

PUZZLE

You know that at least one (possibly more) of A,B,C are involved in a bank robbery and you know no one else was involved. You also know:

If A is guilty and B is innocent, then C is guilty

C never works alone

A never works with C

Can you safely infer the innocence or guilt of any of them?

FORMAL PROOFS WITH QUANTIFIERS

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COMPLEX PREDICATES

There is a large cube
to the left of b

$$\exists x(L(x) \wedge C(x) \wedge LO(x,b))$$

There is a cube to the
left of b which is in
the same row as c

$$\exists y(C(y) \wedge LO(y,b) \wedge SR(y,c))$$

b is in the same
row as a large cube

$$\exists x(L(x) \wedge C(x) \wedge SR(b,x))$$

COMPLEX PREDICATES

All Ps are Qs

$$\forall x(P(x) \rightarrow Q(x))$$

All Ps that are
also Rs are Qs

$$\forall x([P(x) \wedge R(x)] \rightarrow Q(x))$$

All cubes are
to the right of a

$$\forall x(\text{Cubes}(x) \rightarrow \text{RightOf}(x,a))$$

All small cubes
are to the right of a

$$\forall z([\text{Small}(z) \wedge \text{Cube}(z)] \rightarrow \text{RightOf}(z,a))$$

COMPLEX PREDICATES

Every tall boy is
a happy painter

$$\forall x([T(x) \wedge B(x)] \rightarrow [H(x) \wedge P(x)])$$

Not every cube in the
same row as b is medium

$$\neg \forall w([C(w) \wedge SR(w,b)] \rightarrow M(w))$$

No cubes in the same
row as b are medium

$$\forall x([C(x) \wedge SR(x,b)] \rightarrow \neg M(x))$$

Every cube that is
either small or medium
is smaller than b

$$\forall x([C(x) \wedge (S(x) \vee M(x))] \rightarrow Sm(x,b))$$

OTHER FORMS

If every block is a cube,
then none are dodecs

$$\forall x C(x) \rightarrow \forall y \neg D(y)$$

Every cube is small if and
only if it isn't large

$$\forall x (C(x) \rightarrow (S(x) \leftrightarrow \neg L(x)))$$

Every cube is either
small or medium

$$\forall x (C(x) \rightarrow (S(x) \vee M(x)))$$

Either every cube is small
or every cube is medium

$$\forall x (C(x) \rightarrow S(x)) \vee$$

$$\forall x (C(x) \rightarrow M(x))$$

SATISFACTION - AGAIN

$\forall x(x=a \rightarrow \text{Tet}(x))$

T

$\forall x \text{ RightOf}(x,a)$

F

$\exists x(x \neq a \wedge \text{Small}(x) \wedge \text{Tet}(x))$

F

$\forall x(\text{Tet}(x) \rightarrow$

T

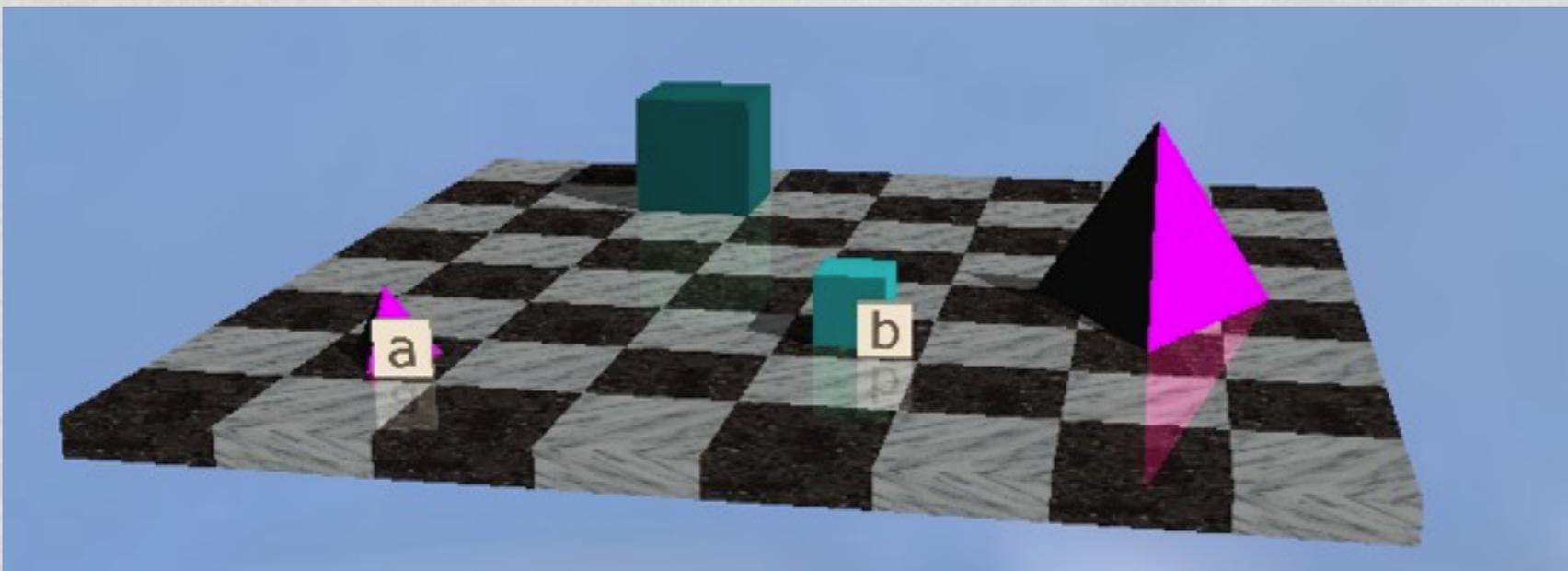
$(\text{FrontOf}(x,b) \rightarrow \text{Small}(x))$

$\forall x((\text{Small}(x) \wedge \text{Cube}(x)) \rightarrow$

