

Natural Deduction for Predicate Logic

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- In our examples, there are two sorts of things:
 - $B(x)$, $M(x, y)$, $B(x) \wedge \neg F(x)$ are formulae. They denote truth values;
 - y , $paul$, $m(x)$ are terms. They denote objects.
- Hence a predicate vocabulary has three sets.
- \mathcal{P} is a set of predicate symbols ($B(x)$, $M(x, y)$ etc).
- \mathcal{F} is a set of function symbols ($m(x)$ etc).
- \mathcal{C} is a set of constant symbols ($andy$, $paul$ etc).
- A function symbol $f \in \mathcal{F}$ with arity n (or n -arity) takes n arguments.
- Observe that a 0-arity (or nullary) function is in fact a constant.
- Hence $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{F}$. We can ignore \mathcal{C} for convenience.

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Definition

Terms are defined as follows.

- Any variable is a term;
- If $c \in \mathcal{F}$ is a nullary function symbol, c is a term;
- If t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n are terms and $f \in \mathcal{F}$ has arity $n > 0$, then $f(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n)$ is a term;
- Nothing else is a term.

- In Backus Naur form, we have

$$t ::= x \mid c \mid f(t, \dots, t)$$

where $x \in \text{var}$ is a variable, $c \in \mathcal{F}$ a nullary function symbol, and $f \in \mathcal{F}$ a function symbol with arity > 0 .

- Let $n, f, g \in \mathcal{F}$ be function symbols with arity 0, 1, and 2 respectively.
- $g(f(n), n), f(f(n)), f(g(n, g(f(n), n)))$ are terms.
- $g(n), f(n, n), n(g)$ are not terms.
- Let $0, 1, \dots$ be nullary function symbols, and $+, -, \times$ binary function symbols.
- $+(\times(3, x), 1), +(\times(x, x), +(\times(2, \times(x, y))), \times(y, y))$ are terms.
- In infix notation, they are $(3 \times x) + 1, (x \times x) + ((2 \times (x \times y)) + (y \times y))$.

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Formulae

Definition

Formulae are defined as follows.

- If $P \in \mathcal{P}$ is a predicate symbol with arity $n \geq 1$, and t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n are terms over \mathcal{F} , then $P(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n)$ is a formula;
- If ϕ is a formula, so is $(\neg\phi)$;
- If ϕ and ψ are formulae, so are $(\phi \wedge \psi)$, $(\phi \vee \psi)$, and $(\phi \implies \psi)$.
- If ϕ is a formula and x is a variable, then $(\forall x\phi)$ and $(\exists x\phi)$ are formulae;
- Nothing else is a formula.

- In Backus Naur form, we have

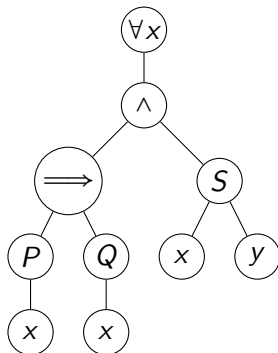
$$\phi ::= P(t_1, \dots, t_n) \mid (\neg\phi) \mid (\phi \wedge \phi) \mid (\phi \vee \phi) \mid (\phi \implies \phi) \mid (\forall x\phi) \mid (\exists x\phi)$$

where $P \in \mathcal{P}$ is a predicate symbol of arity n , t_1, \dots, t_n terms over \mathcal{F} , and $x \in \text{var}$ a variable.

Convention

- It is very tedious to write parentheses.
- We will assume the following binding priorities.
 - ▶ \neg , $\forall x$ and $\exists x$ (tightest)
 - ▶ \vee , \wedge
 - ▶ \implies (right-associative and loosest)

Parse Tree



- A predicate logic formula can be represented as a parse tree.
 - $\forall x, \exists y$ are nodes;
 - arguments of function symbols are also nodes.
- The above figure gives the parse tree of $\forall x((P(x) \implies Q(x)) \wedge S(x, y))$.

Example

Example

Write “every son of my father is my brother” in predicate logic.

Proof.

Let *me* denote 'me', $S(x, y)$ (x is a son of y), $F(x, y)$ (x is the father of y), and $B(x, y)$ (x is a brother of y) be predicate symbols of arity 2.

