

CS 245 / SE 112

Natural Deduction for Predicate Logic

To the rules for propositional logic, we add the following:

	introduction	elimination
=	$\frac{}{t = t} =i$	$\frac{t_1 = t_2 \quad \phi[t_1/x]}{\phi[t_2/x]} =e$
\forall	$\frac{\forall x \phi}{\phi[t/x]} \forall x e$	$\frac{\boxed{\begin{array}{c} x_0 \\ \vdots \\ \phi[x_0/x] \end{array}}}{\forall x \phi} \forall xi$
\exists	$\frac{\phi[t/x]}{\exists x \phi} \exists xi$	$\frac{\exists x \phi \quad \boxed{\begin{array}{c} x_0 \quad \phi[x_0/x] \\ \vdots \\ \chi \end{array}}}{\chi} \exists xe$

In all substitutions $\phi[t/x]$, t must be free for x in ϕ , that is, no free occurrence of x in ϕ is in the scope of any $\forall y$ or $\exists y$ for any variable y in t . The introduced variables x_0 must be fresh (not occurring outside their boxes).

For convenience, we add one derived rule to the above rules from the textbook.

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