

# PROPOSITIONAL AND PREDICATE CALCULUS

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Inference: Both are saying the same thing.



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# Rules of Inference

To demonstrate that a particular formula is valid consequence of a given set of premises, we use the follow rules of inference.

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*Rule T : A formula  $S$  may be introduced in a derivation if  $S$  is tautologically implied by any one or more of the preceding formulas in the derivation*

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