Logic (PH133): Lecture 4

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Readings refer to sections of the course textbook, *Language, Proof and Logic*.

1. Everything Is Broken

Reading: §9.1, §9.2

Everything is broken: ∀x Broken(x)

Something is broken: $\exists x Broken(x)$

2. What does ∃ mean?

Reading: §9.4

We give the meaning of \exists by specifying what it takes for a sentence containing \exists to be true:

- 1. Give every object a name.
- 2. For each name in turn, create a new sentence like this: delete the quantifier and replace all instances of the variable it binds with that name.
- 3. If ANY of the new sentences are true, so is the original sentence.

3. \rightarrow Intro, \rightarrow Elim

Reading: §8.1, §8.2



4. \leftrightarrow : truth tables and rules

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Biconditional Introduction $(\leftrightarrow \text{ Intro})$



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Disjunction Introduction (\lor Intro) P_i \vdots $P_1 \lor \ldots \lor P_i \lor \ldots \lor P_n$

6. VElim: An Example

To prove a conclusion from a disjunction, prove it from each disjunct.

1. R∨S 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. S∨R

7. ∨Elim and Soundness

Reading: §5.2, §6.2