Consider

$$\forall x \forall y (F(x, me) \wedge S(y, x) \implies B(y, me)).$$

Alternatively, let f ($f(x)$ is the father of x) be a unary function symbol.

Consider

$$\forall x (S(x, f(me)) \implies B(x, me)).$$



- Translating an English sentence into predicate logic can be tricky.
- Can you identify problem(s) in the example?

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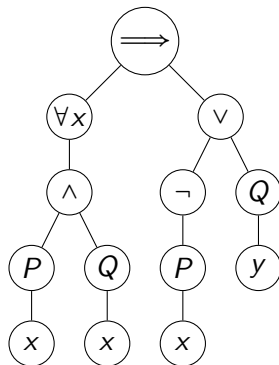
Constants and Variables

- Let c, d be constants (nullary functions).
- Consider $\forall x(P(x) \implies Q(x)) \wedge P(c) \implies Q(c)$.
 - ▶ If $P(x)$ implies $Q(x)$ for all x and $P(c)$ is true, then $Q(c)$ is true.
- Intuitively, $\forall y(P(y) \implies Q(y)) \wedge P(c) \implies Q(c)$ should have the same meaning.
- $\forall y(P(y) \implies Q(y)) \wedge P(d) \implies Q(d)$ is different.
 - ▶ We do not know if $Q(c)$ is true.
- Things can get very complicated when there are several variables.
 - ▶ $\forall x((P(x) \implies Q(x)) \wedge S(x, y))$
 - ▶ $\forall z((P(z) \implies Q(z)) \wedge S(z, y))$
 - ▶ $\forall y((P(y) \implies Q(y)) \wedge S(y, x))$

Free and Bound Variables

Definition

Let ϕ be a predicate logic formula. An occurrence of x in ϕ is free in ϕ if it is a leaf node without ancestor nodes $\forall x$ or $\exists x$ in the parse tree of ϕ . Otherwise, the occurrence of x is bound. The scope of $\forall x$ in $\forall x\phi$ is the formula ϕ minus any subformula in ϕ of the form $\forall x\psi$ or $\exists x\psi$.



$$(\forall x(P(x) \wedge Q(x))) \implies (\neg P(x) \vee Q(y))$$

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Substitution

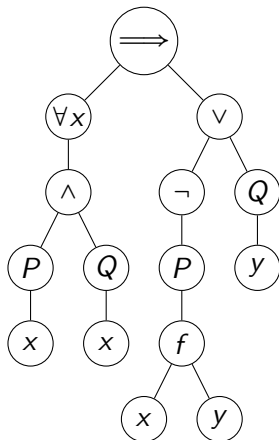
- Variables denote objects in predicate logic.
- Hence variables can be replaced by terms (but not formulae).
 - Replace x in $x \neq x + 1$ by 2 to get $2 \neq 2 + 1$.
 - What if we replace x by $2 = 2$?
- However, bound variables should not be replaced.
- The variables x and y in $\forall x\phi$ and $\exists y\psi$ denote all or some objects respectively.
 - What if we replace x in $\exists x(x = 0)$ by 1?

Definition

Given a variable x , a term t and a formula ϕ , define $\phi[t/x]$ to be the formula obtained by replacing each free occurrence of x in ϕ with t .

Example

- Let $\phi = (\forall x(P(x) \wedge Q(x))) \implies (\neg P(x) \vee Q(y))$. Consider $\phi[f(x,y)/x]$.



$$(\forall x(P(x) \wedge Q(x))) \implies (\neg P(x) \vee Q(y))[f(x,y)/x]$$

Variable Capture in Substitution

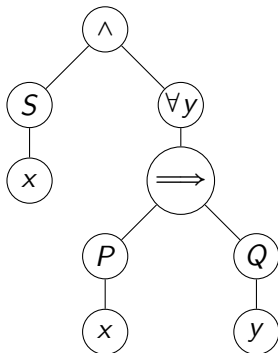
- Let $\phi = \exists y(y < x)$ and $\psi = \exists z(z < x)$.
 - Since ϕ and ψ only differ in bound variables, they should have the same meaning.
- Consider $\phi[(y-1)/x] = \exists y(y < y-1)$.
- The variable y in $y-1$ is caught by the bound variable in ϕ .
- Consider $\psi[(y-1)/x] = \exists z(z < y-1)$.
- The variable y in $y-1$ is not caught in the substitution $\psi[(y-1)/x]$.

