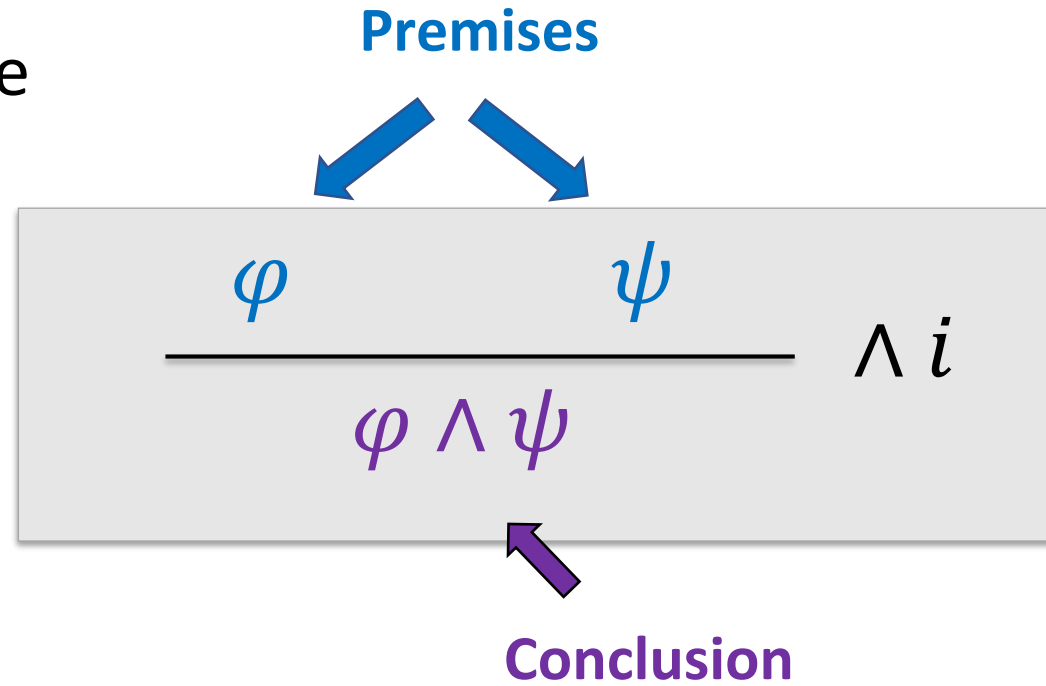
# Sequents (Arguments)

$$\underbrace{\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n}_{\text{Premises}} \vdash \underbrace{\Psi}_{\text{Conclusion}}$$

$\vdash$  ... single turnstile  
read: „entails“  
„proofs“  
(Latex: `\vdash`)

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- AND-Introduction Rule



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$$\frac{\varphi \quad \psi}{\varphi \wedge \psi} \wedge i$$

- AND-Elimination Rules

$$\frac{\varphi \wedge \psi}{\varphi} \wedge e_1$$

$$\frac{\varphi \wedge \psi}{\psi} \wedge e_2$$



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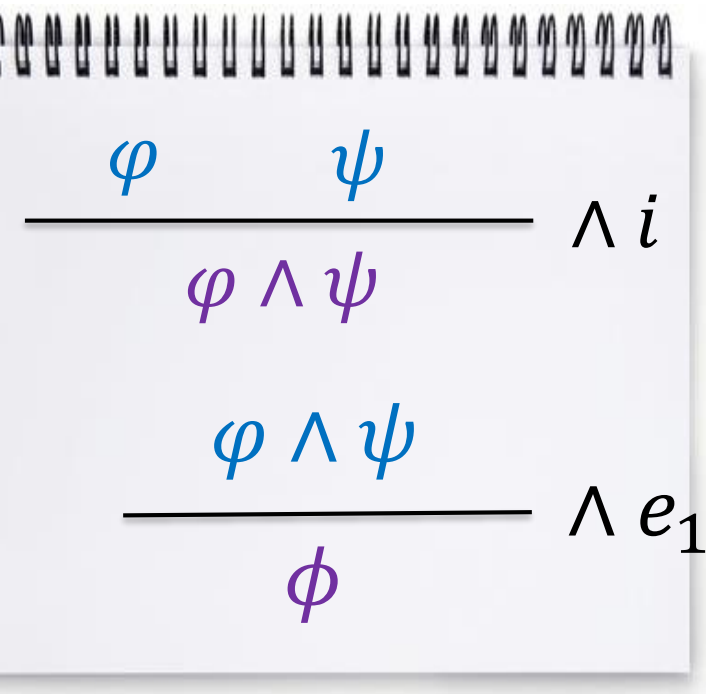
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1.	$p$	premise
2.	$q$	premise
3.	$r$	premise
4.	$p \wedge q$	$\wedge i$ 1,2
5.	$p \wedge q \wedge r$	$\wedge i$ 4,3





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$$\frac{\varphi \wedge \psi}{\phi} \wedge e_1$$

$$\frac{\varphi \quad \psi}{\varphi \wedge \psi} \wedge i$$

1. $p \wedge q$	premise
2. $r$	premise
3. $q$	$\wedge e_2$ 1
4. $q \wedge r$	$\wedge i$ 3,2





Example:  $(p \wedge q) \wedge r, s \wedge t \vdash q \wedge s$

1.  $(p \wedge q) \wedge r$       premise
2.  $s \wedge t$               premise
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
6.  $q \wedge s$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{\varphi \quad \psi}{\varphi \wedge \psi} \wedge i \\
 \\
 \frac{\varphi \wedge \psi}{\varphi} \wedge e_1
 \end{array}$$



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$\varphi$	$\psi$	
<hr/>		$\wedge i$
$\varphi \wedge \psi$		
$\varphi \wedge \psi$		
<hr/>		$\wedge e_1$
$\phi$		



# Rules for Double Negation

Elimination

$$\frac{\neg\neg\varphi}{\varphi} \neg\neg e$$

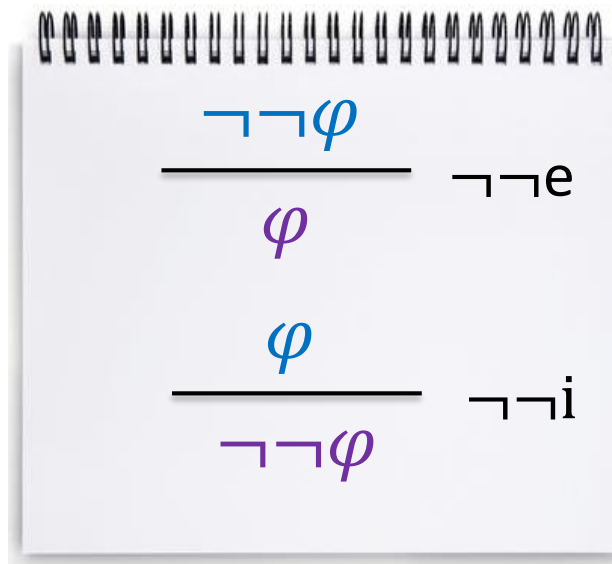
Introduction

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Example:  $p \wedge q, \neg q \wedge r \vdash \neg\neg p \wedge \neg\neg r$

