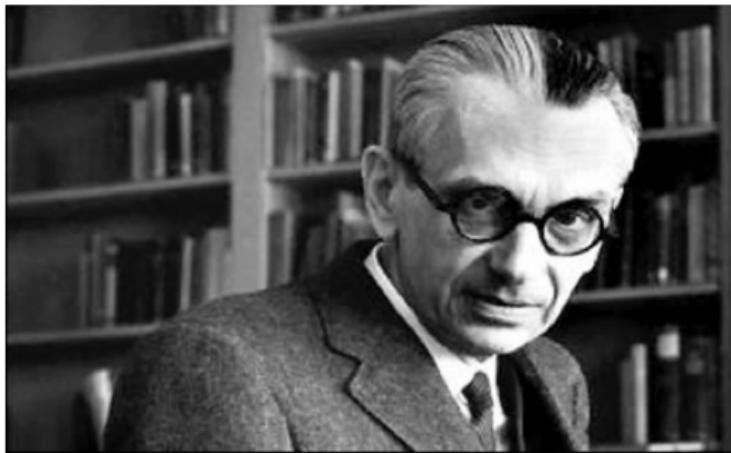


# Recent Successes with a Meta-Logical Approach to Universal Logical Reasoning

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and this is also most highly fruitful for science.”

- Kurt Gödel (Wang, 1996)[p. 316]

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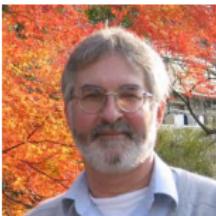
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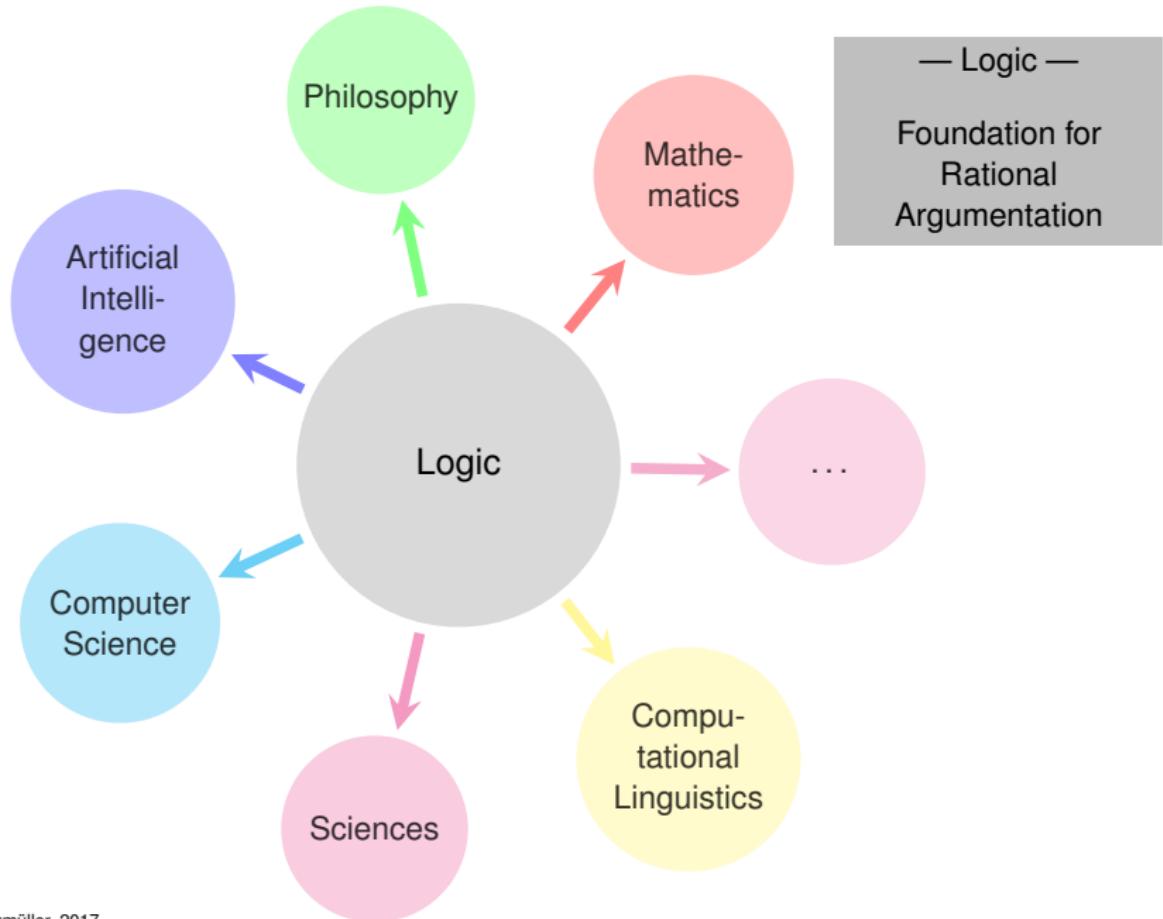
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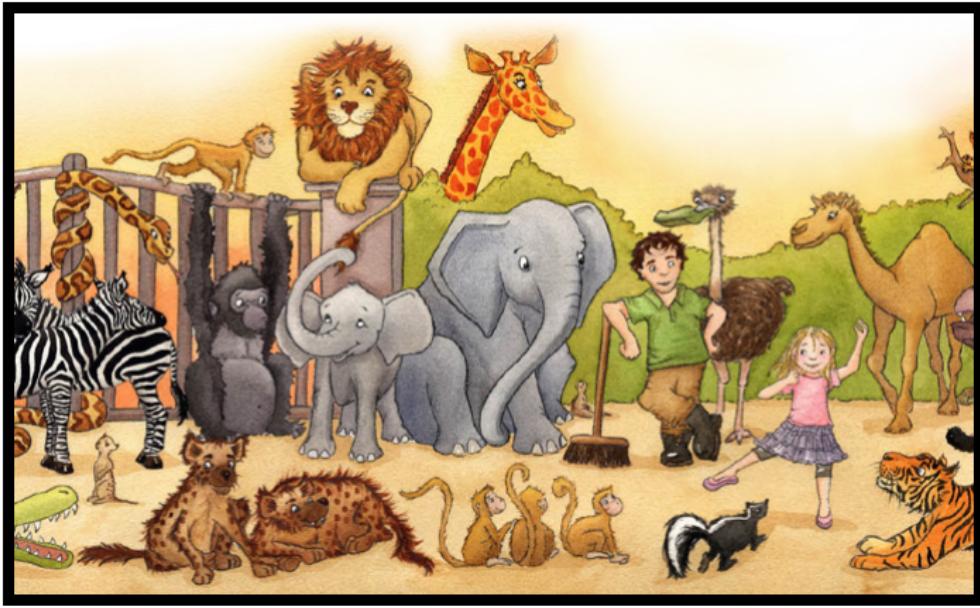
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“If we had it [a *characteristica universalis*], we should be able to reason in metaphysics and morals in much the same way as in geometry and analysis.”

(Leibniz, 1677)

## Logic is Relevant in Many Disciplines





## Logic Zoo

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## Example Application in Metaphysics/Philosophy:

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Kurt Gödel's definition of God:

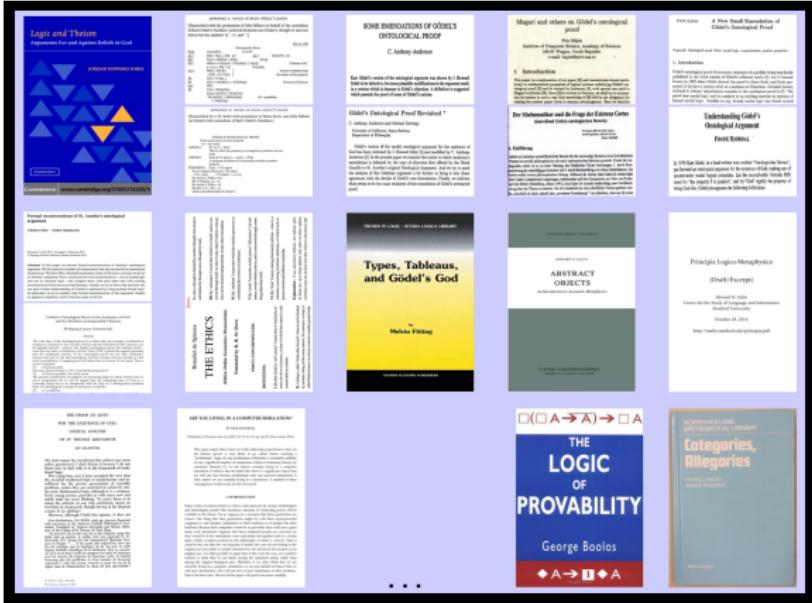
$$\Box \exists x. Gx$$

$$Gx := \forall \Phi. Positive \Phi \rightarrow \Phi x$$





- A Universal Logic Reasoning in Classical HO Logic
- B Applications in Metaphysics
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# Part A

