

Build Your Own First-Order Prover

Part 2a: Implementing a Propositional Prover

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Representing First-Order Logic in Prolog

- ▶ **terms** $f(a, x)$ are represented by Prolog terms $f(a, X)$, i.e.,
- variables** (x, y, z) are represented by Prolog variables (X, Y, Z) starting with a **capital** letter;
- constants** (a, b, c) are represented by Prolog constants (a, b, c) starting with a **small** letter
- ▶ **atomic formulae** $(p, q(a, x))$ are represented by Prolog terms, i.e., propositional variables and predicate symbols are represented by Prolog constants $(p, q(a, X))$ starting with a **small** letter
- ▶ **logical operators** $\neg, \wedge, \vee, \rightarrow, \forall x, \exists x$ are represented by $\sim, \&, |, \Rightarrow, ![X], ?[X]$:
- ▶ in a **Prolog file**, a formula F is represented (in TPTP syntax) by `fof(formula_name, conjecture, F)`.



Hands-On: “Diet Puzzle”

“What is the secret of your long life?” a man was asked.

He replied: “I strictly follow my diet: If I don’t drink beer for dinner, then I always have fish. Any time I have both beer and fish for dinner, then I do without ice cream. If I have ice cream or don’t have beer, then I never eat fish.”

Question 1: “Does the man have beer for dinner?”

Question 2: “Does he have both ice cream and fish for dinner?”

- ▶ **formalize** this puzzle in the language of (propositional) logic!
- ▶ $(\neg \text{beer} \rightarrow \text{fish})$
 $\wedge (\text{beer} \wedge \text{fish} \rightarrow \neg \text{ice_cream})$
 $\wedge (\text{ice_cream} \vee \neg \text{beer} \rightarrow \neg \text{fish})$
 $\rightarrow \text{beer}$ (for **Question 1**)
 $\rightarrow (\text{ice_cream} \wedge \text{fish})$ (for **Question 2**)



Hands-On: Representing Logic in Prolog

- ▶ download **SWI-Prolog** at <https://www.swi-prolog.org>
- ▶ open your favourite editor and **express** the “diet puzzle” in **Prolog syntax** and save it in files named **ex_diet1.pl** and **ex_diet2.pl**
- ▶ **ex_diet1.pl:**

```
fof(diet1, conjecture,
  (~b => f) & ((b & f) => ~i) & ((i | ~b) => ~f) => b).
```
- ▶ **ex_diet2.pl:**

```
fof(diet2, conjecture,
  (~b => f) & ((b & f) => ~i) & ((i | ~b) => ~f) => (i&f)).
```
- ▶ you can find the code for this example and all of the following Prolog source code on the tutorial’s website at http://jens-otten.de/tutorial_cade19



How to Implement a Calculus in Prolog?

Remember: A (proof) **calculus** consists of

- ▶ **axioms** of the form $\frac{}{w}$
- ▶ **rules** of the form $\frac{w_1 \quad w_2 \quad \dots \quad w_n}{w}$
(w_1, \dots, w_n are the **premises**, w is the **conclusion**)

It can be implemented in **Prolog** in the following way:

- ▶ **axioms**: `prove(w)`.
- ▶ **rules**: `prove(w) :- prove(w1), prove(w2), ..., prove(wn)`.
- ▶ **query** "is there a proof for w' ": `?- prove(w')`.

Proof search (with backtracking) is done (implicitly) by Prolog.

- ▶ for a complete proof search, **iterative deepening** has to be added
- ▶ first optimization: **bottom-up** proof search

Representing Sequents in Prolog

Remember: A **sequent** has the form

$$\Gamma \Longrightarrow \Delta \quad \text{with } \Gamma = \{A_1, \dots, A_n\}, \Delta = \{B_1, \dots, B_m\}$$

and is represented in Prolog by two lists:

$$\Gamma > \Delta \quad \text{with } \Gamma = [A_1, \dots, A_n], \Delta = [B_1, \dots, B_m]$$

- ▶ the predicate `select1(A,G,G')` succeeds if A is element of list G and returns G' as G without A, e.g. `select1(b,[a,b,c],L) ~> L=[a,c]`
- ▶ a **rule** of the form $\frac{A', \Gamma' \Longrightarrow \Delta}{A, \Gamma' \Longrightarrow \Delta}$ with $\Gamma = \{A\} \cup \Gamma'$ is implemented by
`prove(G > D) :- select1(A,G,G'), prove([A'|G'] > D)`.
- ▶ the **proof search** of formula A is invoked by `?- prove([] > [A])`.
- ▶ implementation of the `select1` predicate:
`select1(X,L,L1) :- append(L2,[X|L3],L), append(L2,L3,L1)`.

