

Rise and Fall of the Fregean Empire

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Lower-case Greek letters $\varphi, \psi, \chi, \dots$ stand for formulae, upper-case Greek letters $\Gamma, \Delta, \dots$ for sets of formulae, lower-case Latin letter c stands for individual constants, $s, t, \dots$ for terms, $u, v, \dots$ for individual variables, upper-case Latin letter F for functor symbols, R for relation symbols, and $U, V, \dots$ for relation variables, possibly with subindexes and primes in each case.

1 First-Order Logic

1.1 Languages

Vocabulary

- Individual constants: $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n, \dots$
- Function symbols: $f_1^1, f_2^1, \dots, f_n^1, \dots, f_1^2, f_2^2, \dots, f_n^2, \dots, f_1^m, f_2^m, \dots, f_n^m, \dots$
- Relation symbols: $=, R_1^1, R_2^1, \dots, R_n^1, \dots, R_1^2, R_2^2, \dots, R_n^2, \dots, R_1^m, R_2^m, \dots, R_n^m, \dots$
- Individual variables: $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, \dots$
- Logical symbols: $\neg, \rightarrow, \forall, =$
- Auxiliary symbols: $(,), ,$

K is a set containing individual constants, function symbols, and relation symbols. K must always contain at least one relation symbol. We define the first-order language $\mathcal{L}_K$ as follows.

Terms of $\mathcal{L}_K$

- Individual constants in K are terms of $\mathcal{L}_K$.
- Individual variables are terms of $\mathcal{L}_K$.
- If $t_1, \dots, t_n$ are terms of $\mathcal{L}_K$ and $f_i^n \in K$, then $f_i^n(t_1, \dots, t_n)$ is a term of $\mathcal{L}_K$.
- Only strings of symbols obtained applying the other clauses in the definition a finite number of times are terms of $\mathcal{L}_K$.

Closed terms are those in which no variables occur.

Well-formed Formulae (wff) of $\mathcal{L}_K$

- If $t_1, \dots, t_n$ are terms of $\mathcal{L}_K$ and $R_i^n \in K$, then $R_i^n(t_1, \dots, t_n)$ is an atomic wff of $\mathcal{L}_K$.
- If φ is a wff of $\mathcal{L}_K$, then $\neg\varphi$ is a wff of $\mathcal{L}_K$.
- If φ and ψ are wff of $\mathcal{L}_K$, then $(\varphi \rightarrow \psi)$ is a wff of $\mathcal{L}_K$.
- If φ is a wff of $\mathcal{L}_K$, then $\forall v\varphi$ is a wff of $\mathcal{L}_K$.
- Only strings of symbols obtained applying clauses 1-4 a finite number of times are wff of $\mathcal{L}_K$.

We omit brackets, subscripts, and superscripts when not needed. We write $x, y, z, \dots$ for $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots$. If φ is a wff of $\mathcal{L}_K$, we write $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}_K$.

Sentences are wff in which every individual variable v that occurs in them occurs under the scope of $\forall v$. That is, there are no free (unbound) variables in sentences.

t is *free in φ for v* iff no free occurrence of v in φ is in the scope of a quantifier followed by a variable that occurs in t . $\varphi[t/v]$ is the result of *substituting* all free occurrences of v in φ with t , if t is free in φ for v .

Shortcuts

- $s \neq t := \neg s = t$;
- $\varphi \wedge \psi := \neg(\varphi \rightarrow \neg\psi)$;
- $\varphi \vee \psi := \neg\varphi \rightarrow \psi$;
- $\varphi \leftrightarrow \psi := (\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \wedge (\psi \rightarrow \varphi)$;
- $\exists v\varphi := \neg\forall v\neg\varphi$;
- $\exists!v\varphi(v) := \exists v(\varphi(v) \wedge \forall u(\varphi(u) \rightarrow u = v))$.

1.2 Deductive systems

*Axioms of D1:*¹

A1 $\varphi \rightarrow (\psi \rightarrow \varphi)$

A2 $(\varphi \rightarrow (\psi \rightarrow \chi)) \rightarrow ((\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow (\varphi \rightarrow \chi))$

A3 $(\neg\varphi \rightarrow \neg\psi) \rightarrow (\psi \rightarrow \varphi)$

A4 $\forall v\varphi \rightarrow \varphi[t/v]$, if t is free for v in φ .

Rules of inference of D1:

$$\frac{\varphi, \varphi \rightarrow \psi}{\psi} \text{ (Modus Ponens)}$$

$$\frac{\varphi \rightarrow \psi}{\varphi \rightarrow \forall v\psi} \text{ (Generalisation)}$$

if v is not free in φ or in a premise.

φ is a *proof-theoretic consequence* of Γ in D1 ($\Gamma \vdash_{D1} \varphi$) iff there is a deduction of φ from Γ

¹ As is usual, we take the axioms to be the universal closure of the instances of the following axiom-schemata.

in D1, that is, there is a sequence of formulae s.t. each member is either an axiom of D1, or a member of Γ , or was obtained by one of the rules of inference of D1 from previous members of the sequence, and the last member is φ . If Γ is empty, φ is a *logical theorem* ($\vdash_{D1} \varphi$).

