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Be $A \in Form,\ x, y \in Var$. y is substitutable for x in A iff for every subformula of A of the form $\forall y B$, B is free from x.

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