Hands-On: Getting Started

- ▶ definition of the **logical operators** and the `select1` predicate
- ▶ new operators are defined with: `op(Precedence,Type,Name)`

▶ `leanseq_v0.pl`:

```
:- op( 500, fy, ~).      % negation
:- op(1000, xfy, &).    % conjunction
:- op(1100, xfy, '|').  % disjunction
:- op(1110, xfy, =>).   % implication
:- op( 500, fy, !).     % universal quantifier: ![X]:
:- op( 500, fy, ?).     % existential quantifier: ?[X]:
:- op( 500, xfy, :).

% -----
prove0(F) :- prove([] > [F]).
% -----
% some space for the actual prover
% -----
select1(X,L,L1) :- append(L2,[X|L3],L), append(L2,L3,L1).
% -----
```

Sequent Calculus – Axiom

- ▶ the only axiom

$$\frac{}{\Gamma_1, A \Longrightarrow A, \Delta_1} \text{ axiom}$$

▶ `leanseq_v1.pl`:

```
% axiom
prove(G > D) :- member(A,G), member(A,D).
```

Sequent Calculus – Rules for \wedge

► rules for \wedge (conjunction)

$$\frac{\Gamma_1, A, B \Rightarrow \Delta}{\Gamma_1, A \wedge B \Rightarrow \Delta} \wedge\text{-left} \qquad \frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow A, \Delta_1 \quad \Gamma \Rightarrow B, \Delta_1}{\Gamma \Rightarrow A \wedge B, \Delta_1} \wedge\text{-right}$$

► leanseq_v1.pl:

```
% conjunction
prove(G > D) :- select1(A&B,G,G1),
                prove([A,B|G1] > D).

prove(G > D) :- select1(A&B,D,D1),
                prove(G > [A|D1]), prove(G > [B|D1]).
```



Sequent Calculus – Rules for \vee

► rules for \vee (disjunction)

$$\frac{\Gamma_1, A \Rightarrow \Delta \quad \Gamma_1, B \Rightarrow \Delta}{\Gamma_1, A \vee B \Rightarrow \Delta} \vee\text{-left} \qquad \frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow A, B, \Delta_1}{\Gamma \Rightarrow A \vee B, \Delta_1} \vee\text{-right}$$

► leanseq_v1.pl:

```
% disjunction
prove(G > D) :- select1(A|B,G,G1),
                prove([A|G1] > D), prove([B|G1] > D).

prove(G > D) :- select1(A|B,D,D1),
                prove(G > [A,B|D1]).
```



Sequent Calculus – Rules for \rightarrow

► rules for \rightarrow (implication)

$$\frac{\Gamma_1 \Rightarrow A, \Delta \quad \Gamma_1, B \Rightarrow \Delta}{\Gamma_1, A \rightarrow B \Rightarrow \Delta} \rightarrow\text{-left} \qquad \frac{\Gamma, A \Rightarrow B, \Delta_1}{\Gamma \Rightarrow A \rightarrow B, \Delta_1} \rightarrow\text{-right}$$

► leanseq_v1.pl:

```
% implication
prove(G > D) :- select1(A=>B,G,G1),
                prove(G1 > [A|D]), prove([B|G1] > D).

prove(G > D) :- select1(A=>B,D,D1),
                prove([A|G] > [B|D1]).
```



Sequent Calculus – Rules for \neg

► rules for \neg (negation)

$$\frac{\Gamma_1 \Rightarrow A, \Delta}{\Gamma_1, \neg A \Rightarrow \Delta} \neg\text{-left} \qquad \frac{\Gamma, A \Rightarrow \Delta_1}{\Gamma \Rightarrow \neg A, \Delta_1} \neg\text{-right}$$

