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Abstract

Construction of a general model falsifying the Axiom of Extensionality shows that the general models of Henkin¹'s article "Completeness in the Theory of Types" are not all sound interpretations of the system. A modification of the definition of general model remedies the situation.

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§1. Introduction.

It is well known that equality is definable in type theory. Thus, in the language of [2], the equality relation between elements of type a is definable as $[\forall x \forall y \forall p . p \ x \Rightarrow p \ y]$, i.e., $x =_a y$ iff every set which contains x also contains y . However, in a non-standard model of type theory, the sets may be so sparse that the wff above does not denote the true equality relation. We shall use this observation to construct a general model in the sense of [2] in which the Axiom of Extensionality is not valid. Thus Theorem 2 of [2] is technically incorrect. However, it is easy to remedy the situation by slightly modifying the definition of general model.

Naturally, our construction provides an independence proof for the Axiom Schema of Extensionality.

We shall assume familiarity with, and use the notation of, [2] and §§2-3 of [1].

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§2. A non-extensional general model.

The language of [2] has primitive logical constants $\neg, \wedge, \vee, \rightarrow, \forall$, whereas the language \mathcal{L} of [1] has primitive logical constants $\neg, \wedge, \vee, \rightarrow, \forall$. By modifying the proof of Theorem 1 of [1] in the obvious way, one obtains the following:

Proposition. A frame $\langle A, R \rangle$ is a general model in the sense

of [2] iff it satisfies all of the following conditions (for all type symbols a, β, γ):

(a₁) \mathcal{L}_0 contains the negation function n such that $nt = f$ and $nf = t$.

(a₂) \mathcal{L}_0 contains $\forall(Ax_0 t)$ and $\forall(Ax_0 x_0)$. Also, \mathcal{L}_0 contains the alternation (disjunction) function a such that $at = (Ax_0 t)$ and $af = (Ax_0 x_0)$.

(a₃) $\mathcal{L}_{0(a)}$ contains a function $i_{r_{0(oa)}}$ such that for all $g \in \mathcal{L}_{0(a)}$, $i_{r_{0(oa)}} g = t$ iff $g = \forall(Ax_a t)$.

(a₄) $\mathcal{L}_{a(oa)}$ contains a function $i_{a(oa)}$ such that if g is any non-empty set in $\mathcal{L}_{a(oa)}$, $i_{a(oa)} g$ is in g .

(b) For all $x \in \mathcal{L}_a$, $(\forall y_p x) \in \mathcal{L}_{\alpha\beta}$.

(c) $(\forall x \forall y^x) \in \mathcal{L}_0$.

(d) For all $x \in \mathcal{L}_0$ and $y \in A$, $(\forall z \cdot xz \cdot yz) \in A$.

(e) For all $x \in A_0$, $(\forall y_0 \forall z \cdot xz \cdot y_{rt} z) \in A$.

$$(f) \quad (\lambda x_{\alpha\beta\gamma} \lambda y_{\beta\gamma} \lambda z_{\gamma} \cdot x_{\alpha\beta\gamma} z_{\gamma} \cdot y_{\beta\gamma} z_{\gamma}) \in \mathcal{A}_{\alpha\gamma(\beta\gamma)} (ap\gamma)'$$

Theorem. There is a general model in the sense of [2] in which the Axiom of Extensionality

$$\forall x [f \ x = g \ x] \Rightarrow f = g$$

is not valid.

