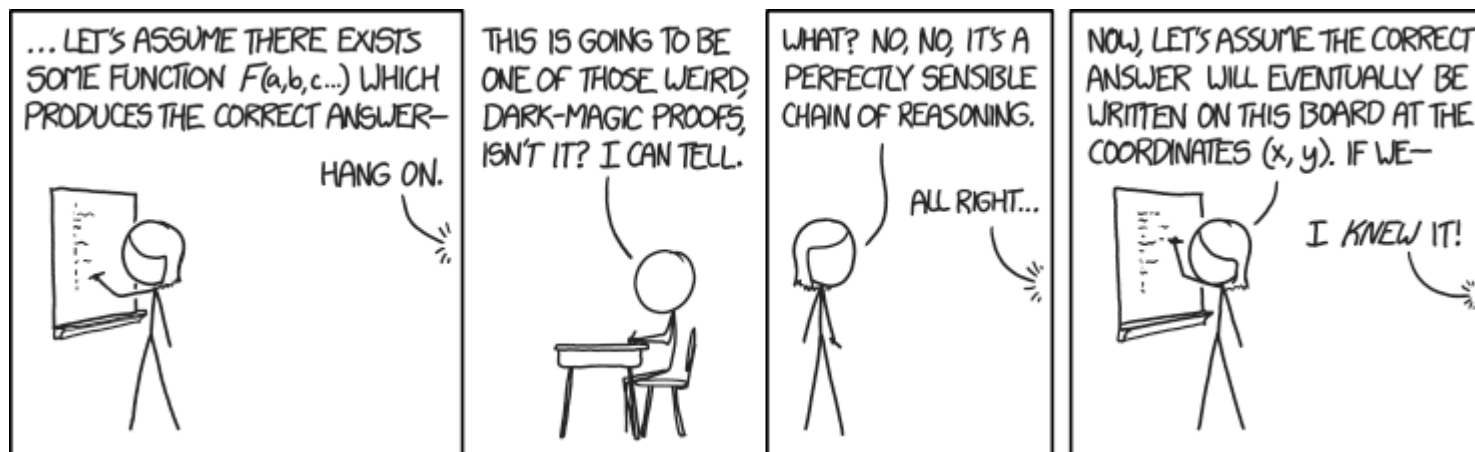


CSE 311: Foundations of Computing

Lecture 7: Propositional & Predicate Logic Proofs



Last class: My First Proof!

Show that r follows from p , $p \rightarrow q$, and $q \rightarrow r$

1. p Given
2. $p \rightarrow q$ Given
3. $q \rightarrow r$ Given
4. q MP: 1, 2
5. r MP: 3, 4

Modus Ponens $\frac{A; A \rightarrow B}{\therefore B}$

Last class: Proofs can use equivalences too

Show that $\neg p$ follows from $p \rightarrow q$ and $\neg q$

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|----|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. | $p \rightarrow q$ | Given |
| 2. | $\neg q$ | Given |
| 3. | $\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$ | Contrapositive: 1 |
| 4. | $\neg p$ | MP: 2, 3 |

Modus Ponens $\frac{A; A \rightarrow B}{\therefore B}$

Last class: Propositional Inference Rules

Two inference rules per binary connective, one to eliminate it and one to introduce it

$$\boxed{\text{Elim } \wedge} \frac{A \wedge B}{\therefore A, B}$$

$$\boxed{\text{Intro } \wedge} \frac{A ; B}{\therefore A \wedge B}$$

$$\boxed{\text{Elim } \vee} \frac{A \vee B ; \neg A}{\therefore B}$$

$$\boxed{\text{Intro } \vee} \frac{A}{\therefore A \vee B, B \vee A}$$

$$\boxed{\text{Modus Ponens}} \frac{A ; A \rightarrow B}{\therefore B}$$

$$\boxed{\text{Direct Proof}} \frac{A \Rightarrow B}{\therefore A \rightarrow B}$$

Proofs

Show that r follows from p , $p \rightarrow q$ and $(p \wedge q) \rightarrow r$

How To Start:

We have givens, find the ones that go together and use them. Now, treat new things as givens, and repeat.

$$\frac{A ; A \rightarrow B}{\therefore B}$$

$$\frac{A \wedge B}{\therefore A, B}$$

$$\frac{A ; B}{\therefore A \wedge B}$$

Proofs

Show that r follows from p , $p \rightarrow q$ and $(p \wedge q) \rightarrow r$

1. p Given

2. $p \rightarrow q$ Given

3. $(p \wedge q) \rightarrow r$ Given

$$\frac{A ; A \rightarrow B}{\therefore B}$$

$$\frac{A \wedge B}{\therefore A, B}$$

9. r ??

$$\frac{A ; B}{\therefore A \wedge B}$$

Proofs

Show that r follows from $p, p \rightarrow q$, and $(p \wedge q) \rightarrow r$

Two visuals of the same proof.
We will use the top one, but if
the bottom one helps you
think about it, that's great!