## Universal Logic Reasoning in Classical HO Logic (via Shallow Semantical Embeddings)

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#### 2.1 *First steps in relational semantics*

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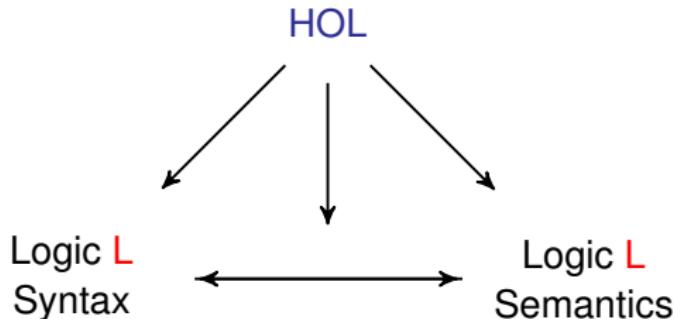
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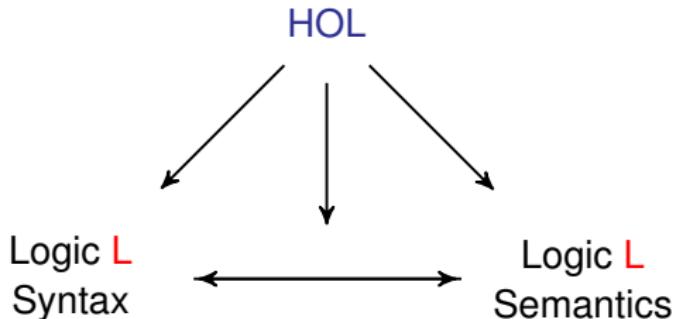
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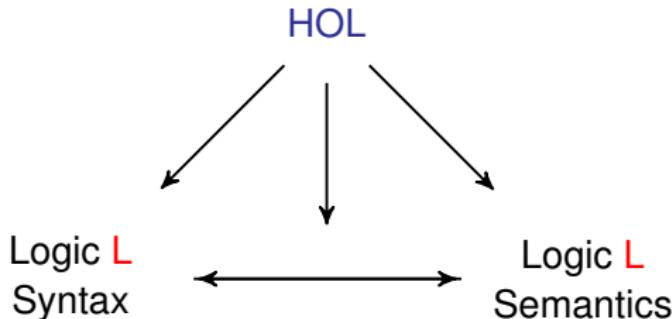
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Pass this set of equations to a HOL theorem prover

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# Isabelle/HOL (one of various Theorem Provers for HOL)



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### What is Isabelle?

Isabelle is a generic proof assistant. It allows mathematical formulas to be expressed in a formal language and provides tools for proving those formulas in a logical calculus. Isabelle was originally developed at the [University of Cambridge](#) and [Technische Universität München](#), but now includes numerous contributions from institutions and individuals worldwide. See the [Isabelle overview](#) for a brief introduction.

### Now available: Isabelle2017 (October 2017)

 Download for Mac OS X

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**Some notable changes:**

- Experimental support for Visual Studio Code as alternative PIDE front-end.
- Improved Isabelle/Edit Prover IDE: management of session sources independently of editor buffers, removal of unused theories, explicit indication of theory status, more careful auto-indentation.
- Session-qualified theory imports.
- Code generator improvements: support for statically embedded computations.
- Numerous HOL library improvements.
- More material in HOL-Algebra, HOL-Computational\_Algebra and HOL-Analysis (ported from HOL-Light).
- Improved Nunchaku model finder, now in main HOL.
- SQL database support in Isabelle/Scala.

See also the cumulative [NEWS](#).

### Distribution & Support

Isabelle is distributed for free under a conglomerate of open-source licenses, but the main code-base is subject to BSD-style regulations. The application bundles include source and binary packages and documentation, see the detailed [installation instructions](#). A vast collection of Isabelle examples and applications is available from the [Archive of Formal Proofs](#).

<https://isabelle.in.tum.de>

(many other systems: Coq, HOL, HOL Light, PVS, Lean, NuPrL, IMPS, ACL2, ...)

# Universal Logic Reasoning in Isabelle/HOL

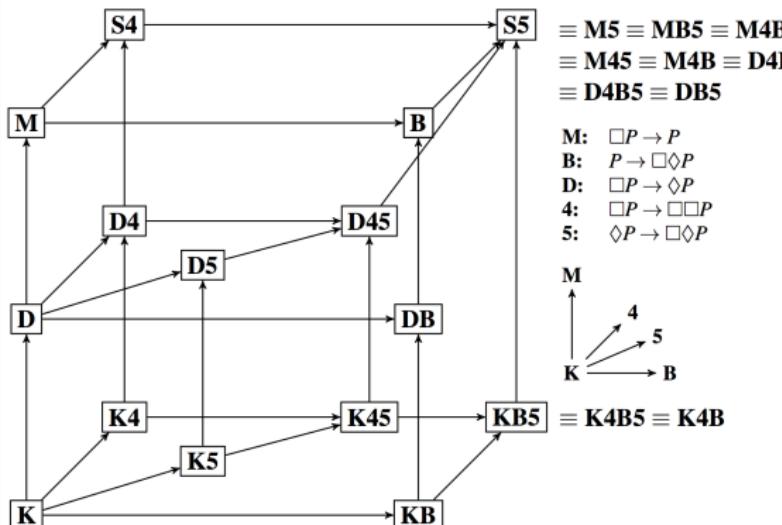
The screenshot shows the Isabelle/HOL IDE interface with the file `GodProof.thy` open. The code defines various type declarations, abbreviations, and theories for modal logic and domain quantifiers.

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1 theory GodProof imports Main
2 begin
3   typedecl i -- "type for possible worlds"
4   typedecl μ -- "type for individuals"
5   type_synonym σ = "(i⇒bool)"
6
7 (* Shallow embedding modal logic connectives in HOL *)
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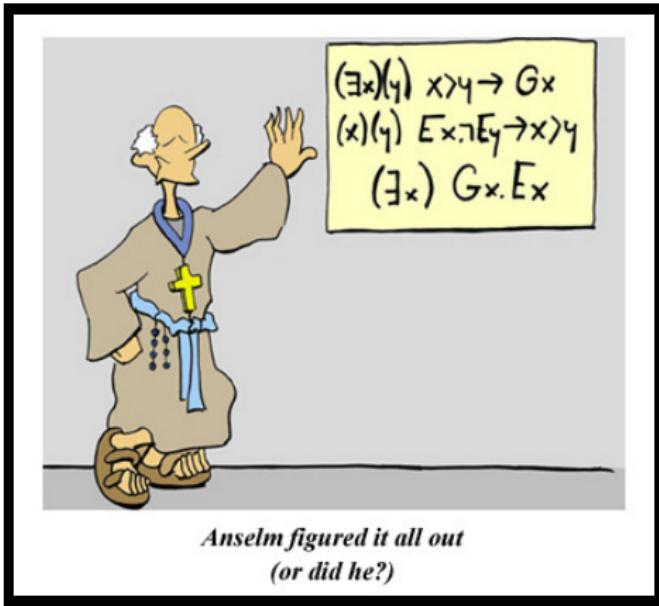
The interface includes a toolbar with icons for file operations, a search bar, and a status bar at the bottom showing the current state and memory usage.

There are many different (Higher-Order) Modal Logics

Modal Logic Cube



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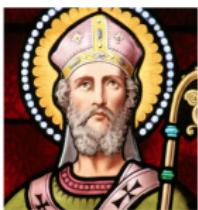
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### Modern Variants of Kurt Gödel and Dana Scott

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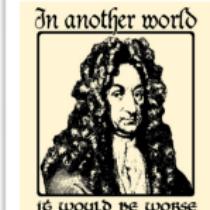
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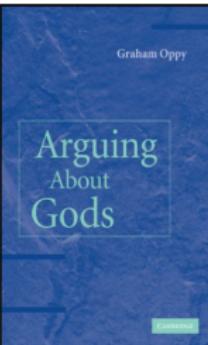
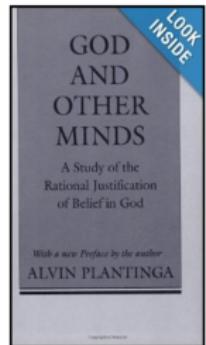
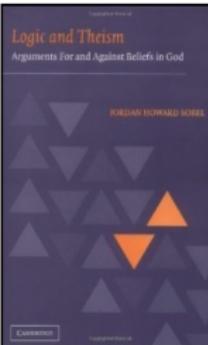
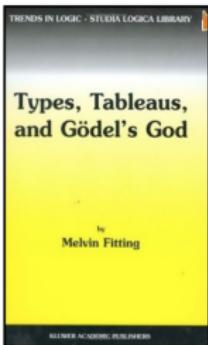
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Ontologischer Beweis      Feb. 10, 1970

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P2:  $\varphi_{\text{Emax}} \equiv (\psi)[\forall x(\psi(x) \supset N(y)[P(y) \supset \psi(y)])]$  (Emax of  $x$ )

$P \supset_N q = N(p \supset q)$       Necessity

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Th.:  $G(x) \supset G_{\text{Emax}}$

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any two instances of  $x$  are nec. equivalent  
exclusive or \* and for any number of them



$M(\exists x) G(x)$  means all possible. This is

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If controversies were to arise, there would be no more need of disputation between two philosophers than between two accountants. For it would suffice to take their pencils in their hands, to sit down to their slates, and to say to each other ...: Let us calculate.

