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Welcome!

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What will we be learning about?

1. formal languages: first-order logic (FOL) and its sublanguage propositional logic (PL)
2. validity of arguments
3. how to build valid arguments: inferences and inference rules

Skills to acquire

1. *translate* English sentences to PL and FOL
2. check the *validity* of arguments
3. develop *formal proofs* for inferences
4. transform logical sentences to a *normal form*
5. apply the *Horn algorithm* to Horn sentences
6. apply the truth definition for first-order logic

Example exam questions

1. Check with a truth table whether the following sentence is a tautology.

$$((A \rightarrow B) \vee (A \leftrightarrow B)) \wedge (\neg A \vee B)$$

2. Give a formal proof of the following inference. Do not forget the justifications.

$$\begin{array}{|l} \forall x(\exists y \neg R(x, y) \rightarrow P(x)) \\ \forall x \forall y (x = y \rightarrow \neg R(x, y)) \\ \hline P(a) \end{array}$$

Who are we?

There is a team of 12 people taking care of you in this course!

Lectures: Davide Grossi and Gerard Renardel de Lavalette

Course coordinator: Davide Grossi

Tutorials:

- ▶ Jan van Houten (TAs coordinator)
- ▶ Diana Catana (TAs coordinator)
- ▶ Alexandra Stan
- ▶ Carolina Aranda Bassegoda
- ▶ Yoni Zuidinga
- ▶ Nora Meier
- ▶ Laura Quiros
- ▶ Thomas Zwartfeld
- ▶ Diana Todoran
- ▶ Aleksandar Todorov

On Brightspace you can register for your tutorial group.

E-mail your TA for practical questions, e.g., changing tutorial groups, software access

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Lectures and tutorials/practicals

In the lectures, the contents of the book **Language, Proof and Logic** and the syllabus are presented

In the tutorials, you will make exercises from the book and the syllabus.

You will use both **pencil & paper**, and the computer tools **Tarski's World**, **Fitch** and **Boole**

You will get help from the teaching assistants.

Attendance is not enforced, but still *highly recommended*.

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- ▶ Reasoning and arguing are typically human activities.
- ▶ “An argument is a connected series of statements intended to establish a definite proposition” (Monty Python)



- ▶ There are inference rules that determine whether an argument is correct or not.
- ▶ Logic is the study of these inference rules.

Language, Proof and Logic, p.1

... *all* rational inquiry depends on logic, on the ability of people to reason correctly most of the time, and, when they fail to reason correctly, on the ability of others to point out the gaps in their reasoning.

“Calcuemus!”

G.W. Leibniz (1646–1716)



“The only way to rectify our reasonings is to make them as tangible as those of the Mathematicians, so that we can find our error at a glance, and when there are disputes among persons, we can simply say: *Let us calculate*, without further ado, to see who is right”

MAY 15, 1935

PHYSICAL REVIEW

VOLUME 47

Can Quantum-Mechanical Description of Physical Reality Be Considered Complete?

A. EINSTEIN, B. PODOLSKY AND N. ROSEN, *Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, New Jersey*

(Received March 25, 1935)

In a complete theory there is an element corresponding to each element of reality. A sufficient condition for the reality of a physical quantity is the possibility of predicting it with certainty, without disturbing the system. In quantum mechanics in the case of two physical quantities described by non-commuting operators, the knowledge of one precludes the knowledge of the other. Then either (1) the description of reality given by the wave function in

quantum mechanics is not complete or (2) these two quantities cannot have simultaneous reality. Consideration of the problem of making predictions concerning a system on the basis of measurements made on another system that had previously interacted with it leads to the result that if (1) is false then (2) is also false. One is thus led to conclude that the description of reality as given by a wave function is not complete.

Example argument in politics



Donald J. Trump 
@realDonaldTrump

...

Some or all of the content shared in this Tweet is disputed and might be misleading about an election or other civic process. [Learn more](#)

I easily WIN the Presidency of the United States with LEGAL VOTES CAST. The OBSERVERS were not allowed, in any way, shape, or form, to do their job and therefore, votes accepted during this period must be determined to be ILLEGAL VOTES. U.S. Supreme Court should decide!

