

# Soundness for First-order Logic

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# Soundness Theorem and its proof

## The soundness theorem

Let  $\Gamma$  and  $\sigma$  be as above. If  $\Gamma \vdash \sigma$ , then  $\Gamma \models \sigma$ .

Proof. It suffices to show that for each derivation  $\mathcal{D}$  with conclusion  $\sigma$  and hypotheses in  $\Gamma$ , we have  $\Gamma \models \sigma$ . We prove this result by induction on  $\mathcal{D}$ .

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Thanks for your attention!

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