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# Standard Weakenings

and-or-weakening

$$P \wedge Q \stackrel{val}{\models} P$$

$$P \stackrel{val}{\models} P \vee Q$$

Extremes

$$F \stackrel{val}{\models} P$$

$$P \stackrel{val}{\models} T$$

**Calculating with weakenings**  
**(the use of standard weakenings)**

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Monotonicity

$$\frac{P \stackrel{val}{\models} Q}{P \wedge R \stackrel{val}{\models} Q \wedge R}$$

$$\frac{P \stackrel{val}{\models} Q}{P \vee R \stackrel{val}{\models} Q \vee R}$$

# Predicate logic

# Limitations of propositional logic

Propositional logic only allows us to reason about **completed statements** about things, not about the things themselves.

## Example

Some chicken cannot fly  
All chicken are birds  
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this reasoning can not  
be expressed in  
propositional logic

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Every player except the winner loses a match

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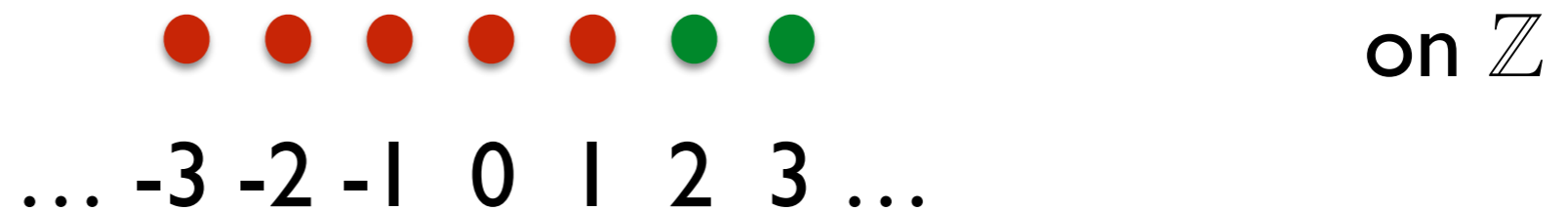
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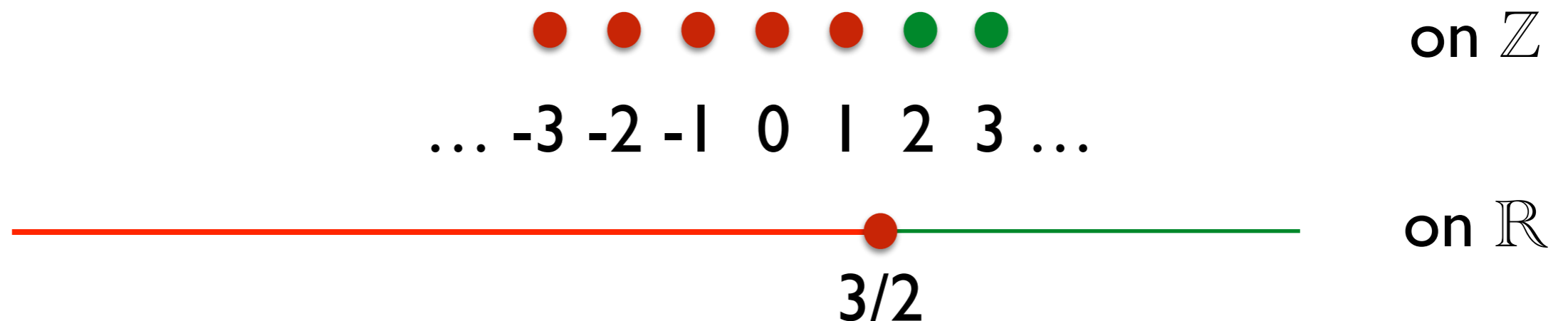
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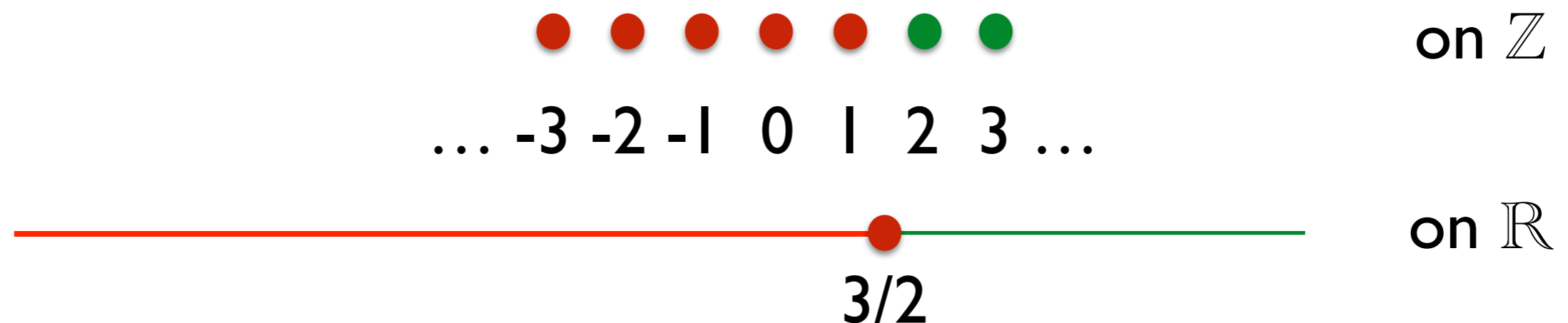