The axioms and rules of inference of $D1^=$ are those for D1 plus the following:

=1 $\forall x \ x = x$

=2 $\forall x \forall y (x = y \rightarrow (\varphi(x) \rightarrow \varphi(y)))$, if y is free for x in φ .

A *theory* in D1 ($D1^=$) is a set of formulae of $\mathcal{L}_K$, closed under proof-theoretic consequence in D1 ($D1^=$) (i.e. if φ is a proof-theoretic consequence of some members of the theory, φ is also a member of the theory).

1.3 Semantics

A *model* of $\mathcal{L}_K$ is a structure $\mathcal{M} = \langle d, \mathcal{I} \rangle$, in which d is a non-empty set, the *domain* of the model, and $\mathcal{I}$ is an interpretation function, s.t.:

- if $c \in K$, $\mathcal{I}(c) \in d$;
- if $f_i^n \in K$, $\mathcal{I}(f_i^n)$ is a function from d^n to d ;
- if $R_i^n \in K$, $\mathcal{I}(R_i^n) \subseteq d^n$.

A *variable assignment* σ in $\mathcal{M}$ is any function from the set of individual variables to d . It can be extended to an *assignment* to all terms of $\mathcal{L}_K$ as follows:

- if $c \in K$, $\sigma(c) = \mathcal{I}(c)$;
- if $f_i^n \in K$ and $t_1, \dots, t_n$ are terms of $\mathcal{L}_K$, $\sigma(f_i^n(t_1, \dots, t_n)) = \mathcal{I}(f_i^n)(\sigma(t_1), \dots, \sigma(t_n))$.

Satisfaction by an assignment in a model

φ is satisfied in $\mathcal{M}$ by σ ($\mathcal{M}, \sigma \models \varphi$) iff

- $\varphi := (s = t)$ and $\sigma(s) = \sigma(t)$; or
- $\varphi := R_i^n t_1, \dots, t_n$ and $\langle \sigma(t_1), \dots, \sigma(t_n) \rangle \in \mathcal{I}(R_i^n)$; or
- $\varphi := \neg \psi$ and $\mathcal{M}, \sigma \not\models \psi$; or
- $\varphi := (\psi \rightarrow \chi)$ and $\mathcal{M}, \sigma \not\models \psi$ or $\mathcal{M}, \sigma \models \chi$; or
- $\varphi := \forall v \psi$ and $\mathcal{M}, \sigma' \models \psi$ for every assignment σ' that differs from σ at most in the value assigned to v .

φ is *true in* $\mathcal{M}$ ($\mathcal{M} \models \varphi$) iff, for every assignment σ in $\mathcal{M}$, $\mathcal{M}, \sigma \models \varphi$. We write $\mathcal{M} \models \Gamma$ to indicate that $\mathcal{M} \models \varphi$ for every $\varphi \in \Gamma$.

φ is a *semantic consequence* of Γ ($\Gamma \models \varphi$) iff, for every model $\mathcal{M}$ and assignment σ in $\mathcal{M}$, if $\mathcal{M}, \sigma \models \Gamma$, then $\mathcal{M}, \sigma \models \varphi$. If Γ is empty, φ is a *logical truth* ($\models \varphi$).

Exercise 1. Show that (=1) and (=2) are logical truths (the latter by induction on the complexity of φ).

1.4 Metatheoretic Results

Theorem 1 (Soundness.). *If $\Gamma \vdash_{D1=} \varphi$, then $\Gamma \models \varphi$.*

Theorem 2 (Completeness.). *If $\Gamma \models \varphi$, then $\Gamma \vdash_{D1=} \varphi$.*

Theorem 3 (Compactness.). *If $\Gamma \models \varphi$, then there is a finite $\Delta \subseteq \Gamma$ s.t. $\Delta \models \varphi$.*

Theorem 4 (Downward Löwenheim-Skolem.). *If $\mathcal{M} \models \Gamma$ and d is infinite, then there is a model $\mathcal{M}' = \langle d', \mathcal{I}' \rangle$ s.t. $\mathcal{M}' \models \Gamma$ and d' has cardinality $\aleph_0$ (i.e. the cardinality of the set of natural numbers).*

Theorem 5 (Upward Löwenheim-Skolem.). *If $\mathcal{M} \models \Gamma$ and d is infinite, then for each infinite cardinal number κ there is a model $\mathcal{M}_\kappa = \langle d_\kappa, \mathcal{I}_\kappa \rangle$ s.t. $\mathcal{M}_\kappa \models \Gamma$ and d_κ has cardinality κ .*

1.5 Arithmetic

$\mathcal{A} := \{0, S, +, \times, =\}$, where 0 is an individual constant, S a unary function symbol, and + and $\times$ binary function symbols. $\mathcal{L}_A$ is the language of first-order arithmetic.

Peano Arithmetic, $PA \subseteq \mathcal{L}_A$ in $D1^=$ consists of the following axioms:

PA1 $\forall x Sx \neq 0$

PA2 $\forall x \forall y (Sx = Sy \rightarrow x = y)$

PA3 $\forall x x + 0 = x$

PA4 $\forall x \forall y x + Sy = S(x + y)$

PA5 $\forall x x \times 0 = 0$

PA6 $\forall x \forall y x \times Sy = x \times y + x$

Induction schema. $\varphi(0) \wedge \forall x (\varphi(x) \rightarrow \varphi(Sx)) \rightarrow \forall x \varphi$

$\mathcal{N} := \langle \mathbb{N}, \mathcal{I}_{\mathbb{N}} \rangle$ is the model of $\mathcal{L}_A$ s.t.