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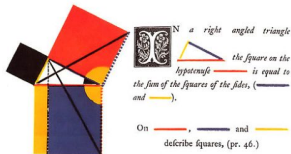
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Pythagoras' theorem: $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$



Draw || (pr. 31.)

also draw and



To each add \therefore = ,

= and = ;



Again, because ||



and = twice ;



In the same manner it may be shown

that = ;

hence = .

Q. E. D.

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The birth of logic: Aristotle of Stagira (384–322 BC)



Prior Analytics

First then take a universal negative with the terms A and B.

If no B is A, neither can any A be B.

For if some A (say c) were B, it would not be true that no B is A;

for c is a B which is A.

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- Definition of validity

- Proof and counterexample

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Four examples of arguments: argument 1

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Conclusion

Another argument: argument 2

| If I miss the train, then I will be late.

| I miss the train.

| I will be late.

And another argument: argument 3

| If there is asbestos in the building, then you may not enter.

| There is asbestos in the building.

| You may not enter.

We abstract from the contents of premises and conclusion, and only look at the form of the argument: *the inference scheme*. Arguments 1, 2, 3 all follow the same inference scheme

Inference schemes

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This scheme is valid: “Modus Ponens”

A different argument

| If you are a member, then you get a discount.

| You are not a member.

| You do not get a discount.

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QUESTION: Is this scheme valid?

This scheme is *not* valid: “Denying the antecedent”. This invalid scheme is a famous fallacy.

The definition of validity

Validity: from Language, Proof and Logic, p. 44

An argument is *valid* if and only if the conclusion must be true in any circumstance in which the premises are true.

We say that the conclusion of a logically valid argument is a *logical consequence* of its premises.

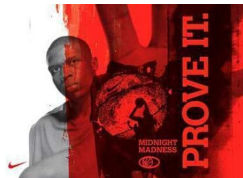
An argument is *sound* if it is valid and the premises are all true.

Logic focuses on **validity** rather than soundness.

Note that an argument is *valid* if and only if it is impossible that the premises are true while the conclusion is false.

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Language, Proof and Logic p. 46-47

A proof is a step-by-step demonstration that a conclusion (say S) follows from some premises (say P, Q, R). The way a proof works is by establishing a series of intermediate conclusions, each of which is an obvious consequence of the original premises and the intermediate conclusions previously established. The proof ends when we finally establish S as an obvious consequence of the original premises and the intermediate conclusions.

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Answer: Give a counterexample!

Language, Proof and Logic, p. 63

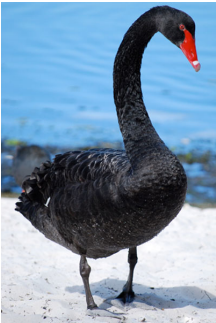
To show that a sentence Q is **not** a consequence of premises P_1, \dots, P_n , we must show that the argument with premises P_1, \dots, P_n and conclusion Q is invalid. This requires us to demonstrate that it is possible for P_1, \dots, P_n to be true while Q is simultaneously false. That is, we must show that there is a possible situation or circumstance in which the premises are all true while the conclusion is false. Such a circumstance is said to be a *counterexample* to the argument.

One counterexample suffices

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P : You are in Groningen.

Q : You are in the Netherlands.

