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# ***HOL: Propositional Logic***

# Overview

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- Natural deduction
- Rule application in Isabelle/HOL

# Rule notation

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instead of

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They make the logic “classical”, i.e. “non-constructive”.

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Reverse transformation (after proof):

lemma *abc***[rule\_format]**:  $A \implies B(x) \longrightarrow C(x)$

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## ***Demo: further techniques***

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## ***HOL: Predicate Logic***



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Similar: `erule_tac`

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Principle:

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**if  $params(t) \subseteq \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$**

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## ***Demo: quantifier proofs***

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# ***Proof methods***



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In general:

*(rename\_tac  $x_1 \dots x_n$ )* renames the rightmost  
(inner)  $n$  parameters to  $x_1 \dots x_n$

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## *frule and drule: the general case*

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Rule:  $\llbracket A_1; \dots ; A_m \rrbracket \Longrightarrow A$

Creates additional subgoals:

$$1. \sigma(\llbracket B_1; \dots ; B_n \rrbracket \Longrightarrow A_2)$$

$\vdots$

$$m-1. \sigma(\llbracket B_1; \dots ; B_n \rrbracket \Longrightarrow A_m)$$

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## ***Forward proofs: THEN***

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$r_1[THEN\ r_2]$  means  $r_2[OF\ r_1]$

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Combination of *clarify* and *simp*.

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