Proof. We construct a frame $\mathcal{M} = \{\&_{\alpha}\}_{\alpha}$ by induction on α . Simultaneously we define three equivalence relations \equiv_1 , \equiv_2 , and \equiv_3 on each of the $\&_{\alpha}$. When it is more convenient to do so, we shall define \equiv_i in terms of the partition (set of equivalence classes) P_{α}^i of $\&_{\alpha}$ induced by \equiv_i . A statement about \equiv_i is meant to apply to each of \equiv_1 , \equiv_2 , and \equiv_3 .

$$*_{\alpha} = \{t, f\}. \quad x_{\alpha} \equiv_i y_{\alpha} \text{ iff } x_{\alpha} = y_{\alpha}.$$

$$\mathcal{S}_{\alpha} = \{f, m, n\}, \text{ where } L, m, n \text{ are distinct individuals.}$$

$$P_{\alpha}^1 = \{\{m, n\}, \{t\}\}.$$

Given \mathcal{A}_{α} and $\&_{\beta}$, let $\&_{\alpha\beta}$ be the set of all functions g from \mathcal{S}_{α} into $\&_{\beta}$ such that for all u and v in fin , if $u \equiv_1 v$ then $gu = gv$, and if $u \equiv_2 v$ then $gu = gv$, and if $u \equiv_3 v$ then $gu = gv$. If g and h are in $\&_{\alpha\beta}$, let $g \equiv_i h$ iff for all $x \in \mathcal{A}_{\alpha}$, $gx \equiv_i hx$.

Having defined the frame \mathcal{M} , we use the Proposition above to show that it is a general model.

- (a) Since $\hat{=}^i$ is trivial on $\$0$, $\$0$ contains all functions from $\$0$ into $\$0$. Hence (a₁) and (a₂) are satisfied. Also, if u and v are in $\$0\gamma$, then $u \hat{=}^i v$ iff $u = v$. Hence $\&_{oc(oy)^x}$ contains all functions from fi_{oy} into $\$a$. Thus (a₃) and (a₄) are satisfied.
- (b) Clearly $(Ay_ox) \in \&_{\alpha p}$ since this is a constant function.
- (c) If $u, v \in \&_a$ and $u \hat{=}^i v$, then $(Ay_ou) \hat{=}^i (Ay_ov)$, so $(Ax Ay_p x_a) \in \&_{apa}$.
- (d) Suppose $x \in l_0, y \in l_0, z \wedge z \in S$, and $z \hat{=}^i z$. Then $xz \hat{=}^i xz$ and $yz \hat{=}^i yz$ so $xz (yz) \hat{=}^i xz (yz) \hat{=}^i xz (yz)$, so $(Az .xz .yz) \in \&_{\&y}$.
- (e) Suppose $x \in J \alpha \beta \gamma, y, y \in S \beta \gamma$ and $y \hat{=}^i y$. Then for each $z \in \hat{\gamma}, yz \hat{=}^i yz$ so $xz(yz) \hat{=}^i xz(yz)$, so $(Az_Y .xz_Y .y_Y z) \hat{=}^i (Az_Y .xz_Y .y_Y z)$. Hence $(Ay_ox Az_Y .xz_Y .y_Y z) \in A_{\alpha \gamma (\beta \gamma)}$.
- (f) Suppose $x, x \in G \& _$ and $x \hat{=}^i x$. Then for each $z \in S$ and $y \in \beta \gamma, xz \hat{=}^i xz$ so $xz(yz) \hat{=}^i xz(yz)$ so $(Az_Y .x_Y z_Y .y_Y z) \hat{=}^i (Az_Y .x_Y z_Y .y_Y z)$ so $(\lambda y_{\beta \gamma} \lambda z_Y .x_Y z_Y .y_{\beta \gamma} z_Y) \hat{=}^i (\lambda y_{\beta \gamma} \lambda z_Y .x_Y z_Y .y_{\beta \gamma} z_Y)$ so $(\lambda x_{\alpha \beta \gamma} \lambda y_{\beta \gamma} \lambda z_Y .x_{\alpha \beta \gamma} z_Y .y_{\beta \gamma} z_Y) \in \&_{\alpha \gamma (\beta \gamma)} (a_{p\gamma})$.

Thus $H \setminus$ is a general model in the sense of [2].

We next examine some of the domains $\&_a$ & contains only \bullet^*

the constant functions $(\exists x t)$ and $(\exists x f)$. Hence for any wffs A and B and any assignment $\langle p, V [A_i = B_i] = t \rangle$, since $[A = B]$ is equivalent to $\forall p [p A \Rightarrow p B]$, where p does not occur free in A or B . Consequently $\forall x f f x = g x \wedge 1 = t$ for any assignment $\langle p \rangle$.

