Natural Deduction Propositional Logic

(See the book by Troelstra and Schwichtenberg)

Natural deduction (Gentzen 1935) aims at natural proofs.

It formalizes good mathematical practice.

Resolution, but also sequent calculus, aim at proof search.

Main principles: Introduction and elimination rules

- 1. For every logical operator \oplus there are two kinds of rules:
 - ▶ Introduction rules: How to prove $F \oplus G$

$$\frac{\dots}{F \oplus G}$$

ightharpoonup Elimination rules: What can be proved from $F \oplus G$

$$F \oplus G \dots$$

Examples

$$\frac{A}{A} \frac{B}{A} \wedge B \wedge I \qquad \frac{F \wedge G}{F} \wedge E_1 \qquad \frac{F \wedge G}{G} \wedge E_2$$

Main principles: Local assumptions

2. Proof can contain subproofs with local/closed assumptions

Example

Inference rule formalizing "if from the local assumption F we can prove G then we can prove $F \to G$ ":

$$\begin{bmatrix}
F \\
\vdots \\
G \\
F \to G
\end{bmatrix}
 \to I$$

A proof tree:

$$\frac{P Q}{P \wedge Q} \wedge I \longrightarrow I$$

"From the (open) assumption Q we can prove $P \to P \land Q$." In symbols: $Q \vdash_N P \to P \land Q$

$$\overline{P o P \wedge Q}$$

$$\overline{P \to P \land Q} \longrightarrow I$$

$$\frac{\overline{P \wedge Q}}{P \to P \wedge Q} \longrightarrow I$$

$$\frac{\overline{P \wedge Q}}{P \to P \wedge Q} \stackrel{\wedge I}{\to} I$$

$$\frac{\frac{P \quad Q}{P \land Q}}{P \rightarrow P \land Q} \quad \stackrel{\wedge I}{\rightarrow} I$$

$$\frac{[P] \quad Q}{P \wedge Q} \quad \stackrel{\wedge I}{\longrightarrow} I$$

Upwards:

$$\frac{ [P] \quad Q}{P \wedge Q} \quad \stackrel{\wedge I}{\longrightarrow} I$$

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Upwards:

$$\frac{P Q}{P \wedge Q} \wedge I \longrightarrow I$$

Upwards:

$$\frac{ \frac{[P] \quad Q}{P \land Q}}{P \rightarrow P \land Q} \quad \stackrel{\wedge I}{\longrightarrow} I$$

Upwards:

$$\frac{ [P] \quad Q}{P \wedge Q} \quad \stackrel{\wedge I}{\longrightarrow} I$$

$$\frac{P \quad Q}{P \land Q} \qquad \land I$$

Upwards:

$$\frac{[P] \quad Q}{P \land Q} \quad \land I$$

$$P \rightarrow P \land Q \quad \rightarrow I$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & P & Q \\
\hline
 & P \wedge Q & \longrightarrow I
\end{array}$$

Upwards:

$$\frac{[P] \quad Q}{P \land Q} \quad \land I$$

$$P \rightarrow P \land Q \quad \rightarrow I$$

$$\frac{P \quad Q}{P \rightarrow P \land Q} \rightarrow I \qquad \land I$$

Upwards:

$$\frac{[P] \quad Q}{P \land Q} \quad \land I$$

$$P \rightarrow P \land Q \quad \rightarrow I$$

$$\frac{[P] \quad Q}{P \rightarrow P \land Q} \qquad \rightarrow I \qquad \land I$$

ND proof trees

- ▶ The nodes of a ND proof tree are (labeled by) formulas.
- Leaf nodes are called assumptions.
- ▶ The root is called the conclusion.
- Assumptions can be open or closed.
- Closed assumptions are written [F].
- ► Γ ⊢_N F denotes that there is a proof tree with conclusion F whose open assumptions belong to the set of formulas Γ. (Reading: F is provable (derivable) from Γ.)

Intuition:

- A proof tree shows that the conjunction of the open assumptions entails the conclusion.
- Closed assumptions are auxiliary local assumptions in a subproof that have been closed ("discharged") by some proof rule like → I.