(Translation by Russell)

Quo facto, quando orientur controversiae, non magis disputatione opus erit inter duos philosophos, quam inter duos Computistas. Sufficiet enim calamos in manus sumere sedereque ad abacos, et sibi mutuo ... dicere: calculemus.  
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Required:  
**characteristica universalis** and **calculus ratiocinator**

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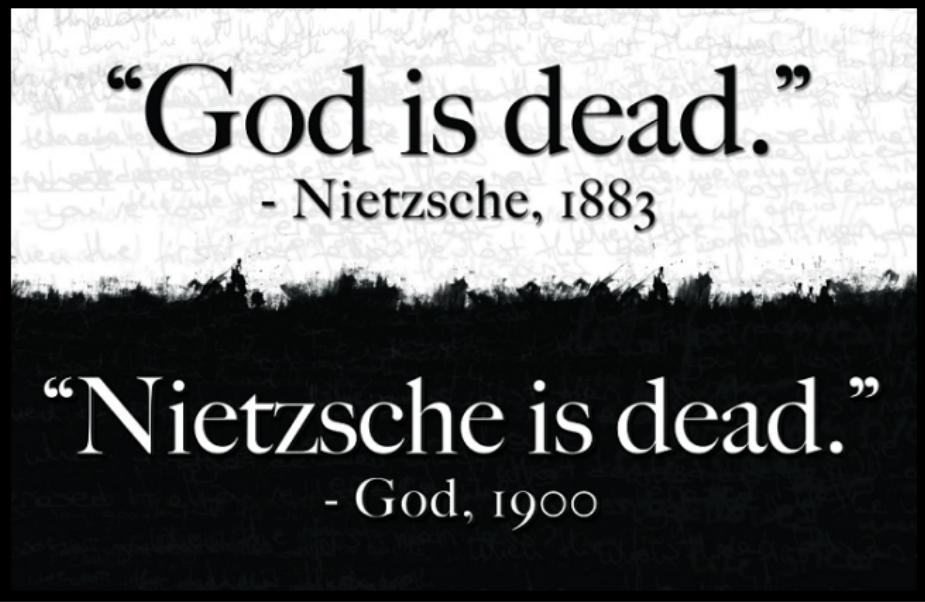
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96 (* T3: Necessarily, God exists *)
97 theorem T3: " $\Box(\Diamond(\exists x. G(x)))$ ""
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100 (* Check for Consistency *)
101 lemma True nitpick [satisfy, user_axioms] oops
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103 lemma False sledgehammer [remote_leo2,verbose]
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The proof state at the bottom of the interface shows:

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proof (prove)
goal (1 subgoal):
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The right sidebar includes tabs for Documentation, Sidekick, State, and Theories.



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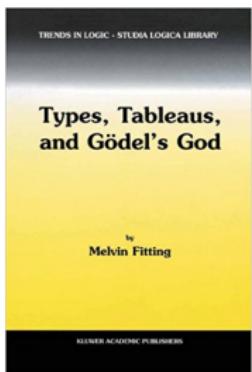
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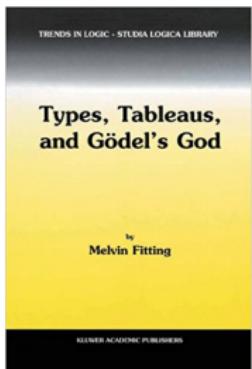
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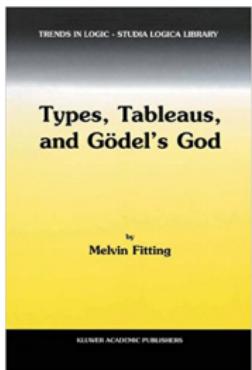
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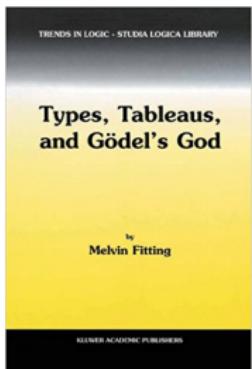
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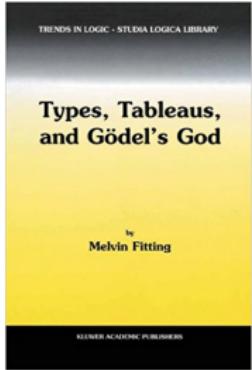
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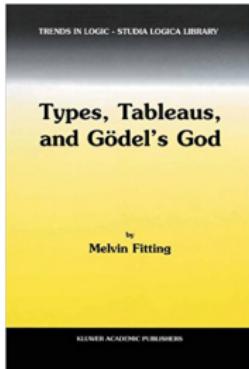
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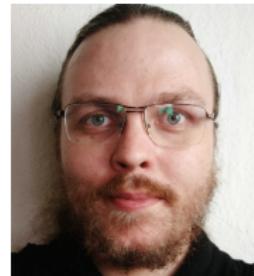
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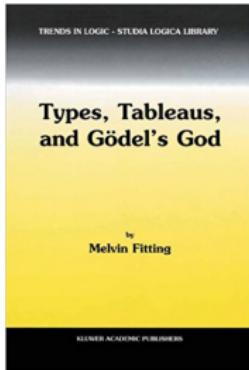
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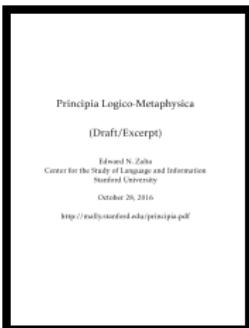
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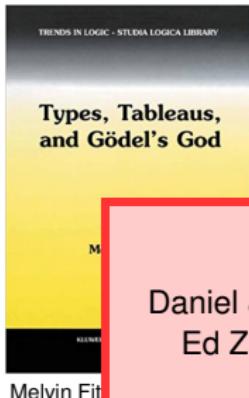
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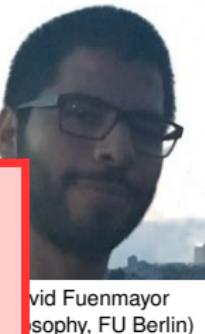
Ontological Argument  
(avoids modal collapse)

Intensional higher-order modal logic

### Kirchner Paradox

Daniel & Isabelle/HOL have become close advisors of Ed Zalta in the search for a repair of the paradox.

This is *Computational Metaphysics* par excellence!!!



David Fuenmayor  
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Ed Zalta (Stanford)

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Principia Logico-Metaphysica  
(Foundations for Metaphysics & Mathematics)

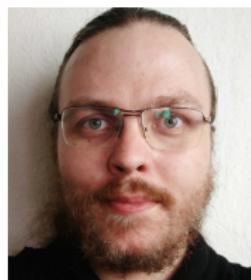
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### Inconsistency/Paradox revealed

Emendations proposed

<https://www.isa-afp.org/entries/PLM.shtml>

[arXiv:1711.06542], submitted



Daniel Kirchner  
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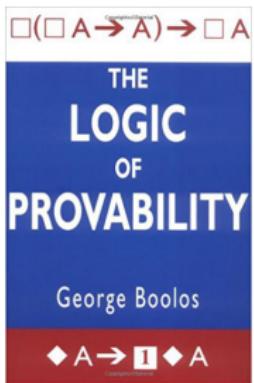
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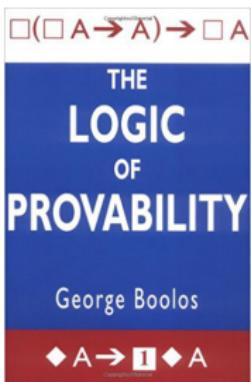
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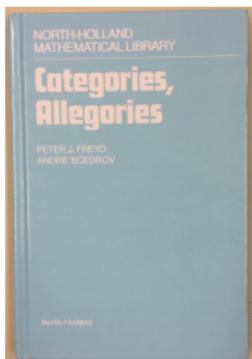
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### Mathematics

Textbook on Category Theory

Free first-order logic

(Constricted) Inconsistency detected

Emendation proposed

[ICMS 2016], [arXiv:1609.01493], submitted



D. Scott  
(UC Berkeley)

## Other Completed Studies

### Variants of the Ontological Argument

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The screenshot shows the Isabelle/HOL proof assistant interface. On the left, there is a book cover for "Categories, Allegories" by Peter J. Freyd and Andre Scedrov. The right side shows the proof editor.