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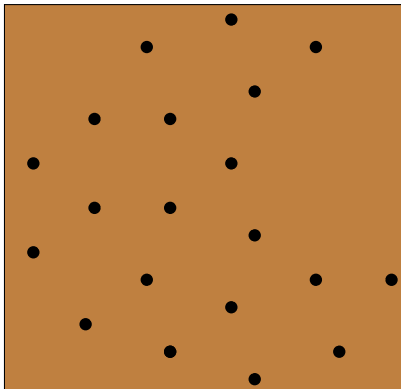
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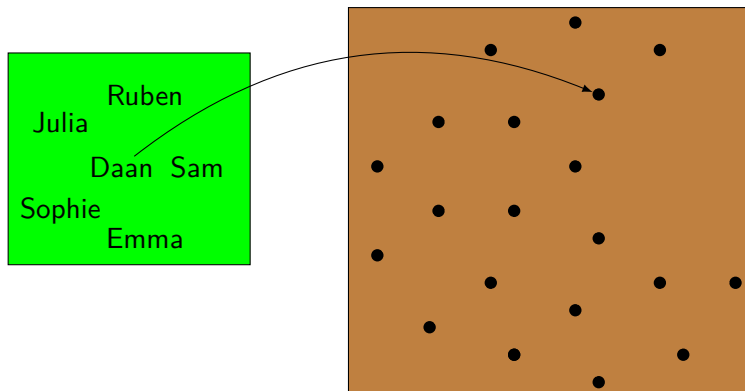
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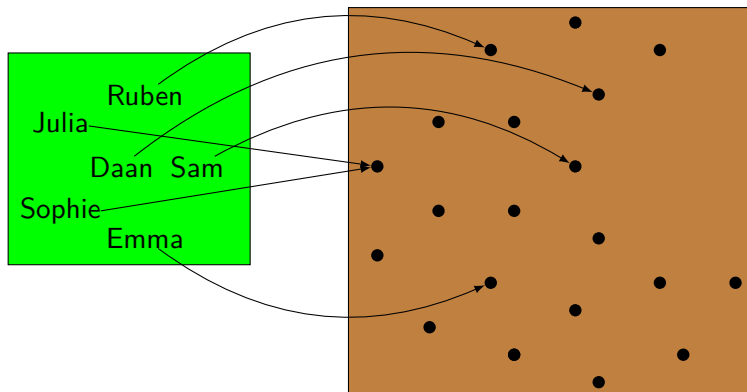
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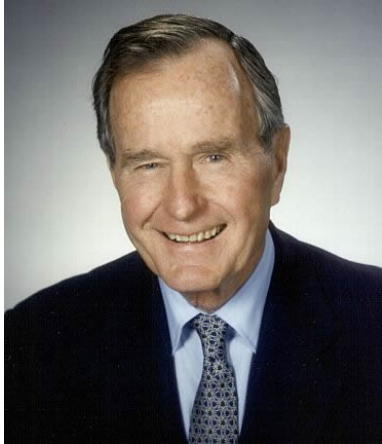
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Not one name for two objects:
Who is President Bush?



No name without an object:
Who is Sinterklaas (\approx St. Nicolas)?



Do's and don'ts for names in first-order logic

In summary:

- | | | |
|-------|---|-----------------------------------|
| Ok | ✓ | Something with one name. |
| | ✓ | Something with two or more names. |
| | ✓ | Something without a name. |
| Wrong | ✗ | One name for two things. |
| | ✗ | A name without a thing. |

Riddle

A man is looking at a picture and says:
"Brothers and sons I have none,
but this person's father is my father's son."

Question: Who could be in the picture?



Names in first-order logic

Individual constants

In first-order logic, names are represented as starting with small letters. Examples: a, b, c, max, claire

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WARNING: 'argument' has two different meanings in logic:

- ▶ series of statements in which the conclusion is supposed to follow from the others;
- ▶ a name (of an object) to which a predicate symbol is applied.

Unary predicates: properties

Unary predicate symbols, having one argument, refer to properties.

Examples of properties:

- ▶ blue (x is blue)
- ▶ honest (x is honest)
- ▶ human (x is human)
- ▶ tree (x is a tree)

Binary predicates: relations

Binary predicate symbols have two arguments and refer to binary relations.

