

Examples of proofs in 1st order logic

• $\forall x: (Q(x) \rightarrow R(x)), \exists x: (P(x) \wedge Q(x)) \rightarrow \exists x: (P(x) \wedge R(x))$

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| 1. | $\forall x: (Q(x) \rightarrow R(x))$ | premise |
| 2. | $\exists x: (P(x) \wedge Q(x))$ | premise |
| 3. | $[P(x) \wedge Q(x)]$ | assume $x=a$ in 2 |
| 4. | $Q(x) \rightarrow R(x)$ | \forall -elimination in 1 |
| 5. | $P(x)$ | \wedge -elimination in 3 |
| 6. | $Q(x)$ | \wedge -elimination in 3 |
| 7. | $R(x)$ | MP in 4 & 6 |
| 8. | $P(x) \wedge R(x)$ | \wedge -intro in 5 & 7 |
| 9. | $\exists x: (P(x) \wedge R(x))$ | \exists -intro. in 8 |

(a in $P(x) \wedge R(x)$ is assumed.)

• $\exists x: P(x), \forall x \forall y: (P(x) \rightarrow Q(y)) \rightarrow \forall y: Q(y)$

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| 1. | $\exists x: P(x)$ | premise |
| 2. | $\forall x \forall y: (P(x) \rightarrow Q(y))$ | premise |
| 3. | $[P(x)]$ | assume $x=a$ in 1 |
| 4. | $\forall y: P(x) \rightarrow Q(y)$ | \forall -elimination in 2 |
| 5. | $P(x) \rightarrow Q(b)$ | \forall -elimination in 4. |
| 6. | $Q(b)$ | MP 3 & 5 |
| 7. | $\forall y: Q(y)$ | \forall -intro. in 6 |

(b in $Q(b)$ is arbitrary.)

• $\neg \forall x: P(x) \rightarrow \exists x: \neg P(x)$

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| 1. | $\neg \forall x: P(x)$ | premise |
| 2. | $[\neg \exists x: \neg P(x)]$ | assume |
| 3. | $[\neg P(x)]$ | assume |
| 4. | $\exists x: \neg P(x)$ | \exists -intro in 3 |
| 5. | $P(x)$ | |
| 6. | $\forall x: P(x)$ | 2, 3 & 4 (reduction to absurd) |
| 7. | $\exists x: \neg P(x)$ | \exists -intro (reduction to absurd) |