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File: AxiomaticCategoryTheory.thy (~/chris/trunk/tex/talks/2017-BMG-Tag)
854 context -- {* Axiom Set VI (Freyd and Scedrov) in their notation *}
855 assumes
856
857   A1: " $\mathbb{E}(x \cdot y) \leftrightarrow (\square x \cong \square y)^*$ " and
858   A2a: " $(\square(x \cdot y)) \cong \square x^*$ " and
859   A2b: " $\square(\square x) \cong \square x^*$ " and
860   A3a: " $\square(x \cdot y) \cong x^*$ " and
861   A3b: " $x \cdot (\square x) \cong x^*$ " and
862   A4a: " $\square(x \cdot y) \cong \square(x \cdot (\square y))^*$ " and
863   A4b: " $(x \cdot y) \square \cong ((\square x) \cdot y) \square^*$ " and
864   A5: " $x \cdot (y \cdot z) \cong (x \cdot y) \cdot z^*$ " and
865
866 begin
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868 lemma InconsistencyAutomatic: " $\exists x. \neg(\mathbb{E} x) \rightarrow \text{False}$ " proof -
869
870
871 lemma InconsistencyInteractive: assumes NEx: " $\exists x. \neg(\mathbb{E} x)$ " shows False proof -
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873   (* Let @text "a" be an undefined object *)
874   obtain a where l1: " $\neg(\mathbb{E} a)$ " using assms by auto
875   (* We instantiate axiom @text "A3a" with @text "a". *)
876   have l2: " $(\square a) \cdot a \cong a^*$ " using A3a by blast
877   (* By unfolding the definition of @text "cong" we get from l1 t
878   not defined. This is
879   easy to see, since if @text "(\square a) \cdot a" were defined, we also *)

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goal (1 subgoal):
 1.  $\text{False} \leftarrow \exists x. \neg (\mathbb{E} x)$

Output Query Sledgehammer Symbols

## Part C

# Mathematics: Category Theory



## Free Logic (Scott, 1967) in HOL

See our papers:

Free Logic in Isabelle/HOL, ICMS, 2016

Axiomatizing Category Theory in Free Logic, arXiv:1609.01493, 2016  
Automating Free Logic in HOL, with an Experimental . . . , submitted

Dana Scott. "Existence and description in formal logic." In: Bertrand Russell: Philosopher of the Century, edited by R. Schoenman. George Allen & Unwin, London, 1967, pp. 181-200. Reprinted with additions in: Philosophical Application of Free Logic, edited by K. Lambert. Oxford University Press, 1991, pp. 28 - 48.

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### *Existence and Description in Formal Logic*

The problem of what to do with improper descriptive phrases has bothered logicians for a long time. There have been three major suggestions of how to treat descriptions usually associated with the names of Russell, Frege and Hilbert-Bernays. The author does not consider any of these approaches really satisfactory. In many ways Russell's idea is most attractive because of its simplicity. However, on second thought one is saddened to find that the Russellian method of elimination depends heavily on the scope of the elimination.

## Previous Approaches (rough sketch)

The present King of France is bald.

Russel (first approach)

$pkof :=$  present King of France

$bald(\iota x.pkof(x))$

iff

$(\exists x.pkof(x)) \wedge (\forall x,y.((pkof(x) \wedge pkof(y)) \rightarrow x = y) \wedge (\forall x.pkof((x) \rightarrow bald(x))$

Hence, **false**.

Frege

$\iota x.pkof(x)$  does not denote;  $bald(\iota x.pkof(x))$  has **no truth value**.

Hilbert-Bernays

If the existence and uniqueness conditions cannot be proved, then the term  $\iota x.pkof(x)$  is **not part of the language**.

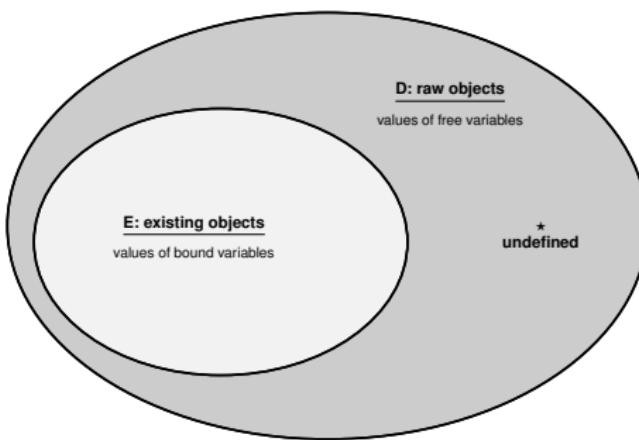
## Free Logic: Elegant Approach to Definite Description and Undefinedness

### Existence and Description in Formal Logic (Dana Scott), 1967

**Principle 1:** Bound individual variables range over domain  $E \subset D$

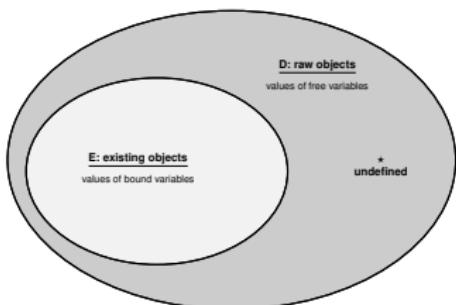
**Principle 2:** Values of terms and free variables are in  $D$ , not necessarily in  $E$  only.

