

SOME WEAKENED GÖDELIAN ONTOLOGICAL SYSTEMS

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**ABSTRACT.** We describe a  $KB$  Gödelian ontological system, and some other weak systems, in a fully formal way using theory of types and natural deduction, and present a completeness proof in its main and specific parts. We technically and philosophically analyze and comment on the systems (mainly with respect to the relativism of values) and include a sketch of some connected aspects of Gödel's relation to Kant.

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Kurt Gödel proposed in some of his notes [11] an ontological proof of the necessary existence of a God-like being. He used  $S5$  second-order modal logic with some axioms and definitions added. Following an initiative from a paper by Hájek ([15], p. 134), we would like to examine some weakened Gödelian ontological systems, and that from the philosophical and technical point of view. 'Weakened' means here weaker than Gödel's original  $S5$  based system from 1970. We use second-order logic with third-order constants, adding modalities and some or all Gödel's axioms. A  $KB$  based second-order modal logic with Gödel's ontological axioms is especially interesting since it can block the modal collapse of the system in a very simple way, allows contingencies, and preserves value absolutism. Since we want to leave the third-order property of "positiveness" undefined, we do not use Cocchiarella's second-order modal logic [4], which can be used only on the proviso that all third-order properties are defined by second-order properties, for example, in the way Anderson defines "positiveness" (in [3], pp. 297, 303).

We first generally describe the language, semantics and systems of a class of Gödelian ontological logics, and then we consider some special logics of that class. The language and semantics are restricted to at most third-order types. We use world-dependent first-order domains, first-order constants are rigid, and otherwise there are no extensional types. We also use a concept of modal ultrafilter. A Fitch-style natural deduction system is applied.<sup>1</sup>



## 1. LANGUAGE AND SEMANTICS

1.1. *Language*

In the language we have an appropriate typing mechanism where third-order types are the highest types. In particular, we have a third-order property  $\mathcal{P}$  (“positivness”) and  $\lambda$ -abductor. For simplicity, we omit the intensionality sign, since any ambiguity will be solved by the interpretation and derivation rules.<sup>2</sup>

**DEFINITION 1.1 (Type).** 0 is a type. If  $\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n$  are types, then  $\langle \tau_1, \dots, \tau_n \rangle$  is a type. The highest argument type  $\tau_i$  is  $\langle 0, \dots, 0 \rangle$ .

**DEFINITION 1.2 (Order).** Type 0 is first-order. If the highest of the orders of types  $\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n$  is  $n$ , then the type  $\langle \tau_1, \dots, \tau_n \rangle$  is  $(n+1)$ th-order.

1.1.1. *Vocabulary*

Individual and relation constants:  $a, b, \dots, a_1, \dots; A^n, B^n, \dots, A_1^n, \dots; \mathcal{A}^\tau, \mathcal{B}^\tau, \dots, \mathcal{A}_1^\tau, \dots$ ; variables:  $x, \dots, x_1, \dots; X^n, \dots, X_1^n, \dots$ ; logical constants  $=^{(0,0)}, \mathcal{P}^{(0)}$ ; operators:  $\neg, \rightarrow, \forall, \lambda, \square$  (other operators are defined in a usual way).

1.1.2. *Formation Rules*

Term and formula have to be defined together because of their definitional interdependency.

**DEFINITION 1.3 (Term and formula).**

- Individual and relation constants and variables are terms,
- if  $t$  is a term of type  $\langle \tau_1, \dots, \tau_n \rangle$ , and  $t_1, \dots, t_n$  terms of types  $\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n$  respectively, then  $t(t_1, \dots, t_n)$  is a formula ( $tt_1$  is short for  $t(t_1)$ ).  $\neg\phi$ ,  $\phi \rightarrow \psi$ ,  $\forall\alpha\phi$  and  $\square\phi$  are formulas if  $\phi$  is a formula and  $\alpha$  a variable,
- terms are also term abstracts of the form  $(\lambda\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n.\phi)$ , where  $\alpha_i$  is a variable of some type  $\tau_i$  and  $\phi$  is a formula. In  $(\lambda\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n.\phi)$  every subformula of  $\phi$  contains at least one occurrence of at least one  $\alpha_i$ , all of  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$  occur in  $\phi$  and in  $\phi$  there is no  $\forall$  immediately followed by any of  $\alpha_i$ .

The syntactical restriction of lambda abstracts may seem somewhat arbitrary, but it is meant to exclude terms built from closed formulas or from formulas containing closed formulas (see a note about  $\lambda$ -Intro rule in Section 2). Although the restriction also excludes abstracts like, e.g.,  $(\lambda\alpha_1\alpha_2.\forall\alpha_1\phi(\alpha_1, \alpha_2))$ , this is easy manageable by renaming of variables.

1.2. *Semantics*

A model is a general (Henkin) model with world-dependent basic domains. Constants can denote, at a world  $w$ , objects that do not exist in  $w$ .

DEFINITION 1.4 (Model). A model  $M$  is an ordered 5-tuple  $\langle W, R, H, Q, I \rangle$  where

- (1)  $W$  is a non-empty set (of “worlds”),
- (2)  $R \subseteq W \times W$ ,
- (3)  $H$  is a collection  $\{D^\tau\}$  of domains where
  - $D^0$  is a non-empty set of individuals,
  - $D^\tau \subseteq \wp(D^{\tau_1} \times \cdots \times D^{\tau_n})^W$ , where  $\tau = \langle \tau_1, \dots, \tau_n \rangle$  and  $\tau \neq 0$  ( $D^\tau$  is non-empty),
- (4)  $Q: W \longrightarrow \wp D^0$  ( $Q(w)$  is non-empty),
- (5)  $I$  is an interpretation function such that for every constant  $\kappa^\tau$ ,  $I(\kappa^\tau) \in D^\tau$ ; in particular
  - $I(=^{(0,0)})$  is a function whose value for each  $w$  is the set of pairs  $\langle d^0, d^0 \rangle$  for each  $d^0 \in D^0$ ,
  - $I(\mathcal{P})$  is a modal ultrafilter over  $D^0$  (cf. Def. 1.5 below).

Additionally, we can also define that

- $I(\mathcal{E}\mathcal{S}\mathcal{S})$  is a function  $d^{((0),0)} \in D^{((0),0)}$  such that  $d^{((0),0)}(w) = \{\langle d^{(0)}, d^0 \rangle \mid d^0 \in d^{(0)}(w) \text{ and for each } e^{(0)}, \text{ if } d^0 \in e^{(0)}(w), \text{ then for every } w' \text{ with } wRw', d^{(0)}(w') \subseteq e^{(0)}(w')\}\}$ ,
- $I(N)$  is a function  $d^{(0)} \in D^{(0)}$  such that  $d^{(0)}(w) = \{d^0 \mid \text{if } \langle d^{(0)}, d^0 \rangle \in I(\mathcal{E}\mathcal{S}\mathcal{S}, w), \text{ then for each } w' \text{ with } wRw', \exists d^0 \in Q(w') \text{ such that } d^0 \in d^{(0)}(w')\}\}$ ,
- $I(\mathcal{P})$  is a modal ultrafilter over  $D^0$  such that, (i) if  $d^{(0)} \in I(\mathcal{P}, w)$ , then for each  $w'$  such that  $wRw'$ ,  $d^{(0)} \in I(\mathcal{P}, w')$ , and also (ii)  $I(N) \in I(\mathcal{P}, w)$  for each  $w$ .

DEFINITION 1.5 (Modal ultrafilter over  $D^0$ ). Modal ultrafilter  $U$  over  $D^0$  is a member of  $D^{((0))}$  such that for each  $w$ ,  $U(w)$  is a set of members of  $D^{(0)}$  and  $U(w)$  satisfies the following conditions:

- (1)  $\Delta \in U(w)$  (for each  $w' \in W$ ,  $\Delta(w') = D^0$ ),
- (2) if for some (possibly infinite) set  $N$ ,  $d_i^{(0)} \in U(w)$  for each  $i \in N$ , and  $i^{(0)}$  is a function such that for each  $w'$ ,  $i^{(0)}(w') = \bigcap_i d_i^{(0)}(w')$ , then  $i^{(0)} \in U(w)$ ,

- (3) if  $d_i^{(0)} \in U(w)$  and for each  $w'$  such that  $wRw'$ ,  $d_i^{(0)}(w') \subseteq d_j^{(0)}(w')$ , then  $d_j^{(0)} \in U(w)$ ,
- (4)  $d^{(0)} \in U(w)$  iff  $\bar{d}^{(0)} \notin U(w)$ , where  $\bar{d}^{(0)}$  is a function such that for each  $w'$ ,  $\bar{d}^{(0)}(w')$  is the set of all  $d^0 \notin d^{(0)}(w')$ .

