

# PROOFS

"INFERENTIAL ARGUMENT

SHOWING A STATEMENT IS TRUE"

EXAMPLE: PUZZLES

OUTLAWS & NOBLEMEN. OUTLAWS ALWAYS LIE,  
ALWAYS TELL THE TRUTH

A: "mn"

B: A SAID "I AM AN OUTLAW"

C: DONT TRUST B! WHAT HE SAID IS A LIE.

$\Rightarrow$  WHO IS AN OUTLAW, WHO NOBLEMAN?

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- $\Leftarrow$  PROVE THAT
- (1) A is —
  - (2) B is —
  - (3) C is —

# A COLLECTION OF STATEMENTS.

(S<sub>1</sub>) ALL OUTLAW'S ALWAYS LIE

(S<sub>2</sub>) ALL NOBLEMEN ALWAYS TELL TRUTH

(S<sub>3</sub>) A SAID X (SOMETHING) [ EITHER  $x = \text{NOBLE MAN OR}$   
 $x = \text{OUTLAW}$  ]

(S<sub>4</sub>) B SAID A SAID "I AM AN OUTLAW"

B SAID Y. Y = X IS "I AM AN OUTLAW"

(S<sub>5</sub>) C SAID Z = "WHAT B SAID IS A LIE!"

(S<sub>6</sub>) EVERYONE IS AN OUTLAW OR A NOBLEMAN

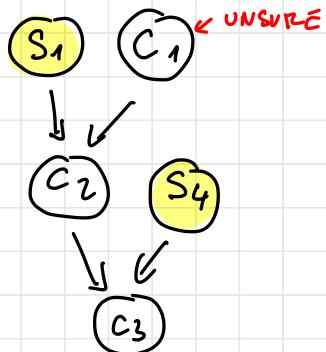
$$S = \{ (S_1) \dots (S_6) \} \Rightarrow (C_1) \quad (?)$$

$(C_1)$  = "B IS A NOBLEMAN."

$(C_1) \& (S_1) \Rightarrow (C_2) = B \text{ TELLS THE TRUTH.}$

$(C_2) \& (S_4) \Rightarrow (C_3) = A \text{ SAID } "I \text{ AM AN OUTLAW}"$

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"REASONING DIAGRAM" (NOT FOR EXAM)

ARROWS: "IMPLICATION"  
"IT FOLLOWS THAT"

$(C_3) \& (S_6) \Rightarrow (C_4) = \underbrace{\text{A NOBLE SAID HE IS AN OUTLAW}}$   
 $C_{4A}$

