

# Generality & Existence I

## Quantifiers & Identity

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in order to better understand  
*quantification, existence and identity*.

Understanding the quantifier rules.

# Today's Plan

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# SEQUENTS & DEFINING RULES



## Sequents

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Don't assert each element of  $\Gamma$   
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Structural rules govern declarative sentences *as such*.

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*Identity* and *Cut* determine the behaviour of conjunctions on the *right*.

# From $[\wedge Df]$ to $[\wedge L/R]$

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$$\frac{\frac{A \succ A \quad B \succ B}{A, B \succ A \wedge B} [\wedge R] \quad \Gamma, A \wedge B \succ \Delta}{\Gamma, A, B \succ \Delta} [Cut]$$

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I want to see how this works for quantifiers.



GENERALITY  
& CLASSICAL  
QUANTIFIERS

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Function terms are not deductively general:

$(\forall x)(0 \neq x') \succ 0 \neq 1$ , but  $(\forall x)(0 \neq x') \not\succ (\forall x)(0 \neq x)$ .

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In classical first order predicate logic, names are deductively general.

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QUANTIFIERS &  
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We add terms to the LHS and RHS of sequents  $\Gamma \succ \Delta$ .

## Structural Rules remain as before

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Here  $X$  is either a sentence or a term.

## Quantifier Rules, allowing for non-denoting terms

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This results in a two-premise rule:

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## From $[\exists Df]$ to $[\exists R]$

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 \frac{}{A(t), t \succ (\exists x)A(x)} [Spec_t^n] \\
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This gives a two-premise  $[\exists R]$  rule:

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## DEFINEDNESS

**ABSTRACT.** Questions of definedness are ubiquitous in mathematics. Informally, these involve reasoning about expressions which may or may not have a value. This paper surveys work on logics in which such reasoning can be carried out directly, especially in computational contexts. It begins with a general logic of “partial terms”, continues with partial combinatory and lambda calculi, and concludes with an expressively rich theory of partial functions and polymorphic types, where termination of functional programs can be established in a natural way.

*Erkenntnis* 43: 295–320, 1995.

# Definedness, function terms and predicates

$$\frac{t_i, \Gamma \succ \Delta}{f(t_1, \dots, t_n), \Gamma \succ \Delta} [fL]$$

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# DERIVATIONS & SYSTEMS

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## Predicate and Function Rules

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# The System

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$DL[Df, Cut, Spec]$

# Example Derivation

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DL[*GDf*, *Cut*]

### Theorem

*A derivation of a sequent  $\Gamma \succ \Delta$  in  $DL[Df, Cut, Spec]$  can be systematically transformed into a derivation of that sequent in  $DL[GDf, Cut]$ , and vice versa.*

### Proof.

All of the rules in  $DL[GDf, Cut]$ , are closed under specification. Take a derivation in  $DL[Df, Cut, Spec]$ , and systematically replace each derivation leading up to the first use of a  $Spec_t^n$  rule by transforming that derivation by replacing  $n$  by  $t$  throughout.

Conversely, the  $GDf$  rules are a composition of  $Df$  rules and  $Spec$ , so a  $DL[GDf, Cut]$  derivation can be transformed into a  $DL[Df, Cut, Spec]$  derivation. □



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DL[L/R, *Cut*]

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## Proof.

Using *Cut* and *Id*, each (generalised) defining rule can mimic a Left/Right pair, and vice versa. □

## These systems satisfy *Desideratum #2*

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# CONSEQUENCES & QUESTIONS



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