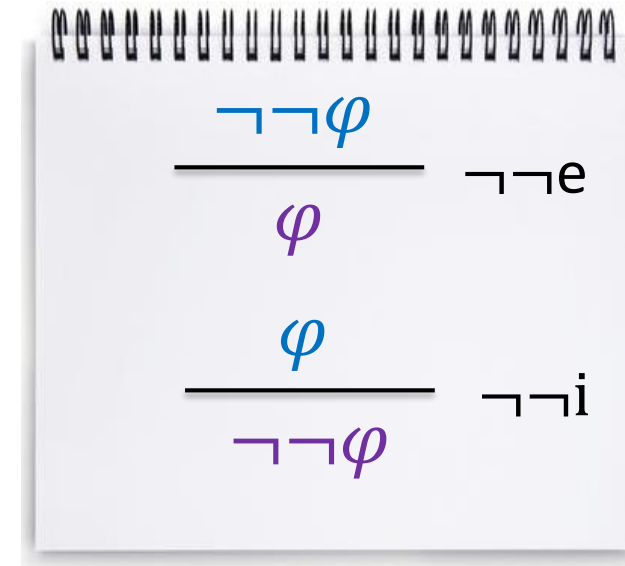
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|----|--------------------------------|----------------|
| 1. | $p \wedge q$                   | prem.          |
| 2. | $\neg q \wedge r$              | prem.          |
| 3. | $p$                            | $\wedge e1$ 1  |
| 4. | $r$                            | $\wedge e2$ 2  |
| 5. | $\neg\neg p$                   | $\neg\neg i$ 3 |
| 6. | $\neg\neg r$                   | $\neg\neg i$ 4 |
| 7. | $\neg\neg p \wedge \neg\neg r$ | $\wedge i$ 5,6 |



# Rules for Implication - Elimination

Elimination  
Modus Ponens

$$\frac{\varphi \quad \varphi \rightarrow \psi}{\psi} \rightarrow e$$

*Derived Elimination Rule -*  
Modus Tollens

$$\frac{\varphi \rightarrow \psi \quad \neg \psi}{\neg \varphi} MT$$



Example:  $p, p \rightarrow q, p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r) \vdash r$

1.  $p$  prem.
2.  $p \rightarrow q$  prem.
3.  $p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r)$  prem.
- 4.
- 5.
6.  $r$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{\varphi \quad \varphi \rightarrow \psi}{\psi} \rightarrow e \\
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 \end{array}$$

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3.  $p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r)$  prem.
4.  $q \rightarrow r$   $\rightarrow$ e 1,3
5.  $q$   $\rightarrow$ e 1,2
6.  $r$   $\rightarrow$ e 4,5

$$\frac{\varphi \quad \varphi \rightarrow \psi}{\psi} \rightarrow e$$

$$\frac{\varphi \rightarrow \psi \quad \neg \psi}{\neg \varphi} MT$$





Example:  $\neg p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r), \neg p, \neg r \vdash \neg q$

1.  $\neg p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r)$  prem.
2.  $\neg p$  prem.
3.  $\neg r$  prem.
- 4.
5.  $\neg q$

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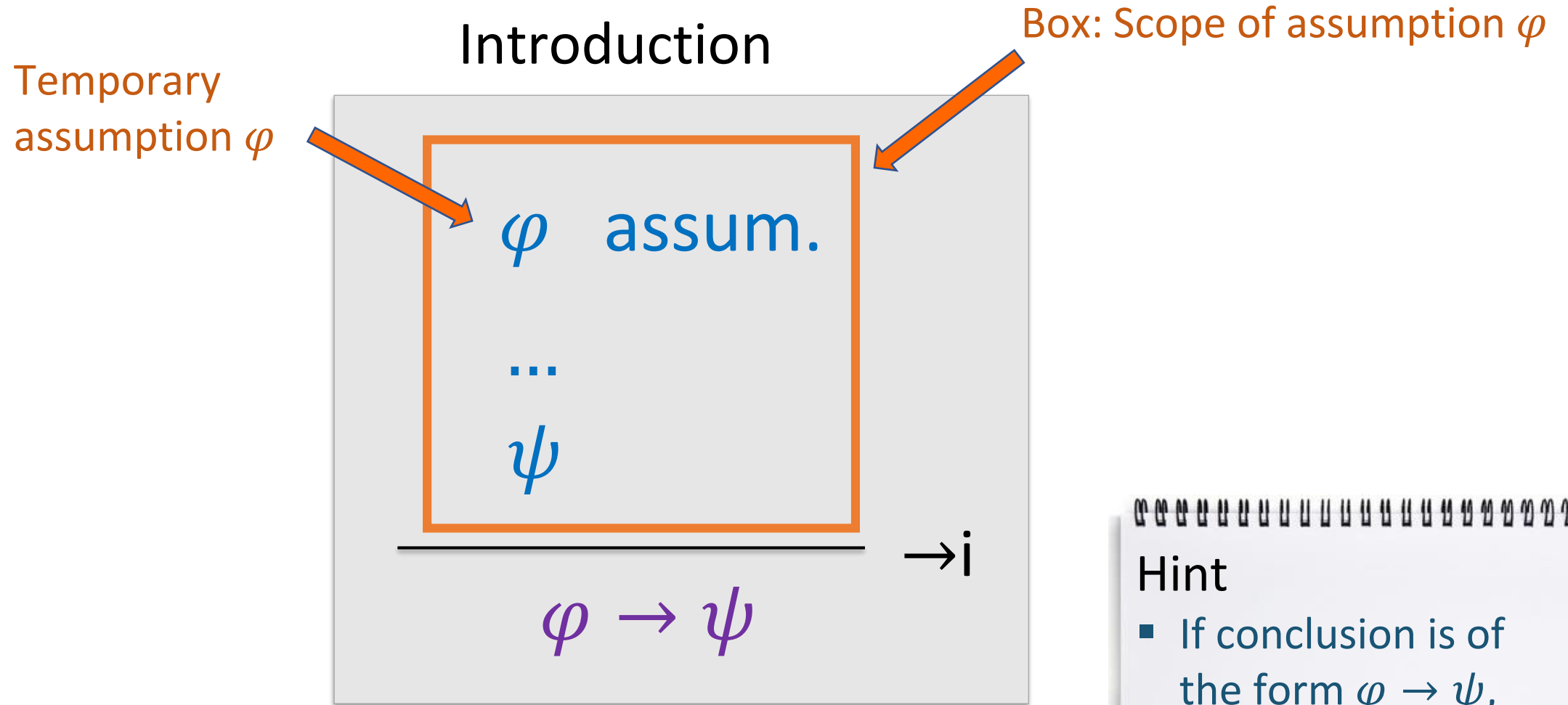
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3.  $\neg r$  prem.
4.  $q \rightarrow r$   $\rightarrow e$  1,2
5.  $\neg q$  MT 4,3

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# Rules for Implication



## Hint

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- 4.
- 5.
6.  $p \rightarrow r$