For example,  $I(\mathcal{P})$  is a modal ultrafilter (as stated above, Def. 1.4).

**DEFINITION 1.6** (Variable assignment). Variable assignment  $v$  is a function that assigns an object of type  $\tau$  to each variable of type  $\tau$ , i.e.,  $v(\alpha^\tau) \in D^\tau$ .

**DEFINITION 1.7** (Variant of a variable assignment). A variant  $v[d/\alpha]$  is a variable assignment that differs from the variable assignment  $v$  at most on  $\alpha$ .

Like term and formula, designation, satisfaction and world relative designation of  $\lambda$ -abstract can also be defined only interdependently.

**DEFINITION 1.8** (Designation and satisfaction). Let  $\llbracket t \rrbracket_v^M$  be a designation of a term  $t$  in a model  $M$  for a variable assignment  $v$ , and ' $\models$ ' a satisfaction sign. Then

- $\llbracket \kappa \rrbracket_v^M = I(\kappa)$ ,
- $\llbracket \alpha \rrbracket_v^M = v(\alpha)$ ,
- $M, w \models_v \phi$  is defined in the following way:
  - $M, w \models_v t(t_1 \dots t_n)$  iff  $\langle \llbracket t_1 \rrbracket_v^M, \dots, \llbracket t_n \rrbracket_v^M \rangle \in \llbracket t \rrbracket_v^M(w)$ ,
  - $\vdots$
  - $M, w \models_v \forall \alpha^\tau \phi$  iff for each  $d^0 \in Q(w)$  and  $d^{\tau \neq 0} \in D^{\tau \neq 0}$ ,  $M, w \models_{v[d^\tau/\alpha^\tau]} \phi$ ,
  - $M, w \models_v \Box \phi$  iff for each  $w'$  such that  $wRw'$ ,  $M, w' \models_v \phi$ .
- $\llbracket \lambda \alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n . \phi \rrbracket_v^M = A(v, \lambda \alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n . \phi)$ , where
  - $A$  is a function that assigns a member of  $D^\tau$  ( $\tau = \langle \tau_1, \dots, \tau_n \rangle$ ), on a variable assignment  $v$ , to each  $\lambda$ -abstract  $\lambda \alpha_1^{\tau_1} \dots \alpha_n^{\tau_n} . \phi$ ,
  - $A((v, \lambda \alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n . \phi), w) = \{ \langle v'(\alpha_1), \dots, v'(\alpha_n) \rangle \mid M, w \models_{v'} \phi \}$ , where  $v' = v[d_1/\alpha_1, \dots, d_n/\alpha_n]$ .

Consequence relation and validity are defined in a familiar way.

## 2. SYSTEMS

In the systems we will consider (we call them Gödelian ontological systems) there will be the following rules and axioms:

- Intro and Elim rules for  $\neg$ ,  $\rightarrow$  (derived rules for  $\wedge$ ,  $\vee$  and  $\leftrightarrow$ ),
- Intro and Elim rules for  $\forall$ ; free logic rules for first-order quantification ( $E\kappa$  means  $\exists\alpha \kappa = \alpha$ ):
  - $\forall$  Elim:  $\forall\alpha^0\phi \vdash E\kappa^0 \rightarrow \phi(\kappa^0/\alpha^0)$ ,
  - $\forall$  Intro:  $\Gamma \vdash E\kappa^0 \rightarrow \phi(\kappa^0/\alpha^0) \Rightarrow \Gamma \vdash \forall\alpha^0\phi$  ( $\kappa^0$  does not occur in  $\Gamma$ ,  $\forall\alpha^0\phi$ ).

Otherwise,  $\forall$  Intro and  $\forall$  Elim are as usual (all instantiating terms are closed). In proofs we also use derived rules for  $\exists$ .

- $=$  Intro:  $t = t$  ( $t$  is a closed term in a usual sense),
- $=$  Elim:  $\{t_i = t_j, \phi(t_i)\} \vdash \phi(t_j/t_i)$   
( $\phi$  is atomic,  $t_i, t_j$  are closed terms),
- $\lambda$  Intro:  $\phi(t_1, \dots, t_n) \vdash$   
 $(\lambda\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n. \phi(\alpha_1/t_1, \dots, \alpha_n/t_n))(t_1, \dots, t_n)$   
( $t_i$  is a closed term),  
Restriction:  $\phi$  in  $(\lambda\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n. \phi)$  does not contain closed subformulas.
- $\lambda$  Elim:  $(\lambda\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n. \phi)(t_1, \dots, t_n) \vdash \phi(t_1/\alpha_1, \dots, t_n/\alpha_n)$   
( $t_i$  is a closed term),
- modal rules for a modal propositional system  $S$ . E.g.,  $KB$  is a system with  $\phi \rightarrow \Box\Diamond\phi$  as its characteristic theorem and includes therefore the following modal rule: if  $\Diamond\Gamma \vdash \phi$  then  $\Gamma \vdash \Box\phi$ ,
- Gödel's (or Gödelian) axioms concerning "positivity" and definitions (see Sections 3 and 4).

The syntactical restriction of term abstracts in Definition 1.3 serves to restrict the  $\lambda$ -Intro rule not to enable the derivations of term abstracts with  $\phi$  containing closed subformulas. This is one (easy) way to block the unrestricted necessitation of sentences of the system, since Sobel's proof (the only one known) of  $\forall X\forall x(Xx \rightarrow \Box Xx)$  (in [21], p. 253, and [22], p. 42) is dependent on a vacuous  $\lambda$  introduction, or at least on a  $\lambda$  introduction that leaves a closed subformula within the scope of  $\lambda$  operator (in line 5). The unrestricted necessitation together with  $T$  gives the modal collapse of a system. For other ways of blocking the unrestricted necessitation cf., e.g., Anderson [3], Hájek [15] and Fitting [5].

We do not modify Gödel's axioms from 1970 (with Scott's simplification for Axiom 4.3) for the reasons mentioned at the end of Section 3 and at the beginning of Section 4. Some explanations are also added in Section 7.

### 3. MAGARI'S AND SIMILAR SYSTEMS

Very weak Gödelian ontological systems allow not only for contingencies, but also for a positiveness relativism, which implies the relativism of a God-like being. According to Gödel's interpretation of "positiveness" in a "moral aesthetic sense", positiveness relativism means relativism of moral-aesthetic values.

A very weak Gödelian ontological system is a system of Section 2 based on  $K$  and using three Gödel's axioms and one definition:

AXIOM 3.1.  $\forall X \neg(\mathcal{P}X \leftrightarrow \mathcal{P}\neg X)$ . ( $\neg X$  is short for  $\lambda x. \neg Xx$ .)

AXIOM 3.2.  $\forall X \forall Y ((\mathcal{P}X \wedge \Box \forall x (Xx \rightarrow Yx)) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}Y)$ .

DEFINITION 3.1.  $Gx \leftrightarrow_{def} \forall X (\mathcal{P}X \rightarrow Xx)$ .

AXIOM 3.3.  $\mathcal{P}G$ .

This is a variant of a system proposed by Magari [19] who uses  $S5$ . Let us call the first system  $MO_K$  and Magari's original system  $M_{S5}$ . Let  $X, Y, Z, \dots = X^1, Y^1, Z^1, \dots$ .

In  $MO_K$ ,  $\Diamond \exists x Gx$  is a theorem (provable in a similar way as in Gödel's original proof). Magari claimed that  $\Box \exists x Gx$  can also be (semantically) proven, but Hájek [15] showed that Magari's claim does not hold for  $M_{S5}$  unless a new axiom

AXIOM 3.4.  $\forall X \forall Y ((\mathcal{P}X \wedge X = Y) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}Y)$

is added. It is so also in  $MO_K$ . Let us call the system  $M_{S5} + \text{Axiom 3.4}$  the system  $M_{S5}^+$ .