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|----|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. | p | Given |
| 2. | $p \rightarrow q$ | Given |
| 3. | q | MP: 1, 2 |
| 4. | $p \wedge q$ | Intro \wedge : 1, 3 |
| 5. | $(p \wedge q) \rightarrow r$ | Given |
| 6. | r | MP: 4, 5 |

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{p \ ; \ p \rightarrow q}{p \ ; \ q} \text{MP} \\
 \frac{p \ ; \ q}{p \wedge q \ ; \ (p \wedge q) \rightarrow r} \text{Intro } \wedge \\
 \frac{p \wedge q \ ; \ (p \wedge q) \rightarrow r}{r} \text{MP}
 \end{array}$$

Proofs

Prove that $\neg r$ follows from $p \wedge s$, $q \rightarrow \neg r$, and $\neg s \vee q$.

1. $p \wedge s$ Given
2. $q \rightarrow \neg r$ Given
3. $\neg s \vee q$ Given

First: Write down givens
and goal

20. $\neg r$



Idea: Work backwards!

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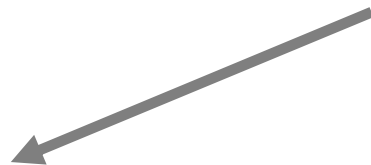
Idea: Work backwards!

We want to eventually get $\neg r$. How?

- We can use $q \rightarrow \neg r$ to get there.
- The justification between 2 and 20 looks like “elim \rightarrow ” which is MP.

20. $\neg r$

MP: 2,



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1. $p \wedge s$ Given
2. $q \rightarrow \neg r$ Given
3. $\neg s \vee q$ Given

Idea: Work backwards!

We want to eventually get $\neg r$. How?

- Now, we have a new “hole”
- We need to prove q ...
 - Notice that at this point, if we prove q , we’ve proven $\neg r$...

19. q



20. $\neg r$

MP: 2, 19

Proofs

Prove that $\neg r$ follows from $p \wedge s$, $q \rightarrow \neg r$, and $\neg s \vee q$.

1. $p \wedge s$ Given

2. $q \rightarrow \neg r$ Given

3. $\neg s \vee q$ Given

This looks like or-elimination.

19. q

?

20. $\neg r$


MP: 2, 19

$$\text{Elim } \vee \frac{A \vee B; \neg A}{\therefore B}$$

Proofs

Prove that $\neg r$ follows from $p \wedge s$, $q \rightarrow \neg r$, and $\neg s \vee q$.

1. $p \wedge s$ Given
2. $q \rightarrow \neg r$ Given
3. $\neg s \vee q$ Given

18. $\neg\neg s$  $\neg\neg s$ doesn't show up in the givens but s does and we can use equivalences
19. q \vee Elim: 3, 18
20. $\neg r$ MP: 2, 19

Proofs

Prove that $\neg r$ follows from $p \wedge s$, $q \rightarrow \neg r$, and $\neg s \vee q$.

1. $p \wedge s$ Given

2. $q \rightarrow \neg r$ Given

3. $\neg s \vee q$ Given

17. s

1. $p \wedge s$ Given
2. $q \rightarrow \neg r$ Given
3. $\neg s \vee q$ Given

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3. $\neg s \vee q$ Given

17. s \wedge Elim: 1

18. $\neg\neg s$ Double Negation: 17

19. q \vee Elim: 3, 18

20. $\neg r$ MP: 2, 19

No holes left! We just
need to clean up a bit.

Proofs

Prove that $\neg r$ follows from $p \wedge s$, $q \rightarrow \neg r$, and $\neg s \vee q$.