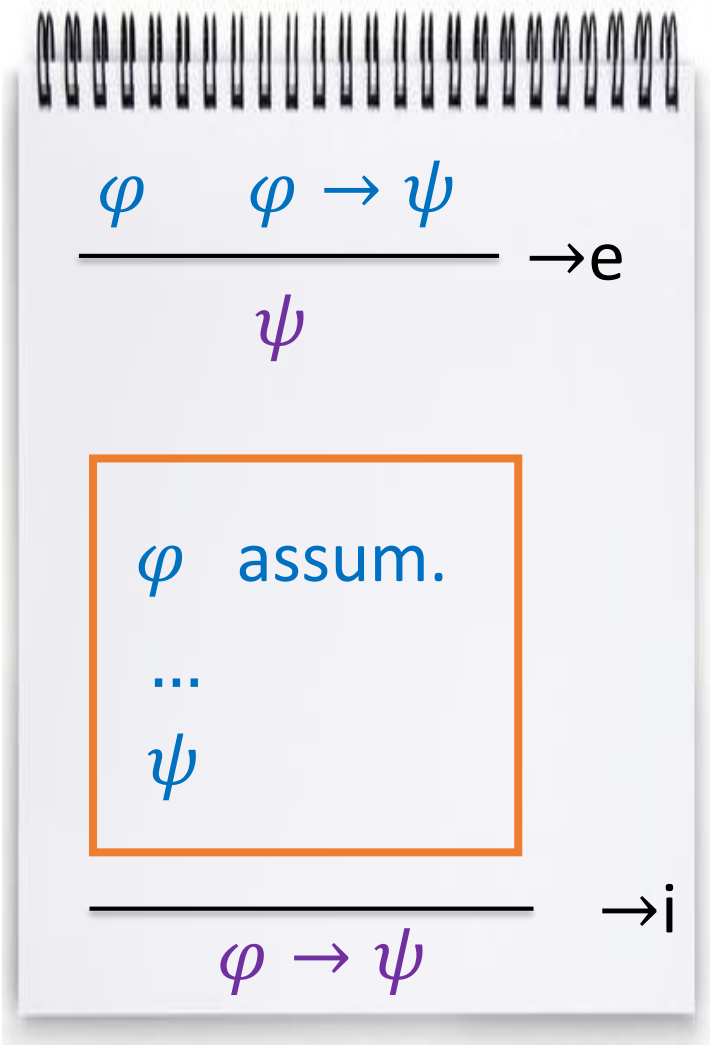
$$\frac{\varphi \quad \varphi \rightarrow \psi}{\psi} \rightarrow e$$

$\varphi$  assum.  
 ...  
 $\psi$

$$\frac{}{\varphi \rightarrow \psi} \rightarrow i$$

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1.  $p \rightarrow q$  prem.
2.  $q \rightarrow r$  prem.
3.  $p$  ass.
4.  $q$   $\rightarrow$ e 3,1
5.  $r$   $\rightarrow$ e 2,4
6.  $p \rightarrow r$   $\rightarrow$ i 3 – 5





Example:  $p \rightarrow (q \wedge r), (q \rightarrow s) \vdash p \rightarrow (s \wedge r)$

1.  $p \rightarrow (q \wedge r)$  prem.
2.  $q \rightarrow s$  prem.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
9.  $p \rightarrow (s \wedge r)$

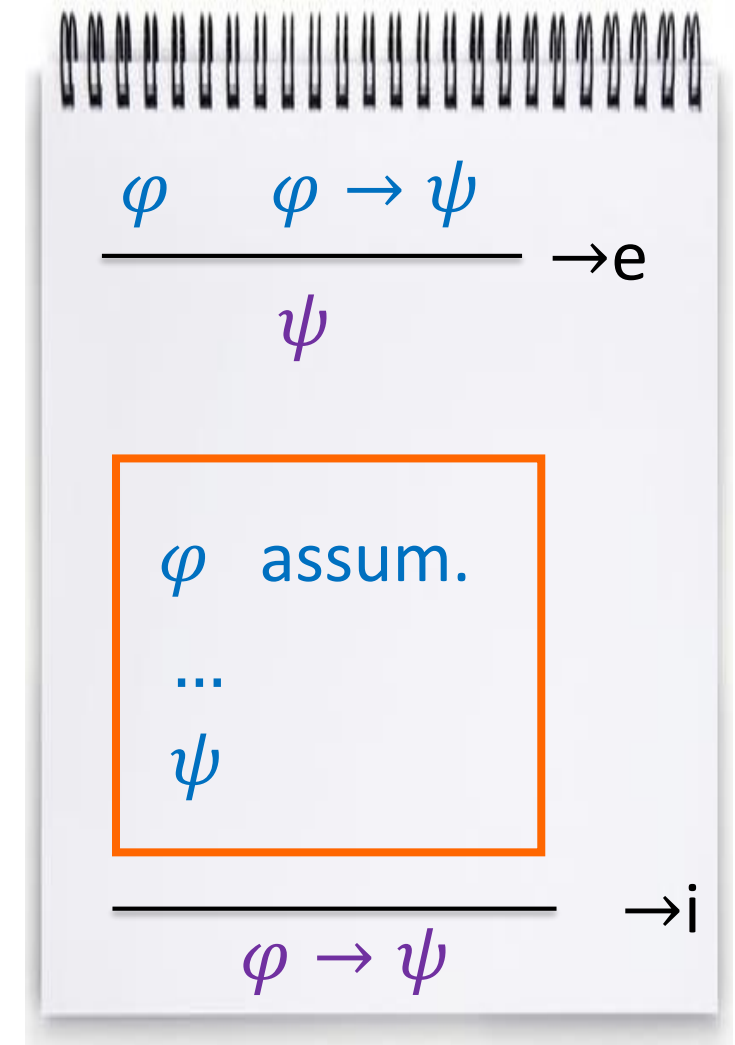
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| 2. | $q \rightarrow s$            | prem.               |
| 3. | $p$                          | ass.                |
| 4. | $q \wedge r$                 | $\rightarrow e$ 1,3 |
| 5. | $q$                          | $\wedge e$ 4        |
| 6. | $s$                          | $\rightarrow e$ 2,5 |
| 7. | $r$                          | $\wedge e$ 4        |
| 8. | $s \wedge r$                 | $\wedge i$ 6,7      |
| 9. | $p \rightarrow (s \wedge r)$ | $\rightarrow i$ 3-8 |