We can also fully collapse the modalities of  $MO_K$  (and abandon free logic), collapsing also the modality in the Axiom 3.2 in  $MO_K$  and thus obtaining

AXIOM 3.2'.  $\forall X \forall Y ((\mathcal{P}X \wedge \forall x (Xx \rightarrow Yx)) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}Y)$ .

In this system, let us call it simply  $S$ , we can prove the existence of God in a proof similar to Hájek's for  $M_{S5}^+$ :

THEOREM 3.1.  $\exists x Gx$ .

<i>Proof.</i>		
1	$\mathcal{P}A$	Assumption
2	$\neg\exists xAx$	Assumption
3	$\forall x(Ax \rightarrow (Ax \vee Bx))$	Tautol., $\forall$ Intro
4	$\mathcal{P}(\lambda x.Ax \vee Bx)$	3 Axiom 3.2', $\lambda$ Intro
5	$(Aa \vee Ba) \rightarrow Ba$	red. ad abs. from $Aa$ , 2
6	$\forall x((Ax \vee Bx) \rightarrow Bx)$	5 $\forall$ Intro
7	$\mathcal{P}(\lambda x.Bx)$	4, 6 Axiom 3.2', $\lambda$ Intro
8	$\forall Y \mathcal{P}(\lambda x.Yx)$	7 $\forall$ Intro
9	$\mathcal{P}(\lambda x.\neg Bx)$	8 $\forall$ Elim
10	$\neg\mathcal{P}(\lambda x.Bx)$	9, Axiom 3.1
11	$\exists xAx$	2–10 $\neg$ Elim
12	$\mathcal{P}A \rightarrow \exists xAx$	1–11 $\rightarrow$ Intro
13	$\forall X(\mathcal{P}X \rightarrow \exists xXx)$	12 $\forall$ Intro
14	$\mathcal{P}G \rightarrow \exists xGx$	13 $\forall$ Elim
15	$\exists xGx$	14 Axiom 3.3, $\rightarrow$ Elim <span style="float: right;">□</span>

Adding to  $S$  the rules for  $K$ , we can prove  $\Box\exists xGx$ , and adding to  $S$  also the rules for  $D$  or  $T$ , we can prove  $\Diamond\exists xGx$  (as can be easily seen).

Since in ontological modal logics such as  $MO_K$ ,  $M_{S5}$ ,  $M_{S5}^+$  or  $S$ ,  $S_K$  etc., Gödel's axiom  $\forall X(\mathcal{P}X \rightarrow \Box\mathcal{P}X)$  is not included, some properties could be positive in some worlds and negative in other worlds, and thus (according to the definition of  $G$ ) a God-like being, if there is any, can have different properties in different worlds. Also there could be more than one God-like being, although not in one and the same world (cf. Proposition 9.3, provable by Axiom 3.1 and Definition 3.1).

Here is an example for a positiveness relativism.

EXAMPLE 3.1 (Relativism). We define a model  $M$  where:

- (1)  $W = \{w_1, w_2\}$ ,
- (2)  $R = W \times W$ ,
- (3)  $D^0 = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $D^{(0)} \subseteq \wp(D^0)^W$ ,  $D^{(0)} \subseteq \wp(D^{(0)})^W$ , etc.,
- (4)  $Q(w_1) = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $Q(w_2) = \{a, b\}$ ,
- (5)  $I(A, w_1) = \{a, b\}$ ,  $I(A, w_2) = \emptyset$ ,  $I(B, w_1) = \{b, c\}$ ,  $I(B, w_2) = \{b\}$ ,  $I(C, w_1) = I(C, w_2) = \{a\}$ , etc.  $I(\mathcal{P}, w_1) = \{I(A), I(B)\}$ ,

$I(F)\}, I(\mathcal{P}, w_2) = \{I(D), I(E), I(C)\}$ , etc.  $D, E, F$  have the values of  $\neg A, \neg B, \neg C$ , respectively.

In our example,  $b$  should be God-like in  $w_1$ , and  $a$  should be God-like in  $w_2$ , since only these objects could possess all positive properties in their respective worlds.

Hájek's analysis, especially in [16], contains the following interesting results. There are subsystems (analogous to the systems considered above) that are relativistic with respect to positiveness, but prove  $\Box\exists x Hx$  ( $H$  for a redefined  $G$ ). Such is the system  $AO'_0$  obtained by an emendation of Anderson's modification (in [3]) of Gödel's system (Anderson allows for indifferent, neither positive nor negative, properties). Hájek's further emendation  $AOE'_0$  (for variable domains) proves  $\Box\exists x Hx$  and also a theorem corresponding to  $\forall X(\mathcal{P}X \rightarrow \Box\mathcal{P}X)$ , but for a redefined positiveness  $P^\sharp$ . Interestingly enough, Anderson's subsystem of the first three axioms, as it is presented by Hájek [16, 15], is non-relativistic since it allows for the deduction of  $\forall X(\mathcal{P}X \rightarrow \Box\mathcal{P}X)$  (and proves  $\Box\exists x Hx$  too).

We take a course somewhat similar to that of Hájek in [15], where he introduces a "cautious comprehension scheme". Instead of allowing indifferent properties, we do not count some "unnatural properties" as properties at all (by a restriction on what to count as  $\lambda$  abstracts). We want to present a God-like being as a "perfect" being that is "purely" good and "omnipotent" in a sense that it possesses only positive, and even no indifferent, properties, and implies only positive consequences. Hence, we retain Axiom 3.1 since it excludes properties that are indifferent with respect to positiveness and since it also makes it possible to prove Proposition 9.2 (see Appendix). We retain also Axiom 3.2, according to which God would have no other but positive consequences.

#### 4. GÖDELIAN ONTOLOGICAL $KB$ SYSTEM

If we wish to avoid value relativism and conceive God as an absolutely perfect being, we can add the rest of Gödel's axioms and definitions. To ensure the existence of a God-like being we introduce a  $KB$  system  $O_{KB}$ , (on using a  $B$  system cf. Adams [2], p. 391, note e, [1], pp. 40–46 and Sobel [22], pp. 38–39):

AXIOM 4.1. = 3.1:  $\forall X \neg(\mathcal{P}X \leftrightarrow \mathcal{P}\neg X)$ ,

AXIOM 4.2. = 3.2:  $\forall X \forall Y ((\mathcal{P}X \wedge \Box \forall x (Xx \rightarrow Yx)) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}Y)$ ,

DEFINITION 4.1 (God). = 3.1:  $Gx \leftrightarrow_{def} \forall X(\mathcal{P}X \rightarrow Xx)$ ,

AXIOM 4.3. = 3.3:  $\mathcal{P}G$ ,



AXIOM 4.4.  $\forall X(\mathcal{P}X \rightarrow \Box \mathcal{P}X)$ ,

DEFINITION 4.2 (Essence).

$$\mathcal{E}ss(X, x) \leftrightarrow_{def} (Xx \wedge \forall Y(Yx \rightarrow \Box \forall y(Xy \rightarrow Yy))),$$

DEFINITION 4.3 (Necessary existence).

$$Nx \leftrightarrow_{def} \forall Y(\mathcal{E}ss(Y, x) \rightarrow \Box \exists x Yx),$$

AXIOM 4.5.  $\mathcal{P}N$ .

Here are some propositions provable corresponding to Gödel's original ontological proof (but taking into account  $KB$  rules and free logic rules for first-order quantification). Their proofs are mostly contained in Appendix (Section 9).

PROPOSITION 4.1.  $\mathcal{P}(\lambda x.x = x) = \text{Proposition 9.1}$ .

THEOREM 4.1.  $\forall X(\mathcal{P}X \rightarrow \Diamond \exists x Xx) = \text{Theorem 9.1}$ .

COROLLARY 4.1.  $\Diamond \exists x Gx = \text{Corollary 9.1}$ .

It could be easily seen that that corollary makes  $O_{KB}$  a  $D$ -system.

PROPOSITION 4.2.  $\forall x(Gx \rightarrow \forall X(Xx \rightarrow \mathcal{P}X)) = \text{Proposition 9.2}$ .

