

The four rules in predicate logic proofs

(1)

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

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

example:

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| 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

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

example

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|---------------|----------------------------------|
| $\boxed{E_I}$ | $\exists x \varphi(x)$ |
| | $\varphi(c)$ c exist. constant |
| | \vdots |
| | ψ (no c in ψ) |
| | ψ E_I |

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|----|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 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. | $P_c \rightarrow Q_c$ | $E_I(1)$ |
| 5. | Q_c | $E \rightarrow (3, 4)$ |
| 6. | $\exists y Q_y$ | $I_I(5)$ |
| 7. | $\exists y Q_y$ | E_I |

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

perhaps to remember:

$$\frac{\forall x \varphi(x)}{\varphi(c)} E_{\forall}$$

(no indent) If \forall is before/above

$$\frac{\varphi(c)}{\exists x \varphi(x)} I_{\exists}$$

(no indent) if \exists is below

$$\frac{\varphi(c)}{\forall x \varphi(x)} I_{\forall}$$

(indent happens if $\forall x$ is below)

$$\frac{\exists x \varphi(x)}{\varphi(c)} E_{\exists}$$

(indent if \exists is before)