# Rules for Disjunction

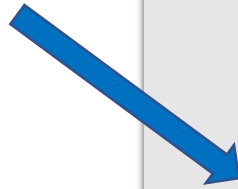
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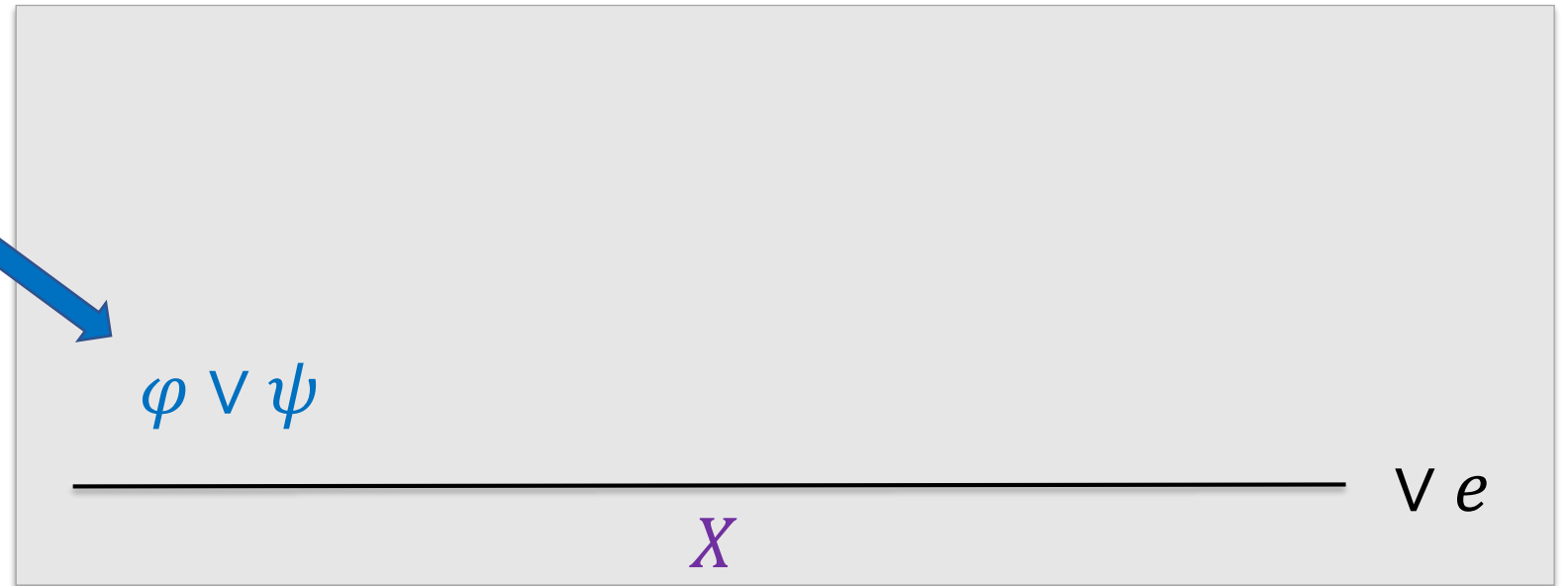
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Elimination





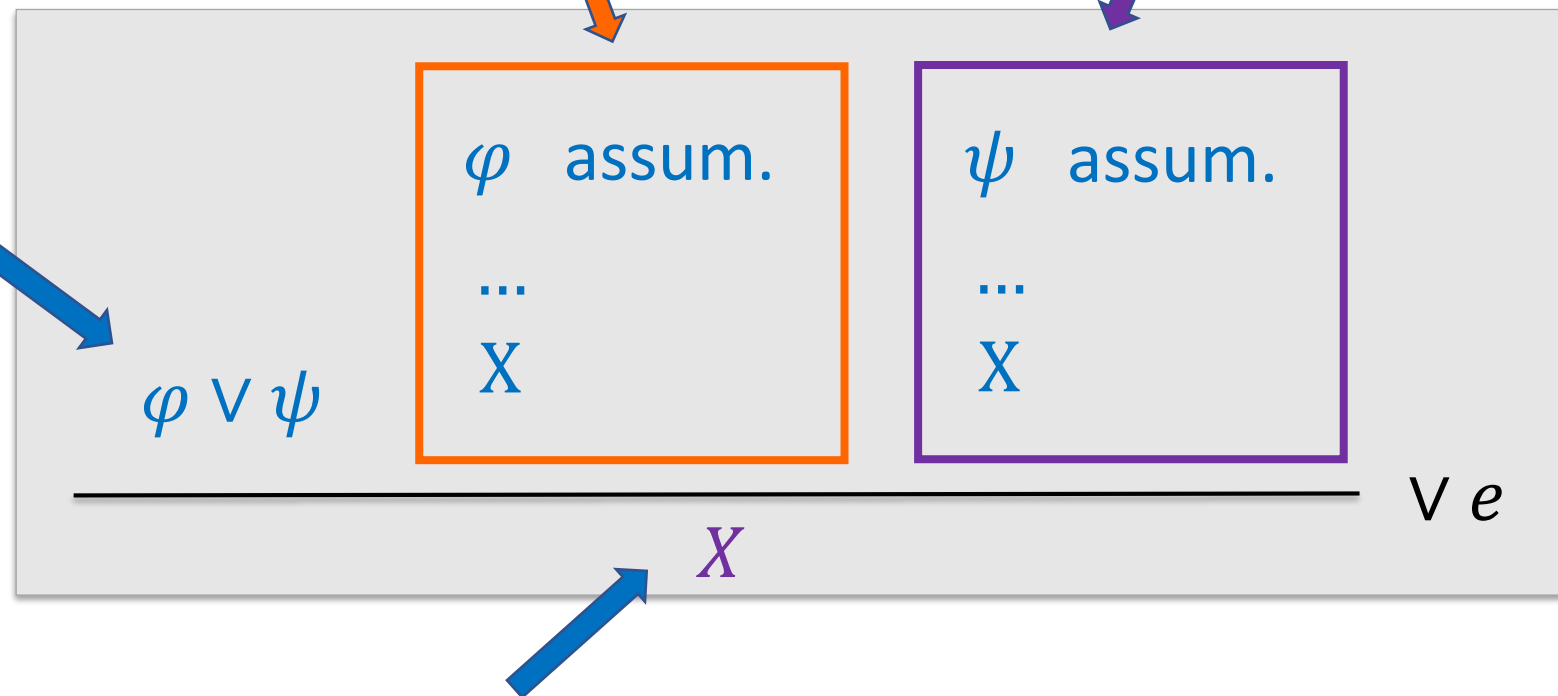
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Proof 1:  
Proofs  $X$  from  $\varphi$

Proof 2:  
Proofs  $X$  from  $\psi$

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Elimination



No matter whether we assume  $\varphi$  or  $\psi$ , we can prove  $X$

# Rules for Disjunction

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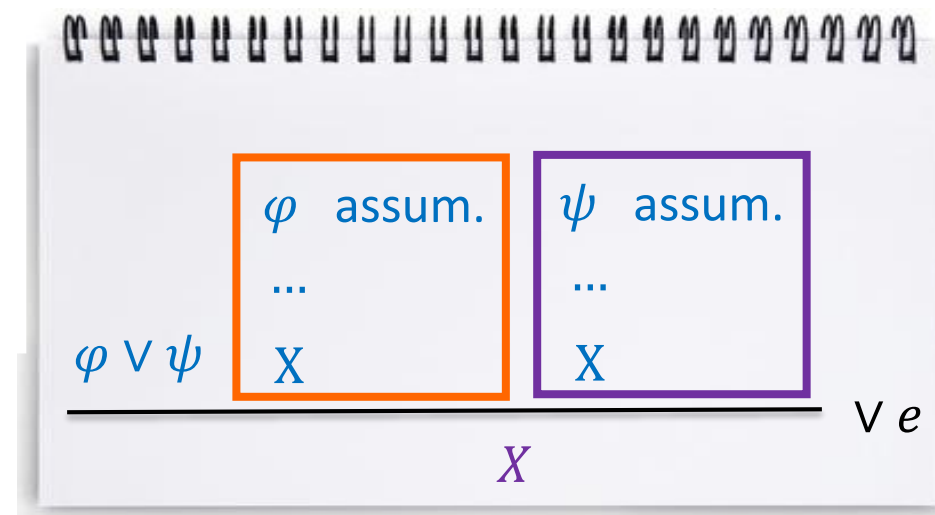
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Elimination

$$\frac{\varphi \vee \psi \quad \begin{array}{|l} \varphi \text{ assum.} \\ \dots \\ X \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{|l} \psi \text{ assum.} \\ \dots \\ X \end{array}}{X} \vee e$$

