

151. A Generalization of Curry's Theorem

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1. Introduction. It is well-known that [3] Glivenko obtained a reduction of the classical proposition logic *LKS* to the intuitionistic proposition logic *LJS* by putting *double negation* in front of each proposition. Thereafter, [1] Curry, as generalization of the Glivenko theorem above, proved:

$$\begin{aligned} \vdash_{LKS} \mathcal{A} & \text{ if and only if } \vdash_{LJS} \neg\neg\mathcal{A}; \\ \vdash_{LDS} \mathcal{A} & \text{ if and only if } \vdash_{LMS} \neg\neg\mathcal{A}, \end{aligned}$$

where *LM* is the minimal logic introduced by [5] Johansson which has one axiom $(\mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}) \rightarrow ((\mathcal{A} \rightarrow \neg\neg\mathcal{B}) \rightarrow \mathcal{A})$ for negation, and *LD* is the logic obtained from *LM* by assuming further $\mathcal{A} \vee \neg\mathcal{A}$, or $(\neg\mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}) \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ (see [2] Curry).

[6] Kleene¹⁾ and [7] Kuroda generalized the Glivenko theorem to predicate logics, namely to a reduction of the classical predicate logic *LK* to the intuitionistic predicate logic *LJ*, essentially by means of *double negation*.

However, the reductions given by them, may be called reductions of *LK* to *LM*. Namely, we can obtain reductions of *LK* to *LM* by their transformations. On the other hand, the Glivenko theorem does not hold true between *LKS* and *LMS*. Accordingly, it seems natural to ask whether there is a transformation which reduces *LK* to *LJ*, not to *LM*, and which reduces *LD* to *LM*, as has been done for proposition logics by Curry.

In the following, the authors define a transformation " $_{[\lambda]}$ ", a modification of Curry's transformation (\mathcal{A} into $\neg\neg\mathcal{A}$), by means of which we can solve these problems in the affirmative. The authors would like to express their thanks to Prof. K. Ono for his kind guidance and encouragement.²⁾

2. Definition of the transformation. The transformation " $_{[\lambda]}$ " is defined recursively as follows:

(1) If \mathcal{B} is an elementary formula, $\mathcal{B}_{[\lambda]} \equiv (\mathcal{B} \rightarrow \lambda) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$.

(2) If \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B} are formulas,

$$(\mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B})_{[\lambda]} \equiv ((\mathcal{A}_{[\lambda]} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_{[\lambda]}) \rightarrow \lambda) \rightarrow (\mathcal{A}_{[\lambda]} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_{[\lambda]}),$$

1) cf. [4] Gödel. In this paper reductions are given for proposition logic and number theory formulated by Herbrand.

2) Our investigation was originally intended to obtain an interpretation of *LD* in *LO* under significant suggestion of Prof. K. Ono. See [8] Ono.