

Logic (PHIL 2080, COMP 2620, COMP 6262)  
*Chapter: Propositional Natural Deduction*  
— Negation, Disjunction

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  - Disjunction (*quite* hard... Practice it!)

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  - This rule is the main proof idea behind the proof technique “*Proof by contradiction*”. (There are, e.g., nice illustrations on YouTube proving that  $\sqrt{2}$  is not rational by that technique.)

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Why?

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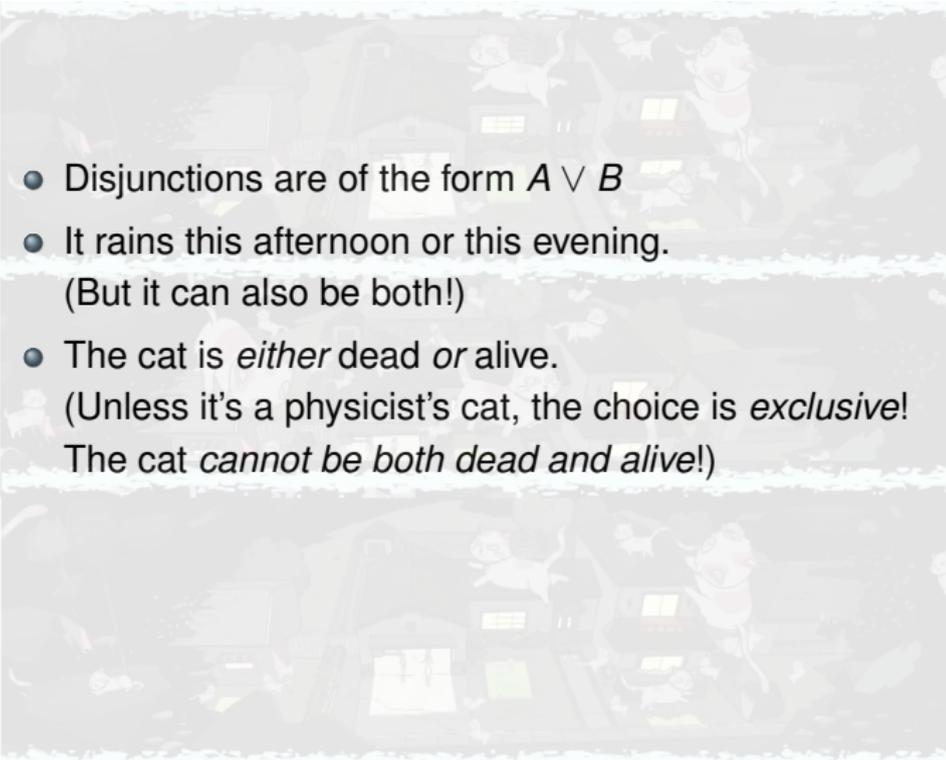
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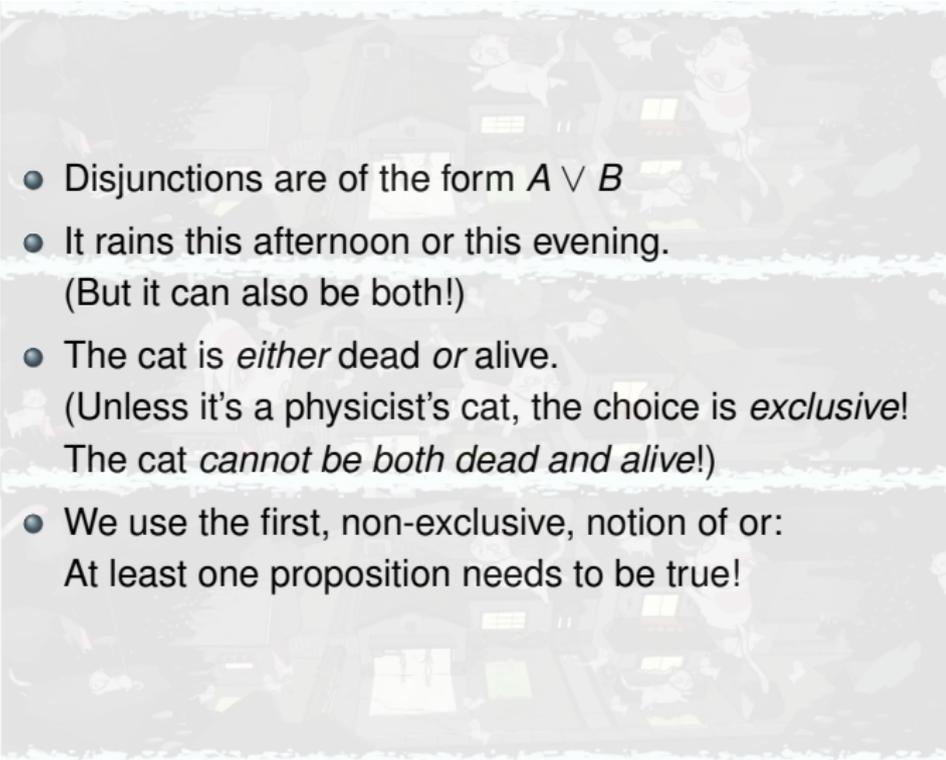
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$$X = \overbrace{\{p \vee q\}}^{\alpha_1} \quad A = \alpha_2 = p$$

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- In line 3, the  $q$  was just some *arbitrary* truth value that we've added due to Disjunction-Introduction!
- Similarly in line 5 the  $p$  was arbitrary. Notably, that's not the  $p$  from assumption  $\alpha_2$ .