Definition

Let t be a term, x a variable, and ϕ a formula. t is free for x in ϕ if no free x leaf in ϕ occurs in the scope of $\forall y$ or $\exists y$ for any variable y occurring in t .

- Examples: $y-1$ is free for x in $\exists z(z < x)$; $y-1$ is not free for x in $\exists y(y < x)$.

Example



- Consider $\phi = S(x) \wedge \forall y (P(x) \implies Q(y))$ and $t = f(y, y)$.
- The two occurrences of x in ϕ are free.
- The right occurrence of x in ϕ is in the scope of $\forall y$ and y occurs in t .
- t is not free for x in ϕ .

Substitution and Variable Capture

- When t is not free for x in ϕ , the substitution $\phi[t/x]$ is not desirable.
- However, we can always rename bound variables for substitution.
- When we write $\phi[t/x]$, we mean all bound variables in ϕ are renamed so that t is free for x in ϕ .
- Examples.
 - ▶ $\phi = \exists y(y < x)$ and $t = y - 1$. t is not free for x in ϕ . Rename the bound variable y to z and obtain $\psi = \exists z(z < x)$. t is free for x in ψ .
 - ▶ $\phi = S(x) \wedge \forall y(P(x) \implies Q(y))$ and $t = f(y, y)$. t is not free for x in ϕ . Rename the bound variable y to z and obtain $\psi = S(x) \wedge \forall z(P(x) \implies Q(z))$. t is free for x in ψ .

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Natural Deduction for Predicate Logic

- Similar to propositional logic, predicate logic has its natural deduction proof system.
- Naturally, the natural deduction proof rules for contradiction (\perp), negation (\neg), and Boolean connectives (\vee , \wedge , \implies) are the same as those in propositional logic.
- Additionally, there are proof rules for equality ($=$) and quantification (\forall and \exists).
- Again, these additional rules have two types: introduction and elimination rules.

Equality

- Let s and t be terms.
- What do we mean by $s = t$?
- Shall we say $2 + 1 = 2 + 1$?
- What about $2^{61} - 1 = 2305843009213693951$?
- Apparently, if two terms are syntactically equal, they are equal.
 - This is called intensional equality.
- In practice, if two terms denote the same object, they are equal.
 - This is called extensional equality.

Natural Deduction Proof Rules for Equality

- The introduction rule for equality is as follows.

$$\frac{}{t = t} = i$$

- The elimination rule for equality is as follows.

$$\frac{t_1 = t_2 \quad \phi[t_1/x]}{\phi[t_2/x]} = e$$

(t_1 and t_2 are free for x in ϕ).

- ▶ The requirement “ t_1 and t_2 are free for x in ϕ ” is called the side condition of the proof rule.
- By convention, we assume the side condition holds in all substitutions.

Example

Example

Show

$$x + 1 = 1 + x, (x + 1) > 1 \implies (x + 1) > 0 \vdash (1 + x) > 1 \implies (1 + x) > 0.$$

Proof.

- | | | |
|---|------------------------------------|---------|
| 1 | $x + 1 = 1 + x$ | premise |
| 2 | $(x + 1) > 1 \implies (x + 1) > 0$ | premise |
| 3 | $(1 + x) > 1 \implies (1 + x) > 0$ | =e 1, 2 |

In step 3, take $\phi = x > 1 \implies x > 0$, $t_1 = x + 1$, and $t_2 = 1 + x$. Then

$$\phi[t_1/x] = (x + 1) > 1 \implies (x + 1) > 0,$$

$$\phi[t_2/x] = (1 + x) > 0 \implies (1 + x) > 0.$$



Symmetry of Equality

Example

Show $t_1 = t_2 \vdash t_2 = t_1$.

Proof.

- 1 $t_1 = t_2$ premise
- 2 $t_1 = t_1$ =i
- 3 $t_2 = t_1$ =e, 1, 2

Take $\phi = (x = t_1)$. $\phi[t_1/x] = (t_1 = t_1)$ and $\phi[t_2/x] = (t_2 = t_1)$. □

Transitivity of Equality

Example

Show $t_1 = t_2, t_2 = t_3 \vdash t_1 = t_3$.