ND proof trees

ND proof trees are defined inductively:

- Every formula F is a ND proof tree with open assumption F and conclusion F.
 - (Intuition: From F we can prove F.)
- Larger proof trees are constructed using the rules of ND:
 - Introduction and Elimination rules for $\land, \lor, \rightarrow, \neg$, plus
 - \bullet a rule for \perp .

The application of a rule (backwards or forwards) adds new nodes to the tree and possibly closes some assumptions:

Natural Deduction rules

$$\frac{F \cap G}{F \cap G} \wedge I \qquad \frac{F \wedge G}{F} \wedge E_{1} \quad \frac{F \wedge G}{G} \wedge E_{2}$$

$$[F]$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\frac{G}{F \rightarrow G} \rightarrow I \qquad \frac{F \rightarrow G \quad F}{G} \rightarrow E$$

$$[F] \quad [G]$$

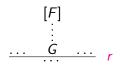
$$\vdots \quad \vdots$$

$$F \vee G \quad H \quad H$$

 $\frac{\neg F \quad F}{\mid} \quad \neg E$

Natural Deduction rules

How to read a rule



Forward:

When applying rule r, in the proof of G we can close all (or some) of the assumptions F.

Backward:

In the subproof of G we can use the local assumption [F].

We can use labels to show which rule application closed which assumptions (the slides won't but you must!).

$$P \rightarrow Q \vdash_N \neg Q \rightarrow \neg P$$
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$$P \rightarrow Q \vdash_N \neg Q \rightarrow \neg P$$
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$$P \rightarrow Q \vdash_N \neg Q \rightarrow \neg P$$
:

$$\overline{\neg Q \rightarrow \neg P} \rightarrow I:1$$

$$P \rightarrow Q \vdash_N \neg Q \rightarrow \neg P$$
:

$$\frac{\overline{\neg P}}{\neg Q \to \neg P} \to I:1$$

$$P \rightarrow Q \vdash_N \neg Q \rightarrow \neg P$$
:

$$\frac{\overline{\neg P} \ \neg I:2}{\neg Q \to \neg P} \to I:1$$

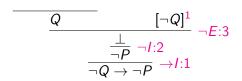
$$P \rightarrow Q \vdash_N \neg Q \rightarrow \neg P$$
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$$\frac{\frac{\bot}{\neg P} \neg I:2}{\neg Q \rightarrow \neg P} \rightarrow I:1$$

$$P \rightarrow Q \vdash_N \neg Q \rightarrow \neg P$$
:

$$\frac{\frac{\bot}{\neg P} \neg I:2}{\frac{\neg Q \rightarrow \neg P}{\neg Q \rightarrow \neg P} \rightarrow I:1} \neg E:3$$

$$P \rightarrow Q \vdash_N \neg Q \rightarrow \neg P$$
:



$$P \rightarrow Q \vdash_N \neg Q \rightarrow \neg P$$
:

$$\frac{Q}{\frac{\bot}{\neg P} \neg I:2} \neg E:3$$

$$\frac{\bot}{\neg P} \neg I:2$$

$$\frac{\bot}{\neg Q \rightarrow \neg P} \rightarrow I:1$$

$$P \rightarrow Q \vdash_{N} \neg Q \rightarrow \neg P$$
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$$\frac{[P]^2 \quad P \to Q}{Q} \xrightarrow{A} E:4 \quad [\neg Q]^1$$

$$\frac{\frac{\bot}{\neg P} \neg I:2}{\neg Q \to \neg P} \xrightarrow{A}I:1$$

$$P \rightarrow Q \vdash_N \neg Q \rightarrow \neg P$$
:

$$\frac{[P]^2 \quad P \to Q}{\frac{Q}{Q} \quad \to E:4} \quad [\neg Q]^1}{\frac{\frac{\bot}{\neg P} \quad \neg I:2}{\neg Q \to \neg P} \quad \to I:1}$$

$$\neg (P \lor Q) \vdash_{N} \neg P \land \neg Q$$
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$$P \rightarrow Q \vdash_N \neg Q \rightarrow \neg P$$
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$$\frac{[P]^2 \quad P \to Q}{Q} \xrightarrow{D} E:4 \quad [\neg Q]^1$$

