

Baronett's *Logic* (4th ed.)
Section Tips

Chapter 3: Two Tips

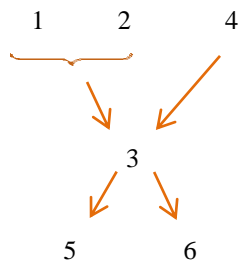
3A The Basics of Diagramming Arguments

- A diagram of an argument is like a map showing the relationship between the premise(s) and conclusion.
- An argument consisting of only one premise (1) and conclusion (2) is diagrammed:



3B Diagramming Extended Arguments

- Diagramming arguments helps us to see how the parts of an argument relate to each other. Premises can independently or jointly support a conclusion. In addition, there may be chains of reasoning, where the conclusion of one piece of reasoning serves as a premise in a larger argument.



Premises 1 and 2 dependently support 3;
Premise 4 independently supports 3; and
3 supports both 5 and 6.