- $\mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$;
- $\mathcal{I}_{\mathbb{N}}(0) = 0$;
- $\mathcal{I}_{\mathbb{N}}(S) = \{\langle x, y \rangle \in \mathbb{N}^2 : y = x + 1\}$ (the successor function over $\mathbb{N}$);
- $\mathcal{I}_{\mathbb{N}}(+)$ = $\{\langle x, y, z \rangle \in \mathbb{N}^3 : z = x + y\}$ (the addition function over $\mathbb{N}^2$);
- $\mathcal{I}_{\mathbb{N}}(\times)$ = $\{\langle x, y, z \rangle \in \mathbb{N}^3 : z = x \times y\}$ (the multiplication function over $\mathbb{N}^2$).

$\mathcal{N}$ is the *standard* or *intended* model of $\mathcal{L}_A$. $\mathcal{L}_A$ contains a name

$$\underbrace{S \dots S}_n 0$$

for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, which we note $\bar{n}$, and call the *numeral* of n .

A *non-standard* model of $\mathcal{L}_A$ is a model of $\mathcal{L}_A$ that is not isomorphic with $\mathcal{N}$.²

²Two models $\mathcal{M} = \langle d, \mathcal{I} \rangle$ and $\mathcal{M}' = \langle d', \mathcal{I}' \rangle$ of $\mathcal{L}_K$ are isomorphic iff d and d' have the same cardinality and there is a bijective function $j : d \rightarrow d'$ s.t.

- if $c \in K$, $j(\mathcal{I}(c)) = \mathcal{I}'(c)$;

Exercise 2. Show that $\mathcal{N} \models \text{PA}$.

Theorem 6 (Gödel's First Incompleteness). *For every effectively axiomatisable theory Th^3 formulated in an extension of $\mathcal{L}_A$, that is consistent and contains PA1-PA6, there is a $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}_A$ s.t. $\mathcal{N} \models \varphi$ but $\text{Th} \not\models \varphi$.*

Corollary 7. PA has non-standard, countable and uncountable, models.

Proof. Let $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}_A$ be s.t. $\mathcal{N} \models \varphi$ but $\text{PA} \not\models \varphi$. Then, $\text{PA} \cup \{\neg\varphi\}$ is consistent. Since PA has only infinite models, so does $\text{PA} \cup \{\neg\varphi\}$. By the Löwenheim-Skolem results, this theory has countable and uncountable models. Both are, a fortiori, non-standard models of PA. $\square$

2 Second-Order Logic

2.1 Languages

In second-order languages the vocabulary, class of terms, formulae, and sentences extend their first-order counterparts as follows.

New Vocabulary

- Functor symbols:⁴ $F_1, F_2, \dots, F_n, \dots$
- Relation variables: $X_1^1, X_2^1, \dots, X_n^1, \dots, X_1^2, X_2^2, \dots, X_n^2, \dots, X_1^m, X_2^m, \dots, X_n^m, \dots$

We write X_i and R_i instead of X_i^1 and R_i^1 , for perspicuity. For the same reason, we often write $X, Y, Z, \dots$ for $X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots$.

K need no longer contain at least one relation symbol. Figuring out why is left as an **exercise**.

Terms of $\mathcal{L}_K^2$

The set of terms of $\mathcal{L}_K^2$ extends that of $\mathcal{L}_K$ with the following:

- If $F, R_i \in K$, then $F(R_i)$ is a term of $\mathcal{L}_K^2$.
- If $F \in K$, then $F(X_i)$ is a term of $\mathcal{L}_K^2$.

Well-formed Formulae (wff) of $\mathcal{L}_K^2$

The set of wff of $\mathcal{L}_K^2$ extends that of $\mathcal{L}_K$ with the following:

- If $t_1, \dots, t_n$ are terms of $\mathcal{L}_K^2$, then $X_i^n(t_1, \dots, t_n)$ is an atomic wff of $\mathcal{L}_K^2$.
- If φ is a wff of $\mathcal{L}_K^2$, then $\forall V \varphi$ is a wff of $\mathcal{L}_K^2$.

Sentences are wff in which every individual variable v that occurs in them occurs under the scope of $\forall v$, and every relation variable V that occurs in them occurs under the scope of $\forall V$.

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- if $f_i^n \in K$ and $d_1, \dots, d_n \in d$, $j(\mathcal{I}(f_i^n)(d_1, \dots, d_n)) = \mathcal{I}'(f_i^n)(j(d_1), \dots, j(d_n))$;
 - if $R_i^n \in K$ and $d_1, \dots, d_n \in d$, $\langle d_1, \dots, d_n \rangle \in \mathcal{I}(R_i^n)$ iff $\langle j(d_1), \dots, j(d_n) \rangle \in \mathcal{I}'(R_i^n)$.

Note that if two models are isomorphic, they make true the same formulae.

³There is an algorithm to find out whether a formula is an axiom of the theory.

