

## 02—Traditional Logic II

### The Importance of Being Formal

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## Intended *meaning*

Every *thing* that is included in the class represented by `cats` is also included in the class represented by `predators`.



## Four Kinds of Categorical Propositions

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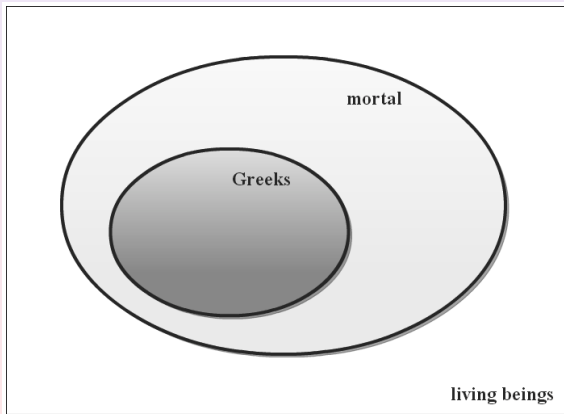
Some cats are not brave is a *particular, negative* proposition.

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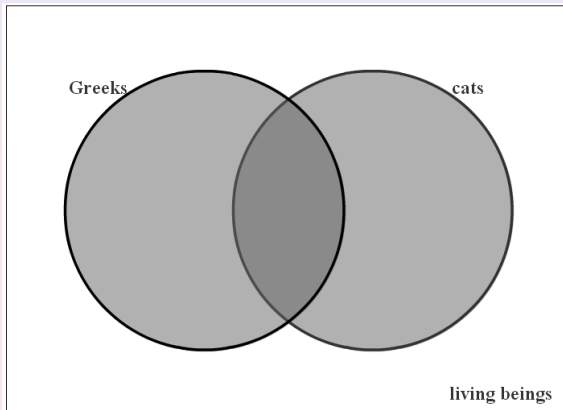


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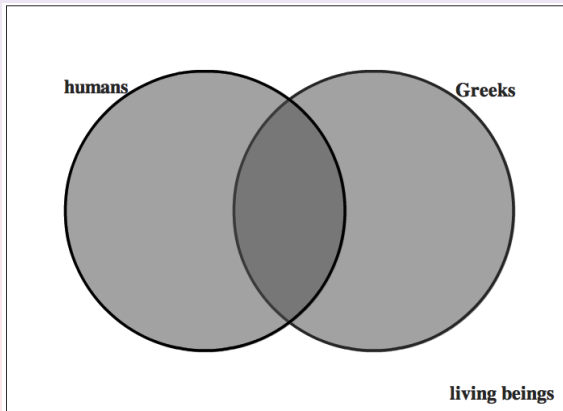


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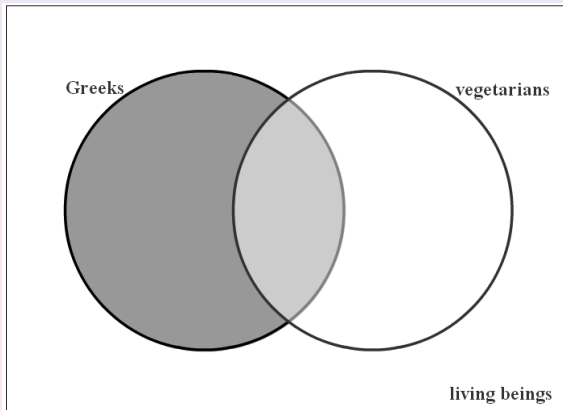


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## Proof obligation

A lemma must be followed by a proof that demonstrates how it follows from known facts.



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## Validity

A proposition is called *valid*, if it holds in all models.



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## More formally

In a model  $\mathcal{M}$ ,  $(\text{non } t)^{\mathcal{M}} = U^{\mathcal{M}}/t^{\mathcal{M}}$

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## Rule Schema

$$\frac{\dots t \dots}{\dots \text{non non } t \dots} \text{[NNI]}$$

is a rule schema. An instance is:

$$\frac{\text{Some } t_1 \text{ are } t_2}{\text{Some non non } t_1 \text{ are } t_2}$$

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The term `immortal` is considered equal to the term `non mortal`.

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| 2 | All humans are non non<br>mortal | NNI 1    |
| 3 | All humans are non immortal      | ImmDef 2 |



## Conversion switches subject and object

### Definition (ConvDef)

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## Which Conversions Hold?

If

All Greeks are humans

holds in a model, then does

All humans are Greeks

hold?



## Valid Conversions

### Axiom (ConvE1)

If, for some terms  $t_1$  and  $t_2$ , the proposition

*convert*(Some  $t_1$  are  $t_2$ )

holds, then the proposition

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also holds.

