

Nested Quantifiers

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y might change depending on the x (people have different friends!).

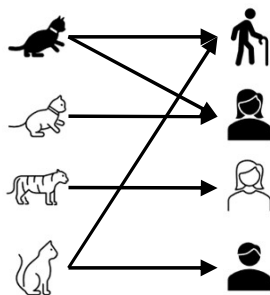
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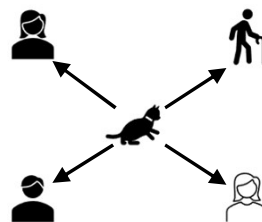
There's a special, magical x value so that $P(x, y)$ is true regardless of y .

Try it yourselves

Every cat loves some human.



There is a cat that loves every human.



Let your domain of discourse be mammals.

Use the predicates $\text{Cat}(x)$, $\text{Dog}(x)$, and $\text{Loves}(x, y)$ to mean x loves y .

Our First Direct Proof

Definitions

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

Prove: "For all integers x , if x is even, then x^2 is even." $\forall x(\text{Even}(x) \rightarrow \text{Even}(x^2))$

Integer

We need a basic starting point to be able to prove things.

Objects to work with.

An integer: is any real number with no fractional part.

Some **definitions** to analyze

Even

Even (x) := An integer, x , is even if and only if there is an integer k such that $x = 2k$.

Odd

Odd (x) := An integer, x , is odd if and only if there is an integer k such that $x = 2k + 1$.