1. $p \wedge s$ Given
2. $q \rightarrow \neg r$ Given
3. $\neg s \vee q$ Given
4. s \wedge Elim: 1
5. $\neg\neg s$ Double Negation: 4
6. q \vee Elim: 3, 5
7. $\neg r$ MP: 2, 6

Important: Applications of Inference Rules

- You can use **equivalences** to make substitutions of **any sub-formula**.

e.g. $(p \rightarrow r) \vee q \equiv (\neg p \vee r) \vee q$

- Inference rules only** can be applied to **whole formulas** (not correct otherwise).

e.g. 1. $p \rightarrow r$ given

~~2. $(p \vee q) \rightarrow r$ intro \vee from 1.~~

Does not follow! e.g. $p=F, q=T, r=F$

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$$\text{Intro } \vee \frac{A}{\therefore A \vee B, B \vee A}$$

$$\text{Modus Ponens} \frac{A ; A \rightarrow B}{\therefore B}$$

$$\text{Direct Proof} \frac{A \Rightarrow B}{\therefore A \rightarrow B}$$

Not like other rules

Last class: New Perspective

Rather than comparing A and B as columns, zooming in on just the rows where A is true:

<i>p</i>	<i>q</i>	A	B
T	T	T	T
T	F	T	T
F	T	F	
F	F	F	

Given that A is true, we see that B is also true.

$$A \textcircled{R} B$$

Last class: New Perspective

Rather than comparing A and B as columns, zooming in on just the rows where B is true:

p	q	A	B	$A \rightarrow B$
T	T	T	T	T
T	F	T	T	T
F	T	F	T	T
F	F	F	F	T

When we zoom out, what have we proven?

$$(A \rightarrow B) \equiv T$$

To Prove An Implication: $A \rightarrow B$

- We use the direct proof rule
$$\frac{A \Rightarrow B}{\therefore A \rightarrow B}$$
- The “pre-requisite” $A \Rightarrow B$ for the direct proof rule is a proof that “Given A , we can prove B .”
- **The direct proof rule:**

If you have such a proof then you can conclude that $A \rightarrow B$ is true

Proofs using the direct proof rule

Show that $p \rightarrow r$ follows from q and $(p \wedge q) \rightarrow r$

1. q Given

2. $(p \wedge q) \rightarrow r$ Given

This is a
proof
of $p \rightarrow r$

3.1. p Assumption

3.2.

3.3. r ??

If we know p is true...
Then, we've shown
 r is true

3. $p \rightarrow r$ Direct Proof

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1. q Given
2. $(p \wedge q) \rightarrow r$ Given
 - 3.1. p Assumption
 - 3.2. $p \wedge q$ Intro \wedge : 1, 3.1
 - 3.3. r MP: 2, 3.2
3. $p \rightarrow r$ Direct Proof

Example

Prove: $(p \wedge q) \rightarrow (p \vee q)$

There MUST be an application of the Direct Proof Rule (or an equivalence) to prove this implication.

Where do we start? We have no givens...

Example

Prove: $(p \wedge q) \rightarrow (p \vee q)$

1.1. $p \wedge q$

Assumption

1.9. $p \vee q$

??

1. $(p \wedge q) \rightarrow (p \vee q)$

Direct Proof

Example

Prove: $(p \wedge q) \rightarrow (p \vee q)$

1.1. $p \wedge q$

1.2. p

1.3. $p \vee q$

1. $(p \wedge q) \rightarrow (p \vee q)$

Assumption

Elim \wedge : 1.1

Intro \vee : 1.2

Direct Proof

One General Proof Strategy

- 1. Look at the rules for introducing connectives to see how you would build up the formula you want to prove from pieces of what is given**
- 2. Use the rules for eliminating connectives to break down the given formulas so that you get the pieces you need to do 1.**
- 3. Write the proof beginning with what you figured out for 2 followed by 1.**

Example

Prove: $((p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow r)) \rightarrow (p \rightarrow r)$

Example

Prove: $((p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow r)) \rightarrow (p \rightarrow r)$

1.1. $(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow r)$ Assumption

1.? $p \rightarrow r$

1. $((p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow r)) \rightarrow (p \rightarrow r)$ Direct Proof

Example

Prove: $((p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow r)) \rightarrow (p \rightarrow r)$

1.1. $(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow r)$ Assumption

1.2. $p \rightarrow q$ \wedge Elim: 1.1

1.3. $q \rightarrow r$ \wedge Elim: 1.1

1.? $p \rightarrow r$

1. $((p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow r)) \rightarrow (p \rightarrow r)$ Direct Proof

Example

Prove: $((p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow r)) \rightarrow (p \rightarrow r)$

1.1. $(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow r)$ Assumption

1.2. $p \rightarrow q$ \wedge Elim: 1.1

1.3. $q \rightarrow r$ \wedge Elim: 1.1

1.4.1. p Assumption

1.4.? r

1.4. $p \rightarrow r$ Direct Proof

1. $((p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow r)) \rightarrow (p \rightarrow r)$ Direct Proof

