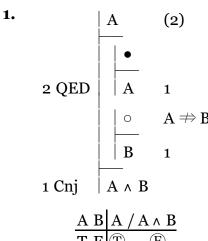
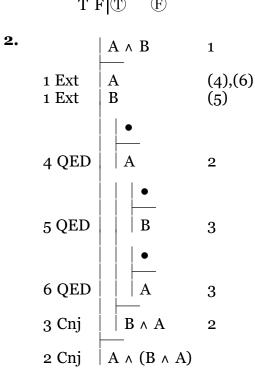
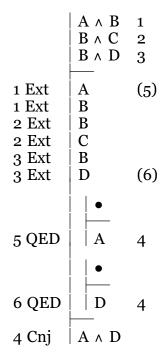
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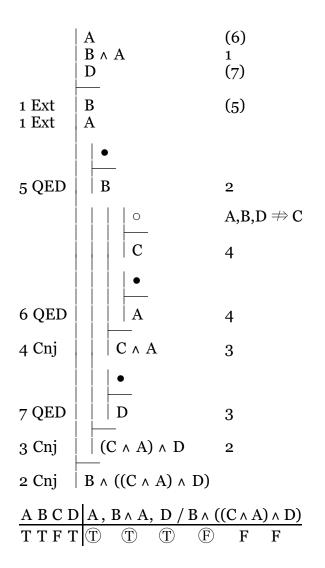




The derivation could have been ended after stage 4 when the first open gap has reached a dead end. Often answers will show a derivation continued further than necessary in order to show how the further steps would have worked out. The counterexample presented here divides both dead-end gaps; there are others that divide one of the two. Notice that \top is not assigned a value at the left of the table. Since its value is fixed by the stipulation that it is a tautology, a value need not and cannot be assigned to it as part of an extensional interpretation.



Clearly, there is redundancy in the active resources of the gaps after stage 3. Since both gaps close, the exploitation of the second premise at stage 2 is not necessary (though it would be necessary before any gap could reach a dead end). It would be possible to state rules so that the resource B was not repeated at stages 2 and 3, but such repetition does not ordinarily enlarge derivations significantly and makes it easier to check whether rules have been applied fully and correctly.



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