Introduction to Logical Reasoning

Workshop on Natural Deduction

Part I: For each argument, use natural deduction to construct a formal proof of validity. (Each proof can be done in exactly two steps.)

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1. 1. $(W \lor X) \rightarrow Y$. 2. W. ∴ Y.

2. 1. $D \rightarrow E$. $\frac{2. \quad (E \to F) \& (F \to D).}{\therefore \quad D \to F.}$

Part II: For the argument, use natural deduction to construct a formal proof of validity. (This proof can be done in exactly *three* steps.)

1. 1. $Q \rightarrow R$. 2. $R \rightarrow S$. $\frac{3. ~S.}{\therefore ~Q \& ~R.}$

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Part III: Each of the following problems presents a valid argument in English. Translate each into the language of symbolic logic, putting it into argumentative form. Then use natural deduction to construct that argument's formal proof of validity. (Each proof can be done in no more than *four* steps. I'm not saying the exact number)

 Either the journalism students love logic, or the journalism students study hard only if the professor quizzes them on the material. But if the journalism students do not love logic, then the professor quizzes them on the material only if he wants them to understand the material. The journalism students do not love logic. Therefore, if the journalism students study hard then the professor wants them to understand the material. (L, S, Q, U)

If the journalism students love logic, then the business students love logic. If both the journalism and business students love logic, then either the computer science or mathematics students love logic. If the computer science or mathematics students love logic, then the professor is not sad. If the journalism students loving logic is a sufficient condition for the professor not being sad, then the dean is pleased. As a result, the dean is pleased. (J, B, C, M, S, P)