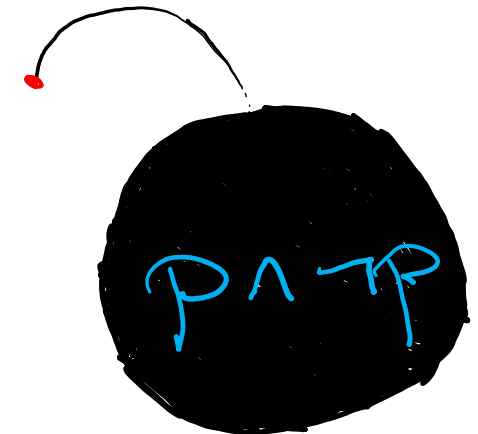


"principle of explosion"  
Given  $P \wedge \neg P$   
You can prove anything.

[xkcd.com/816/](http://xkcd.com/816/)

# Inference Proofs With Quantifiers



# Announcements

HW1 came back yesterday.

Do take a look today, so you don't repeat mistakes from HW1 to HW2.

HW1 5c (the label the proof with your intuition part) did not go as I planned.

About 15% of the class interpreted that part as saying "label the individual step with rule names"

1. This was the first time a 311 course has asked for this kind of thing – we didn't find clear wording; that's on me.
2. We did model the type of question in lecture, and got questions on Ed clarifying what was meant. – I think there were enough resources that everyone should have been able to understand.

# Announcements

About 15% of you didn't even try the problem (because you didn't think there was anything to do)

That means you didn't learn. Which is the opposite of what I want.

HW3 has two more "give us a summary" questions. (doing "5c" again on different proofs). Of the three parts, we'll drop the lowest score.

More resources on domain restriction coming soon!

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

Show:  $(p \rightarrow r)$

Here's a corrected version of the proof.

1. $(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow r)$	Given	When introducing an assumption to prove an implication: Indent, and change numbering.
2. $p \rightarrow q$	Eliminate $\wedge$ 1	
3. $q \rightarrow r$	Eliminate $\wedge$ 1	
4.1 $p$	<u>Assumption</u>	When reached your conclusion, use the Direct Proof Rule to observe the implication is a fact.
4.2 $q$	Modus Ponens 4.1,2	
4.3 $r$	Modus Ponens 4.2,3	
5. $p \rightarrow r$	Direct Proof Rule	The conclusion is an unconditional fact (doesn't depend on $p$ ) so it goes back up a level

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Given:  $p \vee q, (r \wedge s) \rightarrow \neg q, r$ .  
Show:  $s \rightarrow p$

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$$\text{Eliminate } \vee \frac{A \vee B, \neg A}{\therefore B}$$

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$$\boxed{\text{Excluded Middle}} \frac{}{\therefore A \vee \neg A}$$

$$\boxed{\text{DeMorgan's (Quantifiers)}} \frac{}{\neg(\forall x A) \equiv \exists x(\neg A)} \\ \neg(\exists x A) \equiv \forall x(\neg A)}$$

