

Rules of Inference for Quantified Statements

c is an element (arbitrary or particular)
 $\forall x P(x)$
 $\therefore P(c)$ } Universal instantiation

* if c is an element in the domain, and $P(x)$ is true for all elements in the domain, then $P(c)$ is true

$\exists x P(x)$
 $\therefore (c \text{ is a particular element}) \wedge P(c)$ } Existential instantiation

- * each use of existential instantiation must define a new element with its own name (ex: 'i', or 'j')
- * There is a case in the domain where $P(x)$ is true, then c is a particular element where $P(x)$ is true, so $P(c)$ is true

c is an arbitrary element
 $P(c)$
 $\therefore \forall x P(x)$ } Universal generalization

- * c is an element representative of all domain elements, and $P(c)$ is true, therefore $P(x)$ is true for all domain elements

c is an element (arbitrary or particular)
 $P(c)$
 $\therefore \exists x P(x)$ } Existential generalization

- * c is an element in the domain, and $P(c)$ is true, therefore there exists a case in the domain where $P(x)$ is true