

Calculus of Propositions \mathcal{P} - Simple Proofs

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1. Axiom Schema for \mathcal{P} .

For any formulae F, G, H the following are axioms:

$$\text{A1. } \rightarrow F \rightarrow GF.$$

$$\text{A2. } \rightarrow\rightarrow F \rightarrow GH \rightarrow\rightarrow FG \rightarrow FH.$$

$$\text{A3. } \rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow F \perp\perp F.$$

The set of axioms for \mathcal{P} is denoted \mathcal{A} .

2. Axiom Schema in the metalanguage.

$$\text{A1. } F \rightarrow (G \rightarrow F).$$

$$\text{A2. } (F \rightarrow (G \rightarrow H)) \rightarrow ((F \rightarrow G) \rightarrow (F \rightarrow H)).$$

$$\text{A3. } ((F \rightarrow \perp) \rightarrow \perp) \rightarrow F \quad (\text{i.e., } \neg\neg F \rightarrow F.)$$

Remark. In the Lukasiewicz schema (A3) is replaced by $((\neg F \rightarrow \neg G) \rightarrow (G \rightarrow F))$.

3. Claim I. $\vdash F \rightarrow F$.

Proof – In the metalanguage:

(i) $(F \rightarrow (G \rightarrow F)) \rightarrow ((F \rightarrow G) \rightarrow (F \rightarrow F))$	A2.
(ii) $(F \rightarrow (G \rightarrow F))$	A1.
(iii) $((F \rightarrow G) \rightarrow (F \rightarrow F))$	(i),(iii), mp
(iv) $((F \rightarrow (G \rightarrow F)) \rightarrow (F \rightarrow F))$	inst. (iii)
(v) $F \rightarrow F$	ii, iv, mp

Proof – In the language $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{P}}$

- (i) $\rightarrow\rightarrow F \rightarrow GF \rightarrow\rightarrow FG \rightarrow FF$
- (ii) $\rightarrow F \rightarrow GF$
- (iii) $\rightarrow\rightarrow FG \rightarrow FF$
- (iv) $\rightarrow\rightarrow F \rightarrow GF \rightarrow FF$
- (v) $\rightarrow FF$

Remark. This theorem follows immediately from the Deduction Theorem.

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4. Claim II. $\vdash \perp \rightarrow F$

Proof. (Redundant lines are included for clarity.)

- (i) $((F \rightarrow \perp) \rightarrow \perp) \rightarrow F$ A3,
- (ii) $\neg\neg F \rightarrow F$ (i) repeated.
- (iii) $(\neg\neg F \rightarrow F) \rightarrow \perp \rightarrow (\neg\neg F \rightarrow F)$ A1.
- (iv) $\perp \rightarrow \neg\neg F \rightarrow F$ (iii)
- (v) $(\perp \rightarrow \neg\neg F \rightarrow F) \rightarrow ((\perp \rightarrow \neg\neg F) \rightarrow (\perp \rightarrow F))$ A2.
- (vi) $(\perp \rightarrow \neg\neg F) \rightarrow (\perp \rightarrow F)$ (iv), (v), mp.
- (vii) $\perp \rightarrow (F \rightarrow \perp) \rightarrow \perp$ A1.
- (viii) $\perp \rightarrow \neg\neg F$ (vii) repeated.
- (ix) $\perp \rightarrow F$ (vi), (viii), mp.

5. Claim III. $\vdash (F \rightarrow \perp) \rightarrow (F \rightarrow G)$ (Duns Scotus)

Proof.

- (i) $(\perp \rightarrow G) \rightarrow F \rightarrow (\perp \rightarrow G)$ A3.
- (ii) $(\perp \rightarrow G)$ Claim II.
- (iii) $F \rightarrow (\perp \rightarrow G)$ (i),(ii), mp.
- (iv) $(F \rightarrow (\perp \rightarrow G)) \rightarrow ((F \rightarrow \perp) \rightarrow (F \rightarrow G))$ A2.
- (v) $(F \rightarrow \perp) \rightarrow (F \rightarrow G)$ (iii),(iv), mp.