OR

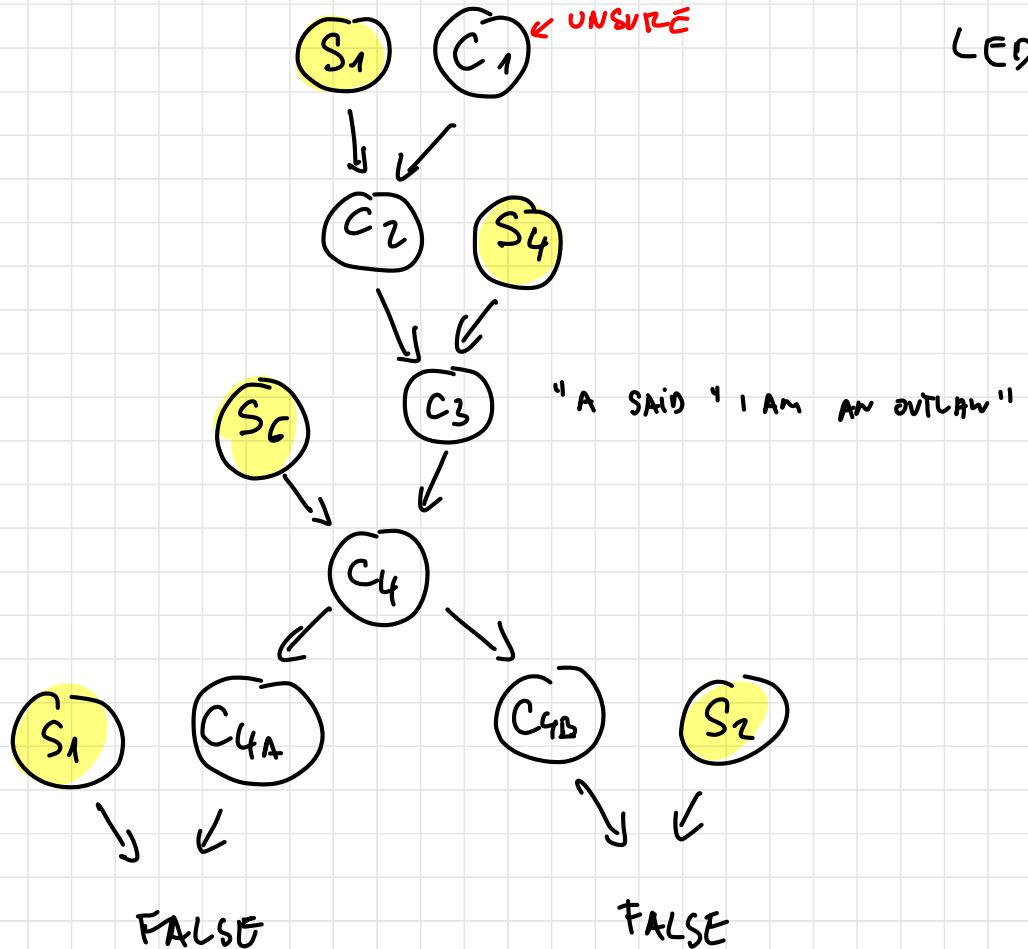
$\underbrace{\text{AN OUTLAW SAID HE IS AN OUTLAW}}$   
 $C_{4B}$

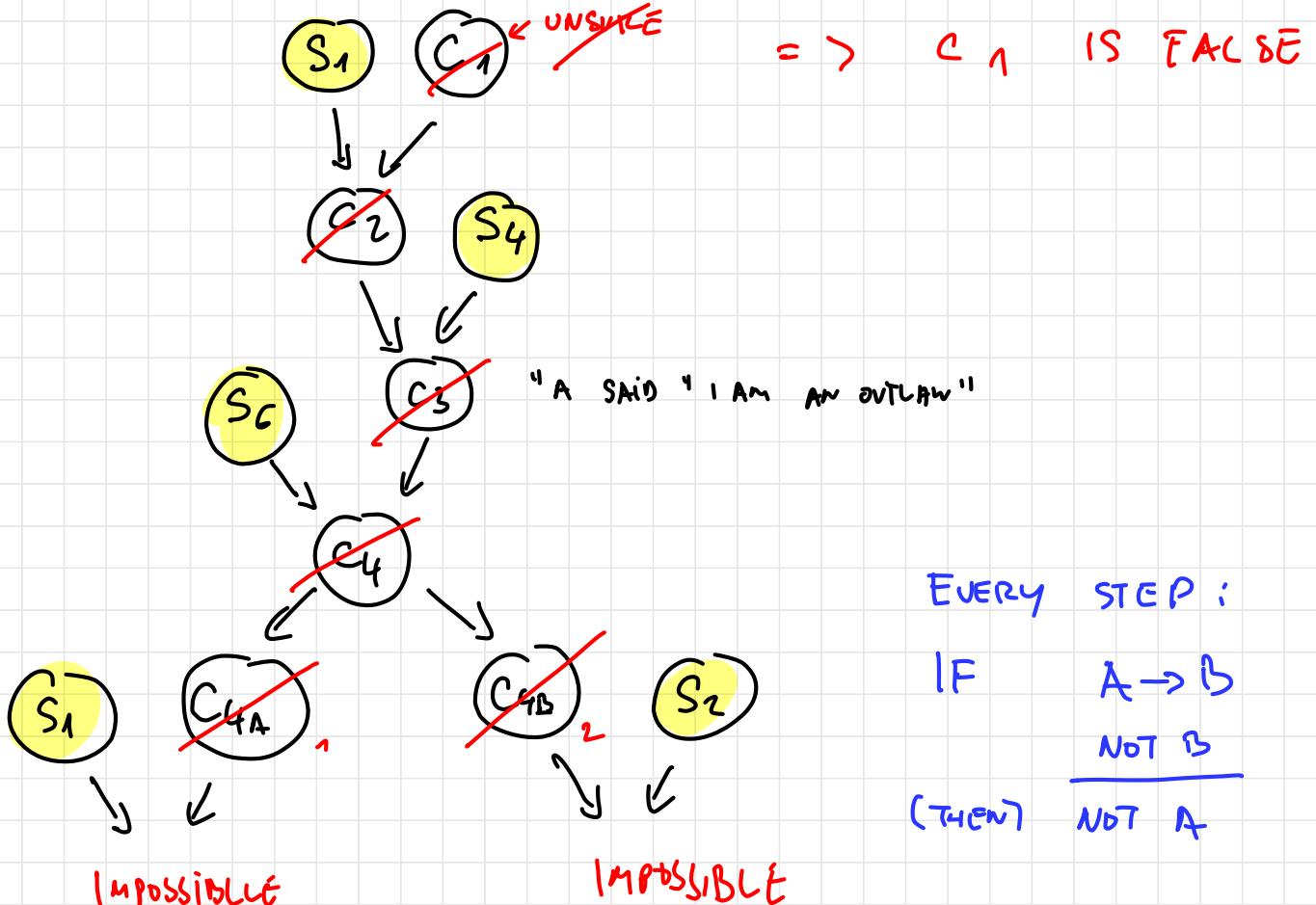
$(C_4) = (C_{4A}) \text{ OR } (C_{4B})$   
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$(C_{4A}) \& (S_1) = \text{A LIAR TOLD THE TRUTH} \Rightarrow \text{IMPOSSIBLE}$

