

Logic and Modelling

– Natural Deduction for Predicate Logic —

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Natural Deduction: Quantifiers

Introduction of Existential Quantification

$$\frac{\phi [t/x]}{\exists x \phi} \exists_i$$

Condition for application of this rule: t free for x in ϕ .

$\vdash R(a, a) \rightarrow \exists x R(x, x)$

1	$R(a, a)$	assumption
2	$\exists x R(x, x)$	\exists_i 1
3	$R(a, a) \rightarrow \exists x R(x, x)$	\rightarrow_i 1-2

For line 2: $R(a, a) = R(x, x)[a/x]$

Natural Deduction: Quantifiers

Elimination of Universal Quantification

$$\frac{\forall x \phi}{\phi [t/x]} \quad \forall_e$$

Condition for application of this rule: t free for x in ϕ .

$\forall x P(x) \vdash \exists x P(x)$

1	$\forall x P(x)$	premise
2	$P(z)$	\forall_e 1
3	$\exists x P(x)$	\exists_i 2

For line 2, 3: $P(z) = P(x)[z/x]$

Examples

$R(a, a) \vdash \exists x \exists y R(x, y)$

1	$R(a, a)$	premise
2	$\exists y R(a, y)$	$\exists_i 1$
3	$\exists x \exists y R(x, y)$	$\exists_i 2$

For line 2: $R(a, a) = R(a, y)[a/y]$

For line 3: $\exists y R(a, y) = \exists y R(x, y)[a/x]$

$\forall x \forall y R(x, y) \vdash \exists x \forall y R(x, y)$

1	$\forall x \forall y R(x, y)$	premise
2	$\forall y R(z, y)$	$\forall_e 1$
3	$\exists x \forall y R(x, y)$	$\exists_i 2$

For line 2, 3: $\forall y R(x, y) = \forall y R(x, y)[z/x]$

The Condition

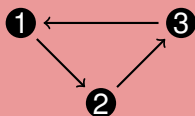
$$\frac{\phi [t/x]}{\exists x \phi} \exists_i$$

$$\frac{\forall x \phi}{\phi [t/x]} \forall_e$$

Is the following derivation correct?

- | | | |
|---|---|------------------------|
| 1 | $\forall x \exists y R(x, y)$ | premise |
| 2 | $\exists y R(y, y)$ | \forall_e 1 (wrong!) |
| 3 | $\forall x \exists y R(x, y) \rightarrow \exists y R(y, y)$ | \rightarrow_i 1–2 |

This is clearly a wrong derivation.



This model fulfils $\forall x \exists y R(x, y)$ but not $\exists y R(y, y)$.

The problem: y is not free for x in $\exists y R(x, y)$!

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Introduction of Universal Quantification

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} x_0 \\ \vdots \\ \phi [x_0/x] \end{array}}{\forall x \phi} \quad \forall_i$$

Condition for application of this rule: ' x_0 is arbitrary'.
That is: x_0 occurs only inside the box (in particular not in ϕ)

$\vdash \forall x (P(x) \rightarrow P(x))$

	x_0	
1	$P(x_0)$	assumption
2	$P(x_0) \rightarrow P(x_0)$	\rightarrow_i 1-1
3	$\forall x (P(x) \rightarrow P(x))$	\forall_i 1-2

Natural Deduction: Quantifiers

Elimination of Existential Quantification

$$\frac{\exists x \phi \quad \boxed{\begin{array}{c} x_0 \\ \phi[x_0/x] \\ \vdots \\ \psi \end{array}}}{\psi} \exists_e$$

Condition: x_0 nowhere outside the box (in particular not in ψ).

$\exists x (P(x) \wedge Q(x)) \vdash \exists x P(x)$

1	$\exists x (P(x) \wedge Q(x))$	premise
2	$\boxed{\begin{array}{c} x_0 \\ P(x_0) \wedge Q(x_0) \end{array}}$	assumption
3	$P(x_0)$	$\wedge_e 2$
4	$\exists x P(x)$	$\exists_i 3$
5	$\exists x P(x)$	$\exists_e 1, 2-4$

Examples

$R(a, b) \vdash \exists x \exists y R(x, y)$

1	$R(a, b)$	premise
2	$\exists y R(a, y)$	$\exists i$ 1
3	$\exists x \exists y R(x, y)$	$\exists i$ 2

$R(a, a) \vdash \exists x \exists y R(x, y)$

1	$R(a, a)$	premise
2	$\exists y R(a, y)$	$\exists i$ 1
3	$\exists x \exists y R(x, y)$	$\exists i$ 2

