

A Peculiarity of Our Propositional Language

Notational Convention:

We shall consider negated formulas of the form

$$\neg\phi$$

as abbreviations of

$$\phi \rightarrow \perp$$

An Application of $\rightarrow E$

$$\frac{\phi \quad \neg\phi}{\perp} \rightarrow E$$

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Note the use of our notational convention in the application of rules $\rightarrow E$ and $\rightarrow I$