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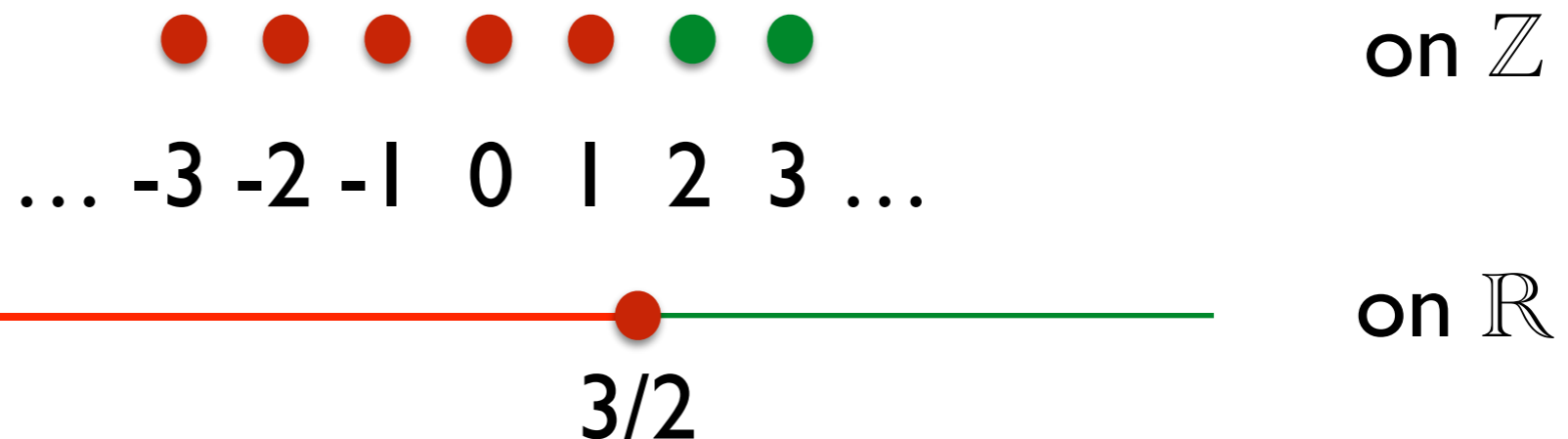
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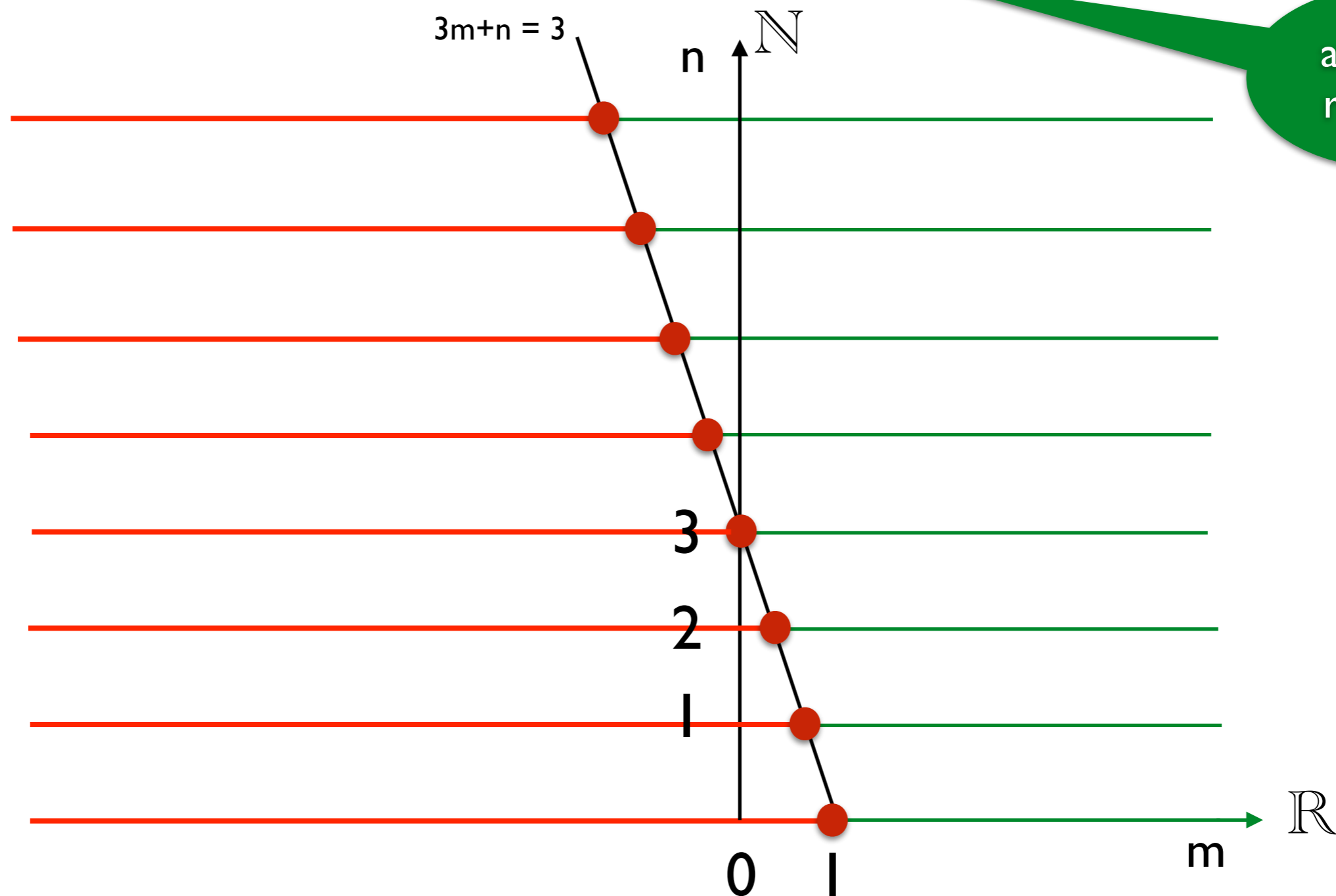


