

The Assume-Prove Table

	If you <i>assume</i> this is true...	To <i>prove</i> that this is true...
$\forall x. A$	Initially, <i>do nothing</i> . Once you find a z through other means, you can state it has property A .	Have the reader pick an arbitrary x . We then prove A is true for that choice of x .
$\exists x. A$	Introduce a variable x into your proof that has property A .	Find an x where A is true. Then prove A is true for that specific choice of x .
$A \rightarrow B$	Initially, <i>do nothing</i> . Once you know A is true, you can conclude B is also true.	Assume A is true, then prove B is true.
$A \wedge B$	Assume A . Also assume B .	Prove A . Also prove B .
$A \vee B$	Consider two cases. Case 1: A is true. Case 2: B is true.	Either prove $\neg A \rightarrow B$ or prove $\neg B \rightarrow A$. <i>(Why does this work?)</i>
$A \leftrightarrow B$	Assume $A \rightarrow B$ and $B \rightarrow A$.	Prove $A \rightarrow B$ and $B \rightarrow A$.
$\neg A$	Simplify the negation, then consult this table on the result.	Simplify the negation, then consult this table on the result.