## Problem Statement

| I |
| :---: |
| THE LADY |
| IS IN AN |
| ODD-NUMBERED |
| ROOM |


| II |
| :---: |
|  |
| THIS ROOM |
| IS EMPTY |


| III |
| :---: |
| EITHER SIGN V |
| IS RIGHT |
| OR SIGN VII |
| IS WRONG |



| VII |
| :---: |
|  |
| THE LADY |
| IS NOT IN |
| ROOM I |
|  |


| VIII |
| :---: |
| THIS ROOM |
| CONTAINS |
| A TIGER |
| AND ROOM IX |
| IS EMPTY |


| IX |
| :---: |
| THIS ROOM |
| CONTAINS |
| A TIGER |
| AND VI |
| IS WRONG |

One room contains a lady
(1a)
(1b)

## Solution

We proceed by cases. One of several cases may be true. 1. Room VIII is empty 2. Room VIII is non-empty.

Case 1: Room VIII is empty.
Room VIII is empty by case assumption

Either the sign on Room VIII is true or false. We case over these possibilities.
Case 1.a: Room VIII is true.

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\begin{array}{rr}
\text { Room VIII is empty } & \text { by case assumption } \\
\text { Room VIII is true } & \text { by case assumption } \\
\text { VIII contains a tiger } \wedge \text { IX is empty } & \text { by definition and } 3 \mathrm{~b} \tag{3c}
\end{array}
$$

Contradiction: VIII cannot both contain a tiger and be empty. This case cannot be possible.
Case 1.b: Room VIII is false.

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\begin{array}{lr}
\begin{array}{r}
\text { Room VIII is empty } \\
\text { Room VIII is false }
\end{array} & \begin{array}{r}
\text { by case assumption } \\
\text { by case assumption } \\
\text { by definition and } 4 \mathrm{~b}
\end{array} \\
\text { VIII doesn't contain a tiger } \vee \text { IX is non-empty } \\
\text { 4b states VIII is false. If VIII has no tiger, VIII } \\
\text { cannot be false. So for 4c to be true, IX must } \\
\text { be non-empty } & \text { by logic }
\end{array}
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It should be evident that enough time has passed for the lady to be eaten by a tiger. Since the lady is dead, she no longer exists. The lady is in none of the rooms.