**Principle 3:** Domain  $E$  may be empty



**Figure:** Illustration of the semantical domains of free logic

# Free Logic in HOL



FreeFOLminimal.thy (~/GITHUBS/PrincipiaMetaphysica/FreeLogic/2016-ICMS/)

```
typeclass i -- "the type for individuals"
consts fExistence:: "i⇒bool" ("E") -- "Existence predicate"
consts fStar:: "i" ("★") -- "Distinguished symbol for undefinedness"

axiomatization where fStarAxiom: "¬E(★)"

abbreviation fNot:: "bool⇒bool" ("¬")
where "¬φ ≡ ¬φ"
abbreviation fImplies:: "bool⇒bool⇒bool" (infixr "→" 49)
where "φ→ψ ≡ φ→ψ"
abbreviation fForall:: "(i⇒bool)⇒bool" ("∀")
where "∀Φ ≡ ∀x. E(x) ⊢ Φ(x)"
abbreviation fForallBinder:: "(i⇒bool)⇒bool" (binder "∀" [8] 9)
where "∀x. φ(x) ≡ ∀φ"
abbreviation fThat:: "(i⇒bool)⇒i" ("I")
where "IΦ ≡ if ∃x. E(x) ∧ Φ(x) ∧ (∀y. (E(y) ∧ Φ(y)) → (y = x))
      then THE x. E(x) ∧ Φ(x)
      else ∗"
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abbreviation fOr (infixr "∨" 51) where "φ∨ψ ≡ (¬φ)→ψ"
abbreviation fAnd (infixr "∧" 52) where "φ∧ψ ≡ ¬(¬φ∨¬ψ)"
abbreviation fEquiv (infixr "↔" 50) where "φ↔ψ ≡ (φ→ψ)∧(ψ→φ)"
abbreviation fEquals (infixr "≡" 56) where "x=y ≡ x=y"
abbreviation fExists ("∃") where "∃Φ ≡ ¬(∀(λy. ¬(Φ y)))"
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consts
fForall :: "(i ⇒ bool) ⇒ bool"
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## Exemplary Case Study: Exploration of Axioms Sets for Category Theory

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—  
Generalized  
Monoids  
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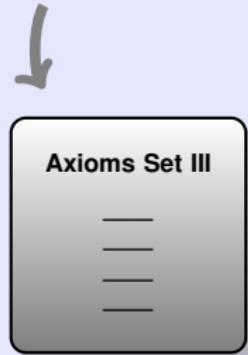
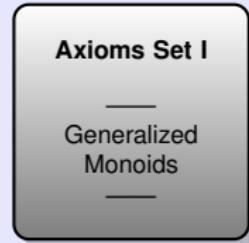
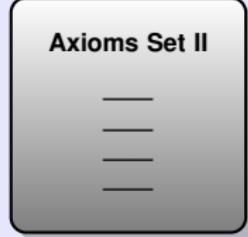
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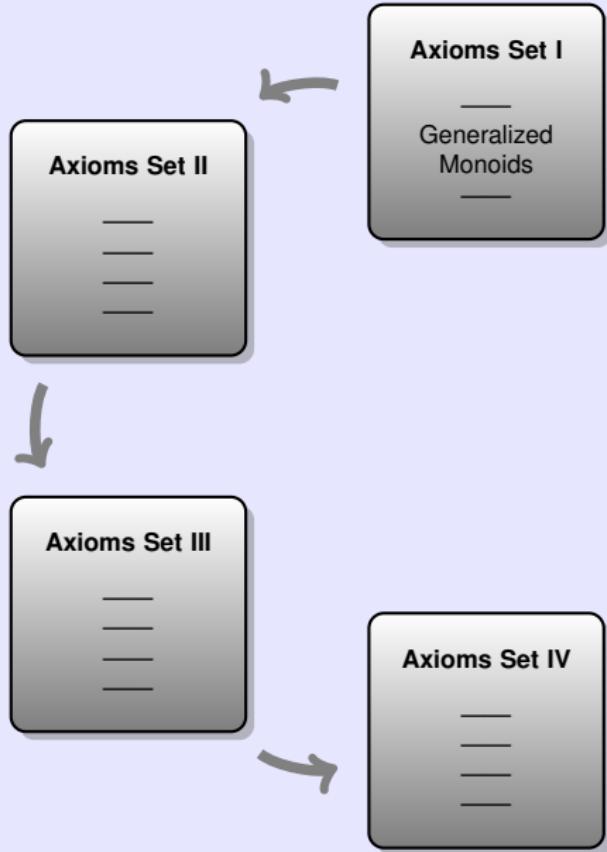
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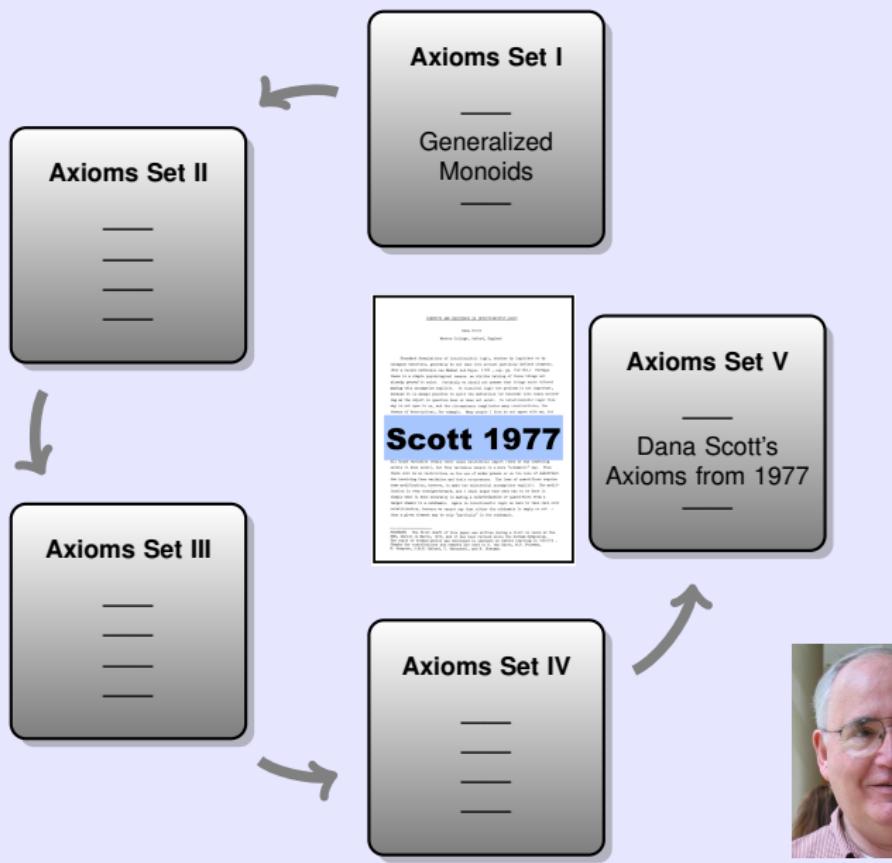
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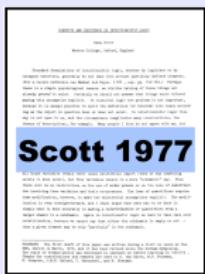
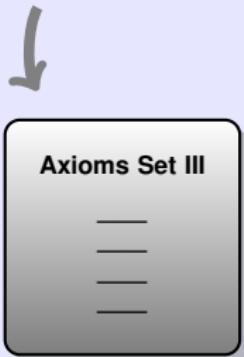
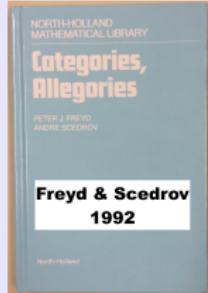
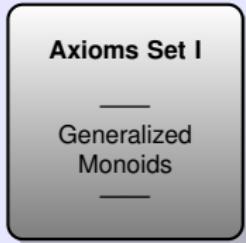
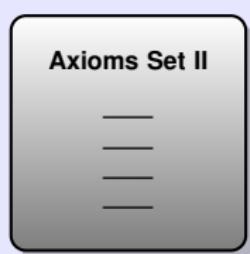
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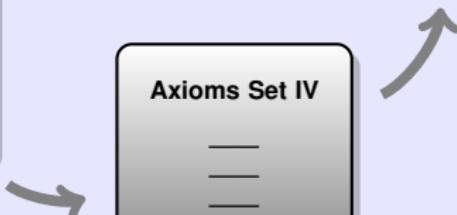
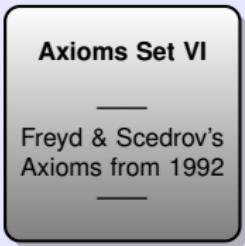


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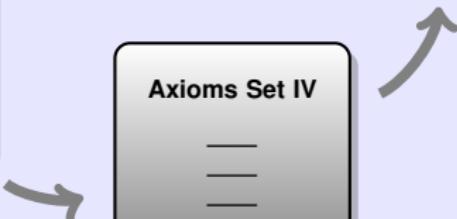
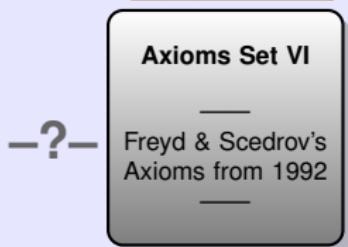
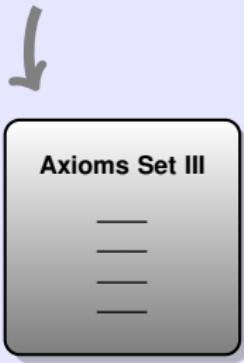
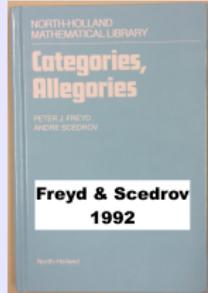
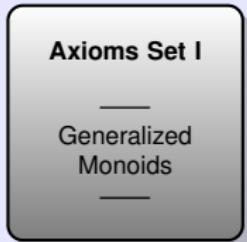
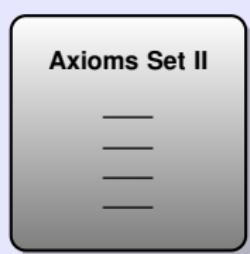


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— Morphisms

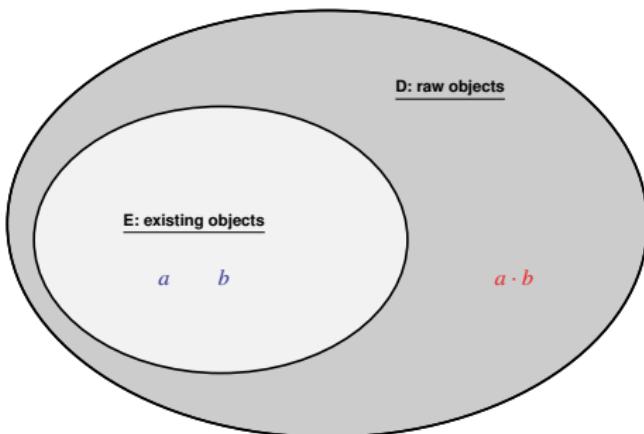
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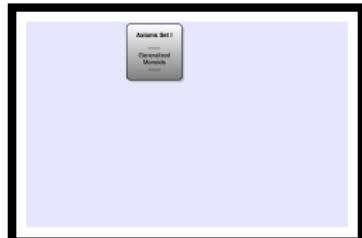
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Partiality of “.” handled as expected:

$a \cdot b$  may be non-existing for some existing morphisms  $a$  and  $b$ .



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$\simeq$  denotes existing identity:  $x \simeq y \equiv Ex \wedge Ey \wedge x = y$

$\simeq$  is symmetric and transitive, but lacks reflexivity: **SLEDGEHAMMER**, **NITPICK**.

## Monoid

A monoid is an algebraic structure  $(S, \circ)$ , where  $\circ$  is a binary operator on set  $S$ , satisfying the following properties:

Closure:  $\forall a, b \in S. a \circ b \in S$

Associativity:  $\forall a, b, c \in S. a \circ (b \circ c) = (a \circ b) \circ c$

Identity:  $\exists id_S \in S. \forall a \in S. id_S \circ a = a = a \circ id_S$

That is, a monoid is a semigroup with a two-sided identity element.

## From Monoids to Categories



We employ a partial, strict binary composition operation .  
Left and right identity elements are addressed in  $C_i, D_i, .$

### Categories: Axioms Set I

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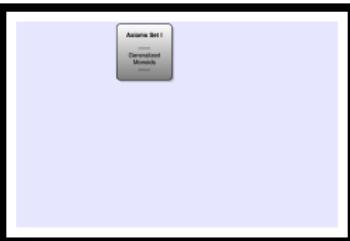
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### Experiments with Isabelle/HOL

- Model finder **NITPICK** confirms that this axiom set is consistent.
- Even if we assume there are non-existing objects ( $\exists x. \neg(Ex)$ ) we get consistency.

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- The left-to-right direction of  $E$  is implied: **SLEDGEHAMMER**.

$$E(x \cdot y) \rightarrow (Ex \wedge Ey \wedge (\exists z. z \cdot z \cong z \wedge x \cdot z \cong x \wedge z \cdot y \cong y))$$

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$S_i$	Strictness	$E(x \cdot y) \rightarrow (Ex \wedge Ey)$
$E_i$	Existence	$E(x \cdot y) \leftarrow (Ex \wedge Ey \wedge (\exists z. z \cdot z \cong z \wedge x \cdot z \cong x \wedge z \cdot y \cong y))$
$A_i$	Associativity	$x \cdot (y \cdot z) \cong (x \cdot y) \cdot z$
$C_i$	Codomain	$\forall y. \exists i. ID(i) \wedge i \cdot y \cong y$
$D_i$	Domain	$\forall x. \exists j. ID(j) \wedge x \cdot j \cong x$

where  $I$  is an identity morphism predicate:

$$ID(i) \equiv (\forall x. E(i \cdot x) \rightarrow i \cdot x \cong x) \wedge (\forall x. E(x \cdot i) \rightarrow x \cdot i \cong x)$$

### Experiments with Isabelle/HOL

- The  $i$  in axiom  $C$  is unique: **SLEDGEHAMMER**.
- The  $j$  in axiom  $D$  is unique: **SLEDGEHAMMER**.
- However, the  $i$  and  $j$  need not be equal: **NITPICK**

# Demo

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```
73 context -- {* Axiom Set I *}
74 assumes
75
76 S_i: "E(x·y) → (E x ∧ E y)" and
77 E_i: "E(x·y) ← (E x ∧ E y ∧ (∃z. z·z ≈ z ∧ x·z ≈ x ∧ z·y ≈ y))" and
78 A_i: "x·(y·z) ≈ (x·y)·z" and
79 C_i: "∀y. ∃i. ID i ∧ i·y ≈ y" and
80 D_i: "∀x. ∃j. ID j ∧ x·j ≈ x"
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82 begin
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84 lemma True (* Consistency: Nitpick finds a model *)
85   nitpick [satisfy,user_axioms,show_all,format = 2,expect = genuine] oops
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87 lemma assumes "∃x. ¬(E x)" shows True (* Nitpick still finds a model *)
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90 lemma assumes "(∃x. ¬(E x)) ∧ (∃x. (E x))" shows True (* Nitpick still finds a model *)
91   nitpick [satisfy,user_axioms,show_all,format = 2,expect = genuine] oops
92
93 lemma E_Impiled: "E(v·v) → (E v ∧ E v ∧ (∃z. z·z ≈ z ∧ v·z ≈ v ∧ z·v ≈ v))" and
94
95 theorem
96   E_Impiled:
97     (E ?x ∧ E ?y ∧ ¬(∀x. ¬(x · x ≈ x ∧ ?x · x ≈ ?x ∧ x · ?y ≈ ?y))) ← E (?x · ?y)
```