⁴For simplicity, we just introduce monadic functor symbols, that is, that should be followed syntactically just by one monadic relation variable. Functor symbols rarely occur in second-order languages, but play a central role in Frege's project.

X_i^n is *free in φ for X_j^n* iff no free occurrence of X_j^n in φ is in the scope of a quantifier of the form $\forall X_i^n$.

Let T_i, T_j be relation variables or symbols of the same arity. $\varphi[T_i/T_j]$ is the result of *substituting* all (free) occurrences of T_j in φ with T_i , if T_i is free in φ for T_j .

New shortcuts

- $s = t := \forall X(Xs \leftrightarrow Xt)$;
- $\exists V\varphi := \neg\forall V\neg\varphi$.

2.2 Deductive system

D2 extends D1 with the following:

Axioms of D2:

A5 $\forall X_i^n \varphi \rightarrow \varphi[T/X_i^n]$, if T is an n -ary relation variable free for X_i^n in φ or an n -ary relation symbol.

Comprehension schema. $\exists X^n \forall x_1 \dots \forall x_n (X^n x_1 \dots x_n \leftrightarrow \varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n))$, if X^n is not free in φ .

Rules of inference of D2:

$$\frac{\varphi \rightarrow \psi}{\varphi \rightarrow \forall V \psi} \text{ (Second-order generalisation)}$$

if V is not free in φ or in a premise.

Proof-theoretic consequence, logical theoremhood, and theory in D2 are defined as in D1.

Exercise 3. Show that $(=1)$ and $(=2)$ are logical theorems in D2.

2.3 Semantics

Standard Semantics

A *standard model* $\mathcal{M} = \langle d, \mathcal{I} \rangle$ of $\mathcal{L}_K^2$ is just a model of $\mathcal{L}_K$, plus an interpretation of the functor symbols as follows:

- $\mathcal{I}(F)$ is a function from $\wp(d)$ to d .⁵

An *assignment* σ in a model $\mathcal{M} = \langle d, \mathcal{I} \rangle$ of $\mathcal{L}_K^2$ extends an assignment for the first-order case to relation variables and new terms as follows:

- $\sigma(X_i^n) \subseteq d^n$;
- if $F, R_i \in K$, then $\sigma(F(R_i)) = \mathcal{I}(F)(\mathcal{I}(R_i))$;
- if $F \in K$, then $\sigma(F(X_i)) = \mathcal{I}(F)(\sigma(X_i))$.

Satisfaction by an assignment in a model

⁵Given a set s , $\wp(s)$ is the power set of s , the set of subsets of s , i.e. $\wp(s) = \{s' : s' \subseteq s\}$.

Satisfaction in a standard model of $\mathcal{L}_K$ extends to formulae of $\mathcal{L}_K^2$ as follows: $\mathcal{M}, \sigma \models \varphi$ iff

- $\varphi := X_i^n t_1, \dots, t_n$ and $\langle \sigma(t_1), \dots, \sigma(t_n) \rangle \in \sigma(X_i^n)$; or
- $\varphi := \forall V \psi$ and $\mathcal{M}, \sigma' \models \psi$ for every assignment σ' that differs from σ at most in the value assigned to V .

Truth in a standard model, standard semantic consequence, and standard logical truth for $\mathcal{L}_K^2$ are defined as for the first-order case.

Henkin Semantics

A *Henkin model* of $\mathcal{L}_K^2$ is a structure $\mathcal{M} = \langle d, D, \mathcal{I} \rangle$, in which d is a non-empty set, the *first-order domain* of the model, D is a set of subsets $D(n)$ of $\wp(d_n)$ (i.e. $D = \{D(n) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$, and $D(n) \subseteq \wp(d_n)$), the class of *second-order domains* of the model, and $\mathcal{I}$ is an interpretation function just as in the first-order case, plus the following clause for functors:

- $\mathcal{I}(F)$ is a function from $D(1)$ to d .

An *assignment* σ in a Henkin model $\mathcal{M} = \langle d, D, \mathcal{I} \rangle$ of $\mathcal{L}_K^2$ extends an assignment for the first-order case as in the standard case, except in case of relation variables:

- $\sigma(X_i^n) \in D(n)$.

Satisfaction by an assignment in a Henkin model, truth in a Henkin model, Henkin-semantic consequence ($\Gamma \models_H \varphi$), and *Henkin-logical truth* ($\models_H \varphi$) for $\mathcal{L}_K^2$ are defined just like in standard semantics.

Exercise 4. Show that there are Henkin models in which some instances of comprehension are not true.

Henkin models in which the comprehension schema comes out true are called *faithful models*. Henkin models in which each $D(n)$ coincides with $\wp(d_n)$ are called *full models*.

Exercise 5. Show that every standard model is equivalent (makes the same formulae true) to a full Henkin model.

Exercise 6. Show that if φ is Henkin-valid, then φ is standardly valid.

2.4 Arithmetic

$\mathcal{L}_A^2$ is the language of second-order arithmetic.

Second-order Peano Arithmetic, $Z_2 \subseteq \mathcal{L}_A^2$ in D2, consists of the axioms PA1-6 plus the following:

Induction axiom. $\forall X (X0 \wedge \forall x (Xx \rightarrow XSx) \rightarrow \forall x Xx)$

Exercise 7. Show that $\mathcal{N} \models Z_2$.