Proof.

- | | | |
|---|-------------|----------|
| 1 | $t_2 = t_3$ | premise |
| 2 | $t_1 = t_2$ | premise |
| 3 | $t_1 = t_3$ | =e, 1, 2 |

Take $\phi = (t_1 = x)$. $\phi[t_2/x] = (t_1 = t_2)$ and $\phi[t_3/x] = (t_1 = t_3)$. □

- Thus, the rules =i and =e give us the reflexivity, symmetry, and transitivity of equality.

Natural Deduction Proof Rules for Universal Quantification

- The elimination rule for universal quantification is the following:

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

when t is free for x in ϕ .

- To see why t must be free for x in ϕ , let ϕ be $\exists y(x < y)$. For natural numbers, $\forall x\exists y(x < y)$ is clearly true (“for any number, there is a larger number”). But if we take $t = y$, $\phi[t/x] = \exists y(y < y)$. This is wrong. Hence t must be free for x in ϕ .
 - If we really need to replace x by y in this case, we should rewrite $\exists y(x < y)$ to $\exists z(x < z)$ and obtain $\exists z(x < z)[x/y] = \exists z(y < z)$.

Natural Deduction Proof Rules for Universal Quantification

- The introduction rule for universal quantification opens a new box for a fresh variable x_0 :

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

(By “fresh,” we mean x_0 does not occur outside of the box.)

- Informally, the rule $\forall xi$ says “if we can establish $\phi[x_0/x]$ for a fresh x_0 , then we can derive $\forall x\phi$.”
 - Intuitively, x_0 can be an arbitrary term since it is fresh and assumes nothing. If we can show $\phi[x_0/x]$, we have $\forall x\phi$.
 - Another way to see this is to replace x_0 by a term t in the box. We would have a proof for $\phi[t/x]$. That is, we have shown $\forall x\phi$.

Example

Example

Show $\forall x(P(x) \implies Q(x)), \forall xP(x) \vdash \forall xQ(x)$.

Proof.

1	$\forall x(P(x) \implies Q(x))$	premise	
2	$\forall xP(x)$	premise	
3	$x_0 \quad P(x_0) \implies Q(x_0)$	$\forall xe \ 1$] □
4	$P(x_0)$	$\forall xe \ 2$	
5	$Q(x_0)$	$\implies e \ 4, 3$	
6	$\forall xQ(x)$	$\forall xi \ 3-5$	

Example

Example

Show $P(t), \forall x(P(x) \implies \neg Q(x)) \vdash \neg Q(t)$ for any term t .

Proof.

1	$P(t)$	premise
2	$\forall x(P(x) \implies \neg Q(x))$	premise
3	$P(t) \implies \neg Q(t)$	$\forall xe$ 2
4	$\neg Q(t)$	$\implies e$ 1, 3



- In step 3, we apply $\forall xe$ by replacing x with t . We could apply the same rule with a different term, say, a . Hence the rule $\forall xe$ is in fact a scheme of rules; one for each term t (free of x in ϕ).
- Also, we have different introduction and elimination rule. for different variables. That is, we have $\forall xi$, $\forall xe$, $\forall yi$, $\forall ye$, and so on. We will simply write $\forall i$ and $\forall e$ when bound variables are clear.

Universal Quantification and Conjunction

- It is helpful to compare proof rules for universal quantification and conjunction.
- Introduction rules:
 - ▶ To establish $\forall x\phi$, we need to show $\phi[t/x]$ for any term t . This is accomplished by proving $\phi[x_0/x]$ with the box for a fresh variable x_0 ;
 - ▶ To establish $\phi \wedge \psi$, we need to show ϕ and ψ .
- Elimination rules:
 - ▶ To eliminate $\forall x\phi$, we pick a term (free for x in ϕ) and deduce $\phi[t/x]$;
 - ▶ To eliminate $\phi \wedge \psi$, we deduce ϕ (or ψ).

Natural Deduction Proof Rule for Existential Quantification

- The introduction rule for existential quantification is as follows.

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

when t is free for x in ϕ .