# Try it!

Given:  $p \vee q, (r \wedge s) \rightarrow \neg q, r.$

Show:  $s \rightarrow p$

1.  $p \vee q$  Given
2.  $(r \wedge s) \rightarrow \neg q$  Given
3.  $r$  Given
- 4.1  $s$  Assumption
- 4.2  $r \wedge s$  Intro  $\wedge$  (3,4.1)
- 4.3  $\neg q$  Modus Ponens (2, 4.2)
- 4.4  $q \vee p$  Commutativity (1)
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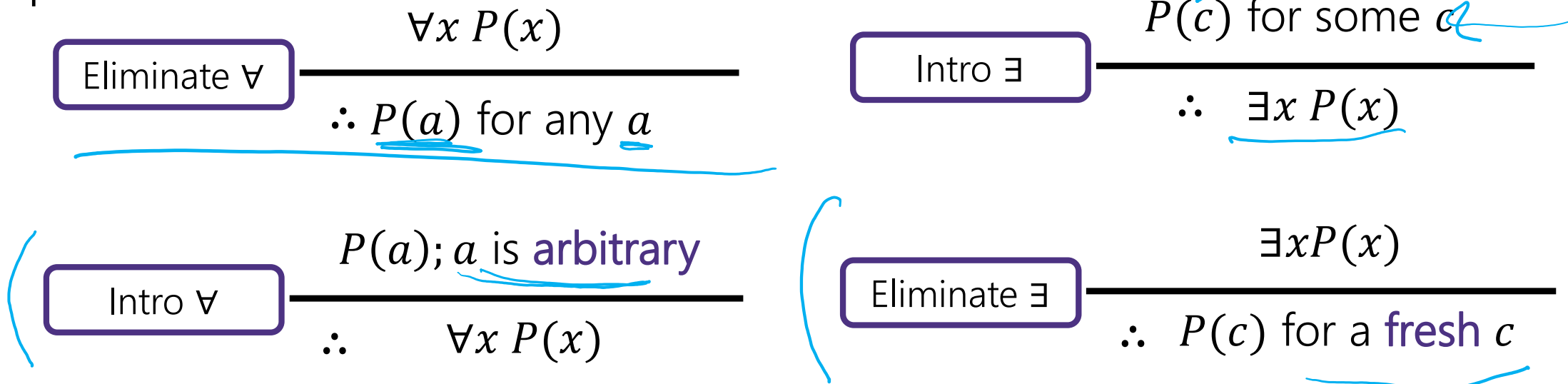
1. $p \vee q$	Given	} Introduce gives us
2. $(r \wedge s) \rightarrow \neg q$	Given	
3. $r$	Given	
4.1 $s$	Assumption	} assume $s$ and set up to conclude $\neg q$
4.2 $r \wedge s$	Intro $\wedge$ (3,4.1)	
4.3 $\neg q$	Modus Ponens (2, 4.2)	
4.4 $q \vee p$	Commutativity (1)	} use $\neg q$ to conclude $p$
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5. $s \rightarrow p$	Direct Proof Rule	} finish with DPR



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Let's see a good example, then come back to those "arbitrary" and "fresh" conditions.

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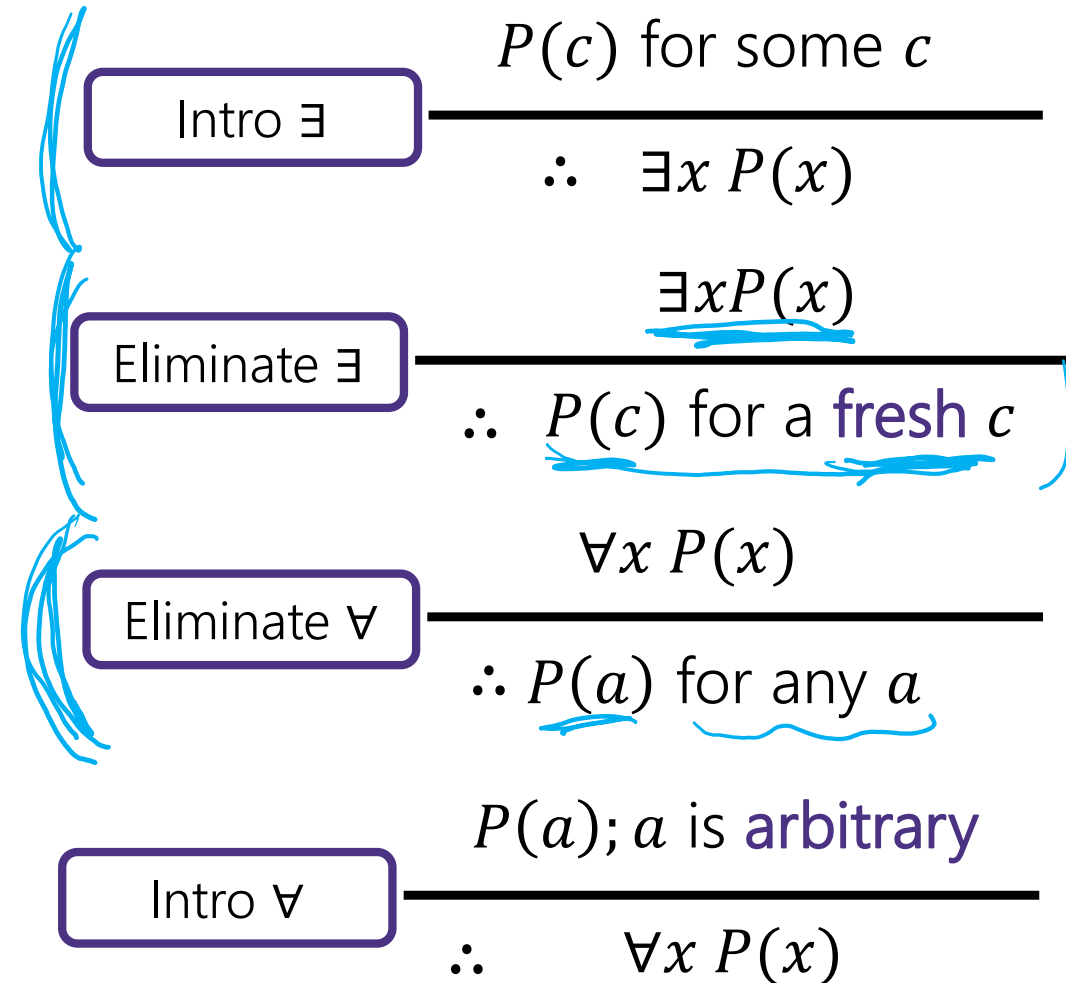
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Eliminate $\forall$	$\forall x P(x)$ <hr/> $\therefore P(a)$ for any $a$
Intro $\forall$	$P(a)$ ; $a$ is <b>arbitrary</b> <hr/> $\therefore \forall x P(x)$

