

Lecture 14

First Steps in Predicate Logic

Goal: Proofs with UE

- ▶ Universal Elimination (UE) is fairly simple: if $\forall x\phi(x)$ is true, then $\phi(a)$ is true, for any name “a”
- ▶ Caution: The sentence on the line must be a universally quantified sentence.

$$\forall xFx \rightarrow Ga$$

- ▶ Caution: The same name must replace all instances of the variable.

$$\forall x(Fx \rightarrow Gx)$$

All Frisians are gregarious.
Alvin is Frisian.
Therefore, Alvin is gregarious.

To show: $\forall x \forall y (Fx \wedge Gy) \vdash Fa \wedge Gb$

To show: $\forall x \forall y (Fx \wedge Gy) \vdash Fa \wedge Ga$

To show: $P \rightarrow \forall x Fx \vdash P \rightarrow Fa$

To show: $\neg Fa \vdash \neg \forall x Fx$