Examples

$R(a, a) \vdash \exists x R(x, x)$

1	$R(a, a)$	premise
2	$\exists x R(x, x)$	$\exists i$ 1

$\vdash R(a, a) \rightarrow \exists x R(x, x)$

1	$R(a, a)$	assumption
2	$\exists x R(x, x)$	$\exists i$ 1
3	$R(a, a) \rightarrow \exists x R(x, x)$	$\rightarrow i$ 1–2

Examples

$\forall x A(x) \vdash A(c) \wedge A(d)$

1	$\forall x A(x)$	premise
2	$A(c)$	$\forall e$ 1
3	$A(d)$	$\forall e$ 1
4	$A(c) \wedge A(d)$	$\wedge i$ 2, 3

Examples

$\forall x (A(x) \wedge B(x)) \vdash \forall x B(x)$

1	$\forall x (A(x) \wedge B(x))$	premise
2	$A(x_0) \wedge B(x_0)$	$\forall e$ 1
3	$B(x_0)$	$\wedge e$ 2
4	$\forall x B(x)$	$\forall i$ 1–3

Theorem ex1 : all x, (A(x) /\ B(x)) -> all x, B(x).

Proof.

imp_i H.

all_i x0.

insert HAB (A(x0) /\ B(x0)).

f_all_e H.

f_con_e2 HAB.

Qed.

Examples

$\vdash \forall x (P(x) \rightarrow P(x))$

	x_0	
1	$P(x_0)$	assumption
2	$P(x_0) \rightarrow P(x_0)$	$\rightarrow i$ 2-2
3	$\forall x (P(x) \rightarrow P(x))$	$\forall i$ 1-3

Theorem ex2 : all x, (P(x) -> P(x)).

Proof.

all_i x0.

imp_i H.

ass H.

Qed.

Examples (from a final exam)

$\exists x P(x) \rightarrow Q(c) \vdash \forall x (P(x) \rightarrow Q(c))$

1	$\exists x P(x) \rightarrow Q(c)$	premise
2	y $P(y)$	assumption
3	$\exists x P(x)$	$\exists i$ 2
4	$Q(c)$	$\rightarrow e$ 1,3
5	$P(y) \rightarrow Q(c)$	$\rightarrow i$ 2-4
6	$\forall x (P(x) \rightarrow Q(c))$	$\forall i$ 1-5

Theorem ex3 : $(\exists x, P(x) \rightarrow Q(c)) \rightarrow \text{all } x, (P(x) \rightarrow Q(c))$.

Proof.

imp_i H.

all_i x0.

imp_i Px0.

insert Hexi ($\exists x, P x$).

f_exi_i Px0.

f_imp_e H Hexi.

Qed.

Examples

$\forall x (P(x) \rightarrow \neg P(x)) \vdash \forall x \neg P(x)$

1	$\forall x (P(x) \rightarrow \neg P(x))$	premise
2	x_0 $P(x_0)$	assumption
3	$P(x_0) \rightarrow \neg P(x_0)$	$\forall e$ 1
4	$\neg P(x_0)$	\rightarrow_e 2,3
5	\perp	\neg_e 2,4
6	$\neg P(x_0)$	\neg_i 2-5
7	$\forall x \neg P(x)$	\forall_i 2-6

Theorem ex4 : all x, (P(x) -> ~P(x)) -> all x, ~P(x) .

Proof.

imp_i H. all_i x0. neg_i HPx0.

insert Himp (P(x0) -> ~P(x0)). f_all_e H.

insert HnPx0 (~P(x0)).

f_imp_e Himp HPx0.

f_neg_e HnPx0 HPx0.

Qed.

Examples

$\neg\exists x \neg A(x) \vdash \forall x A(x)$

1	$\neg\exists x \neg A(x)$	premise
2	x_0 $\neg A(x_0)$	assumption
3	$\exists x \neg A(x)$	$\exists_i 2$
4	\perp	$\neg_e 1, 3$
5	$A(x_0)$	PBC 2-4
6	$\forall x A(x)$	$\forall_i 2-5$

Theorem ex5 : $\sim(\exists x, \sim A(x)) \rightarrow \text{all } x, A(x)$.

Proof.

imp_i H.

all_i x0.

PBC HnAx0.

insert H2 ($\exists x, \sim A(x)$).

f_exi_i HnAx0.

f_neg_e H H2.

Qed.

Examples

$\exists x (P(x) \wedge Q(x)) \vdash \exists x P(x)$

1	$\exists x (P(x) \wedge Q(x))$	premise
2	x_0 $P(x_0) \wedge Q(x_0)$	assumption
3	$P(x_0)$	\wedge_e 2
4	$\exists x P(x)$	\exists_i 3
5	$\exists x P(x)$	\exists_e 1, 2-4

Theorem ex6 : $\exists x, (P(x) \wedge Q(x)) \rightarrow \exists x, P(x)$.