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|--|-----------------------|
| 1. $\exists x P(x)$                    | Given                 |
| 2. $P(a)$                              | Eliminate $\exists$ 1 |
| 3. $\forall y [P(y) \rightarrow Q(y)]$ | Given                 |
| 4. $P(a) \rightarrow Q(a)$             | Eliminate $\forall$ 3 |
| 5. $Q(a)$                              | Modus Ponens 2,4      |
| 6. $\exists x Q(x)$                    | Intro $\exists$ 5     |



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"fresh" means  $c$  is a new symbol (there isn't another  $c$  somewhere else in our proof).

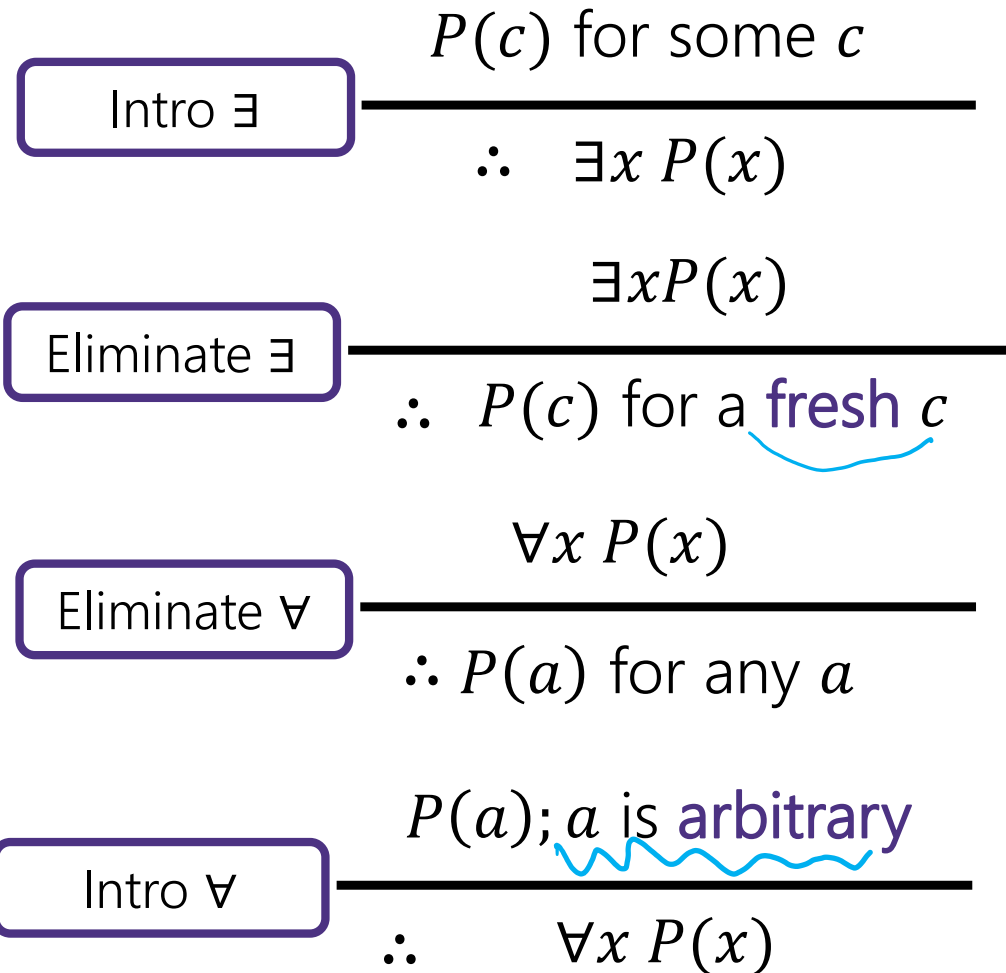
# Fresh and Arbitrary

Suppose we know  $\exists x P(x)$ . Can we conclude  $\forall x P(x)$ ?