Examples of binary relations:

- ▶ to love (x loves y)
- ▶ being larger than (x is larger than y)
- ▶ to know (x knows y)
- ▶ being divisible by (x is divisible by y)
- ▶ to hit (x hits y)

n -ary predicates: n -ary relations ($n > 2$)

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Examples of n -ary relations:

- ▶ x is between y and z (ternary)
- ▶ x likes y more than z (ternary)
- ▶ x gives y to z for w (4-ary)
- ▶ x hears from y that z loves w more than v (5-ary)

Predicate symbols in the language of first-order logic (FOL)

- ▶ In first-order logic, properties and n -ary relations are all represented with capitalised words.
- ▶ Examples: Blue, Larger, S

Exception: some well-known binary predicates are represented by common symbols:

$=$, $<$, $>$, \leq , \geq

Order of arguments in an atomic sentence

The following sentences mean something completely different:

- ▶ Loves(romeo,juliet)
- ▶ Loves(juliet,romeo)

Similarly for the following two sentences:

- ▶ $2 < 4$
- ▶ $4 < 2$

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In FOL, atomic sentences are constructed from predicate symbols and individual constants:

Atomic formulas in first-order logic

$B(a)$, $R(c,d)$, $Q(b,f,e,d,a)$, $Loves(romeo,julia)$

or in infix notation: $a = b$, $c < d$, $e \geq f$

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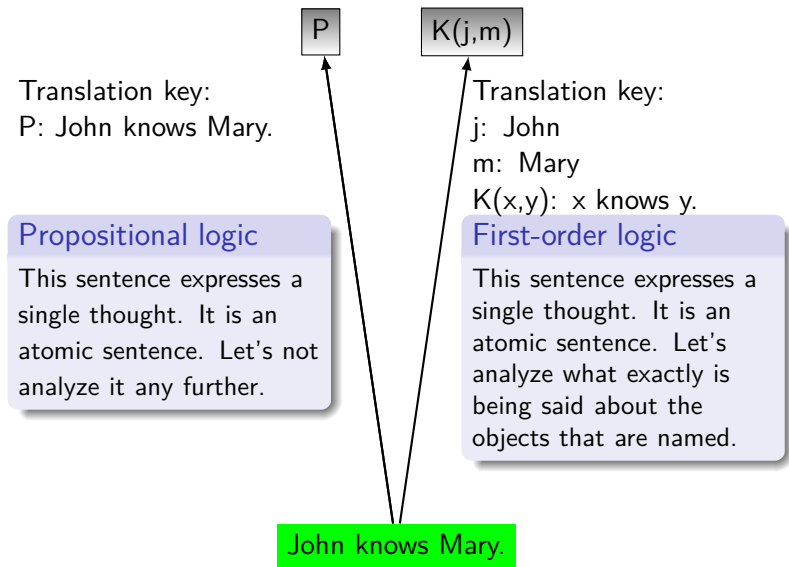
$K(x,y)$: x knows y .

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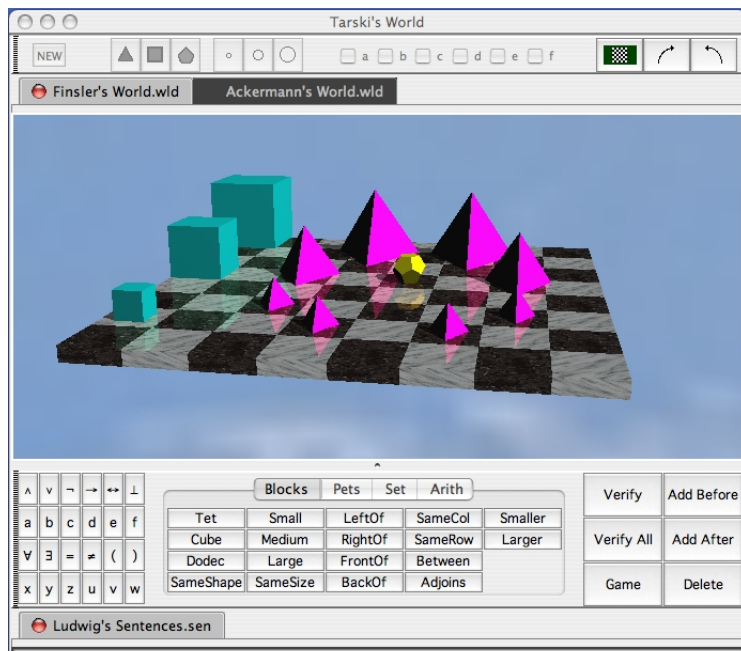
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The language of Tarski's World



Unary predicates in Tarski's World

$\text{Tet}(a)$ a is a tetrahedron.