$$\frac{\frac{\bot}{\neg P} \neg I:2}{\neg Q \to \neg P} \to I:1$$

$$\neg (P \lor Q) \vdash_{N} \neg P \land \neg Q$$
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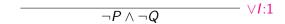


$$P \rightarrow Q \vdash_N \neg Q \rightarrow \neg P$$
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$$\frac{[P]^{2} \quad P \to Q}{Q} \xrightarrow{D} E:4 \quad [\neg Q]^{1}$$

$$\frac{\frac{\bot}{\neg P} \neg I:2}{\neg Q \to \neg P} \to I:1$$

$$\neg (P \lor Q) \vdash_{N} \neg P \land \neg Q$$
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$$P \rightarrow Q \vdash_{N} \neg Q \rightarrow \neg P$$
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$$\frac{[P]^2 \quad P \to Q}{Q} \to E:4 \quad [\neg Q]^1$$

$$\frac{\frac{\bot}{\neg P} \neg I:2}{\neg Q \to \neg P} \to I:1$$

$$\neg (P \lor Q) \vdash_{N} \neg P \land \neg Q$$
:

$$\frac{\overline{\neg P}}{\neg P \land \neg Q} \lor I:1$$

$$P \rightarrow Q \vdash_{N} \neg Q \rightarrow \neg P$$
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$$\frac{[P]^2 \quad P \to Q}{Q} \to E:4 \quad [\neg Q]^1$$

$$\frac{\frac{\bot}{\neg P} \neg I:2}{\neg Q \to \neg P} \to I:1$$

$$\neg (P \lor Q) \vdash_{N} \neg P \land \neg Q$$
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$$\frac{}{\neg P} \neg I:2$$
 $\frac{}{\neg Q} \lor I:1$

$$P \rightarrow Q \vdash_{N} \neg Q \rightarrow \neg P$$
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$$\frac{[P]^2 \quad P \to Q}{Q} \to E:4 \quad [\neg Q]^1$$

$$\frac{\frac{\bot}{\neg P} \neg I:2}{\neg Q \to \neg P} \to I:1$$

$$\neg (P \lor Q) \vdash_{N} \neg P \land \neg Q$$
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$$\frac{\frac{\bot}{\neg P} \neg I:2}{\neg P \land \neg Q} \lor I:1$$

$$P \rightarrow Q \vdash_{N} \neg Q \rightarrow \neg P$$
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$$\frac{[P]^2 \quad P \to Q}{Q} \to E:4 \quad [\neg Q]^1$$

$$\frac{\frac{\bot}{\neg P} \neg I:2}{\neg Q \to \neg P} \to I:1$$

$$\neg (P \lor Q) \vdash_{N} \neg P \land \neg Q$$
:

$$\frac{\frac{\bot}{\neg P} \neg I:2}{\neg P \land \neg Q} \neg E:3$$

$$P \rightarrow Q \vdash_{N} \neg Q \rightarrow \neg P$$
:

$$\frac{[P]^2 \quad P \to Q}{Q} \xrightarrow{P} E:4 \quad [\neg Q]^1$$

$$\frac{\frac{\bot}{\neg P} \neg I:2}{\neg Q \to \neg P} \to I:1$$

$$\neg (P \lor Q) \vdash_{N} \neg P \land \neg Q$$
:

$$\frac{P \vee Q}{\frac{\bot}{\neg P} \neg I:2} \neg E:3$$

$$\frac{\neg P \wedge \neg Q}{\neg P \wedge \neg Q} \vee I:1$$

$$P \rightarrow Q \vdash_{N} \neg Q \rightarrow \neg P$$
:

$$\frac{[P]^2 \quad P \to Q}{\frac{Q}{Q} \rightarrow E:4} \quad [\neg Q]^1 \quad \neg E:3$$

$$\frac{\frac{\bot}{\neg P} \quad \neg I:2}{\neg Q \rightarrow \neg P} \rightarrow I:1$$

$$\neg (P \lor Q) \vdash_{N} \neg P \land \neg Q$$
:

$$\frac{\overline{P \vee Q} \vee I:4}{\frac{\bot}{\neg P} \neg I:2} \neg E:3$$

$$\frac{\overline{\bot} \neg P \wedge \neg Q}{\neg P \wedge \neg Q} \vee I:1$$

$$P \rightarrow Q \vdash_{N} \neg Q \rightarrow \neg P$$
:

$$\frac{[P]^2 \quad P \to Q}{Q} \to E:4 \quad [\neg Q]^1$$

$$\frac{\frac{\bot}{\neg P} \neg I:2}{\neg Q \to \neg P} \to I:1$$

$$\neg (P \lor Q) \vdash_{N} \neg P \land \neg Q$$
:

$$\frac{P|^{2}}{P \vee Q} \vee I:4 \qquad \neg (P \vee Q)$$

$$\frac{\bot}{\neg P} \neg I:2 \qquad \overline{\neg Q}$$

$$\neg P \wedge \neg Q \qquad \forall I:1$$

$$P \rightarrow Q \vdash_{N} \neg Q \rightarrow \neg P$$
:

$$\frac{[P]^2 \quad P \to Q}{Q} \xrightarrow{P} E:4 \quad [\neg Q]^1$$

$$\frac{\frac{\bot}{\neg P} \neg I:2}{\neg Q \to \neg P} \to I:1$$

$$\neg (P \lor Q) \vdash_{N} \neg P \land \neg Q$$
:

$$\frac{\frac{[P]^2}{P \vee Q} \vee I:4}{\frac{\frac{\bot}{\neg P} \neg I:2}{\neg P \wedge \neg Q}} \neg E:3$$

$$P \rightarrow Q \vdash_{N} \neg Q \rightarrow \neg P$$
:

$$\frac{[P]^2 \quad P \to Q}{Q} \to E:4 \quad [\neg Q]^1$$

$$\frac{\frac{\bot}{\neg P} \neg I:2}{\neg Q \to \neg P} \to I:1$$

$$\neg (P \lor Q) \vdash_{N} \neg P \land \neg Q$$
:

$$\frac{P^{2}}{P \vee Q} \vee I:4 \qquad \neg (P \vee Q) \qquad \neg E:3$$

$$\frac{\bot}{\neg P} \neg I:2 \qquad \qquad \frac{\bot}{\neg Q} \neg I:5$$

$$\neg P \wedge \neg Q \qquad \qquad \lor I:1$$

$$P \rightarrow Q \vdash_{N} \neg Q \rightarrow \neg P$$
:

$$\frac{[P]^2 \quad P \to Q}{Q} \xrightarrow{D} E:4 \quad [\neg Q]^1$$

$$\frac{\frac{\bot}{\neg P} \neg I:2}{\neg Q \to \neg P} \xrightarrow{J:1}$$

$$\neg (P \lor Q) \vdash_{N} \neg P \land \neg Q$$
:

$$\frac{\frac{|P|^2}{P \vee Q} \vee I:4}{\frac{\bot}{\neg P} \neg I:2} \neg E:3 \qquad \frac{\bot}{\neg Q} \neg I:5}{\frac{\bot}{\neg Q} \vee I:1} \neg E:6$$

$$P \rightarrow Q \vdash_{N} \neg Q \rightarrow \neg P$$
:

$$\frac{[P]^2 \quad P \to Q}{Q} \to E:4 \quad [\neg Q]^1$$

$$\frac{\frac{\bot}{\neg P} \neg I:2}{\neg Q \to \neg P} \to I:1$$

$$\neg (P \lor Q) \vdash_{N} \neg P \land \neg Q$$
:

$$\frac{P^{2}}{P \vee Q} \vee I:4 \qquad \neg (P \vee Q) \qquad \neg E:3 \qquad \frac{P \vee Q}{P \vee Q} \qquad \neg (P \vee Q) \qquad \neg E:6$$

$$\frac{\bot}{\neg P} \neg I:2 \qquad \frac{\bot}{\neg Q} \neg I:5 \qquad \forall I:1$$

$$P \rightarrow Q \vdash_{N} \neg Q \rightarrow \neg P$$
:

$$\frac{[P]^2 \quad P \to Q}{Q} \xrightarrow{P} E:4 \quad [\neg Q]^1$$

$$\frac{\frac{\bot}{\neg P} \neg I:2}{\neg Q \to \neg P} \to I:1$$

$$\neg (P \lor Q) \vdash_{N} \neg P \land \neg Q$$
:

$$\frac{P|^{2}}{P \vee Q} \vee I:4 \qquad \neg (P \vee Q)$$

$$\frac{\bot}{\neg P} \neg I:2$$

$$\neg P \wedge \neg Q$$

$$\frac{\bot}{\neg Q} \neg I:5$$

$$\neg P \wedge \neg Q$$

$$\vdash I:5$$

$$\neg P \wedge \neg Q$$

$$P \rightarrow Q \vdash_{N} \neg Q \rightarrow \neg P$$
:

$$\frac{[P]^2 \quad P \to Q}{\frac{Q}{Q}} \to E:4 \quad [\neg Q]^1}{\frac{\frac{\bot}{\neg P} \neg I:2}{\neg Q \to \neg P} \to I:1} \neg E:3$$

$$\neg (P \lor Q) \vdash_{N} \neg P \land \neg Q$$
:

$$\frac{[P]^{2}}{P \vee Q} \vee I:4 \qquad \neg (P \vee Q)$$

$$\frac{\bot}{\neg P} \neg I:2$$

$$\neg E:3$$

$$\frac{[Q]^{5}}{P \vee Q} \vee I:7 \qquad \neg (P \vee Q)$$

$$\frac{\bot}{\neg Q} \neg I:5$$

$$\neg P \wedge \neg Q$$

Soundness

Lemma (Soundness)

If
$$\Gamma \vdash_N F$$
 then $\Gamma \models F$

Proof by induction on the depth of the proof tree for $\Gamma \vdash_N F$.

Base: The tree has only one node F and $F \in \Gamma$.

Step: Case analysis of first rule applied (upwards).

Case: first rule is
$$\frac{G \to F - G}{F} \to E$$

Let $\mathcal A$ arbitrary such that $\mathcal A(\Gamma)=1$. We prove $\mathcal A(F)=1$

IH:
$$\Gamma \models G \rightarrow F$$
 and $\Gamma \models G$

IH and
$$\mathcal{A}(\Gamma) = 1$$
 yields $\mathcal{A}(G \to F) = 1$ and $\mathcal{A}(G) = 1$.

So
$$\mathcal{A}(F)=1$$

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Soundness

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[G]
Case: first rule is
To show: \Gamma \models G \rightarrow F
IH: \Gamma, G \models F
          \Gamma \models G \rightarrow F
       for all A: A \models \Gamma \Rightarrow A \models G \rightarrow F
        for all A: A \models \Gamma \Rightarrow (A \models G \Rightarrow A \models F)
  iff
         for all A: (A \models \Gamma \text{ and } A \models G) \Rightarrow A \models F
  iff
          IΗ
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Lemma (Tertium non datur)

$$\vdash_N F \lor \neg F$$

Proof:

$$\frac{[\neg(F \lor \neg F)]^{1} \quad \frac{[\neg F]^{4}}{F \lor \neg F} \quad \lor I_{2}:6}{\frac{\frac{\bot}{F} \quad \bot :4}{F \lor \neg F} \quad \lor I_{1}:3}$$
$$\frac{\bot}{F \lor \neg F} \quad \bot :1$$

Definition

$$F^{\mathcal{A}} := \left\{ egin{array}{ll} F & ext{if } \mathcal{A}(F) = 1 \
eg F & ext{if } \mathcal{A}(F) = 0 \end{array}
ight.$$

Lemma (1)

If $atoms(F) \subseteq \{A_1, \dots, A_n\}$ then $A_1^{\mathcal{A}}, \dots, A_n^{\mathcal{A}} \vdash_{\mathcal{N}} F^{\mathcal{A}}$ for every \mathcal{A} .

Proof By induction on F.