- $\exists x P(x)$  Given
- $P(a)$  Eliminate  $\exists$  (1)
- ~~$\forall x P(x)$  Intro  $\forall$  (2)~~

This proof is **definitely** wrong.  
(take  $P(x)$  to be "is a prime number")

$a$  wasn't **arbitrary**. We knew something about it – it's the  $x$  that exists to make  $P(x)$  true.



# Fresh and Arbitrary

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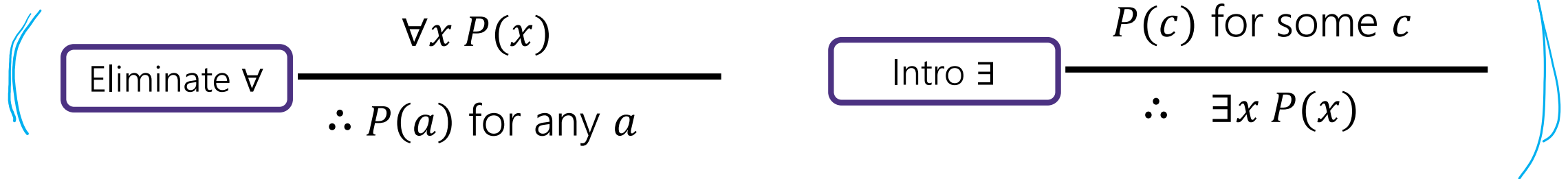
You can trust a variable to be arbitrary if you introduce it as such.

(If you eliminated a  $\forall$  to create a variable, that variable is arbitrary. Otherwise it's not arbitrary – it depends on something.)

You can trust a variable to be **fresh** if the variable doesn't appear anywhere else (i.e. just use a new letter)



# Fresh and Arbitrary



There are no similar concerns with these two rules.

Want to reuse a variable when you eliminate  $\forall$ ? Go ahead.

Have a  $c$  that depends on many other variables, and want to intro  $\exists$ ?

Also not a problem.

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Assumption

1.2  $\forall x P(x, c)$

Elim  $\exists$  (1.1)

1.3 Let  $a$  be arbitrary.

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1.4  $P(a, c)$

Elim  $\forall$  (1.2)

1.5  $\exists y P(a, y)$

Intro  $\exists$  (1.4)

1.6  $\forall x \exists y P(x, y)$

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# Find The Bug

Let your domain of discourse be integers.

We claim that given  $\forall x \exists y \text{ Greater}(y, x)$ , we can conclude  $\exists y \forall x \text{ Greater}(y, x)$

Where  $\text{Greater}(y, x)$  means  $y > x$

1.  $\forall x \exists y \text{ Greater}(y, x)$       Given
2. Let  $a$  be an arbitrary integer    --
3.  $\exists y \text{ Greater}(y, a)$       Elim  $\forall$  (1)
4.  $b \geq a$       Elim  $\exists$  (2)
5.  $\forall x \text{ Greater}(b, x)$       Intro  $\forall$  (4)
6.  $\exists y \forall x \text{ Greater}(y, x)$       Intro  $\exists$  (5)

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$b$  is not arbitrary. The variable  $b$  depends on  $a$ . Even though  $a$  is arbitrary,  $b$  is not!

# Bug Found

There's one other "hidden" requirement to introduce  $\forall$ .

"No other variable in the statement can depend on the variable to be generalized"

Think of it like this --  $b$  was probably  $a + 1$  in that example.

You wouldn't have generalized from `Greater( $a + 1, a$ )`

To  $\forall x$  `Greater( $a + 1, x$ )`. There's still an  $a$ , you'd have replaced all the  $a$ 's.

$x$  depends on  $y$  if  $y$  is in a statement when  $x$  is introduced.

This issue is much clearer in English proofs, which we'll start next time.