$(C_{4B}) \& (S_2) = \text{A TRUTH SPEAKING PERSON LIED} \Rightarrow \text{IMPOSSIBLE}$   
 $\Rightarrow (C_4) \text{ IS FALSE}$

OUR REASONING  
LED TO FALSEHOOD





$(C_5)$  = "B IS A NOBLEMAN IS UNTRUE"

$(C_5) \& (S_6) \Rightarrow (C_6) := \boxed{\underline{B IS AN OUTLAW}}$

SPEEDING UP A BIT:

$(C_6) \& (S_5) \Rightarrow C$  SAID THE TRUTH  $(C_8)$

$(C_8) \& (S_1) \& (S_2) \& (S_6) \Rightarrow \boxed{C IS A NOBLEMAN}$

$(C_6) \& (S_4) \Rightarrow A$  DID NOT SAY "I AM AN OUTLAW"  $(C_9)$

$(C_9) + (S_3) \Rightarrow A$  SAID I AM A NOBLEMAN.  
 $\Rightarrow$  INCONCLUSIVE

$\boxed{A IS INCONCLUSIVE}$

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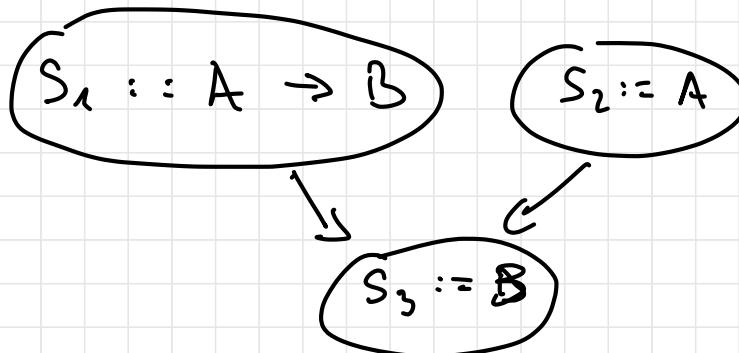
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PROOF: A NETWORK OF CLAIMS  
(Propositions & conclusions), AND LOGICAL CONNECTIVES