$\text{Cube}(a)$ a is a cube.

$\text{Dodec}(a)$ a is a dodecahedron.

$\text{Small}(a)$ a is small.

$\text{Medium}(a)$ a is medium.

$\text{Large}(a)$ a is large.

Binary predicates in Tarski's World

SameSize(a,b) a is the same size as b.

SameShape(a,b) a has the same shape as b.

Larger(a,b) a is larger than b.

Smaller(a,b) a is smaller than b.

SameCol(a,b) a is in the same column as b.

SameRow(a,b) a is in the same row as b.

More binary predicates in Tarski's World

Adjoins(a,b) a and b are in adjacent squares (*not* diagonally).

LeftOf(a,b) a is located nearer to the left edge of the grid than b.

RightOf(a,b) a is located nearer to the right edge of the grid than b.

FrontOf(a,b) a is located nearer to the front of the grid than b.

BackOf(a,b) a is located nearer to the back of the grid than b.

Ternary predicates in Tarski's World

Between(a,b,c) a, b, and c are in the same row, column, or diagonal and a is between b and c.

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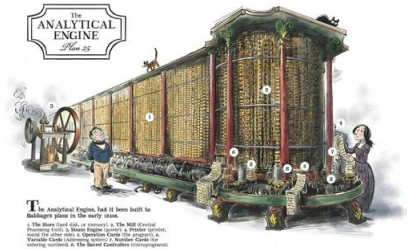
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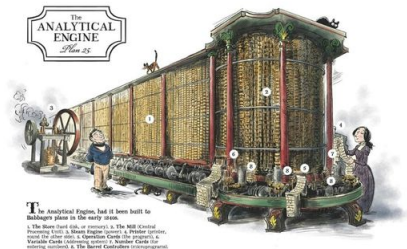
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1. $a = I$, with the translation key
 - a: Augusta Ada Byron;
 - I: Ada Lovelace
2. $C(a)$, with the translation key
 - $C(x)$: x is a computer scientist;
 - a: Augusta Ada Byron

Identity $a=b$: when two names refer to the same object

G.W. Leibniz (1646–1716)



“Eadem sunt quorum
unum potest substitui
alteri salva veritate”

“Those things are identical of
which one can be substituted
for the other without loss of
truth.”

Example

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An important general property:

The indiscernibility of identicals

If a is identical to b , then a and b have all the same properties

First-order logic (FOL) does not have a single language

In general, we design a specific language of FOL for each problem context:

Guideline from Language, Proof and Logic, p. 29

Usually, the overall goal is to come up with a language that can say everything you want, but that uses the smallest “vocabulary” possible. Picking the right names and predicates is the key to doing this.

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Valid arguments

Reminder: the definition of validity of an argument

Validity

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Examples of valid arguments

If that is a real Rolex, then the moon is made of blue cheese.
That is a real Rolex.

The moon is made of blue cheese.

No human is a daffodil.

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A. Lovelace is the same person as A. Lovelace.

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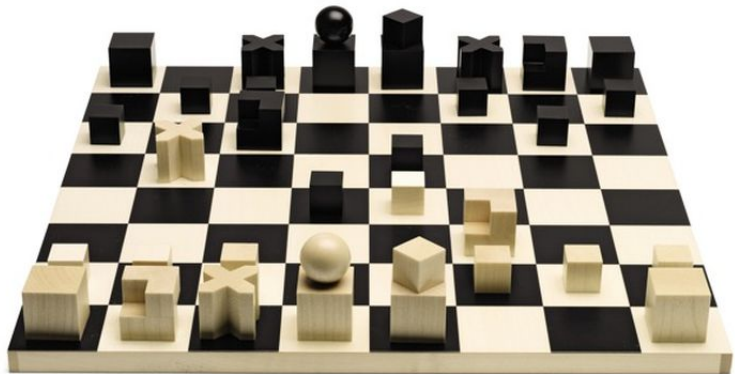
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A system called \mathcal{F} for *natural deduction* is developed in the book.