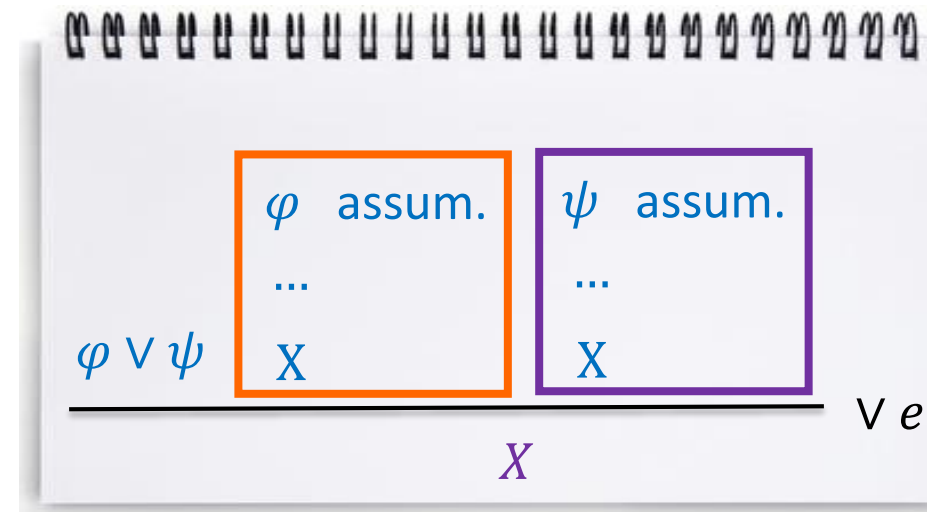


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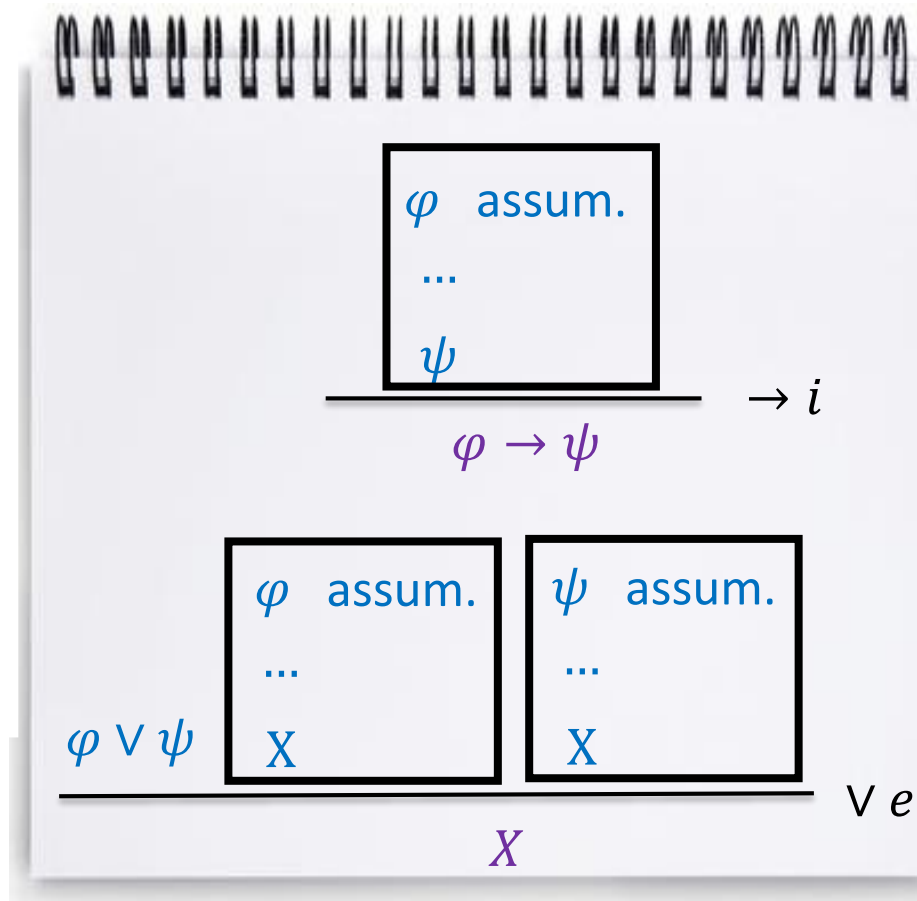
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3.  $q$   $\wedge e_2$  2
4.  $q \vee r$   $\vee i_1$  3
5.  $p \wedge r$  assumption
6.  $r$   $\wedge e_2$  5
7.  $q \vee r$   $\vee i_2$  6
8.  $q \vee r$   $\vee e$  1, 2 – 4, 5 – 7



