

Refutation of the axiomatic translation principle for modal logic via resolution decision procedure

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Abstract: The basis of the axiomatic translation principle is that “no resolution decision procedures are known for decidable first-order logic fragments relevant to modal logics that include the formula $\forall xyz(R(x,y) \wedge R(x,z) \rightarrow R(y,z))$ to express the Euclideaness of a relation R ”. We prove a decision procedure for that equation, and hence refute the axiomatic translation principle on which the conjecture is based. Therefore, the axiomatic translation principle is a *non* tautologous fragment of the universal logic VL4.

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 \sim Not, \neg ; + Or, \vee , \cup , \sqcup ; - Not Or; & And, \wedge , \cap , \square , \cdot ; \ Not And;
 > Imply, greater than, \rightarrow , \Rightarrow , \mapsto , $>$, \supset , \rightsquigarrow ; < Not Imply, less than, \in , $<$, \subset , \prec , \Subset , \lesssim ;
 = Equivalent, \equiv , $:=$, \Leftrightarrow , \leftrightarrow , \triangleq , \approx , \simeq ; @ Not Equivalent, \neq ;
 % possibility, for one or some, \exists , \diamond , **M**; # necessity, for every or all, \forall , \square , **L**;
 (z=z) **T** as tautology, \top , ordinal 3; (z@z) **F** as contradiction, \emptyset , Null, \perp , zero;
 (%z>#z) **N** as non-contingency, Δ , ordinal 1; (%z<#z) **C** as contingency, ∇ , ordinal 2;
 $\sim(y < x)$ ($x \leq y$), ($x \subseteq y$), ($x \sqsubseteq y$); (A=B) (A~B).
 Note for clarity, we usually distribute quantifiers onto each designated variable.

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1. Introduction: [N]o resolution decision procedures are known for decidable first-order logic fragments relevant to modal logics that include the formula $\forall xyz(R(x,y) \wedge R(x,z) \rightarrow R(y,z))$ expressing the Euclideaness of a relation R . (1.1)

$$\text{LET } p, q, r, s: \quad x, y, R, z.$$

$$((r \& (\#p \& \#q)) \& (r \& (\#p \& \#s))) > (r \& (\#q \& \#s));$$

$$\text{TTTT TTTT TTTT TTTT} \quad (1.2)$$

Eq. 1.2 as rendered is tautologous, thereby refuting the conjecture of Eq. 1.1 and hence the axiomatic translation principle on which it is based.