- To see why t must be free for x in ϕ , consider $\exists x\forall y(x = y)$. This is clearly wrong for, say, natural numbers. Let $\phi = \forall y(x = y)$ and $t = y$. Since $\phi[t/x] = \forall y(y = y)$ is deducible ($=i, \forall yi$), we would have $\exists x\forall y(x = y)$.
- Recall the elimination rule for universal quantification:

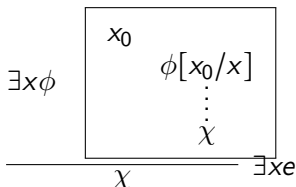
$$\frac{\forall x\phi}{\phi[t/x]} \forall xe$$

when t is free for x in ϕ .

- $\forall xe$ is the “dual” of $\exists xi$.
 - Recall the duality of $\wedge e$ and $\vee i$.

Natural Deduction Proof Rule for Existential Quantification

- The elimination rule for existential quantification is as follows.



- Informally, the rule $\exists e$ says: to show χ from $\exists x\phi$, we show χ by assuming $\phi[x_0/x]$ for a fresh variable x_0 .
 - Intuitively, x_0 stands for an unknown term t such that $\phi[t/x]$ holds. If we can deduce χ by assuming $\phi[t/x]$, then χ is deducible from $\exists x\phi$.
- Note that x_0 must not occur in χ .

Existential Quantification and Disjunction

- It is helpful to compare the elimination rules for existential quantification and disjunction.
- Recall

$$\frac{\phi \vee \psi \quad \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \phi \\ \vdots \\ \chi \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \psi \\ \vdots \\ \chi \\ \hline \end{array}}{\chi} \vee e$$

- To eliminate $\phi \vee \psi$, we show that χ is deducible by assuming ϕ or assuming ψ .
- To eliminate $\exists x\phi$, we show that χ is deducible by assuming $\phi[x_0/x]$.

Subformula Property I

- An elimination rule has subformula property if it must conclude with a subformula of the eliminated formula.
- For example, both $\wedge e_1$ and $\neg e$ have the subformula property.

$$\frac{\phi \wedge \psi}{\phi} \wedge e_1 \quad \frac{\neg \neg \phi}{\phi} \neg \neg e$$

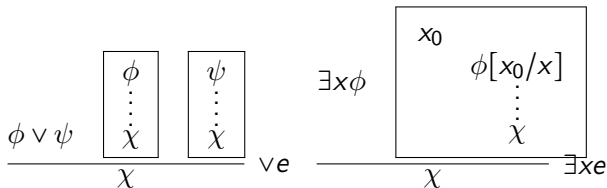
- Since the conclusion of $\forall x e$ has the same logical structure as the eliminated formula, we also say $\forall x e$ has the subformula property.

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

- ▶ Strictly speaking, $\phi[t/x]$ may not be a subformula of $\forall x \phi$.

Subformula Property II

- The subformula property helps proof search.
 - We need not invent a formula for rules with the property.
 - Such rules are good for automated proof search.
- $\vee e$ and $\exists xe$ however do not have the subformula property.



- The conclusion χ must be chosen carefully.

Examples I

Example

Show $\forall x\phi \vdash \exists x\phi$.

Proof.

1	$\forall x\phi$	premise
2	$\phi[x/x]$	$\forall x e$ 1
3	$\exists x\phi$	$\exists x i$ 2

(Is x free for x in $\phi[x/x]$?) □

- Is it correct?

Examples II

Example

Show $\forall x(P(x) \implies Q(x)), \exists xP(x) \vdash \exists xQ(x)$.

Proof.

1	$\forall x(P(x) \implies Q(x))$	premise	
2	$\exists xP(x)$	premise	
3	$x_0 \quad P(x_0)$	assumption]
4	$P(x_0) \implies Q(x_0)$	$\forall x e \ 1$	
5	$Q(x_0)$	$\implies e \ 3, 4$	
6	$\exists xQ(x)$	$\exists x i \ 5$	
7	$\exists xQ(x)$	$\exists x e \ 2, 3-6$	

(Can we close the box at line 5 instead of 6? Why not?)



Examples III

Example

Show $\exists xP(x), \forall x\forall y(P(x) \implies Q(y)) \vdash \forall yQ(y)$.

Proof.