► leanseq_v1.pl:

```
% negation
prove(G > D) :- select1(~A,G,G1),
                prove(G1 > [A|D]).

prove(G > D) :- select1(~A,D,D1),
                prove([A|G] > D1).
```



The Complete Prover for Propositional Logic

```

prove0(F) :- prove([], > [F]).
prove(G > D) :- member(A,G), member(A,D).           % axiom
prove(G > D) :- select1(A&B,G,G1),                   % conjunction
                 prove([A,B|G1] > D).
prove(G > D) :- select1(A&B,D,D1),
                 prove(G > [A|D1]), prove(G > [B|D1]).
prove(G > D) :- select1(A|B,G,G1),                   % disjunction
                 prove([A|G1] > D), prove([B|G1] > D).
prove(G > D) :- select1(A|B,D,D1),
                 prove(G > [A,B|D1]).
prove(G > D) :- select1(A=>B,G,G1),                 % implication
                 prove(G1 > [A|D]), prove([B|G1] > D).
prove(G > D) :- select1(A=>B,D,D1),
                 prove([A|G] > [B|D1]).
prove(G > D) :- select1(~A,G,G1),                   % negation
                 prove(G1 > [A|D]).
prove(G > D) :- select1(~A,D,D1),
                 prove([A|G] > D1).
select1(X,L,L1) :- append(L2, [X|L3], L), append(L2,L3,L1).
    
```

Hands-On: Run Your Prover

```

▶ $> swipl                                     % start SWI-Prolog
▶ [leanseq_v1].                                 % load your prover
   make.                                       % reload prover after changing the source code
▶ prove0(a=>a).
   prove0(hello).
   prove0(to_be | ~to_be).
   prove0(to_be & ~to_be).
   prove0(p & (p => q) => q).
▶ [ex_diet1].                                   % load the diet puzzle (question 1)
   fof(diet1,_,F).                             % check the loaded formula
   fof(diet1,_,F), prove0(F).                  % solve the 1st question
▶ [ex_diet2].                                   % load the diet puzzle (question 2)
   fof(diet2,_,F).                             % check the loaded formula
   fof(diet2,_,F), prove0(F).                % solve the 2nd question
▶ halt.                                         % exit SWI-Prolog
    
```

Invertible Rules

- ▶ in general **all applicable** (alternative) rules of a calculus have to be applied during the proof search (on backtracking)
- ▶ e.g., for “ $(p \wedge q), (q \rightarrow r) \implies r$ ”, \wedge -left **and** \rightarrow -left can be applied
- ▶ order of rule applications impacts **search space** and **provability**
- ▶ a rule $\frac{w_1 \quad w_2 \quad \dots \quad w_n}{w}$ is **invertible**, if whenever w is provable (valid) so are w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n (opposite direction obviously holds)
- ▶ in case of invertible rules, **no alternative rules** need to be applied, i.e. proof search can be cut off, resulting in smaller search space
- ▶ **all rules** of the presented propositional calculus are **invertible**
- ▶ e.g., the rule $\frac{\Gamma \implies A, B, \Delta}{\Gamma \implies A \vee B, \Delta}$ \vee -right is **invertible**
- ▶ example for **non-invertible** rule is $\frac{\Gamma \implies A, \Delta}{\Gamma \implies A \vee B, \Delta}$ \vee -right¹-Gentzen (e.g., “ $q \implies p \vee q$ ” is provable, but “ $q \implies p$ ” is **not**)

Hands-On: Optimize Invertible Rules

- ▶ try to **prove** the formula in [ex_pigeon3.pl](#) with `leanseq_v1.pl`
- ▶ try to **refute** the formula in [ex_invalid.pl](#) with `leanseq_v1.pl`
- ▶ **add a cut “!”** in the axiom and in each rule after “`select1`”
- ▶ `leanseq_v2.pl`:


```

% axiom
prove(G > D) :- member(A,G), member(A,D), !.
% conjunction
prove(G > D) :- select1(A&B,G,G1), !,
                 prove([A,B|G1] > D).
% ... add "!" to seven more rules
            
```
- ▶ try to **prove** the formula [ex_pigeon3.pl](#) with `leanseq_v2.pl`
- ▶ try to **refute** the formula [ex_invalid.pl](#) with `leanseq_v2.pl`