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*Just a comment:*

The analogy would have been stronger

if instead of using the two assumptions

$\alpha_1 = p$  and  $\alpha_2 = q \vee r$ , only a single assumption

$\alpha'_1 = p \wedge (q \vee r)$  would have been used.

(You can prove the other on your own.)

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A

1,3  $\wedge I$ 

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$X, Y, Z \vdash C$			

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$\alpha_1, \alpha_3$	(5)	$p \wedge q$	$1, 3 \wedge I$	$\frac{X \vdash B}{X \vdash A \vee B} \vee I$
$\alpha_1, \alpha_3$	(6)	$(p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge r)$	$5 \vee I$	$\frac{X \vdash A}{X \vdash A \vee B} \vee I$
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$$\alpha_1, \alpha_4 \quad (8) \quad (p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge r) \quad 7 \vee I$$

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$X, Y, Z \vdash C$			

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$\alpha_2$	(2)	$q \vee r$	$A$	
$\alpha_3$	(3)	$q$	$A$	
$\alpha_4$	(4)	$r$	$A$	$\frac{X \vdash B}{X \vdash A \vee B} \vee I$
$\alpha_1, \alpha_3$	(5)	$p \wedge q$	$1, 3 \wedge I$	
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$\alpha_1, \alpha_4$	(8)	$(p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge r)$	$7 \vee I$	
$\alpha_1, \alpha_2$	(9)	$(p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge r)$	$2, 6[\alpha_3], 8[\alpha_4] \vee E$	
$\alpha_1, \alpha_2$	(n)	$(p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge r)$	$x, y[\alpha_3], z[\alpha_4] \vee E$	

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$\alpha_2$	(2)	$q \rightarrow s$	A
$\alpha_3$	(3)	$p \vee q$	A
$\alpha_4$	(4)	$p$	A
$\alpha_5$	(5)	$q$	A

$$\frac{X \vdash A \vee B \quad Y, A \vdash C \quad Z, B \vdash C}{X, Y, Z \vdash C} \vee E$$

$$\begin{aligned} X &= \{p \vee q\} & A &= \alpha_4 = p \\ Y &=? & B &= \alpha_5 = q \\ Z &=? & C &= r \vee s \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{lll} \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3 & (n-1) & r \vee s & 3, y[\alpha_4], z[\alpha_5] \vee E \\ \alpha_1, \alpha_2 & (n) & (p \vee q) \rightarrow (r \vee s) & (n-1)[\alpha_3] \rightarrow I \end{array}$$

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$\alpha_4$	(4)	$p$	A
$\alpha_5$	(5)	$q$	A
$\alpha_1, \alpha_4$	(6)	$r$	$1,4 \rightarrow E$

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$\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3$	(n-1)	$r \vee s$	$3, \gamma[\alpha_4], z[\alpha_5] \vee E$
$\alpha_1, \alpha_2$	(n)	$(p \vee q) \rightarrow (r \vee s)$	$(n-1)[\alpha_3] \rightarrow I$

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$\alpha_5$	(5)	$q$	A
$\alpha_1, \alpha_4$	(6)	$r$	1,4 $\rightarrow E$
$\alpha_1, \alpha_4$	(7)	$r \vee s$	6 $\vee I$

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$\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3$	(n-1)	$r \vee s$	3,y[ $\alpha_4$ ],z[ $\alpha_5$ ] $\vee E$
$\alpha_1, \alpha_2$	(n)	$(p \vee q) \rightarrow (r \vee s)$	(n-1)[ $\alpha_3$ ] $\rightarrow I$

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$\alpha_4$	(4)	$p$	A
$\alpha_5$	(5)	$q$	A
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$\alpha_2, \alpha_5$	(8)	$s$	2,5 $\rightarrow E$

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$\alpha_1, \alpha_2$	(n)	$(p \vee q) \rightarrow (r \vee s)$	(n-1)[ $\alpha_3$ ] $\rightarrow I$

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$\alpha_2, \alpha_5$	(8)	$s$	2,5 $\rightarrow E$
$\alpha_2, \alpha_5$	(9)	$r \vee s$	8 $\vee I$

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$\alpha_5$	(5)	$q$	A
$\alpha_1, \alpha_4$	(6)	$r$	1,4 $\rightarrow E$
$\alpha_1, \alpha_4$	(7)	$r \vee s$	6 $\vee I$
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$\alpha_2, \alpha_5$	(9)	$r \vee s$	8 $\vee I$
$\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3$	(10)	$r \vee s$	3,7[ $\alpha_4$ ],9[ $\alpha_5$ ] $\vee E$

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$\alpha_2$	(2)	$q \rightarrow s$	A
$\alpha_3$	(3)	$p \vee q$	A
$\alpha_4$	(4)	$p$	A
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