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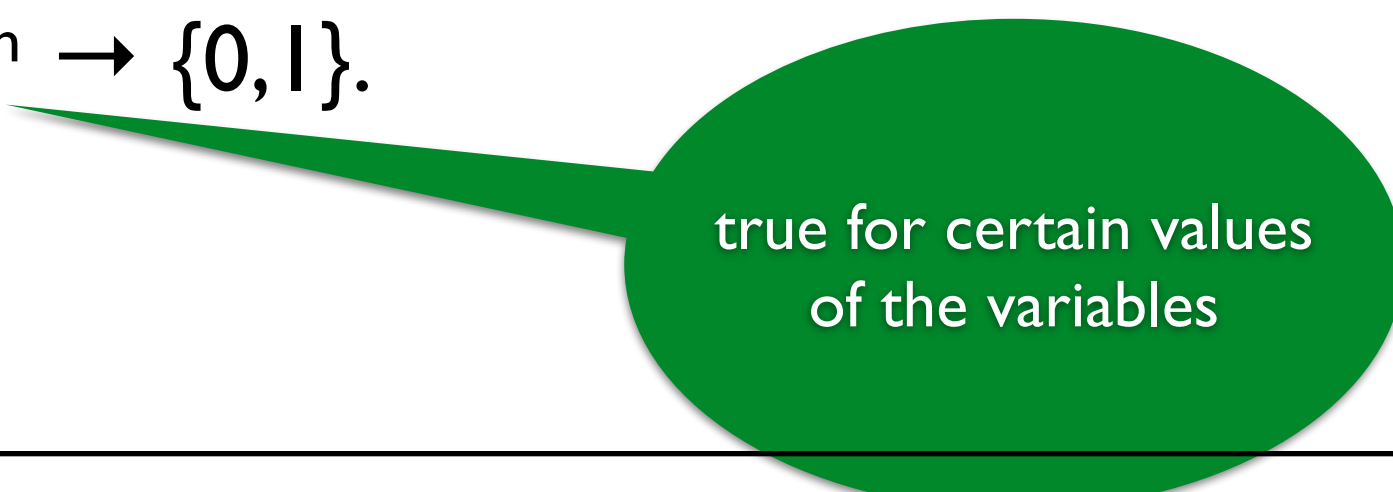


