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The main strategy is then to first try and simplify the goal until it becomes (logically) simple. Preferably, we simplify until our formula has no connectives or quantifiers, but, due to the nature of the rules for \forall and \exists , simplification sometimes stops with a formula that has \forall or \exists as main symbol.

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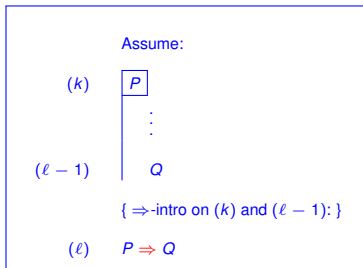
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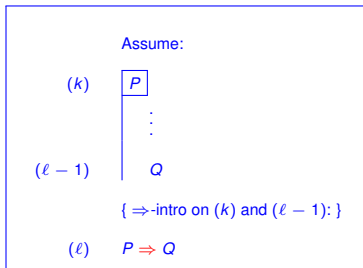
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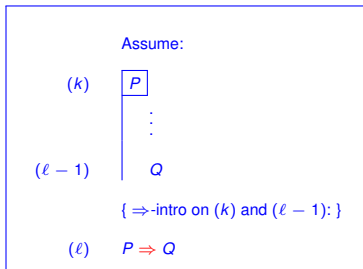
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If there is a complete derivation of the formula at all, then there is one that now proceeds using the left-hand side rule. But derivations using this rule are often longer than derivations using the right-hand side rule instead. Therefore, we recommend to (first) try to find a derivation using the right-hand side rule, and, only if that fails, to backtrack and apply the left-hand side rule.

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The derivation is now complete; we conclude that the formula $\exists x \forall y [P(x, y)] \Rightarrow \forall v \exists u [P(u, v)]$ is a tautology.

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