

# 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

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

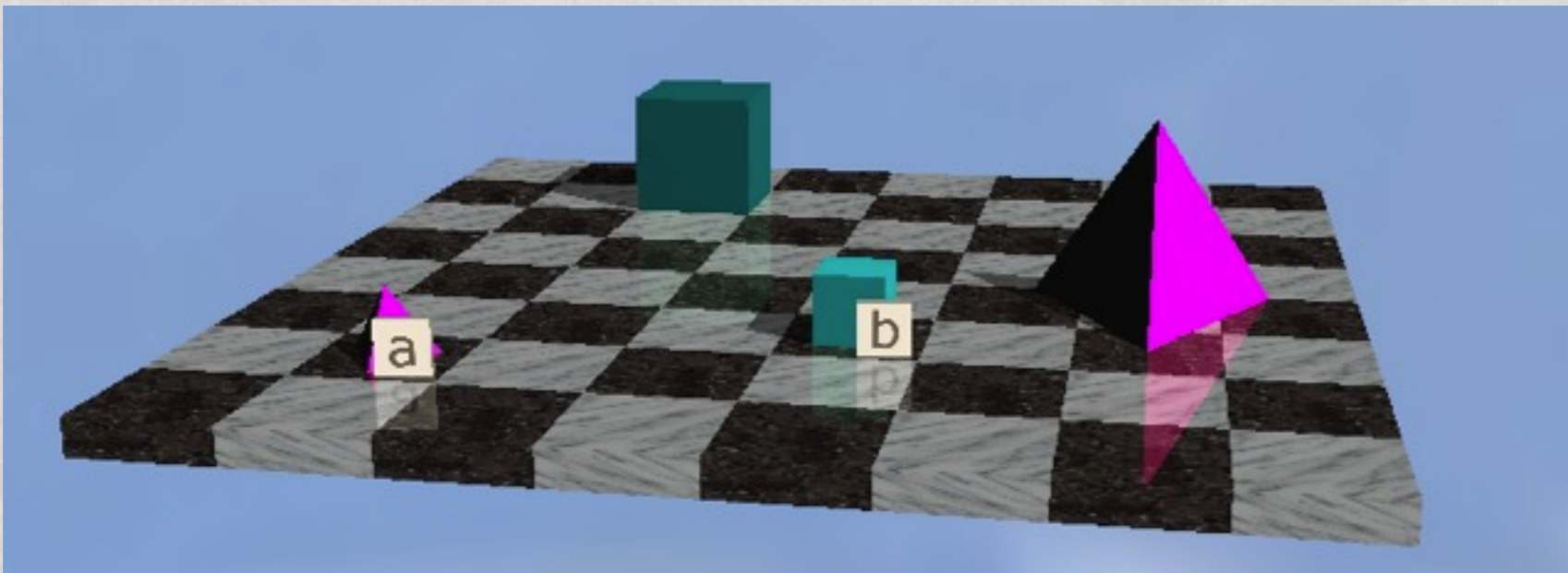
Either every cube is small  
or every cube is medium

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

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

# 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
$\forall x((\text{Small}(x) \wedge \text{Cube}(x)) \rightarrow$	T	$\text{FrontOf}(x,b) \rightarrow \text{Small}(x))$	
$\text{RightOf}(x,a))$		$\exists x \text{ SameSize}(x,a) \rightarrow x=b$	



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:

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

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

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

$P \rightarrow Q$

$P$

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$Q$

# 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.

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

# SIMPLE PROOF

1. All men are mortal

2. Socrates is a man

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3. Socrates is mortal

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

2.  $Ma(s)$

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3.  $Mo(s)$

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2.  $Ma(s)$

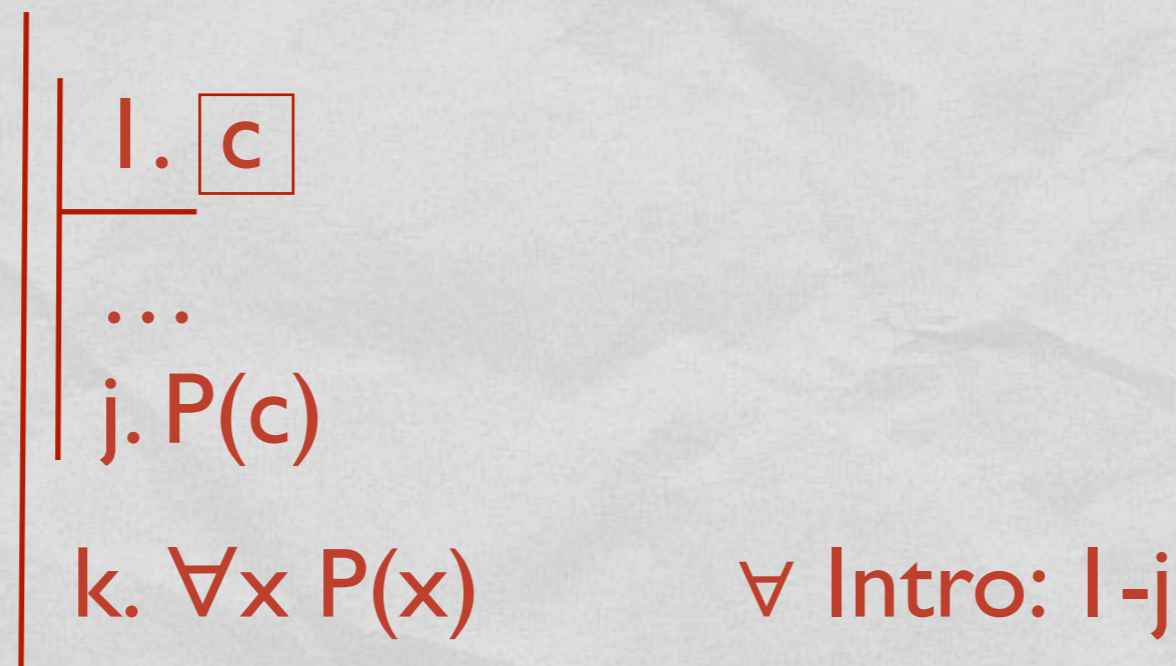
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3.  $Ma(s) \rightarrow Mo(s)$        $\forall$ Elim 1

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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6.  $Q(a) \quad \rightarrow \text{Elim 4,5}$

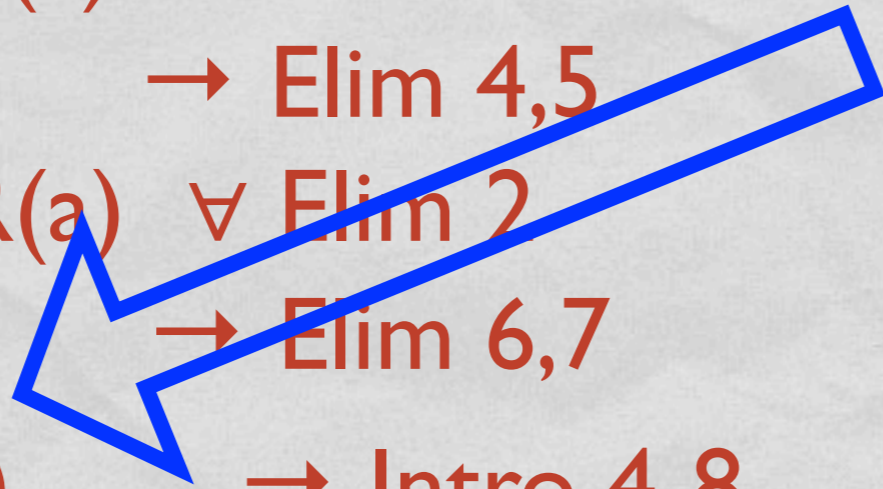
7.  $Q(a) \rightarrow R(a) \quad \forall \text{ Elim 2}$

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

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

$\forall x(P(x) \rightarrow R(x)) \quad \forall \text{ Intro}$

'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.  $\forall x P(x)$

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

$\forall x Q(x)$

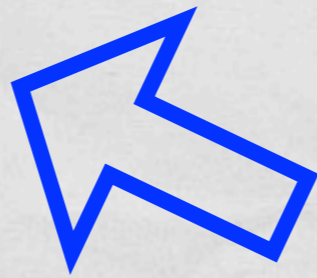
$P(a) \vee Q(a)$

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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  $\exists x P(x)$ .
- Note: the constant  $c$  could even have been used in the proof already.

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

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j.  $Q$

7.  $Q$

$\exists$  Elim: 1,2-j