

Tautologies

A *tautology* is a formula that is true regardless of what we substitute for its identifiers (as long as the substitution is syntactically correct). The formula

$$\neg(F \wedge G) \equiv (\neg F \vee \neg G)$$

is a tautology because it is true if any formulas are substituted for F and G . The formula

$$\neg(\forall x \in S : P(x)) \equiv (\exists x \in S : \neg P(x))$$

is a tautology because it is true when any expression is substituted for S and any formula (that may depend on x) is substituted for $P(x)$.

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