Theorem 8 (Categoricity). *If $\mathcal{M} \models Z_2$, then $\mathcal{M}$ and $\mathcal{N}$ are isomorphic.*

Exercise 8. Show that, for every $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}_A^2$, $Z_2 \models \varphi$ or $Z_2 \models \neg \varphi$.

2.5 Metatheoretical Results

For Standard Semantics

Theorem 9 (Soundness.). *If $\Gamma \vdash_{D2} \varphi$, then $\Gamma \models \varphi$.*

Theorem 10 (Inherent incompleteness.). *For every effectively axiomatisable extension D of $D2$, there exist Γ, φ s.t. $\Gamma \models \varphi$ but $\Gamma \not\vdash_D \varphi$.*

Theorem 11 (Failure of compactness.). *For some infinite Γ and some φ it is the case that $\Gamma \models \varphi$ but then there is no finite $\Delta \subseteq \Gamma$ s.t. $\Delta \models \varphi$.*

Theorem 12 (Failure of downward Löwenheim-Skolem.). *For some Γ and some infinite model $\mathcal{M} \models \Gamma$ there is no model $\mathcal{M}' = \langle d', \mathcal{I}' \rangle$ s.t. $\mathcal{M}' \models \Gamma$ and d' has cardinality $\aleph_0$.*

Theorem 13 (Failure of upward Löwenheim-Skolem.). *For some Γ and some infinite model $\mathcal{M} \models \Gamma$ it is not the case that, for each infinite cardinal number κ , there is a model $\mathcal{M}_\kappa = \langle d_\kappa, \mathcal{I}_\kappa \rangle$ s.t. $\mathcal{M}_\kappa \models \varphi$ and d_κ has cardinality κ .*

For (Faithful) Henkin Semantics

We take Henkin Logical consequence to be defined only in terms of faithful Henkin models in this section.

Theorem 14 (Soundness.). *If $\Gamma \vdash_{D2} \varphi$, then $\Gamma \models_H \varphi$.*

Theorem 15 (Completeness.). *If $\Gamma \models_H \varphi$, then $\Gamma \vdash_{D2} \varphi$.*

Theorem 16 (Compactness.). *If $\Gamma \models_H \varphi$, then there is a finite $\Delta \subseteq \Gamma$ s.t. $\Delta \models_H \varphi$.*

Theorem 17 (Downward Löwenheim-Skolem.). *If $\mathcal{M} \models_H \Gamma$ and d is infinite, then there is a model $\mathcal{M}' = \langle d', D', \mathcal{I}' \rangle$ s.t. $\mathcal{M}' \models_H \Gamma$ and d' has cardinality $\aleph_0$.*

Theorem 18 (Upward Löwenheim-Skolem.). *If $\mathcal{M} \models_H \Gamma$ and d is infinite, then for each infinite cardinal number κ there is a model $\mathcal{M}_\kappa = \langle d_\kappa, D_\kappa, \mathcal{I}_\kappa \rangle$ s.t. $\mathcal{M}_\kappa \models_H \Gamma$ and d_κ has cardinality κ .*

3 Definitions

Let $c, f_i^n, R_i^n, F \in K$, let $Th \subseteq \mathcal{L}_K (\mathcal{L}_K^2)$ be a theory in $D1 = (D2)$, and assume c, f_i^n, R_i^n, F do not occur in any (non-logical) axiom of Th . Also, let $v_1, \dots, v_n, u$ be distinct variables. The only free variables allowed to occur in an expression are explicitly indicated in brackets.

3.1 Explicit

Individual Constants

An *explicit definition* of c in Th is a formula of the form

$$c = t,$$

where t is a closed term of $\mathcal{L}_K (\mathcal{L}_K^2)$ in which c doesn't occur.

Alternatively, an *explicit definition* of c can be given by a formula of the form

$$\forall v (c = v \leftrightarrow \varphi(v)), \tag{1}$$

provided that $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}_K (\mathcal{L}_K^2)$ is s.t. v is the only free variable, c doesn't occur in it, and φ is true of one and only one object, i.e. $\exists! v \varphi(v)$.

Exercise 9. *Indicate how a formula of the form (1) could fail to define c if $\exists! v \varphi(v)$ fails to be true.*

Function Symbols

An *explicit definition* of f_i^n in Th is a formula of the form

$$f_i^n(v_1, \dots, v_n) = t(v_1, \dots, v_n),$$

where t is a term of $\mathcal{L}_K$ ($\mathcal{L}_K^2$) in which f_i^n doesn't occur.

Alternatively, an *explicit definition* of f_i^n can be given by a formula of the form

$$\forall v_1 \dots \forall v_n \forall u (f_i^n(v_1, \dots, v_n) = u \leftrightarrow \varphi(v_1, \dots, v_n, u)), \quad (2)$$

where $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}_K$ ($\mathcal{L}_K^2$) is s.t. $v_1, \dots, v_n, u$ are the only free variables, f_i^n doesn't occur in it, and it expresses a function, i.e. for every $v_1, \dots, v_n$ there is a unique u s.t. φ is true. Formally,

$$\forall v_1 \dots \forall v_n \exists! u \varphi(v_1, \dots, v_n, u). \quad (3)$$

Exercise 10. Indicate how a formula of the form (2) could fail to define f_i^n if (3) is not true.