REMARK 4.1.  $\forall X(\neg \mathcal{P}X \rightarrow \Box \neg \mathcal{P}X) = \text{Remark 9.1}$ .

THEOREM 4.2.  $\forall x(Gx \rightarrow \mathcal{E}ss(G, x)) = \text{Theorem 9.2}$ .

THEOREM 4.3.  $\exists x Gx \rightarrow \Box \exists x Gx = \text{Theorem 9.3}$ .

The main theorems are  $\Box \exists y Gy$  and  $\exists y Gy$ :

THEOREM 4.4.  $\exists x Gx$ .

*Proof.*

1		$\Diamond \exists x Gx$	Cor. 9.1
2		$\neg \exists x Gx$	Assumption
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3		$\Box$   $\exists x Gx$	(1) Assumption
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4		$\Box \exists x Gx$	3 Th. 9.3 $\rightarrow E$
5		$\neg \Box \exists x Gx$	2 B Reit
7		$\perp$	1, 3-5 $\Diamond$ Elim
8		$\exists x Gx$	2-8 $\neg$ Elim

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THEOREM 4.5.  $\Box \exists x Gx$ .

*Proof.* Follows from Theorems 9.3 and 4.4.  $\square$

Relativism is excluded by the theorems about the identity of a God-like being across the worlds and within every world. For the “within” part, cf. Proposition 9.3 of Appendix.

THEOREM 4.6 (Cross-world identity of God).  $\forall x(Gx \rightarrow \Box Gx)$ .

*Proof.*

1	$Ea$	Assumption
2	$Ga$	Assumption
3	$a = a$	= Intro
4	$(\lambda x.x = a)a$	3 $\lambda$ Intro
5	$Ga \rightarrow ((\lambda x.x = a)a \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\lambda x.x = a))$	2, Prop. 9.2, $\forall$ Elim
6	$\mathcal{P}(\lambda x.x = a)$	2, 4, 5 $\rightarrow$ Elim
7	$\Box \mathcal{P}(\lambda x.x = a)$	6 Axiom 4.4
8	$\Box \exists x Gx$	Th. 4.4
9	$Gb \wedge Eb$	Assumption
10	$\mathcal{P}(\lambda x.x = a)$	7 K Reit
11	$\mathcal{P}(\lambda x.x = a) \rightarrow (\lambda x.x = a)b$	9, D.4.1, $\forall E$ , $\rightarrow E$
12	$(\lambda x.x = a)b$	10, 11 $\rightarrow$ Elim
13	$b = a$	12 $\lambda$ Elim
14	$Ga$	9, 13 = Elim
15	$Ga$	8, 9–14 $\exists$ Elim
16	$\Box Ga$	8–15 $\Box$ Intro
17	$Ga \rightarrow \Box Ga$	2–16 $\rightarrow$ Intro
18	$\forall x(Gx \rightarrow \Box Gx)$	1–17 $\forall$ Intro $\square$

To prove the cross-world identity of a God-like being may, for Gödel himself, appear pointless since he did not use the first-order quantification into a modal context.

Let us also mention that “existence” is a positive property since  $(\lambda x. \exists y y = x)$  is  $O_{KB}$ -deducible from the positivity of  $(\lambda x. x = x)$  (cf. Proposition 9.1).

The system  $O_{KB}$  contains, as its part, a modal collapse of positivities. First, we can prove, in  $O_{KB}$ , a quantificational theorem T for positivities:

PROPOSITION 4.3 (Positivity T).  $\forall X(\Box \mathcal{P} X \rightarrow \mathcal{P} X)$ .

<i>Proof.</i>			
1		$\Box \mathcal{P} A$	Assumption
2			
		$\neg \mathcal{P} A$	Assumption
3		$\Box \neg \mathcal{P} A$	2 Remark 9.1
4		$\Diamond \exists x Gx$	Corr. 9.1
5		$\Box$   $\exists x Gx$	Assumption
6			
		$\neg \mathcal{P} A$	3 K Reit
7		$\mathcal{P} A$	1 K Reit
8		$\perp$	4, 5–7 $\Diamond$ E
9		$\mathcal{P} A$	2–8 $\neg$ E
10		$\Box \mathcal{P} A \rightarrow \mathcal{P} A$	1–9 $\rightarrow$ Intro
11		$\forall X(\Box \mathcal{P} X \rightarrow \mathcal{P} X)$	10 $\forall$ Intro <span style="float: right;">□</span>

Now the modal collapse for positive properties follows in  $O_{KB}$ :

PROPOSITION 4.4 (Positivity modal collapse).  $\forall X(\mathcal{P} X \leftrightarrow \Box \mathcal{P} X)$ .

*Proof.* Axiom 4.4 proves the left to right direction. Proposition 4.3 proves the right to left direction. □

$O_{KB}$ , like any Gödelian ontological logic without general modal collapse but with Gödel’s axioms and definitions unchanged, contains, besides the logic of contingencies, a logic of invariant positivities. Philosophically, we recognize therein two platonic “worlds”: a “world” of unchangeable (eternal) values, and a “world” of contingent appearances. One point of the weakening of ontological systems was precisely to see how much contingency ontology could contain so that it, at the same time, still remains founded on invariant values and on an absolute being.

Without significant changes in the proof, we can also prove the existence and the necessary existence of a God-like *pair*, *triple*, etc., applying,

correspondingly, the concept of “positivity” to ( $n$ -place) relations. That could be in accord with the theological and philosophical considerations about the plurality of one God (cf., e.g., the Biblical plural *elohim* for God, the doctrine of the triune God, etc.).

## 5. SOUNDNESS OF $O_{KB}$ (AND $MO_K$ )

**THEOREM 5.1**  *$O_{KB}$  is sound with respect to the class  $C$  of general symmetrical models with varying domains and with additional clauses for  $I$  of Definition 1.4 in Subsection 1.2. I.e., if  $\Gamma \vdash_{O_{KB}} \phi$ , then  $\Gamma \models_C \phi$ .*

*Proof.* The proof can be given by a mathematical induction with derivation rules and axioms as cases. Let us pause only on Gödel’s axioms, which are sound due to the concept of “positivity” as a modal ultrafilter in a model.

- $\forall X \neg(\mathcal{P}X \leftrightarrow \mathcal{P}\neg X)$ . Validity in  $C$  follows straightforwardly from the definition of modal ultrafilter (Def. 1.5, condition (4)), since if  $\llbracket X \rrbracket_v^M = d^{(0)}$ , then  $\llbracket \neg X \rrbracket_v^M = \bar{d}^{(0)}$ .
- $\forall X \forall Y ((\mathcal{P}X \wedge \Box \forall x (Xx \rightarrow Yx)) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}Y)$ . Validity in  $C$  follows immediately from the Definition 1.5, condition (3), with  $d_i^0$  as a value for  $X$  and  $d_j^0$  as a value for  $Y$ .
- $\mathcal{P}G$ . According to Def. 4.1, for each  $w$ ,  $\llbracket G \rrbracket_v^M(w)$  is the intersection of values at  $w$  of all positive properties. Since positiveness is modal ultrafilter, which is closed under intersection in the way defined in Def. 1.5 (condition (2)),  $G$  is positive.

That suffices to prove the soundness of  $MO_K$  with respect to the class  $C' = C$  without the additional clauses of the Definition 1.4 of the model and with the appropriate accessibility relation. To prove the soundness of  $O_{KB}$  with respect to  $C$ , we add two more clauses:

- $\forall X (\mathcal{P}X \rightarrow \Box \mathcal{P}X)$ . According to the Definition 1.4 (third additional clause),  $I(\mathcal{P}, w)$  is invariant under the transition from world to world.
- $\mathcal{P}N$ . Its validity in  $C$  follows immediately from the Definition 1.4 (third additional clause).  $\square$

## 6. COMPLETENESS OF $O_{KB}$ AND $MO_K$

The completeness proof of  $O_{KB}$  with respect to the class  $C$  of general symmetrical models with varying domains is similar to a completeness proof in

Gallin ([7], pp. 74–75, 25–30) and is accommodated for varying domains (cf. also C. Menzel’s completeness proof for first-order modal logic in [20], pp. 364–370) and for a  $KB$  system. The proof uses a canonical model to prove satisfiability of consistent sets. We give only the characteristic details and modifications. For simplicity, we use the defined quantifier  $\exists$ .