Example

Prove: $((p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow r)) \rightarrow (p \rightarrow r)$

1.1. $(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow r)$ Assumption

1.2. $p \rightarrow q$ \wedge Elim: 1.1

1.3. $q \rightarrow r$ \wedge Elim: 1.1

1.4.1. p Assumption

1.4.2. q MP: 1.2, 1.4.1

1.4.3. r MP: 1.3, 1.4.2

1.4. $p \rightarrow r$ Direct Proof

1. $((p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow r)) \rightarrow (p \rightarrow r)$ Direct Proof

Inference Rules for Quantifiers: First look

$$\boxed{\text{Intro } \exists} \frac{P(c) \text{ for some } c}{\therefore \exists x P(x)}$$

$$\boxed{\text{Elim } \forall} \frac{\forall x P(x)}{\therefore P(a) \text{ (for any } a)}$$

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My First Predicate Logic Proof

Domain of Discourse
Integers

Prove $\forall x P(x) \rightarrow \exists x P(x)$

Intro \exists $\frac{P(c) \text{ for some } c}{\therefore \exists x P(x)}$

Elim \forall $\frac{\forall x P(x)}{\therefore P(a) \text{ for any } a}$

5. $\forall x P(x) \rightarrow \exists x P(x)$



The main connective is implication
so Direct Proof seems good

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1.1. $\forall x P(x)$ Assumption

We need an \exists we don't have
so "intro \exists " rule makes sense

1.5. $\exists x P(x)$



1. $\forall x P(x) \rightarrow \exists x P(x)$ Direct Proof

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Intro \exists : 

That requires $P(c)$
for some c .

1. $\forall x P(x) \rightarrow \exists x P(x)$ Direct Proof

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Assumption

1.2. $P(5)$

Elim \forall : 1.1

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Direct Proof

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Integers

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1.1. $\forall x P(x)$ Assumption

1.2. $P(5)$ Elim \forall : 1.1

1.5. $\exists x P(x)$ Intro \exists : 1.2

1. $\forall x P(x) \rightarrow \exists x P(x)$ Direct Proof

My First Predicate Logic Proof

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1.2. $P(5)$

1.3. $\exists x P(x)$

Assumption

Elim \forall : 1.1

Intro \exists : 1.2

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

Direct Proof

Working forwards as well as backwards:

In applying “Intro \exists ” rule we didn’t know what expression we might be able to prove $P(c)$ for, so we worked forwards to figure out what might work.

Predicate Logic Proofs

- **Can use**
 - **Predicate logic inference rules**
whole formulas only
 - **Predicate logic equivalences (De Morgan's)**
even on subformulas
 - **Propositional logic inference rules**
whole formulas only
 - **Propositional logic equivalences**
even on subformulas

Predicate Logic Proofs with more content

- In propositional logic we could just write down other propositional logic statements as “givens”
- Here, we also want to be able to use domain knowledge so proofs are about something specific
- Example:
- Given the basic properties of arithmetic on integers, define:

Domain of Discourse

Integers

Predicate Definitions

$\text{Even}(x) := \exists y (x = 2 \cdot y)$

$\text{Odd}(x) := \exists y (x = 2 \cdot y + 1)$

A Not so Odd Example

Domain of Discourse

Integers

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Prove “There is an even number”

Formally: prove $\exists x \text{ Even}(x)$

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|----|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. | $2 = 2 \cdot 1$ | Algebra |
| 2. | $\exists y (2 = 2 \cdot y)$ | Intro \exists : 1 |
| 3. | Even(2) | Definition of Even: 2 |
| 4. | $\exists x \text{ Even}(x)$ | Intro \exists : 3 |

A Prime Example

Domain of Discourse

Integers

Predicate Definitions

$\text{Even}(x) := \exists y (x = 2 \cdot y)$

$\text{Odd}(x) := \exists y (x = 2 \cdot y + 1)$

$\text{Prime}(x) :=$ “ $x > 1$ and $x \neq a \cdot b$ for
all integers a, b with $1 < a < x$ ”

Prove “There is an even prime number”

Formally: prove $\exists x (\text{Even}(x) \wedge \text{Prime}(x))$

A Prime Example

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|----|---|-----------------------|
| 1. | $2 = 2 \cdot 1$ | Algebra |
| 2. | $\exists y (2 = 2 \cdot y)$ | Intro \exists : 1 |
| 3. | Even(2) | Def of Even: 3 |
| 4. | Prime(2)* | Property of integers |
| 5. | Even(2) \wedge Prime(2) | Intro \wedge : 2, 4 |
| 6. | $\exists x (\text{Even}(x) \wedge \text{Prime}(x))$ | Intro \exists : 5 |