Relation Symbols

An *explicit definition* of R_i^n in Th is a formula of the form

$$\forall v_1 \dots \forall v_n (R_i^n(v_1, \dots, v_n) \leftrightarrow \varphi(v_1, \dots, v_n)), \quad (4)$$

where $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}_K$ ($\mathcal{L}_K^2$) is s.t. $v_1, \dots, v_n$ are the only free variables and R_i^n doesn't occur in it.

Exercise 11. Indicate how a formula of the form (4) could fail to define R_i^n if φ contains free variables other than $v_1, \dots, v_n$.

Functor Symbols

An *explicit definition* of F in Th is a formula of the form

$$F(X_i) = t(X_i),$$

where t is a term of $\mathcal{L}_K^2$ in which F doesn't occur.

Alternatively, an *explicit definition* of F can be given by a formula of the form

$$\forall X_i \forall v (F(X_i) = v \leftrightarrow \varphi(X_i, v)), \quad (5)$$

where $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}_K^2$ is s.t. X_i and v are the only free variables, F doesn't occur in it, and φ expresses a function, i.e. for every X_i there is a unique v s.t. φ is true. Formally,

$$\forall X_i \exists! v \varphi(X_i, v). \quad (6)$$

Exercise 12. Indicate how a formula of the form (5) could fail to define F if (6) is not true.

3.2 Recursive

Let $\mathcal{L}_K$ ($\mathcal{L}_K^2$) extend $\mathcal{L}_A$ ($\mathcal{L}_A^2$).

Function Symbols

A *recursive definition* of f_i^n in Th is given by the universal closure of the conjunction of

- $f_i^n(v_1, \dots, v_{n-1}, 0) = s(v_1, \dots, v_{n-1});$
- $f_i^n(v_1, \dots, v_{n-1}, Sv_n) = t(v_1, \dots, v_n);$

where s, t are terms of $\in \mathcal{L}_K(\mathcal{L}_K^2)$ s.t. f_i^n doesn't occur in s , and it only features in t in subterms of the form $f_i^n(v_1, \dots, v_n)$.

Alternatively, a *recursive definition* of f_i^n can be given by the universal closure of the conjunction of the following:

- $f_i^n(v_1, \dots, v_{n-1}, 0) = u \leftrightarrow \varphi(v_1, \dots, v_{n-1}, u);$
- $f_i^n(v_1, \dots, v_{n-1}, Sv_n) = u \leftrightarrow \psi(v_1, \dots, v_n, u);$

where $\varphi, \psi \in \mathcal{L}_K(\mathcal{L}_K^2)$ are s.t. f_i^n doesn't occur in φ , and it only features in ψ in subterms of the form $f_i^n(v_1, \dots, v_n)$.

Exercise 13. Show that a recursive definition of f_i^n of the latter kind is logically equivalent to $\forall v_1 \dots \forall v_n \forall u (f_i^n(v_1, \dots, v_n) = u \leftrightarrow (v_n = 0 \wedge \varphi(v_1, \dots, v_{n-1}, u)) \vee \exists v (v_n = Sv \wedge \psi(v_1, \dots, v_n, u)))$

Relation Symbols

A recursive definition of R_i^n in Th is given by the universal closure of the conjunction of

- $R_i^n(v_1, \dots, v_{n-1}, 0) \leftrightarrow \varphi(v_1, \dots, v_{n-1});$
- $R_i^n(v_1, \dots, v_{n-1}, Sv_n) \leftrightarrow \psi(v_1, \dots, v_n);$

where $\varphi, \psi \in \mathcal{L}_K(\mathcal{L}_K^2)$ are s.t. R_i^n doesn't occur in φ , and the only occurrences of R_i^n in ψ are of the form $R_i^n(v_1, \dots, v_n)$.

Exercise 14. Show that a recursive definition of R_i^n is logically equivalent to

$$\forall v_1 \dots \forall v_n (R_i^n(v_1, \dots, v_n) \leftrightarrow (v_n = 0 \wedge \varphi(v_1, \dots, v_{n-1})) \vee \exists u (v_n = Su \wedge \psi(v_1, \dots, v_{n-1}, u)))$$

3.3 Metatheoretic Results

Theorem 19 (Eliminability.). *If δ is an explicit definition of an expression ϵ in $Th \subseteq \mathcal{L}_K(\mathcal{L}_K^2)$, then for every wff φ of $\mathcal{L}_K(\mathcal{L}_K^2)$, there is a wff φ' of $\mathcal{L}_K(\mathcal{L}_K^2)$ in which ϵ doesn't occur, s.t. $Th, \delta \vdash_{D1=(D2)} \varphi \leftrightarrow \varphi'$.*

Corollary 20 (Non-creativity.). *If δ is an explicit definition of an expression ϵ in $Th \subseteq \mathcal{L}_K(\mathcal{L}_K^2)$, then there is no wff φ of $\mathcal{L}_K(\mathcal{L}_K^2)$ s.t. $Th, \delta \vdash_{D1=(D2)} \varphi$ but $Th \not\vdash_{D1=(D2)} \varphi$.*

Theorem 21. *If δ is a recursive definition of an expression ϵ in a theory $Th \subseteq \mathcal{L}_K^2$ extending Z_2 , there is a $\delta' \in \mathcal{L}_K^2$ s.t. $Th \vdash_{D2} \delta \leftrightarrow \delta'$ and δ' is an explicit definition of ϵ in Th .*

4 Fregean Foundations

4.1 Frege's Logic

Let $F := A \cup \{N, \S, \#\}$, where N is a unary relation symbol, and $\S$ and $\#$ are functor symbols for unary relation symbols and variables. $\mathcal{L}_F^2$ is the language of Frege's Logic.