T

$\text{RightOf}(x,a))$

$\exists x \text{ SameSize}(x,a) \rightarrow x=b$



Not a
sentence

QUANTIFIERS AND TAUTOLOGIES

- Remember that tautological consequence, tautological necessity, tautological equivalence, etc., depend on the Boolean connectives (\neg , \wedge , \vee , \rightarrow , and \leftrightarrow). We can evaluate tautological notions with truth tables.
- Quantified sentences are sentences too - so they can be tautologies, can be tf-equivalent to other sentences, can tf-entail sentences, etc.

QUANTIFIERS AND TAUTOLOGIES

- $P \vee \neg P$ is a tautology.
- $\exists x \text{ Cube}(x) \vee \exists x \neg \text{Cube}(x)$ is not.
- $\forall x \text{ Cube}(x) \vee \forall x \neg \text{Cube}(x)$ isn't either.
- But $\forall x \text{ Cube}(x) \vee \neg \forall x \text{ Cube}(x)$ is a tautology.
- Let $P = \forall x \text{ Cube}(x)$. Then $\forall x \text{ Cube}(x) \vee \neg \forall x \text{ Cube}(x)$ is just $P \vee \neg P$.

TRUTH-FUNCTIONAL FORM

- The truth-functional form algorithm can be used to distinguish tautologies and tautological consequence from logical truths and logical consequences that depend upon the quantifiers, identity, or predicate meanings.
- First, annotate the sentence: underline the atomic and quantified parts.
- Second, replace the underlined parts with sentence letters. Only use repeat letters for identical parts.

TRUTH-FUNCTIONAL FORM

- Remember: don't look inside quantified sentences.
- $\forall x (\text{Cube}(x) \rightarrow \text{Medium}(x))$ P
- $\forall x \text{Cube}(x)$ \rightarrow $\forall x \text{Medium}(x)$ P \rightarrow Q
- $\text{Cube}(b)$ \rightarrow $\exists x \text{Cube}(x)$ P \rightarrow Q
- $\forall x \text{Cube}(x)$ \rightarrow (\neg $\forall x \text{Cube}(x)$ \rightarrow $\forall x \neg \text{Cube}(x)$)
P \rightarrow (\neg P \rightarrow Q)

TRUTH-FUNCTIONAL FORM

- This results in the truth-functional form of the argument.
- This shows whether an argument is valid in virtue of the connectives.
- Example:

$\forall x \text{ Cube}(x)$ \rightarrow $\exists x \text{ Medium}(x)$

$\forall x \text{ Cube}(x)$

$\exists x \text{ Medium}(x)$

$P \rightarrow Q$

P

Q

UNIVERSAL ELIMINATION

- For any variable x , any wff $P(x)$, and any constant c , from $\forall x P(x)$ we can infer $P(c)$.
- Note: the constant c could even have been used in the proof already.