The tool Fitch is based on \mathcal{F} ; Fitch is more flexible than \mathcal{F} .

Take care: when you are asked to give a formal proof, you have to do it in \mathcal{F} , and not in Fitch. (Therefore, avoid using **Ana Con** and **Taut Con** from Fitch.)

Making formal proofs can be seen as a game like chess



What does a formal proof look like?

Let P_1, P_2, P_3 be the premises of an argument, and let C be the conclusion. Then a formal proof of C from P_1, P_2, P_3 looks like this:

1. P_1	
2. P_2	
3. P_3	
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4. T_1	Justification
5. T_2	Justification
\vdots	\vdots
k. C	Justification

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The Reiteration proof rule is not technically necessary, but it may help make proofs look more natural.

= Introduction

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k. $a = a$ = Intro
⋮

This proof rule = Introduction is based on the fact that identity is *reflexive*:

every object is identical to itself,

i.e. for every object a we have that $a = a$.

= Elimination

⋮
i. $P(a)$ Justification (or premise)
⋮
j. $a = b$ Justification (or premise)
⋮
k. $P(b)$ =Elim : i, j
⋮

Note that you may replace a by b in one place in $P(a)$, or in more places if it occurs more times. The choice is yours.

Note that in the justification, lines i, j appear in that order (order matters in justifications).

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In the above proofs, you view the sentence $R(a, a)$ as the formula $P(a)$ in order to apply $=\text{Elim}$, each time replacing a different choice of one or more occurrences of a by b .

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-
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Properties of identity

Identity satisfies three properties:

reflexivity: $a = a$ for all a

symmetry: if $a = b$ then $b = a$

transitivity: if $a = b$ and $b = c$ then $a = c$

A problem

How to formally prove that the following argument is valid?

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|--|------------|
| | 1. $R(a)$ |
| | 2. $b = a$ |
| | 3. $R(b)$ |

Attempted solution?

- 1. $R(a)$
- 2. $b = a$
- 3. $R(b)$

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Not allowed: $b = a$ only allows us to replace b by a , not the other way round

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3.	$c = b$	
4.	$Q(d, b, c, a, d)$	=Elim: 1, 2
5.	$Q(d, b, c, d, d)$	=Elim: 4, 2
6.	$Q(d, b, b, d, d)$	=Elim: 5, 3

QUESTION: Can it be proved faster, in less lines?

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| 5. $Q(d, b, b, d, d)$ | =Elim: 4, 3 |

In step 4, two occurrences of a are replaced by d

In step 5, one occurrence of c is replaced by b

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If an argument is *not* valid, you can show this by providing a counterexample.

Counterexample

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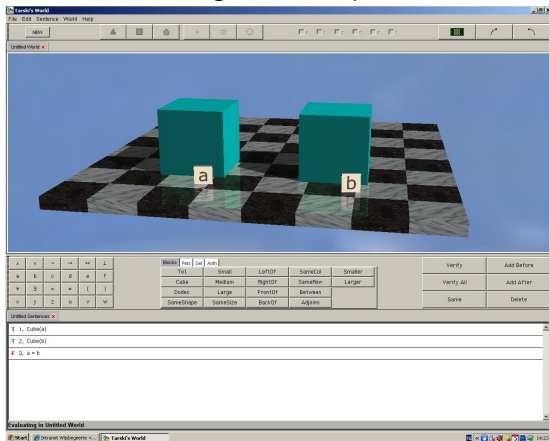
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you can provide a proof for every valid argument with identity.

Next time

Sentences with “and”, “or” and “not” and their proofs

read LPL: 3.1-3.5, 3.7, 5.1-5.4, 6.1-6.6

Syllabus 3.2

do LPL: 1.8, 1.9, 1.10 YTI pp. 69, 72, 76, 144