Important are the concepts of the saturated set, relative consistency and relative  $j$ -consistency.

**DEFINITION 6.1** (Saturated set). A set  $w_i$  of sentences is saturated iff

- (1)  $w_i$  is  $O_{KB}$ -consistent,
- (2) for every sentence  $\phi$ ,  $\phi \in w_i$  or  $\neg\phi \in w_i$  (maximality),
- (3) for every formula  $\phi(\alpha^\tau)$  where  $\alpha^\tau$  is the only free variable, if  $\exists\alpha^\tau\phi \in w_i$  then for some constant  $\kappa^\tau$ ,  $\{\phi(\kappa^\tau/\alpha^\tau), E\kappa^\tau\} \subseteq w_i$  if  $\tau = 0$ , and  $\phi(\kappa^\tau/\alpha^\tau) \in w_i$  if  $\tau \neq 0$  ( $\omega$ -completeness),
- (4) for every sentence  $\phi$ , if  $\Diamond\phi \in w_i$  then for some  $j$ ,  $\phi \in w_j$ .

We modify Gallin’s definition of relative  $j$ -consistency introducing the set  $\Gamma_j \cup \Box\Diamond\Gamma_j$  for the definition to be appropriate for  $KB$  systems.

**DEFINITION 6.2** (Relative  $O_{KB}$ -consistency). A sequence  $W = \langle w_0, w_1, \dots \rangle$  is relatively  $O_{KB}$ -consistent iff for every  $j$  and for every finite set  $\Gamma_j \subseteq w_j$ , the set  $\Gamma_j \cup \Box\Diamond\Gamma_j$  is  $O_{KB}$ -consistent.

**DEFINITION 6.3** (Relative  $j$ - $O_{KB}$ -consistency). A sentence  $\phi$  is relatively  $j$ - $O_{KB}$ -consistent with a sequence  $W = \langle w_0, w_1, \dots \rangle$  iff  $W'$ , where  $w'_j = w_j \cup \{\phi\}$  and for all  $i \neq j$ ,  $w'_i = w_i$ , is relatively  $O_{KB}$ -consistent.

Next, we construct, following Gallin, a sequence  $W = \langle w_0, w_1, \dots \rangle$  of saturated sets. We start from some  $O_{KB}$ -consistent set  $w$ . For the construction we need, for each  $\tau$ , infinitely many new constants  $\kappa^\tau$  (in some order) not occurring in  $w$ .  $j$  is a subscript for some set  $w_j$  of formulas in some sequence of sets of formulas.  $k$  is a superscript for a sequence  $W^k$  of sets of formulas. Every member of a sequence  $W^k$  can additionally be denoted by a superscript  $k$  ( $w_j^k$ ).  $w = w_0^0$  and every other set  $w_j^0$  in the sequence  $W^0$  is empty. Otherwise,  $W^{k+1}$  is the sequence obtained from  $W^k$  by adding the formula  $\phi^k$  (the formula of the  $k$ -th ordered pair  $\langle \phi^k, j \rangle_k$ ,  $k > 0$ ), to a set  $w_j^k$  of the sequence  $W^k$ . And  $\phi^k$  is added to  $w_j^k$  iff  $\phi^k$  is relatively  $j$ - $O_{KB}$ -consistent with  $W^k$ .

In particular, we slightly modify Gallin’s construction in the case where  $\phi^k = \exists\alpha^\tau\psi$ . Then for  $\tau = 0$ ,  $w_j^{k+1} = w_j^k \cup \{\phi^k, \psi(\kappa^0/\alpha^0), E\kappa^0\}$ , for  $\tau \neq 0$ ,  $w_j^{k+1} = w_j^k \cup \{\phi^k, \psi(\kappa^\tau/\alpha^\tau)\}$ , and in either case  $\kappa^\tau$  is the first

constant of the type  $\tau$  new to  $W^k$  and to  $\psi$ . For every  $W^k$  there are infinitely many empty  $w_j$ s. Now,  $W$  is the sequence  $\langle w_0, w_1, \dots \rangle$  such that for each  $i$ ,  $w_i = \bigcup_k w_i^k$ .

In the course of the proof, the proposition that every sequence  $W^k$  is relatively  $O_{KB}$ -consistent is proved by mathematical induction.

$W^0$  is relatively  $O_{KB}$  consistent since every  $\Gamma \subseteq w_0^0$  is  $O_{KB}$ -consistent and  $\Gamma \vdash_{O_{KB}} \Box \Diamond \Gamma$ .

In the proof of the inductive step, we pause only on the case where  $\phi^k = \exists \alpha^\tau \psi$  is added to some  $w_j$  of the sequence  $W^k$ , producing thus the sequence  $W^{k+1}$ , on the assumption that  $\exists \alpha^\tau \psi$  is relatively  $j$ - $O_{KB}$ -consistent with  $W^k$ . We assume the inductive hypothesis according to which  $W^k$  is relatively  $O_{KB}$  consistent. We prove that  $W^{k+1}$  is also relatively  $O_{KB}$  consistent.

It follows that  $W^{k+1}$  is like  $W^k$  except that for  $\tau = 0$ ,

$$w_j^{k+1} = w_j^k \cup \{\exists \alpha^0 \psi, \psi(\kappa^0/\alpha^0), E\kappa^0\}$$

and for  $\tau \neq 0$ ,

$$w_j^{k+1} = w_j^k \cup \{\exists \alpha^\tau \psi, \psi(\kappa^\tau/\alpha^\tau)\}.$$

In either case,  $\kappa^\tau$  is the first new constant.

Suppose now that  $W^{k+1}$  is not relatively  $O_{KB}$ -consistent. Then, for some  $n$ , a finite set  $\Gamma_n^{k+1} \subseteq w_n^{k+1}$  is such that  $\Gamma_n^{k+1} \cup \Box \Diamond \Gamma_n^{k+1}$  is  $O_{KB}$ -inconsistent.

We give the proof for the *first-order quantification* case. For all  $n$  such that  $n \neq j$  or if  $n = j$  then  $\exists \alpha^0 \psi, \psi(\kappa^0/\alpha^0), E\kappa^0 \notin \Gamma_j^{k+1}$ , it holds that  $\Gamma_n^{k+1} = \Gamma_n^k$ ; hence, for all  $n$  such that  $n \neq j$  or if  $n = j$  then  $\exists \alpha^0 \psi, \psi(\kappa^0/\alpha^0), E\kappa^0 \notin \Gamma_j^{k+1}$ , it holds that  $\Gamma_n^{k+1} \cup \Box \Diamond \Gamma_n^{k+1}$  is  $O_{KB}$ -consistent.

It follows that some set

$$\Gamma_j^k \cup \Box \Diamond \Gamma_j^k \cup \{\exists \alpha \psi, \Box \Diamond \exists \alpha \psi, \psi(\kappa/\alpha), \Box \Diamond \psi(\kappa/\alpha), E\kappa, \Box \Diamond E\kappa\},$$

where  $\Gamma_j^k = \Gamma_j^{k+1}$ , is  $O_{KB}$ -inconsistent,

$$\Rightarrow \Gamma_j^k \cup \Box \Diamond \Gamma_j^k \cup \{\exists \alpha \psi, \Box \Diamond \exists \alpha \psi, \psi(\kappa/\alpha), E\kappa, \Box \Diamond E\kappa\} \vdash_{O_{KB}} \neg \Box \Diamond \psi(\kappa/\alpha),$$

$$\text{also, } \Gamma_j^k \cup \Box \Diamond \Gamma_j^k \cup \{\exists \alpha \psi, \Box \Diamond \exists \alpha \psi, \psi(\kappa/\alpha), E\kappa, \Box \Diamond E\kappa\} \vdash_{O_{KB}} \Box \Diamond \psi(\kappa/\alpha),$$

$$\Rightarrow \Gamma_j^k \cup \Box \Diamond \Gamma_j^k \cup \{\exists \alpha \psi, \Box \Diamond \exists \alpha \psi, \psi(\kappa/\alpha), E\kappa, \Box \Diamond E\kappa\} \text{ is } O_{KB}\text{-inconsistent,}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Gamma_j^k \cup \Box \Diamond \Gamma_j^k \cup \{\exists \alpha \psi, \Box \Diamond \exists \alpha \psi, \psi(\kappa/\alpha), E\kappa\} \vdash_{O_{KB}} \neg \Box \Diamond E\kappa,$$

$$\text{also } \Gamma_j^k \cup \Box \Diamond \Gamma_j^k \cup \{\exists \alpha \psi, \Box \Diamond \exists \alpha \psi, \psi(\kappa/\alpha), E\kappa\} \vdash_{O_{KB}} \Box \Diamond E\kappa,$$