PROVING: ACTIVITY OF CONSTRUCTING A PROOF

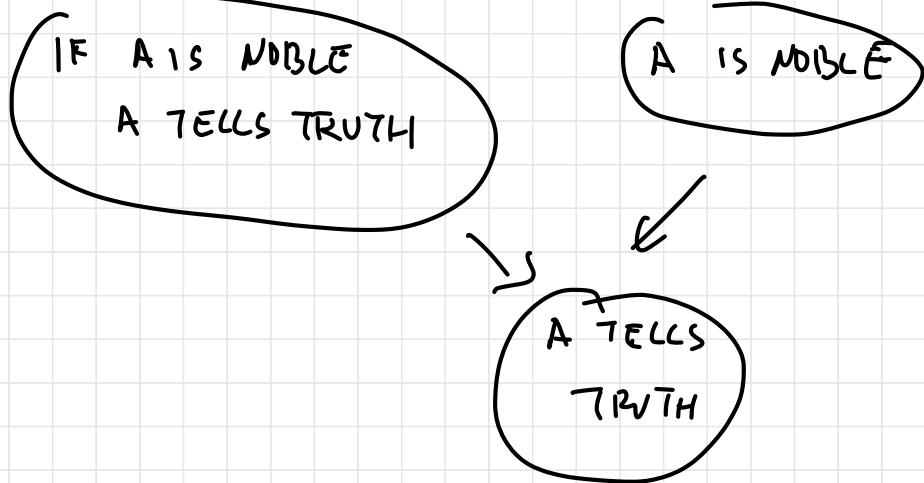
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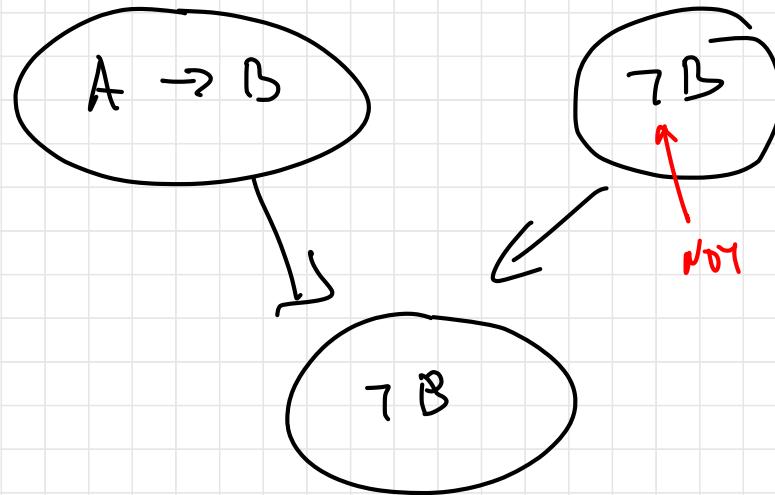


MODUS PONENS

$$\begin{array}{c} A \rightarrow B \\ A \\ \hline B \end{array}$$

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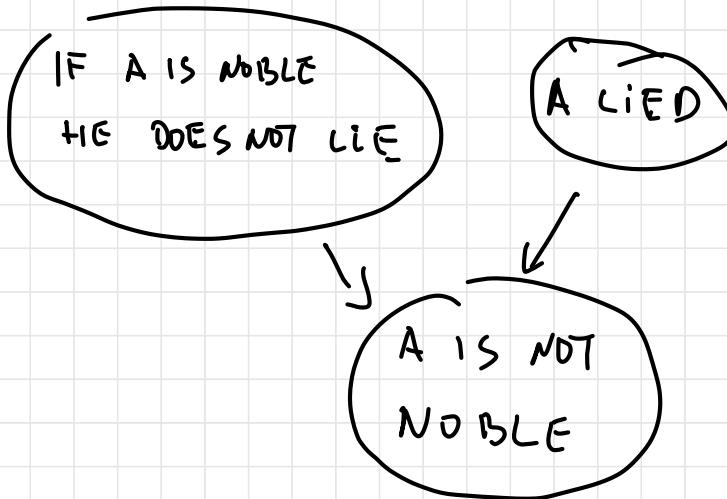


