

# Formale Semantik

## 05. Pr-adikatenlogik

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stets aktuelle Fassungen: <https://github.com/rsling/VL-Deutsche-Syntax>

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$\therefore$	$(\exists x)Hx$	10, $+\exists$



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