It can be seen that $\mathcal{K} = \{ (\exists x x), (\exists x I), (\exists x m), (\exists x n) \}$. To verify this, note that $g \in \mathcal{K}$ iff $g m = g n$, $g 1 = g n$, and $g t = g m$. One can examine the twenty-seven functions from \mathcal{K} into \mathcal{F} to see that only the identity and constant functions satisfy all three of these properties. Alternatively, one can reason as follows: Suppose $g t = m$. Then $g 1 = g n$ so $g n = m$. Also $g m = g n$ so $g m \in (m, n)^\wedge$ and $g 1 = g m$ so $g m \in \{f, m\}$; hence $g m = m$. Thus if $g 1 = m$, then $g = (\exists x m)$. Similarly, if $g f = n$, then $g = (\exists x n)$. Thus if $g 1 \neq I$, then g is a constant function. Similarly if $g m \neq m$ or $g n \neq n$, then g must be a constant function. Thus the only members of \mathcal{K} are the constant and identity functions.

Note that $P_i^1 = \{ (\exists x m_i), (\exists x n_i), (\exists x I_i), (\exists x x_i) \}$, $P_i^{2x} = \{ ((\exists x t), (kn)), \{ (\exists x m) \}, \{ (\exists x x) \} \}$, and $P_i^3 = \{ (\exists x \wedge), (\exists x t m) \}_5 \{ (\exists x t n) \}, \{ (\exists x \wedge \wedge) \}$.

$\mathcal{K}^{\circ(\exists \exists)}$ contains a function h such that $h(\exists x t x) = t$ but $h(\exists x I) = h(\exists x m) = h(\exists x n) = f$. Hence if $\langle p \rangle$ is an assignment such that $\langle p f \rangle = (\exists x x)$ and $\langle p g \rangle = (\exists x I)$, then

$\exists p \exists q [f = g \wedge p = q] = \exists p \exists q [p = q \wedge f = g] = f$. Hence

$\forall x [f = g \wedge x = x] \Rightarrow f = g$, and the Axiom of Extensionality is not valid in the general model to. 0

§3. General models.

We suggest that the definition of general model in [2] should be modified by adding the following requirement:

- (a₀) For each a , \mathcal{D}_a contains the identity relation q_{aa} on \mathcal{D}_a (and hence \mathcal{D}_a contains the unit set $\{x \in \mathcal{D}_a \mid x = x\}$ for each $x \in \mathcal{D}_a$).

Of course, if this is done, clauses (a₁), (a₂), and (a₃) of the Proposition above become redundant. Indeed, $n = q_{aa}$, $a = (\exists x \exists y . n . q_{of}(\exists x) \wedge (\exists y) (Ag_{oo} . g_{oo} x y)) (Ag_{oo} . g_{oo} ff)$, and $ir_{o(a)} = q_{o(a)}(o(a))$. Thus the modified definition of general model is equivalent to the result of adding a requirement concerning $\exists p \exists q [p = q \wedge f = g]$ to the definition of general model in [1].

With this definition, the general models constitute sound interpretations of the system of [2]. Moreover, the model constructed in the proof of Theorem 1 of [2] actually satisfies (a₀), since it can be seen that $\mathcal{D}(\mathcal{D}_a) = \mathcal{D}_a$ (in the notation of that proof). Thus Theorem 2 of [2] becomes correct under the new definition of general model.

One of the appealing properties of the definition of general model in [2] is that it is generated in a very natural way by the formation rules for the language. Our modified definition no longer has this property for the language of [2], although it has it for a language in which $Q_{\alpha\alpha}$ is taken as a primitive constant. Thus it appears that in contexts where one wishes to assume extensionality and discuss general models, a language such as \mathcal{L} of [1], augmented by a description or selection operator, is more natural than the language of [2].

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