* Later we will further break down “Prime” using quantifiers to prove statements like this

Inference Rules for Quantifiers: First look

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$$\boxed{\text{Elim } \exists} \frac{\exists x P(x)}{\therefore P(c) \text{ for some } \textit{special}^{**} c}$$

$$\boxed{\text{Intro } \forall} \frac{\text{“Let } a \text{ be arbitrary”}^* \dots P(a)}{\therefore \forall x P(x)}$$

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* in the domain of P

Even and Odd

Even(x) := $\exists y (x=2y)$
Odd(x) := $\exists y (x=2y+1)$
Domain: Integers

Intro \forall “Let a be arbitrary*” ...P(a)
 $\therefore \forall x P(x)$

Elim \exists $\exists x P(x)$
 $\therefore P(c)$ for some *special*** c

Prove: “The square of any even number is even.”

Formal proof of: $\forall x (\text{Even}(x) \rightarrow \text{Even}(x^2))$

3. $\forall x (\text{Even}(x) \rightarrow \text{Even}(x^2))$



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Prove: “The square of any even number is even.”

Formal proof of: $\forall x (\text{Even}(x) \rightarrow \text{Even}(x^2))$

1. Let **a** be an arbitrary integer

2. $\text{Even}(a) \rightarrow \text{Even}(a^2)$

3. $\forall x (\text{Even}(x) \rightarrow \text{Even}(x^2))$



Intro \forall : 1,2

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1. Let **a** be an arbitrary integer

2.1 **Even(a)** Assumption

2.6 **Even(a²)**

2. **Even(a) \rightarrow Even(a²)**

3. **$\forall x (\text{Even}(x) \rightarrow \text{Even}(x^2))$**



Direct proof

Intro \forall : 1,2

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1. Let **a** be an arbitrary integer

2.1 $\text{Even}(\mathbf{a})$ Assumption

2.2 $\exists y (\mathbf{a} = 2y)$ Definition of Even

2.5 $\exists y (\mathbf{a}^2 = 2y)$

2.6 $\text{Even}(\mathbf{a}^2)$



Definition of Even

2. $\text{Even}(\mathbf{a}) \rightarrow \text{Even}(\mathbf{a}^2)$ Direct Proof

3. $\forall x (\text{Even}(x) \rightarrow \text{Even}(x^2))$ Intro \forall : 1,2

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2.5 $\exists y (\mathbf{a}^2 = 2y)$

Intro \exists : 

Need $\mathbf{a}^2 = 2c$
for some **c**

2.6 $\text{Even}(\mathbf{a}^2)$

Definition of Even

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2.2 $\exists y (\mathbf{a} = 2y)$ Definition of Even

2.3 $\mathbf{a} = 2\mathbf{b}$ Elim \exists : **b**

2.5 $\exists y (\mathbf{a}^2 = 2y)$ Intro \exists :  Need $\mathbf{a}^2 = 2\mathbf{c}$
for some **c**

2.6 $\text{Even}(\mathbf{a}^2)$ Definition of Even

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Prove: “The square of any even number is even.”

Formal proof of: $\forall x (\text{Even}(x) \rightarrow \text{Even}(x^2))$

1. Let **a** be an arbitrary integer

2.1 $\text{Even}(\mathbf{a})$ Assumption

2.2 $\exists y (\mathbf{a} = 2y)$ Definition of Even

2.3 $\mathbf{a} = 2\mathbf{b}$ Elim \exists : **b**

2.4 $\mathbf{a}^2 = 4\mathbf{b}^2 = 2(2\mathbf{b}^2)$ Algebra

2.5 $\exists y (\mathbf{a}^2 = 2y)$ Intro \exists

2.6 $\text{Even}(\mathbf{a}^2)$ Definition of Even

2. $\text{Even}(\mathbf{a}) \rightarrow \text{Even}(\mathbf{a}^2)$ Direct Proof

3. $\forall x (\text{Even}(x) \rightarrow \text{Even}(x^2))$ Intro \forall : 1,2

Used $\mathbf{a}^2 = 2\mathbf{c}$ for $\mathbf{c} = 2\mathbf{b}^2$

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Inference Rules for Quantifiers: Full version

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$$\boxed{\text{Elim } \exists} \frac{\exists x P(x)}{\therefore P(c) \text{ for some } \textit{special}^{**} c}$$

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English Proofs

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