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Ax3 $(\neg B \rightarrow \neg A) \rightarrow ((\neg B \rightarrow A) \rightarrow B)$

Ax4 $(\forall x A(x)) \rightarrow A\{t/x\}$, where t is a term.

Ax5 $(\forall x(A \rightarrow B)) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow \forall x B)$, where x is not free in A .

Inference Rules

MP Derive B from A and $A \rightarrow B$.

Gen Derive $\forall x A$ from A .

^aWe do not distinguish between formulas with the same skeleton

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$$\varphi \in \Gamma \text{ iff } \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket^M = \text{true}$$