1	$\exists xP(x)$	premise	
2	$\forall x\forall y(P(x) \implies Q(y))$	premise	
3	y_0]
4	x_0 $P(x_0)$	assumption	
5	$\forall y(P(x_0) \implies Q(y))$	$\forall x$ e 2	
6	$P(x_0) \implies Q(y_0)$	$\forall y$ e 5	
7	$Q(y_0)$	\implies e 4, 6]
8	$Q(y_0)$	$\exists x$ e 1, 4–7	
9	$\forall yQ(y)$	$\forall y$ i 3–8	

□

- Fresh variables in box must not appear outside!
- If not, we could show $\exists xP(x), \forall x(P(x) \implies Q(x)) \vdash \forall yQ(y)$!

1	$\exists xP(x)$	premise		
2	$\forall x(P(x) \implies Q(x))$	premise		
3	x_0]
4	$x_0 \quad P(x_0)$	assumption]	
5	$P(x_0) \implies Q(x_0)$	$\forall x e 2$		
6	$Q(x_0)$	$\implies e 4, 5$]	
7	$Q(x_0)$	$\exists x e 1, 4-6$]
8	$\forall yQ(y)$	$\forall y i 3-7$		

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Equivalent Predicate Logic Formulae I

- Let ϕ and ψ be predicate logic formulae.
- $\phi \dashv\vdash \psi$ denotes that $\phi \vdash \psi$ and $\psi \vdash \phi$.

Equivalent Predicate Logic Formulae II

Theorem

Let ϕ and ψ be predicate logic formulae. We have

- ① (a) $\neg\forall x\phi \dashv\vdash \exists x\neg\phi$; (b) $\neg\exists x\phi \dashv\vdash \forall x\neg\phi$.
- ② When x is not free in ψ :
 - (a) $\forall x\phi \wedge \psi \dashv\vdash \forall x(\phi \wedge \psi)$; (b) $\forall x\phi \vee \psi \dashv\vdash \forall x(\phi \vee \psi)$;
 - (c) $\exists x\phi \wedge \psi \dashv\vdash \exists x(\phi \wedge \psi)$; (d) $\exists x\phi \vee \psi \dashv\vdash \exists x(\phi \vee \psi)$;
 - (e) $\forall x(\psi \implies \phi) \dashv\vdash \psi \implies \forall x\phi$;
 - (f) $\exists x(\phi \implies \psi) \dashv\vdash \forall x\phi \implies \psi$;
 - (g) $\forall x(\phi \implies \psi) \dashv\vdash \exists x\phi \implies \psi$;
 - (h) $\exists x(\psi \implies \phi) \dashv\vdash \psi \implies \exists x\phi$.
- ③ (a) $\forall x\phi \wedge \forall x\psi \dashv\vdash \forall x(\phi \wedge \psi)$; (b) $\exists x\phi \vee \exists x\psi \dashv\vdash \exists x(\phi \vee \psi)$.
- ④ (a) $\forall x\forall y\phi \dashv\vdash \forall y\forall x\phi$ (b) $\exists x\exists y\phi \dashv\vdash \exists y\exists x\phi$.

$$\exists x \neg \phi \vdash \neg \forall x \phi$$

1	$\exists x \neg \phi$	premise		
2	$\forall x \phi$	assumption]	
3	$x_0 \quad \neg \phi[x_0/x]$	assumption]	
4	$\phi[x_0/x]$	$\forall e$ 2		
5	\perp	$\neg e$ 4, 3]	
6	\perp	$\exists x e$ 1, 3–5]
7	$\neg \forall x \phi$	$\neg i$ 2–6		

$$\neg \forall x \phi \vdash \exists x \neg \phi$$

1	$\neg \forall x \phi$	premise			
2	$\neg \exists x \neg \phi$	assumption]
3	x_0]	
4	$\neg \phi[x_0/x]$	assumption]		
5	$\exists x \neg \phi$	$\exists x i$ 4			
6	\perp	$\neg e$ 5, 2]		
7	$\phi[x_0/x]$	RAA 4–6]		
8	$\forall x \phi$	$\forall x i$ 3–7			
9	\perp	$\neg e$ 8, 1]
10	$\exists x \neg \phi$	RAA 2–9			

- The proof structure is similar to $\neg(p_1 \wedge p_2) \vdash \neg p_1 \vee \neg p_2$.