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| | 1. $\forall x P(x)$ | |
| | — | |
| | 2. $P(c)$ | \forall Elim: 1 |

SIMPLE PROOF

1. All men are mortal

2. Socrates is a man

3. Socrates is mortal

1. $\forall x(Ma(x) \rightarrow Mo(x))$

2. $Ma(s)$

3. $Mo(s)$

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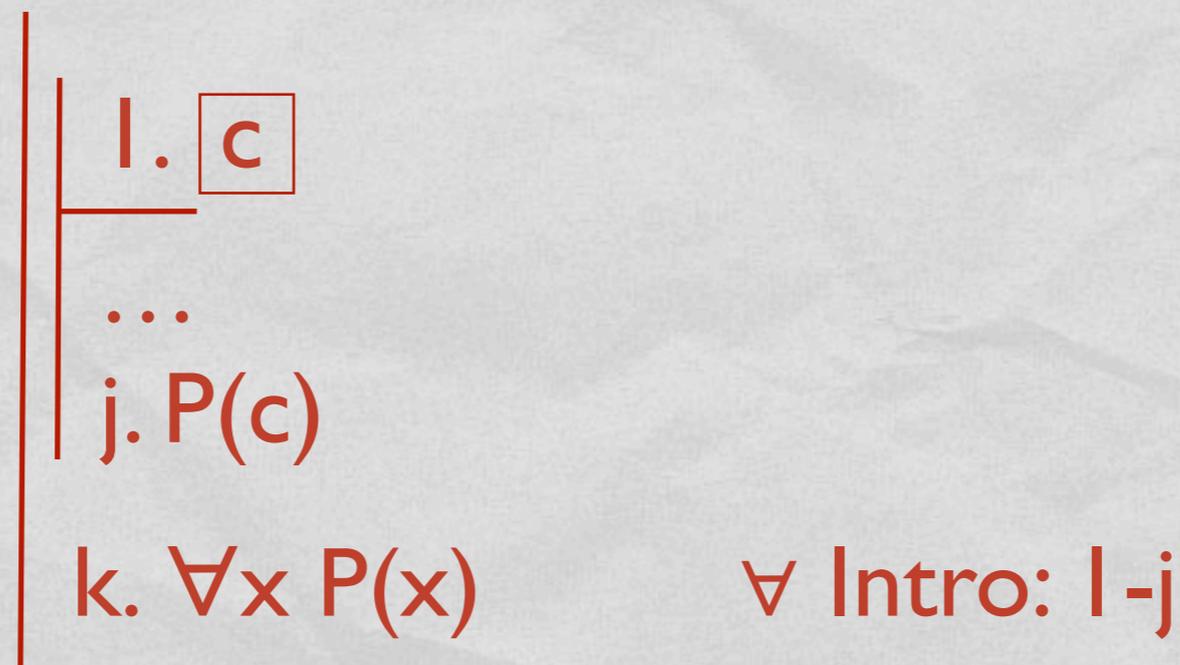
2. $Ma(s)$

3. $Ma(s) \rightarrow Mo(s)$ \forall Elim 1

4. $Mo(s)$ \rightarrow Elim 2,3

UNIVERSAL INTRODUCTION

- For a constant c naming an arbitrary object, any variable x , and any wff $P(x)$, if we show in a subproof that $P(c)$, we can conclude that $\forall x P(x)$.
- Note: the constant c must be new. The step will only work if c only occurs within the subproof.