theorem

E\_Impiled:

( $E ?x \wedge E ?y \wedge \neg(\forall x. \neg(x \cdot x \approx x \wedge ?x \cdot x \approx ?x \wedge x \cdot ?y \approx ?y))) \leftarrow E (?x \cdot ?y)$ )

Output Query Sledgehammer Symbols

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## Interaction: Dana – Christoph – Isabelle/HOL



Dana Scott <dana.scott@cs.cmu.edu>

8/6/16

to me ▾

> On Aug 5, 2016, at 11:00 PM, Christoph Benzmueller <[c.benzmueller@gmail.com](mailto:c.benzmueller@gmail.com)> wrote:  
>  
> When we take IDD(i) as  
>      $(\text{all } x)[ E(i.x) \Rightarrow i.x = x ]$  &  
>      $(\text{all } x)[ E(x.i) \Rightarrow x.i = x ]$   
> and replace ID(i) in our SACDE-axioms by IDD(i) then I can show that  
> ID(I) and IDD(i) are equivalent. See attachment New\_axioms\_9.png.  
>  
> So IDD(i) seem suited as a notion of identity morphism.

**Dana**

Ha! I am surprised, because I did not see how to prove:

$$(\text{all } i)[ \text{IDD}(i) \Rightarrow i.i = i ]$$

I have to think about this. I hate it when computers are  
smarter than I am!

I guess C and D have to be used.



Christoph Benzmueller <[c.benzmueller@gmail.com](mailto:c.benzmueller@gmail.com)>

8/6/16

to Dana ▾

Hi Dana, see the first attachment of my previous Mail. C and S are used for this. Its called IDD-help1.

C.

# Interaction: Dana – Christoph – Isabelle/HOL



Christoph Benzmueller <c.benzmueller@gmail.com>

7/23/16

to Dana

Dana,

here are the results of the experiments; doesn't look too good.

On Fri, Jul 22, 2016 at 11:43 PM, Dana Scott <[dana.scott@cs.cmu.edu](mailto:dana.scott@cs.cmu.edu)> wrote:

> On Jul 21, 2016, at 9:32 AM, Christoph Benzmueller <[c.benzmueller@gmail.com](mailto:c.benzmueller@gmail.com)> wrote:  
>  
> The F-axioms are all provable from the old S-axioms.  
> But D2, D3 and E3 are not.

I think I see the trouble with those D axioms. But E3 is very odd.

E3:  $E(x.y) \Rightarrow (\exists i)[\text{Id}(i) \wedge x.(i.y) = x.y]$

You see, by the S-axioms, if you assume  $E(x.y)$ , then  $E(x) \wedge E(y) \wedge E(\text{cod}(x))$  follows. So the "i" in the conclusion of E3 ought to be " $\text{cod}(x)$ ".

Please check, therefore, whether this is provable from the S-axioms:

(all x)  $\text{Id}(\text{cod}(x))$

Apparently it isn't. See file Scott\_new\_axioms\_4.png; the countermodel is presented in the lower window; he have:

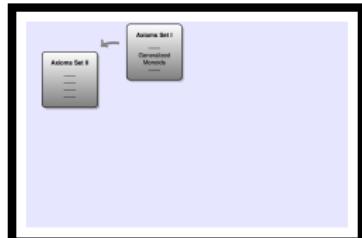
dom(i1)=i1, dom(i2)=i2, dom(i3)=i3  
cod(i1)=i1, cod(i2)=i2, cod(i3)=i3  
i1.i1=i1, i1.i2=i3, i1.i3=i3  
i2.i1=i3, i2.i2=i2, i2.i3=i3  
i3.i1=i3, i3.i2=i3, i3.i3=i3  
 $E(i1), E(i2), \neg E(i3)$

**Countermodel by Nitpick converted by me into a readable form**

I have briefly checked it; it seems to validate each S-axiom.

If this is OK, then E3 should have been provable.

## From Monoids to Categories



Axioms Set II is developed from Axioms Set I by Skolemization of  $i$  and  $j$  in axioms  $C$  and  $D$ . We can argue semantically that every model of Axioms Set I has such functions. The strictness axiom  $S$  is extended, so that strictness is now also postulated for the new Skolem functions  $dom$  and  $cod$ .