Frege's Logic, FL, extends D2 with the following axiom:

Basic Law V (BLV). $\forall X \forall Y (\S X = \S Y \leftrightarrow X \equiv Y)$

where $X \equiv Y := \forall x (Xx \leftrightarrow Yx)$ ($X \equiv Y$ iff X and Y hold of the same objects), plus definitions for $\#, 0, S, +, \times$, and N , as indicated in what follows. The intended reading of BLV is that concepts that hold of the same objects have the same extension/form the same class.

4.2 Natural Numbers and Hume's Principle

$X \approx Y := \exists X^2 (\forall x (Xx \rightarrow \exists! y (Yy \wedge X^2 xy)) \wedge \forall y (Yy \rightarrow \exists! x (Xx \wedge X^2 xy)))$ (there is a bijection between X and Y)

We can define 'number of', the functor $\#$, in FL as follows:

$$\forall X (\#X =_{def} \S(\exists Y (x = \S Y \wedge X \approx Y)))^6$$

Exercise 15. *Show that $\approx$ is an equivalence relation, that is:*

1. $\forall X X \approx X$,
2. $\forall X \forall Y (X \approx Y \rightarrow Y \approx X)$,
3. $\forall X \forall Y \forall Z (X \approx Y \wedge Y \approx Z \rightarrow X \approx Z)$.

Then one could define each numeral as follows:

- $0 =_{def} \#(x \neq x)$
- $\bar{1} (= S0) =_{def} \#(x = 0)$
- $\bar{2} (= SS0) =_{def} \#(x = 0 \vee x = 1)$
- ...

But this is not a definition of S , only a list of its instances. As such, it won't help us derive the axioms of PA or Z_2 . Thus, more work needs to be done.

$$\text{Pred}(x, y) := \exists X (Xx \wedge y = \#X \wedge x = \#(Xz \wedge z \neq x))$$

$$\text{Her}(X) := \forall x \forall y (\text{Pred}(x, y) \rightarrow (Xx \rightarrow Xy))$$

$$\text{Ans}(x, y) := \forall X (Xx \wedge \text{Her}(X) \rightarrow Xy)$$

Exercise 16. *Show that*

1. $\text{Pred}(x, y) \rightarrow \text{Ans}(x, y)$
2. $\text{Pred}(x, y) \wedge \text{Pred}(y, z) \rightarrow \text{Ans}(x, z)$
3. $\text{Ans}(x, y) \wedge \text{Ans}(y, z) \rightarrow \text{Ans}(x, z)$
4. $\neg \text{Pred}(x, x)$
5. $\text{Ans}(x, x)$

⁶Given that formation rules for terms with functors only allow for functors to syntactically apply to relation variables or symbols, this is just an abbreviation of

$$\forall X \forall y (\#X = y \leftrightarrow \exists Z (y = \S(Z) \wedge \forall x (Zx \leftrightarrow \exists Y (x = \S Y \wedge X \approx Y))))).$$

The same goes for the definitions of particular numerals coming next.

Definitinons of arithmetical symbols in $\mathcal{L}_A^2$

- $\forall x(Nx \leftrightarrow_{def} \text{Ans}(0, x))$
- $\forall x\forall y(Sx = y \leftrightarrow_{def} Nx \wedge \text{Pred}(x, y))$
- $\forall x\forall y\forall z(x + y = z \leftrightarrow_{def} Nx \wedge Ny \wedge (y = 0 \wedge z = x) \vee \exists w(w = Sy) \wedge z = S(x + y))$ ⁷
- $\forall x\forall y\forall z(x \times y = z \leftrightarrow_{def} Nx \wedge Ny \wedge (y = 0 \wedge z = 0) \vee \exists w(w = Sy \wedge z = x \times y + x))$ ⁸

Theorem 22. *The following is provable in FL:*

Hume's Principle (HP). $\forall X\forall Y(\#X = \#Y \leftrightarrow X \approx Y)$

Proof. Left as an **exercise**. (HP follows easily from the definition of $\#$.) □

The intended reading of HP is that the number of X is the same as that of Y just in case there is a bijection between these two concepts.