UNIVERSAL QUANTIFIER PROOFS

1. $\forall x(P(x) \rightarrow Q(x))$

2. $\forall x(Q(x) \rightarrow R(x))$

3. a

4. $P(a)$

5. $P(a) \rightarrow Q(a)$ \forall Elim 1

6. $Q(a)$ \rightarrow Elim 4,5

7. $Q(a) \rightarrow R(a)$ \forall Elim 2

$R(a)$

$P(a) \rightarrow R(a)$ \rightarrow Intro

$\forall x(P(x) \rightarrow R(x))$ \forall Intro

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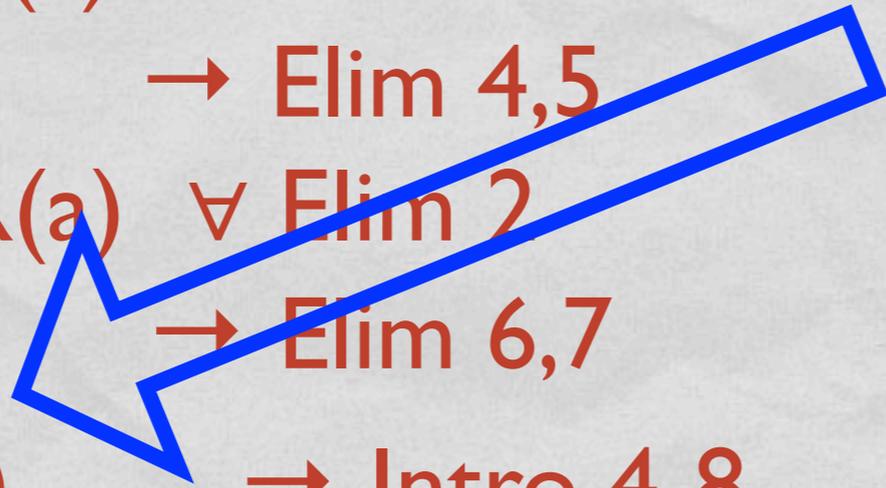
7. $Q(a) \rightarrow R(a) \quad \forall$ Elim 2

8. $R(a) \quad \rightarrow$ Elim 6,7

9. $P(a) \rightarrow R(a) \quad \rightarrow$ Intro 4-8

$\forall x(P(x) \rightarrow R(x)) \quad \forall$ Intro

'a' is totally arbitrary. We could have gotten this with any letter. e.g. $P(j) \rightarrow R(j)$



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8. $R(a)$ \rightarrow Elim 6,7

9. $P(a) \rightarrow R(a)$ \rightarrow Intro 4-8

10. $\forall x(P(x) \rightarrow R(x))$ \forall Intro 3-9

1. $\forall x P(x) \vee \forall x Q(x)$

2. a

3. $\forall x P(x)$

$P(a) \vee Q(a)$

$\forall x Q(x)$

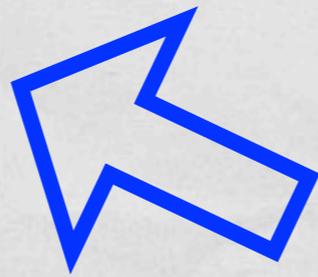
$P(a) \vee Q(a)$

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$\forall x(P(x) \vee Q(x))$

\vee Elim

\forall Intro



can't just plug in 'a' for line 1. 1 is not a universal

1. $\forall x P(x) \vee \forall x Q(x)$

2. a

3. $\forall x P(x)$

4. $P(a)$ \forall Elim 3

5. $P(a) \vee Q(a)$ \vee Intro 4

6. $\forall x Q(x)$

7. $Q(a)$ \forall Elim 6

8. $P(a) \vee Q(a)$ \vee Intro 7

9. $P(a) \vee Q(a)$ \vee Elim 1,3-5,6-8

10. $\forall x(P(x) \vee Q(x))$ \forall Intro 2-9

EXISTENTIAL INTRODUCTION

- For any variable x , any wff $P(x)$ and any constant c , if we show that $P(c)$, we can conclude that $\exists x P(x)$.
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| | 1. $P(c)$ | |
| | — | |
| | 2. $\exists x P(x)$ | \exists Intro: 1 |

EXISTENTIAL ELIMINATION

- Existential elimination is like proof by cases, but with only one case representing an infinite number of cases.
- For a constant c naming an arbitrary object, any variable x , and any wff $P(x)$, if we know that $\exists x P(x)$, and we show in a subproof that Q (which does not contain ' c ') follows from $P(c)$, we can conclude that Q must be true (outside the subproof).
- Note: the constant c must be new. The step will only work if c only occurs within the subproof.

EXISTENTIAL ELIMINATION

1. $\exists x P(x)$

2. $\boxed{c} P(c)$

...

j. Q

7. Q

\exists Elim: 1,2-j