Build Your Own First-Order Prover

Part 2b: Implementing a First-Order Prover

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Sequent Calculus – Rules for \forall -left and \exists -right

- rules for “universally quantified” variables

$$\frac{\Gamma, A[x \setminus t], \forall x A \implies \Delta}{\Gamma, \forall x A \implies \Delta} \forall\text{-left} \qquad \frac{\Gamma \implies \exists x A, A[x \setminus t], \Delta}{\Gamma \implies \exists x A, \Delta} \exists\text{-right}$$

- $A[x \setminus t]$ is the formula A in which all free occurrences of x have been replaced by the term t ; t is an arbitrary term
- the formula $\forall x A$ is preserved in the premise of the rule \forall -left and formula $\exists x A$ is preserved in the premise of the rule \exists -right
- when applying these rules we have to make a wise choice for t

- Example: $\forall x p(x) \rightarrow p(a)$

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{p(b), \forall x p(x) \implies p(a)}{\forall x p(x) \implies p(a)} \forall\text{-left} \quad \frac{p(a), \forall x p(x) \implies p(a)}{\forall x p(x) \implies p(a)} \forall\text{-left}}{\implies \forall x p(x) \rightarrow p(a)} \rightarrow\text{right}}{\frac{p(a), \forall x p(x) \implies p(a)}{\forall x p(x) \implies p(a)} \forall\text{-left} \quad \frac{p(a), \forall x p(x) \implies p(a)}{\forall x p(x) \implies p(a)} \forall\text{-left}}{\implies \forall x p(x) \rightarrow p(a)} \rightarrow\text{right}} \text{axiom}$$

Hands-On: “Barber Puzzle”

“There is a man in Natal who shaves all the men in Natal who do not shave themselves.”

Question: “Does some man in Natal shave himself.”

- formalize this puzzle in the language of (first-order) logic!
- $\exists x \forall y (\neg s(y, y) \rightarrow s(x, y)) \rightarrow \exists z s(z, z)$
- express the “barber puzzle” in Prolog syntax!
- ex_barber.pl:


```
f of (barber, conjecture,
      ?[X] : ![Y] : ( ~s(Y,Y) => s(X,Y) ) => ?[Z] : s(Z,Z) ).
```

Using Free Variables

- instead of guessing the right term t for the variable x , we delay this choice until an axiom is reached, i.e., we use “free variables”

- rules for “universally quantified” variables using free variables

$$\frac{\Gamma, A[x \setminus x'], \forall x A \implies \Delta}{\Gamma, \forall x A \implies \Delta} \forall\text{-left} \qquad \frac{\Gamma \implies \exists x A, A[x \setminus x'], \Delta}{\Gamma \implies \exists x A, \Delta} \exists\text{-right}$$

- $A[x \setminus x']$ is a copy of the formula A in which all free occurrences of x have been replaced by the new variable x'
- axiom using free variables

$$\frac{}{\Gamma, A \implies A', \Delta} \text{axiom} \qquad \text{the two formulae } A \text{ and } A' \text{ need to “unify” under a single substitution}$$

- Example:

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{p(x'), \forall x p(x) \implies p(a)}{\forall x p(x) \implies p(a)} \forall\text{-left} \quad \frac{p(a), \forall x p(x) \implies p(a)}{\forall x p(x) \implies p(a)} \forall\text{-left}}{\implies \forall x p(x) \rightarrow p(a)} \rightarrow\text{right}}{\frac{p(x'), \forall x p(x) \implies p(a)}{\forall x p(x) \implies p(a)} \forall\text{-left} \quad \frac{p(a), \forall x p(x) \implies p(a)}{\forall x p(x) \implies p(a)} \forall\text{-left}}{\implies \forall x p(x) \rightarrow p(a)} \rightarrow\text{right}} \text{axiom}' (x'=a \rightsquigarrow x \setminus a)$$