Proof.

imp_i H.

f_exi_e H y Hy.

insert HPy (P(y)).

f_con_e1 Hy.

f_exi_i HPy.

Qed.

Examples

$\exists x R(x, x) \vdash \exists x \exists y R(x, y)$

1	$\exists x R(x, x)$	premise
2	x_0 $R(x_0, x_0)$	assumption
3	$\exists y R(x_0, y)$	\exists_i 2
4	$\exists x \exists y R(x, y)$	\exists_i 3
5	$\exists x \exists y R(x, y)$	\exists_e 1, 2-4

Theorem ex7 : $\text{exi } x, R(x, x) \rightarrow \text{exi } x, \text{exi } y, R(x, y)$.

Proof.

imp_i H.

f_exi_e H z Hz.

insert H2 (exi y, R(z, y)).

f_exi_i Hz.

f_exi_i H2.

Qed.

Examples

$\forall x A(x) \vdash \neg \exists x \neg A(x)$

1	$\forall x A(x)$	premise
2	$\exists x \neg A(x)$	assumption
3	x_0 $\neg A(x_0)$	assumption
4	$A(x_0)$	\forall_e 1
5	\perp	\neg_e 3,4
6	\perp	\exists_e 2, 3-5
7	$\neg \exists x \neg A(x)$	\neg_i 2-6

Theorem ex8 : all x, A(x) -> ~(exi x, ~A(x)).

Proof.

imp_i H.

neg_i H2.

f_exi_e H2 y Hny.

insert Hy (A(y)). f_all_e H.

f_neg_e Hny Hy.

Qed.

Examples

$\forall x (P(x) \rightarrow \neg P(x)) \vdash \neg \exists x P(x)$

1	$\forall x (P(x) \rightarrow \neg P(x))$	premise
2	$\exists x P(x)$	assumption
	y	
3	$P(y)$	assumption
4	$P(y) \rightarrow \neg P(y)$	\forall_e 1
5	$\neg P(y)$	\rightarrow_e 2,3
6	\perp	\neg_e 2,4
7	\perp	\exists_e 2, 3–6
8	$\neg \exists x P(x)$	\neg_i 2–7

Similar to an example we have seen before

$\forall x (P(x) \rightarrow \neg P(x)) \vdash \forall x \neg P(x)$

Examples

$\exists x \forall y R(x, y) \vdash \forall y \exists x R(x, y)$

1	$\exists x \forall y R(x, y)$	premise
	y_0	
	x_0	
2	$\forall y R(x_0, y)$	assumption
3	$R(x_0, y_0)$	\forall_e 2
4	$\exists x R(x, y_0)$	\exists_i 4
5	$\exists x R(x, y_0)$	\exists_e 1, 2-4
6	$\forall y \exists x R(x, y)$	\forall_i 2-5

Theorem ex9 : $\exists x, \text{all } y, R(x, y) \rightarrow \text{all } y, \exists x, R(x, y)$.

Proof.

imp_i H. all_i y0.

f_exi_e H x0 Hx0.

insert Rx0y0 (R(x0, y0)).

f_all_e Hx0.

f_exi_i Rx0y0.

Qed.

Examples

$\forall x (P(x) \vee Q(x)) \vdash \forall x P(x) \vee \exists x Q(x)$

1	$\forall x (P(x) \vee Q(x))$	premise
2	$\neg(\forall x P(x) \vee \exists x Q(x))$	assumption
	y	
3	$P(y) \vee Q(y)$	\forall_e 1
4	$P(y)$	assumption
5	$Q(y)$	assumption
6	$\exists x Q(x)$	\exists_i 5
7	$\forall x P(x) \vee \exists x Q(x)$	\vee_{i2} 6
8	\perp	\neg_e 2,7
9	$P(y)$	\perp_e 8
10	$P(y)$	\vee_e 3, 4-4, 5-9
11	$\forall x P(x)$	\forall_i 3-10
12	$\forall x P(x) \vee \exists x Q(x)$	\vee_{i1} 11
13	\perp	\neg_e 2,12
14	$\forall x P(x) \vee \exists x Q(x)$	PBC 2-13

Previous Example in ProofWeb

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Theorem ex10 : all x, (P(x) \ / Q(x))  
  -> (all x, P(x)) \ / (exi x, Q(x)).
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Proof.

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imp_i H.
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insert Hor ((exi x, Q x) \ / ~(exi x, Q x)).
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f_dis_e Hor He Hne.
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f_dis_i2 He.
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dis_i1.
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all_i x0.
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insert Hx0 (P(x0) \ / Q(x0)).
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f_all_e H.
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f_dis_e Hx0 Px0 Qx0.
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ass Px0.
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insert He (exi x, Q x).
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f_exi_i Qx0.
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fls_e.
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f_neg_e Hne He.
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Qed.
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