

## Refutation of Hamkins' theorem

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**Abstract:** Hamkins' theorem claims "every countable model ... of set theory embeds into its own constructible universe ...  $x \in y \leftrightarrow j(x) \in j(y)$ ", which is *not* tautologous, forming a *non* tautologous fragment of the universal logic  $\forall L_4$ .

We assume the method and apparatus of Meth8/ $\forall L_4$  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,  $\wedge$ ,  $\cap$ ,  $\sqcap$ , ; ; \ Not And;  
> Imply, greater than,  $\rightarrow$ ,  $\Rightarrow$ ,  $\mapsto$ ,  $>$ ,  $\supset$ ,  $\gg$ ; < Not Imply, less than,  $\in$ ,  $<$ , **C**,  $\neq$ ,  $\neq$ ,  $\ll$ ,  $\leq$ ;  
= Equivalent,  $\equiv$ ,  $:=$ ,  $\Leftrightarrow$ ,  $\leftrightarrow$ ,  $\hat{=}$ ,  $\approx$ ,  $\cong$ ; @ 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,  $\Delta$ , ordinal 1; (% $z<\#z$ ) **C** as contingency,  $\nabla$ , ordinal 2;  
 $\sim(y < x)$  ( $x \leq y$ ), ( $x \in y$ ), ( $x \sqsubseteq y$ ); ( $A=B$ ) ( $A \sim B$ ).  
Note for clarity, we usually distribute quantifiers onto each designated variable.

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**Abstract.** We show that the analogues of the Hamkins embedding theorems .. , proved for the countable models of set theory, do not hold when extended to the uncountable realm of  $\omega_1$ -like models of set theory. Specifically, under the  $\diamond$  hypothesis and suitable consistency assumptions, we show that there is a family of  $2^{\omega_1}$  many  $\omega_1$ -like models of ZFC, all with the same ordinals, that are pairwise incomparable under embeddability; there can be a transitive  $\omega_1$ -like model of ZFC that does not embed into its own constructible universe; and there can be an  $\omega_1$ -like model of PA whose structure of hereditarily finite sets is not universal for the  $\omega_1$ -like models of set theory.

**1. Introduction** We should like to consider the question of whether the embedding theorems of Hamkins .. , recently proved for the countable models of set theory, might extend to the realm of uncountable models. ... The question we consider here is, do the analogous results hold for uncountable models? Our answer is that they do not.

The Hamkins embedding theorems are expressed collectively in theorem 1 below. An *embedding* of one model ... of set theory into another ... is simply a function ... ; note by extensionality that every embedding is injective.

Although this is the usual model-theoretic embedding concept for relational structures, the reader should note that it is a considerably weaker embedding concept than commonly encountered in set theory, because this kind of embedding need not be elementary nor even  $\Delta_0$ -elementary, although clearly every embedding as just defined is elementary at least for quantifier-free assertions. So we caution the reader not to assume a greater degree of elementarity beyond quantifier-free elementarity for the embeddings appearing in this paper, except where we explicitly remark on it.

**Theorem 1** (Hamkins) ..

(3) Consequently, every countable model ... of set theory embeds into its own constructible universe ...  $x \in y \leftrightarrow j(x) \in j(y)$  (1.3.1)

LET  $x, y, j: p, q, r$

$(p < q) = ((r \& p) < (r \& q))$ ;      **TFTT TTTT TFTT TTTT** (1.3.2)

**Remark 1.3.2:** Eq. 1.3.2 is *not* tautologous, thereby refuting a seminal conjecture of Hamlin's theorem 1.

One can begin to get an appreciation for the difference in embedding concepts by observing that ZFC proves that there is a nontrivial embedding  $j: V \rightarrow V$ , namely, the embedding recursively defined as follows  $j(y) = j(x) \mid x \in y \cup \{\emptyset, y\}$ .

We leave it as a fun exercise to verify that  $x \in y \leftrightarrow j(x) \in j(y)$  for the embedding  $j$  defined by this recursion.<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup>See [Ham13]; but to give a hint here for the impatient, note that every  $j(y)$  is nonempty and also  $\emptyset \notin j(y)$ ; it follows that inside  $j(y)$  we may identify the pair  $\{\emptyset, y\} \in j(y)$ ; it follows that  $j$  is injective and furthermore, the only way to have  $j(x) \in j(y)$  is from  $x \in y$ .