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### Axiom (ConvE2)

*If, for some terms  $t_1$  and  $t_2$ , the proposition*

*$convert(No\ t_1\ are\ t_2)$*

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## In Graphical Notation

In graphical notation, two rules correspond to the two cases.

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## Example (text-based proof)

### Proof.

- |   |                                   |                      |
|---|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
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## Contraposition switches and complements

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### Lemma (NNVeg)

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\_\_\_\_\_ [NNI]

Some humans are non non vegans

\_\_\_\_\_ [ObvDef]

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\_\_\_\_\_ [C]

Some humans are not non vegans

## Proof (text-based)

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A lemma of the form “If  $p_1$  then  $p_2$ ” is valid, if in every model in which the proposition  $p_1$  holds, the proposition  $p_2$  also holds.

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1	Some non $t_1$ are non $t_2$	premise
2	convert(Some non $t_2$ are non $t_1$ )	ConvDef 1
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4	obvert(Some non $t_2$ are not $t_1$ )	ObvDef 3
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## “iff” means “if and only if”

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# Argument

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Example:

### Lemma (SomeNon)

For all terms  $t_1$  and  $t_2$ , if the proposition *Some non  $t_1$  are non  $t_2$*  holds, then the proposition *Some non  $t_2$  are not  $t_1$*  also holds.

# Syllogisms

A syllogism is an argument with two premises, in which three different terms occur, and in which every term occurs twice, but never twice in the same proposition.

## Example

*All cats are predators.*

*Some animals are cats.*

*Therefore, all animals are predators.*

# Barbara

## Axiom (B)

*For all terms minor, middle, and major, if All middle are major holds, and All minor are middle holds, then All minor are major also holds.*

All *middle* are *major*      All *minor* are *middle*

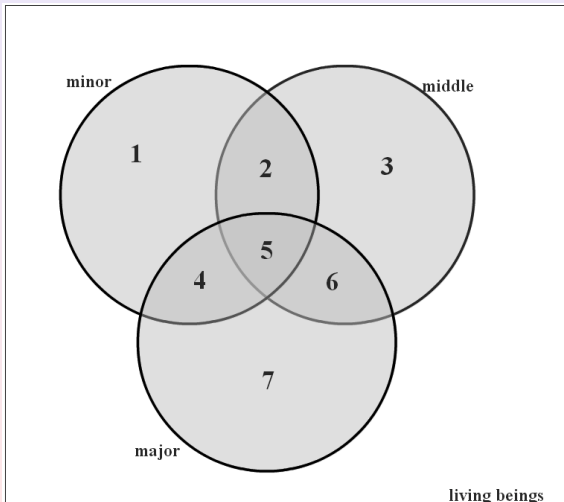
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## Why is Barbara valid?



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### Proof.

1	All Greeks are humans	GH
2	All humans are mortal	HM
3	All Greeks are mortal	B 1,2



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### Conclusion

No officers are my poultry.

## Formulation in Term Logic

### Lemma (No-Officers-Are-My-Poultry)

*If*

- *No ducks are things-that-waltz holds,*
- *No officers are non things-that-waltz holds,*  
*and*
- *All my-poultry are ducks holds,*

*then No officers are my-poultry also holds.*

## Proof

1	No officers are non things-that-waltz	premise
2	obvert(All officers are things-that-waltz)	ObvDef 1
3	All officers are things-that-waltz)	ObvE 2
4	No ducks are things-that-waltz)	premise
5	convert(No things-that-waltz are ducks)	ConvDef 4
6	No things-that-waltz are ducks	ConvE <sub>2</sub> 5

## Proof (continued)

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|----|---|----------|
| 7  | No things-that-waltz are non non ducks      | NNI 6    |
| 8  | obvert(All things-that-waltz are non ducks) | ObvDef 7 |
| 9  | All things-that-waltz are non ducks         | ObvE 8   |
| 10 | All my-poultry are ducks                    | premise  |
| 11 | All my-poultry are non non ducks            | NNI 10   |
| 12 | All non non my-poultry are non non ducks    | NNI 11   |



## Proof (continued)

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|----|---|------------------------|
| 13 | contrapose (All non ducks are non my-poultry) | ContrDef 12            |
| 14 | All non ducks are non my-poultry              | ContrE <sub>1</sub> 13 |
| 15 | All things-that-waltz are non my-poultry      | B 9,14                 |
| 16 | All officers are non my-poultry               | B 3,15                 |
| 17 | obvert (No officers are my-poultry)           | ObvDef 16              |
| 18 | No officers are my-poultry                    | ObvE 17                |