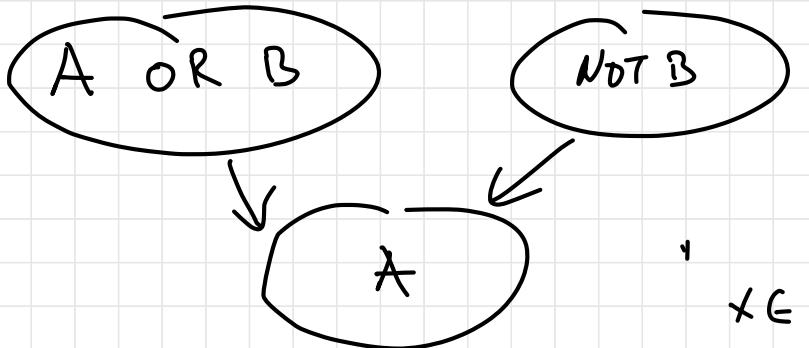
MODUS TOLLENS

$$A \rightarrow B$$

$$\underline{\neg B}$$

$$\neg A$$

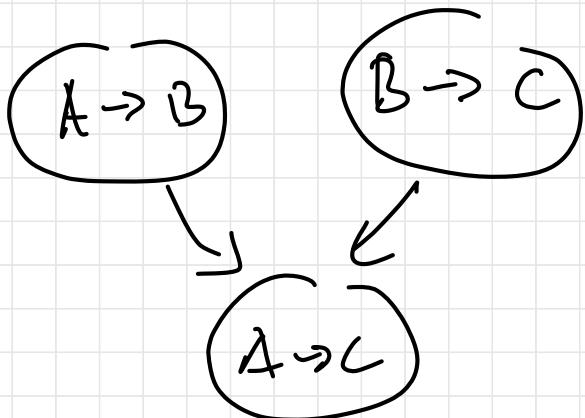




DISJUNCTIVE SYLLOGISM

SIMILAR TO

$$x \in (A \cup B - B) \\ \rightarrow x \in A$$



HYPOTHETICAL SYLLOGISM

EXTREMELY USEFUL

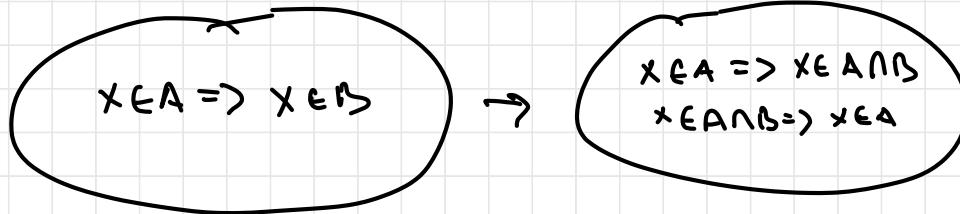
$$(A \Rightarrow B \ \& \ B \Rightarrow C) \Rightarrow (A \Rightarrow C)$$

PROVE :  $A \subseteq B \Rightarrow A \cap B = A$

KNOW :  $A \subseteq B \Leftrightarrow x \in A \Rightarrow x \in B$

KNOW :  $A \cap B = A \Leftrightarrow [x \in A \Rightarrow x \in A \cap B \quad \& \quad x \in A \cap B \Rightarrow x \in A]$

} ALSO STATEMENTS.  
(PROPOSITIONS)



$A \subseteq B$ 

ASSUMPTION

 $A \subseteq B \Rightarrow A \cap B = A$ 

"FREE"  
 $x \in A \Rightarrow x \in B$

 $x \in A \Rightarrow x \in B$ 

"FREE"  
 $x \in A \cap B \Rightarrow x \in A \& x \in B$

"FREE"  
 $x \in A \& x \in B \Rightarrow x \in A$

 $x \in A \Rightarrow x \in A \cap B$   
 $(A \subseteq A \cap B)$  $x \in A \cap B \Rightarrow x \in A$   
 $(A \cap B \subseteq A)$ 

IMPLIES

 $A \cap B = A$ 

CLAIM + "ALL ALWAYS TRUE"  
 $\Rightarrow$  CLAIM.

ASSUMING  $A \subseteq B$  PROVE  $A \cap B = A$ .

IN EXAM. . .

(1)  $A \subseteq B \Rightarrow \underbrace{[x \in A \Rightarrow x \in B]}_{(C_1)}$

SLIGHTLY MORE DETAILED  
THAN NECESSARY. . .