4.3 Frege's Theorem

Exercise 17. *Show that the following follow from the definitions of $N, 0, S, +, \times$ and HP:*

1. $N0$
2. $\forall x\forall y\forall X\forall Y(Xx \wedge Yy \wedge X \approx Y \rightarrow (Xz \wedge z \neq x) \approx (Yz \wedge z \neq y))$
3. $\forall x\forall y\forall X\forall Y(Xx \wedge Yy \wedge (Xz \wedge z \neq x) \approx (Yz \wedge z \neq y) \rightarrow X \approx Y)$
4. $\forall x\forall y(Nx \wedge Ny \wedge Sx = Sy \rightarrow x = y)$
5. $\forall x\forall y(Nx \wedge \text{Pred}(x, y) \rightarrow Ny)$
6. $\forall x(Nx \rightarrow \exists!y(y = Sx \wedge Ny))$
7. $\forall X(\forall x(Nx \rightarrow (Xx \rightarrow XSx)) \rightarrow \forall x\forall y(\text{Pred}(x, y) \rightarrow (Nx \wedge Xx \rightarrow Ny \wedge XY)))$

Theorem 23 (Frege). *The axioms of Z_2 (relativised to Nv) are provable in FL.*

Proof. We show they all follow from the definitions of $N, 0, S, +, \times$ and HP, without making use of BLV.

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|----|---|--------------|
| 1. | $Nx \wedge Sx = 0$ | assumption |
| 2. | $Nx \wedge Sx = \#(x \neq x)$ | Def. 0, 1 |
| 3. | $\text{Pred}(x, \#(x \neq x))$ | Def. S , 2 |
| 4. | $\exists X(Xx \wedge \#(x \neq x) = \#X \wedge x = \#(Xz \wedge z \neq x))$ | Def. Pred, 3 |

⁷This is just long for

$$\begin{aligned} x + 0 &=_{def} x; \\ x + Sy &=_{def} S(x + y). \end{aligned}$$

⁸This is just long for

$$\begin{aligned} x \times 0 &=_{def} 0; \\ x \times Sy &=_{def} x \times y + x. \end{aligned}$$

5. $x \neq x$ HP, 4
6. $\forall x(Nx \rightarrow Sx \neq 0)$ 1-5
1. $Nx \wedge Ny \wedge Sx = Sy$ assumption
2. $\text{Pred}(x, Sy) \wedge \text{Pred}(y, Sx)$ Def. S, 1
3. $\exists X(Xx \wedge Sy = \#X \wedge x = \#(Xz \wedge z \neq x))$ Def. Pred, 2
4. $\exists X(Xx \wedge \text{Pred}(y, \#X) \wedge x = \#(Xz \wedge z \neq x))$ Def. S, 3
5. $\exists X(Xx \wedge \exists Y(Yy \wedge \#X = \#Y \wedge y = \#(Yz \wedge z \neq y)) \wedge x = \#(Xz \wedge z \neq x))$ Def. Pred, 4
6. $\exists X \exists Y(Xx \wedge Yy \wedge X \approx Y \wedge y = \#(Yz \wedge z \neq y) \wedge x = \#(Xz \wedge z \neq x))$ HP, 5
7. $\exists X \exists Y((Xz \wedge z \neq x) \approx (Yz \wedge z \neq y) \wedge y = \#(Yz \wedge z \neq y) \wedge x = \#(Xz \wedge z \neq x))$ Ex. 17.2, 6
8. $\exists X \exists Y(\#(Xz \wedge z \neq x) = \#(Yz \wedge z \neq y) \wedge y = \#(Yz \wedge z \neq y) \wedge x = \#(Xz \wedge z \neq x))$ HP, 7
9. $x = y$ $=^2$, 8
10. $\forall x \forall y(Nx \wedge Ny \rightarrow (Sx = Sy \rightarrow x = y))$ 1-9

Axioms PA3-PA6 follow trivially. They are left as **exercises**. For the induction axiom we have the following:

1. $X0 \wedge \forall x(Nx \rightarrow (Xx \rightarrow XSx))$ assumption
2. Nx assumption
3. $\text{Ans}(0, x)$ Def. N, 2
4. $\forall X(X0 \wedge \text{Her}(X) \rightarrow Xx)$ Def. Ans, 3
5. $N0 \wedge X0 \wedge \text{Her}(Nx \wedge Xx) \rightarrow (Nx \rightarrow Xx)$ 4
6. $\forall x \forall y(\text{Pred}(x, y) \rightarrow (Nx \wedge Xx \rightarrow Ny \wedge Xy))$ 17.7, 1
7. $\text{Her}(Nx \wedge Xx)$ Def. Her, 6
8. $Nx \rightarrow Xx$ Ex. 17.1, 1, 5, 7
9. $\forall x(Nx \rightarrow Xx)$ 2-8

□

4.4 Russell's Paradox

$C(x) := \exists X x = \S X$

$x \in y := \exists X(y = \S X \wedge Xx)$

$C(x)$'s intended to mean that x is a class or extension, whereas $x \in y$ is to indicate that x is a member of the class y .

Lemma 24. *The following follow in FL:*

Comprehension schema for classes/extensions. $\forall X \exists x \forall y(y \in x \leftrightarrow Xy)$

Extensionality principle. $\forall x \forall y(C(x) \wedge C(y) \rightarrow (\forall z(z \in x \leftrightarrow z \in y) \rightarrow x = y))$

Proof. Left as an **exercise**. □

Theorem 25 (Russell). *FL is inconsistent (and, thus, trivial).*

<i>Proof.</i>	1. $\exists x \forall y (y \in x \leftrightarrow y \notin y)$	Comprehension for classes
	2. $\forall y (y \in x \leftrightarrow y \notin y)$	assumption
	3. $x \in x \leftrightarrow x \notin x$	2
	4. $\perp$	1, 2-3
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