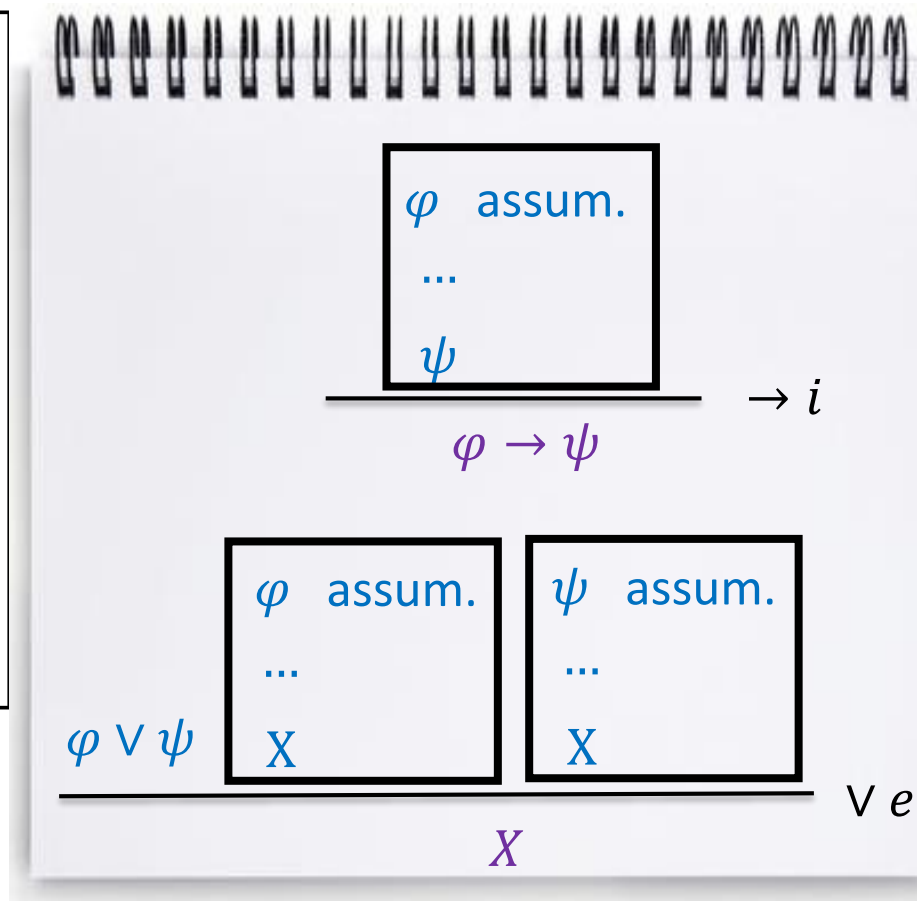


Example:  $q \rightarrow r \vdash (p \vee q) \rightarrow (p \vee r)$



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1.  $q \rightarrow r$  prem.
2.  $p \vee q$  ass.
3.  $p$  ass.
4.  $p \vee r$   $\vee i_1$  3
5.  $q$  ass.
6.  $r$   $\rightarrow e$  5,1
7.  $p \vee r$   $\vee i$  6
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$\neg$ (Not) Elimination

$$\frac{\varphi \quad \neg\varphi}{\perp} \neg e$$

Contradiction

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$\perp$ (bottom) - Elimination

$$\frac{\perp}{\varphi} \perp e$$

**A contradiction can prove anything.**

*Semantic Intuition:*

- $p \vdash q$  ... whenever  $p$  is true,  $q$  must be true
- $p \wedge \neg p \vdash q$  ...  $p \wedge \neg p$  is never true, no requirements on  $q$



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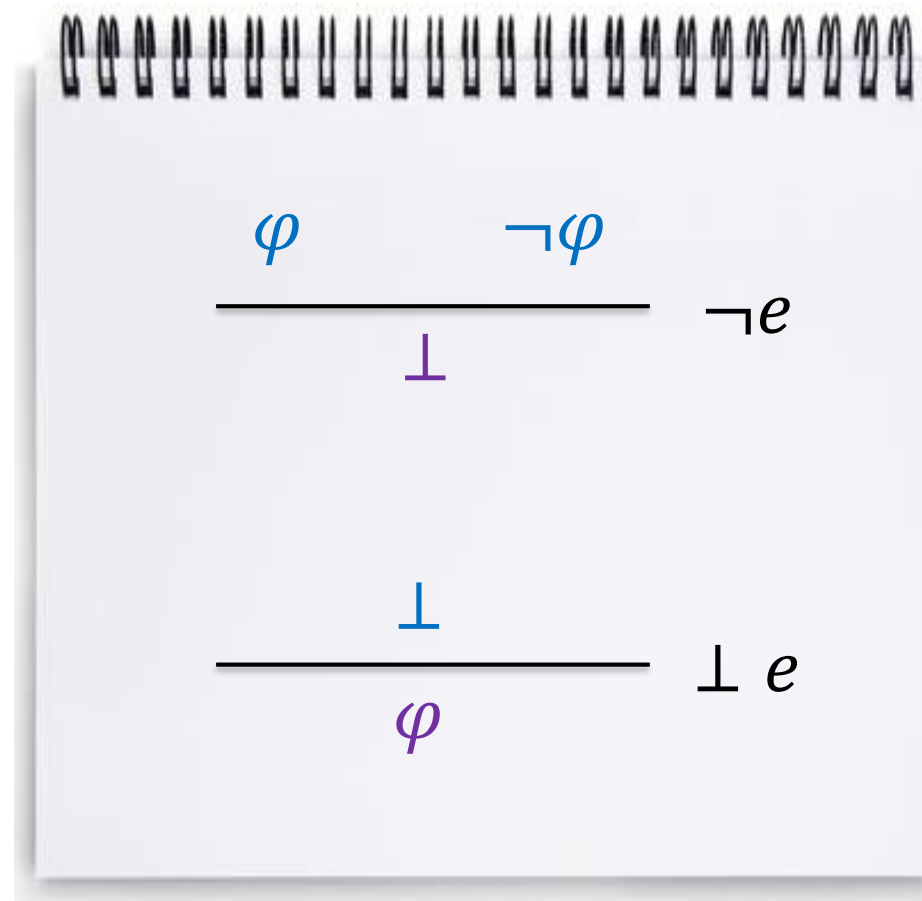
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1	$\neg p \vee q$	premise
2	$\neg p$	assumption
3	$p$	assumption
4	$\perp$	$\neg e$ 3, 2
5	$q$	$\perp e$ 4
6	$p \rightarrow q$	$\rightarrow i$ 3–5
7	$q$	assumption
8	$p$	assumption
9	$q$	copy 8
10	$p \rightarrow q$	$\rightarrow i$ 8–9
11	$p \rightarrow q$	$\vee e$ 1, 2–6, 7–10



Example  $p \vee \neg\neg q, \neg p \wedge \neg q \vdash s \vee \neg t$



Diagram illustrating a proof structure on a spiral notebook page:

$$\frac{\varphi \quad \neg\varphi}{\perp} \neg e$$

$$\frac{\perp}{\varphi} \perp e$$

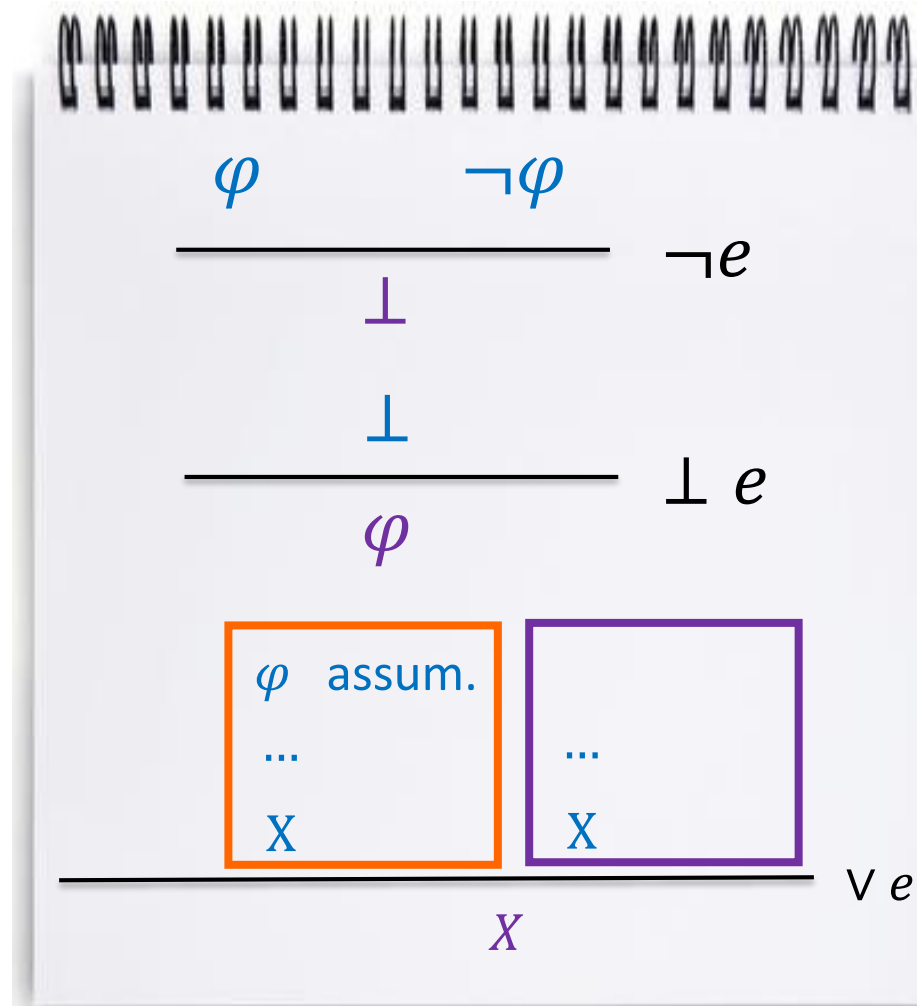
Below these, two boxes represent subproofs:

$\varphi$ assum. ... $X$	... $X$
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A horizontal line is drawn below the boxes, with a purple  $X$  centered under the space between them. To the right of the line is the label  $\vee e$ .

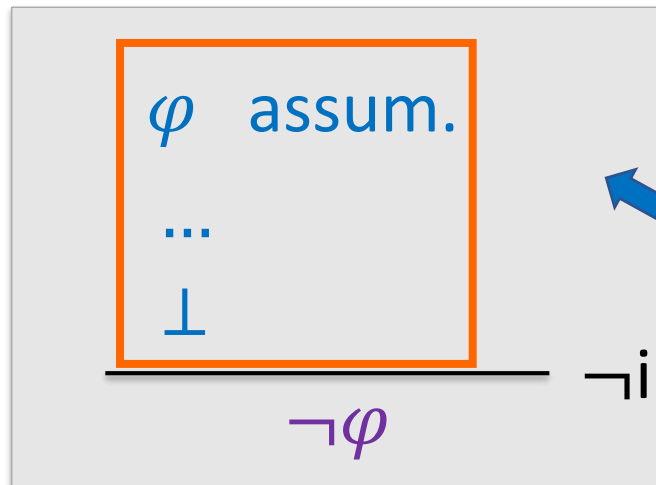
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2.  $\neg p \wedge \neg q$  prem.
3.  $p$  ass.
4.  $\neg p$   $\wedge e$  2
5.  $\perp$   $\neg e$  3,4
6.  $s \vee \neg t$   $\perp e$  5
7.  $\neg\neg q$  ass.
8.  $\neg q$   $\wedge e$  2
9.  $\perp$   $\neg e$  7,8
10.  $s \vee \neg t$   $\perp e$  9
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# Rules for Negation

## $\neg$ Introduction



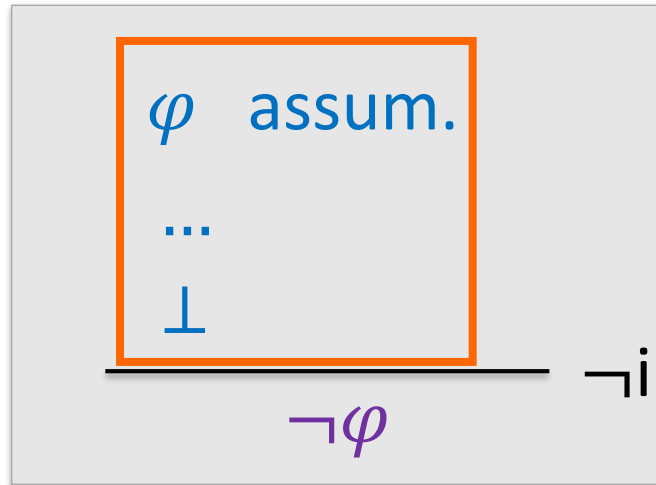
Assumption  $\varphi$  leads to contradiction.  
Thus, assumption must be false.

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- If it is of the form  $\neg\varphi$ ,  
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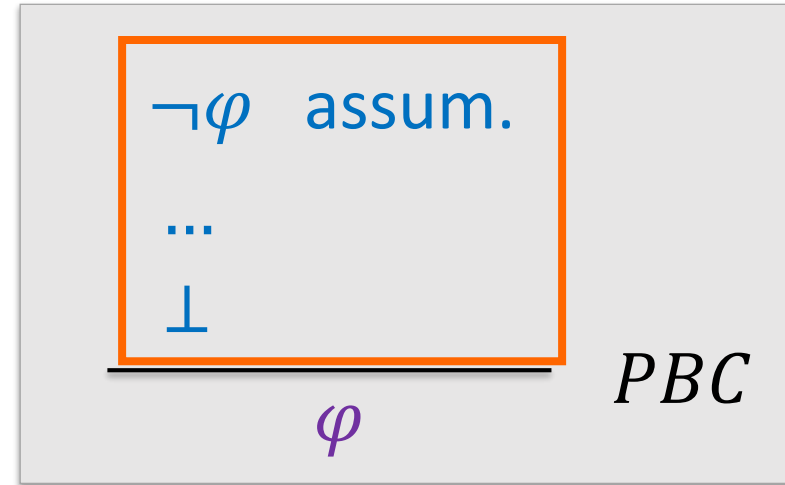
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$\neg$ Introduction



*Derived Rule -*

*Proof by Contradiction*



# Other Rules

## Law-of-the-Excluded-Middle Rule

$$\frac{}{\varphi \vee \neg\varphi} \text{LEM}$$



Afterwards, apply  $\vee e$   
 Gives you a case split  
 → Two simpler sub-proofs

## Copy-Rule

$$\frac{\varphi}{\varphi} \text{copy}$$



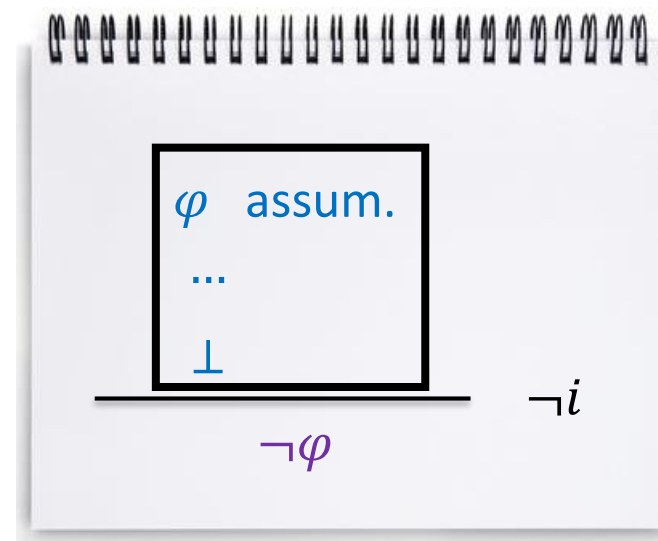
Use formulas already proven before.  
 Be careful with scopes of formulas.



