

Refutation of the axiom of extensionality

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Abstract: We evaluate the axiom of extensionality. The equation we tested is *not* tautologous. This refutes the axiom of extensionality.

We assume the method and apparatus of Meth8/VL4 with Tautology as the designated proof value, **F** as contradiction, **N** as truthity (non-contingency), and **C** as falsity (contingency). The 16-valued truth table is row-major and horizontal, or repeating fragments of 128-tables, sometimes with table counts, for more variables. (See ersatz-systems.com.)

LET p, q, r: x, A, B;
 ~ Not, ¬; + Or, ∨, ∪; - Not Or; & And, ∧, ∩; \ Not And;
 > Imply, greater than, →, ↗, >, ⊃, ⊃, ⊃, ↘; < Not Imply, less than, ∈, <, ⊂, ⊄, ⊅, ⊆;
 = Equivalent, ≡, :=, ⇔, ↔, ≅ @ Not Equivalent, ≠;
 % possibility, for one or some, ∃, ∃, M; # necessity, for every or all, ∀, □, L;
 (z=z) **T** as tautology, **T**, ordinal 3; (z@z) **F** as contradiction, ∅, Null, ⊥, zero;
 (%z<#z) **C** as contingency, Δ, ordinal 1; (%z>#z) **N** as non-contingency, ∇, ordinal 2;
 ~(y < x) (x ≤ y), (x ⊆ y); (A=B) (A~B).

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Set theory is based on the classical first order logic. Basic entities are sets[,] and they are completely determined by their elements: the Axiom of Extensionality states that for any sets A and B, $[\forall x(x \in A \iff x \in B)] \iff A=B$. (3.1)

$$((\#p < q) = (\#p < r)) = (q = r); \quad \mathbf{TTFN \ FNTT \ TTFN \ FNTT} \quad (3.2)$$

Eq. 3.2 as rendered is not tautologous. This refutes the axiom of extensionality.