

Refutation of the Curry-Howard correspondence

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Abstract: In the Curry-Howard correspondence, the identity and composition combinators are *not* tautologous. In fact, the examples result in equivalent truth table values. Further demonstrated is that the instances of Hilbert, lambda, and sequent fragments are also *not* tautologous with a recent paper rendered moot. These artifacts form a *non* tautologous fragment of the universal logic $\forall\mathcal{L}4$.

We assume the method and apparatus of Meth8/ $\forall\mathcal{L}4$ 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 , \cdot ; \ Not And;
 $>$ Imply, greater than, \rightarrow , \Rightarrow , \mapsto , $>$, \supset , \Rightarrow ; $<$ Not Imply, less than, \in , $<$, \subset , \prec , \preceq , \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, Δ , ordinal 1; $(\%z\<\#z)$ **C** as contingency, ∇ , ordinal 2;
 $\sim(y < x)$ ($x \leq y$), ($x \subseteq y$), ($x \sqsubseteq y$); $(A=B)$ $(A\sim B)$.
 Note for clarity, we usually distribute quantifiers onto each designated variable.

From: en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Curry-Howard_correspondence

In programming language theory and proof theory, the Curry-Howard correspondence ... is the direct relationship between computer programs and mathematical proofs.

Examples

Thanks to the Curry-Howard correspondence, a typed expression whose type corresponds to a logical formula is analogous to a proof of that formula. Here are examples.

The identity combinator seen as a proof of $\alpha \rightarrow \alpha$ in Hilbert-style logic

As an example, consider a proof of the theorem $\alpha \rightarrow \alpha$. In lambda calculus, this is the type of the identity function $\mathbf{I} = \lambda x.x$ and in combinatory logic, the identity function is obtained by applying $\mathbf{S} = \lambda f g x.f x(g x)$ twice to $\mathbf{K} = \lambda x y.x$. That is, $\mathbf{I} = ((\mathbf{S} \mathbf{K}) \mathbf{K})$. As a description of a proof, this says that the following steps can be used to prove $\alpha \rightarrow \alpha$:

instantiate the second axiom scheme with the formulas $\alpha, \beta \rightarrow \alpha$ and α , so that to obtain a proof of $(\alpha \rightarrow ((\beta \rightarrow \alpha) \rightarrow \alpha)) \rightarrow ((\alpha \rightarrow (\beta \rightarrow \alpha)) \rightarrow (\alpha \rightarrow \alpha))$, (1.1)

LET $p, q, r: \alpha, \beta, \Gamma$.

$(p \rightarrow ((q \rightarrow p) \rightarrow p)) \rightarrow ((p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow p)) \rightarrow (p \rightarrow p))$;
 TTTT **FTFT** TTTT **FTFT** (1.2)

instantiate the first axiom scheme once with α and $\beta \rightarrow \alpha$, so that to obtain a proof of $\alpha \rightarrow ((\beta \rightarrow \alpha) \rightarrow \alpha)$, (2.1)

$p \rightarrow ((q \rightarrow p) \rightarrow p)$;
 TTTT **FTFT** TTTT **FTFT** (2.2)

instantiate the first axiom scheme a second time with α and β , so that to obtain a proof of $\alpha \rightarrow (\beta \rightarrow \alpha)$,

(3.1)

$p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow p)$;

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(3.2)

The composition combinator seen as a proof of $(\beta \rightarrow \alpha) \rightarrow (\Gamma \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow \Gamma \rightarrow \alpha$ in Hilbert-style logic

As a more complicated example, let's look at the theorem that corresponds to the **B** function. The type of **B** is $(\beta \rightarrow \alpha) \rightarrow (\Gamma \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow \Gamma \rightarrow \alpha$. **B** is equivalent to **(S (K S) K)**. This is our roadmap for the proof of the theorem

$(\beta \rightarrow \alpha) \rightarrow (\Gamma \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow \Gamma \rightarrow \alpha$. (4.1)

$((q \rightarrow p) \rightarrow (r \rightarrow q)) \rightarrow r \rightarrow p$;

TTTT FTFT TTTT FTFT

(4.2)

The identity combinator (Eqs. 1-3) and composition combinator (Eq. 4) are *not* tautologous. In fact, the example steps given result in equivalent truth table values. Further demonstrated is that the instances of Hilbert, lambda, and sequent fragments are also *not* tautologous. Hence, the following paper becomes moot:

Caires, L.; Pérez, J.A.; Pfenning, F.; Toninho, B. (2019).

Domain-aware session types (extended version). arxiv.org/pdf/1907.01318.pdf

Abstract We develop a generalization of existing Curry-Howard interpretations of (binary) session types by relying on an extension of linear logic with features from *hybrid logic*, in particular modal worlds that indicate *domains*. These worlds govern *domain migration*, subject to a parametric accessibility relation familiar from the Kripke semantics of modal logic. The result is an expressive new typed process framework for domain-aware, message-passing concurrency.