

# The four rules in predicate logic proofs

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Easy are:

$E_V$

example:

$$\frac{\forall x \varphi(x)}{\varphi(c)} E_V \quad \frac{\forall x (P_x \rightarrow Q_{xx})}{P_c \rightarrow Q_{cc}} E_V$$

and

$I_I$

example:

$$\frac{\varphi(c)}{\exists x \varphi(x)} I_I \quad \frac{P_c \rightarrow Q_{cc}}{\exists x (P_x \rightarrow Q_{xx})} I_I$$

There is no indent when introducing the constants. The following two rules do, however

$I_V$

$$\frac{\begin{array}{|l} c \\ \vdots \\ \varphi(c) \end{array}}{\forall x \varphi(x)} I_V \quad \text{(universal constant)}$$

example:

1.	$\forall x (P_x \rightarrow Q_x)$	(given ass.)
2.	$\forall x P_x$	(given ass.)
3.	$P_c \rightarrow Q_c$	$c$ univ. constant $E_V(1)$
4.	$P_c$	$E_V(2)$
5.	$Q_c$	$E_{\rightarrow}(3,4)$
6.	$\forall x Q_x$	$I_V(3,5)$

(note: line 3 could have been split into

3.	$c$ univ. constant
4.	$P_c \rightarrow Q_c$ , $E_V(1)$

example

$\exists x \varphi(x)$	
$\varphi(c)$	$c$ exist. constant
$\vdots$	
$\psi$ (no $c$ in $\psi$ )	
$\psi$	$E_{\exists}$

1.	$\forall x (P_x \rightarrow Q_x)$	(given ass.)
2.	$\exists x P_x$	(given ass.)
3.	$P_c$	$c$ exist. constant (2)
4.	$P_c \rightarrow Q_c$	$E_{\forall}(1)$
5.	$Q_c$	$E_{\rightarrow}(3,4)$
6.	$\exists y Q_y$	$I_{\exists}(5)$
7.	$\exists y Q_y$	$E_{\exists}$

(so this proves  $\forall x (P_x \rightarrow Q_x), \exists x P_x \models \exists y Q_y$ )

Perhaps to remember:

$\forall x \varphi(x)$   
 $\varphi(c)$   $E_{\forall}$   
 (no indent) if  $\forall$  is before/above

$\varphi(c)$   
 $\exists x \varphi(x)$   $I_{\exists}$   
 (no indent) if  $\exists$  is below

$\varphi(c)$   
 $\forall x \varphi(x)$   $I_{\forall}$   
 (indent happens if  $\forall x$  is below)

$\exists x \varphi(x)$   
 $\varphi(c)$   
 $\psi$   
 $\psi$   
 (indent if  $\exists$  is before)