

Valid Argument Forms

Modus ponens	$p \rightarrow q$ p $\therefore q$	if n is divisible by 10, then n is divisible by 5 n is divisible by 10 therefore n is divisible by 5
Modus tollens	$p \rightarrow q$ $\sim q$ $\therefore \sim p$	if n is divisible by 10, then n is divisible by 5 n is NOT divisible by 5 therefore n is NOT divisible by 10
Disjunctive addition I	p $\therefore p \vee q$	n is divisible by 10 therefore n is divisible by 10 or by 7 (by ...)
Disjunctive addition II	q $\therefore p \vee q$	n is divisible by 7 therefore n is divisible by 10 (by ...) or by 7
Conjunctive simplification I	$p \wedge q$ $\therefore p$	n is divisible by 2 and by 3 therefore n is divisible by 2
Conjunctive simplification II	$p \wedge q$ $\therefore q$	n is divisible by 2 and by 3 therefore n is divisible by 3
Conjunctive addition	p q $\therefore p \wedge q$	n is divisible by 9 n is divisible by 12 therefore n is divisible by 9 and by 12
Disjunctive syllogism I	$p \vee q$ $\sim q$ $\therefore p$	n is divisible by 3 or by 7 n is NOT divisible by 7 therefore n is divisible by 3
Disjunctive syllogism II	$p \vee q$ $\sim p$ $\therefore q$	n is divisible by 3 or by 7 n is NOT divisible by 3 therefore n is divisible by 7
Hypothetical syllogism	$p \rightarrow q$ $q \rightarrow r$ $\therefore p \rightarrow r$	if n is divisible by 12, then n is divisible by 6 if n is divisible by 6, then n is divisible by 3 therefore if n is divisible by 12, then n is divisible by 3
Dilemma	$p \vee q$ $p \rightarrow r$ $q \rightarrow r$ $\therefore r$	n is divisible by 8 or by 12 if n is divisible by 8, then n is divisible by 4 if n is divisible by 12, then n is divisible by 4 therefore n is divisible by 4
Rule of contradiction	$\sim p \rightarrow c$ $\therefore p$	if n is NOT divisible by 10, we obtain a contradiction therefore n is divisible by 10