$$\neg(p_1 \wedge p_2) \vdash \neg p_1 \vee \neg p_2$$

1	$\neg(p_1 \wedge p_2)$	premise		
2	$\neg(\neg p_1 \vee \neg p_2)$	assumption]	
3	$\neg p_1$	assumption]	
4	$\neg p_1 \vee \neg p_2$	$\vee i_1$ 3		
5	\perp	$\neg e$ 4, 2]	
6	p_1	RAA 3–5		
3'	$\neg p_2$	assumption]	
4'	$\neg p_1 \vee \neg p_2$	$\vee i_2$ 3'		
5'	\perp	$\neg e$ 4', 2']	
6'	p_2	RAA 3'–5'		
7	$p_1 \wedge p_2$	$\wedge i$ 6, 6'		
8	\perp	$\neg e$ 7, 1]	
9	$\neg p_1 \vee \neg p_2$	RAA 2–8.		

$$\forall x\phi \wedge \psi \vdash \forall x(\phi \wedge \psi) \text{ and } \forall x(\phi \wedge \psi) \vdash \forall x\phi \wedge \psi \text{ (} x \text{ not free in } \psi \text{)}$$

1	$(\forall x\phi) \wedge \psi$	premise	
2	$\forall x\phi$	$\wedge e_1$ 1	
3	ψ	$\wedge e_2$ 2	
4	x_0]
5	$\phi[x_0/x]$	$\forall xe$ 2	
6	$\phi[x_0/x] \wedge \psi$	$\wedge i$ 5, 3	
7	$(\phi \wedge \psi)[x_0/x]$	x not free in ψ]
8	$\forall x(\phi \wedge \psi)$	$\forall xi$ 4–7	
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1	$\forall x(\phi \wedge \psi)$	premise	
2	x_0]
3	$(\phi \wedge \psi)[x_0/x]$	$\forall xe$ 1	
4	$\phi[x_0/x] \wedge \psi$	x not free in ψ	
5	ψ	$\wedge e_2$ 4	
6	$\phi[x_0/x]$	$\wedge e_1$ 4]
7	$\forall x\phi$	$\forall xi$ 2–6	
8	$\forall x\phi \wedge \psi$	$\wedge i$ 7, 5	

$$(\exists x\phi) \vee (\exists x\psi) \vdash \exists x(\phi \vee \psi)$$

1		$(\exists x\phi) \vee (\exists x\psi)$	premise		
2		$\exists x\phi$	assumption]	
3	x_0	$\phi[x_0/x]$	assumption]	
4		$\phi[x_0/x] \vee \psi[x_0/x]$	$\vee i_1$ 3		
5		$(\phi \vee \psi)[x_0/x]$	same as 4		
6		$\exists x(\phi \vee \psi)$	$\exists xi$ 5]	
7		$\exists x(\phi \vee \psi)$	$\exists xe$ 2, 3–6]	
2'		$\exists x\psi$	assumption]	
3'	y_0	$\psi[y_0/x]$	assumption]	
4'		$\phi[y_0/x] \vee \psi[y_0/x]$	$\vee i_2$ 3'		
5'		$(\phi \vee \psi)[y_0/x]$	same as 4'		
6'		$\exists x(\phi \vee \psi)$	$\exists xi$ 5']	
7'		$\exists x(\phi \vee \psi)$	$\exists xe$ 2', 3'–6']	
8		$\exists x(\phi \vee \psi)$	$\vee e$ 1, 2–7, 2'–7'		

$\exists x \exists y \phi \vdash \exists y \exists x \phi$

1	$\exists x \exists y \phi$	premise		
2	x_0	$(\exists y \phi)[x_0/x]$	assumption]
3		$\exists y (\phi[x_0/x])$	x and y different	
4	y_0	$\phi[x_0/x][y_0/y]$	assumption]
5		$\phi[y_0/y][x_0/x]$	x, y, x_0, y_0 different	
6		$\exists x \phi[y_0/y]$	$\exists x i$ 5	
7		$\exists y \exists x \phi$	$\exists y i$ 6]
8		$\exists y \exists x \phi$	$\exists y e$ 3, 4–7]
9		$\exists y \exists x \phi$	$\exists x e$ 1, 2–8	