Only the case $F = G \rightarrow H$. Three subcases:

$$\mathcal{A}(H)=1$$
. Then $H^{\mathcal{A}}=H$, $(G\to H)^{\mathcal{A}}=G\to H$. To prove: $A_1^{\mathcal{A}},\ldots,A_n^{\mathcal{A}}\vdash_{\mathcal{N}}G\to H$. By IH: $A_1^{\mathcal{A}},\ldots,A_n^{\mathcal{A}}\vdash_{\mathcal{N}}H$.

$$\frac{\overline{H}}{G \to H} \stackrel{IH}{\to I}$$

$$\mathcal{A}(G) = 0$$
. Then $G^{\mathcal{A}} = \neg G$, $(G \to H)^{\mathcal{A}} = G \to H$.
To prove: $A_1^{\mathcal{A}}, \dots, A_n^{\mathcal{A}} \vdash_{\mathcal{N}} G \to H$. By IH: $A_1^{\mathcal{A}}, \dots, A_n^{\mathcal{A}} \vdash_{\mathcal{N}} \neg G$.

$$\frac{[G] \quad \overline{\neg G} \quad |H|}{\frac{\bot}{G \to H} \quad \to I}$$

$$\mathcal{A}(G) = 1$$
 and $\mathcal{A}(H) = 0$. Then $G^{\mathcal{A}} = G$, $H^{\mathcal{A}} = \neg H$, $(G \to H)^{\mathcal{A}} = \neg (G \to H)$. To prove: $A_1^{\mathcal{A}}, \dots, A_n^{\mathcal{A}} \vdash_{\mathcal{N}} \neg (G \to H)$. By IH: $A_1^{\mathcal{A}}, \dots, A_n^{\mathcal{A}} \vdash_{\mathcal{N}} G$ and $A_1^{\mathcal{A}}, \dots, A_n^{\mathcal{A}} \vdash_{\mathcal{N}} \neg H$.

$$\frac{[G \to H] \quad \overline{G} \quad \overset{\text{IH}}{\longrightarrow} \qquad \overset{\text{IH}}$$

Corollary (Cases)

If $F, \Gamma \vdash_N G$ and $\neg F, \Gamma \vdash_N G$ then $\Gamma \vdash_N G$.

Proof: By Lemma (Tertium non datur) $F, \Gamma \vdash_N F \vee \neg F$. Apply

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
[F] & [\neg F] \\
\vdots & \vdots \\
F \lor \neg F & G & G \\
G & & \lor E
\end{array}$$

Completeness

Lemma (2)

If $atoms(F) = \{A_1, ..., A_n\}$ and $\models F$ then $A_1^A, ..., A_k^A \vdash_N F$ for every A and for all $k \le n$.

Proof by (downward) induction on k = n, ..., 0.

k = n. $A_1^{\mathcal{A}}, \dots, A_n^{\mathcal{A}} \vdash_{\mathcal{N}} F$ holds by Lemma (1) and $F^{\mathcal{A}} = F$ because F is valid.

k < n. By IH $A_1^A, \dots, A_k^A \vdash_N F$ for every A.

To prove: $A_1^A, \ldots, A_{k-1}^A \vdash_N F$ for every A.

Let \mathcal{A} arbitrary. Define $\overline{\mathcal{A}}$ by $\overline{\mathcal{A}}(A_i) = \mathcal{A}(A_i)$ for every i < k and $\overline{\mathcal{A}}(A_k) = 1 - \mathcal{A}(A_k)$.

Assume w.l.o.g. $A(A_k) = 1$ (otherwise swap A and \overline{A}).

Then $A_i^{\overline{A}} = A_i^{A}$ for every i < k, and $A_k^{\overline{A}} = \neg A_k^{A}$.

Taking $F := A_k^A$, $\Gamma := A_1^A$, ..., A_{k-1}^A , and G := F in Corollary (Cases) yields A_1^A , ..., $A_{k-1}^A \vdash_N F$.

Completeness

Theorem (Completeness)

If
$$\Gamma \models F$$
 then $\Gamma \vdash_N F$.

Proof Only for $\Gamma := G$ (general case left as exercise).

Assume $G \models F$.

We have $\models G \rightarrow F$ and so $\vdash_N G \rightarrow F$ by Lemma (2) with n = 0.

Applying

$$\frac{G \to F \quad G}{F} \quad \to E$$

yields $G \vdash_N F$.