

# Absurdity of Binary Relations

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In this paper I introduce a definition of absurdity of binary relations.

The absurdity of some binary relation<sup>[1]</sup> `f` is defined as following:

$$\text{absurdity} := \lambda(f : T \times T \rightarrow T) := \exists x \{ \forall y \{ f(x, y) \neg= x \} \wedge \exists y \{ f(f(x, y), y) \neg= x \} \}$$

Here, `T` is some type with equality<sup>[2]</sup> (strictly speaking it suffices to use partial equivalence<sup>[3]</sup>).

$$\text{eq} : T \times T \rightarrow \text{bool}$$

The absurdity can be used to distinguish `imply` from `rimply`<sup>[4]</sup>:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{imply} &: [\text{absurdity}] \text{ true} \\ \text{rimply} &: [\text{absurdity}] \text{ false} \end{aligned}$$

This can be used without knowing the concrete type of `T` and without knowing about truth or false values, nor even knowing about other operators within the same calculus. The algorithm works by picking out `false` that can be used to prove anything, but which is distinguished from `true`:

$$\exists x \{ \forall y \{ (x \Rightarrow y) \neg= x \} \wedge \exists y \{ ((x \Rightarrow y) \Rightarrow y) \neg= x \} \} \quad f \Leftrightarrow \text{imply}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\forall y \{ (\text{false} \Rightarrow y) \neg= \text{false} \} \wedge \exists y \{ ((\text{false} \Rightarrow y) \Rightarrow y) \neg= \text{false} \} && x == \text{false} \\ &\forall y \{ \text{true} \neg= \text{false} \} \wedge \exists y \{ (\text{true} \Rightarrow y) \neg= \text{false} \} \\ &\forall y \{ \text{true} \} \wedge \exists y \{ y \neg= \text{false} \} \\ &\text{true} \wedge \exists y : (= \text{true}) \{ y \neg= \text{false} \} \\ &\exists y : (= \text{true}) \{ \text{true} \} \\ &\text{true} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\forall y \{ (\text{true} \Rightarrow y) \neg= \text{true} \} \wedge \exists y \{ ((\text{true} \Rightarrow y) \Rightarrow y) \neg= \text{true} \} && x == \text{true} \\ &\forall y \{ y \neg= \text{true} \} \wedge \exists y \{ (y \Rightarrow y) \neg= \text{true} \} \\ &\forall y \{ y \neg= \text{true} \} \wedge \exists y \{ \text{true} \neg= \text{true} \} \\ &\forall y \{ y \neg= \text{true} \} \wedge \exists y \{ \text{false} \} \\ &\forall y \{ y \neg= \text{true} \} \wedge \text{false} \\ &\text{false} \end{aligned}$$

$$\exists x \{ \forall y \{ (x \Leftarrow y) \neg= x \} \wedge \exists y \{ ((x \Leftarrow y) \Leftarrow y) \neg= x \} \} \quad f \Leftrightarrow \text{rimply}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\forall y \{ (\text{false} \Leftarrow y) \neg= \text{false} \} \wedge \exists y \{ ((\text{false} \Leftarrow y) \Leftarrow y) \neg= \text{false} \} && x = \text{false} \\ &\forall y : (= \text{true}) \{ (\text{false} \Leftarrow \text{true}) \neg= \text{false} \} \wedge \exists y : (= \text{false}) \{ ((\text{false} \Leftarrow \text{false}) \Leftarrow \text{false}) \neg= \text{false} \} \\ &\forall y : (= \text{true}) \{ \text{false} \neg= \text{false} \} \wedge \exists y : (= \text{false}) \{ (\text{true} \Leftarrow \text{false}) \neg= \text{false} \} \\ &\forall y : (= \text{true}) \{ \text{false} \} \wedge \exists y : (= \text{false}) \{ \text{true} \neg= \text{false} \} \\ &\text{false} \wedge \exists y : (= \text{false}) \{ \text{true} \} \\ &\text{false} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\forall y \{ (\text{true} \Leftarrow y) \neg= \text{true} \} \wedge \exists y \{ ((\text{true} \Leftarrow y) \Leftarrow y) \neg= \text{true} \} && x == \text{true} \\ &\forall y \{ \text{true} \neg= \text{true} \} \wedge \exists y \{ (\text{true} \Leftarrow y) \neg= \text{true} \} \\ &\forall y \{ \text{false} \} \wedge \exists y \{ \text{true} \neg= \text{true} \} \\ &\forall y \{ \text{false} \} \wedge \exists y \{ \text{false} \} \\ &\forall y \{ \text{false} \} \wedge \text{false} \\ &\text{false} \end{aligned}$$

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