

Definition of *Divine property*:

$$D(F) =_D \Box \forall x (Gx \supset Fx)$$

Comprehension principle for the existence of the property G of being *Godly*:

$$\exists G \forall x (Hx \equiv \forall Y (D(Y) \supset \Box Yx))$$

By substitution we have:

$$\exists G \forall x (Gx \equiv \forall Y (\Box \forall z (Gz \supset Yz) \supset \Box Yx))$$

This is circular. As the occurrence of G in the definiens is \Diamond -positive, i.e. positive but within the scope of a \Diamond -operator if written in disjunctive normal form, we may first seek to avoid this circularity by the impredicative definition:

$$\exists G \forall x (Gx \equiv \forall K (\forall w (\forall Y (\Box \forall z (Kz \supset Yz) \supset \Box Yw) \supset Kw) \supset Kx))$$

Let Gx be an instantiation so that

$$\forall x (Gx \equiv \forall K (\forall w (\forall Y (\Box \forall z (Kz \supset Yz) \supset \Box Yw) \supset Kw) \supset Kx))$$

We seek to prove

$$\forall x (Gx \equiv \forall Y (\Box \forall z (Gz \supset Yz) \supset \Box Yx))$$

Suppose for arbitrary K :

$$\forall w (\forall Y (\Box \forall z (Kz \supset Yz) \supset \Box Yw) \supset Kw)$$

Then

$$\forall x (Gx \supset Kx)$$

But here we do not achieve $\Box \forall x (Gx \supset Kx)$, which is needed here to utilize \Diamond -positiveness of the definition in order to substitute as desired.

This necessitates a change in comprehension:

$$\forall x (Gx \equiv \forall K (\forall w (\forall Y (\Box \forall z (Kz \supset Yz) \supset \Box Yw) \supset \Box Kw) \supset Kx))$$

Let K be satiated iff

$$\forall w (\forall Y (\Box \forall z (Kz \supset Yz) \supset \Box Yw) \supset \Box Kw)$$

Suppose K is satiated. Then $\Box \forall x (Gx \supset Kx)$, invoking also S5 principles in a conditional proof.

Since occurrences of K are \Diamond -positive in $\forall Y (\Box \forall z (Kz \supset Yz) \supset \Box Yw)$, $\forall Y (\Box \forall z (Gz \supset Yz) \supset \Box Yw) \supset \forall Y (\Box \forall z (Kz \supset Yz) \supset \Box Yw)$.

Since K is assumed to be satiated, $\forall Y (\Box \forall z (Gz \supset Yz) \supset \Box Yw) \supset \Box Kw$. By the T-schema, $\forall Y (\Box \forall z (Gz \supset Yz) \supset \Box Yw) \supset Kw$.

Again, as K was assumed to be arbitrary and satiated we discharge this assumption and generalize to get $\forall Y (\Box \forall z (Gz \supset Yz) \supset \Box Yx) \supset \forall K (\forall w (\forall Y (\Box \forall z (Kz \supset Yz) \supset \Box Yw) \supset \Box Kw) \supset Kx)$. By the definition of G this is:

$$\forall Y (\Box \forall z (Gz \supset Yz) \supset \Box Yx) \supset Gx. \text{ By necessitation, } \Box (\forall Y (\Box \forall z (Gz \supset Yz) \supset \Box Yx) \supset Gx).$$

Introduce by comprehension:

$$Jx \equiv \forall Y (\Box \forall z (Gz \supset Yz) \supset \Box Yx).$$

We have shown that $\Box \forall x (Jx \supset Gx)$. But then again, since occurrences of G in $\forall Y (\Box \forall z (Gz \supset Yz) \supset \Box Yw)$ are \Diamond -positive, $\forall w (\forall Y (\Box \forall z (Jz \supset Yz) \supset \Box Yw) \supset \forall Y (\Box \forall z (Gz \supset Yz) \supset \Box Yw))$. By the definition of J , $\forall w (\forall Y (\Box \forall z (Jz \supset Yz) \supset \Box Yw) \supset Jw)$. By S5 principles and the second order Barcan formula, $\forall w (\forall Y (\Box \forall z (Jz \supset Yz) \supset \Box Yw) \supset \Box Jw)$. So J is satiated, hence $\Box \forall x (Gx \supset Jx)$. By the definition of J , this is $\Box \forall x (Gx \supset \forall Y (\Box \forall z (Gz \supset Yz) \supset \Box Yx))$.

Putting these together,

$$\Box \forall x (Gx \equiv \forall Y (\Box \forall z (Gz \supset Yz) \supset \Box Yx)).$$

q.e.d.

We inspect the comprehension scheme used, viz.

$$\forall x (Gx \equiv \forall K (\forall w (\forall Y (\Box \forall z (Kz \supset Yz) \supset \Box Yw) \supset \Box Kw) \supset Kx)).$$

To achieve prenex normal form from this we first have, equivalently,

$\forall x (Gx \equiv \forall K \exists w ((\forall Y (\Box \forall z (Kz \supset Yz) \supset \Box Yw) \supset \Box Kw) \supset Kx))$. Next, equivalently

$$\forall x (Gx \equiv \forall K \exists w (\exists Y ((\Box \forall z (Kz \supset Yz) \supset \Box Yw) \supset \Box Kw) \supset Kx)).$$
 Finally,

$$\forall x (Gx \equiv \forall K \exists w \forall Y ((\Box \forall z (Kz \supset Yz) \supset \Box Yw) \supset \Box Kw) \supset Kx).$$

Hence, $\prod \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$ -comprehension in the context of modal second order logic is sufficient for the introduction of G .

With this machinery we can show in second order modal S5, presupposing the definition of *Divine property* as given by

$$D(F) =_D \Box \forall x (Gx \supset Fx), \text{ that}$$

$$\exists X (\sim D(X)) \supset \Box \exists x Gx$$