Implementing Free Variables – Quantifier Rules

- ▶ rules for “universally quantified” variables using free variables

$$\frac{\Gamma_1, \forall x A, A[x \setminus y] \implies \Delta}{\Gamma_1, \forall x A \implies \Delta} \forall\text{-left} \quad \frac{\Gamma \implies \exists x A, \Delta_1, A[x \setminus y]}{\Gamma \implies \exists x A, \Delta_1} \exists\text{-right}$$

- ▶ $A_1 = A[x \setminus y]$ is copy of formula A with x replaced by **new variable** y
- ▶ `leanseq_v3.pl`:


```
% universal quantifier
prove(G > D, FV) :- member((! [X] : A), G),
                    copy_term((X:A, FV), (Y:A1, FV)),
                    prove([A1|G] > D, [Y|FV]).

% existential quantifier
prove(G > D, FV) :- member((? [X] : A), D),
                    copy_term((X:A, FV), (Y:A1, FV)),
                    prove(G > [A1|D], [Y|FV]).
```
- ▶ `copy_term(S, T)` creates copy T of Prolog term S with **fresh variables**
- ▶ free variables in A must **not** be renamed; a list of these variables **FV** is added to all rules (and axiom); the free variable **Y** is added to this list

Adding List FV of Free Variables

- ▶ the **list FV** of free variables is added as **argument** to the Prolog predicate `prove`, i.e., `prove(G > D, FV)` instead of `prove(G > D)`
- ▶ this argument is also added to the `prove` predicate that invokes the actual prover; at the beginning this list is **empty**
- ▶ `leanseq_v3.pl`:


```
prove(F) :- prove([], > [F], []).

% conjunction
prove(G > D, FV) :- select1(A&B, G, G1), !,
                    prove([A, B|G1] > D, FV).

prove(G > D, FV) :- select1(A&B, D, D1), !,
                    prove(G > [A|D1], FV),
                    prove(G > [B|D1], FV).

% ... add argument "FV" to six more rules
```

Implementing Free Variables – Axiom

- ▶ axiom using free variables

$$\frac{}{\Gamma, A \implies B, \Delta} \text{axiom}$$

- ▶ the two formulae A and B need to “**unify**” under a single substitution

- ▶ `leanseq_v3.pl`:

```
% axiom
prove(G > D, _) :- member(A, G), member(B, D),
                  unify_with_occurs_check(A, B).
```

- ▶ `unify_with_occurs_check(A, B)` is a built-in Prolog predicate that implements **sound** term unification
- ▶ the unification also ensures that A and B have the **same predicate**

Hands-On: Run Your Prover

- ▶ `$> swipl` % start SWI-Prolog
- ▶ `[leanseq_v3].` % load your prover
- ▶ `make.` % reload prover after changing the source code
- ▶ `prove(p => p).`
- ▶ `prove(p(f(a)) => p(f(a))).`
- ▶ `prove(![X]:p(X) => p(a)).`
- ▶ `prove(![X]:p(X) => p(a) & p(b) & p(f(a,g(b,c)))).`
- ▶ `prove(![X]: p(X) => ?[Y]: p(Y)).`
- ▶ last formula fails as Prolog uses an incomplete **depth-first search**
- ▶ `halt.` % exit SWI-Prolog
- ▶ the resulting prover `leanseq_v3.pl` is **sound and complete** for formulae with **at most one** universally quantified variable
- ▶ an **iterative deepening** proof search is necessary in order to **regain completeness**

Iterative Deepening

- ▶ number **I** specifies **maximum number** of free variables in sequents
- ▶ this number is **increased** step by step, i.e., if a proof with $I \leq 1$ does not succeed, I is increased to 2, afterwards to 3, and so on
- ▶ this guarantees that **all possible** and **alternative** rule applications are considered during the proof search and yields completeness
- ▶ a **loop** is implemented around the predicate that invokes the actual prover; it also **prints** the number I of the current iteration
- ▶ **leanseq_v4.pl**:


```
prove(F) :- prove(F,1).
prove(F,I) :- print(iteration:I), nl,
               prove([], [F], [], I).
prove(F,I) :- I1 is I+1, prove(F,I1).
```