(2)  $A \cap B = A$ .  $A \subseteq A \cap B$  &  $A \cap B \subseteq A$

NOTE  $A \cap B \subseteq A$  IS ALWAYS TRUE.

SO IT SUFFICES TO PROVE  $A \subseteq A \cap B$ .

(3)  $A \subseteq A \cap B \Leftrightarrow x \in A \Rightarrow x \in A \& x \in B$ .

SINCE  $x \in A \& x \in B \Rightarrow x \in B$  IT HOLDS THAT

$$x \in A \Rightarrow x \in B \Leftrightarrow A \subseteq A \cap B$$

BUT  $x \in A \Rightarrow x \in B \stackrel{?}{=} (C_1)$ . SO  $(C_1) \Rightarrow A \subseteq A \cap B$   
(is exactly the claim)

HENCE ALSO  $(C_1) \Rightarrow A \cap B = A$ .  $\square$

EXERCISE 9.

PROVE THAT

$$A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$$

By proving two inclusions.

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PROVE THAT

THE MATHEMATICAL STATEMENT

$$A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$$

IS TRUE

BY PROVING TWO INCLUSIONS.

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ACTUALLY WHAT WE MEAN IS

"FOR ANY CHOICE OF SETS  $A, B, C$ ,  
THE SET  $A \cap (B \cup C)$  AND THE SET  $(A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$   
ARE EQUAL AS SETS."

$$\forall A, B, C \quad [A \cap (B \cup C)] = [(A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)], \in \text{"MAIN CLAIM"}$$

"...By proving TWO INCLUSIONS." ?? WHICH INCLUSIONS?

NEED TO PROVE EQUALITY OF TWO SETS.

SETS  $P$  &  $Q$  ARE EQUAL IF

$$P \subseteq Q \quad \& \quad Q \subseteq P.$$

↑                      ↑                      |  
TWO INCLUSIONS.

So : "PROVE EQUALITY" =

PROVE THAT  $A \cap (B \cup C) \subseteq (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$  (1)

AND PROVE THAT  $(A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C) \subseteq A \cap (B \cup C)$  (2)

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To PROVE THE MAIN CLAIM YOU NEED TO PROVE  
CLAIMS (1) & (2)

PROVING "CLAIM", "STATEMENT" (1)

$$\forall A, B, C \quad A \cap (B \cup C) \subseteq (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$$

Again RECALL what " $\subseteq$ " MEANS. ( $P \subseteq Q$ )

IF  $x \in P$  THEN (IT MUST BE THE CASE THAT)  $x \in Q$ .

NEED:

$$x \in A \cap (B \cup C) \Rightarrow x \in (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$$

$$x \in A \cap (B \cup C)$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$\underbrace{x \in A \quad \& \quad x \in B \cup C}_{(c1)}$$

$$x \in (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$$

$$\Rightarrow (x \in A \quad \& \quad x \in B) \quad \text{OR} \quad (x \in A \quad \& \quad x \in C)$$

$$[x \in B \cup C \Rightarrow x \in B$$

$$\text{OR } x \in C]$$

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$$(a) x \in A \quad \& \quad (x \in B \quad \text{OR} \quad x \in C)$$

$$\Rightarrow (x \in A \quad \& \quad x \in B) \quad \text{OR} \quad (x \in A \quad \& \quad x \in C) \Leftrightarrow (\$)$$

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AGAIN, CLEANER. ONE "LINE OF IMPLICATIONS"

$$\underline{x \in A \cap (B \cup C)} \Rightarrow x \in A \text{ & } x \in (B \cup C)$$

(1)

$$\Rightarrow x \in A \text{ & } (x \in B \text{ or } x \in C) \Rightarrow$$

$$(x \in A \text{ & } x \in B) \text{ OR } (x \in A \text{ & } x \in C)$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{x \in (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)}$$

(2)

so (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2)

IN THIS CASE, EVERY IMPLICATION IS A BIMPLICATION

. . . GO BACKWARDS!

MORE THAN  
SUFFICIENT  
FOR EXAM

so  $(2) \Rightarrow (1)$ ,

so

$$A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$$

SANITY

