

131. On Some Properties of Intermediate Logics

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In [1] I investigated inclusion and non-inclusion between certain intermediate predicate logics. The purpose of this note is to prove some properties of intermediate logics. We use in this note the same notations as in [1] without definitions.

1. Interpretation of classical logic. THEOREM 1. LK° and LMK° are minimal in the set of all predicate logics which have the properties (I) and (II) respectively.

(I) For any K -provable sequent $\Gamma \rightarrow E$, the sequent $\neg\neg\Gamma \rightarrow \neg\neg E$ is provable.

(II) For any K -provable sequent $\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta$, the sequent $\neg\neg\Gamma \rightarrow \neg\neg\Delta$ is provable.

PROOF. First we prove that (I) and (II) hold in LK° and LMK° respectively. For (I) we use as a deductive system of K -provable sequents the rules of inference in Gentzen's LJ [2] with the axiom schemes $A \rightarrow A$ and $\rightarrow A \vee \neg A$. As for $A \rightarrow A$ and $\rightarrow A \vee \neg A$ (I) clearly holds. Let us assume that (I) holds for the upper sequent(s) of any rule of inference. This is proved by an inductive method. As an example, we treat $\rightarrow V$. From $\neg\neg\Gamma \rightarrow \neg\neg A(a)$ we obtain $\neg\neg\Gamma \rightarrow \neg\neg \forall x \neg\neg A(x)$. Since $\neg\neg \forall x \neg\neg A(x) \rightarrow \neg\neg \forall x A(x)$ is provable in LK° , we obtain $\neg\neg\Gamma \rightarrow \neg\neg \forall x A(x)$, which shows that (I) holds for the lower sequent of $\rightarrow V$.

For (II) we use Gentzen's LK as a deductive system of K -provable $\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta$. Only $\rightarrow \neg$ and $\rightarrow V$ are the rules of inference which use MK° in a proof of LMK° . We prove (II) only for $\rightarrow V$. From $\neg\neg\Gamma \rightarrow \neg\neg \Delta$, $\neg\neg A(a)$ we obtain $\neg A(a)$, $\neg\neg\Gamma \rightarrow \neg\neg \Delta$ and hence $\exists x \neg A(x)$, $\neg\neg\Gamma \rightarrow \neg\neg \Delta$. Thence $\neg\neg \exists x \neg A(x)$, $\neg\neg\Gamma \rightarrow \neg\neg \Delta$ is provable. Hence, by applying a cut with this sequent and MK° as the upper sequents of the cut, we obtain $\neg\neg\Gamma \rightarrow \neg\neg \Delta$, $\neg\neg \forall x A(x)$.

Secondly, let us assume that LZ and LY have the properties (I) and (II) respectively. Since $\rightarrow \forall x (A(x) \vee \neg A(x))$ is K -provable, $\rightarrow \neg\neg \forall x (A(x) \vee \neg A(x))$ is Z -provable and hence $LZ \supseteq LK^\circ$. In the same way we see that $\rightarrow \neg\neg \forall x A(x)$, $\neg\neg \exists x \neg A(x)$ is Y -provable and hence $LY \supseteq LMK^\circ$ since $\rightarrow \forall x A(x)$, $\exists x \neg A(x)$ is K -provable.

2. Decomposition of sequent scheme. We mean by $A \leftrightarrow B$ that both $A \rightarrow B$ and $B \rightarrow A$. In LJ' the following equivalences are provable.