Example:  $p \rightarrow \neg q, q \vdash \neg p$

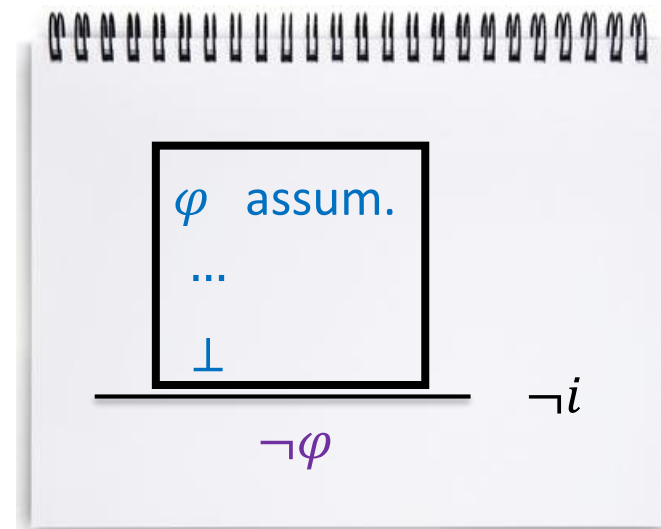


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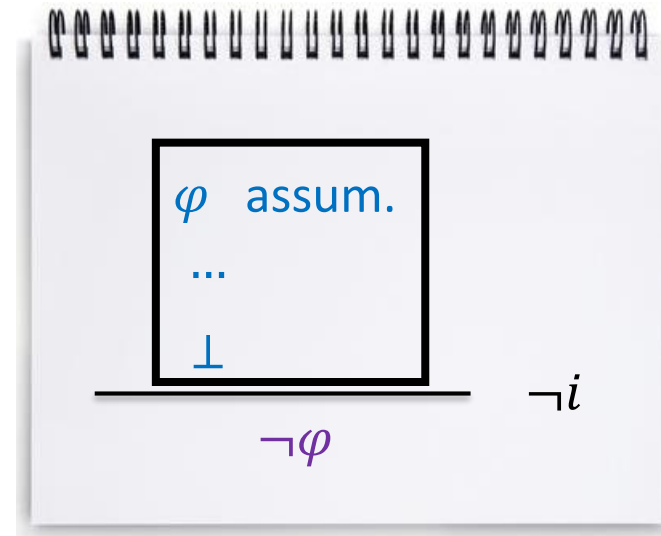


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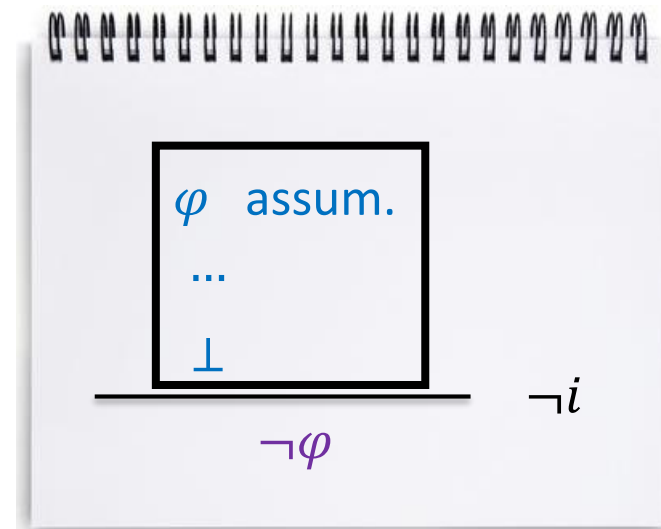


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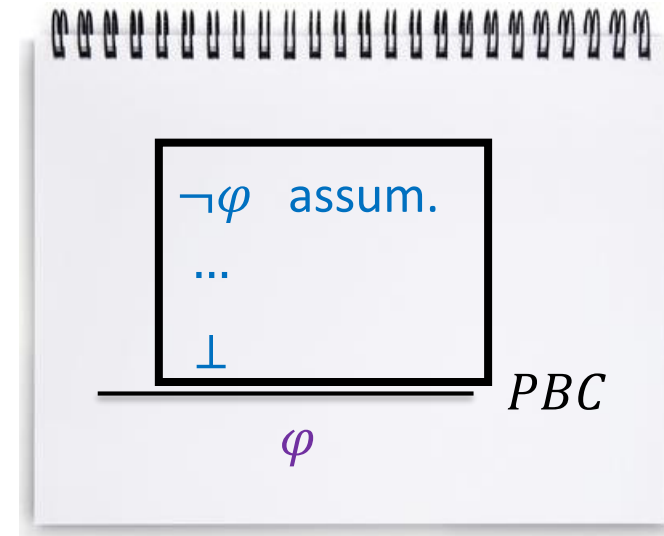
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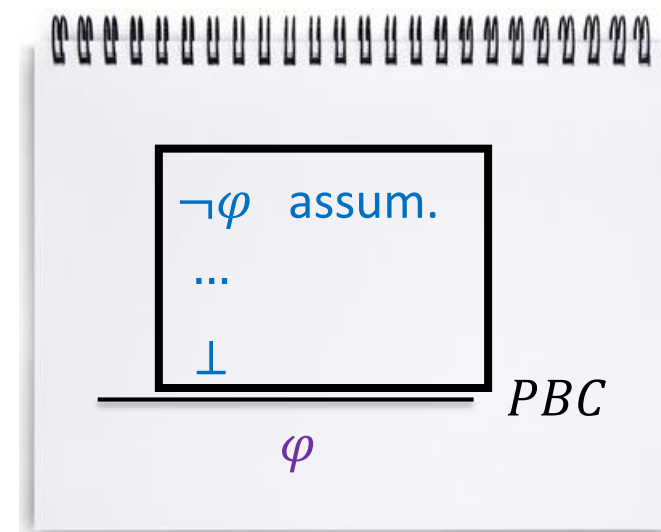


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1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

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- Unprovable sequents are incorrect entailments.

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# Tips for Deduction

- Work from both sides
- Look at the conclusion
  - If it is of the form  $\varphi \rightarrow \psi$ , apply immediately  $\rightarrow i$
  - If it is of the form  $\neg\varphi$ , apply immediately  $\neg i$
- If you get stuck
  - Try case splits: LEM
  - Try proof by contradiction

# Learning Outcomes



After this lecture...

1. students can **explain** the **proof rules** of ND for prop. logic.
2. students can **construct ND proofs** for **valid sequents**.
3. students can **construct counterexamples** for **invalid sequents**.
4. students can **explain** (a) what it means that ND for prop. logic is **sound and complete** and (b) can **explain** the **consequences** of its soundness and completeness.

# Thank You