Adding Free Variable Limit

- ▶ the maximum **limit I of free variables** in a sequent is **added as argument** to the predicate `prove`, i.e., `prove(G > D, FV, I)` instead of `prove(G > D, FV)`
- ▶ a **check** if this limit is reached is added to the quantifier rules introducing free variables; `length(L, N)` returns size N of list L
- ▶ **leanseq_v4.pl**:


```
% axiom
prove(G > D,_,_) :- member(A,G), member(B,D),
                    unify_with_occurs_check(A,B).

% universal quantifier
prove(G > D,FV,I) :- member((! [X]:A),G),
                    \+ length(FV,I),
                    copy_term((X:A,FV),(Y:A1,FV)),
                    prove([A1|G] > D,[Y|FV],I).

% the same line is added to the existential quantifier rule
% the argument "I" is added to all eight propositional rules
```

Hands-On: Run Your Prover

- ▶ `$> swipl` % start SWI-Prolog
- ▶ `[leanseq_v4].` % load your prover
- ▶ `make.` % reload prover after changing the source code
- ▶ `prove(p(a) => p(a)).`
- ▶ `prove(![X]:p(X) => p(a) & p(b)).`
- ▶ `prove(![X]: p(X) => ?[Y]: p(Y)).`
- ▶ observe that the proof search for the last formula succeeds
- ▶ `halt.` % exit SWI-Prolog
- ▶ the resulting prover `leanseq_v4.pl` is **sound and complete** for formulae that contain **only** universally quantified variables, i.e., **no Eigenvariables** are allowed

Sequent Calculus – Rules for \exists -right and \forall -left

- ▶ rules for “existentially quantified” variables (Eigenvariables)

$$\frac{\Gamma, A[x \setminus a] \implies \Delta}{\Gamma, \exists x A \implies \Delta} \exists\text{-left}^* \qquad \frac{\Gamma \implies A[x \setminus a], \Delta}{\Gamma \implies \forall x A, \Delta} \forall\text{-right}^*$$

- ▶ **Eigenvariable condition** for these rules: constant **a must not occur** in the conclusion, i.e., in Γ , Δ , or A
- ▶ when applying these rules we have to **respect** the **Eigenvariable condition**; usually Eigenvariable rules have to be **applied first**
- ▶ **Example**: $\forall x p(x) \rightarrow \forall y p(y)$

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{??}{p(a), \forall x p(x) \implies \forall y p(y)} \forall\text{-right}^*}{\forall x p(x) \implies \forall y p(y)} \forall\text{-left}}{\implies \forall x p(x) \rightarrow \forall y p(y)} \rightarrow\text{right} \qquad \frac{\frac{\frac{p(a), \forall x p(x) \implies p(a)}{\forall x p(x) \implies p(a)} \forall\text{-left}}{\forall x p(x) \implies \forall y p(y)} \forall\text{-right}^*}{\implies \forall x p(x) \rightarrow \forall y p(y)} \rightarrow\text{right}$$

- ▶ using **free variables**, this condition has to be checked during unification

Using Dynamic Skolemization

- ▶ instead of a constants a , we replace the variable x by a **Skolem term** $f_{sk}(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ in which f_{sk} is a new function symbol and x_1, \dots, x_n are the free variables in the sequent of the conclusion
- ▶ this yields a **mechanism** that fails during unification if the Eigenvariable is assigned to one of its free variables x_1, \dots, x_n

rules for Eigenvariables using Skolemization

$$\frac{\Gamma, A[x \setminus t_{sk}] \implies \Delta}{\Gamma, \exists x A \implies \Delta} \exists\text{-left}^* \quad \frac{\Gamma \implies A[x \setminus t_{sk}], \Delta}{\Gamma \implies \forall x A, \Delta} \forall\text{-right}^*$$

- ▶ where t_{sk} is the Skolem term $f_{sk}(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ as described above