$\Rightarrow \Gamma_j^k \cup \square \diamond \Gamma_j^k \cup \{\exists \alpha \psi, \square \diamond \exists \alpha \psi, \psi(\kappa/\alpha), E\kappa\}$  is  $O_{KB}$ -inconsistent,  
 $\Rightarrow \Gamma_j^k \cup \square \diamond \Gamma_j^k \cup \{\exists \alpha \psi, \square \diamond \exists \alpha \psi\} \vdash_{O_{KB}} \neg(\psi(\kappa/\alpha) \wedge E\kappa),$   
 $\Rightarrow \Gamma_j^k \cup \square \diamond \Gamma_j^k \cup \{\exists \alpha \psi, \square \diamond \exists \alpha \psi\} \vdash_{O_{KB}} E\kappa \rightarrow \neg\psi(\kappa/\alpha),$   
 $\Rightarrow \Gamma_j^k \cup \square \diamond \Gamma_j^k \cup \{\exists \alpha \psi, \square \diamond \exists \alpha \psi\} \vdash_{O_{KB}} \forall \alpha \neg \psi$  (since  $\kappa$  is new),  
 $\Rightarrow \Gamma_j^k \cup \square \diamond \Gamma_j^k \cup \{\exists \alpha \psi, \square \diamond \exists \alpha \psi\} \vdash_{O_{KB}} \neg \exists \alpha \psi,$   
 $\Rightarrow \Gamma_j^k \cup \square \diamond \Gamma_j^k \cup \{\exists \alpha \psi, \square \diamond \exists \alpha \psi\}$  is  $O_{KB}$ -inconsistent – contrary to the assumption that  $\exists \alpha^\tau \psi$  is relatively  $j$ - $O_{KB}$ -consistent with  $W^k$ .

For the *second-order quantification* case,  $E\kappa^\tau$  and  $\square \diamond E\kappa^\tau$  are not added.

In the rest of the proof there are no notable changes except that the canonical model is, according to the previously described semantics, a 5-tuple  $\langle W, R, H, Q, I \rangle$  ( $I$  with additional clauses of Definition 1.4). It is then proved that  $W$  is relatively  $O_{KB}$ -consistent, that every  $w_j$  in  $W$  is saturated and that for the canonical model  $M^C$ ,  $M^C, w \models \phi$  iff  $\phi \in w$ . – Suppose, e.g., that  $\phi$  is  $\forall \alpha^\tau \psi$ . (i) Let  $\forall \alpha^\tau \psi \in w$ . It follows that for any  $\kappa^\tau$  such that  $E\kappa^\tau \in w$ ,  $\psi(\kappa^\tau/\alpha^\tau) \in w$  ( $\forall$  Elim, maximal  $O_{KB}$ -consistency of  $w$ ). Thus, if  $M, w \models E\kappa^\tau$  then  $M, w \models \psi(\kappa^\tau/\alpha^\tau)$  (inductive hypothesis), and hence, for any equivalence set  $[\kappa^\tau] \in Q(w)$  and for any variable assignment  $v$ ,  $M, w \models_{v[[\kappa^\tau]/\alpha^\tau]} \phi$ . Therefore,  $M, w \models \forall \alpha^\tau \phi$ . (ii) Let  $\forall \alpha^\tau \psi \notin w$ . It follows that  $\neg \forall \alpha^\tau \psi \in w$ , and then, that  $\exists \alpha^\tau \neg \psi \in w$ . Hence, for some  $\kappa^\tau$ ,  $\neg \psi(\kappa^\tau/\alpha^\tau), E\kappa^\tau \in w$  ( $\omega$ -completeness). Thus,  $\psi(\kappa^\tau/\alpha^\tau) \notin w$  ( $O_{KB}$ -consistency of  $w$ ). Accordingly,  $M, w \models E\kappa^\tau$  and  $M, w \not\models \psi(\kappa^\tau/\alpha^\tau)$  (ind. hyp.). Therefore,  $M, w \not\models \forall \alpha^\tau \phi$ .

Now the proposition follows that, if a set of sentences is  $O_{KB}$ -consistent, then it is satisfiable in the class  $C$  of symmetrical Gödelian ontological models with varying domains. Hereby the completeness theorem for  $O_{KB}$  is proved:

**THEOREM 6.1.**  *$O_{KB}$  is complete with respect to the class  $C$  of general symmetrical models with varying domains and with additional clauses for  $I$  of Definition 1.4 in Subsection 1.2. I.e., if  $\Gamma \models_C \phi$ , then  $\Gamma \vdash_{O_{KB}} \phi$ .*

In the completeness proof for  $MO_K$ , with respect to the class  $C'$  of models (without additional clauses for  $I$ ), the concept of relative consistency is simple:

**DEFINITION 6.4** (Relative  $MO_K$ -consistency). A sequence  $W = \langle w_0, w_1, \dots \rangle$  is relatively  $MO_K$ -consistent iff for every  $j$  every finite set  $\Gamma_j \subseteq w_j$  is  $MO_K$ -consistent.

## 7. THE MEANING OF “POSITIVENESS”

The meaning of “positiveness” can be conceived in several ways. First, as already mentioned and as proposed by Gödel ([9], p. 404), “positiveness” can be conceived in a moral-aesthetic sense and positive properties as moral-aesthetic values. The positivity sublogic (with the modal collapse) is thus a logic of unchangeable (absolute) moral-aesthetic values. That interpretation, as we have seen, does not require all the axioms of the system  $O_{KB}$ , e.g., Axiom 4.4 could be abandoned and a moral relativism introduced.

Secondly, the meaning of “positiveness” can also be determined in a logical-ontological (“attributive”) way (as it is also proposed by Gödel at the end of his notes from 1970, [9], p. 404). “Positive” now means “pure ‘attribution’”, which is determined syntactically as a representation by a disjunctive normal form “in terms of elementary properties” having as its member a conjunction not containing negation ([9], p. 404, note 4). There is no possibility of relativism in that approach since that interpretation requires all the axioms of the system  $O_{KB}$ , including Axiom 4.4.

If we analyze Gödel’s ontological proof on the background of his philosophical reflections (especially in [24], pp. 105–108, 308–318, in [10] and [11], pp. 429–437), it appears that we could describe what Gödel meant by “positiveness” by means of what he calls “the meaning of the world”. Gödel conceives “the meaning of the world” as the “separation of wish and fact”, or of “force” and fact, and as the overcoming of that separation in the “union” of force and fact (i.e., in a “fulfilled wish”). Now, in the moral aesthetic interpretation, positiveness would be a moral aesthetic wish, and an exemplified positive property would be a fulfilled (moral aesthetic) wish. In the logical-ontological interpretation, positiveness would be the “force” of being (“affirmation of being”, [11], p. 433) and exemplified positive property would be a realization of that force. Thus, we can interpret Gödel’s axioms as describing the separation of force (wish) and fact, and as describing the force of positivity to overcome the separation. Such an interpretation would be, also methodologically, in accordance with Gödel’s phenomenological viewpoint in philosophy, based on the “perceiving” of concepts.<sup>3</sup>

Accordingly, Axiom 4.1 states the separation of the positive and the negative, i.e., of force (wish) and fact, separating what is morally aesthetically good, from what is not, or separating what is affirmative for being from what is non-affirmative. Axioms 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4 express the force of positivity: positive properties “cause” the positivity of their consequences and intersections, and preserve their positivity in all accessible



worlds. The *possibility* of particular positive properties (Theorem 9.1) and of positiveness as a whole (i.e., of a God-like being) (Corollary 9.1) is a “weak” union of force and fact.<sup>4</sup> The force for the final overcoming of the separation lies in the positiveness of “necessary existence” (Axiom 4.5), which “causes” the possibility of a God-like being to become a necessity. In the final fact that God necessarily exists, we have the final and maximal “union” of “wish” and “fact” (cf. Gödel’s “maximum principle for fulfilling of wishes” in [24], p. 312).

