

Reading assigned January 23, 2023*Prof. Marcia Groszek**Student: Amittai Siavava***Problem 1.**

Suppose that x and y are variables, and our language includes the symbol $=$ and constant symbols c and d . Show the sentence $c = d \rightarrow d = c$ is satisfied by every structure (for this language) and every variable assignment.

Let v be a variable assignment. There are two possibilities for $\bar{v}(c = d)$:

(i) $\bar{v}(c = d) = T$ This implies that $v(c) = v(d)$, so it follows that $v(d) = v(c)$ and $\bar{v}(d = c) = T$.

Therefore, $\bar{v}(c = d \rightarrow d = c) = T$.

(ii) $\bar{v}(c = d) = F$ This implies that $v(c) \neq v(d)$. However, our sentence now reads $\bar{v}(F \rightarrow (d = c))$, which is satisfied.

Questions

I was somewhat confused when the textbook talks about “the translation of ϕ determined by \mathfrak{A} ” (page 83). Is it akin to the equivalence of ϕ in \mathfrak{A} , or is there additional nuance that I am missing?