Example: $\forall x p(x) \implies \forall y p(y)$

$$\frac{\frac{x' = f_{sk1}(x') \rightsquigarrow \text{fails}}{p(x'), \forall x p(x) \implies p(f_{sk1}(x'))} \text{axiom(?)}}{\frac{p(x'), \forall x p(x) \implies \forall y p(y)}{\forall x p(x) \implies \forall y p(y)} \forall\text{-right}^*} \forall\text{-left} \quad \frac{\frac{x' = f_{sk1}() \rightsquigarrow \text{succeeds}}{p(x'), \forall x p(x) \implies p(f_{sk1}())} \text{axiom}}{\frac{\forall x p(x) \implies p(f_{sk1}())}{\forall x p(x) \implies \forall y p(y)} \forall\text{-right}^*} \forall\text{-left}$$

Implementing Skolemization – Quantifier Rules

rules for Eigenvariables using Skolemization

$$\frac{\Gamma_1, A[x \setminus t_{sk}] \implies \Delta}{\Gamma_1, \exists x A \implies \Delta} \exists\text{-left}^* \quad \frac{\Gamma \implies A[x \setminus t_{sk}], \Delta_1}{\Gamma \implies \forall x A, \Delta_1} \forall\text{-right}^*$$

where t_{sk} is the Skolem term $f_{sk}(x_1, \dots, x_n)$

leanseq_v5.pl:

```
% universal quantifier
prove(G > D,FV,I,J,K) :- select1((! [X]:A),D,D1), !,
    copy_term((X:A,FV),(f_sk(J,FV):A1,FV)),
    J1 is J+1,
    prove(G > [A1|D1],FV,I,J1,K).

% existential quantifier
prove(G > D,FV,I,J,K) :- select1((? [X]:A),G,G1), !,
    copy_term((X:A,FV),(f_sk(J,FV):A1,FV)),
    J1 is J+1,
    prove([A1|G1] > D,FV,I,J1,K).
```

- ▶ counter for Skolem terms is added that is increased if rules are applied

Adding a Counter for Skolem Terms

- ▶ the **counters J and K** are added as argument to the Prolog predicate `prove`, i.e., `prove(G > D,FV,I,J,K)` instead of `prove(G > D,FV,I)`
- ▶ these arguments are also added to the `prove` predicate that invokes the actual prover; at the start the counter is set to 1
- ▶ `leanseq_v5.pl`:

```
prove(F,I) :- print(iteration:I), nl,
    prove([] > [F],[],I,1,-).

% conjunction
prove(G > D,FV,I,J,K) :- select1(A&B,G,G1), !,
    prove([A,B|G1] > D,FV,I,J,K).

prove(G > D,FV,I,J,K) :- select1(A&B,D,D1), !,
    prove(G > [A|D1],FV,I,J,J1),
    prove(G > [B|D1],FV,I,J1,K).

% ... add arguments "J" and "K" to six more rules
```

Implementing Skolemization – Updating the Axiom

- ▶ in order to keep **soundness**, the axiom can only be applied to **atomic formulae** and **not** to arbitrary formulae anymore
- ▶ counter example is the **invalid** formula $\forall x p(a) \rightarrow \forall y p(y)$
- ▶ `leanseq_v5.pl`:

```
% axiom
prove(G > D,_,_,J,J) :- member(A,G),
    A\=(_&_), A\=(_|_), A\=(_=>_),
    A\=(~_), A\=(!_), A\=(?_),
    member(B,D),
    unify_with_occurs_check(A,B).
```

- ▶ the resulting prover `leanseq_v5.pl` is **sound and complete** for (classical) **first-order logic**

Hands-On: Run Your Prover

```
▶ $> swipl                                % start SWI-Prolog
▶ [leanseq_v5].                             % load your prover
  make.                                     % reload prover after changing the source code

▶ prove( p(a) => p(a) ).
  prove( ![X]:p(X) => p(a) & p(b) ).
  prove( ![X]: p(X) => ?[Y]: p(Y) ).
  prove( ?[X]: p(X) => ![Y]: p(Y) ).
  prove( ![X]: ?[Y]: p(X,Y) => ?[U]: ![V]: p(V,U) ).

▶ [ex_barber].                              % load the barber puzzle
  fof(barber,_,F).                          % check the loaded formula
  fof(barber,_,F), prove(F).                % solve puzzle

▶ halt.                                     % exit SWI-Prolog
```