It is interesting that in Gödel’s ontological system from 1970 the disjunctive property of “being God-like or devil-like”, say  $(\lambda x.Gx \vee Dx)$ , is positive (as remarked by Hájek, [16]), since this property is a consequence of a property of “being God-like” that is itself positive. I think this somewhat astonishing fact of Gödel’s system can be justified in the system itself, since, in that system, “positivity” is logically (and also ontologically) stronger than “negativity” in the following sense. “Positivity”, not “negativity”, is necessarily exemplified (since there can be a world where only a God-like being exists). Further, if we define “devil-like” by  $Dx \leftrightarrow_{def} \forall X(\neg \mathcal{P}X \rightarrow Xx)$ , then a “devil-like” being cannot even exist if it does not participate in a positive property (of existence and of self-identity), whereas a God-like being (in Gödel’s system) in no way possesses or needs to possess any non-positive property. Also, positivity has the “force” of closure over its consequences (Axiom 4.2), while “negativity” has no comparable force and can even have positive consequences, since both  $\mathcal{P}Y \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\neg X \vee Y)$  and  $\Box \forall X \forall Y (\neg Xx \rightarrow (\neg Xx \vee Yx))$  (where  $\mathcal{P}X$  could also hold) are theorems of Gödel’s ontological system. Correspondingly, for Gödel, in a formula in the disjunctive normal form, at least one member containing no negation suffices for the formula to be positive ([11], p. 404, n. 4). Therefore, there is in Gödel’s system from 1970 an unbalance between positiveness and negativeness in favor of “positiveness”, and thus also between “God-like” and “devil-like” in favor of “God-like”. That unbalance makes any disjunction of a positive and a negative property positive. Hájek, in [16], takes a different course and presents a system where, instead of Gödel’s Axioms 4.1 and 4.2, a single new axiom is introduced that is in accordance with some of Gödel’s remarks about one other variant of the ontological proof.

A kind of a temporal interpretation can also be proposed. Interestingly enough, if modality is interpreted as accessibility in time, the system  $O_{KB}$  includes the *possibility* of time travel (because of the theorem B), but does not allow for *arbitrary* travel through time (e.g., there is no general transitivity in time). Gödel considers the question of time travel as physically undecidable, but philosophical reasons speak, according to Gödel, for the

possibility of time travel (cf. [8], pp. 206–207). Let us mention that  $S4.2$ , the system for relativistic time proposed by Goldblatt ([14], pp. 45–46), excludes time travel, and, seemingly, does not allow for the ontological proof. In  $O_{KB}$ , for the realm of positivities (e.g., of positive values), there is, indeed, no time because of the modal collapse in that part of the system – there are only “eternal” positive values. Finally, a full modal collapse, like that intended in Gödel’s system (cf. [11], p. 435), completely agrees with Gödel’s cosmology where there is no objective “lapse of time” (time is only “subjective”, [8, 13]).

#### 8. GÖDEL’S IMPROVEMENT OF KANT’S MORAL THEOLOGY?

What Gödel himself might have in mind with his ontological proof is perhaps also to correct what he thinks is an inconsistency in Kant’s philosophy:

His [i.e., Kant’s] epistemology proves that God, and so on, have no objective meaning; they are purely subjective, and to interpret them as objective is wrong. Yet he says that we are obliged to assume them because they induce us to do our duty to our fellow human beings. It is, however, also one’s duty not to assume things that are purely subjective

(quoted by Wang in [24], pp. 171–172).

According to Gödel, Kant postulates (on moral grounds) God’s existence, which he previously, in his “epistemology”, did not accept (because of the fallacy Kant saw in the ontological argument). We can leave aside whether this objection is just towards Kant. We only mention that the system based on  $KD45$  analyzed (among other systems) by Hájek ([15], pp. 133–134) is, it seems to me, a very near formalization of the type of moral theology proposed, for instance, by Kant, and that it shows us that such a moral theology need not be inconsistent, as Gödel assumed.

What Gödel wanted to show is, in distinction to Kant, the conformity of epistemological with moral perspectives in the sense that the moral ground for God’s existence should also have a theoretical (epistemological and ontological) justification. It is here important to note that Gödel was not satisfied with Kant’s dualism of sensual perception and conceptual thinking (cf. [24], pp. 164–165), and that he proposed a kind of conceptual realism (probably best exposed in his *Gibbs Lecture*, [12]).

There is, according to Kant, no inference to conclude that God exists (*Critique of practical reason*, [17], p. 250), there is no theoretical knowledge of God’s existence. Kant could have wanted only to show that on the ground of the moral law “I *will* that God . . . exists” (*Crit. of pract. r.*, [17], p. 258). Kant requested God’s existence (freedom and immortality) as the only way to make moral action meaningful at all – since only God can be the cause of the “highest good”, i.e., of the unity of morality and happiness.

According to Kant, God indeed has “objective reality”, but only with respect to the moral law and to the “highest good” – as the object of our will. Kant did accept, in his moral philosophy (which is for him true metaphysics), the objectivity of moral concepts, spoke of “intelligible world”, and even of a “practical knowledge”, but distinguished them strongly from theoretical, i.e., empirical knowledge.

Morality does not, indeed, require that freedom should be understood, but only that it should not contradict itself ... (B XXIX in [18]).

To remove the seeming inconsistency, Gödel wanted to secure God’s objective reality also in a theoretical sense, proposing (mainly in his unpublished texts) a universal moral-aesthetic ontology and a phenomenological *interpretation and understanding* of the moral-aesthetic phenomenon. That phenomenon primarily consists, as we have already mentioned, in the separation of “fact and wish” and is for Gödel not reduced merely to the realm of moral will and decision, as it is for Kant. Nevertheless, Kant, with his transcendental theoretical philosophy, remains for Gödel [10] the founder of the phenomenological approach (further developed by Husserl), which Gödel wants to extend to moral aesthetic ontology.

## 9. APPENDIX

In  $O_{KB}$  we can prove  $\exists x Gx$  and  $\Box \exists x Gx$ :

PROPOSITION 9.1  $\mathcal{P}(\lambda x.x = x)$ .

*Proof.* Cf. Sobel [21], p. 242.

1		$\mathcal{P}(\lambda x.\neg x = x)$	Assumption
2		$\Box$   $Ea$	Assumption
3		$\neg a = a \rightarrow a = a$	Taut
4		$\forall x(\neg x = x \rightarrow x = x)$	2–3 $\forall$ Intro
5		$\Box \forall x(\neg x = x \rightarrow x = x)$	2–4 $\Box$ Intro
6		$(\mathcal{P}(\lambda x.\neg x = x) \wedge$ $\Box \forall x(\neg x = x \rightarrow x = x)) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\lambda x.x = x)$	Axiom 4.2
7		$\mathcal{P}(\lambda x.x = x)$	1, 5, 6 $\rightarrow$ Elim
8		$\neg \mathcal{P}(\lambda x.x = x)$	1 Axiom 4.1
9		$\neg \mathcal{P}(\lambda x.\neg x = x)$	1–8 $\neg$ Intro
10		$\mathcal{P}(\lambda x.x = x)$	9 Axiom 4.1 $\Box$

THEOREM 9.1  $\forall X(\mathcal{P}X \rightarrow \Diamond \exists x Xx)$ .

*Proof.* Cf. Scott's proof of his Theorem 1 in [21], p. 257.