### Categories: Axioms Set II

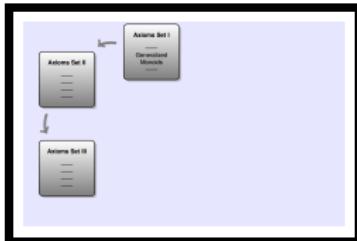
$S_{ii}$	Strictness	$E(x \cdot y) \rightarrow (Ex \wedge Ey) \wedge (E(dom\ x) \rightarrow Ex) \wedge (E(cod\ y) \rightarrow Ey)$
$E_{ii}$	Existence	$E(x \cdot y) \leftarrow (Ex \wedge Ey \wedge (\exists z. z \cdot z \cong z \wedge x \cdot z \cong x \wedge z \cdot y \cong y))$
$A_{ii}$	Associativity	$x \cdot (y \cdot z) \cong (x \cdot y) \cdot z$
$C_{ii}$	Codomain	$Ey \rightarrow (ID(cod\ y) \wedge (cod\ y) \cdot y \cong y)$
$D_{ii}$	Domain	$Ex \rightarrow (ID(dom\ x) \wedge x \cdot (dom\ x) \cong x)$

### Experiments with Isabelle/HOL

- Consistency holds (also when  $\exists x. \neg(Ex)$ ): confirmed by **NITPICK**.
- Axiom Set II implies Axioms Set I: easily proved by **SLEDGEHAMMER**.
- Axiom Set I also implies Axioms Set II (by semantical means on the meta-level)

## From Monoids to Categories

In Axioms Set III the existence axiom  $E$  is simplified by taking advantage of the two new Skolem functions  $dom$  and  $cod$ .



## Categories: Axioms Set III

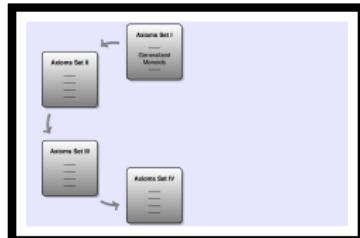
$S_{iii}$	Strictness	$E(x \cdot y) \rightarrow (Ex \wedge Ey) \wedge (E(dom x) \rightarrow Ex) \wedge (E(cod y) \rightarrow Ey)$
$E_{iii}$	Existence	$E(x \cdot y) \leftarrow (dom x \cong cod y \wedge E(dom x) \wedge E(cod y))$
$A_{iii}$	Associativity	$x \cdot (y \cdot z) \cong (x \cdot y) \cdot z$
$C_{iii}$	Codomain	$Ey \rightarrow (ID(cod y) \wedge (cod y) \cdot y \cong y)$
$D_{iii}$	Domain	$Ex \rightarrow (ID(dom x) \wedge x \cdot (dom x) \cong x)$

## Experiments with Isabelle/HOL

- Consistency holds (also when  $\exists x. \neg(Ex)$ ): confirmed by **NITPICK**.
- The left-to-right direction of existence axiom  $E$  is implied: **SLEDGEHAMMER**.
- Axioms Set III implies Axioms Set II: **SLEDGEHAMMER**.
- Axioms Set II implies Axioms Set III: **SLEDGEHAMMER**.

## From Monoids to Categories

Axioms Set IV simplifies the axioms  $C$  and  $D$ . However, as it turned out, these simplifications also require the existence axiom  $E$  to be strengthened into an equivalence.



## Categories: Axioms Set IV

$S_{iv}$	Strictness	$E(x \cdot y) \rightarrow (Ex \wedge Ey) \wedge (E(dom\ x) \rightarrow Ex) \wedge (E(cod\ y) \rightarrow Ey)$
$E_{iv}$	Existence	$E(x \cdot y) \leftrightarrow (dom\ x \cong cod\ y \wedge E(cod\ y))$
$A_{iv}$	Associativity	$x \cdot (y \cdot z) \cong (x \cdot y) \cdot z$
$C_{iv}$	Codomain	$(cod\ y) \cdot y \cong y$
$D_{iv}$	Domain	$x \cdot (dom\ x) \cong x$

## Experiments with Isabelle/HOL

- Consistency holds (also when  $\exists x. \neg(Ex)$ ): confirmed by **NITPICK**.
- Axioms Set IV implies Axioms Set III: **SLEDGEHAMMER**.
- Axioms Set III implies Axioms Set IV: **SLEDGEHAMMER**.

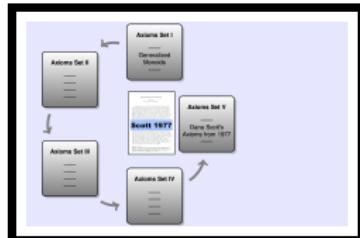
## From Monoids to Categories

Axioms Set V simplifies axiom  $E$  (and  $S$ ).

Now, strictness of  $\cdot$  is implied.

### Categories: Axioms Set V (Scott, 1977)

S1	Strictness	$E(dom\ x) \rightarrow Ex$
S2	Strictness	$E(cod\ y) \rightarrow Ey$
S3	Existence	$E(x \cdot y) \leftrightarrow dom\ x \simeq cod\ y$
S4	Associativity	$x \cdot (y \cdot z) \cong (x \cdot y) \cdot z$
S5	Codomain	$(cod\ y) \cdot y \cong y$
S6	Domain	$x \cdot (dom\ x) \cong x$



### Experiments with Isabelle/HOL

- Consistency holds (also when  $\exists x. \neg(Ex)$ ): confirmed by **NITPICK**.
- Axioms Set V implies Axioms Set IV: **SLEDGEHAMMER**.
- Axioms Set IV implies Axioms Set V: **SLEDGEHAMMER**.

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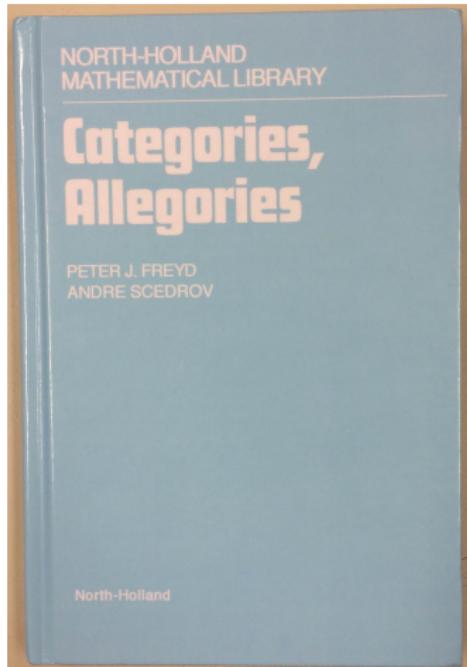
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304 context -- {* Axiom Set V *}
305 assumes
306
307 S1: "E(dom x) → E x" and
308 S2: "E(cod y) → E y" and
309 S3: "E(x·y) ↔ dom x ≈ cod y" and
310 S4: "x·(y·z) ≈ (x·y)·z" and
311 S5: "(cod y)·y ≈ y" and
312 S6: "x·(dom x) ≈ x"
313
314 begin
315
316 lemma True -- {* Nitpick finds a model *}
317   nitpick [satisfy, user_axioms, show_all, format = 2, expect = genuine] oops
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321
322 lemma assumes "(∃x. ¬(E x)) ∧ (∃x. (E x))" shows True -- {* Nitpick finds a model *}
323   nitpick [satisfy, user_axioms, show_all, format = 2, expect = genuine] oops
324
```

Nitpicking formula...  
Nitpick found a model for card i = 2:

Constants:  
codomain = ( $\lambda x. \_$ )(i<sub>1</sub> := i<sub>1</sub>, i<sub>2</sub> := i<sub>2</sub>)  
op · = ( $\lambda x. \_$ )(i<sub>1</sub>, i<sub>1</sub>) := i<sub>1</sub>, (i<sub>1</sub>, i<sub>2</sub>) := i<sub>1</sub>, (i<sub>2</sub>, i<sub>1</sub>) := i<sub>1</sub>, (i<sub>2</sub>, i<sub>2</sub>) := i<sub>2</sub>)  
domain = ( $\lambda x. \_$ )(i<sub>1</sub> := i<sub>1</sub>, i<sub>2</sub> := i<sub>2</sub>)

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# Application: Cats & Alligators



## 1.1. BASIC DEFINITIONS

The theory of CATEGORIES is given by two unary operations and a binary partial operation. In most contexts lower-case variables are used for the ‘individuals’ which are called *morphisms* or *maps*. The values of the operations are denoted and pronounced as:

- $\square x$  the source of  $x$ ,
- $x\square$  the target of  $x$ ,
- $xy$  the composition of  $x$  and  $y$ .

The axioms:

- A1  $xy$  is defined iff  $x\square = \square y$ ,
- A2a  $(\square x)\square = \square x$  and  $\square(x\square) = x\square$ , A2b
- A3a  $(\square x)x = x$  and  $x(x\square) = x$ , A3b
- A4  $\square(xy) = \square(x(\square y))$  and  $(xy)\square = ((x\square)y)\square$ , A4b
- A5  $x(yz) = (xy)z$ .

**1.11.** The ordinary equality sign  $=$  will be used only in the symmetric sense, to wit: if either side is defined then so is the other and they are equal. A theory, such as this, built on an ordered list of partial operations, the domain of definition of each given by equations in the previous, and with all other axioms equational, is called an ESSENTIAL-LY ALGEBRAIC THEORY.

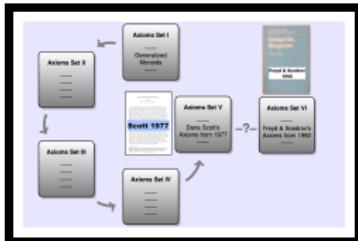
**1.12.** We shall use a venturi-tube  $\simeq$  for *directed equality* which means: if the left side is defined then so is the right and they are equal. The axiom that  $\square(xy) = \square(x(\square y))$  is equivalent, in the presence of the earlier axioms, with  $\square(xy) \simeq \square x$  as can be seen below.

**1.13.**  $\square(\square x) = \square x$  because  $\square(\square x) = \square((\square x)\square) = (\square x)\square = \square x$ . Similarly  $(x\square)\square = x\square$ .

# From Monoids to Categories

Categories: Original axiom set by Freyd and Scedrov (modulo notation)

- A1  $E(x \cdot y) \leftrightarrow \text{dom } x \cong \text{cod } y$
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- A3a  $x \cdot (\text{dom } x) \cong x$
- A3b  $(\text{cod } y) \cdot y \cong y$
- A4a  $\text{dom}(x \cdot y) \cong \text{dom}((\text{dom } x) \cdot y)$
- A4b  $\text{cod}(x \cdot y) \cong \text{cod}(x \cdot (\text{cod } y))$
- A5  $x \cdot (y \cdot z) \cong (x \cdot y) \cdot z$



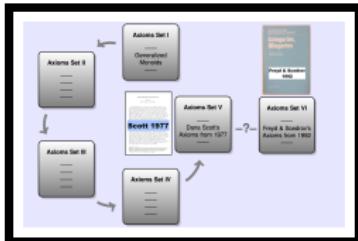
## Experiments with Isabelle/HOL

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When interpreted in free logic, then the axioms of Freyd and Scedrov are flawed:  
Either all morphisms exist (i.e.,  $\cdot$  is total), or the axioms are inconsistent.

## Demo

The screenshot shows the Isabelle/HOL proof assistant interface. On the left, there is a presentation slide titled "NORTH-HOLLAND MATHEMATICAL LIBRARY" and "Categories, Allegories" by PETER J. FREYD ANDRE SCEDROV. On the right, the Isabelle editor window displays a file named "FreydScedrovInconsistency.thy". The code in the editor is as follows:

```
context -- {* Axiom Set VI (Freyd and Scedrov) in their notation *}

assumes
  856
  857   A1: " $E[x \cdot y] \leftrightarrow (x \square \cong y)$ " and
  858   A2a: " $((\square x) \square) \cong \square x$ " and
  859   A2b: " $\square(\square x) \cong \square x$ " and
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  864   A5: " $x \cdot (y \cdot z) \cong (x \cdot y) \cdot z$ "

begin

lemma InconsistencyAutomatic: " $\exists x. \neg(E x) \rightarrow \text{False}$ "

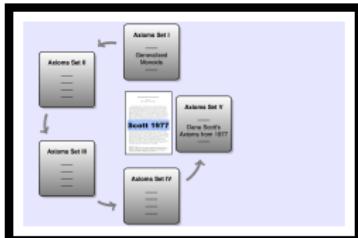
lemma InconsistencyInteractive: assumes NEx: " $\exists x. \neg(E x)$ " shows False
proof -
  -- {* Let @{text "a"} be an undefined object *}
  obtain a where 1: " $\neg(E a)$ " using assms by auto
  -- {* We instantiate axiom @{text "A3a"} with @{text "a"}.*}
  have 2: " $(\square a) \cdot a \cong a$ " using A3a by blast
  -- {* By unfolding the definition of @{text "\cong"} we get from 1 t
      not defined. This is
      easy to see, since if @{text "(\square a) \cdot a"} were defined, we also
      have  $\square a = a$  by A2a. *}
  have 3: " $\square a = a$ " using A2a by blast
  show False using 1 2 3 by blast
qed
```

The status bar at the bottom shows "goal (1 subgoal)" and "1. False  $\leftarrow (\exists x. \neg(E x))$ ". The bottom navigation bar includes tabs for Output, Query, Sledgehammer, and Symbols.

# From Monoids to Categories

## Categories: Axioms Set VI (Freyd and Scedrov, when corrected)

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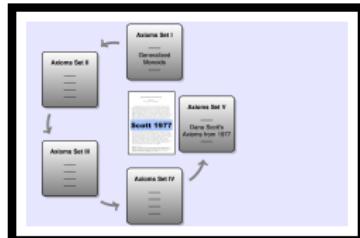
## Experiments with Isabelle/HOL

- Consistency holds (also when  $\exists x. \neg(Ex)$ ): confirmed by **NITPICK**.
- Axioms Set VI implies Axioms Set V: **LEDGEHAMMER**.
- Axioms Set V implies Axioms Set VI: **LEDGEHAMMER**.
- Redundancies:
  - The A4-axioms are implied by the others: **LEDGEHAMMER**.
  - The A2-axioms are implied by the others: **LEDGEHAMMER**.

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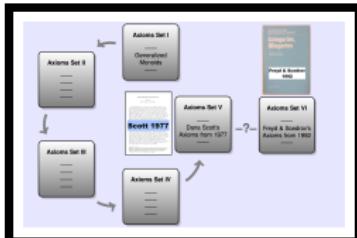


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## From Monoids to Categories

Maybe Freyd and Scedrov do not assume a free logic.  
In algebraic theories free variables often range over existing objects only. However, we can formalise this as well:



## Categories: “Algebraic reading” of axiom set by Freyd and Scedrov.

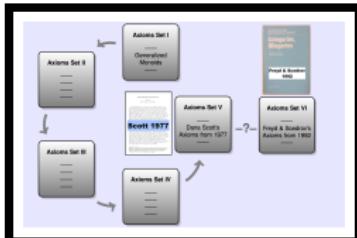
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- A2b  $\forall y. \text{dom}(\text{cod } y) \cong \text{cod } y$
- A3a  $\forall x. x \cdot (\text{dom } x) \cong x$
- A3b  $\forall y. (\text{cod } y) \cdot y \cong y$
- A4a  $\forall xy. \text{dom}(x \cdot y) \cong \text{dom}((\text{dom } x) \cdot y)$
- A4b  $\forall xy. \text{cod}(x \cdot y) \cong \text{cod}(x \cdot (\text{cod } y))$
- A5  $\forall xyz. x \cdot (y \cdot z) \cong (x \cdot y) \cdot z$

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- Consistency holds (also when  $\exists x. \neg(Ex)$ ): confirmed by **NITPICK**.
- However, none of V-axioms are implied: **NITPICK**.
- For equivalence to V-axioms we need strictness of *dom*, *cod* and  $\cdot$ : **SLEDGEHAMMER**.

## From Monoids to Categories

Maybe Freyd and Scedrov do not assume a free logic.  
In algebraic theories free variables often range over existing objects only. However, we can formalise this as well:



### Categories: “Algebraic reading” of axiom set by Freyd and Scedrov.

- A1  $\forall xy. E(x \cdot y) \leftrightarrow \text{dom } x \cong \text{cod } y$
- A2a  $\forall x. \text{cod}(\text{dom } x) \cong \text{dom } x$
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- A5  $\forall xyz. x \cdot (y \cdot z) \cong (x \cdot y) \cdot z$

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But: Strictness is not mentioned in Freyd and Scedrov (it could not be expressed axiomatically, when variables range over of existing objects only).

This leaves us puzzled about their axiom system.

Hence, we better prefer the Axioms Set V by Scott (from 1977).

## Conclusion

**HOL is a (quite) Universal Metalogic (via semantical embeddings):**

- ▶ **Lean and elegant** approach to integrate and combine heterogeneous logics
- ▶ **Reuse** of existing theorem proving technology
- ▶ High degree of **automation**
- ▶ **Uniform proofs** (via the embeddings)
- ▶ Works surprisingly well in **practical applications**
- ▶ **Intuitive user interaction** at abstract level
- ▶ Approach very well suited for (interdisciplinary) **teaching** of logics

**Lots of further work (but I need resources!)**

- ▶ Maths, Computer Science, Artificial Intelligence
- ▶ Philosophy, Natural Language Processing
- ▶ **Legal-, Ethical- and Moral-Reasoning in Intelligent Machines**
- ▶ Rational Argumentation