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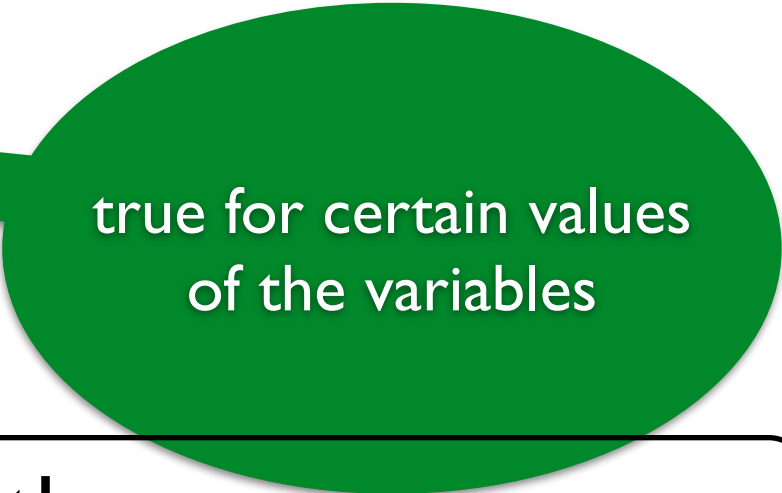
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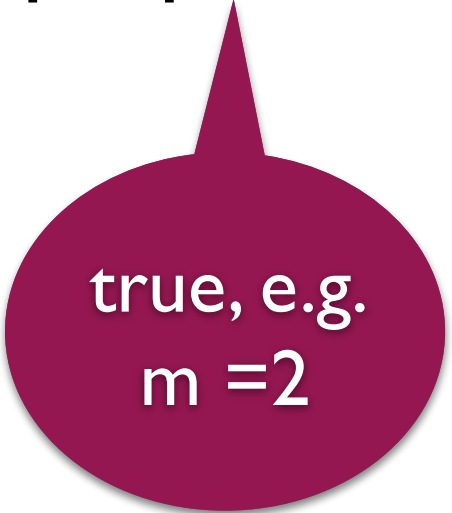
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# Renaming bound variables

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if  $y$  does not occur in  
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