1		$\mathcal{P}A$	Assumption
2		$\neg\Diamond\exists xAx$	Assumption
3		$\Box \neg\exists xAx$	2 K Reit
4		$Ea$	Assumption
5		$\neg Aa$	3, 4 $\neg\exists$ Elim
6		$Aa \rightarrow \neg a = a$	ex falso quodlibet
7		$\forall x(Ax \rightarrow \neg x = x)$	4–6 $\forall$ Intro
8		$\Box\forall x(Ax \rightarrow \neg x = x)$	3–7 $\Box$ Intro
9		$\mathcal{P}A \wedge \Box\forall x(Ax \rightarrow \neg x = x)$	1, 8 $\wedge$ Intro
10		$(\mathcal{P}A \wedge \Box\forall x(Ax \rightarrow \neg x = x)) \rightarrow$ $\mathcal{P}(\lambda x.\neg x = x)$	Axiom 4.2
11		$\mathcal{P}(\lambda x.\neg x = x)$	10, 9 $\rightarrow$ Elim
12		$\neg\mathcal{P}(\lambda x.x = x)$	11 Axiom 4.1
13		$\mathcal{P}(\lambda x.x = x)$	Prop. 9.1
14		$\Diamond\exists xAx$	2–13 $\neg$ Elim
15		$\mathcal{P}A \rightarrow \Diamond\exists xAx$	1–14 $\rightarrow$ Intro
16		$\forall X(\mathcal{P}X \rightarrow \Diamond\exists xXx)$	15 $\forall$ Intro <span style="float: right;">□</span>

COROLLARY 9.1  $\Diamond\exists xGx$ .

*Proof.* It follows from Axiom 4.3 and Theorem 9.1. □

PROPOSITION 9.2  $\forall x(Gx \rightarrow \forall X(Xx \rightarrow \mathcal{P}X))$ .

*Proof.* Cf. Sobel's proof (without the existential assumption) of his Theorem 4 in [22], p. 39.

1		$Ea$	Assumption
2		$Ga$	Assumption
3		$Ha$	Assumption
4		$\neg\mathcal{P}H$	Assumption
5		$\mathcal{P}\neg H \leftrightarrow \neg\mathcal{P}H$	Axiom 4.1

6				$\mathcal{P}\neg H$	4, 5 $\leftrightarrow$ Elim
7				$\forall X(\mathcal{P}X \rightarrow Xa)$	1, 2 Def. 4.1, $\forall$ Elim
8				$\mathcal{P}\neg H \rightarrow \neg Ha$	7, $\forall$ Elim
9				$\neg Ha$	6, 8 $\rightarrow$ Elim
10				$Ha$	3 Reit
11				$\mathcal{P}H$	4–10 $\neg$ Elim
12				$Ha \rightarrow \mathcal{P}H$	3–11 $\rightarrow$ Intro
13				$\forall X(Xa \rightarrow \mathcal{P}X)$	12 $\forall$ Intro
14				$Ga \rightarrow \forall X(Xa \rightarrow \mathcal{P}X)$	2–13 $\rightarrow$ Intro
15				$\forall x(Gx \rightarrow \forall X(Xx \rightarrow \mathcal{P}X))$	1–14 $\forall$ Intro <span style="float: right;">□</span>

REMARK 9.1. From Axiom 4.4 it follows  $\forall X(\neg \mathcal{P}X \rightarrow \Box \neg \mathcal{P}X)$  by Axiom 4.1, and vice versa (also by Axiom 4.1).

THEOREM 9.2.  $\forall x(Gx \rightarrow \mathcal{E}ss(G, x))$ .

*Proof.* Cf. Scott's proof of his Theorem 2 in [21], p. 258.

1				$Ea$	Assumption
2				$Ga$	Assumption
3				$Ha$	Assumption
4				$Ga \rightarrow (Ha \rightarrow \mathcal{P}H)$	Prop. 9.2
5				$\mathcal{P}H$	2, 3, 4 $\rightarrow$ Elim
6				$\Box \mathcal{P}H$	5 Axiom 4.4
7				$\Box \mathcal{P}H$	6 K Reit
8				$Eb$	Assumption
9				$Gb$	Assumption
10				$\mathcal{P}H \rightarrow Hb$	8, 9, Def. 4.1, $\forall$ Elim
11				$Hb$	7, 10 $\rightarrow$ Elim
12				$Gb \rightarrow Hb$	9–11 $\rightarrow$ Intro
13				$\forall y(Gy \rightarrow Hy)$	8–12 $\forall$ Intro
14				$\Box \forall y(Gy \rightarrow Hy)$	7–13 $\Box$ Intro
15				$Ha \rightarrow \Box \forall y(Gy \rightarrow Hy)$	3–14 $\rightarrow$ Intro
16				$\forall Y(Ya \rightarrow \Box \forall y(Gy \rightarrow Yy))$	15 $\forall$ Intro
17				$Ga \wedge \forall Y(Ya \rightarrow \Box \forall y(Gy \rightarrow Yy))$	2, 16 $\wedge$ Intro
18				$\mathcal{E}ss(G, a)$	1, 17 Def. 4.2, $\forall$ Elim
19				$Ga \rightarrow \mathcal{E}ss(G, a)$	2–18 $\rightarrow$ Intro
20				$\forall x(Gx \rightarrow \mathcal{E}ss(G, x))$	1–19 $\forall$ Intro <span style="float: right;">□</span>

THEOREM 9.3.  $\exists x Gx \rightarrow \Box \exists x Gx$ .

*Proof.* Cf. Scott's proof of his Theorem 3 in [21], p. 258, and Sobel's proof in [21], p. 247 lines 3–13 (and [22], pp. 37–38 lines 3–15).

1		$\exists x Gx$	Assumption
2		$Ga \wedge Ea$	Assumption
3		$\mathcal{P}N \rightarrow Na$	2 Def. 4.1, $\forall$ Elim
4		$Na$	3 Axiom 4.5
5		$\forall Y(\mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{A}\mathcal{A}}(Y, a) \rightarrow \Box \exists y Yy)$	2, 4 Def. 4.3, $\forall$ Elim
6		$\mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{A}\mathcal{A}}(G, a) \rightarrow \Box \exists y Gy$	5 $\forall$ Elim
7		$Ga \rightarrow \mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{A}\mathcal{A}}(G, a)$	Theorem 9.2
8		$\mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{A}\mathcal{A}}(G, a)$	2, 7 $\rightarrow$ Elim
9		$\Box \exists y Gy$	6, 8 $\rightarrow$ Elim
10		$\Box \exists y Gy$	1, 2–9 $\exists$ Elim
11		$\exists x Gx \rightarrow \Box \exists x Gx$	1–10 $\rightarrow$ Intro <span style="float: right;">□</span>

PROPOSITION 9.3 (*At most one God*).  $\forall x \forall y ((Gx \wedge Gy) \rightarrow x = y)$ .

*Proof.*

1		$Ea \wedge Eb$	Assumption
2		$Ga \wedge Gb$	Assumption
3		$Ga$	2 $\wedge$ Elim
4		$Gb$	2 $\wedge$ Elim
5		$\forall X(\mathcal{P}X \leftrightarrow Xa)$	1, 3, Def. 4.1, Prop. 9.2, $\forall$ Elim
6		$\forall X(\mathcal{P}X \leftrightarrow Xb)$	1, 4, Def. 4.1, Prop. 9.2, $\forall$ Elim
7		$\forall X(Xa \leftrightarrow Xb)$	5, 6 $\leftrightarrow$ Intro, $\forall$ Intro
8		$(\lambda x.x = b)a \leftrightarrow (\lambda x.x = b)b$	7 $\forall$ Elim
9		$a = b \leftrightarrow b = b$	8 $\lambda$ Elim
10		$a = b$	$=$ Intro, 9, 10 $\rightarrow$ Elim
11		$(Ga \wedge Gb) \rightarrow a = b$	2–11 $\rightarrow$ Intro
12		$\forall x \forall y ((Gx \wedge Gy) \rightarrow x = y)$	1, 11 $\forall$ Intro <span style="float: right;">□</span>

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## NOTES

<sup>1</sup> The language and semantics are in some aspects similar to those of Fitting [5] and Gallin [7].

<sup>2</sup> See, e.g., [7], p. 71.

<sup>3</sup> About Gödel's phenomenology in his philosophical views, cf., e.g., H. Wang ([24], pp. 80–81, 164–172, 287–322), D. Føllesdal [6] and R. Tieszen [23].

<sup>4</sup> According to Wang, Gödel says that “possibility is the synthesis of being and nonbeing” and that it is a “weakened form of being” ([24], p. 313).

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